

ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Edward J. Stiltz

Worship Service 10:30 am September 3, 2023

HOLY COMMUNION

14th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We are standing on holy ground.

P: All those who have gone before us have witnessed to the love of God.

L: We are challenged to be people of loving service

P: Lord, open our hearts and spirits to accept the call to serve you by helping others.

All: AMEN.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“How Can We Name a Love”

UMH 111

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

UMH 881

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

PSALTER

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

UMH 828

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

“How Great Thou Art”

Chancel Choir

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH 95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

TFWS 2223

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15; Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

Journey Begins:

“Who Am I?”

Rev. Edward J. Stiltz

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“I Can Hear My Savior Calling”

UMH 338

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS are placed today by Wilma Jackson to the glory of God and in honor of her 88th Birthday on the earth. Thanks be to God!

COVID UPDATE – There has been an increase in hospitalizations due to a new variant of COVID, so we are encouraging those of you who can, to mask up and make use of the provided hand sanitizer. This new strain BA.2.86, can infect individuals even if they got COVID vaccines or came down with the virus before. We are taking the precaution of re-instituting a sign-in sheet in the narthex before entering for worship. This will allow us to contact everyone should anyone test positive for COVID. Of course, if you are symptomatic, we ask that you stay home until you have been tested. If you do test positive after attending a worship service, please call the church office as soon as possible. We appreciate your cooperation.

CHURCH GROUNDS WORKDAY – We will meet **Saturday, September 9, 2023**, from 7:00am - 12:00. We will begin with prayer and have donuts, bagels, drinks and plenty of water. Please bring whatever tools you need for weeding, digging, clipping and bags for bagging debris. We will have pine straw and some shrubs to plant. If you’re not an early riser, come when you can. The more the merrier and the quicker the work will get done. Yours in Christ, *The Trustees*

LEARNING TO USE MY BIBLE – On Sunday, September 10, we will be starting a new Sunday School class for children 7-11 years old. This is a short-term class (4-6 weeks) to help children learn to use their Bible. We will meet from 9:45- 10:30 in the middle building where children’s Sunday School currently meets. Please bring your own Bible if you have one. One will be provided if you don’t have one. If you have questions, please call Jacki Ratledge at 843-323-5567.

A friendly reminder to please refrain from flushing any products other than toilet paper, as there have been plumbing issues again due to wipes and other products being flushed.

CHURCH STAFF

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“Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.” – Exodus 3:1-2 (NRSVUE)

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Church Office Hours: Mon – Fri: 9 am – 1 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3rd

9:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
9:45 am Children's Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, September 4th

Labor Day Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5th

10:00 am Meet the Teacher Day – St. Mark Day School

Wednesday, September 6th

First Day of Day School – St. Mark Day School

7:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 8th

Deadline for Submitting Charge Conference Forms to the Church Office

Saturday, September 9th

7:00 am – 12 noon Church Grounds Workday

NEXT SUNDAY: We will have a special missions report from Amy Alexander on her trip to Sierra Leone!



Shawn Ramsey Circle will meet on **Thursday, September 14th, 7:00 p.m.**

at the home of Lisa Stine, 377 Huntley Drive, Charleston, SC 29407.

Birthdays: Kim Moore (9/4), Mary K. Wagenbrenner (9/4), Jean Harshbarger Brown (9/5), Dale Petit (9/7)

Anniversaries: Ed & Sharon Stiltz (9/7)

OUR PRAYERS...

Charles Altman (91) (Jae Price's uncle), Susan Brooks, Danny Dix – Recovering from stroke, Edna Grant, Family of Shawn B. Heyward (especially his wife, Meredith Luden Heyward and son, Theo Byron Heyward (b. 8/19/23)), Michael Gooch, Billie & Florence Hutchison, Jerilyn Isaacson, Myles Lazzaro, Evan McMillan & Family, Jim & Jacki Ratledge, Tom Williams (& wife Tammy) (friends of Mike & Elaine Gooch's), Eloise Wooden

OUR PRESENCE...

Sunday Service Attendance Last Week: 56

OUR GIFTS...

Needed Each Week for Budget: \$5,230.00

Received Last Week for Budget: \$2,526.00

OUR SERVICE...

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

September 3 – Karen Muckenfuss

September 10 – Betsy Petit

DON'T FORGET EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME WORK DAY OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY! Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.