

**ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Pastor: Edward J. Stiltz

Worship Service 10:30 am March 10, 2024

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**PRELUDE**

“Depth of Mercy”

*Timothy Moore*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lenten travelers, the journey is long. Let us take a moment to rest and breathe.

**Only in God do we find our rest.**

Sometimes the road is easy, and we bask in the warmth of the Light who guides us.

**Other times the road is hard, and we hide from the Light, afraid for our actions to be made known in public.**

Somedays we delight in the joy of journeying together on this road.

**Other days we struggle with the temptation to judge and condemn one another as we travel this path.**

Today, let us come into the Light together as we learn to love God and one another through the twists and turns of our Lenten journey.

**Come, let us worship God together! AMEN.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

“To God be the Glory”

**UMH 98**

**\*APOSTLE’S CREED**

**UMH 881**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**UMH 70**

**PSALTER**

**Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22**

O give thanks to the LORD for he is good  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

Some were sick through their sinful ways  
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;  
**they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.**

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble  
and he saved them from their distress;  
**he sent out his word and healed them  
and delivered them from destruction.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love  
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices  
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**UMH 895**

**ANTHEM**

“We Walk by Faith”

*Chancel Choir*

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Timothy Moore*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**UMH 95**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“O How He Loves You and Me”

**TFWS 2108**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**John 3:14-21**

**SERMON**

“Loving the Light”

*Rev. Edward Stiltz*

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“You Are My All in All”

**W&S 3040**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

*Timothy Moore*

*\*Please stand, (if able)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS are given by .

### CHURCH STAFF

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### 2024 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

**Betsy Petit** – Church Council Chairperson

**Mark Seel** – Trustee Chairperson

**Kenny Barfield** – Trustee Vice-Chairperson

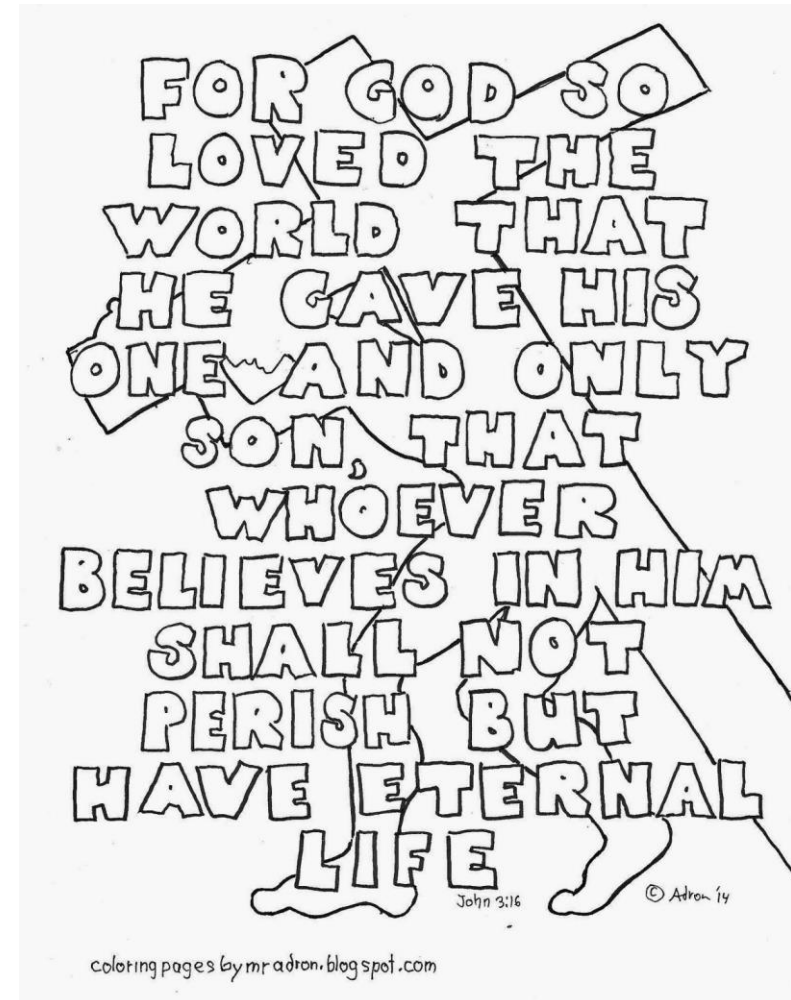
**Vicki Davidson** – PPRC Chairperson

**Dawn Ackerman** – Finance Chairperson

**Elaine Gooch** – Church Treasurer

*(A complete listing of 2024 Leadership Positions is available on the table in the Narthex)*

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**Church Office Hours:** Mon – Thu: 9 am – 1 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS cont'd

**FLOWERS** are placed at the altar by Wilma Jackson in memory of Marvin Jackson.



**FLOWER CALENDAR** – The flower calendar is located on a display board directly to your right as you enter the Narthex doors. Please note there are currently several vacant Sundays available for flower signup. Flowers may be placed for special occasions, in honor of, or in memory of loved ones. If you have questions regarding the placement of flowers, please contact the church office.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm Devotions at Kempton of Charleston

### **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am District Clergy Gathering at Webster UMC (Rev. Stiltz will be out of the office)  
7:00 pm Shawn Ramsey Circle

**NEXT SUNDAY:** St. Patrick's Day

**OUR PRAYERS:** Susan Brooks, Denise Chan, Linda Curry, Asher DiBernado (family friend of Stacey Shealy) – Traumatic Brain Injury, Danny Dix (home and recovering from successful back surgery), Cathy Mims Holland, Sheryl Hopkins (sister of Carolyn Huckabee), Billie & Florence Hutchinson, Norma Luden (daughter of Carolyn Huckabee) – surgery on Feb 27, Libby Massalon, Bennett McMillan, Evan McMillan & Family, Harold McMillan, Michele Shaw, Monica Shaw (having biopsy done), Jonathan Slawson (Rhonda Cummings' grandson) – recovering well from foot surgery, Jay Truesdale, Eloise Wooden.

*(If you have any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Prayer List, please notify the church office by no later than Wednesday.)*



### **Birthdays:**

Staci Deann Gates (3/10)  
Barbara Gough (3/12)  
Margaret Skinner (3/14)  
Samantha Davidson (3/14)

## **OUR PRESENCE...**

Service Attendance Last Week: 43

## **OUR GIFTS...**

Needed Each Week for Budget: \$5,000.00  
Received Last Week for Budget: \$3,247.80

**TEXT GIVING** -- to give via text, send SaintMarkUMC to 73256. You will receive a text message in response with your next steps. You may also scan the QR code to give online.



**BULLETIN INPUT** -- Please be reminded that input for the Sunday bulletin needs to be provided to the church office by email or phone call by Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for your continued support in making sure the bulletin is completed in a timely manner.

## **UPDATED EMAIL, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER**

– If you have made recent changes to your email, address, or phone number please contact the church office to ensure we have the correct information. We want to make sure we can provide you with any important information. Even if you have not recently changed your information, you may want to reach out to the office to confirm we have your correct information in our new church management system.

## **OUR SERVICE...**

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

Mar 10th Betsy Petit  
Mar 17th Elizabeth Weesner  
Mar 24th Catherine Burbank

## **ST MARK GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY**

Want to help spruce up the outside of the church? Join us Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am (Rain date Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am)

Please bring rakes, shears, or anything you have to help. Don't forget work gloves. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and stewardship at St. Mark.

Contact Catherine at 954-483-9360 or [cdburbank334@gmail.com](mailto:cdburbank334@gmail.com) with questions.



## **PENNIES FOR PLAY FOR THE DAY SCHOOL**

Have some pennies hanging around? Pennies add up and the St Mark Day School is collecting pennies to go towards purchasing needed toys and play items. Pennies can be turned in to either the Day School Office or Church Office. Thank you for your support to the Day School.

