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Our April collection will benefit the new College Salkehatchie, Emerald City Salkehatchie, and Rock Hill Salkehatchie.

If you would like to help, the needed items are powdered Gatorade or Powerade (individual or cans) and individually wrapped snacks of any kind. The items may be placed in the black collection bins located at each campus.





Jason's Journal

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High....’Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.’”

Psalm 46:1-4; 10

Amber and I recently began watching the series, “The Chosen.” After episode 1 of season 1 we were hooked. Since our beginning to watch “The Chosen” to now, we both consistently comment on how great it is to not only see the full deity of Jesus, but also Jesus’ portrayal of His full humanity. In addition, we have appreciated the portrayal of Jesus’ disciples. The disciples Jesus specifically chose, along with those who decide to follow Jesus, are portrayed as completely human. They are not portrayed as ‘super hero’ disciples in having it all together; rather they are seen as humans following and loving Jesus while they still struggled in life, still disagreed with each other, and still battled sin in their own lives. Yet, it was Jesus who called these different groups of people to be his disciples; and, while different to be in one accord with the mission and purpose of life. They were charged to follow Jesus through their radical love of God and others.

As I have reflected on these things, I considered the great polarization of the world, nation, and culture in which we live. We are polarized by political leaders, ideals, and ideas. We will turn on each other in our words and actions, even after we speak of God’s love for all people and have sung praises of God’s amazing love and grace. I point this out because the same polarization and division happens in the midst of God’s people - the church. While division and disagreements do occur and may be inevitable, I am also reminded of two things. The first is for us consider two of Jesus’ disciples, Simon the Zealot and Matthew, the tax collector. These two disciples were on completely opposite ends of their political views and social views. Yet, it was Jesus who believed they could learn to work together and possibly even learn from each other. Secondly, I am reminded of one of Jesus’ prayers for his disciples, then and now, as recorded in John 17. Jesus prayed against division and schism, deeming them as sin, and desiring for His followers to be one in mission and purpose.

Finally, I look to the above psalm. As we live in a polarized world, nation, culture, and church where will we place our focus, attention, and hope? Psalm 46 reminds us where our hope and help are found in times of trouble. God is our refuge and strength. Knowing this, we have no reason to fear. Further, though troubles arise around us and the earth crumbles and roars, there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, where the Most High resides. Where is our focus, attention, and hope? I don’t know about you, but in this broken, hurting, and struggling world and church, I want to adhere to Psalm 46:10. *“Be still (stop) and know that I am GOD!”* God is the One who will forever be exalted, not politics, politicians, ideals, and ideas. In all of our differences and disagreements, may we learn from Jesus’ fully human disciples and let us turn our focus, attention, and hope to the Infinite, Eternal, and Almighty God!



Worship Attendance Year to Date Average

As of March 24, 2024

8:45 AM - BPC	81
8:45 AM - RSC	88
10:00 AM - TCC	40
11:00 AM - BPC	101
11:15 AM - RSC	121
8:45 Stream - BPC	63
10:00 Stream - TCC	18
11:15 Stream - RSC	30
Worship Attendance	520
Sunday School Attendance	102

KREW and EPIC Attendance School Year Average

As of March 24, 2024

KREW	61
EPIC	71
HSX	19

The Pastors and congregation extend Christian sympathy to the following members of our church family.

- Trey Grant and his family on the death of his mother, Mary Lake Grant, on March 11.
- Christy Hewitt and her family on the death of her mother, Mary Lake Grant, on March 11.

Congratulations on your baptism

- ♦ Charlotte Balentine Sunday, March 17, at the 8:45 AM worship service by Rev. Jason Wilson.

The next copy of *The Witness*, the church’s monthly newsletter, will be emailed out Thursday, April 25.

Deadline to submit information to the church office for the newsletter is Monday, April 15.

Copies of the April Birthdays list, April Anniversaries list, and Upper Rooms for March/April are located at the narthex/welcome area at each campus.

IN MEMORIAM

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.”
John 11:25-26

- * Helen Brooks Gault
* February 8, 1928 - March 1, 2024
- * Sylvia Maye Goff
* August 12, 1938 - March 25, 2024

Welcome to the St. Mark Family

Join the staff of St. Mark in welcoming our new church members: Will Balentine, David and Roberta Weathers.



David and Roberta Weathers Walker and Caroline



If you can sew, volunteer to help make the quilts. If you can't sew, donations are always needed. If you hear of someone who might need a quilt, please make sure they want it and then contact Kay Gregory at 864-554-4740 or Patricia Rickenbaker at 864-980-4293 or email Stmarkprayerquilts@gmail.com.



St Mark Women

- ◇ Cardmaking Class at The Paper Rabbit May 18, Two classes: 9 - 11 and 1-3 \$20.00 per person Come join us in learning the art of making cards. Reservations are required. Contact Debra.
- ◇ Join us in creating a Feathered Dream Catcher. You will learn how to cut glass, foil and solder a feather suncatcher in this class. The class is at L.E.B. Studio in Greenville. Saturday, August 3. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Can have 20-25 in a class. Travel arrangements will be announced. Reservations are required. Don't wait as these slots will fill up. Contact Debra.
- ◇ Book Sale - Saturday, August 17 at the BPC. Books can be dropped off starting now in Debra's office, room 136, Mondays through Wednesdays 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- ◇ December 7-8, 2024 (Open to the Public) 2nd Annual Festival of Creches in Founders Hall. We would love to have your nativities on display during the upcoming Festival of Creches. This year we would like everyone to bring their nativities on December 6 and set them up on the provided tables in Founders Hall at the Bypass Campus. You will take your boxes back home with you and then you can come pack and pick up your nativities on Monday, December 9. This was a big hit last year! Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com so we will know how many to expect.

If there is some craft or event you would like us to organize or you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com and she will get with the Women's Ministry Committee. We are looking for fun ideas.



Greetings St. Mark,

On Saint Patrick's Day, I noticed several of my Facebook friends from Greenwood to Columbia posting pictures of a rainbow in the sky (even though it did not rain on St. Patrick's Day.) What an awe-inspiring experience for my friends to see God create the perfect conditions for this rare occurrence, a rainbow without rain. Later that night, while watching the news, there was a report about the upcoming total eclipse that will be seen from Texas to Maine. After that report, I couldn't help but remember the total of eclipse in 2017 that was visible here in South Carolina. I remember looking to the sky (along with my family, in-laws, peers at LTSS, and the Eau Claire community in Columbia) in awe of God's creative activity bringing together the earth, the moon, and the sun, and we who are

created in God's image into alinement, creating the perfect conditions for this unifying experience. On the day I wrote this for our newsletter, I read about another biblical celestial event in the book Jesus the Savior by William C. Placher. In the first century, three Magi looked to the sky and saw the brightest star they had ever seen moving through the sky. They were in awe of the star, so the Magi followed this star to a stable in the town of Bethlehem, hundreds of miles away from their homeland, and stood in awe of God's glory born in a manger as they looked upon the Christ child.

St. Mark, I believe that as Easter people, God calls us to be in awe of God's life-giving activity as we look to the empty tomb and the Resurrected Christ who goes before us again this Easter Season to reconcile our lives and the world with God's vulnerable love, God's perfect grace, God's everlasting acceptance, and God's unwavering hope for His creation.

Will you stand in awe with me, St. Mark?
Pastor Joey



Items needed at the Food Bank:

Canned tuna, chicken, or salmon, Peanut butter and jelly, Meals in a can (chunky soups, stew, chili) Canned fruits in its own juice or water, Canned food with pop-top lids, Dried beans (pinto, blackeyed, kidney, lima, etc), Pasta (including whole grain), Rice (brown, white, yellow), Low-sugar whole grain cereals, Grits and Oatmeal (bag or box), Powder or Shelf-stable milk Bottled water and fruit drinks, Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit).

FOOD BANK SUNDAY
PLEASE HELP US FILL THE
COLLECTION BINS AT EVERY CAMPUS.

Meetings this Month

- Church Council will meet Sunday, April 28, at 12:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall at the Coronaca Campus. Please enter through the door on the porch.



Hello St. Mark Family!

I hope that your spring is going great and that you had an amazing Easter! This is certainly a busy time of year for us all, and yet even with all the busyness, it is a time of great joy as we reflect on everything that Jesus Christ was willing to do for each one of us. Recently, I was cruising through social media, and I came across a video of a theological professor standing on a university campus and debating a couple of students about Jesus. The students had great questions about Jesus and ultimately were questioning His authority as the Messiah. This professor came back with some very interesting and detailed answers to everything the students were asking. I must admit that it seemed somewhat staged, but it was a great video to get you thinking. For me it made me think about the times that I have been questioned. I have found myself more times

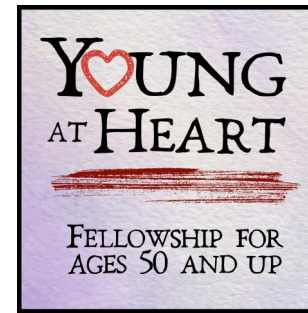
that you might think being questioned or in conversations with students at the university where I teach. These questions are not usually questioning Jesus' validity like on the video, but they are, many times, questioning their relationship with Him. They are wanting advice, wanting to know about how they can have a relationship. They talk about being hurt by the church, being shunned by family in the name of Jesus. They talk about how they have walked away from their faith publicly, not because of Jesus, but because of Christians. That's probably what hurts the most - hearing the stories of how they don't go to church anymore because of what the church people have done. As a "church people," I feel like we failed them - even if we didn't know them or were a part of the hurt that had been inflicted on them.

Many times, these conversations conclude with one simple truth - Jesus loves you, so don't walk away from Him because of flawed people. Of the handful of students that I have had these conversations with, I wonder how many never came to talk to me. I wonder how many people we pass in the grocery store have the same questions, the same hurt, the same desire to know Jesus but are afraid of what His followers might say. During the season of Lent and Easter, I have been reflecting, not only on my own relationship with Christ, but also on others' relationships with Him. What am I doing that brings others closer to Him? At the same time, what I am doing that could be making people more distant from Him? I truly believe that we are called to bring people closer to Christ. That's why Jesus gave us the command to "go and make disciples." That brings me to a daily challenge and a daily struggle... am I doing that? Jesus wanted us to make sure that everyone knew about Him, and He challenged us to be the ones to tell everyone about Him. So am I doing that? Have I done that in the way that I have been called? Am I helping to strengthen people's relationships with Christ, or have I hurt them? My prayer is that I have not hurt anyone's relationship, but rather that I have helped to strengthen them. I think that by keeping this at a forefront of my mind, it helps to make me conscious of being someone that helps people to know Jesus.

So, what about you? Do you ever think about the fact that the world is watching you, because you say that you are a follower of Christ? Do you ever think that people are wanting to see how you act, how you react, how you treat others, because they aren't sure if they should follow Christ, and you are the closest thing to Christ that they will see today. Isn't that a scary thought? My prayer for you is the same as my prayer for me, that we may be people that bring people to Christ and strengthen their relationship with Him. I pray that we might be the ones that help people to see that Jesus loves them, even when the world seems like it doesn't. I pray that this spring is the best spring season you have ever had. I pray that your relationship with Christ is strengthened, and that you are the reason that someone knows they are loved by Christ.

I hope to see YOU at church! BRING A FRIEND!!

Robby



- April 10, at 11:30 AM at Cracker Barrel. Contact Elaine Moore at 992-9668 or elainejmoore3239@gmail.com to make a reservation.
- May 4, Under the Boardwalk Music Concert Milltown Players Theatre, Pelzer, SC Van will be used for transportation Cost: \$15.00 Bus will be used to transport people. Stay tuned for more details closer to the date. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- June 11, Dempsey's Pizza in Clinton Join us at Dempsey's for our monthly lunch out. Great food and great company! We will be providing transportation from the church. Leaving the church at 10:45. Contact Elaine Moore at 992-9668 or elainejmoore3239@gmail.com to make a reservation.
- June 13, Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad - Blue Ridge, GA Adventure Travels Cost: \$180.00 You will enjoy a four-hour railway excursion, 26-mile round trip along the beautiful Toccoa River from Blue Ridge to McCaysville in an indoor air-conditioned car. McCaysville, Georgia, is the sister city to Copperhill, Tennessee, where you can take a walk on the blue line and stand in two states at once, with one foot in Georgia and the other in Tennessee. During your two hour layover, you will have time to explore and enjoy lunch on your own. A light breakfast is included on the trip and a box dinner on the way home. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- September 10, Lake Lure Boat Tour and Lunch at the 1928 Lake Lure Inn Adventure Travels Cost: \$120.00 Discover the beauty and charm of Lake Lure on a covered boat tour as you learn about the cultural history of Hickory Nut Gorge, Home to Lake Lure, NC. Cruise by local attractions and see the landmarks used in the movie "Dirty Dancing." You will enjoy a hot buffet lunch at the 1927 Lake Lure Inn. What a treat! After lunch there will be a stop and the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge home to more than 2000 species of plants. From the Bridge, you can look upstream to view the famous Chimney Rock and downstream where the river flows into Lake Lure surrounded by the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The Flowering Bridge has been recognized by the National Federation as a certified wildlife habitat and certified and registered by the Monarch Watch as an official Monarch Waystation. What a beautiful day in the mountains! Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- December 6, Holiday Fair Cost: \$10.00 (Covers ticket, parking, and gas fee) Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year at the 54th Annual Holiday Fair at the Greenville Convention Center. Find a large selection of holiday arts, crafts, and gifts for everyone on your list. More than 350 crafters and commercial vendors are represented. We will use the Kids World bus to head up there and check everything out! Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- December 7, 2024 Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas Adventure Travels Cost: \$139.00 The tradition continues at A Flat Rock Christmas. Kick off the holiday season as you hear your holiday favorites that help you get in the Christmas spirit! Get excited as you share in the excitement and joy of this wonder Christmas production! Lunch is included at a local restaurant. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.

Maundy Thursday

We will have a special Maundy Thursday Service March 28, at 6:30 PM at the Rivers Street Campus. A nursery will be provide.



Don't forget to bring flowers for the Flower Cross Sunday, March 31. We will have a cross at all three campuses.



Good Friday Prayer Vigil will be held Friday, March 29, from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM in the

Bypass campus sanctuary, and we hope you will want to plan to participate. We are looking forward to a wonderful day of prayer for St. Mark, its congregation, and its ministries.



Easter Lilies/Good Samaritan Fund:



In Honor

Wanda Hill
Jo Holley
James and Carie McClendon
Our Children and grandchildren
Olin and Kathy Dorroh's 61st Wedding Anniversary

Our children and grandchildren
Juda Bush, Ginny Lynn Bush, Ellis Bush,
Davy Bush, August Bush, and Sara Sutera

Given By

Russell, Paige, and Charlie Holley
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Tommy and Debbie Miller
Tommy and Debbie Miller
Dena D Byrd, Griff Dorroh, and Noah Dorroh
Dubie and Fran Brown
Toni Ross

In Memory

Frank Hill
Barry Holley
Davis McClendon
Kenny McClendon
My parents, brother, and nephew
Gary Roper
Gary Roper "Pops"
Dubie's and Fran's parents
Bruce and Flossie McMahan
William Pollard
Elmer Roy
Dick and Dolores Combs
Robert and Elizabeth Heinlein
Bob Wade
Aunt Faye Lee Ayers-Powell
Our parents, Irene Propester and Norm and Sue Gillette

Given By

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Margaret Kennerly
Jane Roper
Hannah, Jim, and Gracen
Dubie and Fran Brown
Jim and Jean Brown
Dorothy Pollard and Teresa Roy
Bob and Teresa Roy
Rich and Becky Heinlein
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Gaynell Wade
Toni Ross
Bob and Gail Propester

APRIL PREACHING SCHEDULE AND SCRIPTURE

St. Mark, the month of April we continue in the season of Easter. The pastors are praying and hoping we all continue to live as the Easter people. We pray the sermon texts and the worship services of this month challenge us all to live as followers of our Risen Savior.

Rev. Jason Wilson

April 7 - John 20:19-31

- Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
- Rev. Joey Gambrell at the Coronaca Campus 10:00 AM
- Mrs. Tracey Burke at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

April 14 - Luke 24:36-48

- Rev. Joey Gambrell at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
- Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Coronaca Campus 10:00 AM
- Rev. Jason Wilson at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

April 21 - John 10:11-18 - Confirmation Sunday and Youth Sunday at the BPC

- Mr. Eric Philcox at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
 - Addi Grace Chapman and Caitlyn Hackett joining at 8:45 AM
 - Tyler Mapes joining at 11:00 AM
- Rev. Joey Gambrell at the Coronaca Campus 10:00 AM
- Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

April 28 - Acts 8:26-40 - Youth Sunday at TCC

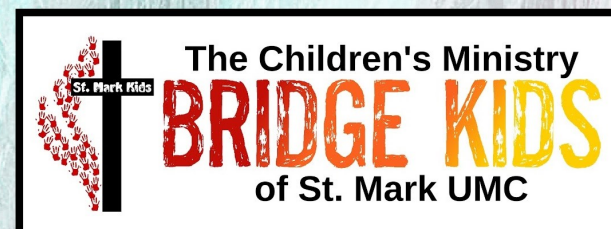
- Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
- Mr. McAllister Byrd at the Coronaca Campus 10:00 AM
- Mr. Matt Huntsberger at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM

WESLEY COMMONS

St. Mark/Wesley Commons
Fellowship
First Thursday of the Month
10:30 AM

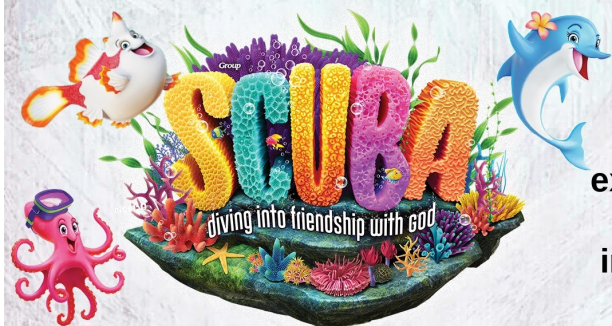
Wesley Commons
Asbury Hall Chapel
1110 Marshall Road





Yellow symbolizes the radiance of Christ. Red embodies the essence of the home, while orange, when blended, signifies the harmonious collaboration between home and church in nurturing your child's faith. It serves as the bridge that unites these two important aspects. Your child is warmly welcomed to be a Bridge Kid.

This Summer, our Kids Will Dive Below the Surface to Build a Strong Faith!



JUNE 17-21!

We will take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

WE NEED YOU to make VBS happen! If you're 6th grade through adult age, there is something you can do to make VBS a success. Please contact julie@stmarkgreenwood.com today to volunteer!



registration is now open! www.stmarkbridgekids.com/vbs



We need toilet paper rolls, fluorescent spray paint (any brand,) and spray foam insulation (any brand) for VBS! If you'd like to help, you can leave items in Julie's office at the Bypass Campus, the fellowship hall at the Coronaca Campus, or the ministry office at the Rivers Street Campus. You may also contact julie@stmarkgreenwood.com for pick up!
THANK YOU!



For more information about any of these events or other ministries for children at St. Mark, visit www.stmarkbridgekids.com



Prayers of the Church

Prayer requests will remain on this list for three weeks unless we are notified differently.

RESIDENTIAL LIVING

Ansley Glen
(1408 Parkway, Greenwood, SC)
Faye Adams

Emerald Gardens
(201 Overland Drive, Greenwood, SC)
Charlotte Koone

National Healthcare
(437 E Cambridge Ave, Greenwood, SC)
Betty Lightsey

Wesley Commons
(1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC)
Marilyn Carlson
Jim and Dodie Conley
George and Betty Crane
Skip Heintzelman
Jim and Lee Kruzan
June Newman
Sam and Gene Zittrouer

Shut-In/Homebound
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(864.223.5275)
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Greenwood, SC 29649
Danny Bearden
c/o Khristy Lee
2419 Lafayette Street
Winterville, NC 28590

Jean Bedenbaugh
Lexington Medical Center
Extended Care
815 Old Cherokee Road
Lexington, SC 29072

Arjamond Bishop
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Waterloo, SC 29384

Joyce Campbell
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Greenwood, SC 29646

Ruth Clark
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Greenwood, SC 29649

Tom and Beth Dowtin
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Greenwood, SC 29649

Mary Anna Evans
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Charlotte, NC 28226

Evelyn Fennell
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Greenwood, SC 29646

Shut-In/Homebound Cont'd
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Charlotte, NC 28205

Miriam Laswell
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Greenwood, SC 29649

Bob and Jean Lax
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Unit 84
Clinton, SC 29325

Wilma McCall
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Greenwood, SC 29646

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110 Northgate
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Greenwood, SC 29649

Mabel Nicoletti
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Greenwood, SC 29649

Mary Search
c/o Deb Search Willoughby
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Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Barbara Jean Smith
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Greenwood, SC 29646

Barbara Sthare
118 Rutledge Road
Greenwood, SC 29649

MEMBERS AND REGULAR ATTENDEES

Family of Sylvia Goff
Erin Layland
Cynthia Trammell
The Purcell Family
Barbara Jean Smith
Jim Conley
Dodie Conley
Rev. and Mrs. Milton and Betty Moss McGuirt

MEMBERS' FAMILY

Linton Mann

Sandra Gourley

MEMBERS' FRIENDS

Diana Carver
Will Coleman
Rev. Blake Kendrick
Brent Calvert
Dave Schemm
Family of Sandy Wilkie
Scott Edwards
Keith Mayer
Ciara White
Valerie Hazlett
The Frost family (Will, Carrie, and Alex)

MILITARY

Jack Boyd - Army
Dr. JC Elmore - Army
Brycen Fleming - Army
Randall Geddings
Joshua Goff - Marines
Dr. Caity Jarrjo - Army
Mackenzie Latham - Air Force
Banner Peksa - Army
Parker White - Army

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Clemson:
Adam Prince, Caleb McLaughlin,
Caroline Addis, Clary Pederson,
Conner Pederson, Dawson
Hudson, Emma Arnold, Jasmine
Creswell, Josh Godwin, Julia
Creswell, Laila Monda, Lexi
Layland, Rebecca Bell, Savannah
Farmer, Taylor Case, Trevor
Brewington, Will Godwin, Wyatt
Prince, and Zach Robinson

College of Charleston:
Olivia Murray

Lander:
Caroline Rhodes, Dylan DeLoach,
Jeremiah Holmes, Jordan Mapes,
Rhianna Philcox, Ryan Latham,
and TJ Freeman.

Mars Hill University:
Sarah Ellen Johnson

Midlands Technical College:
Parker Boggs

Piedmont Technical College:
Andrew Tripp, Dylan Gambrell,
Evan Boggs, and Savannah
Mallon

Presbyterian College:
Beatty Murray

Savannah College of Art and
Design:
Izaiah Holmes

The Medical University of South
Carolina:
Mae Furman

University of Georgia:
Haley McLaughlin

University of South Carolina:
Caroline Bell, Carter Rhodes, Meg
McGovern, Olivia DeTreville, and
Sadie McCrea

University of South Carolina,
Sumter:
Braeden McDonald

Winthrop:
Carlie Pundt



St. Mark gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

- To *The Good Samaritan Fund* in loving memory of **Jenny Valkenburg** by The United Methodist Women of St. Mark.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Gary Roper** by Rick and Nancy Henderson, Charlie and Helen Watkins, Tommy and Patty Burton, Halcyon Study Club, Ronnie and Brenda Millender, Ruth Clark.
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- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Helen Gault** by Wanda Hill.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **George Gravlee** by Ruth Clark.



Kids' World News

We are so excited to be entering spring! We are busy wrapping up our school year. Our children have grown and learned so much!

The moment so many have been waiting for has come as open enrollment is upon us. We are excited with anticipation of a wonderful '24/'25 school year and will accept applications for enrollment from St Mark UMC members April 8th-12th. We will accept applications from the public the week of April 15th-19th. Our applications will be accessible on our website and can be emailed to Amanda at kwdirector@stmarkgreenwood.com or Debra Robinson at debra@stmarkgreenwood.com. Spaces are limited so please

understand that completing the application does not guarantee an opening will be available. Thanks so much for your understanding!!!

Kids' World will be closed March 29th-April 1st in observance of the Easter holiday.



EPIC STUDENT MINISTRY

WWW.STMARKEPIC.COM



EPIC IS A CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12. EPIC SUNDAY NIGHTS ARE FROM 6:30-8:00. WE BEGIN WITH FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP, TRANSITION WITH EPIC GAMES, AND THEN FOCUS ON OUR MESSAGE AND SMALL GROUPS.



April 14 6:30-8:00 at our Rivers Street Campus! Let's have a little fun! All 6th-12th graders are invited to a fun night of fellowship with a baked potato bar and BINGO with prizes! Don't miss out!

Because Jesus elevated the value of every human, we need to turn the volume up on the way we think and talk about bullying. In this one-week standalone talk, we'll focus on the one thing that can change our behavior and begin to solve the big problem that is bullying: seeing the value in everyone. Whether a student is being bullied or behaving like a bully, this conversation will raise the bar for the value they see in themselves and other people.



If you've ever been part of a small group you know that explaining what that group is and why it meets can be a little complicated. And if you've ever had a real group of friends, explaining why they matter so much can be hard to put into words. Is this just a time to hang out? More like a Bible study? Are we all supposed to be friends? In other words, when it comes to small groups, "what's the point?" Let's raise the bar for the conversation about doing life together.



HSX, our High School Extra Bible study, meets after EPIC. 9th-10th Graders are studying 1 Peter and are led by Rev. Robby Lybrand in the Attic. 11th-12th graders are studying Hebrews and are led by Julie McLaughlin in the High School Room.



Registration is open! Contact Julie today to register. Don't miss out on this opportunity to change homes and lives as you are changed, as well. You must be 14 or older by June 22 to participate.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office is closed Kids' World is closed 5:30 West Side AA	2 9:00 Ladies Bible Study 4:30 Stroke Support Group 6:00 Women on My Journey AA	3 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice	4 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30 West Side AA	5 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class	6
7	8 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA	9 9:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Women on My Journey AA	10 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice	11 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Founders Hall in use 5:30 West Side AA	12 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:00 Founders Hall in use	13 9:00 WGH, kitchen, puppet theater, picnic area, and playground in use 12:00 Founders Hall in use
14 6:30 EPIC 8:00 HSX	15 Information due for the church newsletter 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 10:00 Staff Meeting 5:30 West Side AA	16 9:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Women on My Journey AA	17 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:00 Girl Scouts in TGP 6:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice	18 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30 West Side AA 6:30 Girl Scouts in WGH	19 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:30 Game Night at Coronaca	20
21 12:00 Founders Hall in use 6:30 EPIC 8:00 HSX	22 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA	23 9:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:00 Women on My Journey AA	24 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:00 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice	25 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30 West Side AA	26 Coronaca Spring Outdoor Concert 6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class	27 9:00 Shred and E-Waste event in BPC Parking lot
28 12:45 Church Council 6:30 EPIC 8:00 HSX	29 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA	30 6:00 Women on My Journey AA				Worship Services are: Bypass Campus: 8:45 am & 11:00 am Rivers Street Campus: 8:45 am & 11:15 am Coronaca Campus: 10:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am