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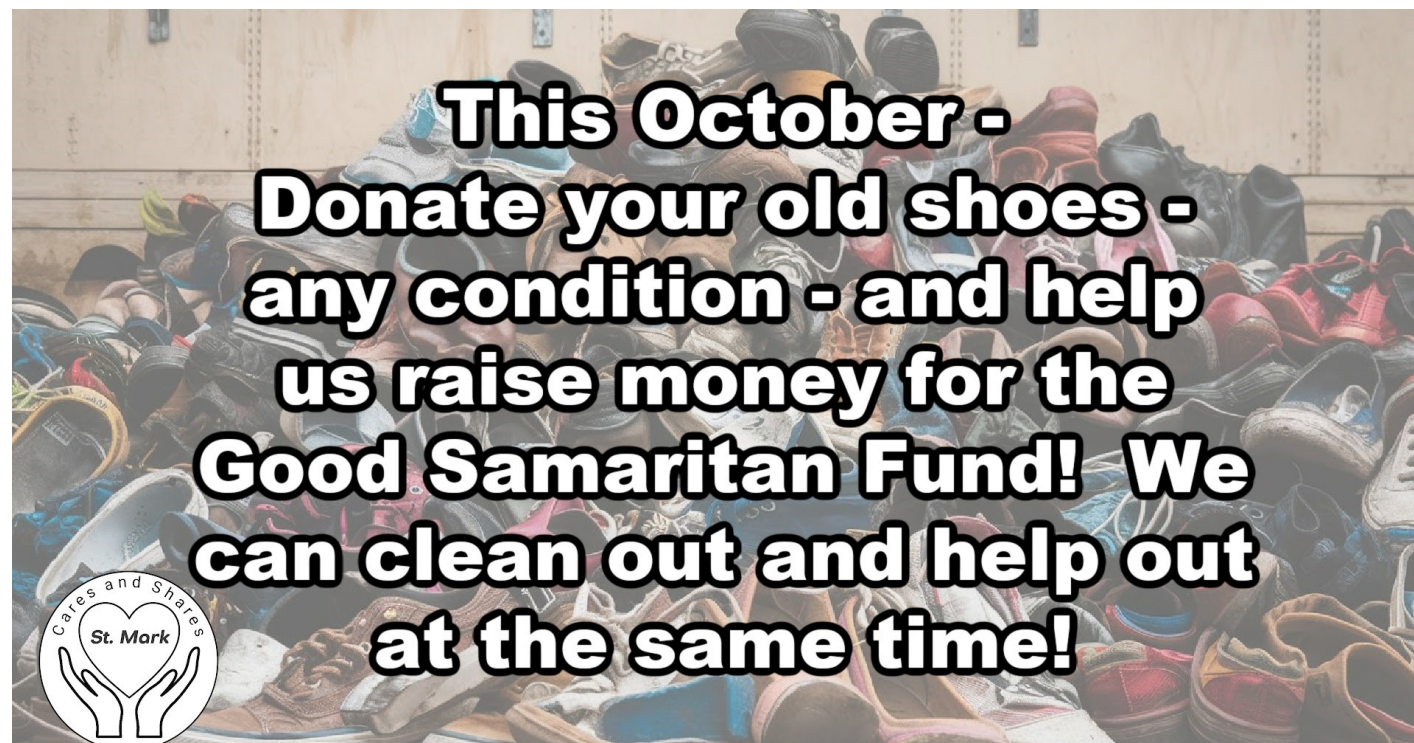
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**This October -
Donate your old shoes -
any condition - and help
us raise money for the
Good Samaritan Fund! We
can clean out and help out
at the same time!**



**ST. MARK
BRIDGE KIDS
MINISTRY**



**OUTDOOR
FAMILY
MOVIE
NIGHT**

Join us for a family evening full of fun!
We are hosting an outdoor movie night at the Pumpkin Patch!
Saturday, October 26, 7:00 pm
Bring your blankets or lawn chairs!
Popcorn and snacks will be provided!



Jason's Journal

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”
 Psalm 23

Out of all 150 Psalms, Psalm 23 is likely one of the most familiar to Christians, and even non-Christians. Psalm 23 is usually read aloud during funeral services as this psalm offers hope, comfort, and peace during times of loss and grief. I share this verse with us this month as we too, St. Mark UMC, have experienced loss and grief over the last few months. I would suggest that there have been trying times and even times of trauma. There are people we have worshipped with, attended Sunday school with, and done life with that decided they could no longer be a part of a United Methodist Church. We feel the loss, the hurt, and the grief. While grief is difficult, I believe grief is also a gift from God; as grief leads to healing. I also believe the only way to get through grief is to go through the stages of grief so that healing can occur.

Yet, over the past few weeks I have been meditating on portions of this psalm. I have been attentive to the truth, *“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”* God is the One leading us, St. Mark, and we are called to follow God’s leading in all things and in all our ways. It is God who will lead us through this life, whether it be green pastures or still waters - the times of ease and refreshment. It is God who will restore our souls and bring healing to our lives and the church. As well, it is also God who will lead us in our trying and traumatic times, those that seem like *the shadow of the valley of death*. The NRSV translates verse 4 this way: *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.* Although I have read this verse more times than I can count, I heard something new in verse 4. We **walk through** the darkest valley, with God leading us, we do not stay there because God does not intend to leave us there. We are only walking through the dark valley.

St. Mark UMC, since our founding in 1965 we have experienced and walked through various dark valleys; yet we remain a strong and vital church because of our faith in God’s leading us. God has never failed us and God never will. We are a church that trusts in God’s leading as our Shepherd, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and we are committed to the way of Jesus. While we have experienced grief together, let us be reminded that God will not waste this pain. Let us be reminded we are only walking through the dark valley, God does not intend for His people to stay there. Healing is on the way and God will bring the healing we need.



Worship Attendance Year to Date Average

As of September 22, 2024

8:45 AM - BPC	82
8:45 AM - RSC	77
11:00 AM - BPC	91
11:15 AM - RSC	110
8:45 Stream - BPC	59
11:15 Stream - RSC	31
Worship Attendance	474
Sunday School Attendance	88

KREW and EPIC Attendance School Year Average

As of September 15, 2024

KREW	62
EPIC	95
HSX	25

The next copy of *The Witness*, the church's monthly newsletter, will be emailed out Thursday, October 31.

Deadline to submit information to the church office for the newsletter is Monday, October 21.

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

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

- April Prince and her family on the death of her father, George Rice, on August 15.
- Jimmy McGovern and his family on the death of his brother, Greg McGovern, on September 4.
- Linda Yochem Sauerwein and her family on the death of her brother, Larry Yochem, on September 6.
- Patsy Hannah and her family on the death of her brother Larry Yochem, on September 6.
- Russell Holley and his family on the death of his sister, Tammy Dougall, on September 6.
- Helen Sparks and her family on the death of her spouse, Rev. Dr. Donald Sparks, on September 7.
- John Sparks and his family on the death of his father, Rev. Dr. Donald Sparks, on September 7.
- Brig Sparks and his family on the death of his grandfather, Rev. Dr. Donald Sparks, on September 7.
- Brenden Sparks and his family on the death of his grandfather, Rev. Dr. Donald Sparks, on September 7.
- Jennifer Goldman and her family on the death of her mother, Dale Magaha, on September 23.



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

- ◇ **Tinsel & Treasures** November 8 and 9 in Founders Hall. Come enjoy shopping among vintage collections of furniture, homewares, and accessories as well as timeless Christmas treasures. Friday, November 8 is preview night from 4:00 -7:00 p.m. This evening is a ticketed event. You will enjoy holiday refreshments as well as the first opportunity to make purchases. Tickets: \$5.00. Saturday, November 9 is open to public from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (No ticket required). IF YOU HAVE ANY CHRISTMAS ITEMS, FURNITURE, HOUSEWARES, OR ACCESORIES THAT YOU WANT TO DONATE, PLEASE GIVE CYNDI OR DEBRA ROBINSON A CALL. THEY SHOULD BE IN GOOD CONDITION, GENTLY USED. All proceeds go to the church. Contact Cyndi Cioffi at (404) 683-0222 for tickets or either Cyndi or Debra regarding donated items.
- ◇ **Fused Glass Class.** November 16 at LEB Glass in Greenville. Class starts at 10:00 a.m.. Cost is \$30. Everyone had so much fun with the first class they wanted to go again. Come with us and make between 6-10 Christmas ornaments from glass. No experience is necessary. We will be taking the bus from the church. Contact Debra at debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to make your reservation.
- ◇ December 7-8, (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.

Annual Pecan Sale
 Available before Thanksgiving.
 Pre-order early - First come, first served!
\$12 per shelled pound
FRESH off of the trees!
 Contact Debra at 229-5416 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to order.
 Proceeds help fund church needs.



"Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another." (Proverbs 27:17)

Greeting St. Mark,

I am preparing for Board of Ordained Ministry interviews as the Fall season begins. As I write this, I am a moment away from submitting my Theology and Doctrine paper and working on edits to my Call and Discipline Life. After submitting my paperwork to the Board, I will begin waiting, receiving feedback, and preparing for interviews. St. Mark, as I enter this time of preparation for the Board, please hold me in your prayers and continue to surround me and the church with your love, grace, support, and encouragement, the things that you do so well!

Thank you, and peace be with you,

Pastor Joey

Shred & E-Waste Day
 Saturday, October 26, 2024
 @ St. Mark United Methodist Church
 Bypass Campus
 9am-12pm

Paper Shredding and Electronic Recycling



Hello St. Mark Family!

As we walk into another month together, I've been thinking on what it means to be Christ in our community. More than just gathering on Sundays, we are called to live out the love, grace, mercy, acceptance, and hope of Jesus every day. Our faith is not confined to the walls of St. Mark—it's alive and active wherever we go. We have a calling, a holy responsibility, to be His hands and feet in the world around us. But what does that look like on a daily basis? How can we take the example Jesus set for us and let it shine through our lives, in both big and small ways?

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14, ESV). These words remind us that our actions, our words, and our compassion reflect who Christ is to the people around us. When we show kindness, when we extend forgiveness, when we welcome the stranger, we are showing our

community what Jesus is all about. It's not just about the grand gestures; sometimes, it's the smallest acts of love that can have the greatest impact.

I think of how Jesus interacted with those on the margins—the tax collectors, the lepers, the outcasts. He sought out those who society had forgotten. In doing so, He demonstrated that God's love has no limits. It's inclusive, unconditional, and it transforms lives. Are we doing the same in our community? Are we reaching out to those who feel forgotten or overlooked? Are we willing to step into someone's pain, to offer a word of hope, or simply to listen?

In John 13:35, Jesus said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." This verse speaks to the core of what it means to be His follower. We are known by our love—love that doesn't judge, love that doesn't discriminate, love that isn't afraid to get messy. The world around us is watching. Our community is watching. And we have the incredible opportunity to show them who Jesus is, not just by what we say, but by how we live.

It's easy to get caught up in the busyness of life. Between work, family, and our personal commitments, we can sometimes forget that we're called to something bigger. But Christ's love for us never takes a break. His grace is always flowing, His mercy is always available, and His acceptance is always open to anyone willing to receive it. As we go about our days, let's be mindful of the small moments where we can reflect that same love and grace to others. It could be a kind word to someone who's struggling, offering a helping hand to a neighbor, or simply being present for someone who feels alone.

Think of the people we encounter every day—our neighbors, coworkers, classmates, and even strangers in the grocery store. Are they seeing Christ in us? Are we offering them a glimpse of the love and acceptance Jesus showed to all? It's not about perfection; we're all still learning, still growing. But when we make the effort to love as He loved, we can trust that His light will shine through us, even when we feel inadequate.

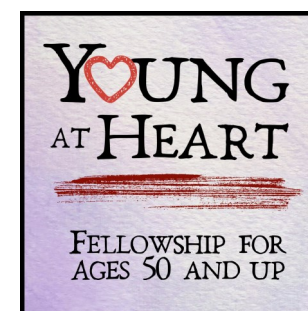
As we move forward together this month, let's challenge ourselves to be intentional in how we reflect Christ's love to our community. Let's strive to embody this love in practical ways: through acts of service, listening ears, open hearts, and welcoming arms. Whether it's volunteering with local ministries, being there for a friend in need, or simply choosing kindness in difficult situations, we are representing Jesus to a world that desperately needs hope.

St. Mark has always been a church rooted in love and service. But now, more than ever, we are being called to step out in faith and show the world what Jesus is really about, not just through our words, but through our lives. Together, we can make a difference. Together, we can be a beacon of light in a world that feels increasingly dark.

Let's go into this month remembering that each of us has a role to play in being Christ's presence here. Together, we can bring His love and light to every corner of our community. Let's show the world what Jesus is really about.

I hope you have a great month, and I look forward to seeing YOU at CHURCH!!

Pastor Robby



- October 7, **101 Deli Pizza Pasta** in Due West 11:30 a.m. Bus to leave earlier, look for updated email. Come join us for the good food! Contact Elaine Moore at elainejmoore3239gmail.com or (864) 992-9668 to reserve your spot.
- October 19, **The Sugar Bean Sisters** Milltown Players in Pelzer, SC Cost: \$15.00 In this wonderfully weird Southern Gothic comedy, the Nettle sisters are stuck in a Florida swamp and determined to escape spinsterhood - Willie Mae by going to Salt Lake and finding a good Mormon husband and Faye by hopping on the spaceship when the "space people" return for another visit. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.
- November 4, **Luncheon** at 11:30 AM in Founders Hall. Contact Elaine Moore at elainejmoore3239gmail.com or (864) 992-9668 to reserve your spot.
- 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, **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.
- December 11, **Christmas Party** 11:30 AM in Founders Hall. Meal to be determined. Join us to celebrate the Christmas season. Everyone should bring a gift that is something Christmas themed that is laying around your house that you don't want anymore (wrapped please). Don't buy anything new. It should be fun to see all the items. Contact Elaine Moore at elainejmoore3239gmail.com or (864) 992-9668 to reserve your spot.
- March 1, 2025 **And Then There Were None** Milltown Players in Pelzer, SC Cost \$15.00 Ten strangers are summoned to a remote island. All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate. One of Christie's darkest tales and a masterpiece of dramatic constructions. Its unfaltering tension will keep you guessing to the very end. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up
- June 14, 2025 **The Odd Couple** Milltown Players in Pelzer, SC Cost: \$15.00 Felix Ungar, a neurotic, neat freak, is thrown out by his wife, and has no other option than to move in with his divorced, disheveled pal, Oscar Madison. The two men's conflicting habits, with Oscar's sloppiness classing with Felix's obsessive-compulsive cleanliness, prove to be a hilarious mismatch. Contact Debra Robinson at 993-2957 or debra@stmarkgreenwood.com to sign up.



Congratulations on your baptism

- ♦ Carter Fricks Sunday, September 8, at the 11:15 AM worship service by Rev. Robby Lybrand.

Welcome to the St. Mark Family
Join the staff of St. Mark in welcoming our new church members: Jacob Campbell and Levi James.



Carter Fricks



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).



OCTOBER PREACHING SCHEDULE AND SCRIPTURE

“When all else fails, you still are God.” This is a part of a prayer in a service of death and resurrection from the United Methodist Book of Worship. As the church, we know this truth; however, many times when it feels like life has taken our feet out from under us we can forget that God is still God and God is with us. For the month of October we will be in a sermon series from a book in the Old Testament, Job. If you are familiar with the story of Job, then you know everything in his life was failing and crumbling, but Job still trusted God. We invite you to read ahead and consider the story of Job as we begin our sermon series, *“When all else fails, you still are God.”*

Rev. Jason Wilson

- October 6 - Job 1:1, 2:1-10**
 - Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
 - Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers St. Campus 8:45 AM at 11:15 AM and Rev. Joey Gambrell assisting in worship at 11:15 AM
- October 13 - Job 23:1-9, 16-17**
 - Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM and Rev. Joey Gambrell assisting in the worship at 11:00 AM
 - Rev. Jason Wilson at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM
- October 20 - Job 38:1-7**
 - Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM and Rev. Joey Gambrell assisting in the worship at 11:00 AM
 - **Children’ Sabbath** with Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM
- October 27 - Job 42:1-6, 10-17**
 - **Children’s Sabbath** with Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM
 - Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM and Rev. Joey Gambrell assisting in worship at 8:45 AM

WESLEY COMMONS

St. Mark/Wesley Commons
Fellowship
Thursday, October 3
10:30 AM

Wesley Commons
Asbury Hall Chapel
1110 Marshall Road



ST. MARK



BRIDGE KIDS

KREW FALL 2024

It's not too late to be a part of KREW! KREW is our Sunday afternoon children's ministry, and it really lives up to its name - Kids Really Excited about Worship! Our KREW children are divided into two groups. KREWKATEERS are K2-K5, and KREW KIDS are 1st-5th graders. Both groups start out together for worship, and then we break into two groups, allowing children to learn and experience Biblical truths in an age-appropriate setting!
Ages K2-5th grade.
Sundays, 4:30-6:00.

Register today at www.stmarkbridgekids.com

KREW will be on intercession break October 6!

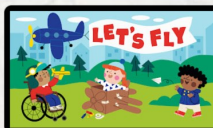


Think about all of the places you go: home, school, the grocery store, the soccer field, the top of a mountain, the deep blue ocean. God is with you wherever you go. God is always with you, and we want our preschoolers to know that no matter where they go, God will be with them, too.



As we follow Jesus, His love transforms us. His Spirit helps us show self-control. We can follow Jesus' example and choose to do what's best—even when we don't want to.

<p>OCT 6 TAKE A BREAK ((NO KREW!)) HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FAMILY!</p>	<p>OCTOBER 13 Pizza and ICE CREAM! Wear your KREW shirt!</p>
<p>OCTOBER 20 Crazy Socks Day Mac and Cheese</p>	<p>OCTOBER 27 Meet at the PUMPKIN PATCH Wear your Halloween costume! Hotdogs for supper!</p>



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!
All children are invited to come with their parents for a family movie night at the pumpkin patch! The movie, *The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*, will start at 7:00, and popcorn and snacks will be provided! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, and come spend an evening with your family and your church family!



At St. Mark UMC, we celebrate the blessings that our babies and children are every single day, but once a year, they get their own day! Join us on October 20 at the Rivers Street Campus and October 27 at the Bypass Campus as our children help lead the services, our third graders are presented with Bibles, and our newest babies are honored by their church and parents with our traditional baby frames. If you'd like your child to participate, contact Julie today.

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

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

Wesley Commons
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Jennifer Goldman and family
The Purcell Family
Archie Rush
Patsy Hannah and her family
Barbara Jean Smith
Jim Conley
Dodie Conley
Betty Moss McGuirt

MEMBERS' FAMILY

Emerly and Linda Bridgers
Jay Dean Jr.
The family of Larry Yochem
The family of Tammy Dougall
Brenda Smith
Will Peeler
Linton Mann
Guy Menaker

MEMBERS' FRIENDS

Madyn Fredette
Summer Fredette
Rudy Groomes
Jennifer Cathcart
Masyn Cathcart
Jeff Crisp
Bill Maffett
Thomas Lee
Carol Emery
Rev. Blake Kendrick
Brent Calvert
Will Coleman
Rebecca Hall
Ciara White
Valerie Hazlett
The Frost family (Will, Carrie, and Alex)

MILITARY

Jack Boyd - Army
Randall Geddings
Joshua Goff - Marines
Kos Kerhoulas - Navy
Mackenzie Latham - Air Force
Will Peeler - Army National Guard
Banner Peksa - Army

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Anderson University:
Eric Philcox
Clemson:
Adam Prince, Brooke Rodgers,
Caleb McLaughlin, Caroline Addis,
Chloe Ison, Clary Pederson, Dawson
Hudson, Emma Arnold, Jasmine
Creswell, Josh Godwin, Julia
Creswell, Lexi Layland, Savannah
Farmer, Taylor Case, Thomas Goff,
Will Godwin, and Wyatt Prince

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Olivia Murray

Erskine College:
Hampton Ashley

Guilford College:
Jillian Mapes

Lander:
Braeden McDonald, Caroline
Rhodes, Dylan DeLoach, Jeremiah
Holmes, Jordan Mapes, Kylie Camp,
Owen Whittington, Rhianna
Philcox, Rylee McManus, and TJ
Freeman

Mars Hill University:
Sarah Ellen Johnson

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

Presbyterian College:
Beatty Murray

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Design:
Izaiah Holmes

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Carolina:
Mae Furman

University of Georgia:
Haley McLaughlin

University of North Carolina -
Charlotte:
Zach Robinson

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

Winthrop:
Carlie Pundt




Kids' World is looking for drivers to pick up kids in the afternoons on Thursday and Friday using the bus. You will have someone riding on the bus with you, so you don't have to interact with the kids. The hours would be 2:15 -3:45. If you can only do one day, that would be great! Please let Debra Robinson know if you can help.



St. Mark UMC Charge Conference

Monday, October 14, at 6:30 PM, we will be holding our annual Charge Conference in The Study Room (room number 105/107) at the Bypass Campus. This meeting of our Charge Conference will be presided over by our Greenwood District Superintendent, Reverend Chris Lollis. This meeting is open to all people to attend, but you must be an official member of the Charge Conference to have a voice and vote. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Rev. Jason Wilson at the church office 864.229.5416.

 St. Mark gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

– To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Rev. Dr. Donald Sparks** by Charlie and Helen Watkins, Rev. Taylor and Joyce Campbell.



EPIC STUDENT MINISTRY

WWW.STMARKEPIC.COM



EPIC IS A CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12. EPIC MEETS FROM 6:30-8:00. ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED! BRING A FRIEND! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT EPIC!



This October, our EPIC students will conclude our study of Your New Playlist. Your mindset matters. That's the message Jon, L.E., and McRae Acuff wanted to pass along to students in their book called, "Your New Playlist". Now, it's the message we want to focus on in the 5-weeks of our series by the same title. Incorporating wisdom from the Acuffs' book, we're bringing students a series aimed at helping them tap into the superpower of mindset. We'll cover topics from repeated negative thoughts to the experience of temporary feelings. Every week will help high schoolers discover just how much the way they think, impacts the life they live. Thankfully, God cares deeply about our thoughts, so each week we'll look to Scripture to help us choose mindsets that align with the full life we were created to live. By the end of this series, students will have discovered that mindset is a superpower we can all use.

We will continue the month with a new series, Start the Party. Have you ever noticed how some people seem to be living more life than others? Well, put simply, some people know how to start the party better than others. The kind of party we're talking about is one that interrupts your routine, helps you celebrate the value of others, and adds a better perspective to your life. See, Jesus was great at these kinds of parties. From weddings to dinner parties, He had a way of leveraging the energy of a good party to remind all of us of what mattered most. Over the course of these eleven weeks, teenagers will be challenged to see ordinary moments as extraordinary opportunities to bring more life, more joy, more hope, and more energy to their own lives and the world around them. From practically serving other people to fostering a personal vision for a better world, all summer long through stories from Scripture and on-the-ground highlights from story tellers around the globe, teenagers will be inspired to be people who make life a party.

YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A PARTY STARTER.

EPIC WILL BE ON INTERSESSION BREAK OCTOBER 6!



We need YOU to help sell pumpkins! Remember - you MUST sell one time to qualify for any EPIC trip. Any additional slots you sign up for helps you earn credit for money off any trip!!





Sunday mornings at 10:00!
Come be a part of our small groups Sunday school!

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship Services are: Bypass Campus: 8:45 am & 11:00 am Rivers Street Campus: 8:45 am & 11:15 am Sunday School 10:00 am</p>		<p>1 9:00 Ladies Bible Study 4:30 Stroke Support Group 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>2 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:30 Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>4 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>5 9:00 Wayne Goff Hall in use</p>
<p>6 12:45 Church Council 3:00 Bible Study</p>	<p>7 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>8 9:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Girl Scouts 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>9 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:30 Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>10 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Founders Hall in use 11:00 Wayne Goff Hall in use 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>11 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>12 9:00 Wayne Goff Hall in use</p>
<p>13 2:00 Pumpkins arrive 4:30 KREW 6:30 EPIC</p>	<p>14 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA 6:30 Charge Conference</p>	<p>15 8:30 Puppet Theater in use 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>16 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:30 Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>17 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:15 Daisy Girl Scouts 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>18 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>19 1:00 Founders Hall and kitchen in use</p>
<p>20 12:45 Finance Committee meeting 4:30 KREW 6:30 EPIC</p>	<p>21 Information due for the church newsletter 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>22 5:45 Girl Scouts 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>23 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:30 Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>24 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>25 6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>26 7:00 Family Movie Night in the Pumpkin Patch</p>
<p>27 4:30 KREW at BPC 6:30 EPIC at BPC</p>	<p>28 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>29 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>30 6:30 Men's Bible Study 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 6:30 Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>31 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>		