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For the month of January, we will collect new or very gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens to help keep adults and children in our community warm this winter.



1 CHURCH • 2 CAMPUSES
ST. MARK UMC
ST. MARK HAS A PLACE FOR YOU

Both services will be livestreamed at www.youtube.com/c/StMarkUMCGreenwood

"ONE CHURCH WORSHIP"
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th
8:30 • 11:15
RIVERS STREET CAMPUS

FELLOWSHIP SOUP MEAL TO FOLLOW IN WAYNE GOFF HALL
WITH A SPECIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF ST. MARK!





Jason's Journal

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."
Isaiah 43:19

Happy New Year! The beginning of a new year allows for many people to make resolutions to make changes in their lives with the goal in mind of a new and better way of living.

In the above passage of Scripture, the prophet Isaiah is declaring to God's people God's words that have been given to Isaiah to proclaim. When Isaiah declares these words to God's people, the people have been in exile in Babylon.

St. Mark UMC, as we begin the New Year we are mindful of the wildernesses and deserts of last year. We had some trying times, anxious times, and stressful times.



Table with 2 columns: Service Type, Attendance. Includes rows for 8:45 AM - BPC, 8:45 AM - RSC, 11:00 AM - BPC, 11:15 AM - RSC, 8:45 Stream - BPC, 11:15 Stream - RSC, Worship Attendance, and Sunday School Attendance.

Table with 2 columns: School Group, Attendance. Includes rows for KREW, EPIC, and HSX.

The next copy of The Witness, the church's monthly newsletter, will be emailed out Thursday, January 30. Deadline to submit information to the church office for the newsletter is Monday, January 20.

Copies of the January Birthdays list, January Anniversaries list, and Upper Rooms for January/February 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.

- Archie Rush and his family on the death of his granddaughter, Emilie Rush, on December 18.

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
* Tommy Burton
* July 16, 1942 - December 10, 2024
* Beth Cronic Kennan
* May 7, 1958 - December 22, 2024

PLEASE NOTE! All offerings must be in the church office by December 31 or must be postmarked by December 31, 2024, to qualify for 2024 giving on your December statement.

Women's Ministry Christmas Angels Continued:

In Memory of:
Boyce Carlisle
Steven Carlisle
John Robert Carlisle
Henry Carlisle

Given By:
Linda Purdy
Linda Purdy
Linda Purdy
Linda Purdy

Women's Ministry Christmas Angels Continued:

In Memory of:

Karen Kiapper
 Davis McClendon
 Kenny McClendon
 Nellie B. McClendon (Debbie's mother)
 Liz Miller Burton (Tommy's mother)
 Thomas and Evelyn Fender
 Alfred Langley
 Charles and Nancy Watkins (Charlie's parents)
 Marion and Maggie Williamson (Helen's parents)
 Bob and Zibby Heinlein
 Dick and Dolores Combs
 Cliff and Quida Peeler
 Ann Collins
 Jamie Lynn Rollings
 Jen Ford
 Katherine Tanner
 Chris Brown
 Sara Coyle
 Barbara Jean Smith
 June Newman
 Priscilla Collins
 Kitty Warren
 Willie Holt
 Daniella
 Tip and Vivian Sean
 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Taylor
 Thomas Edward Dalton
 Bob Wade
 Neil Scott
 Barbara Jean Smith
 Mabel Nicoletti
 Gene Shirley
 Susie's Mom, Martha Herlong
 Larry's Mom, Louise Barker
 Steve Sherard
 Pat Goff
 Tom Goff
 Bill Pollard
 My Parents
 Mr. and Mrs. Marion Washington
 Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Watkins
 Larry Thomas Brown
 John L. Hudson
 Ruby Duncan

Given By:

Tommy and Debbie Miller
 Tommy and Debbie Miller
 Tommy and Debbie Miller
 Tommy and Debbie Miller
 Tommy and Debbie Miller
 Jean Langley
 Jean Langley
 Charlie and Helen Watkins
 Charlie and Helen Watkins
 Rich and Becky Heinlein
 Rich and Becky Heinlein & Diana Cox
 Ronnie and Sue Peeler
 Ronnie and Sue Peeler
 James Rollings
 Karen and Ansley Boring
 Holley Coyle
 Holley Coyle
 Holley Coyle
 Cathy Trevino
 Cathy Trevino
 Cathy Trevino
 Cathy Trevino
 Chuck Taylor
 Chuck Taylor
 Chuck Taylor
 Chuck Taylor
 Todd and Connie Dalton
 Gaynell Wade
 Gaynell Wade
 Gaynell Wade
 Gaynell Wade
 Gaynell Wade
 Larry and Susie Barker
 Larry and Susie Barker
 Trudy Sherard
 Trudy Sherard
 Trudy Sherard
 Dot Pollard
 Dot Pollard
 Tom and Betsy Watkins
 Tom and Betsy Watkins
 JJ and Lara Hudson
 JJ and Lara Hudson
 Robby, Jennifer, and Jack Lybrand



Happy New Year, St. Mark!

2025 is upon us! As we begin the year, I wanted to offer this prayer to you that was shared with me.

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed. Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right. Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

May the Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you!

Pastor Joey



FOOD BANK SUNDAY
PLEASE HELP US FILL THE
COLLECTION BINS AT BOTH CAMPUSES.

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).



Hello St. Mark Family!

As we step into 2025, we find ourselves standing at the threshold of new opportunities—opportunities to welcome people to Jesus, bring others to worship, and share the love of Jesus with those around us.

The start of a new year often brings excitement and anticipation. It's a time to reflect on the past and look ahead to the future. Isaiah 43:19 reminds us of God's promise: *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."* God is always at work, opening doors and creating new ways for His kingdom to grow, and He invites us to join Him in this work.

One of the most exciting opportunities we have as a church is to welcome people to Jesus. Maybe it's a neighbor who's curious about faith or a coworker who's struggling and needs hope. A simple invitation to church or a conversation over coffee can open the door for someone to encounter the love of Christ. This year let's pray for boldness to extend those invitations and for eyes to see the people God is placing in our path.

Another opportunity we have is to bring people to worship. Worship is where we connect with God and one another, and it's a space where lives can be transformed. Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages us: *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* Let's commit to making worship a priority this year, not just for ourselves but also as an act of hospitality for others. When we show up, we create an atmosphere where people feel welcome and included.

Beyond worship, we have opportunities to deepen our faith through discipleship. This could be joining a Bible study, participating in a small group, or simply committing to daily prayer and scripture reading. As we grow in our relationship with Jesus, we become better equipped to share His love with others. 2 Peter 3:18 encourages us to *"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."* Let's embrace the chance to grow together as a community of faith.

We also have the opportunity to serve. Serving can take many forms—volunteering with a ministry, reaching out to those in need, or simply being available to lend a helping hand. Jesus modeled servant leadership throughout His life, reminding us in Matthew 20:28 that He *"did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."* When we serve, we reflect His heart and bring His love into tangible action.

Another way we can make a difference is by engaging with our local community. This might mean partnering with local organizations, hosting events that invite people to experience God's love, or simply being present where people gather. Acts 1:8 reminds us of our calling: *"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Our "Jerusalem" is right here in our community, and we have a unique opportunity to make an impact.

Finally, let's not forget the power of prayer. Prayer strengthens everything we do as a church. It connects us with God's heart and aligns our will with His. This year let's commit to being a praying church—lifting up our neighbors, our leaders, and the mission God has given us. Philippians 4:6 encourages us: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

As we embrace these new opportunities, let's do so with hearts full of hope and faith. The same God who has been faithful in the past will continue to lead us in the year ahead. I'm excited to see how He will work through each of us to make 2025 a year of growth, love, and transformation at St. Mark UMC.

Let's go boldly into this new year, ready to welcome, worship, serve, and show the love of Jesus in every opportunity He gives us. I look forward to seeing YOU at CHURCH!

Robby



Women's Ministry Christmas Angels Continued:

In Memory of:

- Winette Gunter
- Juanita Shealy
- Virginia Ek
- Mr. Bishop
- Mrs. Bishop
- Ben and Mildred Gay
- Mills and Helen Polatty
- Guy Menaker
- Norman Anderson
- Scott Ritchie
- Frank Waldrep
- Klugh Fooshe
- Steven Fooshe
- John Fooshe
- Steven Moeller
- Cindy Polatty
- Bill Pollars
- Elmer Roy
- Joe Owings
- Jean Kwist
- Sterling Beale "Papa"
- Jeff McWatty
- Papa Jimmy, Jimmy Sutherland
- Lynn and Jeff Montjoy
- Lib Montjoy "Libby"
- Tom Carder
- Bill Markward
- Don Smyth
- David Rice
- Felix Peebles
- Willie Vaughn
- Willie Vaughn
- Sheila Chenerrey
- Frank Smith
- Frank Smith
- Dolores Combs
- Dick Combs
- George Cox
- Betty Pierce
- Joel Pierce
- Joe Campbell
- Jerry Wilson
- June Newman
- Barbara Jean Smith

Given By:

- Marc and Amy Latham
- Marc and Amy Latham
- Sandra Cawood
- Steve and Margaret Owings
- Steve and Margaret Owings
- Ronnie Joe Polatty and Carole Gay
- Ronnie Joe Polatty and Carole Gay
- Stuart Menaker
- Mary Frances Anderson
- Chuck and Jennifer Sexton
- Brian and Denise Waldrep
- Evelyn Fooshe
- Evelyn Fooshe
- Evelyn Fooshe
- Dick and June Moeller
- Jason, Elizabeth, Emma, Eva, & David Arnold
- Bob and Teresa Roy
- Bob and Teresa Roy
- Steve and Margaret Owings
- Steve and Margaret Owings
- The Beale Family
- Abbey Lawrence
- The Cook Family
- The Cook Family
- The Cook Family
- Todd and Cindy Markward
- Todd and Cindy Markward
- Olga Smyth
- Patrick and April Price and Family
- Sallie Peebles
- Susan Ward
- Jeanette Vaughn
- Jay and Jeanie Dean
- Tommie Jordan
- Jamie Jordan
- Diana Cox
- Diana Cox
- Diana Cox
- Toby and Elaine Moore
- Toby and Elaine Moore
- Dale Campbell
- Sandy Wilson
- Sandy Wilson
- Sandy Wilson

Women’s Ministry Christmas Angels:

In Honor of:

Ginny Burton
Linda Burton
Our Children
Our Grandchildren
Our Great-Grandchildren
Jennings Sears
Sophia Sears
Hunter Dean
Shelby
Wyatt
Truman Ferguson
Lorene Waldrep
Ronnie Joe Polatty and Carole Gay
Dorothy Pollard
Audrey Roy
Jessie Ward
Julie McCaffrey
Paige Holley
Debra Robinson
St. Mark UMC
Our Grandchildren - Clyde, Lendy, Hogan, and Beckett
Our Children - Corbett and Anna, Bailey and Thomas
Sydney Rollings Howell
Bob Propester
Amy and Justin
Scarlett
Sylvia
Jack Lybrand
Wayne and Joy Craft
Bill and Thomasine Lybrand

Given By:

Jimmy Burton
Jimmy Burton
Dubie and Fran Brown
Dubie and Fran Brown
Dubie and Fran Brown
Homer and Kaye Sears
Homer and Kaye Sears
Homer and Kaye Sears
Jean Brown
Jean Brown
Stuart Menaker
Brian and Denise Waldrep
Grandchildren
Bob and Teresa Roy
Bob and Teresa Roy
Susan Ward
Glenn McCaffrey
Sandy Wilson
Sandy Wilson
Tommy and Debbie Miller
Tommy and Debbie Miller
Tommy and Debbie Miller
Parents
Gail Propester
Bob and Gail Propester
Bob and Gail Propester
Bob and Gail Propester
Robby and Jennifer Lybrand
Robby, Jennifer, and Jack Lybrand
Robby, Jennifer, and Jack Lybrand

In Memory of:

William Latham
Josh Latham
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steifle
Parents, Brother, Nephew
Our parents and siblings
Karen Sears Dean
Mary Kayla Dean
Tammy Bell
Mildred Latham

Given By:

Mandy Latham
Jo and Mandy Latham
Jo and Mandy Latham
Margaret Kennerly
Dubie and Fran Brown
Homer and Kaye Sears
Homer and Kaye Sears
Donna Hazel
Marc and Amy Latham



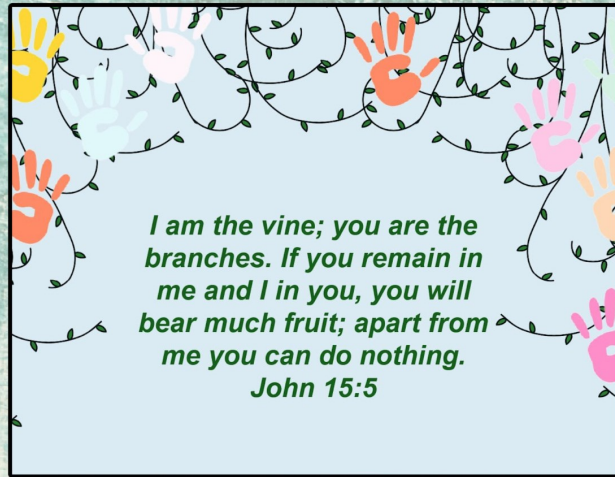
JANUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE AND SCRIPTURE

- January 5 - Isaiah 60:1-6 - “New Year, New You: A New Opportunity”
 - One Church Worship Service at the Rivers Street Campus. Rev. Jason Wilson preaching at 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM and Rev. Joey Gambrell and Rev. Robby Lybrand assisting in worship. Fellowship meal of soup and cornbread following the 11:15 AM worship service.
- January 12 - Isaiah 43:1-7 - “New Year, New You: A New Identity”
 - Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM and Rev. Joey Gambrell assisting at 11:00 AM.
 - Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM.
- January 19 - Isaiah 62:1-5 - “New Year, New You: A New Name”
 - Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM .
 - Rev. Joey Gambrell at the Rivers Street Campus 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM.
- January 26 - Luke 4:14-21 - “New Year, New You: A New Way”
 - 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 at 8:45 AM.

St. Mark UMC Called Charge Conference

Sunday, January 26, at 12:45 PM, we will be holding a Called Charge Conference in room number 105/107 at the Bypass Campus. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote on the disposal of the Coronaca Campus. The 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.





We invite all children and youth of the church to join us in creating a special legacy by adding their handprints to a vine mural on our church wall. This mural will serve as a lasting symbol of our growth together in faith and community. As we come together to leave our marks, we are reminded of Jesus's words in John 15:5: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Let's celebrate our connection to Christ and to one another by contributing to this meaningful project. We hope you'll join us on January 5th at the fellowship lunch for this memorable event.

JOIN US JANUARY 12 FOR OUR SUNDAY NIGHT KICKOFF!

KIDS REALLY EXCITED ABOUT WORSHIP
KREW KICKOFF
JANUARY 12
4:30

EPIC KICKOFF
JAN 12 6:30

KREW IS FOR CHILDREN AGED 2 THROUGH 5TH GRADE.

www.stmarkbridgekids.com

EPIC IS FOR 6TH-12TH GRADE STUDENTS.

www.stmarkepic.com

SENIOR RETREAT - JANUARY 17-20, 2025

Please pray for our seniors and their leaders as they travel to Copper Hill, Tennessee, for a special mountain weekend. This time together will include food, fellowship, and exciting outdoor activities like paintball, mountain biking, and a high ropes course.

The weekend will also feature a meaningful mountaintop communion service and discussions about how our seniors can carry their faith into college and continue to build it there. Pray for safety, connection, and spiritual growth as they prepare for this next chapter in their lives.

KREW and EPIC will not meet this weekend to allow the leadership to spend time on the senior retreat.



January Church Meetings
Trustee - Sunday, January 12
Bypass Campus, Room 104 12:45 PM
Charge Conference - Sunday, January 26
Bypass Campus, Room 105/107 12:45 PM

WESLEY COMMONS

St. Mark/Wesley Commons Fellowship
Thursday, January 9
10:30 AM

Wesley Commons Library
1110 Marshall Road





• **IN SEARCH OF:** We are searching for someone who would be interested in leading the Young at Heart for 2026. This person can start working with Debra and Elaine to "learn the ropes" in preparation for taking over in 2026. If you would rather co-chair, then certainly you could partner with someone to help you. The Young at Heart is a very active group and enjoys going out to eat every other month, having luncheons in Founders Hall in the other months, and likes to go on trips. We have scheduled our own trips and also partnered with Adventure Travels for some trips. Contact Debra Robinson for more information at (864) 993-2957.

- 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 clashing 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.

YOUNG AT HEART | **FELLOWSHIP FOR AGES 50 AND UP**

Join us for lunch at **Montague's!**
Monday, January 13, 2025
11:30 am

Montague's
 RESTAURANT

Reservation is required.
 Contact Elaine at 992-9668 or elainejmoore3239@gmail.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

Magnolia Bridge
 (1056 TPC Blvd, Unit 155,
 Murrells Inlet, SC 29576)
 Susan Hood

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

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

Shut-In/Homebound
 Mary Ellen Anderson
 (864.223.5275)
 1830 Alexander Road W
 Greenwood, SC 29649

Dannie 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

Joyce Campbell
 101 Shannon Street
 Greenwood, SC 29646

Tom and Beth Dowtin
 122 Hemlock Ct
 Greenwood, SC 29649

Mary Anna Evans
 5800 Old Providence Road
 Apt 4310
 Charlotte, NC 28226

Evelyn Fennell
 308 Marietta Drive
 Greenwood, SC 29646

Charlie Helms (704.535.7848)
 c/o Teena Williams
 4600 Crofton Ct.
 Charlotte, NC 28205

Shut-In/Homebound Cont'd

Miriam Laswell
 122 Leslie Drive
 Greenwood, SC 29649

Bob and Jean Lax
 801 Musgrove St
 Unit 84
 Clinton, SC 29325

Julie McCaffrey
 101 Wendover Road
 Greenwood, SC 29649

Wilma McCall
 228 Rock Knoll Drive
 Greenwood, SC 29646

Jackie Menaker
 104 Hunters Village Drive
 Greenwood, SC 29649

Mary Search
 c/o Deb Search Willoughby
 1410 Turwill Lane
 Kalamazzo, MI 49006

MEMBERS AND REGULAR

ATTENDEES

Junior Arnold
 Patty Burton and Family
 Boyd Purdy
 Carolyn Kelly
 Ed Hood
 The Purcell Family
 Jim Conley
 Dodie Conley
 Betty Moss McGuirt

MEMBERS' FAMILY

The Family of Emilie Rush
 Tommy Wilson
 Pat Mann
 Linton Mann
 The Family of Tommy Burton

MEMBERS' FRIENDS

Kensley Ouzts
 Chris Clark
 The Family of Larry Wash
 The Pandaleon Family
 The De Santes Family
 Rev. Blake Kendrick
 Will Coleman
 Rebecca Hall
 Ciara White
 Valerie Hazlett
 The Frost family (Will, Carrie,
 and Alex)

MILITARY

Sgt. Jack Boyd - Army
 Randall Geddings
 Joshua Goff - Marines
 Kos Kerhoulas - Navy
 Mackenzie Latham - Air Force

MILITARY Cont'd

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

College of Charleston:
 Olivia Murray

Erskine College:
 Hampton Ashley

Guilford College:
 Jillian Mapes

Lander:

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

Mars Hill University:
 Sarah Ellen Johnson

Piedmont Technical College:
 Caden Poore 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 North Carolina -
 Charlotte:
 Zach Robinson

University of South Carolina:
 Caroline Bell, Meg McGovern,
 and Olivia DeTreville

Winthrop:
 Carlie Pundt

Church Council for 2025

Chairperson: Todd Dalton
 Recording Secretary: Debra Robinson
 Lay Leader for Bypass Campus: Albert Dukes
 Lay Leader for Rivers Street Campus: Jonathan Creswell
 Finance Chairperson: John Edward Beale
 Trustee Chairperson: Trustees will elect
 Staff Parish Chairperson: Chuck Strawn
 Church Treasurer: Erin Layland
 Assistant Church Treasurer: Jim Brown
 Nominations/Lay Leadership Committee Representative: Joy Edwards
 Lay Members to Annual Conference need 7 delegates: Joy Edwards, Frankie Elgin, Bill Lybrand, Thomasine Lybrand, Matthew Miller, Coleman Robinson, and Brian Waldrep
 Alternate Lay Members to AC: Fran Brown, and Ralph Layland
 Worship Chairperson: Frankie Elgin
 Instruct Chairperson: Kayla Beale
 Nurture Chairperson: Holley Coyle
 Growth Chairperson: Casey Tompkins
 Sending Forth Chairperson: Kevin Farren (without a vote)
 Native American Coordinator: Russell Holley
 Kids' World Chairperson: Alyson Perrin
 Women's Ministry President: committee
 UMM President: TBD
 EPIC President: Liam Tompkins (term expires May 31, 2025)
 Historians: Julie McLaughlin and Paige Holley
 Young at Heart: Elaine Moore and Debra Robinson
 Servants of St. Mark Chairs: Jean Brown and Margaret Kennerly
 Senior Pastor: Rev. Jason Wilson
 Parish Pastor: Rev. Joey Gambrell
 Associate Pastor: Rev. Robby Lybrand
 Church Staff: Ex Officio:
 Julie McLaughlin—Minister of Children and Youth and Communication Director
 Paige Holley - Administrative Assistant and Membership Secretary
 Jennifer Lybrand - Assistant to the Minister of Children
 Amanda Wideman - Director of Kids' World (without a vote)
 Carol Jones - Ministry of Music
 Debra Robinson - Financial Secretary, Pastor and Staff Assistant, and Kids' World Assistant
 Matthew Miller - Pianist/Organist
 Fred Engler - Worship Leader for the Rivers Street Campus (without a vote)

Church Council Members at Large:

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Dale Campbell	Connie Cook	Kevin Anderson
Albert Dukes	Leslie Farren	Mary Lou Chiles
CJ Johnson	Roberta Weathers	Dayne Pruitt



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.

The Prayer Quilt team would like to thank Sunni Bond for her generous donation of more than a dozen completed quilts, an assortment of supplies for making more and a beautiful rack that will be used at Rivers Street to display quilts. Sunni began the Prayer Quilt ministry at St. Mark in November 2021. Her recent donations will help keep it strong and serving St Mark and the local community.



◇ **IN SEARCH OF:** We are searching for a woman of St. Mark who would be interested in leading the Women's Ministries. This involves scheduling activities throughout the year, working with staff to send out emails to the women of the church, and sending information to staff so that slides can be made for announcements. This is a very rewarding mission! Contact Debra Robinson for more information at (864) 993-2957.



Any Christmas decorations that you no longer want after this Christmas. We will start working on next year's Christmas sale. Just drop off at Debra's office (room at the church). We will also be collecting any other items you want to get rid of for our sale. This can be furniture, pictures, small appliances, cookware, etc. If you donate furniture, please call the office so that we can schedule a time for delivery. We will not be accepting clothing.



St. Mark gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Rev. Jason Wilson** by Barbara Jean Smith.
- To *The Children and Youth Fund* in loving memory of **Barbara Jean Smith** by Charlie and Helen Watkins, Anna Burch.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **June Newman** by The Fellowship Sunday School Class, Wanda Hill.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Barbara Jean Smith** by Wanda Hill, Mary Gillespie.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Tommy Burton** by Wanda Hill, Rick and Nancy Henderson, Donna McKeller.
- To *Contributions* in loving memory of **June Newman** by Kelly Barringer, Gary and Mary Jo Brown.
- To *The Quilt Ministry* in loving memory of **Tommy Burton** by Bob and Rosemary Durbin.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Miriam Bickerton** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Dale Campbell** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Ruth Clark** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Wanda Hill** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Fred and Betty Latham** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Jean Langley** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Janice McMahan** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Tommy and Debbie Miller** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Coleman and Debra Robinson** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Jim and Dee Rollings** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Brian Waldrep** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Jim Wheeler** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Rev. Jason Wilson and Family** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Dan Smyth** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Dale and Ann Staley** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving honor of **Charlie and Helen Watkins** by Charlotte Koone.
- To *The Masters Plan Fund* in loving memory of **Col. Niles Clark** by Ruth Clark.
- To *Contributions* in loving memory of **Tommy Burton** by Fred and Betty Latham.



Staff Parish Relations Committee 2025:

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Melissa Dukes	Craig Glanton	Lara Hudson
Margaret Kennerly	Amy Latham	Todd Philcox
Jay Adam Pearson	Casey Tompkins	Chuck Strawn (Chair)

Ex officio:
Lay Leaders: Jonathan Creswell and Albert Dukes
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Brian Waldrep
Pastors

Board of Trustees for 2025:

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Katie Bowie	Sean Goldman	Brad Chiles
Todd Dalton	Tammy Marshall	Holly Mock
Derrell Gregory	Glenn Perrin	David Weathers

Trustees elect their chairperson

Nominations and Lay Leadership Committee for 2025:

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Kayla Beale	JoAnn Babb	Alyson Perrin
Mary Durden	Dubie Brown	Ronnie Joe Polatty
Joy Edwards	Rick Henderson	Kim Sparks

Lay Leaders: Jonathan Creswell and Albert Dukes
Pastors
Senior Pastor is the Chairperson of the committee

Finance Team for 2025:

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
John Edward Beale (Chair)	Miriam Bickerton	Jason Arnold
	April Prince	Patrick Hobson
	John Sparks	Bob Roy
	David Tompkins	

Lay Leaders: Jonathan Creswell and Albert Dukes
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Bill Lybrand
Chairperson Church Council: Todd Dalton
Church Treasurer: Erin Layland (without a vote)
Assistant Church Treasurer: Jim Brown (without a vote)
SPRC Representative: Chosen by SPRC
Trustee Representative: Chosen by Trustee
Financial Secretary: Debra Robinson (without a vote)
Pastors

January 2025

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 Church and Kids' World are closed</p>	<p>2 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA 6:30 Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>4 Wayne Goff Hall and Kitchen in use</p>
<p>5 One Church Services</p>	<p>6 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 12:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>7 4:30 Stroke Support Group 5:30 Volleyball using WGH 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>8 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 Volleyball using WGH 6:30 Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>9 9:30 Founders Hall in use 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>10 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 12:00 RSC in use</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 12:45 Trustee meeting 4:30 KREW 6:30 EPIC</p>	<p>13 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>14 5:30 Volleyball using WGH 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>15 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 Volleyball using WGH 6:30 Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>16 5:15 Daisy Troop Meeting 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>17 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 Information due for the church newsletter 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>21 8:30 Greenwood District using Puppet Theater 5:30 Volleyball using WGH 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>22 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 Volleyball using WGH 6:30 Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>23 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>24 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 12:45 Called Church Council meeting 1:00 Founders Hall in use</p>	<p>27 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>28 5:30 Volleyball using WGH 6:00 Women on My Journey AA</p>	<p>29 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class 5:30 Volleyball using WGH 6:30 Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>30 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA</p>	<p>31 6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Fit 4 Ever Exercise Class</p>	