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Christmas Surprise Boxes

Create and Donate for local children!

Fill a shoebox or similar sized box with surprises and label your box **middle school or elementary school, girl or boy**. Drop it off in the **Care and Share Boxes** at either campus the month of December.

Elementary School: toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush, card games, fidget toys, lotion, popits, chapstick, hand sanitizer, hair accessories, matchbox cars	Middle School: earbuds, mechanical pencils, gum, food gift cards, socks (long black or white Nike or other athletic,) deodorant, candy, stress balls, journals, water bottles, surprises
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Sunday, November 30
8:45 am Hanging of the Greens Service, Bypass Campus
11:15 am Hanging of the Greens Service, Rivers Street Campus

Saturday, December 6
Children's Christmas Pageant
10:00 am Wesley Commons, 5:30 pm Rivers Street

Sunday, December 14
4:30 pm Holy Night Movie Event, Rivers Street Campus

Wednesday, December 24
3:30 pm Children's Christmas Eve Service, Bypass Campus
5:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, Rivers Street Campus
7:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, Bypass Campus

Advent at St. Mark UMC



Jason's Journal

“And he (Gabriel) came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.’ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God.’”

Luke 1:28-30

I have a confession to make. The Advent and Christmas seasons are most likely my least favorite liturgical seasons. I know that likely sounds odd coming from a pastor, but it is the truth. Here is my reasoning for my thinking. It seems as soon as Halloween is over the world around us pushes our attention past Thanksgiving and directly to Christmas. It is almost like the Halloween candy hasn't even been eaten and we are hearing Christmas music. Then all of the hustle and bustle of the season ensues. I am finding that if I am not careful I will find myself wondering where is the hope, love, joy, and peace that Advent promises. I wonder have you ever felt the same way.

As I have been thinking of these things I remembered the above passage of scripture. The angel Gabriel came to Mary announcing that she was favored and that God had found favor with her. The Greek for *favored* or *favor* means to be highly honored and specifically in this context to be approved of by God to conceive the Son of God through the Holy Spirit. This is truly a great thing, but after this visit from Gabriel I wonder and I would imagine Mary, at the likely young age of 13, began to think through what all of this would mean for her life as her response to Gabriel gave her full acceptance of this calling when she responded, *“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.”* Here acceptance meant she, a virgin and unmarried, would be looked at differently and possibly experience rejection from her family, her community, and even Joseph, her betrothed. Scripture does not give us all of these details, but humans have not changed in thousands of years, people would talk and rumors would begin. I wonder if there were times in all of Mary's hustle and bustle of life did she wonder is this what *favored by God* is supposed to look like and feel like. If we keep reading in Luke 1, we can read of Mary's song of praise. In all of the questions of others and what the world around her would say regarding her, she truly considered the acceptance of carrying and birthing the Son of God as a gift of God's grace. I would imagine she at many times clung to Gabriel's promise, *“For nothing will be impossible with God.”* I would imagine this promise of who God is and what God can do would carry her through the most difficult times of her decision; and that no matter what would come her way, nothing would be able to steal her hope, love, joy, and peace leading up to the first Christmas.

I share all of this with you because as followers of Jesus, those who have put their faith in Jesus, are *favored* too. The only other time in the New Testament where the same Greek for *favored* is used is in Ephesians 1:5 when the Apostle Paul encourages the Ephesian church with their new reality of being *favored* by God. Paul reminds them they have been adopted by God through the imparting of God's grace to them and God had imparted special *favor* in the giving of God's grace and forgiveness of sin. All of this made possible by one's faith in Jesus - our hope, love, joy, and peace in this world.

St. Mark United Methodist Church, you ARE *favored* in the sight of God; own it, live it, and believe it. I am praying for you and me this Advent and Christmas season. I am praying that nothing in this world and that nothing in the hustle and bustle of these seasons will rob us of the hope, love, joy, and peace that only Jesus brings. I pray we remember the story of Mary and how this time that we celebrate began with a visit from Gabriel to a young teenage girl, and with her affirmative response to God she gave birth to what this world truly needs - the hope, love, joy, and peace of Jesus the Christ.



Worship Attendance Year to Date Average	
As of November 23, 2025	
8:45 AM - BPC	81
8:45 AM - RSC	57
11:00 AM - BPC	87
11:15 AM - RSC	84
8:45 Stream - BPC	54
11:15 Stream - RSC	37
10:30 AM - One Church	274
10:30 Stream - One Church	102
Worship Attendance	393
Sunday School Attendance	54

KREW and EPIC Attendance School Year Average	
As of November 16, 2025	
KREW	58
EPIC	75
HSX	12

Congratulations on your baptism

- Vivian Hampton Sunday, November 9, at the 11:15 AM worship service by Rev. Robby Lybrand.

PLEASE NOTE! All offerings must be in the church office by December 31 or must be postmarked by December 31, 2025, to qualify for 2025 giving on your December Statement.

The next copy of *The Witness*, the church's monthly newsletter, will be emailed out Wednesday, December 31st. **Deadline to submit information to the church office for the newsletter is Monday, December 22nd.**

Copies of the December Birthdays list, December Anniversaries list, and Upper Rooms for November/December 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

- * Vickie Helander Rhoads
July 31, 1945 - November 10, 2025
- * Robin Conley Templeton
September 23, 1964 - November 19, 2025

WELCOME LITTLE UNITED METHODIST



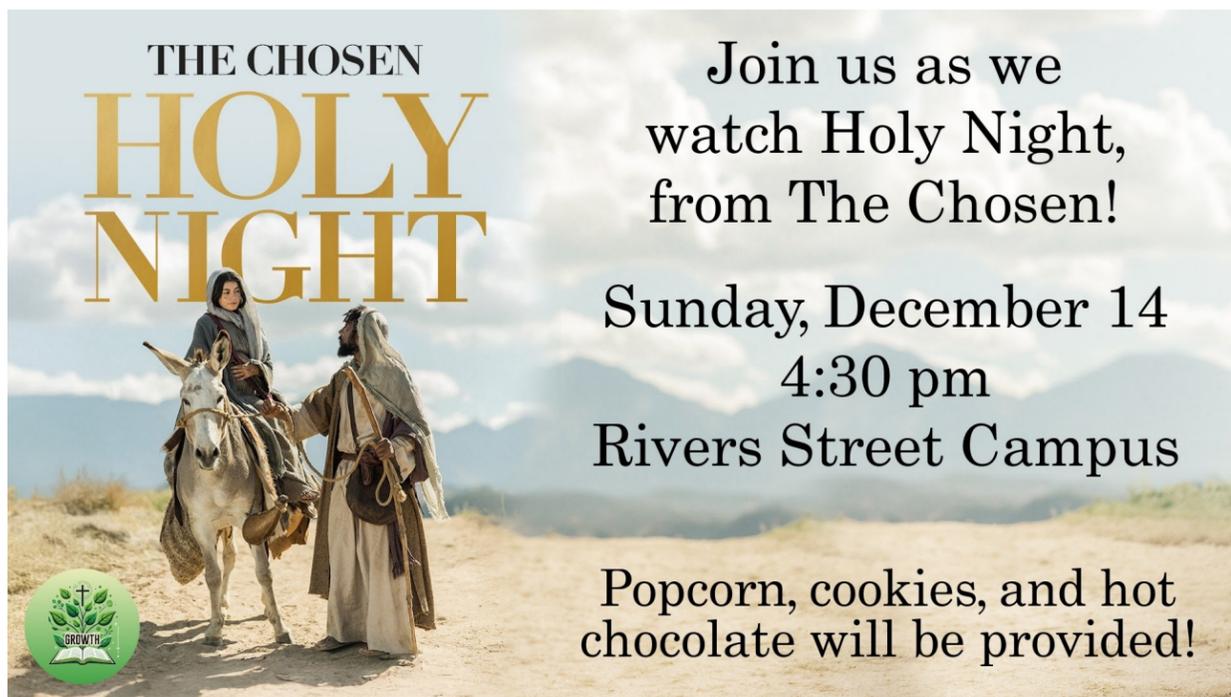
- Congratulations to Justin and Allie Fricks on the birth of their daughter, Miller Marie Fricks, on November 10. Proud big brother is Carter Fricks.



December Church Meetings

SPRC December 7, at 12:45 PM in room 104 at the BPC

Kids' World December 9, at 4:30 PM in room 130 at the BPC

THE CHOSEN
HOLY NIGHT

Join us as we watch Holy Night, from The Chosen!

Sunday, December 14
4:30 pm
Rivers Street Campus

Popcorn, cookies, and hot chocolate will be provided!




Hello St. Mark Family!

One of the things I love most about St. Mark is that we are a church with many people, many stories, and yes, many worship styles. On any given Sunday, you can walk into a traditional service filled with the deep beauty of hymns and liturgy; you can step into an unplugged service with modern songs offered in a stripped-back, reflective way; or you can join our contemporary service where the energy and sound lift the roof with praise. Three expressions; one church; one Savior.

And yet, with that variety comes an important reminder for all of us; style does not make worship right or wrong; Jesus does. If we're not careful, we can start to believe that the way we prefer to worship must be the way *everyone* should worship. But Scripture pushes back on that idea again and again. Jesus tells us in John 4 that the Father is seeking those who will worship "in spirit and in truth." That has nothing to do with organs or guitars; hymnals or screens; robes or jeans. It has everything to do with our hearts being centered on the One who is worthy of all worship.

Throughout Scripture, God receives worship in many forms. David danced. The psalmists shouted. The early church sang psalms, shared meals, prayed, and broke bread together. Paul calls our *whole lives* worship, not just the singing part, not just the style we prefer, but the way we love, serve, give, and follow Jesus every day.

At the end of the day, worship has never been about the style we choose; it has always been about the Savior we adore. The beauty of the Church is that God meets people in many different ways. Some connect deeply through the rich language of hymns; others through rhythmic acoustic songs; others through modern expressions of praise. Some worship best through stillness; others through movement; some through quiet reflection; others through joyful celebration.

Scripture never lifts up one musical style over another. Instead, it invites us into a posture; hearts open, minds attentive, spirits surrendered. The way we worship may look different from person to person or service to service, but the purpose is the same; to glorify God and draw near to Jesus. God uses all kinds of expressions to reach His people. All of it can be holy when Christ is the center.

As long as Christ is at the center, all faithful worship is good worship. And that brings me to something else our church holds dear at our Rivers Street Campus, weekly communion. I know this is a shift for some, especially those who came from traditions where communion was offered once a month or even less. For many, that rhythm feels "normal." But when we look to Scripture, we see the earliest followers of Jesus breaking bread together *often*. Acts tells us they gathered regularly around the table. Paul speaks of the Lord's Supper as central to the life of the church. Communion is not an add-on; it's a means of grace, a place where Christ meets us, nourishes us, strengthens us, and sends us back into the world.

We don't take communion every week because it's trendy or modern; we take it because it's biblical, it's meaningful, and it keeps our worship centered on Jesus. In a world full of distractions, the table draws us back to the heart of the gospel again and again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

So, whether your heart comes alive with a hymn, a modern chorus, or a simple acoustic melody. Whether you worship best with an organ, a guitar, or silence. Whether your soul is most encouraged by liturgy, by testimony, or by coming to the Table, remember this; Worship is not about what we prefer; it's about the One who deserves our praise. My prayer for us as a church is that we will celebrate every expression of worship that lifts high the name of Jesus. That we will honor the traditions that shaped us; while also embracing the new ways God is reaching people today. That we will be united, not by style, but by the Savior who calls us one body, one family, one Church. Let's be careful not to become so focused on which style of worship is 'right' or 'wrong' that we miss the incredible truth right in front of us; God is moving in our church, and people are meeting Jesus every Sunday in every one of our sanctuaries. Also remember that when our eyes are on Him, our hearts find their true home in worship, no matter the sound.

I hope you have a wonderful season of Advent and a wonderful December. I look forward to seeing YOU at CHURCH! BRING A FRIEND!

Robby

DECEMBER PREACHING SCHEDULE AND SCRIPTURE

Advent has arrived, and we will be in the season of Christmas before we realize it. On November 30th, we worshipped and celebrated the beginning of Advent with our Hanging of the Greens service. On that day, we began our Advent sermon series A New Way of Living. Robby and I pray that this season we will all find A New Way of Living through the hope, love, joy, and peace that Jesus brings. We cannot wait to see you and your family this Advent and Christmas season.

December 7 - A New Way of Peace Romans 15:4-13

- 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.

December 14 - A New Way of Joy Matthew 11:2-11

- 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.

December 21 - A New Way of Love Matthew 1:18-25

- 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.

December 24 - Christmas Eve A New Way Has Come Luke 2:1-20

- Children's Christmas Eve service at the Bypass Campus 3:30 PM.
- Rev. Robby Lybrand and Rev. Jason Wilson at the Rivers Street Campus 5:00 PM.
- Rev. Robby Lybrand and Rev. Jason Wilson at the Bypass Campus at 7:00 PM.

December 28 - John 1:1-14

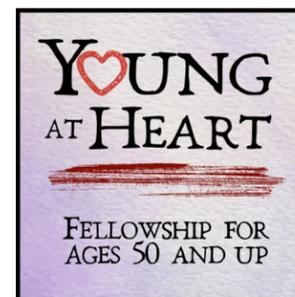
- Mr. Todd Philcox at the Bypass Campus 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM.
- Rev. Robby Lybrand at the Rivers Street Campus at 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM.



WESLEY COMMONS

St. Mark/Wesley Commons
Fellowship
Thursday, December 4
10:30 AM

Wesley Commons
Library
1110 Marshall Road

- December 1, **Christmas Party** 11:30 a.m. Founders Hall. Join us as we kick off the holiday season and end our year with a Christmas party. Bring an appetizer to share and also a wrapped Christmas ornament to exchange. Contact Elaine Moore at elainejmoore3239@gmail.com or 864.992.9968.



**KREW
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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.



SEEKING A LEADER FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

The Instruct Committee is prayerfully searching for a woman of St. Mark who feels called to lead our Women's Ministries. This rewarding role includes coordinating activities throughout the year, working with church staff to send updates and emails to the women of the congregation, and providing information for announcement slides.

Women's Ministries is a vital part of our church family – helping women connect, grow in faith, and serve together in love. If you have a heart for encouraging others and organizing meaningful opportunities for fellowship, we invite you to consider this important ministry.

For more information, please contact info@stmarkgreenwood.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TINSEL & TREASURES SALE – A SPARKLING SUCCESS!

The Women's Ministry Tinsel & Treasures Sale was a wonderful success! Over 200 shoppers enjoyed browsing the curated displays throughout our merry marketplace. A heartfelt thank-you to all who donated holiday décor, beautiful vintage pieces, and festive treasures to create such a bountiful inventory.

Many visitors commented on the lovely, well-organized vignettes as they shopped. We are thrilled to share that sales totaled over \$6,000, which will help support St. Mark ministries and programming. Following the sale, the remaining items were donated to the Pathway House Thrift Store to further their important ministry.

Special thanks go to our church staff for their incredible support and promotion—especially Julie for her strong digital presence and Paige for her logistical guidance and assistance with Venmo and credit purchases. We are deeply grateful to the many "church ladies" who set up, worked the sale, and helped with cleanup.

A very special shout-out to Cyndi Cioffi, Elaine Martin, Debra Robinson, and Pat Williams for months of creating, crafting, sorting, pricing, tagging, selling, and packing. And of course, kudos to our very own Santa, Tom Cioffi, who hauled tables and countless boxes of precious cargo—and then ran the cash register for the entire sale!

As we celebrate this season, we wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas. While taking inventory of your own Tinsel & Treasures, keep an eye out for updates on next year's sale and how you can contribute to another joyful event!



ST. MARK



BRIDGE KIDS



Saturday, December 6

10:00 am, Asbury Hall, Wesley Commons
5:30 pm, Rivers Street Campus, St. Mark UMC

You're Invited to Our 23rd Annual Children's Christmas Pageant! Join us as our children bring the story of Jesus' birth to life in a way that is both charming and heartwarming. This year's pageant takes us on a journey from a dark time of waiting for the promised Messiah to the joyful message that Jesus is the light of the world—offered to everyone, everywhere.

Come celebrate this beautiful tradition with us and experience the wonder of Christmas through the eyes of our little ones. Bring your family and friends as we reflect on the hope, love, and light that Jesus brings to the world. See you there!

"Tell me about your ministry for children....."

Our children's ministry mission is to make disciples by drawing children into the presence of God through dynamic worship. We provide a safe, nurturing environment full of fun, fellowship, study, and worship. Your children will have leaders who are invested in their lives and who will lead them in their relationship with Jesus with kindness, love, and through a demonstration of their own faith. Our children's ministries will again, as in the past two decades, use a combination of First Look, 252 Basics, and various Group curriculums, rooted deep in the word of God. Whether it's KREW, Spark Sunday school, VBS, or more, your child will grow, learn, and worship while building a lasting and transformational relationship with Jesus.

We want preschoolers to grow up making wiser choices, building stronger relationships, and developing a deeper faith. Our preschool curriculum combines child development and theology to create a comprehensive children's ministry curriculum and strategy. In the preschool years, a child will form their first impression of God's love.

God made me.
God loves me.

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

We want your kids to grow up making wiser choices, building stronger relationships, and developing a deeper faith. Our children's curriculum combines child development and theology to create a comprehensive children's ministry curriculum and strategy. In the elementary school years, kids will grow in wisdom, faith, and friendship.

I need to make the wise choice.
I can trust God no matter what.
I should treat others the way I want to be treated.



KREW will return in January!!! KREW is our Sunday afternoon children's ministry, and it really lives up to it's name - Kids Really Excited about Worship! Our KREW children are divided into two groups. KREW KATEERS 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!
Sundays, 4:30-6:00 • Ages K2-5th grade

www.stmarkbridgekids.com



EPIC STUDENT MINISTRY

WWW.STMARKEPIC.COM



EPIC IS A CHRIST-CENTERED MINISTRY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12. EPIC MEETS FROM 6:15-8:00. ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED! BRING A FRIEND! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT EPIC!



It's time for an EPIC Christmas Celebration! Join us December 7th for a night of fellowship filled with games, food, and more. In fact, there's so much more, we couldn't fit it all into our regular time frame! Wear your most "Christmassy" outfit and you could win the points - AND a prize! We will meet from 6:00-8:00, giving us time for all the merriment! Bring a festive snack to share and an unwrapped toy, and join us for an EPIC Christmas Celebration! We will play the games, eat the food, wrap the toys, and remember to pause and be thankful for what Christmas truly means to us every single day!

Merry Christmas from your EPIC family!!

EPIC is an acronym for Endless Power in Christ. We are using the same curriculum at EPIC Sunday Nights that we have used since 2009. The curriculum addresses each student's need to be closer to God and to fervently follow Him. The truth is, a student's relationship with God, others, and themselves is life-changing—but only if they understand those relationships in a Biblical context. So, in addition to the big three relationships, there are some core theological insights we want to make sure a student doesn't miss. We call these the three basic truths, and every lesson, story, and topic re-enforces one of these truths.

We want middle schoolers to believe:

I will follow Jesus because he knows me better than I know myself.

I will love God because God never stops loving me.

I will live my faith so others can know who Jesus is.

We want high schoolers to believe:

I'm created to pursue relationship with my creator.

I trust what Jesus did to transform the person I need to become.

I live to demonstrate God's love to those around me.

We want to make sure teenagers don't just believe the right things, but these truths begin to transform their lives and become the foundation of an everyday faith. At EPIC Sunday Nights and at IGNITE Sunday School, expect your students to learn Biblical truths taught in a sound Biblical way by leaders who truly know and care about them.

WHAT IS EPIC?

We still have a few spots for Passion Camp! Make sure to visit www.stmarkepic.com today, and register for Passion Camp!



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

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

Wesley Commons
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Greenwood, SC)
Ruth Clark

Jim and Dodie Conley
George and Betty Crane
Skip Heintzelman
Betty Moss McGuirt
Lorene Waldrep
Gene Zittrouer

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Wilma McCall
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Greenwood, SC 29646

Jackie Menaker
104 Hunters Village Drive
Greenwood, SC 29649

MEMBERS AND REGULAR ATTENDEES

Ed Hood
Jim Conley
Dodie Conley
Betty Moss McGuirt

MEMBERS' FAMILY

Meghan Philcox
The Family of Robin Templeton
Bill Cook
Alyssa Fender
Whitney Stennett

MEMBERS' FRIENDS

Elizabeth Lewis
Ethan Long
The Family of Edna Posey
Will Coleman
Rebecca Hall
Valerie Hazlett

MILITARY

Sgt. Jack Boyd - Army
Christian Furman - Army
Audrey Garver - Army
Ethan Garver - 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:
Luke Godwin and Eric Philcox

Chowan University:
Cameron Addis

Citadel:
Olivia Murray and Owen
Whittington

COLLEGE STUDENTS Cont'd

Clemson:
Adam Prince, Bentley Setzler,
Brady Wilson, Caroline Addis,
Charlee Layland, Chloe Ison,
Dawson Hudson, Emma Arnold,
Jackson Hamm, Josh Godwin,
Julia Creswell, Lexi Layland,
Liam Tompkins, Lily Lambert,
Liza Justesen, Matthew Dalton,
and Thomas Goff

Erskine College:
Hampton Ashley

Guilford College:
Jillian Mapes

Kenneth Shuler:
Rylee McManus

Lander:
Jordan Mapes, Kylie Camp, and
Rhianna Philcox

MUSC Charleston:
Wyatt Prince

Mississippi State University:
Walker Self

North Georgia Technical
College:
Thomas Hudson

Piedmont Technical College:
McCutchen Geoly and Savannah
Mallon

Presbyterian College:
Beatty Murray

Tri County Technical College:
Luke Hannah

University of Georgia:
Haley McLaughlin

University of North Carolina -
Charlotte:
Zach Robinson

University of South Carolina:
Caroline Bell, Grace Lollis, and
Meg McGovern

University of Virginia - Wise
Noah Perrin

Wofford College
Hannah Crooks and Mary Peden
Light



St. Mark gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

- To *The General Fund* in loving memory of **Sam Zittrouer** by Ruth Clark, Kendall and Carol Allen.
- To *The General Fund* in loving memory of **Lee Kruzan** by Charlie and Helen Watkins
- To *The Choir Fund* in loving memory of **Sam Zittrouer** by Derrell and Kay Gregory.



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).



We had such a spook-tacular time at our Kids' World Halloween Picnic! It was a joy spending the evening with our Kids World families, and the Trunk-or-Treat was filled with laughter, costumes, and so much fun. We are so thankful to our staff and families for making it a day to remember.

Kids' World Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Let us help take some of the holiday stress off of your shoulders! Gift drop off will be December 1st-12th, and pick up will be December 15th. Pricing:

- ◇ 5 Presents \$25
- ◇ 12 presents \$50
- ◇ 20 presents \$75

We are also collecting donations of wrapping paper, tape, and ribbon to help make our fundraiser shine. Thank you for supporting our little elves!

Holiday Competitions

Get ready to vote in TWO festive favorites:

- * Our Jolly Cookie Contest
- * Our Christmas Door Contest

Come December 14th ready to vote and enjoy all the holiday spirit!

We will also be hosting our Annual Christmas Family Night on December 18th. This will be an evening filled with Christmas fun and festive cheer. Our staff will be going Christmas Caroling December 23rd to spread Christmas cheer to our Kids' World families.

Please continue to keep our staff and families in prayer. We are so thankful for all the support that you have shown! Have a very Merry Christmas.

Blessings,
Amanda Wideman and Sydney McElroy

Welcome to the St. Mark Family

Join the staff of St. Mark in welcoming our new church members: Dayle Volz, Matthew, Merrick, and Harper Owen.



Matthew, Merrick, and Harper Owen

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:30 Young at Heart 5:30 Teen Journey 5:30 West Side AA 6:00 Blend Band Rehearsal	2 8:00 Worship Center in use 5:15 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 6:00 Women on My Journey AA	3 6:30 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Volleyball in WGH 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice	4 7:00 Men's Bible Study 5:15 Daisy Troop 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA 6:30 Cadette Troop	5 4:00 Founders Hall and kitchen in use 5:15 Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal	6 10:00 Christmas Pageant at Wesley Commons 5:30 Christmas Pageant at RSC
7 6:00 EPIC 8:00 HSX	8 5:30 Teen Journey 5:30 West Side AA	9 4:30 Kids' World Committee meeting 5:00 Volleyball in WGH 6:00 Women on My Journey AA	10 6:30 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Volleyball in WGH 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice	11 7:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 Wayne Goff Hall in use 9:30 Founders Hall in use 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 Founders Hall in use 5:30 West Side AA	12 RSC in use all day 12:00 Founders Hall in use	13 RSC in use all day 8:00 Founders Hall in use
14 4:30 Holy Night Movie at RSC	15 Information due for the church newsletter 5:30 Teen Journey 5:30 West Side AA	16 5:00 Volleyball in WGH 6:00 Women on My Journey AA	17 6:30 Men's Bible Study 5:00 Volleyball in WGH 6:30 Blend Band Rehearsal 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice	18 7:00 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Founder Hall in use 5:15 Daisy Troop 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA 6:30 Cadette Troop	19 6:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 12:00 Founders Hall and kitchen in use	20 1:00 Wayne Goff Hall, kitchen, picnic area, and playground in use
21 Happy Birthday Jesus celebration during Sunday School time frame 1:00 Wayne Goff Hall in use	22 Kids' World is closed 5:30 Teen Journey 5:30 West Side AA	23 Kids' World is closed 6:00 Women on My Journey AA	24 Kids' World is closed 3:30 Children's Christmas Eve service in BPC sanctuary 5:00 Christmas Eve service at RSC 7:00 Christmas Eve service at BPC	25 Church Offices and Kids' World are closed RSC in use all day 5:30 Al-Anon Meeting 5:30 West Side AA	26 Kids' World is closed RSC in use all day	27 7:00 BPC, RSC, and The Gathering Place all in use
28	29 5:30 Teen Journey 5:30 West Side AA	30 6:00 Women on My Journey AA	31 Kids' World is closed 12:00 Church offices will close			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