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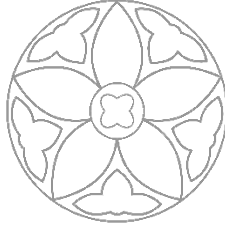
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, September 24, 2023
Nine O'clock

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost





9 AM Morning Worship

**You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.*

The Gathering

Words of Welcome and Grace

We welcome each of you to this service! No matter who you are or where you are from, you are a child of God, and you are welcome here!

*Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 400 | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Let us offer each other signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (God), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*The Gospel Lesson

Luke 15: 11-32

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Life Hack Series: How to Overcome Resentment

Response to God's Word

Holy Communion

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 378 v. 1, 3, & 6 | Amazing Grace

*Benediction

Postlude

We Welcome You

As a United Methodist Church, we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We strive to be a congregation that embodies God's absolute love and hospitality, proclaiming Jesus as our savior and as our model of the ultimate embodiment of God's love. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's good creation. Saint Mark United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family, or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history.

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, *Senior Pastor*

Liturgists: Meagan Williams, *Assistant to the Pastor of Youth and Young Adults*

Music: Jon Easter, *Director of Fine Arts and Organist*
Madeline Pascavage, *Cantor | Hymn Leader*

Communion Steward: J.W. Mozley

Usher Team: Greg Brown, *Head Usher*, Terry Davis, Bruce Erwin, Christian & Kristen Fuller, Robert Giacomini, Deana Hilton, Scott Lee, Betsy Moore, and Sybil Smith

Greeter: Greg Brown, Craig Pigg, and Sybil Smith

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Attendance

Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of your row or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.

Tithes & Offerings

Please place your offering in the plate during this morning's service, or use the Secure Giving App, or Saint Mark's assigned number for text donations is 844-703-1444 and the keyword is 'operating'. To give via text, text the word 'operating', a space, and the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text 844-703-1444 operating 25. Your generosity allows us to love, accept and serve the people of our community.

We Invite You to Stay Connected with Saint Mark

Visit www.stmarkumc.org and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send our Remarks newsletter every Wednesday, a message from our Senior Pastor every Friday, and a Sunday Morning at Saint Mark email.



Announcements & Special Events



Don Schoner's Celebration of Life

On Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 1 PM, please join Don's husband, **Bobby Strickland**, for a time of celebration here at Saint Mark UMC. Wear comfortable clothes and fun colors. There's no minister, no formal program. There will be an open mic and you are welcome to share a favorite story with the group, but it's totally up to you. Bobby will be facilitating the celebration. He will be speaking from his heart, and hopes you do the same. We will be together for two hours.

An Evening with Thressa Gardner Price has been canceled

Congregation Listening Sessions

The listening session scheduled for today has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 1, at 12:15pm, following the 11am service. The session will be held in the chapel.

The sessions are open to 20 persons per gathering, to permit the time needed to answer the questions asked.

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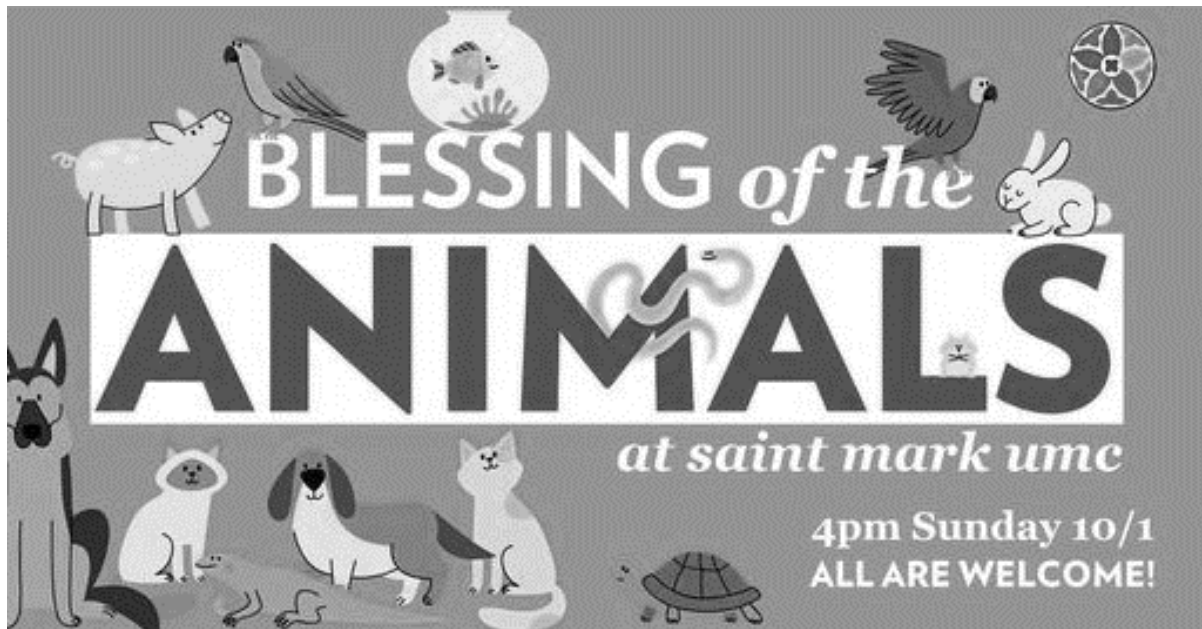


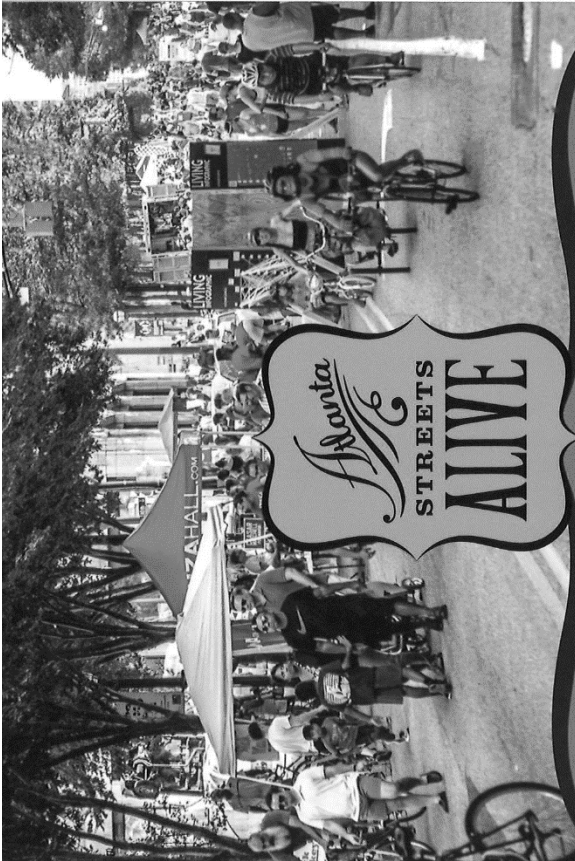
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 | Baked Potato Bar

All dinners include an assortment of salads, desserts and iced tea.
Cost is \$11 per person. \$10 for seniors 65 and over.

Make your reservations now for Wednesday Night Dinners.

<https://forms.office.com/r/29Xbv198wy>





SUNDAYS FALL 2023

SEPT 24 ★ OCT 22 ★ NOV 12
TENTATIVE

More info at
AtlantaStreetsAlive.org



1PM to 5PM

FREE & FAMILY-FRIENDLY

CAR-FREE STREETS

TO WALK, BIKE, ROLL & PLAY
STREET CLOSURE: 11AM - 6PM

PEACHTREE STREET: FROM MITCHELL ST SW TO 15TH ST NE

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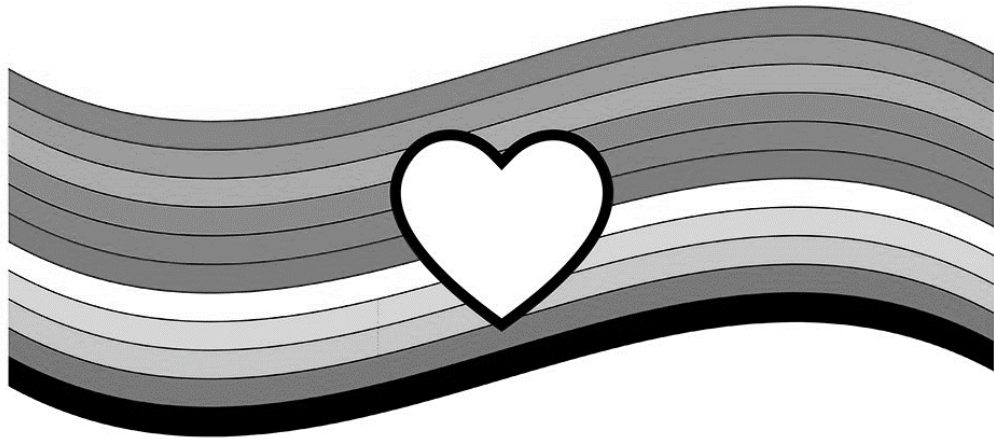
ROUTE CAR CROSSING MARTA



Celebrating Atlanta's signature Peachtree Street, through the heart of the city, from Mitchell St to 15th St

An initiative of the Atlanta Department of Transportation with support from Propel ATL and the Atlanta community
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ONE LOVE



MANY COLORS

2023 Pride Sunday Volunteers Needed

Saint Mark's Pride Sunday is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it awesome!

Whether you've got a few hours or the whole day, every volunteer hand counts. Jump on this <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B45AF9AE23A5F94-saint#/> to snag a volunteer slot, to help with lunch on the front lawn, decorating the truck for the parade, or handing out water.

Let's come together and make this day shine!

PRIDE Day Lunch

Order your Pride Day lunch today so you won't have to stand in the payment line the day of Pride. \$20 per lunch.

<https://www.stmarkumc.org/store/p/pride-lunch>