



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Nine O'clock

Second Sunday of Easter



9 AM Morning Worship

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

The Gathering

Words of Welcome and Grace

We welcome each of you to this service! Maybe you've been here more times than you can count. Maybe it's been a while, maybe never. Here is what matters: 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. 304 | Easter People, Raise Your Voices

*The Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also, with you.

One: 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

John 20: 19-31

One: The Gospel of Our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
From Doubt to Profession

Response to God's Word

Holy Communion

Hymn during Communion
UMH No. 140 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication
UMH No. 303 | The Day of Resurrection

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Andy Peabody, *Associate Pastor*
Liturgists: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, *Senior Pastor*
Music: Justin Bowen, *Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist*
Communion Steward: J.W. Mozley
Usher: Greg Brown, *Head Usher*
Greeter: Terry Davis



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.

Current COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

If you are sick, please stay home. If you have come into contact with someone positive for COVID-19, follow the precautions recommended by the CDC. In order to care for our collective well-being, we strongly recommend that anyone who is eligible to be vaccinated do so, especially before participating in indoor activities.

Tithes & Offerings

Please place your offering in the plate during this morning's service, or use one of the QR codes below. Your generosity allows us to love, accept and serve the people of our community.

- Using your Smartphone's camera, scan the QR Code. & follow the prompts.

SecureGive



PayPal



Venmo



Text to Give



- To give via text, scan the QR code, and replace the \$\$ in the text with the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text operating 25.



We Invite You to Stay Connected with Saint Mark

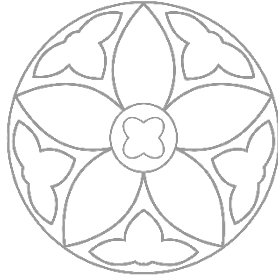
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Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

For reservations, please email **Robert Gilleo** at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org or complete the Microsoft Forms survey (<https://forms.office.com/r/29Xbv198wy>) no later than 5 PM Tuesday. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Program begins at 6:00 PM.

Tickets: \$10 for seniors, \$11 general

- April 10 Homemade Lasagna
- April 17 Baked Potato Bar
- April 24 Low Country Boil (Shrimp and Sausage)
- May 1 Taco Bar
- May 8 BBQ Pulled Pork and Chicken



Saint Mark United Methodist Church **Welcome Statement**

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.

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WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW

Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!

Today's Communion offering will benefit the Midtown Assistance Center. Over 30 years ago, Saint Mark joined four other congregations to establish the Midtown Assistance Center, an interfaith nonprofit committed to helping Atlanta's working poor. MAC assists clients with rent, utilities, food, transportation, and clothing during times of crisis.

Congregational Hikes | Walk with us...

- April 20th- Atlanta Beltline | Monroe Dr. Access Point
- June 22nd - Sweetwater Creek State Park
- August 17th - Suwanee Greenway Trail
- October 19th - Amicalola Falls State Park

UMC101

Young Adult Small Group | Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm | April 3rd - May 22nd

Are you a young adult interested in learning more about Saint Mark's connection to the Methodist tradition? Join the young adult ministry in our upcoming UMC 101 small group series! Whether you're new to the United Methodist Church or grew up in the UMC, this series will provide you with a deeper understanding of Methodist beliefs, practices, and history. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, April 3rd - May 22nd at Saint Mark UMC.

General Conference Listening Sessions

Today, Sunday, April 7 | After 2nd Service | Chapel

Wednesday, April 10 | Wednesday Night Supper | Wade Fellowship Hall

Regarding our denomination's upcoming General Conference, which will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, from April 23 to May 3. This is the postponed 2020 General Conference, which was delayed because of the pandemic. General Conference is the official legislative body of our denomination that is able to revise The Book of Discipline – the polity that governs our denomination, and The Book of Resolutions – the statements on social issues that represent the position of the denomination. The decisions that are made at General Conference will impact conferences and local churches across the denomination.

Open Doors Planning Session

Sunday, April 21 | After 2nd Service | Wade Hall

For those who are interested in helping with Open Doors this year, we will have an informational and brainstorming session on Sunday, April 21. Our first Open Doors this year are:

- Sunday, May 19th
- Sunday, June 16th
- Sunday, July 28th

These are the same dates that Atlanta will be having Streets Alive! Peachtree St. will be closed to vehicle traffic and pedestrians will be free to walk, ride, or scoot down Peachtree St. from 1-5 pm. For more information, please contact, Pam Davis, at fireflyrd@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 21	Church Council
April 23 – May 3	General Conference Charlotte, NC
April 28	Green Team Kick-off Meeting
May 5	Churchwide Celebration of our Volunteers
May 19	Streets Alive
June 3-7	Vacation Bible School Lutheran Redeemer
June 13-15	North Georgia Annual Conference Athens, GA
June 16	Streets Alive
July 10-12	Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Lake Junaluska, NC
July 28	Streets Alive