



SAINT MARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, April 21, 2024
Nine O'clock

Fourth 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. 369 | Blessed Assurance

*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.

Introduction of the Congregational Care Team

Amy Holloway; Andra Opalinski; Brett Opalinski; Pam Davis; Greg Brown; Jill Lee-Barber; Joseph Hackett; Lee Edwards; Roger Brown; Sheri Barrera-Disler; Tiffany Baltazar; and Viveca Richards

One: Let us pray:

All: Jesus, we call upon your name as we begin the Care Team in our congregation. In your name we begin this ministry of listening, loving, caring, and supporting. Grant wisdom to those who will lead this ministry in our congregation. May your Spirit move those whom you have specially gifted to serve in this ministry. Help us to serve one another, reach out to those who are hurting, and care as you taught us. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

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 Scripture Lesson

1 John 3: 16-24

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Sharing the Love

Holy Communion

Hymn During Communion

Insert Next Page | For Everyone Born

For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,
 a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the po - wer,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,
 for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
 for wo - man and man, a sy - stem that's fair.
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.
 God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, com -
 pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -
 a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication
 UMH No. 172 | My Jesus I Love Thee

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Team

Preaching:	Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Liturgists:	Rev. Andy Peabody, <i>Associate Pastor</i>
Music:	Justin Bowen, <i>Interim Director of Fine Arts and Organist</i>
Communion Steward:	J.W. Mozley
Usher:	Christian Fuller
Greeter:	Kristen Fuller

WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW

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

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.



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.

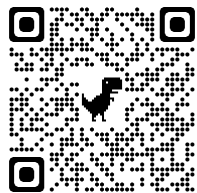
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Tithes & Offerings

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



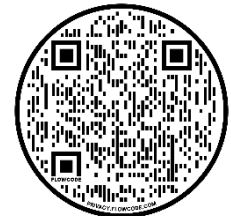
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Text to Give



- 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

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.

Parking

Visiting with us throughout the week? Don't forget to validate. Members with cars registered in the system DO NOT need to validate.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners

For reservations, please email **Robert Gilleo** at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org no later than 5 PM Tuesday. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Program begins at 6:00 PM.

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

Wiggins House Emergency Need

The stackable washer/dryer in Wiggins House has died.

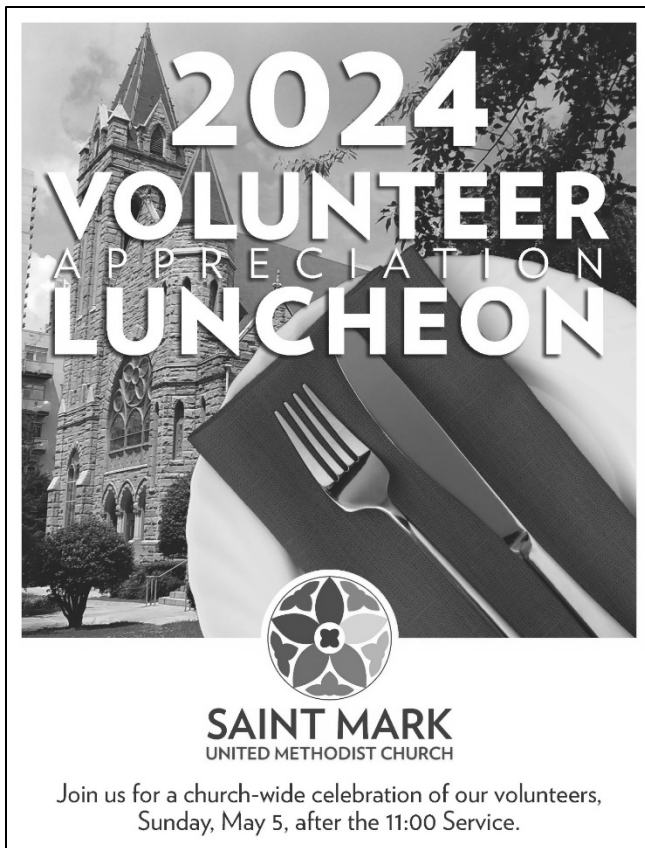
If you could assist with the funding of a new one, please reach out to Robert Gilleo in the church office at RJGilleo@stmarkumc.org.

Habitat for Humanity Build


<https://www.stmarkumc.org/habitat>

Saint Mark United Methodist will be again be participating in our Atlanta Habitat for Humanity build! This year, we're building a new home alongside Jemario, our homebuyer.

When we partner with Atlanta Habitat, we join them as a catalyst for neighborhood revitalization by building quality, affordable homes alongside the homeowners themselves creating opportunities for families to thrive beyond the build and well into the future. Please join our build and encourage your family and friends!



2024
VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON



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Join us for a church-wide celebration of our volunteers,
Sunday, May 5, after the 11:00 Service.



You're Invited

GREEN TEAM 101

Sunday, April 28, 2024
12:30pm | room 201



Join us for refreshments and a presentation by Hannah Shultz from Georgia Interfaith Power and Light.



INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE TO PRIDE AUCTION



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PRIDE SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 13, 2024

WE'RE GEARING UP TO HOST ANOTHER PRIDE AUCTION THIS YEAR! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE PRIDE AUCTION IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6TH TO 20TH THIS YEAR.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRIDE COMMITTEE OPERATES INDEPENDENTLY AND IS NOT FUNDED THROUGH THE CHURCH BUDGET . THEREFORE WE RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR EVENTS POSSIBLE

YOUR PARTICIPATION, DONATIONS, AND INVOLVEMENT ARE CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS YEAR'S AUCTION. WHETHER IT'S CONTRIBUTING ITEMS FOR AUCTION, VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME, OR SPREADING THE WORD, EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS.

TO COORDINATE DONATIONS, WE ASK THAT YOU EMAIL NOEY BARRERA-DISLER AT BDFAMILY99@GMAIL.COM WITH DETAILS ABOUT THE ITEMS YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE OR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.
Donations are accepted until May 17th.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Saint Mark UMC family.

HERE ARE A FEW WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

DONATE ITEMS:

We encourage you to consider purchasing gift cards from your favorite restaurants, coffee house, or stores. Additionally, unique artwork, handmade crafts, gift certificates, or special items available locally would be appreciated. Every contribution, regardless of size, holds the power to positively impact those around us.

OFFER SERVICES:

Donate your time and skills. Whether it's providing a home-cooked meal, gardening services, or offering a music lesson, your talents can help diversify and enrich our auction, appealing to a wider audience.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to support the auction. These funds will be used to enhance the event and contribute to our Pride Activities.

SPREAD THE WORD

Share the news about our Pride Auction with friends, family, and colleagues who might be interested in participating. The more people involved, the greater impact we can make together.