



# St. Mark's Remarks

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## It has been another busy year at St. Mark's!!

Last year, we paid 100% of our apportionments, AND we are on target to pay 50% in 2017.

AND YET we remain debt-free.

AND we have about \$81,000 in the bank.

AND we reopened the church nursery on Sunday mornings, hiring a part-time nursery worker.

AND we were awarded a \$100 grant for Blue Bucket Readers.

AND we assembled a new information packet for first-time visitors to our church.

AND we donated \$400 for hurricane relief.

AND we collected food for the pantry at Capleville UMC.

AND we distributed food monthly at the pantry.

AND we sponsor a thriving Boy Scout troop and Cub Scout program.

AND we have a UM Men's group that meets monthly for dinner and fellowship.

AND we have a UM Women's group that meet quarterly for missions and spiritual growth.

AND we have an adult chancel choir that leads us in worship through music each week.

AND we continue to be one of the largest supporters of the Golden Cross Ministry, providing welcome baskets and Bingo gifts for residents.

AND we hosted a Christmas Train Display for the Community.

AND we produced an Advent Devotional with Capleville and CrossRoads UM churches.

AND we hosted a Blessing of the Animals service at our church and donated treats to the Memphis Humane Society.

AND we celebrated with worship World Communion Sunday, Scout Sunday, Pentecost, Easter, Maundy Thursday, Baptism of the Lord, Advent, and other special moments.

AND we have hosted some gatherings for young adults.

AND we have two mid-week Bible studies for adults.

AND we hosted a concert by pianist Sandra Ramawy.

AND we took up special offerings for Grace Place, World Hunger, Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly, Golden Cross, Memphis Annual Conference mission project, World Service Fund, New Generations After School Program, and World Communion.

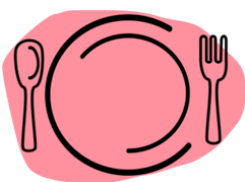
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## January Birthdays

Irene Beard	1/5	Vernice Phillips	1/8
Charles Phillips	1/9	Michael Graff	1/10
Dianne Hudnell	1/11	Ricky Reid	1/20
Joe Collier	1/29		

## Visitors Last Month

Payton Burge	Reilly Burge
Mark Grissom	Tracy Grissom
Daniel Hardin	James Hardin
MiKayla Hardin	Thomas Hardin
Karla McKinnon	Lindsay McKinnon
Shannon McKinnon	Denise Henderson
Austin McDowell	



## United Methodist Men

The UMM had a wonderful turnout for our annual Christmas Dinner. Thank you, Pastor Jo, for getting

all the wonderful door prizes!

Come join us on Tuesday, January 16, for our monthly "steak or chicken" dinner, at 6:30 p.m., in Fields Hall. Please join us for great food and great fellowship! Steak is \$10 and chicken is \$8. Please call me at (901) 359-7342 to confirm your steak or chicken! See you there!

Terry B. Draughon

## United Methodist Women

Happy New Year from your UMW! Thank you to everyone who participated in the UMW Christmas Post-office. It is a wonderful ministry and those receiving cards were blessed. Our first meeting of the year is Saturday, January 6, at 10 a.m. Please plan to attend, we will be making plans for 2018. Hope to see you there. Of course, please join us for First Sunday Lunch on January 7.

Blessings,  
Leesa Henderson, UMW President

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to buy the new Christmas Tree. We make enough to cover the cost. Thank you, again!!!



## Choir Notes

Thank you, Thank you to all the members of our choir and to Sean for their hard work and dedication in putting together a splendid

Christmas Cantata. You are all so very much appreciated.

Thanks again,  
*Jim*

## Church Council Meeting

There will be a Church Council meeting Sunday, January 21st, after worship service. All Committee chairs will need to either submit a written report or plan to attend.

## Golden Cross

Thank you to everyone at St. Mark's for helping us have another successful year! We supplied our seniors in need: 200 Welcome Baskets, Hundreds of BINGO gifts, 300 Fourth of July gifts, 3 new TV sets, 12 new appliances, and gave them a Christmas Party with music, gifts, food, games & a tree with ornaments.

I personally would like to thank those that made so much of this happen. You know who you are!

God Bless & Happy New Year,  
Sherry Raggett

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**AND** we had a butterfly release to celebrate the pastor's birthday.

**AND** we doubled attendance at the community Easter Egg Hunt.

**AND** we reached out to our community with Trunk or Treat, a Christmas cantata, Easter Sunrise service, Easter cantata and other activities.

**AND** we were nurtured in faith by Sunday School classes and art displays in the narthex.

**AND** we have stood together with one another through many life challenges.

Grace, Peace & Joy!

*Pastor Jo*

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## January 2018

5 Sunday	1 Monday	2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday	Friday	6 Saturday
		6:00p Yoga 7:15p Cub Scouts		6:00p Yoga		9:00a Yoga 10:00a UMW Meeting
7 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a 1st Sunday Lunch Communion to Golden Cross	8 6-9:00p Scouts	9 6:00p Yoga 7:15p Cub Scouts	10	11 6:00p Yoga	12	13 9:00a Yoga 10:00a Metro District Team Mtg.
14 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice	15 6-9:00p Scouts	16 6:30p UMM Dinner	17 6:00p Bible Study	18 6:00p Yoga	19	20 9:00a Yoga
21 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Choir Practice 11:30a. Church Council Meeting	22 6-9:00p Scouts	23 11-1:00 Food Pantry 6:00p Yoga 7:15p Cub Scouts	24 6:00p Bible Study	25 6:00p Yoga	26	27 9:00a Yoga
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