

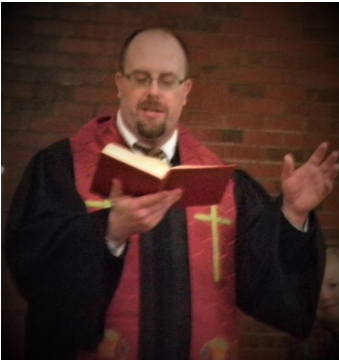


St. Mark's Remarks

8255 Winchester Road * Memphis, Tennessee 38125 * (901) 754-8185 * www.stmarksmemphis.org

Published monthly by St. Mark's United Methodist Church
September 1, 2018

Rev. Greg Taylor, pastor



All of Us Are Needed

In 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Paul writes to the church at Corinth about the different gifts of the people in the church and the diverse ways in which God was calling the Corinthians to use these gifts. Paul spoke from a position of knowing the people in the church and desiring for the Corinthian church to meet the needs of the people within the walls and in the surrounding community.

I believe Paul's call to us here at St. Mark's UMC is still as active and vital as it was to the Corinthians two thousand years ago. Having been here for two months, I have had the honor of getting to know many different people with greatly diverse gifts. God has truly blessed St. Mark's UMC with a multitude of spiritual gifts. I have met the teachers, the musicians, the servers, the helpers, the caretakers, the coaches, the prayers, the leaders, the servants, and all of the rest.

1 Corinthians 12:7 reads, "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." I truly believe God places people of various gifts in the same communities so the common good can be achieved. And that common good is sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, ministering to all God's people, and furthering God's kingdom here on earth.

In order to bring about this common good, *all of us are needed*. All of us are blessed with certain gifts that, when utilized, will build St. Mark's UMC toward a fuller and richer ministry and mission as a Christian church. God has called us here, at this time and place, to provide loving and effective ministries, be missionaries in our surrounding communities, and share God's message of love and grace.

During September, the sermon series for the first four Sundays will focus on Spiritual Gifts. On Sunday, September 23rd, I would encourage each of you to take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory and fill it out. It will be scored, and you will receive a very good description of your Spiritual Gifts. Then, my goal is to use those Spiritual Gifts to allow each of you to grow in your service of God through St. Mark's UMC as we utilize passions and gifts to move us into the future.

On the last Sunday of September, the 30th, we will participate in a Service of Healing. In conjunction with Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare's 100th Anniversary, this important service that recognizes our humanity and the many illnesses we take part in through our humanness. This service will be a time of prayer, community, faith, and healing as we remember who God is and how present God is in the midst of all sickness. It will be a reminder that God calls us to be whole, rooted in God's image, and made as physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual beings.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Greg Taylor

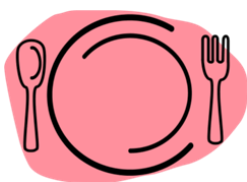
September Birthdays

Mary Jane Randolph 9/1 Sunshine McKinnon 9/3
Sandra Ramawy 9/12 Peggy Willoughby 9/14
Lee Chandler 9/25

Visitors Last Month

Janice Thornton Holly Perry
Martha Bailey Mary Jane's granddaughter

United Methodist Men



Come join us on Tuesday, September 18th, for our monthly "steak or chicken" dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Fields Hall. Please, join us for great food and great fellowship and a chance to get to know our

new pastor! Steak is \$10 and chicken is \$8. Please, call me at (901) 412-9125 to confirm your steak or chicken! See you there!

Mike Graff

United Methodist Women

Greetings from your UMW! We had a great time at our mini-retreat last month. We had 15 ladies. Plus Bro. Greg, Jonathan, and Keegan attended. Thank you all for coming. The movie, *I Can Only Imagine*, was excellent. We will not have a September First Sunday, but will resume Sunday, October 7th. The Metro District UMW Annual Day will be held Sunday, September 16th, at 2:00 at Aldersgate UMC. We will carpool after Worship, have lunch, and then travel to the celebration. The Memphis Conference UMW Annual Day will be held at Covenant UMC on Saturday, September 29th, at 10:00. Our next unit meeting will be Saturday, October 6th, at 11:00 a.m. (time changed from the usual 10:00 a.m.). Please, plan to attend Annual Day and our next meeting.

Grace and Peace,
Leesa Henderson, UMW President



Celebrate

the work of our hands

Labor Day



Choir Notes

WOW!! The choir was blessed with two months off this year!! Special thanks to Rev. Greg for his help on guitar. Our regular routine of 11:30 am choir practice will resume the second Sunday of September when we welcome Sean back from his journey to China. He will be sharing some traditional Chinese music in October during worship. What a treat!! With everyone starting back fresh, now is a good time to join the choir!

Jim

Food Pantry

Don't forget! St. Mark's day to work the Food Pantry at Capleville UMC is Tuesday, September 25.

Nursery

Our Nursery is open on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. til 11:30 a.m. Tell your family and friends to bring their little ones and join us!

NOW

The NOW committee met August 9th. The Crafts Fair will be September 22nd, please, plan to attend and help support our church. The 4th Annual Blessing of the Animals will be Saturday, October 6th, at 10:00 a.m. A flyer will be distributed. We will have a NOW meeting on September 6th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss action items to complete and volunteers needed for the Crafts Fair. Our next regular NOW meeting will be Thursday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m..

Blessings!

Beverly Hardin, NOW Coordinator

Lawn Care

Larry could use help picking up sticks, limbs & trash, and oh, what a great way to get some exercise!!! If you've got some time on your hands, come on up and pick up sticks & limbs and put them by the nearest tree.

Recycle

Remember that we have a recycle container in the fellowship hall. Please, use it whenever possible to help us "be green".



Fall Arts & Crafts Fair

Don't forget our Arts & Crafts Fair, Saturday, September 22nd, from 9 a.m. til 2 p.m. We are getting a lot of response. This should be a fun event, good for our church, and a great time to buy for Christmas! We will need volunteers to work this event, so please, get in touch with Sherry Raggett at 489-1538.

**Follow us on Facebook: St Mark's United
Methodist Church - Memphis, Tennessee**

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Choir Practice Communion to Clergy Wellness	3 6-9:00p Scouts	4 6:00p Yoga 6:30p Trus- tee's Mtg. 7:15p Cub Scouts	5	6 6:00p NOW Mtg. (Crafts Fair) 6:00p Yoga	7	1 9:00a Yoga <hr/> 8 Yoga
9 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30p Choir Practice	10 6-9:00p Scouts	11 6:00p Yoga 7:15p Cub Scouts	12 6:00p Bible Study	13 10:00a Ladies Bible Study 6:00p Yoga	14	15 9:00a Yoga
16 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30p Choir Practice	17 6-9:00p Scouts	18 6:30p UMM Dinner	19 6:00p Bible Study	20 6:00p Yoga	21	22 9-2:00p Crafts Fair
23 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30p Choir Practice	24 6-9:00p Scouts	25 11-1p Food Pantry 6:00p Yoga 7:15p Cub Scouts	26 6:00p Bible Study	27 10:00a Ladies Bible Study 6:00p Yoga	28	29 9:00a Yoga
30 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:30p Choir Practice						

Bible Study & Class Meeting

On Wednesday, September 12th the Wednesday evening Bible study will begin again. The focus will be on the Gospel of Matthew. So, for all the Gospel lovers out there, this is not a Bible Study to be missed. If you would like, please bring a dinner. We will have a short fellowship time followed by a really interactive and informative Bible Study. Hope to see you there.

On Thursday, September 13th, we will begin a different type of study. As United Methodists, our history is founded upon small group ministry. I would like to try a new type of small group (for us, but not for early Methodists) called the class meeting. The class meeting is more intentional, transformational, and community building. It will take place over ten weeks and will require the need to purchase the book, The Class Meeting, by Kevin M. Watson. If we order them in bulk at seedbed.com, we can get a discount of the \$16.95 price. For ten books, we receive a 15% discount and get the books around \$14.50. So, we need ten brave souls to sign up and agree to participate in this transformative opportunity to grow in your faith and from closer to the others participant. We can order it through the church and have you pay for it when we get them in. Please let Peggy know if you would like to be part of this by September 4th, so we have time to get the books in. We will begin on September 13th with an introductory session outlining Wesleyan small groups and quickly walking through the book, and then we will meet again on September 27th for the first of 8 sessions that will introduce and accustom us to the class meeting. This small group opportunity will begin at 10 m and last one hour and 15 minutes.

See you there!!

Rev. Greg Taylor

St Mark's United Methodist Church
8255 Winchester Road
Memphis, TN 38125

