

Adult Ministries are Heating Up!

- **College, Young Adults, and Walking in Faith Classes** merge for the summer
- **GriefShare** course offered this Fall
- Save the Date for St. Mark's **Love • Serve • Lead Day – August 22, 2026**
- **MT Wesley Pickleball Tournament**
- **What's on Your Mind?** Share what's on your mind with the church staff
- **Many Thanks** to all who offered hospitality in the past weeks
- **Thursday Women's Bible Study** returns August 13th
- **St. Mark's Preschool** is hiring teachers!
- **Make a Difference in a Child's Life** – Be a Mentor at Reeves Rogers

ST. MARK'S YOUNG ADULT CLASSES MERGE FOR THE SUMMER

In light of busy summer travel schedules, the College, Young Adults, and Walking in Faith Classes have decided to merge for the remainder of the summer. All are invited to explore current issues of faith and life and grow together in the discipleship of Jesus Christ. The class is led by Trish Clark and Beth Morris and meets in Room 501. Contact Rev. Martha Touchton for more information.

3RD ANNUAL

AUGUST 15, 2026

REGISTER NOW



\$50
PER TEAM

PLAY STARTS AT 9:30 AM

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



TO BENEFIT



**2 DIVISIONS - JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT
WE'RE A LITTLE MORE COMPETITIVE**

HELD AT:
ST. MARKS UMC.
1267 N. RUTHERFORD BLVD

GET MORE INFORMATION AT:
[WWW..WESLEYFOUNDATIONMT.ORG/
PICKLEBALL-TOURNAMENT](http://WWW.WESLEYFOUNDATIONMT.ORG/PICKLEBALL-TOURNAMENT)

Wesley of MT is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Pickleball Tournament on August 15th, with play beginning at 9:30 a.m. here at St. Mark's. This recreational tournament has two divisions: "Just for the Fun of It" or "We're a little more competitive." The cost is \$50 per team. Please check our website at www.wesleyfoundationmt.org/pickleball-tournament for more information and to register.



13 Sessions on Sundays, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Beginning August 9th at St. Mark's UMC

\$20 Materials Fee, Assistance Available

Orientation Sunday, August 2, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For the registration link, email martha@stmarkstn.org

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Offered AT ST. MARK'S UMC

Almost everyone knows someone going through grief: it might be a friend or a family member, a neighbor, a coworker, or it might be you. GriefShare can help.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar designed to help persons rebuild their lives after losing a loved one. St. Mark's group is led by Cyndy Stone Allen, a deeply caring individual who has experienced grief and wants to help others through the difficult days ahead. You can learn more about GriefShare [here](#).

GriefShare meetings are on Sundays, 4:00 – 6:00 pm for 13 Sessions beginning August 9th. A brief orientation meeting will be held Sunday, August 2nd, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., and books will be distributed at that time.

All meetings will be held at St. Mark's in room 504. Limit 10 participants, open to the public. A materials fee of \$20.00 is payable to St. Mark's UMC by Sunday, August 2nd; assistance is available, please speak to Rev. Touchton if needed.

To register or for more information, visit [here](#) or email martha@stmarkstn.org



WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

As we plan for upcoming ministries, your church staff would like to hear about what's on your mind and heart so we can respond to your needs more effectively.

You're invited to respond to this brief [questionnaire](#).

MILESTONES AND TRANSITIONS: MANY THANKS!!!

Thanks to all who had a hand in helping coordinate celebrations for the many milestones and transitions we have accomplished this summer, including:

- Lisa Chappell, who helped coordinate our hospitality and oversee our clergy receptions
- The Sweet Addiction, our caterer
- The United Methodist Men for their assistance with beverages, set-up, and clean-up.
- A host of other helpers who lent a hand.

May God bless St. Mark's UMC as we continue to move forward for Christ!



Martha Lovelton



Save the Date:
LOVE•SERVE•LEAD DAY
Saturday, August 22, 2026
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

At St. Mark's United Methodist Church, we believe that one of the best ways to demonstrate God's love is through service to our community.

As part of that commitment, you are invited to join in service alongside local nonprofits, community organizations, and our own church family.

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Serve in your chosen project. Options include:

- *Family-friendly projects where children can participate alongside parents*
- *Seated or low-mobility projects especially for persons with physical limitations*
- *Hands-on or physically active projects for volunteers who enjoy outdoor work or more strenuous service opportunities*
- *Project sites include the MTSU Wesley, Nourish Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Reeves Rogers, The Journey Home, and some of St. Mark's homebound's residences, as well as the Red Cross Blood Drive.*

Registration for projects will occur August 2 - 16.

Nursery Care for Infants - Age 4 provided at St. Mark's UMC

Please Reserve with Hannah Underwood

12:15 p.m. Ministry Celebration Lunch served at St. Mark's

Watch our newsletter, bulletin and social media outlets for more information.

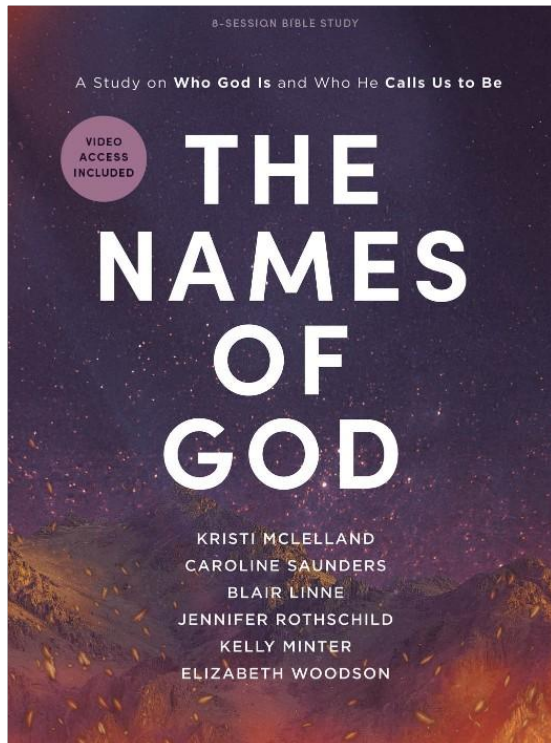
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and coordinated by

Meg Van Patten and Rev. Martha Touchton





Thursday Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

An 8-Week Study

Beginning August 13th

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

Led by Patti Daws in Room 1203

Please order your own book!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

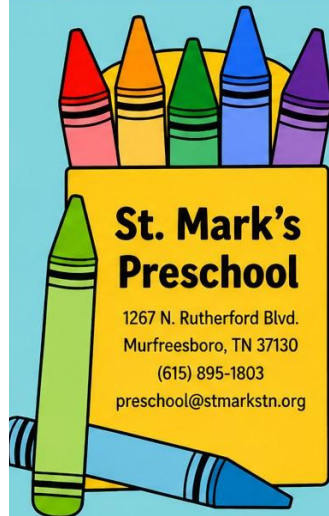


BE A MENTOR!

Everyone needs a friend, but some children need special adults in their lives to help them learn, serve as a role model, and offer encouragement. Adults who serve as a mentor to a Reeves Rogers student enjoy a fulfilling ministry!

For more info, contact Mary Jane Henry (615-631-1902), Margie Jennings (615-202-7840), or Peggy Jackson (615-260-1817).

St. Mark's Preschool IS HIRING TEACHERS!



★ **WE'RE LOOKING FOR
AMAZING TEACHERS**
to join our Christ-centered team!

- ★ Make a difference in little lives
- ★ Work in a loving, faith-filled environment
- ★ Be part of a supportive, encouraging team
- ★ Grow professionally and personally

🕒 **PRESCHOOL HOURS:**
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

☀️ We offer several options for
work hours to fit your schedule! 💕

📅 Occasional
evening events

🚫 No weekends



*Help shape little hearts
and bright futures!*



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