



St. Mark's Kids



Explore, Wonder, and Grow in God's Love!

## Sunday Mornings at 9:15!

Our Preschool (Age 2 to PreK 5), Younger Elementary (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade), and Older Elementary (3rd to 5th Grade) children will meet for Sunday school to explore Bible stories, engage in meaningful activities, and grow in their faith through age-appropriate lessons and hands-on learning. **The preschool class will meet in Room 305, the younger elementary class will meet in Room 214, and the older elementary class will meet in Room 212.**



# GODLY PLAY

## Preschool and Younger Elementary Sunday School

Preschool and Younger Elementary classes will use the Godly Play curriculum to explore Bible stories through imaginative and interactive storytelling. Classes will begin in Room 304 and end their time in their separate classrooms.

### What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired approach to children's faith formation that invites them to explore Bible stories with wonder and imagination.

### How It Supports Children's Spiritual Growth:

- **Engages Through Storytelling:** Uses hands-on materials to bring Bible stories to life.
- **Encourages Reflection:** Prompts children to wonder and connect personally with God's story.
- **Fosters Spiritual Growth:** Builds foundational skills for prayer, worship, and lifelong faith.
- **Creates a Safe Space:** Provides a calm, welcoming environment for creativity and community.

Godly Play nurtures children's faith by helping them see themselves as part of God's story in a meaningful and joyful way.

# colaborate

## Bible Study

### Older Elementary Sunday School

The Older Elementary class will use the Colaborate: New Testament curriculum. The Colaborate: New Testament curriculum provides older children with engaging lessons that foster exploration, discussion, and a deeper understanding of Scripture.



#### **Colaborate helps students answer the question, “so what?”**

Allows students to discover the richness of the New Testament using proven learning methods such as problem-based learning.



#### **Changes the way students think about faith and the Bible**

Helps children take an honest look at the holy mystery and the complexity of Scripture to move them onto a path of growth and discovery.



#### **Is a quality curriculum created by United Methodists**

Know your students will learn from a deep, thought-provoking curriculum created by United Methodist theologians, practitioners, and artists.



## **Frolic Nursery: Little Steps, Big Faith**

Our Nursery aged children (Birth to 1 year) will explore Frolic Nursery lessons. Drawing on brain science as well as theology,

Frolic was designed by early childhood experts to build faith through play in babies, toddlers, and young children from birth to age five. Frolic uses Bible lessons, music, and play to help build a firm Faith foundation.



### **Start faith formation at birth**

Uses a curriculum-based on early childhood best practices to help your little ones to take little steps to big faith—starting at birth.



### **Focuses on learning at their level**

Frolic's curriculum focuses on helping young children explore faith concepts in the way they know best— through play!



### **Equips caregivers to nurture faith**

Equips leaders and parents to nurture faith in many ways—through storytelling, prayers, and music.



## **Kids Connection this Wednesday!**

Need a break from a hectic week? Don't feel like cooking? Searching for community? Bring your family to Wednesday Night Together! Children will meet from 6:00-7:00 for a time of connection, fun and games, and life application in Room 304.

ST. MARK'S CHILDREN'S  
*Easter*

EVENTS

- **Sunday, April 13th**- Worship and Palm Sunday Parade at 10:30 AM
- **Saturday, April 19th**- Bunny Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00 - 11:00 AM
- **Sunday, April 20th**- Children's Resurrection Scavenger Hunt at 9:00 AM
- **Sunday, April 20th**- Easter Worship and Butterfly Parade at 10:30 AM

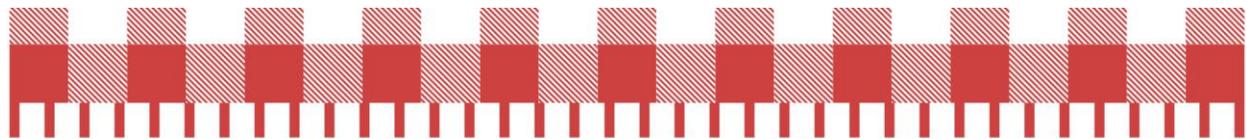
## **Don't Miss these Holy Week Events at St. Mark's!**

Palm Sunday is this Sunday! Children participating in the parade will line up in the children's wing starting at 10:15 a.m.



## Save the Date for St. Mark's Bunny Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt!

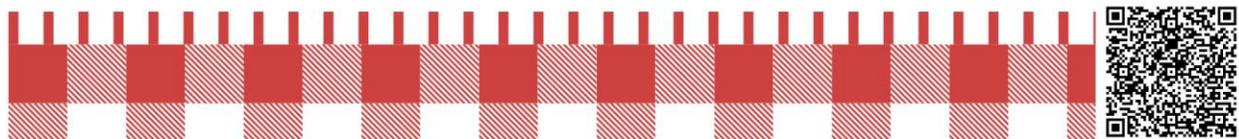
All families are invited to St. Mark's Bunny Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11 AM located in the banquet hall/front lawn. Click [here](#) to RSVP by this **Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget to bring an Easter basket!



## ST. MARK'S CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC APRIL 27TH, 11:30 AM-2 PM

Bring a family-size side dish or dessert to share. The Family Ministries team will provide the meat.

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RSVP BY SUNDAY, APRIL 20.



Join us for the Church-wide Picnic on  
**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>!**

You and your family are invited to the Church-wide picnic! Please bring a family-sized side dish or dessert to share. The Family Ministries Team will provide the main course.

Enjoy fun and games for all ages! Kindly **RSVP by Sunday, April 20th** by clicking [here](#) or calling the church office. Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship with your church family!



## Cedar Crest Camp Summer Registration

If you have registered your child/youth for Cedar Crest Camp this summer, please click [here](#) to inform us which week they are attending. We will send camp scholarships for the students listed on this list!

A colorful banner for Vacation Bible School. At the top, it reads "ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" in a light blue font. Below this, the words "VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL" are written in large, bold, white letters with a slight shadow. Underneath, the dates and times "JUNE 23-26, 9 AM - 12 PM" are displayed. The background features a stylized landscape with green trees, a blue sky with white clouds, and a road. In the center of the road, a cartoon dog wearing a red cap and a yellow lei is sitting on a green car. Below the dog is a blue sign that says "ROAD TRIP" in white letters, with "ON THE GO WITH GOD" written in smaller letters below it. In the top right corner, there is a QR code with a black box below it that says "SCAN ME". At the bottom of the banner, the address "1267 N Rutherford Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37130" is written in white text.

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VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23-26, 9 AM - 12 PM

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**VBS Registration is OPEN!**

Get ready for *Road Trip VBS: On the Go with God!*  
Registration is now open, and we'd love for you to join the  
journey.

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend.  
Younger children of VBS volunteers and kids enrolled in  
St. Mark's Preschool's Summer Fun program are also  
welcome.

👉 [Click here to register your child](#)

👉 [Adult and youth volunteers can register here](#)

If you feel led to serve in this ministry area, please email  
Hannah Pratt at [hannah@stmarkstn.org](mailto:hannah@stmarkstn.org).

## Upcoming Events!



### **Save the Date for Cokesbury's VBS Recording at St. Mark's!**

Cokesbury will be recording their 2026 Vacation Bible School videos at St. Mark's! This is an exciting opportunity for us, and we need your children to participate! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.**  
More information to come.



## **April Little Lights and G.L.O.W. Kids Meet-Up!**

### **Little Lights**

This service/fellowship group is for families with children age birth to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. This is a family friendly group! Adults must remain with their child throughout the duration of the event. Invite a friend! Click [here](#) for the Spring 2025 schedule.

- **April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4-5 p.m.** – Little Light families will participate in a special Tree Planting Day on St. Mark's grounds. This service project is a wonderful way to care for creation and enjoy time together in nature. Bring your gardening gloves, and we'll provide the trees and the fun! Please **RSVP to Hillary no later than Friday, April 11.** 🌱❤️
- **Save the Date-** June 1<sup>st</sup> from 3-6 p.m. – Moms Loving Moms' Family Fun Fest at St. Mark's. All St. Mark's families are invited to attend! More information to follow.

## G.L.O.W. Kids

This service/fellowship group is for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Invite a friend! Click [here](#) for the Spring 2025 schedule.

- **April 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.** – Glow Kids will be packing food bags for students in local school systems at Second Harvest Food Bank in Nashville. Parent volunteers are needed. Please **RSVP to Hannah no later than Friday, April 11**. All child volunteers must complete a waiver form - click [here](#) to access the waiver.
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**SAFER SANCTUARIES**  
Nurturing Trust within Faith Communities

**Help St. Mark's be a Safe Sanctuary to all people entrusted to our care!**

- Keep empty rooms locked
- Sign children in and out of classrooms
- Supervise your children at all times
- Accompany your children to the Restroom

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Ways you can help:

- Keep empty rooms locked
- Sign children in and out of classrooms

- Supervise your children at all times
  - Accompany your children to the Restroom
- Help us observe the two-adult rule at all times by serving as a Safe Sanctuaries helper
- If you see any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate, inform a ministry leader

Please contact Hannah Pratt at [hannah@stmarkstn.org](mailto:hannah@stmarkstn.org) if you have any questions. Follow our St. Mark's Children's Ministry Facebook page and Instagram @stmarkstnkids for more information!

