



COLLEGE MINISTRY

All college students and friends are invited to be part of the College group, meeting Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in Room 502 across from the church office. A light breakfast is served, everyone is welcome, bring a friend!



Make Plans Now to Give Thanks to God at

St. Mark's UMC Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner & Worship

Tuesday, November 26th, 5:00 p.m. Dinner,
6:00 p.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Reservations Due Sunday, November 24th!



Food, Fellowship, Faith, and Fun for All Ages!

Featuring food preparation and service by
THE SWEET ADDICTION catering and
St. Mark's United Methodist Men.

This Week's Menu, 11/6

*Poppy Seed Chicken with Rice, Green
Beans, Southern Fried Cabbage, Honey
Molasses Brown Bread, Mixed Berry Trifle*

November 6 Adult Classes and Groups, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.:

Romans 8 – 16 Join in this short-term Bible study based on commentary by the late contemporary theologian, Timothy Keller. Led by Josh Brown, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 in Room 402/404.

Chair Volleyball Ever try to stay in a chair while also trying to get a ball across a net? Well, come try Chair Volleyball! It is not your typical volleyball game. Both young and old love the challenge and have fun doing it! Led by Pam Sites, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 in the gymnasium.

Sewing 101 with Trish For those new to sewing, you can learn:

- How to thread, operate and repair a sewing machine
- Basic skills – sewing, mending, buttons, patches
- How to use a pattern and select fabric, and more

You can bring your own machine or several will be available to use!

Led by Trish Clark, Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 & 13, in Room 503/505.

The Grand Sweep Large group discussion on the scripture readings from Week #45 led by Rev. Barry Culbertson.

Coming Soon:

Triumph over Trauma with Rev. Neelley Hicks – Nov. 13

Thanksgiving Meal and Worship – Tuesday, November 26th



Rev. Neelley Hicks to Introduce Triumph Over Trauma at Wednesday Night Together

Trauma comes in many forms and can have severe, long-lasting effects on individuals, families, and communities. Identifying trauma, learning to deal with it, healing from it, and moving forward can help you and those around you.

Triumph over Trauma is a focused on helping people discuss trauma in group settings and develop coping mechanisms. It pulls from the national trauma recovery program Trauma Addictions Mental Health and Recovery (TAMAR), a 30-week-long curriculum from the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, and includes supplemental material for participants from Christian, Jewish, Islamic, and Native American backgrounds. It's not meant to replace other forms of mental health care, such as therapy, but is intended to aid it.

Rev. Hicks is passionate about providing equitable, knowledgeable, and compassionate community care models that are available to all persons, and training that helps people understand the connection between trauma and the body. Rev. Hicks' non-profit, Harper Hill Global, provides training for persons who want to become facilitators so they can learn and share with others. A 4-session group based on **Triumph Over Trauma** begins online Monday, December 2nd at noon, lasts through Monday, December 23, and is called "Healing through the Holidays." You can register at <https://HarperHill.Global/courses>.

Rev. Hicks, an ordained Deacon in the Tennessee/Western Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church, will be our guest at Wednesday Night Together on November 13th, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., and will give an overview and invitation to persons who might like to participate in a **Triumph Over Trauma** group or become a trained facilitator.

THE GOSPELS

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SPECIAL EVENT

Sunday, December 1, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
in St. Mark's Sanctuary
with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine



Dr. Levine is a highly sought-after speaker, author, and commentator on Jewish-Christian matters, outspoken about the need for Jews and Christians to come to know each other better, and more accurately. She is a great friend of Christianity and an outstanding example of openness between the Jewish and Christian communities, showing how both traditions are growing, learning and being enriched from their encounter with the other.

Amy-Jill Levine is University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita at Vanderbilt and Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, Hartford International University for Religion and Peace.

In Spring 2019 she was the first Jew to teach New Testament at Rome's Pontifical Biblical Institute. In 2022 she received the Seelisberg Prize for Jewish-Christian Relations from the International Council of Christians and Jews; in 2023 she received the H. Walter Award for Reconciliation and Interfaith Cooperation from Archbishop of Canterbury. She has been a frequent guest at St. Mark's Sunday evening Disciple Bible Study classes.

Holding the B.A. from Smith College, and the M.A. and Ph.D. from Duke University, she has honorary doctorates from the University of Richmond, the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, the University of South Carolina-Upstate, Drury University, Christian Theological Seminary, and Franklin College. A self-described Yankee Jewish feminist, Professor Levine is a member of Congregation Sherith Israel, an Orthodox Synagogue in Nashville, although she is often quite unorthodox.

Her most recent book, [Jesus for Everyone](#), places Jesus of Nazareth within his historical context, bringing him vividly into focus and inviting everyone from faithful Christians, agnostics, and the most committed nonbelievers to appreciate his lasting impact on our world today.

Mark your calendar for this final session:

➤ **January 12, 2025: 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Revelation with Dr. Rebecca Wright**

10:30 a.m. Worship with Bishop Joe E. Pennel, Jr., retired United Methodist bishop

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., The Grand Sweep Celebration Luncheon, reservations required



Save the Date!!!

What: Merry Mission Marketplace, where your dollar gives twice!

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Where: St. Mark's United Methodist Church Gym

A FEW MORE VENDOR SLOTS AVAILABLE!

Non-Profits who offer items for sale at the MMM retain 100% of their profits. Crafters and other for-profit vendors donate 20% of their profits to a non-profit agency.

Need a Vendor Application or know a possible crafter who has a heart for mission?

Contact Rev. Martha Touchton, martha@stmarkstn.org



ST. MARK'S UMC FAMILY FUN DAY

AT MTSU's FLOYD STADIUM

Join the fun with your church family and friends!

New Mexico State Aggies vs. MTSU Blue Raiders

1:30 p.m. Saturday, November 23rd

Your \$11 ticket includes a hotdog and soda

All seats for St. Marks will be grouped together

for a day of FUN, FAMILY, and FOOTBALL!!!

To purchase your tickets, complete the coupon below,

place in envelope with payment,

and return to David Cowan by 11/10/24

Payment must be made to St. Marks United Methodist Church by 11/10/2024.
Tickets will be distributed Sunday, November 17!

Please circle method of payment: Online Payment Cash CHECK # _____

Number of tickets: _____ x \$11 (reg. \$28) = _____

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____