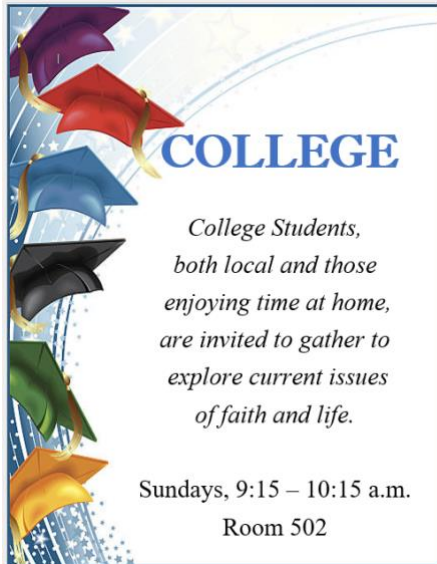


Adult Ministries are Falling into Place!

- **Meeting Hunger with a Faithful Response:** A New Way You Can Support St. Mark's Food Bank
- **New Young Singles Ministry, FLYING SOLO,** launches at St. Mark's
- Students invited to join the **College Ministry**
- **Sweatpants Drive a Tremendous Success!**
- **Wednesday Night Together** joins in mission!
- **"Stone Soup Food Drive"** Donations due this Sunday, November 9th
- Make a reservation today for **Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship**
- **Cultivating A Theology and Life of Generosity** Adult Discipleship Special Event November 16th



COLLEGE MINISTRY

Sunday Mornings: 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!

Wednesday Study Session: All College students are invited to gather in the Chapel Room 501, after Wednesday Night Together dinner.

THE SWEATPANTS PROJECT For Reeves Rogers Elementary

Thank you for your incredible generosity toward the children of Reeves Rogers Elementary School, especially those individuals, classes, and groups who donated sweatpants these past weeks. This past Thursday, 200 pairs of sweatpants were delivered to Reeves Rogers. Thanks be to God!



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.

Next Week's Menu, 11/5:

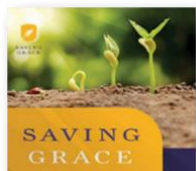
*Baked Ham with Baked Sweet Potatoes,
Corn, Rolls, and Carrot Cake*

Reservations Due on Monday Prior!

November 5 Adult Classes and Groups, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

BOOKS OF FAITH: The Gospel of John focusing on the theological discourses, prayers, and conversations of Jesus, God's eternal Word made flesh. Study books, \$10 each. This week's discussion of Lesson #6 will be led by Rev. LeNoir Culbertson in the Banquet Hall.

AMERICA'S FOOTPATH: THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL On the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Appalachian Trail Conference, Greg Denton will share the history of this celebrated trail, a practically unbroken 2100-mile linear stretch of wilderness, arguably the most famous footpath in the world. Room 402/404.



SAVING GRACE: A GUIDE TO FINANCIAL WELL-BEING helps people of faith create healthy relationships with money and bring their financial lives in line with their faith values. Six Sessions, October 1 – November 12. Led by Rev. Mike Waldrop in Room 503/505. ***Note: This Class is Full!***

COLLEGE STUDY SESH: Enjoy a little peace and quiet among friends every Wednesday, Room 502.

Coming Up at WNT!

Wednesday, November 12th: Mission Project: THANKSGIVING in a BOX

Wednesday, November 19th: Thanksgiving Dinner and Stone Soup Worship
With St. Mark's Preschool Children and Families

Note: Dinner Reservations Due Wednesday, November 12th!

Wednesday, December 3rd: Merry Mission Marketplace

Wednesday, December 10th: Mission Projects: Reeves Rogers, Begin Again Boxes,
and Christmas Cards for Inmates



Adult Discipleship Special Event
CULTIVATING A THEOLOGY
AND LIFE OF GENEROSITY

with Rev. Dr. David Comperry
9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday, November 16
in the Sanctuary

During this gathering, we will explore how generosity, grounded in God's nature, shapes both our faith and daily living. We will consider biblical teachings on God's grace and discover practical ways to live generously—through our time, talents, resources, and gifts that can have an impact for generations to come—so that our lives reflect God's love, strengthen communities, and participate in God's ongoing work in the world.

David Comperry is a retired Elder of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church. In 2017, after serving 45 years as a pastor of churches in both the legacy Tennessee and Memphis Conferences, David joined the staff of the United Methodist Foundation of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference. As a part time Field Representative of the Foundation, David visits local churches, assisting them in designing and implementing effective stewardship and investment strategies as well as promoting stewardship as a vital part of faithful discipleship.

David's father, W.D. Comperry, was an Elder in the Legacy Tennessee Conference. David received his B.A. from Vanderbilt University and his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from the Candler School of Theology of Emory University. While at Emory, he met Nancy Newton whom he married 55 years ago; together they have two adult daughters. David and Nancy currently live in Jackson, TN where David also serves as president of the local Rotary Club.

***All St. Mark's Adults and Adult Christian Education Classes
are invited and encouraged to attend!***

Thanksgiving “Stone Soup” **FOOD DRIVE**



to benefit the 40 families of Habitat for Humanity's Legacy Pointe Subdivision

**All Items Requested for the
Thanksgiving Food Boxes
have been Donated!**

Thank you for your Generosity!



St. Mark's UMC & Preschool

Thanksgiving

DINNER & WORSHIP



Based on the Stone Soup Story

Wednesday, November 19

5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner

Turkey with Dressing and Gravy, Sweet Potatoes,
Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Pumpkin Pie

\$10/Adult, Children, Youth, & College FREE

Reservations Due Wednesday, November 12th

6:00 p.m. Stone Soup Worship

featuring music sung by
the Children of St. Mark's Preschool
and St. Mark's Chancel Choir

MEETING HUNGER
WITH A FAITHFUL RESPONSE:
LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS



As approximately 22,000 residents in Rutherford County experience a pause in SNAP benefits, St. Mark's Food Bank ministry team is anticipating a significant increase in food insecurity across our community. Being people of faith, our calling is clear: to feed, to welcome, to care, to share. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25, "For I was hungry, and you gave me food..." — an invitation to love our neighbors in real and tangible ways.

At St. Mark's, we have already been faithfully feeding our neighbors through our Food Bank ministry, through supplemental food bags given to Reeves Rogers children in preparation for school breaks, and thru bulk food deliveries to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. This month, we are also planning to give Thanksgiving food boxes to 40 new homeowners in Habitat for Humanity's new Legacy Pointe subdivision.

To better facilitate this important work and keep our Food Bank well-stocked and able to meet increased need, we have set up a simplified way of donating to our Food Bank that can be widely shared with our community through a [Food Bank Grocery Shopping List](#) on Amazon.com. This list contains items regularly included in our food boxes and distributed Monday - Friday during office hours.

To use the list, simply click on the items you would like to purchase and add them to your own Amazon Shopping Cart. Then, when checking out, you can either have the food shipped to you and bring it to church yourself, or have your order shipped directly to St. Mark's UMC by changing the shipping address to "1267 N. Rutherford Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130."

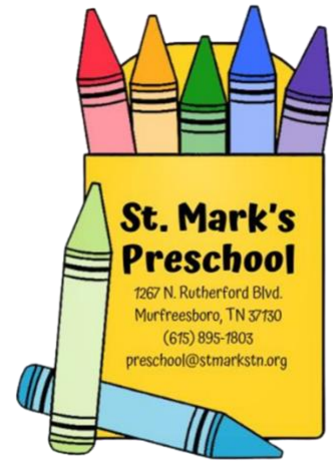
Or, if you prefer to give cash to help purchase bulk food at a lower cost, you can donate securely through our [stmarkstn.org website](http://stmarkstn.org) and mark your donation for "Food Bank."

God has already been at work among us as we have been providing food to our neighbors. May we continue to join together in fulfilling our call, so that we are ready to respond to our neighbors in need with generosity, hope, and the deep love of Christ.

Peace,

Martha Touchton

St. Mark's UMC Announces Job Opening: Preschool Director



St. Mark's Preschool and Parents' Day Out, a ministry of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, has a long tradition of providing the highest quality, nurturing care available for young children and their families. The Preschool offers licensed two-, three-, and five-day classes for children ages 1–5, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., with morning and afternoon extended care options.

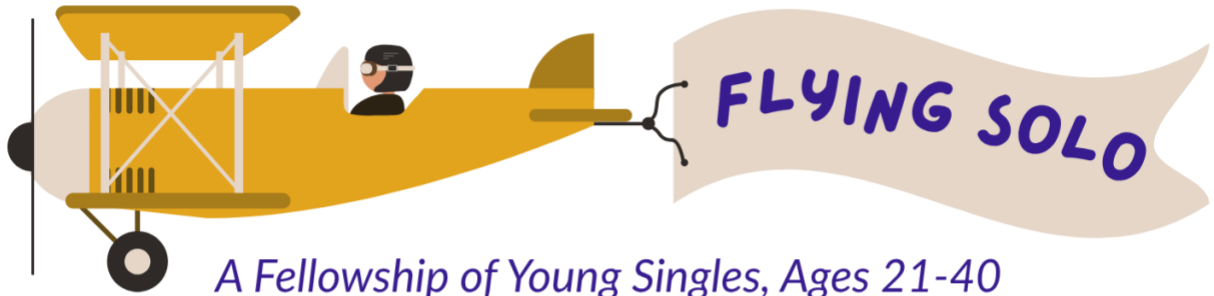
With gratitude for the ongoing leadership already in place during this season of transition through Interim Director Lani Chamberlain, and in accordance with state childcare licensing policies which require that an Interim Director may only serve for 60 days, St. Mark's is opening a search process to discern the next permanent Preschool Director who will help us build on our strengths. We are also exploring ways to expand our program to better serve our neighborhood and community in the future.

The previous search was conducted in the fall of 2022. Multiple applications were received, and the top three candidates were interviewed, all of which were already employed by the Preschool. Those who served on the search team became St. Mark's Preschool Ministry Board, including the chairs of St. Mark's Trustees, Staff Parish, and Finance Teams, two at large lay members of St. Mark's, two parents of St. Mark's preschool children, one staff liaison, and one St. Mark's clergy. That oversight team has met at least quarterly since the beginning of 2023, and members of that Board will conduct this search. We covet the prayers of our congregation throughout this process that we may discern the best candidate to lead our Preschool forward.

Applicants must meet the requirements of the State of Tennessee Licensure Rules for Child Care Agencies. A Bachelor's degree or higher in a relevant field (early childhood education, child development, education, liberal arts, business administration, human ecology, and/or consumer sciences) is preferred. Experience in childcare administration and familiarity with appropriate management software is also preferred.

Application materials and the job description for this position are available at <https://www.stmarkstn.org/resources>. Completed applications, resumes, and cover letters should be submitted to jobs@stmarkstn.org by Friday, November 14, 2025.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FUN AS WE
CREATE A NEW SPACE FOR COMMUNITY
AT ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



A Fellowship of Young Singles, Ages 21-40

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PIZZA AND GAME NIGHT

Friday, November 14, 6 - 10 pm

Pizza and Soft Drinks Provided

Jack Box Games & BYO Favorite Board Game

Door Prizes! Friends Welcome!

RSVP to Mark at (615) 691-1760

St. Mark's UMC, 1267 N. Rutherford Blvd.

Park in the Playground Circle, Enter Door #9 or #10

SUNDAY LUNCH OUT

November 30, 12:00 Noon

at Mi Patria Mexican Restaurant

2896 S. Rutherford Blvd.



Want to learn more?

Add someone to our mailing list?

Help plan future events?

Sit with a group in worship?

Never hear from us again?

Scan the QR Code

to let us know!

