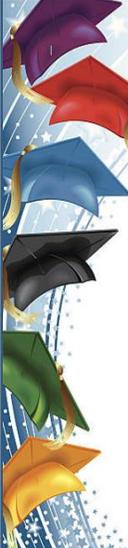


Adult Ministries are in Mission!

- College Students invited to join the **College Ministry**
- **Books of Faith: The Gospel of Luke** begins this Wednesday
- **Thursday Women's Bible Study** begins August 7th
- **St. Mark's Preschool** Has Fall Openings
- **Habitat for Humanity** Work Days in August and October
- **Coffee with Clergy** this Sunday, August 3rd
- **GriefShare** course Begins August 3rd
- **Sunday School Teacher Appreciation and Training** Luncheon August 10th



COLLEGE

*College Students,
both local and those
enjoying time at home,
are invited to gather to
explore current issues
of faith and life.*

Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
Room 502

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!



PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



Two Divisions:
 "Just for the Fun of it"
 "We're a little more
 competitive"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH

AT ST. MARK'S UMC
 1267 North Rutherford Blvd

go to
www.wesleyfoundationmt.org
 for more details and to register

register
 here





BOOKS OF FAITH

NEW STUDY:

The Gospel of Luke Begins This Week!

The Gospel of Luke offers a detailed account of Jesus' life, teachings, and ministry. Its unique perspective offers insights into the early Christian community and its understanding of Jesus Christ. Luke's narrative is particularly significant for its attention to historical detail and inclusivity, emphasizing themes such as compassion, forgiveness, and social justice, and focused on those living in the margins of Jewish society, such as women and the poor.

This study of the will explore eight key stories of Jesus' mission, from the joyous accounts of his birth in a manger to the stark images of his crucifixion at Golgotha. Join the conversation as we open the scriptures and dig deeper into the Gospels, reading a few chapters of the Gospel each week with a strong devotional focus.

Weekly study groups include:

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. led by our retired clergy beginning July 29th

Fridays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. led by Claudia Hunter, beginning August 1st

Sundays, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. led by Rev. Touchton, beginning August 3rd

All groups will complete their studies before the Thanksgiving holidays.

Study books are available for \$10 each; email martha@stmarkstn.org for more information, to join an existing group or to reserve a study book.



HELP BUILD A HOME—AND A FUTURE WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We're picking up our hammers again—and we'd love for you to join us!

St. Mark's will be back at work in August and October with **Habitat for Humanity** at nearby Victory Pointe neighborhood, helping build the home **sponsored by our own church community** with wall panels our members built in May!

- **Saturday, August 23 – Installing Insulation**
- **Saturday, October 11, Installing Door and Bathroom Hardware**

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. only each day!

This is a tangible and joyful way to live out our call to serve Christ—building not just a house but **hope and stability for a deserving family.**

Let's come together as a church family to put our faith into action—one wall, one room, one home at a time.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in another way, contact Meg Van Patten (615-956-9676 or meg.vanpatten@compass.com).



Scan here to Sign up 





GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY!

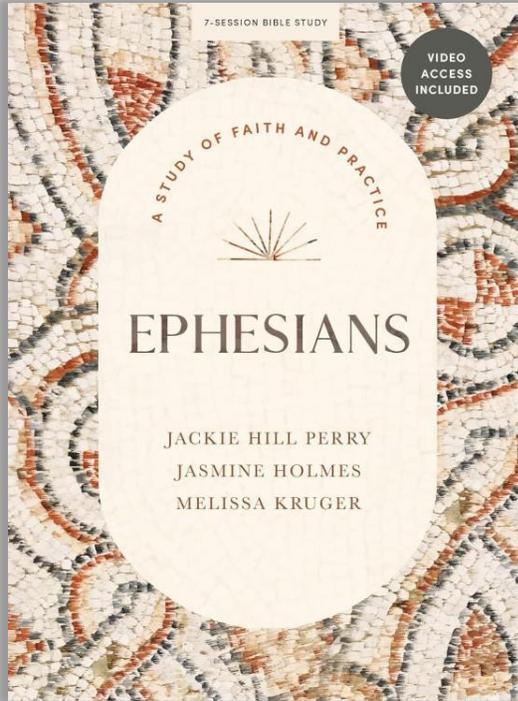
The first six months of 2025 brought an unprecedented number of deaths in and close to our congregation. Almost everyone knows someone going through grief: it might be a friend or a family member, a neighbor, or a coworker. You are encouraged to invite them to GriefShare.

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 and Paul Givens, two deeply caring individuals who have experienced grief and want 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 10th. A brief orientation meeting will be held Sunday, August 3rd, 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 405. Limit 10 participants, open to the public. A materials fee of \$20.00 is payable to St. Mark's UMC by Sunday, August 3rd; assistance is available, please speak to Rev. Touchton if needed.

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



Thursday Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
7 Sessions beginning August 7th

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

Led by Patti Daws in Room 1203

Please order your own book!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



BE A STUDENT 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).



BACK TO SCHOOL

Haircuts

BASIC HAIRCUTS ONLY



MONDAY · AUGUST 4 · 2PM-6PM

at two locations



Stars Barbershop
2445 Memorial Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
629-201-5081

FREE BACKPACKS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

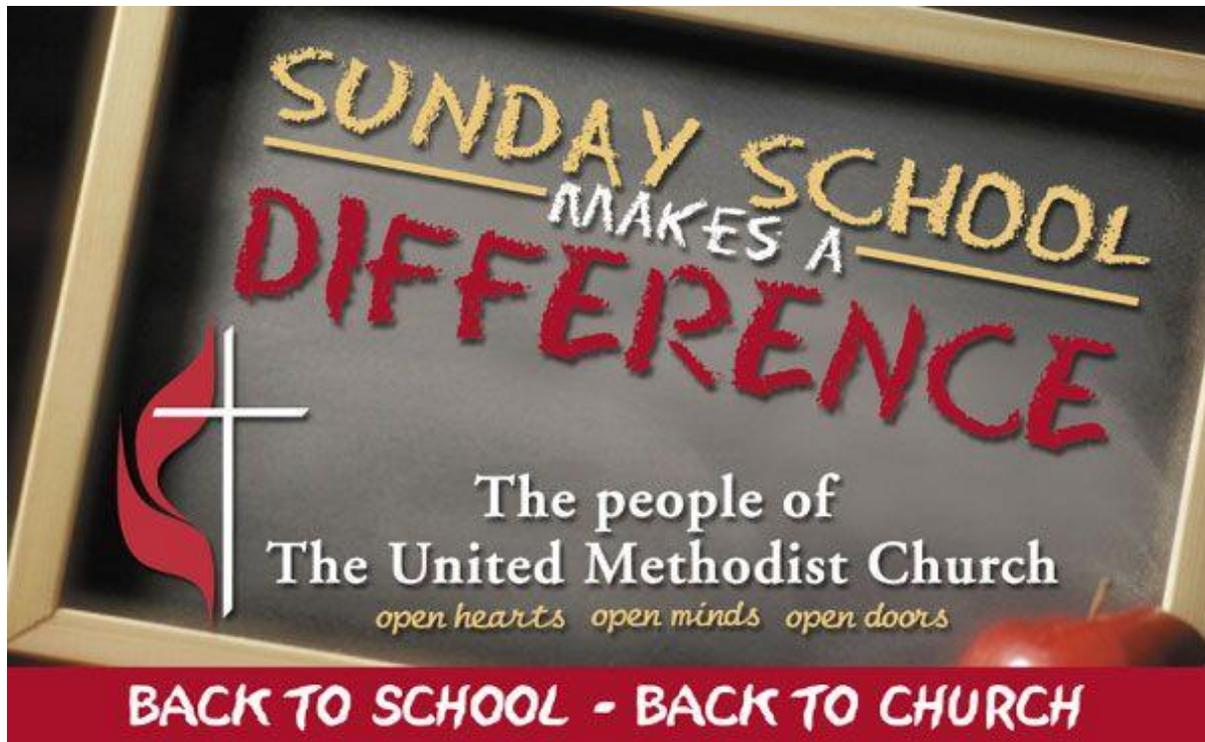


2025 PARTNERS:



Blue Raider Barbershop
1403 Greenland Drive
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
615-900-3241

All children and youth are welcome at this event, co-sponsored by St. Mark's via our July Communion Rail Offering.



Teachers in all Age Groups are Invited to a
Back-to-School Appreciation and Training Luncheon
for all St. Mark's Sunday morning teachers

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

ST. MARK'S BANQUET HALL

11:30 a.m. Lunch and Fellowship in the Banquet Hall

12:15 Break-Out Groups for Age-Levels

Adult Teachers with Rev. Tommy Ward

Rev. Tommy Ward will be introducing a 4-week course designed to help Adult teachers and leaders reach out with grace and compassion to members who've drifted away from church

Children's Teacher Training with Hannah Pratt

RSVP to martha@stmarkstn.org by Monday, August 4th



New to St. Mark's?

*Coffee
with the
Clergy*

Sunday, August 3, 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. in the Banquet Hall

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, August 27th

5:00 p.m. Free Meal by The Sweet Addiction

6:00 p.m. "Caring for God's Creation"

A Hands-On Exploration Fair for All Ages!

Join us in the gym and outdoors (weather permitting) as we celebrate God's Creation and learn how to better care for it through multiple experiences for all ages! Topics include our Biblical mandate, birds, clean water, pollinators, fall garden care, bird house painting, a prayer walk around St. Mark's, Murfreesboro's Mt. Trashmore, a nature scavenger hunt, and much more!



"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too." Psalm 24:1a CEB

WE ARE **FED** that we might **FEED OTHERS**



As part of our mutual preparation for the sacrament of Holy Communion, you are invited to donate canned and dry foods to St. Mark's Food Bank every 1st Sunday.

This Sunday, August 3rd, Please bring Cereal, Fruit cocktail, Beef stew or Campbell's chunky soups!

Collection tubs located just outside the Sanctuary.

“For I was hungry, and you gave me food...” Matthew 25:35