

Adult Ministries are Heating Up!

- **The Orchard** welcomes college and early career young adults
- **Wednesday Night Together (WNT)** offers community and growth
- **Thursday Women's Bible Study** now in Session
- **Adult Day Trip for Missions** offered Thursday, October 22nd
- **Parkinson's Support Group** meets next week
- **St. Mark's Preschool** performs well, offers fundraiser

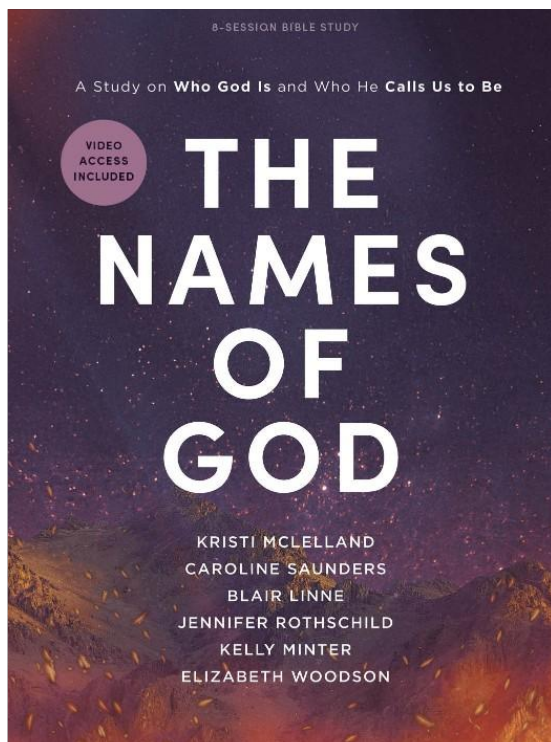
COLLEGE STUDENTS AND BEYOND INVITED!

The Orchard



People attending or recently graduated from college and graduate school gather to explore current issues of faith and life and grow together in The Orchard, a place to be loved, nurtured, grow in faith, and to bear fruit.

This class is led by Trish Clark and meets in Room 406. Contact David Cowan (615) 893-3455 for more information.



Thursday Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
An 8-Week Study
Now in Session

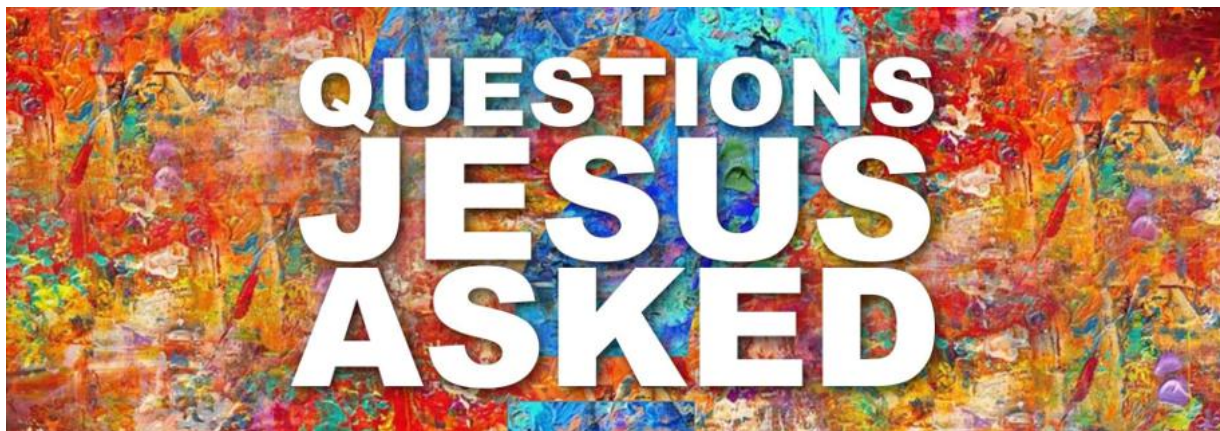
ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

Led by Patti Daws in Room 1203
Please order your own book!



St. Mark's Parkinson's Support group provides encouragement for persons dealing with Parkinson's Disease, including persons suffering the effects of Parkinson's as well as spouses, family members, and caregivers, is forming at St. Mark's UMC. This group will provide emotional and spiritual encouragement, share helpful resources, and celebrate victories together.

The next gathering will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 23rd, in Room 503/505, with lunch following at a local restaurant. Guests are always welcome! For more information, contact Rev. Jim Clardy or Rev. Martha Touchton at (615) 893-3455.



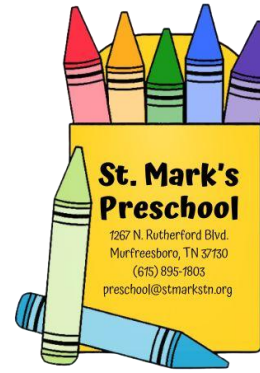
We all have questions about God, but growth happens when we turn things around and ask what Jesus wants to know about us. Why are you terrified? What do you live for? What are you looking for?

If you are seeking a small group of committed disciples that is willing explore questions, you are invited to visit "Books of Faith." This class is focused on study of the Bible so that we might more fully understand the Word of God and its application in our daily lives. Our current study is "Questions Jesus Asked," by Magrey DeVega; study book are available for \$5. The class is led by Rev. Martha Touchton and meets Sunday mornings, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in room 504. Newcomers are warmly welcomed!

"We are closer to God when we are asking questions than when we think we have all the answers." - Rabbi Abraham Heschel

St. Mark's Preschool Scores High!

St. Mark's Preschool is pleased to announce that it received a score of 93 on its recent licensing review, the highest score earned in the past year! This score was made possible by the excellent leadership of our Interim Director Sarah Butler and by the many teachers, support staff, church staff, clergy, and volunteers who stepped up to be helpful to the Preschool during the past several weeks, giving many extra hours. We are so appreciative of all the gifts of time and effort given to help our Preschool!



If you'd like to support the Preschool this week, [CLICK HERE](#) for information about participating in a fundraiser this Thursday, September 17th at **Red Robin Gourmet Burgers** on Medical Center Parkway. The Preschool would love to have your support!

Thank you for praying for and supporting St. Mark's Preschool!

PAY FOR WNT ONLINE!



**Adults \$10/person,
Children, Youth, & College Eat Free!**

Pay in person using check or cash, or
online any time using the QR Code.

*Please Note: Reservations must still
be made via the attendance pads or
by calling the church office.*



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, 9/16:

*Lasagna (Meaty and Meatless) with
Brussel Sprouts, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar,
and Tiramisu Trifle*

Adult Courses in September – Sign Up Today!

THE CATHOLIC LETTERS: James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1, 2, 3 John, and Jude

Led by Rev. Rickey Wade, September 9 – 30, Room 402/404

The Catholic Letters are also called The General Epistles. Join Rev. Wade in study of these small but mighty texts! *Bring your Bible and something to take notes with.*

Sept 9: History & Doers of the Word

Sept 23: False Teachers & Gnosticism

Sept 16: Christian Living and God is Love

Sept 30: Submission & Wisdom

MAHJONG 101

Led by Natalie Beckman, September 9 – 30 in the Chapel, Room 502

Have you been wondering what the excitement is it all about? Learn to play Mahjong, a game with a little luck and a whole lot of strategy and problem solving. We will start with the basics and work our way up to playing full games. Limit 20 participants! ***THIS CLASS IS FULL!***

PERSONAL FINANCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Led by Butler Touchton and Rick Clark, Sept 9 – 30, Room 503

In college or soon moving out on your own? Whether being the new kid on campus or taking your first steps towards independence, managing your finances effectively is crucial. Get help navigating this unknown terrain and learn tips to set you on the path to a better financial future.

9/9 – Saving Wisely: Frugality and The Miracle of Compound Interest

9/16 – Building Credit and Managing Debt

9/23 – Creating a Household Budget and Financial Goals

9/30 – Investing in the Future for Yourself, Your Church, and Your Community

At Wednesday Night Together, we gather beyond the confines of our pews and classes and across generational boundaries to go deeper in our discipleship of Jesus Christ and our relationships with one another, our community, and the world around us.

Table Talk: What is your favorite kind of Vacation?



**Join with others from St. Mark's for a day trip to Decatur, AL
for hands-on mission work, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.!**

***Most volunteer tasks do require a good deal of physical activity
and for volunteers to be on their feet most of the time.***

Some tasks are available for persons with limited mobility. *Current needs are:*

- Building or verifying UMCOR cleaning buckets, UMCOR kits, or Tornado buckets
- Sorting, bundling and boxing supplies
- Cleaning: including sweeping, vacuuming and cleaning the restroom.
- As needed, labeling and loading supplies on pallets or in trailers.
- Boxing Christmas Shoe Boxes in cases, placing cases on pallets, building pallets with the appropriate # of girl and boy cases for missionary shipments. Packing requested school supplies for missionaries participating in the Shoe Box Ministry.
- Building pallets of supplies, which includes moving and stacking boxes, shrink wrap and stretch wrapping operations.

Transportation will be by St. Mark's bus.

Cost per Person: Lunch on your own at a local eatery



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00 a.m. Departure from

St. Mark's UMC

4:00 p.m. Return to

St. Mark's UMC

Minimum: 5 persons

Maximum: 15 persons

For more information or to register by October 1st,

Email martha@stmarkstn.org