A graphic for the College Ministry featuring several graduation caps in purple, red, blue, black, green, and gold, arranged vertically on the left side. The word "COLLEGE" is written in a blue, serif font in the upper right. Below it, a paragraph of text is centered, and at the bottom, the meeting time and location are listed.

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!

College and Graduate students who are home for the holidays are especially invited to this special fellowship!

A festive graphic for a Holiday Brunch. It features a central text area enclosed in a border of red and white diagonal stripes, resembling a candy cane. The corners are decorated with green holly leaves and red berries. The text is centered and uses various colors and fonts to highlight key information.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH
9:15 a.m. Sunday, December 22nd
in lieu of Christian Education
Bring a Family-Size Breakfast Food to Share!
Coffee, Juice, and Milk Provided
ELVES NEEDED IN THE KITCHEN!
See Rev. Touchton to Volunteer



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, 12/4

*Baked Chicken and Rice, Roasted Brussel
Sprouts, Biscuits, Crème de Mentha Brownies*



6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Gym! Shop with 20 wonderfully creative and varied vendors, and give to a non-profit mission, ministry or agency with every purchase!

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Grand Sweep will meet studying Lesson #49 with Rev. Mike Waldrop.

NEXT WEDNESDAY:

REEVES ROGERS CHRISTMAS MINISTRY

Gifts of playground balls and toys for 23 classes will be assembled/wrapped at 6:00 p.m. on December 11th.

NEW ADULT STUDIES IN 2025

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, do you seek to:

- Deepen your spiritual walk with Christ?
- Grasp the Gospel story of Jesus and his disciples?
- Listen to and respond to God's call as an individual, a family, and a church?



In the year ahead, as a means of deepening our mutual walk with Christ, our personal, daily spiritual practice, and our faithfulness, mission, and ministry as the Body of Christ, you are invited to read and study through the scriptures in an intentional, systematic, and devotional way.

We will be offering 8-week studies on each of the Gospels, which will allow us time to savor and enjoy the stories of Jesus and his disciples more fully. These studies, called “Books of Faith,” will include:

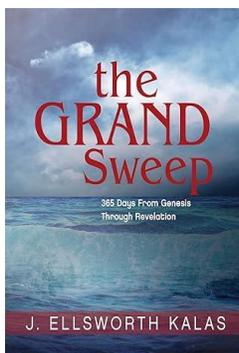
Matthew in February and March

Mark in April and May

Luke in August and September,

John in October and November

Each study offers a guide for reading a few chapters of the Gospel each week and continues the devotional focus we have enjoyed with The Grand Sweep. To participate as a reader or serve as a reflection group leader, please sign up in the Foyer or email martha@stmarkstn.org.



We are also offering the opportunity to read through the Bible using The Grand Sweep, especially for those who are new to our congregation or who missed out on reading in 2024. To participate in a small group or serve as a reflection group leader, sign up in the Foyer, or send an email to martha@stmarkstn.org.

The number and times of reflection groups for both studies will be determined by your interest, so register today!



Thanks for Special Christmas gifts:

The nativities and display case in the sanctuary foyer were a collection belonging to Lolita Rawlins and were donated in her memory by her family. Thanks to Kathy Edwards, Robbie Hooper, and Kent Kigar for assisting with the set-up of this beautiful display.

The lovely outdoor nativity scene adjacent to the sanctuary was constructed by John Patterson and given by John Patterson and Karen Burrell in memory of their parents, Sara and Golden Patterson and Mildren and Ralph Burrell.



Registrations are still open for this special event which is a fundraiser for St. Mark's Preschool!

HOSTED BY KENNEDY OCCASIONS

Holiday Wreath Making Workshop

Join us for a fun and festive adult workshop to kick off the holiday season with creativity and cheer!



Includes:

- ✦ All materials: fresh greenery, ribbons & more
- ✦ Step-by-step instruction; no experience necessary
- ✦ Seasonal drinks & treats

Date: Thursday, December 12th

Time: 6-8pm

Location: St. Mark's UMC (gymnasium)

Cost: \$35 per person (event suitable for ages 10+)

RSVP by December 2nd to Samantha Daniel at
preschool@stmarkstn.org

Cash or check to St. Mark's Preschool or
Venmo @Samantha-Daniel-131

Please bring: gardening/floral shears, gloves (if you'd like) and any baubles/ribbons/ornaments specific to your decor that you'd like to incorporate!



St. Mark's UMC CHRISTMAS MINISTRY AT REEVES ROGERS

This year's Christmas ministry for Reeves Rogers will provide a gift that all students in the school can enjoy year-round. Classes, groups and individuals are invited to donate toward these gifts.

Schools and teachers are no longer allowed to use school funds to purchase playground balls and toys, thus none are provided for the children at Reeves Rogers. You are invited to help rectify this situation for all **23 classes** so that each class receives:

- ✓ **4 Playground Balls**
- ✓ **2 Soccer Balls**
- ✓ **4 Jump Ropes**
- ✓ **2 Frisbees**
- ✓ **1 Box Sidewalk Chalk**
- ✓ **1 Air Pump**

A \$50 donation provides a complete set of playground toys for one class.

A \$100 donation provides a complete set of playground toys plus two \$25 gift cards so that each teacher and staff can purchase items that meet the needs of children and classrooms.

The Reeves Rogers Leadership will purchase all items in bulk for the best pricing. These items will be wrapped at **Wednesday Night Together at 6:00 p.m. on December 11th**.

To make your donation, place your check payable to St. Mark's UMC and designated for "Reeves Rogers" in the offering plate, or email written instructions to Business Administrator Buddy Howell (buddy@stmarkstn.org) to transfer funds from your class account. All donations must be completed by **Sunday, December 1st**.

Thank you for your consideration of this Christmas outreach to the children at Reeves Rogers!



**Wednesday, December 4th
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

St. Mark's United Methodist Church Recreation Center
1267 N. Rutherford Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130

- Alternative Christmas Market
- Give gifts that give back to the community
- Make shopping a mission!
- Teach your children and grandchildren about giving to the community
- Many new vendors!

Make Shopping Your Mission!

Lidia Oprean: Essential Oils

St. Mark's Youth Ministries: Popcorn

Murfreesboro Lions Club: Fancy Pecans and Cashews

Marcy's Art: Hand Painted Art / **Greenhouse Ministries**

Robert Reaver: Small Woodwork Items/ **St. Mark's UMC**

The Journey Home: Unique Upcycled and Bejeweled Magnets

Gina's Italian Cuisine: Italian gift items and charcuterie boards

Ah Mint & More: Vegan & Gluten Free Snacks / **Grace Center of Franklin**

JBloom: Personalized Fashion Jewelry and Cups / **Ambassadors for Christ**

Marcy Jams!: Delicious homemade jams and jellies / **The Sweet Addiction**

Sew Diva: Sewn burp cloths, bibs, play tents and more / **ACI International**

Sugarbush Farms: Holiday Wreaths and other live decorations / **Gracie's Acres**

Donah Hall Glassware: Elegant Crystal Glassware / **St. Mark's Youth Ministries**

Rustic Lather Soaps: Fragrant goats milk soap / **Bunny Puff's Exotic Animal Refuge**

The Sweet Addiction: Holiday Goodies, Quiches, Cinnamon Rolls, Children's Aprons

Sara S. Designs : Artwork, prints, cards, and stickers / **St. Jude's Children's Hospital**

Designs by Sally: Aromatic Rice Bags, Walker Caddies, Fidget Mats / **P.E.O. International**

St. Mark's Watercolors: Hand painted Christmas cards, personalized ornaments / **St. Mark's UMC**

Anchored Hope Christian Clothing: Shirts, hats, flags, towels, etc. / **St. Mark's Children's Ministries**

Carole Kasbee: Rope Bowls, Ornaments, Beaded Pens, Wine Stoppers / **St. Jude's Children's**