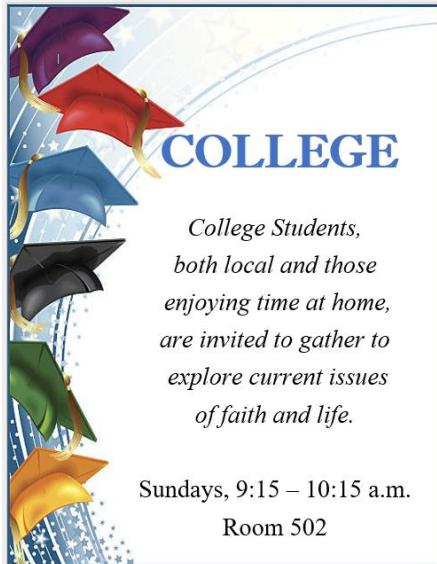


Adult Ministries are Heart-Warming this Winter!

- **New Young Singles Ministry, FLYING SOLO**, planning Sunday Lunch
- **Merry Christmas from St. Mark's Clergy and Staff**
- Bring something yummy to share at next Sunday's **Christmas Brunch**
- **Wednesday Night Together** on winter hiatus!
- **St. Mark's Christmas Missions** in high gear this month
- **Merry Mission Marketplace** brings many blessings!
- Students invited to join the **College Ministry**

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE CLERGY AND STAFF OF ST. MARK'S UMC!

As a staff, we are thankful to have the opportunity to work together, partnering in ministry with such a kind, Christ-centered congregation who not only cares for one another as the Body of Christ, but reaches out beyond the church walls to be in ministry in our neighborhood, community, and world. We wish you many blessings of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace during the coming Christmas holiday, and look forward to a wonderful New Year in 2026, knowing, loving, and serving God together.



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.

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



A Fellowship of Young Singles, Ages 21-40



SUNDAY LUNCH OUT!

Enjoy Fun and Fellowship Together
immediately after worship
Sunday, January 4, 2026 12:00 pm
Sam's Sports Bar at Stones River Mall
RSVP to Mark at (615) 691-1760





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

WNT is on Winter Hiatus on January 21!



**Reminder: St. Mark's UMC
Christian Education Christmas Break
Sunday, December 28th
Classes resume January 4, 2026**



Thanks for making Shopping your Mission!

Thank you for shopping at the Merry Mission Marketplace! We had a very successful sale, thanks to generous vendors and so many shoppers! Here are a few statistics:

- 25 vendors participated in the Market
- Sales from this year's Market were almost \$7000, nearly 40% above 2024!
- Almost \$3000, or 30% of total sales, was donated to 12 Missions, Ministries, and Non-Profits
- More than \$1000 of the donations went to St. Mark's Ministries

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.

Sunday, January 4, 2026 is Communion Sunday!

Please bring boxes of cold cereal!

Collection tubs located just outside the Sanctuary.

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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Because of your generosity, St. Mark's UMC was able to reach out to our community and neighborhood during the month of December through the following Christmas Missions and Ministries:

- * Giving 400 stamped Christmas cards to the inmates of the Rutherford County Juvenile Detention and the Bedford County Jail to send to their loved ones
- * Preparing 25 Begin Again Boxes for persons who are starting over in a new home
- * Giving 20 food bags for Reeves Rogers children to take home to supplement their meals over Christmas Break
- * Giving 23 bags of playground toys, one for each classroom at Reeves Rogers
- * Giving \$20 gift cards to each teacher and staff member at Reeves Rogers
- * Sponsoring one Reeves Rogers family with two children for Christmas
- * Giving \$3000 to Missions, Ministries, and Non-profits via the Merry Mission Marketplace
- * Giving 15 food boxes from our Food Bank this month
- * Providing Christmas gifts to 34 Preschool – Grade 3 children at Red Bird Mission
- * Giving \$200 to Reeves Rogers for the purchase of guitar straps for the music class
- * And more!

