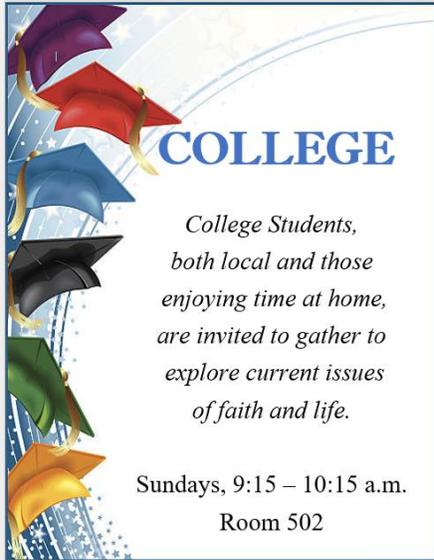


## **Adult Ministries are Falling into Place!**

- College Students invited to join the **College Ministry**
- **Wednesday Night Together Returns August 27<sup>th</sup>!**
- **Be a Mentor or Volunteer at Reeves Rogers**



## 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!

# 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).



**5:00 p.m. WNT Free Meal – Pulled Pork BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Salad Bar, Banana Pudding.  
Reservations Requested!**

**Wednesday, August 27, 6 – 7 pm**  
**CARING FOR GOD'S  
CREATION**

**St. Mark's Gym and Outdoor Campus**

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

Celebrate God's wonderful creation and learn how you and your family can be a part of caring for it in our community and our own backyards through 15 hands-on experiences. Sponsored by St. Mark's Stewardship Team.

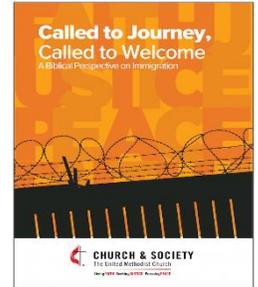
- 🍃 **Project WET Water Tables, Clean Water and more** with Heather Bennett
- 🍃 **Murfreesboro's "Mount Trashmore" Landfill** with Candida Layne and SOCM
- 🍃 **What is a Green Team?** with TWK's Creation Care Team
- 🍃 **Painting Birdhouses** with Becky Waldrop and St. Mark's Youth
- 🍃 **Caring for God's Critters** in our own Backyard with Harmony Wildlife
- 🍃 **Cedar Crest Camp's Environmental Education** with Russell Casteel
- 🍃 **Prayer Garden Walk** with Jan Crossett and Lisa Chappel
- 🍃 **Local Nature Stewardship** with Jo VerMulm, M'boro Parks and Rec
- 🍃 **Creation Care Scripture Tree** with Kathy Edwards and Sherrie Gilliam
- 🍃 **Fall Garden Care and Pollinators** with Shelley Briggs
- 🍃 **Children's Nature Scavenger Hunt** with Hannah Pratt
- 🍃 **Monitoring Backyard Bluebirds** with Bob Ingle
- 🍃 **Beginning Composting** with Beverly Touchton
- 🍃 **St. Mark's Tree Tour** with Dale Slagle



# ADULT FELLOWSHIP AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT WEDNESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER, FALL 2025

## **CALLED TO JOURNEY, CALLED TO WELCOME: A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE ON IMMIGRATION**

The Bible is a story about migrant people, from Abram and Sarai to Jesus himself. Come explore what the scriptures and the UM Social Principles say about immigration and our response to the immigrants in our midst. September 3 – 24, led by Rev. Martha Touchton.



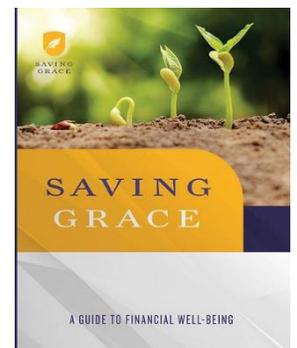
## **LINE DANCING!**



Make your heart happy by learning to line dance with friends! September 3 – 17 in the gym, led by Kae Sigler.

## **SAVING GRACE: A GUIDE TO FINANCIAL WELL-BEING**

Saving Grace helps people of faith create healthy relationships with money and bring their financial lives in line with their faith values. It is a completely confidential approach to concrete guidance on saving, earning, giving, spending, debt, and how to build a sustainable financial plan. October 5 – November 12, led by Rev. Mike Waldrop. Registration required; email [martha@stmarkstn.org](mailto:martha@stmarkstn.org).



## **NEW ADVENTURES IN BAKING**

Learn how to make Yeast Rolls, Sausage, and Cinnamon Rolls, and other yummy delectables from Butler Touchton, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **INVESTMENT COOKING FOR TWO with FREEZER FRIENDLY RECIPES**

Stumped by how to prepare delightful and affordable meals for just the two of you? Join Tammy Howell for this delicious discussion, October 1<sup>st</sup>.



## 2026 MISSION TRIPS

January 11-16, 2026  
or March 8-13, 2026



Disaster relief work goes on year-round at the historic United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Depot in Sager Brown, Louisiana, where most anyone of any age or ability can contribute directly to disaster response ministries around the globe.

*The work includes:*

- *processing and shipping donated supplies such as flood buckets and relief kits*
- *Local home repair projects*
- *Serving in the Women's Shelter or Food Bank*
- *Tutoring young children*

The cost for these TWK Conference trips is \$300/person for lodging and meals at the Depot, plus transportation, lodging and meals from the trips there and back, half of which is due September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Two St. Mark's members have registered for the January trip! To join them, a \$50 non-refundable deposit must be paid by September 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, [click here](#) or contact Rev. Martha Touchton, [martha@stmarkstn.org](mailto:martha@stmarkstn.org).



***WE ARE FED***

***THAT WE MIGHT  
FEED OTHERS***



*As part of your preparation for  
the sacrament of Holy Communion,  
you are invited to donate to  
St. Mark's Food Bank every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday.*

*Collection tubs will be located just outside the Sanctuary.  
or bring your donation to the Narthex collection bins.*

**The next Communion Sunday is September 7th!**  
**Please bring small packages of feminine hygiene products,  
small packages of diapers, and travel-size toiletries.**

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



# St. Mark's UMC DRIVE THRU FLU SHOT CLINIC

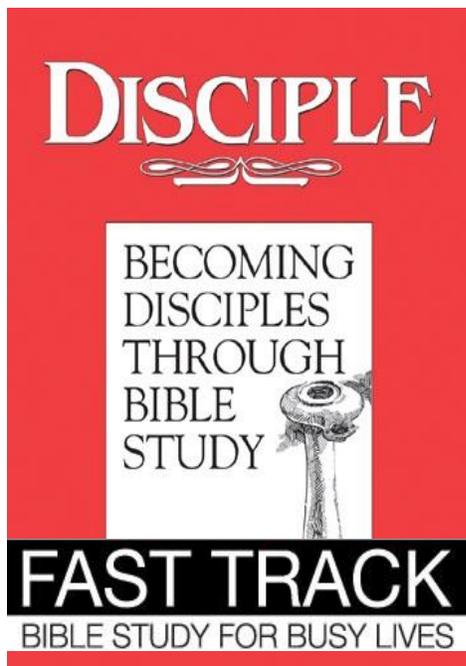
- Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>
- 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- St. Mark's UMC, 1267 N. Rutherford
- Remain in your vehicle!
- High dose flu shots for Seniors
- Regular flu vaccines for Age 8 up
- COVID Boosters also available
- Bring your insurance card
- Shots are available for those uninsured
- Everyone welcome!
- Sponsored by:



*Walgreens*



**DriveThru  
Flu Shot**



## **DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY** *A Life-Changing Experience!*

12 Weeks Old Testament in the Fall  
12 Weeks New Testament in Spring

**Sundays, 6:30 –8:30 p.m.,**  
**at St. Mark's beginning Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*led by Beth Morris & Molly Gilliland*

\$20/person materials fee per class.

*Email [martha@stmarkstn.org](mailto:martha@stmarkstn.org)*

*For information or to register.*

## **ADVENTURES IN LEARNING 2025** *A life-long learning opportunity for persons 55+*

### **Classes include:**

\*The Last Days of WWII

\*Seniors – Shape Up!

\*Potpourri

\*Apple iPhone & iPad

\*Rutherford County History

\*Revolutionary War

\*Funerals and Obituaries

**Mondays, September 8, 15 & 22, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Classes, Registration, Lunch, and Fees Available in St. Mark's Office*