Adult Ministries are Heating Up!

- **The Orchard** welcomes college and early career young adults
- **Young Adults and Walking in Faith Classes** merge for the summer
- **Wednesday Night Together (WNT) Kick-Off this Week!**
- **Love • Serve • Lead Day,** a beautiful blessing!
- **Thursday Women's Bible Study** Now in Session
- St. Mark's **Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic** Coming Soon!
- **We are Fed to Feed Others** food offering this Sunday
- **St. Mark's Preschool** Change in Leadership



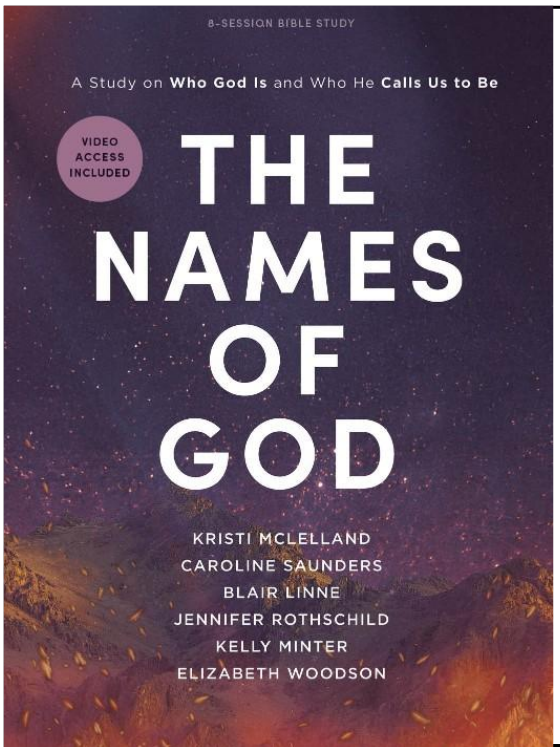
COLLEGE STUDENTS AND BEYOND INVITED!

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.

ST. MARK'S YOUNG ADULT CLASSES MERGE FOR THE SUMMER

Considering busy summer travel schedules, the Young Adults and Walking in Faith Classes have merged for the remainder of the summer. All are invited to explore current issues of faith and life and grow together in their discipleship of Jesus Christ. The group is led by Beth Morris and meets in Room 501. Contact Rev. Martha Touchton 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!

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, September 6th is Communion Sunday!
Please bring 1 lb. bags of Whole Grain Rice
"For I was hungry, and you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35



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.

Next WNT Menu, 9/2:

Meatloaf, Baked Potatoes, Country Green Beans, Buttered Corn, Brownies



Adult Courses in September

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 16: Christian Living and God is Love
Sept 23: False Teachers & Gnosticism
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! ***Reserve your seat at martha@stmarkstn.org***

PER$ONAL FINANCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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

Entering college or moving out on your own? Whether you're 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.

Neighborhood Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic at St. Mark's UMC Office Portico



- **Saturday, September 12th**
- **10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Remain in your vehicle!
- High dose flu shots for Seniors
- Regular flu vaccines for age 8 up
- **COVID** Boosters, **Pneumonia**, and **RSV** shots also available
- ***Everyone welcome!***

St. Mark's Preschool Change in Leadership

We were very surprised to receive Lani Chamberlain's resignation as Director August 16th. Lani has done a wonderful job relating to children, parents, and families, developing our staff, and increasing enrollment at St. Mark's Preschool. We are very sad to see her go and wish her and her family the best.

St. Mark's Preschool Ministry Board has employed church member Sarah Butler as Interim Director beginning August 31st. In the meantime, our Preschool teachers and staff have continued to welcome children into the routine of Preschool and provide the highest level of care, nurturing, and safety for them. The Preschool teachers and staff, along with Board members, volunteers, and members of the Church Staff, have taken on additional responsibilities beyond their classroom duties and worked tirelessly the past two weeks to fill in existing gaps. Preschool operations have continued with as little disruption to our children, classes, and families as possible. The search for a permanent Director will begin immediately.

We always covet your prayers for St. Mark's Preschool. With God's help and your support, we will weather this unexpected storm and come to brighter days together!

St. Mark's for Love • Serve • Lead Day a Blessing to Many

In John 13:34-35, after Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said,

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

At St. Mark's, we believe that one of the best ways to demonstrate and shine a light on God's immense love for all people is through hands-on service to our community. To that end, **Love • Serve • Lead Day**, a church-wide day of service, was held Saturday, August 22nd with about 75 people participating at 15 sites and agencies around our city, completing 20 different projects, including:

- Stocking shelves at Nourish Food Bank
- Painting new lines on the parking lot at the Welsey Foundation
- Concrete work on a new Habitat for Humanity home
- Serving a meal to the Wesley Leadership Council
- Helping some of our older church members take care of their homes
- Teaching young people how to drive
- Giving the gift of life through the Blood Drive
- Writing cards of encouragement to teachers at Reeves Rogers
- Sorting donations for homeless youth for Rutherford County School's ATLAS program
- And more!
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To see a brief video about St. Mark's **Love • Serve • Lead Day** projects and people, Click Here!

Together, we gathered up the gifts of the church and took them out to meet the needs of the world, and we also gathered up the needs of the world and brought them into the life and heart of our church. What a blessing!

Thanks to Meg Van Patten, Rev. Martha Touchton, and St. Mark's Mission Team for undergirding this event. We hope to have another similar day in the Spring of 2027.

Thanks to all who participated and offered service and witness given on behalf of Christ and his people at St. Mark's. Thank you for answering the call to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously, reminding all involved of the sacrificial love Jesus gave his life to demonstrate.

Thanks be to God!

