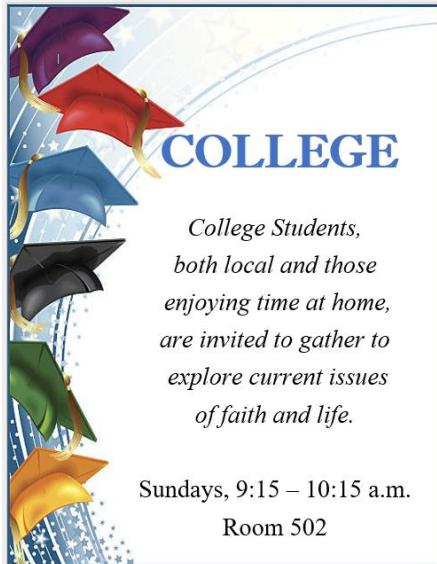


Adult Ministries are Falling into Place!

- **Merry Mission Marketplace** Wednesday, December 3rd, 6 – 8 p.m.
- **New Young Singles Ministry, FLYING SOLO**, celebrates Christmas
- **Wednesday Night Together** joins in mission in December!
- **St. Mark's Preschool** names new Director
- Students invited to join the **College Ministry**



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**



DINNER AND DANCING LIGHTS

Friday, December 12, 6-9 PM

Cost: Your Dinner in Lebanon

6:00 p.m. Carpools Leaving from St. Mark's

RSVP to Mark at (615) 691-1760

by Thursday, December 11





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, 12/10:

*Country Fried Steak with Gravy,
Onion/Mushroom Roasted Potatoes, Green
Beans, Salad Bar, and Blueberry Cobbler*

Wednesday, December 3rd, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Gym



At St. Mark's UMC, we believe God can be present in every part of life, even in our Christmas gift buying and giving! You are invited to shop and purchase your Christmas gifts at this special sale, where every purchase benefits a non-profit agency, mission, or ministry.

Your purchase - a gift that gives twice - will benefit a variety of missions in our community including The Journey Home, Stepping Stones Safe Haven, Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity, The ALS Association, The Lions Club, The Sweet Addiction, Child Advocacy Center, and the Lupus Foundation of America, and St. Mark's Children, Youth, Food Bank Ministries.

Coming Up at WNT!

Wednesday, December 10th: Put your Faith to Work with these Mission Projects:
Assembling Reeves Rogers Playground Toys, Begin Again Boxes, Christmas Cards for Inmates,
and Supplemental Food Bags for Children of Reeves Rogers



Wednesday, December 3rd

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!

Jeanne Altstatt: Wood Crafts / St. Mark's UMC

Donah Hall: Antique Crystal / St. Mark's UMC YOUTH

Quiltessa: Hand sewn and knit items / St. Mark's UMC

CKT Crafts: Rice Bags for Heat Therapy / Red Bird Food Bank

Lion's Club: Fancy Pecans and Cashews / Murfreesboro Lions Club

Stepping Stones Safe Haven: Jewelry / Stepping Stones Safe Haven

Barry & Sheryl Meier: Wood Crafts and Ornaments / St. Mark's UMC

Miracle Bay Studios: Sola Wood Flower Arrangements / ALS Association

St. Mark's YOUTH: St. T-shirts, St. Mark's Merch, and Popcorn / St. Mark's YOUTH

The Sweet Addiction: Aprons, Sweets, Take-and-Bake Foods / The Sweet Addiction

Jody Schott: Permanent and Personalized Jewelry / Ambassadors for Christ, Honduras

My Creative Hands: Crocheted items, wood crafts, tile coasters / St. Mark's Food Bank

Triple Sisters Crafts: Custom Necklaces, Burp Cloths, Ornaments, Bows / St. Mark's UMC

Marcy Jams: Homemade Jams and Jellies / Child Advocacy Center of Rutherford County

Anchored Hope Christian Clothing: T-shirts, Hats, Coasters / St. Mark's Children's Ministry

Designs by Sally: Bibs, Walker Bags, Wheelchair Caddies, Rice Bags / The P.E.O. Sisterhood

Custom Art by Leslie: Wreaths, Décor, Gifts Wood Burning / Lupus Foundation of America

Maysie Lo Brown: Home Baked Fried Pies, Cakes and Cookies / Nashville Foster Love Closet

20 Wish List Gifts: Art, Housewares, DIY Kits, Games, Blankets / RuCo Habitat for Humanity

SMUMC Watercolors: Ornaments, Christmas Cards, Paintings, Bookmarks / The Journey Home

Heart & Hustle Paper Crafts: Stocking Stuffers, Cards, Home Décor / Stepping Stones Safe Haven

Glitter Meow Designs: Resin Cups, Ornaments, Custom Glassware / St. Mark's Children's Ministries

23. Sam's Scents: Soy Candles and Melts, Beard Oil, Sugar Scrubs, Bath Salts / All Aboard Animal Rescue

All Sales Final



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:

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| ✓ 4 Playground Balls | ✓ 2 Frisbees |
| ✓ 2 Soccer Balls | ✓ 1 Box Sidewalk Chalk |
| ✓ 4 Jump Ropes | ✓ 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 Team 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 10th**.

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 7th**.

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

St. Mark's Preschool Hires New Director

St. Mark's Preschool Ministry Board is excited to announce that Lani Chamberlain has been hired as the Director of St. Mark's Preschool, beginning December 1, 2025. This hire was approved by St. Mark's Staff Parish Relations Team.

Lani was hired as Assistant Director in May, 2024 and has been capably serving as Interim Director. In addition to being highly qualified with a Bachelor's degree in Child Development and Family Relations and a Master's degree in Elementary Education, Lani brings her many years as a preschool teacher to this position, as well as her experience as a licensing counselor and Early Childhood Quality coach with Child Care Resource and Referral. Lani has grown to love St. Mark's Preschool and have a wonderful vision for its future! We look forward to her capable and creative leadership as she seeks to create a nurturing, engaging environment for both students and staff.



Special thanks to members of the Preschool Ministry Board who served on the Search Team: Noland Noffsinger, Trish Clardy, Buddy Howell, Deanna Alexander, and Rev. Martha Touchton.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Touchton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'M'.

Rev. Martha Touchton, Chair Pro Tem
St. Mark's Preschool Ministry Board