



Sunday Mornings at 9:15!

Our Preschool (Age 2 to PreK 5), Younger Elementary (Kindergarten to 2nd Grade), and Older Elementary (3rd to 5th Grade) children will meet for Sunday school to explore Bible stories, engage in meaningful activities, and grow in their faith through age-appropriate lessons and hands-on learning. **The preschool class will meet in Room 305, the younger elementary class will meet in Room 214, and the older elementary class will meet in Room 212.**



GODLY PLAY

Preschool and Younger Elementary Sunday School

Preschool and Younger Elementary classes will use the Godly Play curriculum to explore Bible stories through imaginative and interactive storytelling. Classes will begin in Room 304 and end their time in their separate classrooms.

What is Godly Play?

Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired approach to children's faith formation that invites them to explore Bible stories with wonder and imagination.

How It Supports Children's Spiritual Growth:

- **Engages Through Storytelling:** Uses hands-on materials to bring Bible stories to life.
- **Encourages Reflection:** Prompts children to wonder and connect personally with God's story.
- **Fosters Spiritual Growth:** Builds foundational skills for prayer, worship, and lifelong faith.
- **Creates a Safe Space:** Provides a calm, welcoming environment for creativity and community.

Godly Play nurtures children's faith by helping them see themselves as part of God's story in a meaningful and joyful way.

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Bible Study

Older Elementary Sunday School

The Older Elementary class will use the Colaborate: New Testament curriculum. The Colaborate: New Testament curriculum provides older children with engaging lessons that foster exploration, discussion, and a deeper understanding of Scripture.



Colaborate helps students answer the question, “so what?”

Allows students to discover the richness of the New Testament using proven learning methods such as problem-based learning.



Changes the way students think about faith and the Bible

Helps children take an honest look at the holy mystery and the complexity of Scripture to move them onto a path of growth and discovery.



Is a quality curriculum created by United Methodists

Know your students will learn from a deep, thought-provoking curriculum created by United Methodist theologians, practitioners, and artists.



Frolic Nursery: Little Steps, Big Faith

Our Nursery aged children (Birth to 1 year) will explore Frolic Nursery lessons. Drawing on brain science as well as theology,

Frolic was designed by early childhood experts to build faith through play in babies, toddlers, and young children from birth to age five. Frolic uses Bible lessons, music, and play to help build a firm Faith foundation.



Start faith formation at birth

Uses a curriculum-based on early childhood best practices to help your little ones to take little steps to big faith—starting at birth.



Focuses on learning at their level

Frolic's curriculum focuses on helping young children explore faith concepts in the way they know best— through play!



Equips caregivers to nurture faith

Equips leaders and parents to nurture faith in many ways—through storytelling, prayers, and music.



Kids Connection this Wednesday!

Need a break from a hectic week? Don't feel like cooking? Searching for community? Bring your family to Wednesday Night Together! Children will meet from 6:00-7:00 for a time of connection, fun and games, and life application in Room 304.



ST. MARK'S CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC APRIL 27TH, 11:30 AM-2 PM

Bring a family-size side dish or dessert to share. The Family Ministries team will provide the meat.

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RSVP BY SUNDAY, APRIL 20.



Join us for the Church-wide Picnic THIS Sunday!

You and your family are invited to the Church-wide picnic! Please bring a family-sized side dish or dessert to share. The Family Ministries Team will provide the main course. Enjoy fun and games for all ages! Kindly **RSVP TODAY** by clicking [here](#) or calling the church office.



Cedar Crest Camp Summer Registration

If you have registered your child/youth for Cedar Crest Camp this summer, please click [here](#) to inform us which week they are attending. We will send camp scholarships for the students listed on this list!

Mother's Day Slideshow



EMAIL YOUR PICTURES AND
NAMES TO
PHOTOS@STMARKSTN.ORG
BY MONDAY, MAY 5TH

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Email your Mother's Day pictures to Photos@stmarkstn.org by Monday, May 5th. Please include the names of those in the picture.

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23-26, 9 AM - 12 PM



VBS Registration is OPEN!

Get ready for *Road Trip VBS: On the Go with God!* Registration is now open, and we'd love for you to join the journey.

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to attend. Younger children of VBS volunteers and kids enrolled in St. Mark's Preschool's Summer Fun program are also welcome.

👉 [Click here to register your child](#)

👉 [Adult and youth volunteers can register here](#)

If you feel led to serve in this ministry area, please email Hannah Pratt at hannah@stmarkstn.org.

VBS Training Dates



Important VBS Volunteer Dates!

- **Tuesday, May 6th at 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Banquet Hall-** VBS Leader Orientation
 - **Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 503/505-** Safe Sanctuaries Training for any volunteers working with children, youth, or any other vulnerable persons. New volunteers and those whose training has expired are strongly encouraged to attend. Safe Sanctuaries training must be renewed every 5 years.
- **Sunday, June 8th at 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Banquet Hall-** VBS Orientation for Shepherds

Upcoming Events!



SACRED ROOTS
A FAMILY FAITH NETWORK

Proud to Partner with Sacred Roots! Parent Dinner and Listening Session on April 29th.

Sacred Roots is a ministry dedicated to walking alongside parents, caregivers, and faith leaders as they nurture faith from the very beginning - through birth, fostering, adoption, and the early years. They aim to provide practical resources for parents and caregivers of children ages birth to 3 years old. To learn more about Sacred Roots, click [here](#).

Parents of 0–3 year olds are invited to a free dinner and listening session with Sacred Roots Network on **Tuesday, April 29th, from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at West End UMC** in Nashville. Enjoy dinner, free childcare, and time with other parents while offering feedback to help Sacred Roots better support faith formation at home. There will be free resources shared with those who attend! Click [here](#) to register.



COKESBURY KIDS' VBS FILMING

CHILD EXTRAS NEEDED!

Saturday, May 10 from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

RSVP for Cokesbury's VBS Recording at St. Mark's!

Cokesbury will be recording their 2026 Vacation Bible School videos at St. Mark's! This is an exciting opportunity for us, and we need your children to participate! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 10th from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

Click [here](#) to register your child today!



family fun fest

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST FROM 3-6PM

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1267 N. RUTHERFORD BLVD., MURFREESBORO, TN

PRESENTED BY

moms loving moms
POSTPARTUM CARE KITS

Family Fun Fest on June 1st!

We are excited to partner with Moms Loving Moms to host a community wide Family Fun Fest on Sunday, June 1st from 3-6 p.m.! There will be bounce houses, characters, face painting, food trucks, music, and so much more. The event is donation-based, allowing families to contribute any amount they feel led and able to give, all while supporting a wonderful cause. All St. Mark's families and friends are invited to attend.



June Little Lights and G.L.O.W. Kids Meet-Up!

Little Lights

This service/fellowship group is for families with children age birth to 2nd grade. This is a family friendly group! Adults must remain with their child throughout the duration of the event. Invite a friend! Click [here](#) for the Spring 2025 schedule.

- **Save the Date-** June 1st from 3-6 p.m. – Moms Loving Moms' Family Fun Fest at St. Mark's. All St. Mark's families are invited to attend! See information above.

G.L.O.W. Kids

This service/fellowship group is for children in 3rd – 5th grade. Invite a friend! Click [here](#) for the Spring 2025 schedule.

- **Save the Date-** June 1st from 3-6 p.m. – Moms Loving Moms' Family Fun Fest at St. Mark's.



SAFER SANCTUARIES
Nurturing Trust within Faith Communities

Help St. Mark's be a Safe Sanctuary to all people entrusted to our care!

- Keep empty rooms locked
- Sign children in and out of classrooms
- Supervise your children at all times
- Accompany your children to the Restroom

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Ways you can help:

- Keep empty rooms locked
- Sign children in and out of classrooms
- Supervise your children at all times
- Accompany your children to the Restroom
- Help us observe the two-adult rule at all times by serving as a Safe Sanctuaries helper
- If you see any behavior that seems abusive or inappropriate, inform a ministry leader

Please contact Hannah Pratt at hannah@stmarkstn.org if you have any questions. Follow our St. Mark's Children's Ministry Facebook page and Instagram @stmarkstnkids for more information!

