

Adult Ministries are Heating Up!

- **College Class** becomes **The Orchard**
- Support St. Mark's **Youth/Adult Mission** to Henderson Settlement
- **Save these Important June and July Dates**
- St. Mark's **Parkinson's Support Group** meets this week!
- **We are Fed to Feed Others** Food Offering July 5th
- **Churchwide Potluck Brunch** Sunday, July 5th
- **Welcoming Rev. Rickey Wade** Sunday, July 12th
- **GriefShare** course offered this Fall

The Orchard



Younger Adults, including current and recently graduated undergraduate and graduate students and early career folks, gather to explore current issues of faith and life, and grow together. The Orchard is a place to be nurtured, to grow in faith, and to bear fruit; all are welcome! This class is led by Trish Clark and meets in Room 502. Contact David Cowan (615) 893-3455 for more information.

ST. MARK'S YOUTH & ADULT MISSION TRIP

Henderson Settlement, Frakes, KY

July 5 – 10, 2026



Prayers and Donations are Welcome:

- \$\$\$ for Missionaries and Projects
- New disposable diapers or baby food
- Gently Used sewing machines and fabric
- Children's books, shoes for all ages

- ✓ Give financial assistance for our missionaries and projects
- ✓ Donate new packs of disposable diapers, baby food, sewing machines; and gently used fabric, children's books, and shoes for all ages, all for distribution at Henderson Settlement. These donations are due Wednesday, July 1st and should be placed in the Narthex donation bins.
- ✓ Pray for these people as they prepare to be in mission:

YOUTH

Kyle Anderson
Sylvia Anderson
Connor Cahill
Brystol Christopher
Rachel Jones
Zoe Wright

ADULTS

Trish Clark
Cathy Cowan
David Cowan
Debb Hobbs
Butler Touchton
Martha Touchton
Hannah Underwood

MILESTONES AND TRANSITIONS

In the coming months, many milestones and changes are happening in the life of the St. Mark's family, and the staff wants you to be prepared and participating as we celebrate each one together. Be sure and mark your calendar with the dates given below, and watch St. Mark's various media so you can be fully engaged in all that is ahead. In the meantime, please be in prayer for each person and situation involved, as well as our church as a whole.



As we prepare for each of these special events, helping hands are needed. If you are willing to assist with any of the celebrations listed below, please volunteer to me at martha@stmarkstn.org.

May God bless St. Mark's UMC in the days and weeks ahead!

SAVE THESE DATES:

Sunday, June 28th – Reception and Celebration in honor of the commissioning of Hannah Underwood

Sunday, July 5th – Churchwide Potluck Brunch, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in lieu of Christian Education

Sunday, July 12th – Rev. Rickey Wade's first Sunday preaching at St. Mark's UMC, Reception following.



CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK BRUNCH

Sunday, July 5th, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

(In lieu of Christian Education)

Please Bring a Family-Sized Dish to share

Coffee, Juice, and Milk Provided

Wear your **Red**, **White** and **Blue**!

Helpers Needed in the Kitchen at 8:30 a.m.!



13 Sessions on Sundays, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Beginning August 9th at St. Mark's UMC

\$20 Materials Fee, Assistance Available

Orientation Sunday, August 2, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For the registration link, email martha@stmarkstn.org

WELCOMING REV. RICKEY WADE

Experiencing a change in lead pastors is a significant event in the life of any congregation; the Staff/Parish Team, church staff, and many lay people are working together to make this pastoral transition as smooth as possible. You are invited to join in as we welcome Rev. Wade and his family into our church family. Here are a few things you can do in the coming weeks to be an instrument of God's grace in this time:



Josh Brown

- 1) **Pray.** Pray for Rev. Rickey Wade, his wife Becky, and their family as they prepare to come to St. Mark's. Please continue to pray for Tommy, Hillary, and Liliana as they prepare for ministry in a new setting and especially pray that their house will sell soon. Finally, pray for and encourage our staff as they go through this time of change. Together, we can trust that God will work through the decisions and processes of this transition in the best way possible.
- 2) **Lend a hand.** If you are willing to lend a hand at one of the special events happening in the coming weeks, please volunteer to Lisa Chappell or Rev. Touchton. Be listening for additional opportunities to help Rev. Wade as he moves into his new office space.
- 3) **Give a gift card.** You are invited to give a gift card to your favorite local restaurant or other local business to welcome Rev. Wade. We will have a basket at his reception to receive your cards.
- 4) **Plan to attend the Welcome Reception** for Rev. Rickey and Becky Wade Sunday, July 12th, after worship. During this reception, there will be some creative opportunities for you and your family to help Rev. Wade and his family feel welcome in our church and community. This will be a special time you won't want to miss!

Thank you for all you have already done to give your love and support to our pastors and staff. As we continue to move through this time of change, let's join together to make it a fruitful time full of love and grace.

Josh Brown, Chair
St. Mark's UMC Pastor/Parish Relations Team



A new support group for persons dealing with Parkinson's Disease, including persons suffering the effects of Parkinson's as well as spouses, family members, and caregivers, is now meeting at St. Mark's UMC. This group provides emotional and spiritual encouragement, shares helpful resources, and celebrates victories together.

This group meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in Room 503/505 near the church office. The next gathering will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 24th, with special guest Stella Hixson, dietician. This meeting only will take place in RM 1203. Enter Door 3, the sanctuary entrance, and take the elevator upstairs. Those in attendance are invited to share lunch following at a local restaurant. Guests are always welcome! For more information, contact Rev. Jim Clardy or Rev. Martha Touchton at (615) 893-3455.

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, July 5th is Communion Sunday!

Please bring packages of Ramen and/or small toiletries – toothbrush/paste, soap, & shampoo

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