



SAINT MARK UMC



FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER
July 28, 2022

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Mission Week -

West Union & Seneca

Saint Mark Disciples had the opportunity this week to assist in repairing and replacing siding for one of our neighbors in West Union as well as a deck rails, and windows for another in Seneca.

Many thanks to Russ Larson, Bob Dobson, Melissa Higgs, Jane Harlin, and Julia Beman (intern) for leading the site work. Camille Ellenburg, Winston Ellenburg, Thomas Evatt, Jackson Higgs, and Susan and Rod Smith also served in extending the love and grace of Jesus Christ as they worked. The Table Talk class, Marian Stillwell, Lynn Dobson, and Debbie Dubose provided snacks and lunches.

Thank you all!

Maria





SUMMER EVENTS:

July 29 - Family/Youth Ministry Outing to Greenville Drive Baseball Game

July 31 - Family Ministry Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m. /Youth Center

July 31 & August 7 - Drop Off Dates for CDC School Supply Drive! See page 4.

August 2 - Children's Workshop
- 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Painting Birdhouses

- RSVP by 7/29/2022

Devotional & Snack included

August 3 - "Transitions" Lunch & Learn for Parents - Commons Room
RSVP by 7/29/2022 - \$5.00 (Lunch)

SAVE THE DATES!

AUGUST 14 -
FAITH FORMATION/
PROMOTION SUNDAY
BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP
SERVICE (ONE SERVICE)
FOLLOWED BY
FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

AUGUST 21 -
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH/
FAMILY MINISTRY KICK OFF,
COOKOUT,
AND 2022-2023
PROGRAM ORIENTATION

AUGUST 24 -
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
ACTIVITIES BEGINS FOR
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AUGUST 28 -
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP &
BIBLE STUDY GATHERINGS
BEGIN

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

August 2, 2022 - 1:00-2:30 p.m.

1st to 5th graders have the opportunity to participate in a workshop painting birdhouses. We will have a devotional and a snack as well.

We will meet in the Children's Sunday School room.

You must sign up in advance before this event to ensure we have enough supplies.

Thank you to Billy Boggs for constructing the birdhouses!!

For more information/to register for an event, contact Maria at:

**MBOWERS@SMUMC
SC.ORG OR 678-
876-9086**

PARENTS – LUNCH N LEARN "Transitions"

August 3, 2022 - 11:30 a.m. -
Commons Room

Do you have a child going into Kindergarten, Middle School, or High School? If so, this is the event for you! You are invited to a lunch and learn to discuss the challenges and opportunities presented in these transitions and to connect with others with children in similar stages of life.

Please bring \$5.00 to this event for the cost of your lunch and RSVP by July 29, 2022 by using the QR code below!

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School Supply Drive for Saint Mark CDC!

Drop off dates - July 31 & August 7, 2022

The 2022-2023 school year is fast approaching! Family Ministries is joining in the CDC school supply drive. The collection bins are located in the entrances to the Atrium. The following items are needed for the school year:

- 24 count Crayola crayons
- glue sticks
- Fiskar scissors
- dry erase markers
- pencils
- color pencils
- wide-ruled notebook paper
- composition notebook
- pencil bag
- pencil box





Family Ministry Volunteer Need

Sunday School Teachers and Assistant Teachers Needed for Youth & Children

Sunday School presents an opportunity for us all to grow in grace and faith! Teachers and helpers are needed in both the Children and Youth Ministry areas. I'm guessing all of us remember a Sunday School teacher who helped us become who we are today!

Beginning August 14, 2022, Faith Formation/ Promotion Sunday, we will transition from a primary lead teacher to a rotational format for Children's Sunday School. Volunteers are needed to serve on a rotating basis (i.e., first Sunday, second Sunday, etc.) as teachers and assistants to teachers, meaning you will serve once a month rather than every Sunday, which allows you to stay involved in Adult Sunday School class. We use the Celebrate Wonder Children's curriculum and it offers insights to teaching various ages and learning styles.

Youth Sunday School already follows a rotating format as well. The curriculum varies throughout the year.

If you can help one Sunday a month (i.e., first Sunday, second Sunday, etc.), we can form and offer our children, youth, and families a teaching team of disciples who work together for the growth of our Children and Youth! If you/your Sunday School class would be willing to invest in our families in this way, I would love to talk with you about the opportunity to share your faith!

Support is available through our Family Ministry Interns and Maria, who also assist with Sunday School at times. From brainstorming to gathering supplies or setting up a classroom, we are here to equip you to serve!

Thank you to those who have served faithfully in these areas and who are transitioning to other areas of service within Saint Mark!

