

SAINT MARK UMC

FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER



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August is almost here...only one more month of summer break is ours to enjoy as students prepare for their next step in life. Regardless of what the next step is for you or your student, we have the promise that God will be with us - always! Not just on the first day of school - but always!

As summer winds down, take time to look for God's presence in the world around you! Hope to see you at one of the events/activities planned! See you soon!

Maria



SUMMER EVENTS:

July 19-Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 9:00 a.m.
Drop In fellowship at Chick-Fil-A in Seneca to get to know our new interns!

July 25-28 - Upstate Rebuild Mission Experience with Upstate Rebuild, West Union, SC - Minimum number must sign up to proceed!
- RSVP by 7/15

July 29 - Family/Youth Ministry Outing to Greenville Drive Baseball Game
- RSVP by 7/18 - Extended deadline!

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

July 31 & August 7 - Drop Off Dates for CDC School Supply Drive!

Details for these and other outings will be announced in The Heartbeat and via email!

NOTE -

The July 24th trip to the Children's Museum and Grill Marks will be rescheduled at another time to allow more families to participate! .

SAVE THE DATES!

AUGUST 2 -
CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP
PAINTING BIRDHOUSES
- RSVP BY JULY 29, 2022

AUGUST 3 - "TRANSITIONS"
LUNCH N LEARN (FOR PARENTS)
COMMONS ROOM
- RSVP BY JULY 29, 2022

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



**FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
AT CHICK-FIL-A**

July 19, 2022 - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

On Tuesday, July 19, 2022, from 8:00-9:00 a.m., drop in for breakfast at Chick-Fil-A, share how your summer is going, and get to know our Family Ministry interns! All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

August 2, 2022

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!!

**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 RSVP by July 29, 2022.

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

MBOWERS@SMUMCSC.ORG OR 678-876-9086





ATTENTION

MISSION WORK IN WEST UNION

- LAST CALL!

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP - FRIDAY, 7/15 by NOON!

Upstate Rebuild needs to know we have a team in place before they commit to the expense of ordering supplies for the mission project in West Union. As of right now, we don't have enough signed up to do this project and are trying to revise it to just incorporate the siding project. As a result, we will not be doing roofing repairs.

ADULT LEADER NEEDED

We will only do the siding project IF we can get enough people to participate. They require that we have a second adult throughout the work day, which goes from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. We need one or more adults who can make commitments to partner with us during this schedule. I will be available throughout the project so we are halfway there!

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

A team of at least 5 youth is needed to complete this project. Again, written rsvps are needed for this project because of the financial investment on the part of Upstate Rebuild. As of now, we have limited participation indicated and will not meet the minimum number of participants. For those who are checking availability still, please let me know if you can participate!

If we do not have 5 team members, we won't be able to move forward on this mission project. **The decision will be made by Upstate Rebuild tomorrow at noon so let me hear from you as soon as possible!**

Maria



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!

