ORDER OF SERVICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS OF THE PARISH

WELCOME GUESTS
We welcome our guests. Our prayer is for the Lord to bless you abundantly through this worship experience. If you would, please fill out a visitor’s card and indicate what prompted you to join us in worship this morning. Again, welcome and may the love of Jesus enfold you.

VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
In order to provide clear video viewing without technical difficulties, we no longer offer Zoom as an option for worship services. Zoom will still be available for all other meetings. To tune in to Sunday services online, you must view via YouTube or Facebook. For your convenience, the links are:

- St. Mark United Methodist Church YouTube Page
- St. Mark United Methodist Church Facebook Page

February 22, 2023 @ 1:00pm
St. Mark services will be in-person and virtual.
Curb-side imposition of ashes available from 3:30pm-4:00pm.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT
The St. Mark Religion and Race Ministry will show a movie about “Zora Neale Hurston” on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 10:00am in McFarland Parlor. Refreshments will be served.

CALLING ALL ST. MARK YOUTH
Min. Jeremy Rembert would like to meet with St. Mark youth ages 12-18 and their parents/guardians on Sunday, February 26, 2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm in YMFH. Come out for fellowship, food and games as we reactivate the United Youth Methodist Fellowship (UMYF).

LENT STUDY FOR 2023
The church-wide Bible Study for Lent 2023 is “Live Faith. Shout Hope. Love One Another” by Kathryn Arrnisted. Books are $15.00, and available for pickup at the church office. The study will begin on February 28th (Tuesday at 7:00pm) and March 1st (Wednesday at 11:00am). …

ST. MARK CHAIR YOGA
Join us for Chair Yoga session every Saturday, February 25 – March 25, 2023 from 9:00am-10:00am. Cost is $40 for 5 sessions in advance, or $10 per drop-in session. See Rev. Pam Pirtle, Vera Carr or Regeta Slaughter to sign up. Cash or checks made payable to St. Mark UMC with “chair yoga” written in the memo section.

AFROCENTRIC ATTIRE
As a part of celebrating Black History Month, members are asked to wear their Afrocentric attire every Sunday during the month of February. Photos will be taken in McFarland Parlor right after the worship service.

BLACK HISTORY QUESTIONS
1. Should the history of America and African-Americans include the year 1619? Why or why not? Answer is in Chapter Origins, xix.
2. Did President Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, really free the slaves? Answer is in Chapter 18, Justice.
3. Do you agree that without the British threatening the colonial slave system the United States might “still be a happy British colony”? Answer is in Chapter 1, Democracy.

READERS WANTED
The St. Mark Freedom School of Chicago is seeking volunteer readers. If you are willing to read from our library to the Freedom School scholars, please contact Rev. Pamela Pirtle at ppirtle@stmarkumcchicago.org.

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2 SATURDAYS
MARCH 4th & 11th
9:00AM - 3:00PM
Cost $10
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YOUR VOTE MATTERS
The Justice Ministry would like to remind you of the importance of your vote. Your vote determines the policies and laws affecting our communities. Learn who is running in your ward and research their records. Important information and dates:

- Early voting is open in all 50 wards in Chicago: weekdays 9:00am-6:00pm, Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm, and Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm. Early voting is also open at the two Chicago Board of Elections Super sites located at 191 N. Clark (until February 28th) and 69 W. Washington, 6th floor (until February 27th).
- February 28th - General election, go to polls and all mail-in ballots must be postmark by this date.

Important information and dates:
- ST. MARK UMC CLERGY
  - Rev. P. Devon Brown, Senior Pastor
  - Rev. Pamela Pirtle, Executive Administrative Pastor
  - Rev. Atty. Francine Taylor
  - ST. MARK HOURS
- HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTRY NEWS
- Pullman National Historical Park
  - Seeking Two Community Outreach Ambassadors
  - Join our team at Pullman National Historical Park for the Summer of 2023!

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
Worship Service ~ 10:00am
Sunday School ~ 9:45am