



ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SONG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In quiet peace God created humankind, colorful, balanced and creatively diverse and the beauty of God's handiwork of love filled the earth.

P: Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

L: And in honor of Black History Month we remember our ancestors who made a way out of no way with God before them, beside them, and lovingly guiding them throughout all generations:

P: Those who have gone before us represent the great cloud of witnesses. Their spirits linger with us creating new generations of mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters of the African Diaspora.

ALL: Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord! Praise Ye the Lord! AMEN!

INVOCATION

MUSICAL WITNESS

PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTATION

Nelson Williams

NEWS OF THE PARISH

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION

READING OF SCRIPTURE

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 12:1-3
*Gospel Lesson John 1:46-50

MUSICAL WITNESS

SERMON

Rev. Pamela Pirtle

"When They See Us, What Do They See?"

*INVITATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*BENEDICTION

**CLOSING SONG

Please stand, if able, for (*).
Please be seated for the closing song (**)

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 Armistead. Books are \$19.00, 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)



SAVE THE DATE
United Women in Faith
Presents...
CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS
PRAYER
BREAKFAST
May 13, 2023
9:00am - 1:00pm
Georgios Banquets
8800 West 159th Street
Orland Park, IL 60462
Tables of 10 - \$40/Person
For tickets and table information,
Contact Rose Coleman or Cliftena Kirking

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

- Should the history of America and African-Americans include the year 1619? Why or why not?
Answer is in Chapter *Origins*, xix.
- Did President Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, really free the slaves?
Answer is in Chapter 18, *Justice*.
- 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.

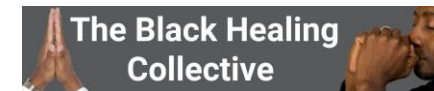
ST. MARK CREDIT UNION OFFERING SPECIAL LOANS

The St. Mark Credit Union is offering special loans at a reduced rate. For further information, please stop in on Sundays or Wednesdays.



LEADERSHIP
LAKE SOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING
February 25, 2023 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Orland Park: Faith UMC Cost \$15
15101 South 80th Avenue, Orland Park, IL

Visit <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/lake-south-leadership-training> for more information. Click on Online Registration to register.



4-HOUR WORKSHOP SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023 9:00AM - 1:00PM @ ST. MARK UMC

The content of workshop is for people of Black African heritage. Visit <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/black-healing-collective-4-hour-retreat> for details and online registration. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Please contact Amania Drane at adrane@umcnic.org for questions.



LAKE SOUTH WINTER 2023 LAY ACADEMY
2 SATURDAYS
March 4th & 11th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Cost \$10
Attend Via Zoom or Phone

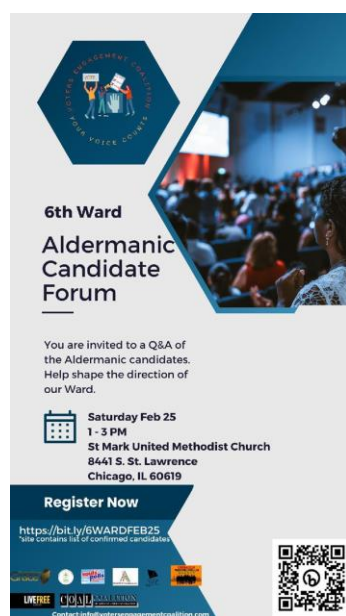
Visit <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/lake-south-lay-academy-spring-23> for more information and to register.

| HAPPY BIRTHDAY | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Spencer C. Porter | Jordan Lott |
| Walter Elmore Jr. | |

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 agenda. 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 Supersites 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. NOTE: Even on Election Day, unregistered citizens can register and vote at their home precinct. Registration requirements are two pieces of ID, one with current address. For more information, visit www.chicagoelections.gov.



6th Ward Aldermanic Candidate Forum

You are invited to a Q&A of the Aldermanic candidates. Help shape the direction of our Ward.

Saturday Feb 25
1 - 3 PM
St Mark United Methodist Church
8441 S. St. Lawrence
Chicago, IL 60619

Register Now
<https://bit.ly/6WARDFEB25>
*Site Contains list of confirmed candidates

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! This program is through the Greening Youth Foundation's HBCUs Internships and INTERN X Program. Visit <https://gyfoundation.org/contact/> to learn more about the position and to apply. Applications close on February 28, 2023. Pullman National Historical Park 610 E 111th Street, Chicago, IL 60628, 773-468-9310. For more information, visit nps.gov/PULL.



CBCF 2023 OPPORTUNITIES
APPLICATIONS OPEN!

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PROGRAMS:

- Scholarships Program
- Congressional Internship Program
- Pathways to the C-Suite Internship Program

Internships deadline: March 31, 2023
Scholarships deadline: March 31 - April 28, 2023

Apply Online! cbcfnac.academicworks.com



PRAYER CORNER

"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." Matthew 18:20
~Meditate on His word day and night ~ St. Mark Prayer Ministry

MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS

Dear St. Mark Members, please keep our hospitalized, sick and shut-in and bereaved in your prayers. Whenever you receive information (e.g., illness, hospitalization, transition) regarding a member or former member, please inform the church office. Thank You.

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LECTIONARY READINGS

February 19, 2023

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| Exodus 24: 12-18 | Psalms 99 |
| 2 Peter 1:16-21 | Matthew 17:1-9 |

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ST. MARK GIVING OPTIONS

For your convenience, the following website link is provided for online giving: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM9F>. Other options available for you to give:

- Vanco Mobile App
- Text to Give: 833-454-0208
- ACH Account Debit
- U.S. Mail delivery
- Drop-off in person during weekday office hours - (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday)
- Drop-off in the mailbox outside the St. Mark office entrance

ST. MARK HOURS

| | Building | Office 773.846.2992 | Credit Union 773.846.4433 |
|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday | 9:00am – 1:00pm | Closed | 11:00am – 12:00pm |
| Monday | 5:00pm – 9:00pm | Closed | Closed |
| Tuesday | 9:00am – 9:00pm | 9:00am – 6:00pm | Closed |
| Wednesday | 9:00am – 6:00pm | 9:00am – 6:00pm | 10:00am – 2:00pm |
| Thursday | Closed | Closed | Closed |
| Friday | 9:00am – 6:00pm | 9:00am – 6:00pm | Closed |
| Saturday | 9:00am – 1:00pm | Closed | Closed |

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February 19, 2023

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

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