



ORDER OF SERVICE

August 20, 2023
10:00 am



PROCESSIONAL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the gathering of school supplies, in the harvesting of backyard gardens:

P: God blesses us beyond imagination.

L: In the simple acts of daily chores, in the kindness shared by a stranger:

P: God is gracious to us.

L: In the rapture of a child watching a firefly, in the wisdom shared by an elder:

P: God's face shines upon us.

L: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

P: God's love flows through our lives!

L: This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

P: This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.

ALL: We praise you, O God! We praise you! AMEN.

INVOCATION

MUSICAL SELECTION

NEWS OF THE PARISH

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 67
Gospel Lesson Matthew 15:21-28

MUSICAL SELECTION

SERMON

Rev. Allyson Cressie Talbert
"Faith and Crumbs"

THE INVITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Please stand, if able, for (*).

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. Please see one of our Ushers to receive a special visitor's gift bag. Again, welcome and may the love of Jesus enfold you.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Euel Bunton and Otis Pope, both longtime members of St. Mark, will be joining Kairos Prison Ministry for a four-day Christian outreach to inmates at Stateville Prison in mid-September. In preparation for this event, their duties include prayerfully baking 50 dozen cookies using a set recipe and writing letters to the inmates. They will be baking and writing here at the church on Friday, August 25th from 9:30am-1:30pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office.

ST. MARK 2023 LAITY HONOREES

We are happy to announce this year's two St. Mark 2023 Laity Honorees: Mrs. W. Joyce Pickett-Polk and Mr. Derrick Mitchell. They will be officially honored at the Annual Chicago BMCR Luncheon on Saturday, October 28th. Save the Date to celebrate and support St. Mark's honorees. Look for more information to come.



CHAIR YOGA

Chair Yoga is back September 9th! See Regeta Slaughter or Vera Carr to sign up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER BREAK

Sunday School classes will resume on September 10, 2023.

BIBLE STUDY ON SUMMER BREAK

All Bible Study classes will not meet during the month of August. Bible Study will resume on September 12, 2023.

GRIEF MINISTRY

Grief Ministry is not meeting during the month of August. Meetings will resume on September 16, 2023. If you need to talk feel free to call Rev. Fran Thirus - Chairperson, Felicia Gaines - Co Chairperson, Betty Lewis or Ella Mitchell.

CAMERA CLUB

Are you interested in photography? Come join the St. Mark Camera Club to learn all about the art and science of taking great photos. We are now meeting on Saturdays at 10:00am. See you at our next meeting on September 16, 2023!

ST. MARK'S 130TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The St. Mark United Methodist Church's 130th Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Bishop Tracy Smith Malone is the speaker at the 10:00 am 130th Celebration Worship Service. Rev. Dr. B. Herbert Martin is the speaker at the 130th Celebration Gala at Silver Lake Country Club, 14700 S. 82nd Avenue, Orland Park, Illinois 60462. Doors open at 4 pm. To purchase your tickets or ads today, please stop by the desk in McFarland Parlor on Sundays, scan the QR code on the above flyer, or purchase online at: www.ticketfalcon.com/e/stmark130/.

Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future

St. Mark United Methodist Church

130 YEARS ANNIVERSARY Celebration



**Bishop Tracy Smith
Malone**

10 am Church Service
St. Mark UMC
8441 S. St. Lawrence Ave, Chicago



**Rev. Dr. B. Herbert
Martin, Sr.**

4 pm Gala
Silver Lake Country Club
14700 S. 82nd Ave, Orland Park

Gala and Ads - <https://www.ticketfalcon.com/e/stmark130>

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Contact: stmarkumc130@gmail.com
(773) 846-2992

Gala Costs:	Table of 8
\$600.00	Adult ticket
\$75.00	Child ticket
\$50.00	

Souvenir Book Costs:	Back Cover Page
\$500.00	Full Page
\$130.00	Half Page
\$100.00	Quarter Page
\$75.00	Patron Listing
\$50.00	

Camera-ready art by 8/27/23 emailed to: stmarkumc130@gmail.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
August 20 – 26, 2023	
Micah Johnson-Bell	Kathryn Malone
Ana Dean	Maceo D. Pembroke, Jr.
William Bridges	Joan Brown
Saundra Lightfoot	Bryce A. Fluellen, Sr.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
August 20 th ~ Mr. Madison & Mrs. Nyshana Dowlen	
August 26 th ~ Dr. Herman & Mrs. Laura Morgan	

THANK YOU

Dear St. Mark members and friends, Mrs. Brenda Hambright and Ms. Toni Branch want to thank you for the prayers, cards, calls, and text we received during the transition of our brother, Mr. Thomas Branch, Jr. Thanks again for all the kindness shown towards our family.

HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTRY NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GET READY FOR 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Agricultural & Natural Sciences (UMES SANS) is pleased to introduce the UMES Land-Grant Scholarship Program. The program provides scholarships to support the recruitment, retention and educational success of undergraduate students, resulting in an increased number of graduates with baccalaureate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences and related fields. The scholarships are funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and are intended to encourage outstanding students to pursue and complete baccalaureate degrees in these fields.

AWARDS: Scholarships are awarded annually and must be used at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Awards are renewable each year for the term of the scholarship and provides up to \$15,000 per year in-state or \$25,000 per year out-of-state, based on the student's financial need. The scholarship renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance (must maintain a GPA of 2.8 or above) and academic progress toward the bachelor's degree.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

High school applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have applied for or have been accepted for admission to UMES
- Will be enrolled at UMES no later than one year after the date of acceptance to UMES
- Will be accepted into one of the following majors: General Agriculture, Agribusiness Management, Environmental Science or Human Ecology
- Have a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate with a high school grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.8 unweighted (on a 4.0 scale)
- Intend to pursue a career in the food and agricultural sciences
- Be enrolled full time in at least 15 course credits leading to an undergraduate degree in any of the four majors listed above each semester

College applicants (transfer students) must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have applied for or have been accepted for admission to UMES
- Will be enrolled at UMES no later than one year after the date of acceptance to UMES
- Will be accepted into one of the following majors: General Agriculture, Agribusiness Management, Environmental Science or Human Ecology
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Intend to pursue a career in the food and agricultural sciences
- Be enrolled full time in at least 15 course credits leading to an undergraduate degree in any of the four majors listed above each semester

TO APPLY:

- Complete the online application. Supporting documentation (resume, transcripts, essay and letters of recommendation) can be emailed to: umeslandgrantscholarship@umes.edu.
- <https://wwwcp.umes.edu/sans/umes-land-grant-scholarship-program-application/>



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.

LECTIONARY READINGS

August 20, 2023

Genesis 45:1-15	Psalms 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15 (10-20), 21-28

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VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Tune in to Sunday services online via YouTube or Facebook on the following links:

[St. Mark United Methodist Church YouTube Page](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStMarkUMCChicago)
[St. Mark United Methodist Church Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/StMarkUMCChicago/)

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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 – 6:00pm	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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Worship & Sunday School 10:00 AM



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