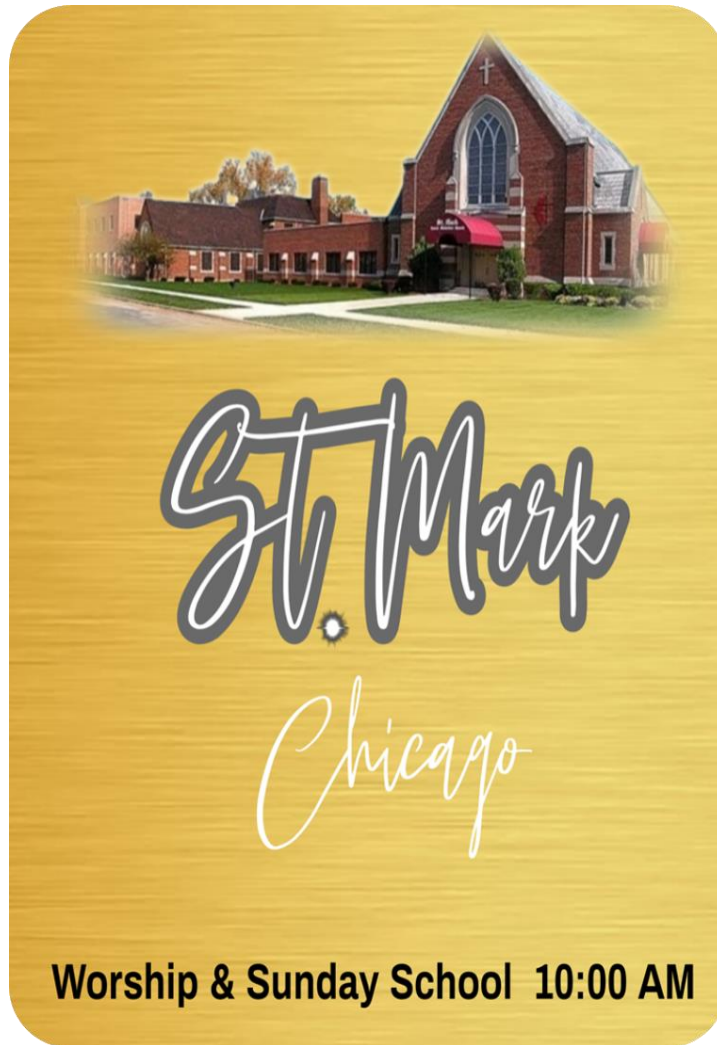


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ORDER OF SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

10:00 AM

OPENING SONG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, the voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner, the grocery store aisle, the noisy dinner table, and the quiet places of our hearts. Will you listen?

All: Yes, with God's help, we will listen!

Leader: Wisdom calls to us with hard truths, showing us where we've strayed in our hearts and as a community and urging us back onto God's path. Will you follow?

All: Yes, with God's help, we will follow!

Leader: Wisdom's call persists through the twists and turns, the rough patches, the barely discernible paths forward, and the moments we feel completely lost. Will you hold onto Wisdom wherever she takes you?

All: Yes, with God's help, we will hold onto Wisdom!

Leader: Then Beloved, let us worship God together as we cling to wisdom on our journey along the path of salvation paved with God's love.

All: Yes! Let us worship God together! AMEN.

INVOCATION

*MUSICAL WITNESS

NEWS OF THE PARISH

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Epistle Lesson James 3:7-10

*Gospel Lesson John 1:1-5

MUSICAL WITNESS

SERMON

"A Word to the Wise"

Rev. P. Devon Brown

INVITATION TO CHRIST

ALTAR CALL/PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

*BENEDICTION

Please stand, if able, for ().*



ZOOM MEETINGS
St. Mark U.M. Church

Morning Prayer	Monday - Friday 9:00am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85265804624
Evening Devotional/ Disciple study	Monday - Friday 7:00pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88606969555
Bible Study	Wednesday - 11:00am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/604340501
Sunday Book Club	Sunday - 12:00pm https://us02web.zoom.us/j/132615486
Grief Ministry	Third Saturday - 10:00am https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87346664979

LOG IN AND JOIN US!

.Wednesday Bible Study
resumes on September 18th at 11:00am
in person and on ZOOM.

*The class will be studying Paul's letter to the Philippians. The book is Philippians by N.T. Wright.
It's one of the N.T. Wright For Everyone Bible Study Guides Published by IVP Connect.
Available on Amazon. Please read the background info before the first class and Acts chapter 16.*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS OF THE PARISH

WELCOME GUESTS

We welcome our guests. Our prayer is for the Lord to bless you abundantly through this worship experience. 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.

ST. MARK CREDIT UNION OPEN HOUSE

Founded in 1955, the St. Mark Credit Union is sponsoring an Open House on Sunday, September 15th and September 29th, immediately following worship service in McFarland Parlor. The Credit Union is excited to provide information on our services as well as our new website and MemberNet, an online service allowing you to access your account. Please stop by. We look forward to seeing you!



St. Mark, United Methodist Church

SMART-DEVICE SAFETY & HEALTH CLASS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT YOUR SMART DEVICES, HOW TO USE THEM SAFELY, UTILIZE THEIR SAFETY FEATURES, HEALTH FEATURES, AND MORE?

September 7th: Saturday Morning 10 to 11 AM session	September 15th: Sunday after service 11:30-12:30 PM session	September 29th: Sunday after service 11:30-12:30PM session
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LOCATION
(9/7),
(9/15) & (9/29):
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please bring your smart devices
(iPhones, Samsung galaxy
phones, smart-watches, and
other smart devices)

Sunday, September 15th @ 11:30am

<https://tinyurl.com/SmartDevice-Class2>

Meeting ID: 831 8876 2835 Passcode: 578957

BMCR LAITY AWARD

This year's Chicago Black Methodists for Church Renewal Laity Award honorees for St. Mark are **sister Veletta Bell** and **brother Ernest Payne**. This award is presented to lay persons who have exhibited selfless service to the Lord. The awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 11:00am. at DD's banquets and Events – 757 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City. Tickets are \$65.00, and can be purchased from our Lay Leader, brother Madison Dowlen, or the church office. As we must reserve our tables well before September 8, 2024, the sooner you make your reservation, the better. Thank you.



The Annual St. Mark UMC
"TURKEY TIME" Thanksgiving Fund Raiser

Kick-off: Sunday, Sept. 15th!



The goal of the fund raiser is to award 100 needy families \$100 Aldis' gift cards to shop in dignity for their holiday feast.

All donations are welcome, and you will receive a Blessing Stone for giving \$25 or more. For a donation of \$75 or more, receive a Rainbow pin to wear during the Holiday season. Fund raiser ends Oct. 13th. Make donations payable to St. Mark Community Food Pantry.

St. Mark Community Food Pantry Ministry

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
Zariel Baker	Lee McCord
Darryl Faulkner	Deanna Sanders
Evan J. Lowry	Cailyn Johnson-Smith
Joyce D. Greenlaw	Lori Parrott Rice
Greg Parks	Eugenia Hardaway

Save the Date!
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP SESSION

Want to have an active role in unpacking St. Mark's Vision and Mission, understanding more about our model of governance, and/or planning your 2025 ministry? If so, attend the Leadership Workshop Session, Saturday, September 28, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Please RSVP by calling the church office or emailing the St. Mark Office – office@stmarkumcchicago.org with your name, phone, and email.

UWIF - BLOOD DRIVE

The United Women in Faith is hosting their annual Blood Drive. It will be held Saturday, October 5, 2024, 10:00am - 2:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Please consider being a donor. If you cannot donate, ask a friend or family member if they would like to be a donor. Sign-up will be in held in McFarland Parlor after each service in September. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Townsend ([708-945-8243](tel:708-945-8243)).

ATTENTION UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEMBERS
"Designated Giving" donations will be collected in McFarland Parlor, following the worship service on the 1st and 4th Sundays. Contact Dorris McGill

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!!!
To our out of state college students, PLEASE pay close attention to the absentee ballot process which is detailed in our GroupMe. This is a critical time in history and we want to ensure that your voices are heard. Please ensure that, if you will be 18 before the election, you are registered to vote AND if you will be out of state, you obtain your absentee ballot. It is essential that you return your ballot at least 2 weeks BEFORE Election Day. Make your vote count! If you are not in the GroupMe and would like to be added, please send your name and phone number to nboone_ross@hotmail.com.

POPCORN FUNDRAISER
SEPT. 8-22, 2024

Cub Pack 4791 and Troop 1791 will have their annual popcorn fundraiser next month. Please be prepared to support our young people.

For more info, contact :
 Linda Helm at 773.962.1321

PARTNERS IN RETIREMENT

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NEW NAME-NEW TIME-NEW ACTIVITIES

FREE MEAL Sept. 25 @ 12:30 PM

PIR will restart on Wednesday, September 25th, 2024. It will have a new start time – 12:30pm. It will have new activities, and it will have a new name. All seasoned

saints and others are invited to attend. A full and free meal will be served.

FRIENDS & FAMILY
Day

**Who Can You Count On?
 (God, Family, Friends)**

SEPTEMBER 29 @10AM

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND OTHERS
 ALL ARE WELCOME

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WE ARE HIRING!

JOIN OUR SUPPORT TEAM

OPEN POSITIONS:

- Office Assistant
- Security Staff Officer

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

OFFICE ASST. Full job description here
 Working in a church environment, this position requires the ability to interact and greet members, visitors, and vendors in a friendly and professional manner.

SECURITY STAFF OFFICER Full job description here
 The Security Staff Officer plays an essential role on the church security team. Security is responsible for maintaining a visible presence during worship services, events, and activities.

APPLY NOW
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Free Expungement Clinic
 Every 1st Saturday
 of the month
 in 2024
 10am-1pm

End permanent
 punishments

Know Your Rights
 Help obtaining RAP
 sheets
 Assistance with filing
 forms
 Voter Registration

Online
 registration

Walk-ins
 welcome

UNITED BROTHER IN FAITH • JUSTICE MATTERS

The next Expungement Clinic will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 @11:00am.

LAKE SOUTH FALL 2024 LAY ACADEMY

Sat., Oct. 5th

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 12th

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Cost \$20

All books may be purchased at your favorite bookseller.
All class times must be attended to receive course credit.

Dolton: Faith UMC 15015 Grant St., Dolton

Class Options: (one course per academy)

- 1 Basic Course:** The Basic Course focuses on three primary aspects of Lay Servant Ministry: Leading, Caring, and Communicating.
Book: *Basic Course Participant Guide* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson & Brian Jackson.
Instructor: Jessica Houston, CLS
- 2 Living Our United Methodist Beliefs:** This Course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that the United Methodist Church brings to the church universal.
Book: *Living Our United Methodist Beliefs: The United Methodist Way* by Kenneth L. Carder.
Instructor: Robert D. Massey, Sr., CLS
- 3 The Caring Congregation Ministry:** This new advanced course equips participants with tools for deep listening and grows their capacity to care in difficult situations of loss
Book: *The Caring Congregation Ministry* by Karen Lampe, Melissa Collier Gepford
Instructor: Rev. Marcus Tabb.
- 4 Sacraments: Means of Grace:** This advanced course with a leader's guide by Rev. Beth Galbreath gives a deeper experience of the sacraments and many ideas for deepening congregations' sacramental practice of Baptism and Holy Communion.
Book: *This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion* by Gayle Carlton Felton
Instructor: Lois Nemeth, CLS
- 5 Soul Reset:** The course helps participants discover the power of Rest through practices that creates spiritual wholeness.
Book: *Soul Reset: Breakdown, Breakthrough, and the Journey to Wholeness* by Junius B Dotson.
Instructor: Glynis Massey, CLS

QUESTIONS?

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Register Online:

umcnic.org/calendar/lake-south-lay-academy-fall-2024



Click Here to sign up: <https://na.eventscloud.com/812391>

