



The St. Mark Messenger

January 2010

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
Hebrews 10: 24-25



Storms Bring Out the Eagles but the Little Bird Take Cover Helen Steiner Rice

...They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles... Isaiah 40:31

*When the "storms of life"
Gather darkly ahead,
I think of these wonderful words
I once read
And I say to myself
As "threatening clouds" hover
Don't "fold up your wings"
And "run for cover"
But like the eagle
"spread wide your wings"
And "soar far above"
the troubles life brings,
For the eagle knows
that the higher he flies
The more tranquil and brighter
become the skies
And there is nothing in life
GOD ever asks us to bear
That we can't soar above
"ON THE WINGS OF PRAYER"
And in looking back over
The "storm you passed through"
You'll find you gained strength
and new courage too,"
For in facing "life's storms"
With an EAGLE'S WINGS
You can fly far above
earth's small, petty things.*

Soar like "eagles" St. Mark! Happy New Year!

A WORD FROM PASTOR WATTS



"And now let us welcome the New Year
Full of things that have never been."
--Rainer Maria Rilke

As we enter into the year 2010, it is well for us to offer prayer—
Thanksgiving to God for what has been and for what shall be. How do we
Then enter this year? "unclenched open". Hear these words of prayer
From Ted Loder, one of my favorite bearers of the Word.

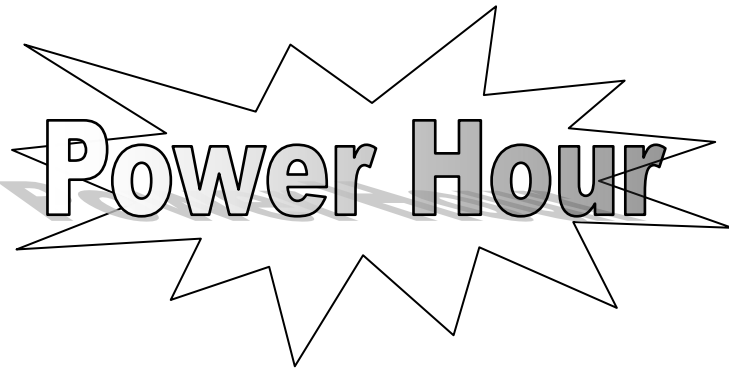
"...Lord: Open us!

Gentle us open, pry, shock, tickle, beguile, knock, amaze,
Squeeze, any wily way you can us open.

Open us to see your glory in the coming again of the
Light of each day...the light of truth wherever spoken and done

Open us, then, to share gifts you have given us
And to the deep yearning to share them gladly and boldly,
to sweat for justice, to pay the cost of attention,
to initiate the exchange of forgiveness,
to risk a new beginning free of past grievances,
to engage with each other in the potluck of joy
and to find the gifts of a larger love and deeper peace...."
(from My Heart in My Mouth)

Janice L. Frederick-Watts



**Sixty minutes to teach the people, reach the people and to leave our Mark on the world
Every Sunday - 10am to 11am**

Please join us every Sunday, 10 to 11 am for Power Hour. Weekly classes are available for **children, youth, young adults, men, and adults**. A thought-provoking and inspiring men's topical discussion group meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Remember, it's more than Sunday school it's.... Power Hour

Children (4 – 11 years)
Youth (12 – 18 years)
Traditional Adult Class

Men's Topical Discussion
Young Adult Class

For more information contact Power Team Leader Penny Henderson @ 244-0139 or pehenderson@bellsouth.net

THE MONTH AT-A-GLANCE.....

Stay informed! Post "St. Mark on the Move" on your refrigerator, message board or any noticeable location. See you there!

January 3

Sunday

8 am	Praise & Worship	
8:15 am	Morning Worship	
10 am	Power Hour	Fellowship Hall
11 am	Girl Scout Parent meeting	Conference Room
3 pm	United Methodist Women Executive Committee	Fellowship Hall
4 pm	United Methodist Women	Fellowship Hall

Monday

6 pm	Joint District Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
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Tuesday

10 am	Companions in Christ	Fellowship Hall
6 pm	Trustee meeting	Conference Room

Wednesday

6:30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Thursday		
6 pm	V.O.H. Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
6 pm	Finance Committee meeting	Conference Room
Saturday		
7:14 am	7:14 Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary
10:30 am	VOH Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
5 pm	Inspirational Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
<u>January 10</u>		
Sunday		
8 am	Praise & Worship	
8:15 am	Morning Worship	
9:45 am	UM Youth meeting	Room 104
10 am	Power Hour	Fellowship Hall
2 pm	Greenville District Conference	Buncombe St. UMC
3 pm	Leadership Training	Buncombe St. UMC
4 pm	Second Sunday Chorale	
Monday		
6 pm	Missions Committee	Room 104
6:30 pm	St. Mark Orchestra Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday		
10 am	Companions in Christ	
Wednesday		
6:30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Thursday		
11 am	Senior's Bingo Brunch	Fellowship Hall
6 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
Saturday		
7:14 am	7:14 Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary
8 am	UM Men's meeting	Ryan's in Greer
5 pm	Inspirational Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
<u>January 17</u>		
Sunday		
8 am	Praise & Worship	
8:15 am	Morning Worship	
10 am	Power Hour	Fellowship Hall
Monday		
6:30 pm	St. Mark Orchestra Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Tuesday		
10 am	Companions in Christ	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday		
5 pm	Family Ministry Committee meeting	Room 104

5:30 pm	Membership Committee meeting	Conference Room
6:30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall

Saturday

7:14 am	7:14 Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
12 pm	Vessels of Praise	Room 104
12:30 pm	Brownie Troop meeting	Fellowship Hall

January 24

Sunday

8 am	Praise & Worship	
8:15 am	Morning Worship	
10 am	Power Hour	Fellowship Hall

Monday

6:30 pm	St. Mark Orchestra Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday

10 am	Companions in Christ	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday

6:30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Thursday

11:30 am	Website Deadline	
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Saturday

7:14 am	7:14 Intercessory Prayer	Sanctuary
12 pm	Vessels of Praise Rehearsal	Room 104
10:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Rehearsal Hall
12:30 pm	Brownie Troop 462 Meeting	Room 104

January 31

Sunday

8 am	Praise & Worship	
8:15 am	Morning Worship	
10 am	Power Hour	Fellowship Hall

Monday

6:30 pm	St. Mark Orchestra Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday

10 am	Companions in Christ	Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday

6:30 pm	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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Thursday

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AROUND THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY

"Keeping you in touch with key events and activities"

January 10

Greenville District 2010 Leadership Orientation

Buncombe St. UMC

If you have information that you would like to share with the St. Mark Church family, please submit all information to the church secretary or any member of The St. Mark Messenger staff no later than the 4th Sunday of each month. Items will be printed at the discretion of The Messenger staff.

WE SALUTE YOU

St. Mark United Methodist Church salutes the brave men and women in the armed forces and around the world. We remember them in our prayers. These are the members of SMC in active duty.

US Army

Kiersten Shumpert

US Marines

Marshall Grayson

Army National Guard Reserves

Willie P. Rowe

US Navy Reserves

Bryant Simmons

US Air Force Reserves

Quentin M. Griffin



WORSHIP SUPPORT-AT-A-GLANCE

Worship Support

Sunday, January 3

Greeters

Announcer
Juana Slade

AV Technicians
William Marshall
Faurtina Martin
Calvin Slade
Aaron Fuller

Acolytes
Jacob Edwards
Jordan Patrick

Sunday, January 10

Greeters

Announcer
Stacey Atkins

AV Technicians
William Marshall
Faurtina Martin
Calvin Slade
Aaron Fuller

Acolytes
Alexis Robertson
Brittany Williams

Sunday, January 17

Greeters

Announcer
Gena Garrison

AV Technicians
William Marshall
Faurtina Martin
Calvin Slade
Aaron Fuller

Acolytes
Erin Dillard
Brooklyn Shumate

Sunday, January 24

Greeters

Announcer
Lasonia Williams

AV Technicians
William Marshall
Faurtina Martin
Calvin Slade
Aaron Fuller

Acolytes
Brittany Williams
Sierra Carter

Sunday, January 31

Greeters

Announcer
Gena Garrison

A/V Technicians

Acolytes

TAKE NOTE

Take note of the Trustee's Weekly Schedule. For more information contact Margaret V. Freeman at 244-0673

Monday	Royce Freeman	244-0640
Tuesday	CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE	
Wednesday	Twana Cruell	268-7476
Thursday	Margaret V. Freeman	244-0673
Friday	CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE	
Saturday		
Sunday	Aaron Fuller	283-0744

***For special access on Tuesday or Friday contact Margaret V. Freeman at the number listed above.*

SICK & SHUT-INS

Please remember our sick and shut-in members with your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and visits. **Contact the church office administrator at 848-7141** with information regarding all church family illnesses and bereavement.

Mr. Harold Cheeks – Belaire Place, 23 Southpointe Drive Rm. #115, Greenville 29607	234-9542
Rev. Oliver N. Greer – 317 Garrett Street, Mauldin 29662	234-7341
Mrs. Minnie Louther – Residence Unknown	
Mr. Donald Talley – 3204 Culpepper Crossing, Duncan 29334	486-9472
Mrs. Ella Mae Whiteside – 202 Frank Street, Greenville 29601	271-1537
Mrs. Lillian McKinney- 5501 Hwy 101 North, Taylors, 29687	895-1933
Mrs. Doshia Sherman – 817 St. Mark Road, Taylors, 29687	244-3262

January Birthdays

1/1 Beverly Byrd
1/4 Mary Jackson
1/4 N. Diane Talley
1/7 Niya Cephas
1/8 Angela Freeman
1/8 Pat Watson
1/9 Michael Jones
1/11 Tanya Jones
1/12 Bryant Simmons
1/14 Joe Owens, Jr.
1/16 Gary Jones
1/18 Charnelle Gaillard
1/20 Jeremiah Kanard
1/21 Cassandra McGowan
1/22 Diane B. Talley
1/22 McKenzie Weston
1/23 Charles Thomas
1/25 Christie Talley
1/26 Audbree Byrd
1/26 DyAnne Dempsey
1/27 Rev. Janice Frederick-Watts
1/28 Jermaine Latimer
1/28 Danielle Martin
1/30 Jerry Murry
1/31 Kiesha Edmonds
1/31 Billy Johnson
1/31 Reggie Landrum

January Anniversaries

1/6 Sandi & William Lechner
1/30 Avis & T. J. Bowman, Jr.
1/31 Pat & W. L. Watson, Jr.

FLOWER FUND

Help beautify the sanctuary, contribute to the "Flower Fund!" For a \$50 donation, flowers can be placed on the altar in honor, memory, or celebration of a loved one or special event. Orders must be placed, **paid for** in advance, and all checks should be made payable to St. Mark UMC. For more information, contact the Church Office.

PRAYER Life

Just call---someone will answer. The Upper Room Prayer Center is only a call away. Call anytime/anywhere and someone will pray with or for you.

1-800-251-2468

The 7:14 Prayer Ministry
Every Saturday Morning at "7:14" in the Sanctuary

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry at St. Mark

Every Sunday: The Vessels of Praise (Praise Team)

First Sunday: The Chancel Choir, Anthony Jackson, Musician

Second Sunday: The Voices of Hope (Youth), Brenda Benson, Director and Musician

The Inspirational Choir, Ruby Lewers, Director

Third Sunday: The Chancel Choir, Anthony Jackson, Musician

The Inspirational Choir, Ruby Lewers, Director

Fourth Sunday: The Children's Choir, Brenda Benson, Director and Musician

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED!

Church news at your finger tips:

- **The deadline for newsletter articles is the 4th Sunday of each month. Articles may be submitted to any member of the Communications Team and we respectfully reserve the right to review and edit all copy.**
- **St. Mark Info Line.** This telephone service features voicemail, weekly activities and Sunday school updates. Simply dial the church's main number, 864-848-7141, and follow the prompts.
- **On the "world wide web":** www.stmarktaylorssc.com

"A New Beginning"

I chose that title because it is fitting of this new endeavor that I have taken on. Many of you may not be aware, but beginning January 2010, I will be taking over the duties of communications chair for St. Mark United Methodist Church. This is a new beginning, for me, as well as for the church family. As I enter this new phase I ask for your prayers and support. Along with a new chairperson there will be changes to the way the church communications staff operates. As well as in the ways information is given to you.

The first change will be with the monthly newsletter. Beginning with this issue, we will distribute pdf copies of the newsletter via email along with the paper copies. This change has a two-fold purpose. It will allow us to print fewer copies, and save church funds, while also increasing our options within the newsletter. The pdf copy of the newsletter will be in full color, as well as it can be saved electronically for future reference.

Lastly, I also solicit your ideas. The St. Mark Messenger is your church newsletter, and I welcome any and all ideas that you may have for making it a better newsletter. I also welcome your thoughts on improving communication within our church. Communication within the church is extremely important, and together we can make it successful.

*Yours in Christ
Gena Garrison*

Flu Season is here!

Read these tips on how to take care of a sick person in your home and protect yourself and others who are not sick:

**Important
Information!
Please Read!**

- ❖ Keep the sick person away from others as much as possible, in a room separate from the common areas of the house, with the door closed.
- ❖ Remind the sick person to cover their coughs, and to **wash their hands with soap and water often.**
- ❖ Have only one adult in the home take care of the sick person. The sick person should have no visitors other than the designated caregiver.
- ❖ Have everyone in the home wash their hands often with soap and water. Children may need reminders or help keeping their hands clean and away from their eyes, nose and mouth.
- ❖ The caregiver should avoid being face to face with the sick person. If holding a small child who is sick, place their chin on your shoulder so they will not cough in your face.
- ❖ Keep surfaces (especially bed side tables, in the bathroom, and toys for children) clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant according to directions on the product label.
- ❖ Throw away tissues and other disposable items used by the sick person in the trash. Wash linens, such as sheets and towels, by using household laundry soap and tumble dry on hot setting. Avoid "hugging" laundry prior to washing.
- ❖ Eating utensils should be washed either in a dishwasher or by hand with soap and water.
- ❖ Ask your health care provider if the family members of the sick person should take antiviral medications.
- ❖ Monitor yourself and household members for flu symptoms and contact your health care provider if symptoms occur.



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