

THE MARKINGS

MISSION: To share the love of Jesus with and through the people of Talbot County and beyond.

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 100 PEACHBLOSSOM ROAD, EASTON, MD 21601

MAY 2017

From Our Pastor

Will you share your email address with us? If you have an email address and it is not registered with us or if your email address has changed, would you please share it with us by emailing churchoffice@stmarkseaston.org.

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Mother's Day

May 14, 2017

Our Vision:

St. Mark's Church will inspire people of all ages through acts of love and service to know Jesus Christ.

At our April Administrative Council Board Meeting, June Billman, one of our lay delegates to Annual Conference shared this short devotion written by Pastor Tim Harris. It was quite appropriate as it was actually "The Day After Easter"! He shares:

I wonder what the day after Easter—i.e. the day after Jesus' resurrection—was like for Jesus' first group of followers. I know what the day after Easter is like for most of us. We go back to work or school. After a day of celebration, we force ourselves to get back into the normal routine of life—albeit a little tired and a still a little full from all the food we've eaten. We ask each other, "How was your Easter?" and then go on to talk about the weather or the latest news items. We enjoyed the church services, but now it's time to get back into the real world of schedules, stocks, and sports. Like the day after any holiday, the day after Easter can even seem to be a bit of a letdown.

But I wonder, is that the way it was for Jesus' first followers the day after they experienced the risen Christ? Did they just get back to the normal routines of their lives? Was it a day of letdown? I don't think so.

I tend think that when they woke up that Monday morning they had to first of all ask themselves, had yesterday really happened? And, when they realized that it had, hope was birthed anew within each of their hearts. As they sought each other out they didn't ask, "How was your yesterday?" Rather, they spoke about today, and tomorrow, and the days that would follow. Most of all, they spoke about Jesus, reminding each other that truly he was alive! They knew that the resurrection of Jesus was not just something to remember, but an event that would impact their lives far into the future, even into eternity!

The fact that the One whom they had seen crucified was now alive turned their world around. Thus, they couldn't help but spread the news. And, not only did they celebrate once a year but they lived lives of celebration, knowing that because Jesus lived, they too would live.

"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you." (Romans 8:11-NIV)

"By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also." (1 Corinthians 6:14-NIV)

May your day after Easter, and every day that follows, be filled with the life of our risen Savior!

Have a great day, Easter people!

Pastor Missy



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser: Carryout Chicken Dinner info see page 3

1st Park Service to start May 28th at 9:45a Idlewild Park

UMW Spring Dinner May 16th at 6p Fellowship hall see page 8

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Claude & Carolyn Edwards, on their 63rd wedding anniversary, May 22.

Royal & Nancy Tysdal, on their wedding 63rd anniversary, May 29.

Chuck Moon, on his 89th birthday, May 2.

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF

Della Andrew for her birthday by Bobbie Ayers.

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF

James Henry by Alex & Bette Helmer & families, Richard & Mary Veltman, The Easton Volunteer Fire Dept. Ann Schriver, Phyllis & Lee Bailey, Ron & Mary McCarty, Leon & Theresa Wroten.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you for the prayers, notes & offers of food & help during our recent twin health events — Jack's stroke & Carolyn's fall. We're both recovering nicely. In Christian love, Jack & Carolyn Batty

Pastor Missy, Thank you so much again for welcoming our family in for Brooks' baptism. It was a beautiful service. Also thank you for the beautiful handmade teddy bear & blanket. These will help Brooks to remember his special day in years to come. Thanks again & God bless! Taylor, Laura & Brooks Leeson

LET US PRAY FOR

Atria Senior Living—Harry Jordan

Heartfields—Dee Moll & Sarah Baynard

Bayleigh Chase—Lois Dabbert, Don Casson, Ted Lewers, Elva Eareckson

Homestead Manor— Lee Walker

The Pines — Anita Fisher

Envoy of Denton—Shirley Syner Walker, Eudora Fischer

Lakeside—Dave Stavely

Cadia Rehabilitation—Susan Horning

AT HOME

Jack Batty

Cliff Fleenor

Chuck & Pat Moon

Ruth Pippin

Ruby Carter

Phyllis Carroll

Cathy Tull

Mort Reed

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Staff Sgt. Harold S. Brice/USMC

CPL Sarah Jane Royer Golden/USMC

P.O. 1st Class Gary B. Granger, Jr./Navy

1st Lieutenant Jacob Shores/ U.S. Army

OUR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Wings of Caring, Central Congo

Paul Lee Webster, Mujila Falls Ag Centre Zambia

Africa University, Zimbabwe

Mulungwishi Seminary scholarship

Lifetime Wells for Ghana, Kenny Wood

Six Special U.M. Sundays

African Leadership Resources, Rev. Labala

Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!

Our youth are traveling to Appalachia this summer to participate in Appalachia Service Project. ASP's mission is to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier by providing much needed repairs for families in need. We are looking to raise some money for the trip and put some delicious chicken in your belly!

What: ½ chicken, 2 sides, a roll, and a dessert

When: Friday, May 19, 2017 from 12:00p-6:00p

Tickets must be pre-ordered by May 12

Where: St. Mark's Fellowship Hall

How much: \$9.50



Our website has received a new look! If you haven't looked at it lately you really should! So go check it out!

www.stmarkseaston.org

Youth Volunteers Needed....

St. Mark's Preschool will be holding its annual Family Fun Picnic for our preschoolers on Wednesday, May 3 from 5-7pm. We could really use some youth volunteers to help operate our bounce house. Free Food and you can earn service learning hours!! Please contact Sarah Ewing for more information 410-822-0078 or stmarkspreschooleaston@gmail.com

SUMMER IS COMING!

We will be working on Server schedules for the Summer months soon. Our beautiful services at Idlewild Park start **Sunday, May 28th at 9:45am**. As many of you know, these are more casual services. Wear your shorts & bring your lawn chairs, blankets, & little people! It's fun & a great outreach opportunity for our community. We still need folks to serve as Ushers, Communion servers, Lay Readers, & help with sound system set up. If you are not already involved with serving at the Park, please contact me. We would love to get more people on the schedule. You can leave me a message at 410-822-0001 ext 308 or email kmiller@stmarkseaston.org. Thank you!



Face To Face Encounter Invitation

This May, a **Face to Face Encounter** will be held at Grace United Methodist church in Cambridge. What is **Face to Face**? It is a spiritual retreat much like the Walk to Emmaus for persons 60 & older. It is an invitation to join with other adults in study, worship, prayer & fellowship.

The **Face to Face Encounter** will be held on four days in May: **May 9th, 11th, 16th, 18th**. It will take place at Grace UMC in Cambridge will last **9 am to approximately 3:30 pm** each day. At a **Face to Face Encounter** you will hear several spiritual talks about God's grace & love; you will participate in Holy Communion; you will enjoy in-depth table discussions with people your own age; & you will experience God's grace personally. **Face to Face** gives you the opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence, gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace & form friendships that foster faith & spiritual maturity.

For further information you may contact Pastor Missy or any of the following from our church who are **Face to Face** team members: Ruth Higgins, June Billman, or Eileen & David Heistand.

Have you liked us on Facebook yet?

Get up to date information on what is happened in & around the church!

St. Mark's United
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SCHOLARSHIPS St. Mark's gives scholarships to high school Seniors entering colleges & universities as well as current Freshman, Sophomores & Juniors enrolled in a college or university. Please remember to apply for your scholarship. The St. Mark's Scholarship Program depends upon donations made by church members. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Be sure to specify the "Scholarship Fund" on your check or envelope. Thank you for all of your support! **Scholarship Applications are now available in the church office. Applications are due Monday, June 12, 2017.**

Jenn Eames

Scholarship Committee Chair



Do you shop Amazon.com? Did you know that if you purchase items from Amazon they will donate 0.5% of the price to St. Mark's?

All you have to do is go to smile.amazon.com and choose St. Mark's United Methodist Church as your charity to donate to and Amazon sends St. Mark's the money earned from your purchase which goes directly to pay down the debt of the building!

We all need items from time to time so why not support the church when you make your purchase thru Amazon? It's a win-win!

Music Notes

Below is an excerpt from the May, 2017 Reader's Digest, *Words to Live (Longer & Better) By*, written by Andrea Au Levitt.

“Sing. A US study of 166 older adults revealed that those who joined a choir were in better health, used less medication, were less lonely, and had fewer falls after a year than a similar group of non-singers. This could be due to the effect that singing has on breathing as well as the emotional benefits of creating harmony with a group. Another small study out of Sweden found that when choir members sang in unison, their heart rates slowed down and eventually synchronized, which may have long-term benefits for both cardiovascular and mental health”.

Studies have been done demonstrating that any musical activity brings camaraderie, friendship, and mental health benefits. Please consider joining one of our choirs today...and find a healthier and happier lifestyle!

Overtones meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the handbell room.

Chancel Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the choir room.

Jubilee Singers (8:15 service) meets on the last two Sundays of the month, at 7:30am in the handbell room.

July 2nd, 3pm, will feature the annual ***Americana Concert***, produced by Ellen Barry Grunden.

This is always an uplifting and reflective program to celebrate our nation's birth.

Special Music opportunities are available and I am always looking for people willing to share their artistic talents. Please contact me if you would like to present something for our very appreciative congregations.

Penny Renoll, Music Director, can be reached at:

Music Office (410) 822-0001, ext. 306

Cell (570) 690-0946





MAY UMW Circle Meetings

Ruth Circle: May 1st 10 am
Bayleigh Chase

Deborah Circle: May 2nd 9 am
Field trip to Denton Board of
Child Care, carpool 9 am St.
Mark's

Mary Circle: May 2nd 10 am
St. Mark's rm 155

Tabitha Circle: May 3rd 7 pm
St. Mark's rm 209

Sarah Circle: May 9th 7 pm
Home of Gayle Cherrington
7838 Woodland Cir., Easton

St. Mark's Preschool News

Calling All 2 Year Olds!

St. Mark's Pre School still has openings in their M/W Two Year old class for the 2017-2018 school year. All children must be two by August 31 to be eligible for the class. Children attend class from 9am-12pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Come play, learn and grow with us! Contact Sarah Ewing for more information. 410-822-0078 or stmarkspreschooleaston@gmail.com.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men of St. Mark's United Methodist Church meet the **second Tuesday of every month**, except July at 6:30 pm at the Church. Our monthly agenda includes bible study & ways in which we can serve our Church membership & our adjoining community. All men in the Church are considered members & we look forward to serving the needs of all men.

We will meet again on **Tuesday, May 9th**.

As the Easter season has moved forward, we are now concentrating on helping men grow in Christ. To that extent, St. Mark's United Methodist Men will be hosting the **Peninsula/Delaware Conference Men's gathering on Saturday, May 20th** beginning at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall. The program will highlight the call to Discipleship with a program lead by Reverend Amy Yarnell. Also on the program is a presentation by Richard Johnson, Director of Boy Scouts of America Southern Service Group, entitled "Scouting – Are You Involved", which strikes especially close to us as we directly support Troop 190 at our church. There is a \$15.00 registration fee in advance of the program or a \$20.00 fee if you walk in on Saturday morning.

Please circle this date on your calendar & support our Conference's Men's programs. You will be glad you did as the Conference is actively working to provide programs that help us to grow in our faith & our service to youth & others in the community.

St. Mark's U.M. Men are supporting **Camp Pecometh** by pledging financial support to the camp & attending a Camp Pecometh presentation on **Sunday, May 7th** at the Gold Room of the Tidewater Inn in Easton. The program runs from 4:00-6:00 pm & the dinner & program are free of charge to those who wish to attend. If you haven't heard of this program & would like to attend & get the latest on Pecometh & its various ministries, contact Camp Pecometh at 410-556-6900 ASAP & register for the dinner & presentation. The UMM have pledged \$5,000.00 to support Pecometh in a 3-year pledge of financial support. We have a table of 10 but can & will accommodate more who want to respond to this challenge. Many of us have been touched by Camp Pecometh in some way in our lives & now is our chance to support this vital ministry of our church & Conference.

Grace & Peace to you!

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CHANNEL MARKER, INC. - MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

For 35 years, Channel Marker has provided support services to people who live with severe and persistent mental illness. Beginning operations in 1982, at the Presbyterian Church in Easton, Channel Marker served 10 people its first year. Today, while also serving clients in Dorchester and Caroline Counties, Channel Marker serves, on average, 58 adult clients per year in Talbot County and 18-25 children per year in grades K-3 in Talbot County Public Schools through its grant funded prevention program, Primary Project. Approximately 400 people are served annually.

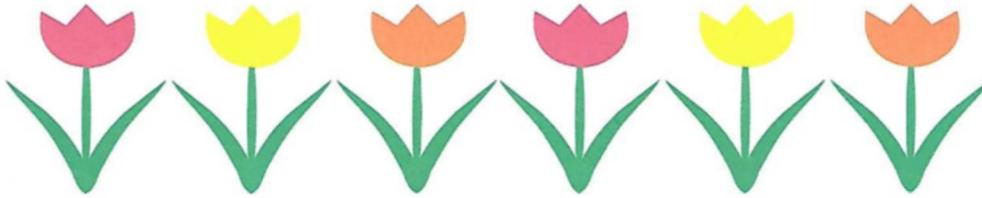
Adult clients receive multiple services for health, job training, social and life skills and other support. Nine clients reside in Channel Marker homes in Talbot County. One client received services for 34 years until his death last year. Many others are clients for multiple years depending on Channel Marker to stabilize their lives. After-school programs and case management services are provided to school age children in Caroline and Dorchester counties.

In 2013, in response to data that people with mental illness die, on average, 25 years earlier than the general population, Channel Marker applied for and received a license to provide "Health Home" (care coordination) services in addition to its supportive living services. With a medical team (Nursing staff) and close coordination with primary care physicians in the community and UM Shore Regional Health, Channel Marker is now able to provide support for the physical health of its clients. Additionally, Channel Marker opened a Group Practice to provide mental health treatment and therapy for its clients. A contracted psychiatrist and two licensed clinical social workers provide this service on-site at Channel Marker Rehabilitation Centers.

In 2015, Channel Marker purchased a building on Glebe Park Drive to house a medical wing and training and activity space for its support services as well as its administrative staff. This building is currently being renovated and will become the Channel Marker Regional Wellness Center. Administrative services have already moved in and the program services should be moved in by late Summer/early Fall of 2017.



For more information visit our website at www.channelmarker.org or contact Debbye Jackson, Executive Director at 410-822-4619.



**ST MARK'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S
 SPRING DINNER
 MAY 16, 2017.**

**6 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
 100 PECHBLOSSOM ROAD, EASTON, MD 21601**

RUNNING INTO THE FIRE

PRESENTER:



CAROL CRAIG



FORMER FIRE CHIEF OF MECHANICVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Admission: \$3.00 donation and a side dish
 (Chicken, rolls, beverages, and dessert provided)**



UMW SPRING DINNER RESERVATION

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

GUEST(S) _____

RETURN WITH \$3.00 DONATION TO ST. MARK'S CHURCH OFFICE BY MAY 14, 2017

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. MARK'S UMW

**Maybe you helped
build the tomb.**



Maybe you sang for His glory.



Or made His church beautiful for Easter.



Maybe you fed and served His people.

Many thanks to those behind the scene that made Easter so special!

MEET OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Bob Thomas

If you attend the 11:00 service, you've seen Bob, since he is a most willing usher and seems to hold a permanent position! Bob is a native Eastern Shoreman, having grown up in Wye Mills and the Love Point area. He graduated from Stevensville H.S. After graduation, he joined the Air Force and was stationed in GA and AZ. However, wanting to see more of the world, he volunteered to go to Morocco where he even asked for a 6-month extension, for a total of 1 ½ years there.

After his discharge from the Air Force, Bob moved to D.C. to live with his mother while searching for employment. He spent his working years in D.C., working first for the SEC and then for what was known as the Federal Home Loan Board, retiring in 1995. After his wife retired, they moved to Easton in 2002.

Bob loves to be outdoors and to be active. For many years he swam at the YMCA, and he walks 3 miles a day. His hobbies include working in his garden and doing all sorts of computer-related things.

Besides being a faithful usher, Bob formerly sang in the Chancel Choir.

Thank you for your faithfulness to St. Mark's, Bob, and for making sure our offerings are collected!



Loretta Trefs

Welcome to one of our newest members! Loretta was born and raised in South Jersey. As a child she was interested and talented in art, and she even received a scholarship for art school. But, as she says, "God had other plans". After high school graduation, she went to work in a mental hospital, where a supervisor observed her gift of working with patients and arranged for her to attend Nursing School. She graduated from W. Jersey School of Nursing and practiced for 58 years, only retiring in 2012.

Loretta and her late husband moved to Easton in 1988 and were known as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. They also enjoyed exhibiting at craft shows. After his death in 2006, Loretta began to paint again and has produced many, many paintings, some of which were medal winners. Her largest work is at Chesapeake Woods Nursing Home, where she last worked as a nurse. It consists of several 38" X 48" panels depicting Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Her creativity extends to gardening and designing greeting cards.

Loretta's family consists of her 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. She sings with the Jubilee Singers at 8:15, but attends the 11:00 service when they aren't singing, is a member of the Koinonia Class, leads a Bible Study at St. Mark's Village (where she lives), and attends another Bible Study twice monthly.



May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ladies Circle Meetings on Page 6	1	2	3	4 1p Disciple 4 6:30p Disciple 2 6:30p Chancel Choir	5	6
7 UMW Sunday 2p Youth Group	8	9 Face to Face 6:30p Handbells 6:30p UMM	10	11 Face to Face 1p Disciple 4 6:30p Disciple 2 6:30p Chancel Choir	12 Deadline to purchase Chicken dinners	13 2-6 Youth traveling to Compassion Experience
14 NO YOUTH GROUP	15 9:30a UMW Board Meeting	16 Face to Face 6-8 p UMW Spring Dinner 6:30p Handbells	17 1p Prayer Shawl 155	18 Face to Face 1p Disciple 4 6:30p Disciple 2 6:30p Chancel Choir	19 Chicken Dinner Pickup!	20
21 2p Last Youth Group Meeting	22 Annual Conf. Wilmington, DE	23 6:30p Handbells 6:30 Trustees Annual Conf. Wilmington, DE	24 Annual Conf. Wilmington, DE	25 1p LAST Disciple 4 class! 6:30p Disciple 2 6:30p Chancel Choir	26	27
28 Park Service starts 9:45 am Idlewild	29 Church Office Closed Memorial Day	30				

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

8:15am (Chapel)
9:00 am Youth Choir 3rd & 4th Sundays
9:30 & 11:00am (Sanctuary) Worship Services
9:30am Sunday school for all ages
9:15-11:00am Coffee Fellowship (Gathering Area)
6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group

TUESDAY

6:30 Overtones

WEDNESDAY

10:30am Prayer Group in chapel

THURSDAY

1:00 pm Disciple 4
6:30 pm Chancel Choir
Disciple 1 6:30 pm

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Troop 190 News

The Young Men of our Boy Scout Troop 190 have been busy over the month and have many activities planned in the coming months ahead. The boys and adults have adopted a section of Chapel Road from Black Dog Alley to Gannon Road and cleaned up an extensive load of trash and recyclable materials. The troop does this clean up annually along with other conservation projects in following the Scout Oath to "Help Other People". The planned trip for the month of April was a 50 mile overnight Bicycle trip on a section of the C & O Canal. The Boys and the Adults had an excellent time pedaling from Washington DC to Point of Rocks Maryland. In the month of May the troop has a Whitewater Rafting/Bicycle trip planned along the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania. The troop also is pleased to announce that two of the boys (Jack Leffingwell and Jake Conlin) earned the rank of Eagle Scout. If you know of a young man who is interested in joining Troop 190 please have them contact Scoutmaster Jim Prettyman at 410-822-3763 or stop by a meeting on Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall.