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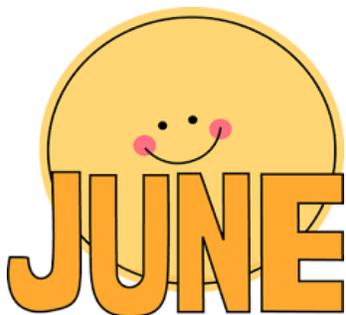
MISSION: To share the love of Jesus with and through the people of Talbot County and beyond.

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

JUNE 2017

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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Our Vision:

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

Dear Friends,

When was the last time you took a roll of film to be developed, used a typewriter, played a record on your phonograph, watched black and white TV, or used a phone booth? We did all of those things on a regular basis 50 years ago and probably haven't missed them. So much has changed in our world in the past 50 years, sometimes for the better, sometimes not. However, one important thing that has not changed since 1967 is the person sitting at St. Mark's organ console. Dr. Bill Wharton has played thousands of hymns, preludes, offertories, and postludes. He has served as substitute Music and Choir Director on numerous occasions, helped soloists prepare for their part in the services, and maintained our organ and piano. Dr. Bill has inspired us, comforted us, and entertained us without fanfare or ego; his calm, modest demeanor and dedicated work ethic have always been there, it seems. Very few churches of our size have an organist of Dr. Bill's excellence, particularly for 50 years.

In celebration of Dr. Bill's 50th year as our organist, there will be a special service on Sunday, September 17th, at the 11:00 service, followed by a reception in the Gathering Area. If you would like to write a personal note of appreciation to him, there will be a basket in which you may place your notes that day.

We know that most of you will want to be present for this important day in the life of the church and Dr. Bill. You may also wish to contribute a monetary gift as a token of your appreciation for his many dedicated years of service, which you may do by either putting a check in the offering plate or sending it to the church office. Be sure to write "Dr. Bill's 50th anniversary" in the memo line. All money received will be presented to Dr. Bill as a Love Gift on September 17th.

Thanking you for your participation,

The Committee for Dr. Bill's 50th Anniversary



Vacation Bible Camp is around the corner!

July 31-August 4, from 5-7:30 p.m.-Be sure to sign up to volunteer! You'll have a heroic and fun time!

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Buzz & Pat Jones on their 65th wedding anniversary, June 5th.
Pastor Missy & Phil on their 33rd wedding anniversary, June 9th.
Don & Carolyn Shanks on their 59th wedding anniversary, June 14th.
Tom & Hannah Alnutt on their 62nd wedding anniversary, on June 26th.
Bob & Anita Guenther on their 59th wedding anniversary, on July 11th.
Dave & Jackie Dianich on their 55th wedding anniversary, June 30th
Pastor Missy on her birthday, June 2nd.
David Dianich on his birthday, June 3rd.
Gloria Lindquist on her birthday, July 18th.
Art Shelby on his birthday, July 18th
Lois Dabbert on her birthday, July 20th

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF

Suzanne Ewing by Carol Armstrong, Jim & Sheila Scott, Nina & Glen Lewis, Wade & Janice Dudrow, Herby & Della Andrew, & Karen Manuel.

Colleen Sewell. by Wade & Janice Dudrow & Betty Lister.

Jim Henry. by Richard P. Hayman.

Herby Andrew, by Pat Visgaitis, Jim & Sheila Scott.

Our mothers. by Jackie & David Dianich.

THANK YOU

Dear St. Mark's, Thank you Brooke, Pastor Missy, Mr. Rekitzke & Chad for taking me & others to Ocean City. I had lots of fun & learned so much! I hope you guys have a wonderful day. (Also thanks to the church for the love buckets). From, Will Beaven

Dear St. Mark's, Many sincere thank you's to everyone for making this years confirmation so special! Pastor Missy, Phil, Brooke, Mr. Nestel, Kathy Miller all helped make it a wonderful weekend for the kids. Many thanks to the congregation for the love buckets! St. Mark's is a special place and I am happy to be a part of it!

Love, Kristi Beaven

To our St. Mark's family:

Your out pouring of prayers, cards & notes, emails, phone calls, hugs, flowers, food, & offers of assistance have & will continue to help our family through our loss. Words cannot express how much your expressions of love have meant to us. Della, Roy and Nancy Andrew

LET US PRAY FOR

Atria Senior Living—Harry Jordan
Heartfields—Sarah Baynard
Bayleigh Chase—Lois Dabbert, Don Casson, Ted Lewers, Elva Eareckson
Homestead Manor— Shirley Syner Walker, Lee Walker
The Pines — Anita Fisher
Envoy of Denton— Eudora Fischer

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

**Save the date! St. Mark's
Thrift Shop Luncheon
will be held on Monday,
August 21, 2017**

**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**

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!



June 2017

It's hard to believe, but the 2016-2017 school year for St. Mark's Preschool has come to a close. We wrapped up the year with Preschool Graduation on May 11, and then we followed up with two weeks of mini-summer camps. We closed for summer break on May 25.

If you are still interested in registering for our 2017-2018 school year, please contact me ASAP. We have a couple spots still open in our Monday/Wednesday two's class and three openings in our four's class. Our three year old program is currently full and accepting children on a waiting list. Our two year olds attend two days a week (M/W or T/TH). We only accept 8 children per class with one lead teacher and one assistant. Our four year olds attend four (M-TH) or five days (M-F) a week. We accept 16 children into the program with one lead teacher and one assistant. More information can be found on our website, www.stmarkspreschooleaston.net. Please contact me for more information on our programs. 410-822-0078 or stmarkspreschooleaston@gmail.com
Come play, learn and grow with us!

Have a great summer!

-Sarah Ewing (Director)



RADA SPRING FUNDRAISER

Sarah Circle will be accepting Rada Cutlery orders through June 18. As always, all profit benefits Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence. There are several items that are absolute necessities for every kitchen as summer quickly approaches. All six (6) kinds of paring knives which sell for \$4.75 or \$5.75 each are very popular. Another two of the best sellers are the tomato slicer @ \$5.25 and the ice cream scoop @\$11.25. All are available with either the original silver color or black handle. Product catalogs are available in the Gathering Area. Any questions please call Ann Yingling @ 410 820 8592.



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

News from SPRC

The SPRC's primary focus recently has been fivefold; specifically, to: 1) relieve Pastor Missy of day-to-day staff management; 2) resolve Director of Christian Education concerns; 3) review and expand the Office Manager role regarding staff management and church administration; 4) modify the staff organization with a focus on skills and responsibilities; and 5) modernize the systems and practices regarding bookkeeping. On May 15, 2017 changes to the staff organization to effect. Highlights of the changes are:

- The number of personnel reporting directly to Pastor Missy reduced from ten to five.
- Karen Reed's title changed from Office Manager to Church Administrator. She now directly supervises the Building Superintendent, Bookkeeper, and Volunteer Coordinator.
- The Director of Christian Education shifted from a part-time to a full-time position. The Director of Youth Ministry and Nursery Coordinator will report to this position.
- The title of Ministry Coordinator changed to Volunteer Coordinator.

Our search for the Director of Christian Education continues, with the number of resumes we are receiving increasing. Filling this position with the right person remains the SPRC's top priority.

Frank Gunsallus III
SPRC Chairman

Music Notes

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!

Psalm 57:7

Our choirs- the Jubilee Singers, Chancel Choir, and Overtones worked hard during our church season, and have now begun their well-deserved summer hiatus. There are still opportunities to perform special selections at various times during the summer months, however. One of the musical groups we have formed is **Summer Singers**, which presents anthems for several 11am services during the summer. If you have wanted to join the choir, now is the perfect time to get started. We rehearse our selection at 10:15am on the same day that we sing. This makes it very easy for those of you who are afraid of the time commitment, yet still would like to participate in making music.

Our dates are: June 18, July 16, and August 13. Please join us in the choir room at 10:15am. We look forward to seeing you!

Upcoming events:

July 2nd, 3pm, the annual **Americana Concert**, produced by Ellen Barry Grunden. This will feature many of our church musicians, as well as talented members of our community.

Special Music opportunities are available and I am always looking for people willing to share their artistic talents, especially during the summer months. 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

musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org



Scenes from the Confirmation Retreat & Celebration Sunday





JUNE UMW Circle Meetings

Ruth Circle: June 5th at 10 am
Bayleigh Chase

Deborah Circle: June 6th at 12 noon
Luncheon at Tidewater Inn

Mary Circle: June 6th at 12 noon
Luncheon at the Talbot County Club

Tabitha Circle: June 7 at 6:30 pm
Doc's Sunset

Sarah Circle: June 13th carpool at
church 5:45 pm covered dish at Pat Jones

St. Mark's Preschool News

Calling All Preschoolers!!

St. Mark's Pre School still have openings in our M/W Two Year old program and our Four Year Old 4 or 5 day program, for the 2017-2018 school year. All children must be two/four by August 31 to be eligible for the class. Children attend class from 9am-12pm. 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

June, 2017

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 and ways in which we can serve our Church membership and our adjoining community. All men in the Church are considered members and we look forward to serving the needs of all men.

We will meet again on Tuesday, June 13th.

As the United Methodist Men get ready to take our summer break, I thought a recap of our most recent projects is in order to reflect on what we have done and what we need to keep in front of us as we go into the summer season.

We have taken part in the following projects during the past few months:

- Planned, Prepared, Served and Clean-up meals for both the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and the Easter Breakfast for the church
- Planned and built the Easter Lawn Tomb Project
- Cleaned and repaired the St. Mark's Cabin at Camp Pecometh
- Repaired and restored the Soul-Searching Swing at Pecometh
- Planned and built the gas fire pit at Pecometh
- Pledged substantial support to Camp Pecometh
- Host the Peninsula/Delaware Conference's Men's Program at St. Mark's
- Participated as a food vendor with our famous Rockfish Corn Chowder at the Waterfowl Festival
- Participated in Vacation Bible Camp
- Contributed and financially supported our Boy Scout Troop 190
- Organized and held our Valentine's Day Spouse's Luncheon
- Assisted with numerous table and chair set-up and breakdowns
- Provided bible based study for men at our meetings on faith of men of old

It has been a good year and we look forward to serving the church next year. If you are a man of faith and want to help us in our mission of serving Christ and others, we would love to have you join us. Send me an email to eareckson@yahoo.com and I will put you on our email list. You don't have to attend our meetings to be involved. We are active and alive for Christ. Come and be a part of our group.

Grace and Peace to you!

**"TO HELP MEN GROW IN CHRIST, SO OTHERS
MAY KNOW CHRIST"**

A Local Mission Partner of St. Mark's Church

Talbot Partnership for the Prevention of Substance Abuse
Your Resource for Building a Healthy Community

Twenty six years ago the Talbot Partnership was formed to connect the community - supporting each other, as we, together in partnership, work toward preventing substance abuse here in Talbot County. The Partnership consists of individuals and businesses that understand that we, as a community, can help to prevent substance abuse. I am proud to say that St. Mark's Church has been a partner in our mission for a very long time.

Over the years the Partnership has worked toward encouraging the community to understand the health impact of tobacco smoke, the dangers of alcohol and other drugs on the adolescent brain and the impact that misuse of prescription drugs has on the entire community. We do this through Public Service announcements, speaking opportunities, community programs, activities and more.

Everyone in the community is affected by substance abuse – either directly or indirectly. It is a fact that the younger an individual is when he or she begins experimenting with tobacco, alcohol and/or drugs the greater the likelihood of developing an addiction; and with that knowledge we can support our youth as they make healthy choices in their daily activities.



**For more information on the Talbot Partnership
please contact Executive Director, Jayne Fitzgerald**

Talbotpartnership.org

410-819-8067

info@talbotpartnership.org

Compassion Experience

On Saturday, May 13, 2017 a group of six youth and three adults traveled to Glen Burnie for the Compassion Experience. Compassion International puts up a self-contained walk through experience where participants wear headphones and are guided through the life of someone growing up in a developing country and who's life has been changed by being sponsored. The two lives we walked through were those of Kiwi from the Philippines and Jonathan from the Dominican Republic. We could touch their worn-out shoes and see what a Compassion school looks like. Everyone who went found it to be very impactful and most were surprised by the conditions presented.



The youth are our

future!



On Saturday, May 6, 2017 the ASP team went to the Christian Shelter in Salisbury to help Chesapeake Housing Mission with a project. Our group was tickled because we were tasked with demolition! Talk about Hammer Time..... After today we are pumped and ready to take on Lawrence County Kentucky!



Learning to be the hands and feet of Jesus, one step at a time!



Many thanks to those who made donations, baked goods or purchased chicken dinner tickets! You made the youth and “Chicken” very happy with your support!



Save the Date!!

St. Mark's UMC Vacation Bible Camp

July 31—August 4, 2017

From 5:30-7:30 p.m. with Dinner from 5-5:30 p.m.

Come on out! It's FREE & FUN!

You can sign up online at www.stmarkseaston.org

just click on: Register here!

If you would like to volunteer to help with Camp

Please email Pastor Missy at: mrekitzke@stmarkseaston.org

MEET OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Ruth Boesch Boone Fulton

A member of St. Mark's since 1983, Ruth was born and raised in Washington, D.C., the 7th of 8 children. She says there was always excitement in the household with friends and family gathering for meals and recreation. She graduated from George Washington U. and worked part time for various people and finally as secretary to the Chief of Personnel at what was the National Bureau of Standards.

Ruth and her first husband, Tom Boone, married in 1950 and raised 3 children in the D.C. area. Tom retired in 1980, and they moved to Easton in 1982. Two of her sisters and a brother already lived in Easton. Sadly, Tom died in 1984.

Ruth's second marriage to Jack Fulton ended with his death in 2005. Despite losing two husbands, Ruth has a remarkably optimistic outlook on life, one exhibited by her mother, who was widowed when her youngest child was 5 years old, but still managed to volunteer in her community while keeping 8 children happy and supervised. Ruth says she wants to be remembered as "a person with a smile who loved people."

Ruth is a member of Mary Circle, has participated in many study groups at church, and has volunteered with Talbot Hospice and the Hospital Auxiliary. Thank you for your faithfulness to St. Mark's and your winning smile, Ruth!



Gini Bean

One of our newest members and faithful 11:00 attendee is Gini Bean, who was born and raised in Lancaster, PA. Her parents owned and operated the 200-room Brunswick Hotel, and her father was responsible for starting Pennsylvania Dutch Tourism. After high school graduation, Gini attended college in Pasadena, CA, majoring in Theatre Arts. At one point she was the Weather Girl for WGAL, Channel 8, in Lancaster. Most of her career, however, was spent in Customer Service and the Medical arena.

Gini and her late husband, a Naval Officer, lived in Pensacola, FL, Monterey and Burbank CA, Gaeta, Italy, and Annapolis while raising their three sons. All of her sons and her 8 grandchildren live close by in Annapolis.

Gini moved to Easton in 2013. She was a Director and Sales Consultant for Abbey Manor Assisted Living, now called Candlelight Cove. She enjoys art, especially oil painting, in her spare time.

Happily, Gini met long-time member Ray Appler while they both were attending Talbot Hospice Grief Support meetings, and they recently became engaged. Congratulations to them both!

Please welcome Gini to our church family when you see her at 11:00.



June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ladies Circle Meetings on Page 6				1 6:30p Disciple 2 Last Class!	2	3
4 9:45a Worship in Idlewild Park	5	6 6:30p UMM	7	8	9	10 2
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 1p Prayer Shawl 155	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Weekly Summer Schedule

SUNDAY

8:15am (Chapel)

9:45 am Worship in Idlewild Park

11:00 am (Chapel) Worship Services

WEDNESDAY

10:30am Prayer Group in chapel

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Troop 190 News

The Boy Scouts of Troop 190 are heading into Summer with a large group going to summer camp at Rodney Scout Reservation in North East Maryland. Each year the troop attends camp and works on scouting skills, merit badges and rank advancement. It is also a tradition for the troop to complete at least one Conservation Project while at camp. Later in the summer the boys are planning on a canoe trip in Western Maryland. The troop will also continue to work around the church as needed with maintenance (such as the containment pond). The Boy Scouts and Cubs reduce meetings in the summer months so the boys can spend time with families. We will start up again with monthly meetings as soon as school begins in September. 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](tel:410-822-3763) or stop by a meeting on Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall.