

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

AUGUST 2017

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August



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Friends,

Many of you know that I am a planner! I love to plan out my day, my week, and I'm in my glory when planning a vacation. My family recently went to Disney World which takes lots of planning if you don't want to spend your whole vacation waiting in a line. My planning skills were up to the challenge though, staying up till 12:01 a.m., 180 days prior to our vacation to make dinner reservations, etc. Although my family members kidded me about being a bit obsessive, they were extremely grateful once we got there, enjoying our time doing things rather than having to wait in long lines.

I am learning how to NOT be such a planner when it comes to time with the Lord. Rather than telling God, "ok, you've got 15 minutes and then I've got to go!", I want to sit with him, listen to his voice speak to me, ask questions, seek guidance, read God's Word without time constraints or expectations. Some of the greatest insights and breakthroughs come when we can truly submit our agendas and expectations to God and allow Him to do in us what is needed. The amazing thing is that we never have to wait in line for God, he is there for us 24/7, whenever and wherever we need him. God has made himself available to us no matter our circumstances or mistakes or failures. God wants a relationship with us even more than we desire one with him. He is there waiting for you today. Spend some time with God, seek his presence, ask him to fill your spirit with his Holy Spirit. I'm finding that it's ok to plan time with God, he's always got an open reservation!

Blessings to you and yours,

Pastor Missy

Our Vision:

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

Thrift Shop Luncheon August 21, 2017 12 noon Fellowship hall

9:45 Park Service will conclude on Sunday, September 3, 2017

Sunday School & Worship will start at 9:30 on Sunday, September 10, 2017 in the sanctuary.

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Arnold & Pauline Spicer on their 68th wedding anniversary June 25th

Don & Sara Lou Casson, on their 64st wedding anniversary, August 22.

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF

Suzanne Ewing, Dot Cosden & Doris Massey by the Ruth Circle.

Herby Andrew by Bobbie & Paul Ayers, American Legion Post 70 Charity Account, Wade & Janice Dudrow, Sara Matthews Crowder, Tom & Cathy Hill & Brad & Shari Powers.

Colleen Sewell by Wade & Janice Dudrow, Betty Lester, John & Cathy Sewell.

Jim Henry, by Cindy & Grant Brinsfield.

Dot Cosden, by Bonnie & Bill Elburn, Gary & Donna Kostens.

Dee Moll, by Jim & Sheila Scott, James & Christina Dengate, Sandy & Larry Wood, Evelyn Graybeal.

Doris Lee, by Jacqueline Scarborough, Evelyn Graybeal, Patricia & Arthur Calrider, Bette Kenzie, Laverne & Gordon Harden, & Quality Health Strategies.

Clifton Fleenor, by Jim & Sheila Scott.

Curtis Taylor, by Kathleen Taylor.

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN HONOR OF

Given in honor & appreciation of Pastor Missy's leadership of St. Mark's Church by Della Andrew.

Given in honor of Bobbie Ayers' birthday by Della Andrew.

In honor of Pete Bailey by Gladys Makovsky.

In honor of the marriage of Ray & Gini Appler, by Della 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— Lee Walker
Envoy of Denton— Eudora Fischer
Lakeside—Dave Stavelly

AT HOME

Chuck & Pat Moon 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 International, Kenny Wood
 Six Special U.M. Sundays
 African Leadership Resources, Rev. Labala

"As Bette Meyerle has now completed a lengthy series of five tests this year to determine the re-occurrence of cancer she wants to give a huge THANK YOU to all those who gave prayers for her during this time of anguish. She and her husband, Frank, are very hopeful for a continuation of favorable reports as this is the second year of her fight to be cancer free. The Church family is their rock."

Thank you for your willingness to host the Lay Academy. We are most appreciative.

We thank & praise God for you & your service to the laity of the Easton District.

Easton District Board of Laity

Esteemed Church Leaders, Easton High School sends its utmost appreciation & respect for welcoming our school family into St. Marks during our Baccalaureate ceremony on May 18. Your uplifting message will be an encouraging memory as our seniors embark on their future plans outside the walls of EHS. We are both thankful & joyful that our community is able to support students in many ways including spiritually. We fully return the favor with a heartfelt donation from our school to support your future community efforts. We again offer our earnest appreciation & wish you & your fellowship the best.

Sincerest regards, Renee Warfield, EHS Senior Class Advisor

SPRC NEWS

Director of Christian Education hired

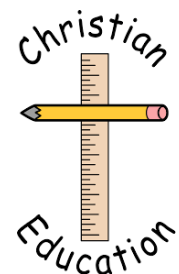


On behalf of the SPRC members, I am pleased to announce that Mr. Dale Whitzel has accepted our offer to serve as the Director of Christian Education. Dale will start officially on August 1, 2017. He will be returning to Easton from Mission, Texas. Dale's parents Dan & Beverly Whitzel who are members of St. Mark's and are very pleased that he is returning to the area. Dale's background is in education and he has a M.Ed. in Education from the University of Texas at Edinburg. He also has degrees from Salisbury University and Chesapeake College. He is devoted to Christian education and ministry; for example, he has been involved with the Kairos Prison Ministry, Walk to Emmaus, Vacation Bible School, and the Chrysalis program. Please welcome Dale to the St. Mark's family.

With best regards,

Frank Gunsallus III

SPRC Chairman



MISSIONARY VISIT TO ST. MARKS

On short notice Reverend Paul Webster made a visit to Easton and met with members of the Mission Committee. Because of his brief visit he was unable to meet with the congregation but was able to update the committee on the progress being made at the Zambia Agricultural and Training Center. St. Marks has a covenant relationship with Reverend Webster & provides financial support to the center through church donations. In 2010 Reverend David Heistand, a member of the congregation, led a team to the center in Zambia to view first hand the work being done there. Reverend Webster was working with the local Lunda tribe & the Congolese to teach farming practices, animal husbandry & at that time was using oxen & hand tools to till the soil, plant seeds & harvest the crops. Since then he has mechanized some of the farming & as a result his yields have increased substantially. The result of the mechanization has provided economic opportunity for the farm & for the local villages. Local schools have been built, health clinics have improved & expanded services, malnutrition has decreased & the overall health & well being of the surrounding villages has improved. The center continues to train & educate the local Lunda people. Others from Democratic Republic of Congo, the Peace Corps & other areas of Africa attend the site for education, training & experience in farming practices. That knowledge and experience is then taken home to provide opportunity for economic growth and to improve the standard of living locally.

Reverend Webster with his farm assistant, Silvester, who accompanied him to the US, provided an opportunity for the Mission Committee to see & hear the good news of God's presence & work in Zambia. All of those at the agricultural center are working diligently being the hands & feet of Jesus.

The Mission Committee invites you to visit the Mujila Falls website, view the Facebook pages & view the videos on You Tube. These sites can be accessed by searching Mujila Falls Zambia on the internet.



St. Marks UMC-Easton, MD is pleased to offer this training class to our community.

What?: CPR/AED/FIRST AID (including infants) certified training session.

When?: Saturday August 12, 2017; 10am-3pm (a light lunch will be provided by St. Marks Connection & Outreach Team at no charge)

Cost?: \$5.00 will cover the cost of your certificate of completion. PLEASE NOTE: In lieu of paying our instructors, they've asked that we ask for a free-will offering to go to the National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation.

Where?: St. Marks UMC- 1000 Peach Blossom Rd.- Easton, MD call 410-822-0001 OR
churchoffice@stmarkseaston.org

Who?: Instructors will be nationally-certified instructors Justin & Meghan Ray

NOTE: CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED to 30, SO PLEASE REGISTER NOW BY EMAILING OR CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE. REGARDLESS OF ENROLLMENT, REGISTRATION ENDS MONDAY JULY 31, 2017.

For teachers, youth workers, first responders and anybody else who understands the need to be ready in a moment's notice to help the person next to them !

(From the AHA website for Heartsaver CPR/AED:)

"Heartsaver® CPR AED is a video-based, instructor-led course that teaches adult and child CPR and AED use, infant CPR, and how to relieve choking in adults, children, and infants. This course teaches skills with the AHA's research-proven practice-while-watching technique, which allows instructors to observe the students, provide feedback, and guide the students' learning of skills.

This course is for anyone with limited or no medical training who needs a course completion card in CPR and AED use to meet job, regulatory, or other requirements.

Features

Video-based course ensures consistency

Instructor-led, hands-on class format reinforces skills proficiency

Course is updated with the new science from the *2015 AHA Guidelines Update for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care, and includes information on opioid overdose and Narcan (naloxone)* "

About your instructors, Justin & Meghan Ray:

Nationally Registered Paramedic since 2007

Maryland Certified Paramedic since 2007

Pennsylvania Certified Paramedic Since 2007

CPR Certified since 2004

Advanced Cardiac Life Support

American Heart Association Certified CPR Instructor since 2012

Associate of Applied Science Paramedic

Adjunct Faculty Member Anne Arundel Community College EMT Department

Bachelor of Arts Psychology

Former EMT

Currently an Occupational Therapist

St. Mark's Rain Garden



St. Mark's has a great new addition to the property! On July 20th, the church in partnership with the Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy planted a 240 square foot rain garden. The garden is designed to capture storm water before it reaches our local rivers. This native rain garden will serve as a great space for birds, butterflies, and other native wildlife. The garden will also protect our rivers from harmful pollutants and improve water quality. We had a great turnout of visitors including church members and some special guests from the YMCA summer camp!



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 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, August 22nd.

As stated above, I have two conflicts on Tuesday, August 8th and August 15th so I am moving our August return from summer meeting to Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30 pm at the church. Please make a note of this date change.

The Peninsula/Delaware Conference annual men's meeting at Camp Pecometh will be on Saturday, September 9th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The topic is Discipleship and Evangelism. The cost is \$40.00 and includes two meals. More information will be coming out shortly from the district office.

We have submitted our application for food service during the Waterfowl Festival in November. Our famous Rockfish Corn Chowder will once again be the highlight of the kitchen. We will need help making this happen so please mark November 9 – 12 on your calendars to work the festival.

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 earecksonr@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

ST. MARK'S MINISTRY TO AGED, INC./ST. MARK'S VILLAGE

Independent Living at its best!

The name, St. Mark's Village, will lead one to its very roots....St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Almost 50 years ago, a group of concerned SMUMC members, gathered to address their concern regarding affordable housing for the senior population of Talbot County. After three grueling years of navigating their way thru the red tape of government housing, they were awarded a FHA loan to begin the construction of St. Mark's Ministry to Aged, Inc. The first 44 apartments (Phase I) were ready for rent in 1975 with Phase II (32 apts) opening in June 1979 and the final 17 apartments (Phase III) opening in November of 1988. The approximate 7 acres of land houses not only the 93 apartments, but a large Social Center, administrative offices and laundry facility. The mission of St. Mark's Village remains the same from its infancy..."to provide quality housing at an independent level for those persons who are 62 years of age or older or handicapped or disabled".

Amenities at the Village are numerous. A recently purchased 2016, 13 passenger bus allows the residents to maintain their independence when attending medical appointments, grocery shopping or getting their hair done. Most Tuesdays and Fridays, our residents can visit the Social Center to "shop" from Food Link donations. This is one way of reducing their food costs each week. Three days a week various activities are planned for Residents to join with their neighbors to have fun, learn and enrich their lives. Activities such as monthly birthday parties to day trips can be found on the monthly newsletter delivered to their front door. All of these opportunities are available to those who wish to participate.

SMUMC has always, since the Village inception, supported the mission and lives of our residents. Each year, we are one of the fortunate recipients of a monetary donation from the Missions Committee. This has gone into our Bus Replacement account. Women from the various Circles, sponsor birthday parties, providing food, game prizes and fellowship. The Mission Committee also maintains a food pantry that is open twice a month for qualifying residents to shop. The connection with SMUMC is as deep as our roots.

For more information or questions, please contact the office at 410.822.1315 or you may email us at stmarksv@goeaston.net

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Help St. Mark's Make a Difference in the Life of a Dorchester County Resident!

Chesapeake Housing Mission helped 61 families over the lower shore make needed repairs to their homes in 2016 and they have recently expanded their reach to Dorchester County. St. Mark's has signed up to complete a project on **Saturday, September 30, 2017** and **WE NEED YOU!** CHM puts together one day construction projects designed for all ages and levels of experience to make a difference. Please let Brooke know if you are interested in joining us!

Slip and Slide Kickball Party!

Have you missed Youth Group?? Me too! We are having a Back to Youth Group party on **Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 2:00p-4:00p**. The main event will be a Slip and Slide Kickball game so be sure to bring clothes/bathing suits you don't care about. A towel and change of clothes would also be a great idea. If you have friends that you have been thinking about inviting to youth group this would be a great event to come to!

2017 ASP Mission Trip

Wow! What an amazing experience! In June some of our St. Mark's youth teamed up with Community Church in Ocean Pines to make a difference in the lives of several families around Louisa, Kentucky. Our group was split up into five different teams and between us we fixed a roof, started a wheelchair ramp, fixed flooring, and made a lot of progress on a new house build! Everyone came back from the trip excited to go again next year. Our goal is to take 5 teams (2 adults and 4-5 youth/team) from Easton next year! We will be sharing more about our trip at the 9:30 service on September 17 and having an interest meeting at 1:00 that day for 2018's trip. Join us!



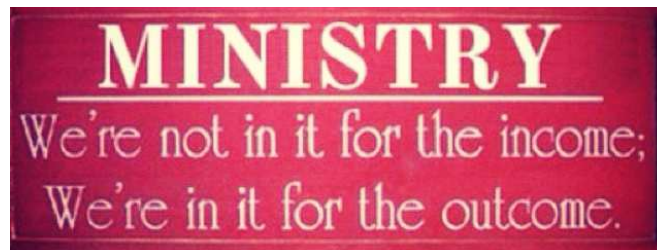
FALL SERVICE SCHEDULES

Well Summer is still blazing along, but it won't be too long before we return to our regular 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 church services. The efforts of everyone who has been involved in making our Sunday Morning Worship Services so wonderful are greatly appreciated. We continue to need your help and if you have not been asked to serve before, please contact me so we can talk about the right fit for you! We need Greeters, Ushers, Lay Readers, Communion Servers, Altar Guild, Sound and Video techs, and Coffee Hosts. Instead of just attending the services, consider taking an active part. You will be blessed! I will soon begin working on schedules for September – December, so please email me or leave a message at 410-822-0001 Ext 308 With many thanks, Kathy Miller

Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord. Colossians 3:23

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



Found: more lost Bibles: Three years ago I put out a call for help in locating three people. I had located the owners of 14 Bibles & returned them to the owners. But at that time, I had not been able & still have not been able to locate the following:

-Betty Lee Grimes – August 29, 1971 -Michael Morris – September 23, 1962 -Charles Fairbank – August 30, 1964. Since then, I have found some more: -Scott Lloyd – August 26, 1979 -Judy Larrimore – September 1, 1974, -Jeffrey Lyons – September 22, 1963 -Kim Satchell – December 1980 - Matthew Harris – March 7, 1976,-Matthew Harris – name on front, no date

To help figure out their approximate age now, these Bibles may have been given to them when they were in third grade Sunday School; approximately 8 years old.

If you can help me locate any of these people, please call me @410-822-4794 or email me at dandrew@verizon.net.

Thank you, Della Andrew

SAVE THE DATE!

Don't forget to put **September 17th** on your calendar as we celebrate Dr. Bill Wharton's 50 years of music ministry here at St. Mark's. There will be a very special service at our 11:00 worship service so please plan to attend. Afterwards there will be a reception for Dr. Bill in the Gathering Area. If you would like to write a special note or card of appreciation for him please feel free to do this. We want to shower Dr. Bill with love and blessings as he has blessed and loved us through his beautiful music over the many years at our church. He has touched so many lives at St. Mark's and we want to show him our deep appreciation for all that he has done and continues to do through his ministry of music.

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Richard and I had the honor of attending the 2017 Annual Conference as lay delegates. We learned a lot about the inter-workings of the United Methodist Church, but there is so much more to learn.

This year's theme was "Down to the River to Pray" and was held at the Chase Center in Wilmington, Delaware, May 22-24.

While this was a business meeting to vote on resolutions and constitutional amendments, there was so much more. Sermons were presented by several Clergy members. We celebrated communion, sang praises, worshiped, and were awed by talented musical groups such as "The Men's Choir" from Simpson UMC. They did an impressive rendition of their song, "Down to the River to Pray".

We voted on 13 resolutions, 9 of which were passed as presented:

R4 - RESOLUTION ON DELAWARE CONFERENCE ACADEMY (UMES)

R5 - RESOLUTION ON THE JOHNSON AMDENDMENT

R6 - RESOLUTION TO RETAIN CURRENT GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

R8 - RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

R9 - RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION • R12 - RENTAL/HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR RETIRED OR DISABLED MINISTERS OF THE PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE

R13 - OFFSET RATE INCREASE FOR HEATH/DENTAL INSURANCE

R14 - SETTING THE PRE-1982 PAST SERVICE RATE

R15 - 2018 COVENANT FUNDING PLAN RESOLUTION

Resolutions that were voted down:

R3 - REJECTING "RELIGIOUS FREEDOM" AS A MEANS OF DISCRIMINATION

Resolutions that were adopted with amendments:

R7 - RESOLUTION FOR REDUCING HARM FOR LGBTQ CHILDREN AND YOUTH :
Amendment - Replace line 45- 49 with the following: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, where possible, United Methodist Churches within the Peninsula-Delaware Conference are encouraged to: a) work with local schools to support educational opportunities, best practices for creating safe spaces, and policies for reducing bullying,; and to b) support all youth, including those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, or who question their sexual orientation or gender identity; to the end that they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to fully embrace and live out their true identity in Jesus Christ.

R10 - RESOLUTION RELATING TO COMPUTER NETWORK AND INTERNET ACCESS POLICY: Replace "sign" on line 16 with "acknowledge".

R11- RESOLUTION TO SET MINIMUM SALARIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018: Replace "same increase on line 12 with "similar increase" and change "2.0% increase" to "2.6%".

Respectfully submitted,

June and Richard Billman, Lay Delegates



August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ladies Circle Meetings on Page 6	July 31 VBC 5:30-7:30 Dinner @ 5pm	1 VBC 5:30—7:30 Dinner @ 5pm	2 VBC 5:30—7:30 Dinner @ 5pm	3 VBC 5:30—7:30 Dinner @ 5pm	4 VBC 5:30—7:30 Dinner @ 5pm	5
6 Communion Sunday	7	8	9 Hunger Coalition	10	11	12 CPR Class
13	14	15	16 1p Prayer Shawl	17	18	19
20	21 12 noon Thrift Shop Lunch Administrative Council mtg 7pm	22 6:30 p Trustees 6:30p UMM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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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Dr. William F. Wharton, Organist

Ellen Barry Grunden, 9:30 Music Director

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