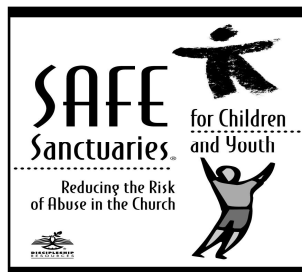




The Vision of St. Mark's United Methodist church is to inspire people of all ages, through acts of love and service, to know Jesus Christ.

**ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



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Hearing Assistance
Available

16th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 Worship for September 24, 2017

WELCOME VIDEO

“Welcome to our Church!”

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought

Since Jesus came into my heart!

I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,

Since Jesus came into my heart!

**Refrain: Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o’er my soul
Like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.**

I have ceased from my wandering and going astray,

Since Jesus came into my heart!

And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,

Since Jesus came into my heart! **Refrain.**

I’m possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,

Since Jesus came into my heart!

And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure,

Since Jesus came into my heart! **Refrain.**

There’s a light in the valley of death now for me,

Since Jesus came into my heart!

And the gates of the City beyond I can see,

Since Jesus came into my heart! **Refrain.**

I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know,

Since Jesus came into my heart!

And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart! **Refrain.**

CATCH-UP WITH JESUS!

Children's Ministry Time

"I Am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N!"

MEET & GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS

OFFERINGS OF TITHES AND GIFTS

"Morning Has Broken" Farjeon/Young

▲ DOXOLOGY page 697

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 12:4-7page 999

*This is the Word of the Lord.. **THANKS BE TO GOD!***

SONG OF PRAYER

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you. **Repeat.**

MESSAGE *"God's Team" Rev. Missy Rekitzke*

CLOSING SONG

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **Refrain.**

▲ **BLESSING**

“Have a Blessed Week & Say a Good Word for God!”

WELCOME TO ST. MARK’S! Before the service begins, you are invited to register your attendance (**please print**) in the attendance pad in the pew.

THE FLOWERS on the altar this morning are presented to the *Glory of God*, in loving memory of Raymond Harrison, Sr. & Laura Harrison on their birthdays by Raymond Jr., Raymond III, James, Paul & families.

THE NURSERY is located in Room 212 & is available for parents to attend to their child’s needs. Volunteers are needed. Please see Dana Callahan, Nursery Coordinator. The nursery is located in Room 212.

-Those Who Serve -

LAYREADER: Gayle Cherrington.

HEAD USHER: Craig Atwood.

USHERS: Jim & Joyce DeLaney, Phyllis Matthai, & Eleanor Polkinghorn.

GREETERS: Ron & Mary McCarty, Jim & Joyce DeLaney, Phyllis Matthai, Eleanor Polkinghorn.

SOUND TECH: Shea Springer.

VIDEO TECH: Andrew Thomas.

ALTAR GUILD: John & Marilyn Morris.

CHURCH OPENING: Brad Watts. **CLOSING:** Wade Dudrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pair & Spares meet in Conference Rm of Staff wing. The Koinonia Class meets in Meeting Rm. 155, Wesley Yater meets in the Chapel.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL program needs assistants in the “Nursery” & “Toddlers & Two’s”...If you can help, please see Dale in the Gathering Area immediately after this service!

HELP KEEP OUR SANCTUARY & CHAPEL PREPARED FOR WORSHIP

– Can you spare any amount of time to come into the church & make sure the racks in & under the pews are stocked with appropriate materials & the pews are clean & ready to go for our many worship services? If so, please leave a

message for Kathy Miller 410-822-0001 ext 308 or email kmiller@stmarkseaston.org. Specific instructions will be provided. This could be a great activity for a family, or a quiet time for individuals. Thank you!

HELP FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY FROM UMCOR

As you have witnessed on TV, much of southern Texas & parts of Louisiana have been devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Please be in prayer for those whose lives have been impacted by this disaster. If you would like to do something to support the work of UMCOR as it responds to this & other disasters in the US, I encourage you to help financially at this time. Please write your check to St. Mark's with UMCOR US Disaster Response/Texas in the memo line. Thank you for giving from your heart so that others may know that we care!

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN is 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday!

ST. MARK'S METHODIST MEMORIAL PLATE for sale. \$25.00 or best offer. See Della Andrew.

UNITED METHODIST MEN If you are a man of faith and want to help us in our mission of serving Christ & others, we would love to have you join us. Send me an email to earecksonr@yahoo.com & I will put you on our United Methodist Men (UMM) email list. You don't have to attend our meetings to be involved. We are active & alive for Christ. Come & be a part of our group.

CAREPACKS for T.C.P.S. Children We are still accepting donations to the CAREPACKS for T.C.P.S. project. The box is located near the main doors into the church. A list of appropriate items is available in the folder next to the box. Thanks on behalf of our Missions Committee.

THE THRIFT SHOP 410-820-7106 The shop hours are Monday- 10:00am-12:30 pm, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm. 410-820-7106. Thank you! Lee Royer 410-829-8189.

FOR MEMORIAL OR HONORARIUM monetary gifts please send to Karen Reed's attention. Please do not put in offering plate unless they are in regular envelope, marked with Karen's name. Letters are written to the family so they can be acknowledged.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING the Box Tops for Education.

MR. FIX IT If you have nagging little things around the house that need fixing, why not call Mr. Fix-It who would be delighted to address your problem(s). Call the Church Office to arrange for this free service.

PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL meets weekly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. please feel free to join us as we pray for various needs for the church, members & the local community. Please use the pew cards to submit requests for prayers.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY The Prayer Chain Ministry provides prayer support in crisis or emergencies for church members, loved ones & people in the community. Please call the church office 410/822-0001 & or Contact Sara Lou Casson 410/822-4872 or Betty Fleming 410/822-2216.

-This Week at St. Mark's-

Sunday, September 24, 2017

8:15 a.m. – Worship Service. Chapel.

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service. Sanctuary.

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages. Children will start out in the Sanctuary for worship and then leave after “Catch-Up with Jesus” to go to their classrooms.

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service. Sanctuary.

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

6:30 p.m. – Fast Track Disciple I. Room 8 basement.

6:30 p.m. – No Trustees Meeting.

6:30 p.m. – Overtones Rehearsal. Music Rm.

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Thursday, September 28, 2017

6:30 p.m. – Disciple III. Room 8 basement.

6:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Sunday, October 1, 2017 Communion will be held next Sunday.

8:15 a.m. – Worship Service. Chapel.

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service. Sanctuary.

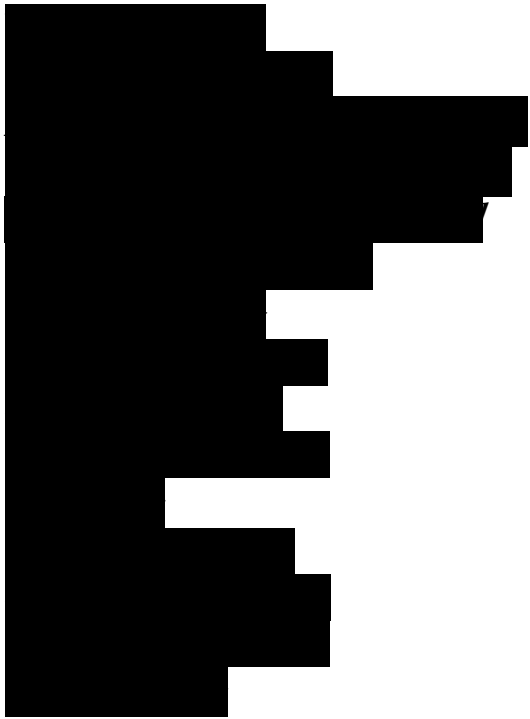
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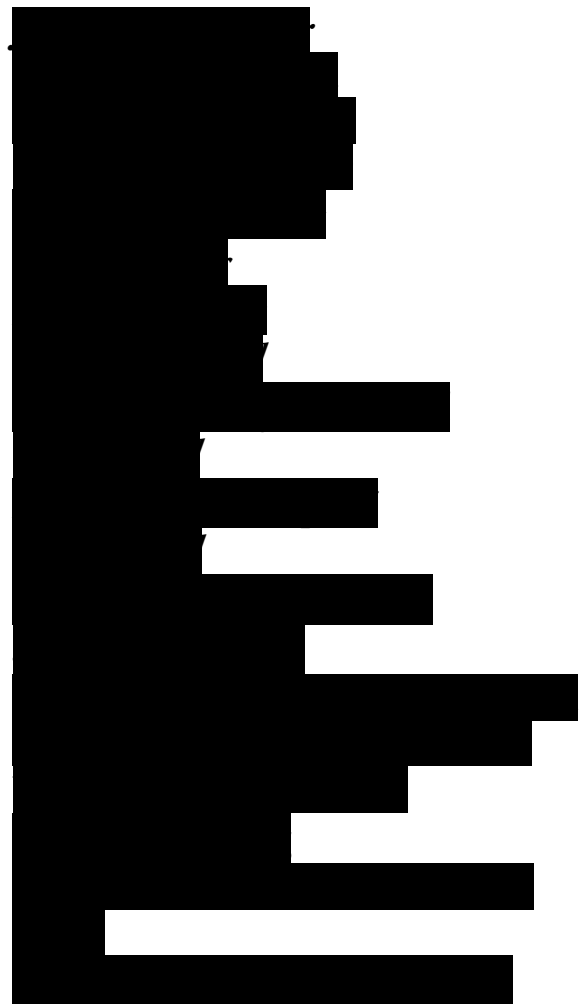
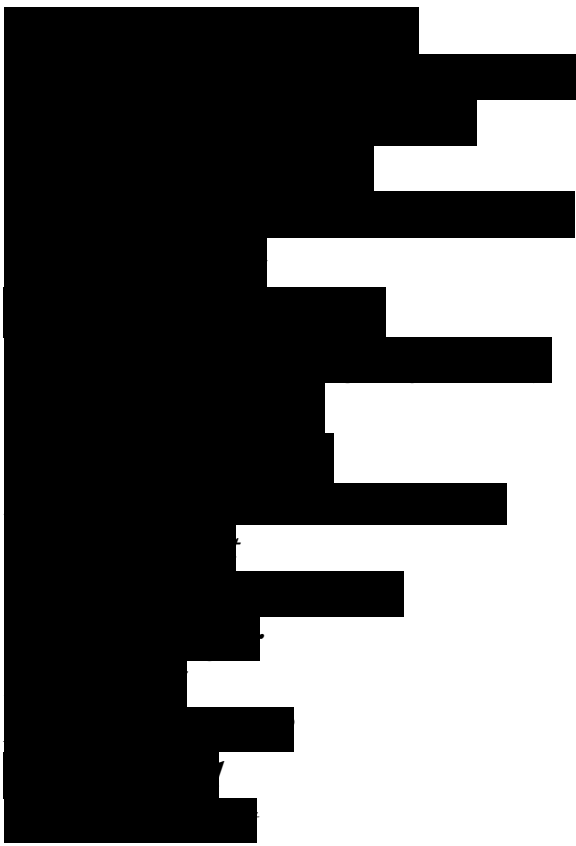
-Let Us Pray For-

Prayer Focus:

Our Pastors, including Rev. Dr. Brown & Bishop Johnson.

While we all know that being admitted into the hospital can be a stressful time, please contact the church office so that you can be visited. You are our family & are important to us!





Holiday Food Baskets for St. Mark's Village

The brown bags to be filled for the Thanksgiving & Christmas holiday baskets will be placed in 2 area of the Gathering Space on Sunday, September 10th.

Please grab one & return the bag with the items listed. We need them no later than Sunday, November 12th.

The residents of St. Mark's Village look forward to receiving a basket. Thank you, Lee Royer, Missions Committee

Share the gift of Hospitality!

Having the congregation come together between services in the Gathering Area for light snacks & coffee has been a wonderful time of Fellowship at St. Mark's. Let's continue this tradition in the fall! The coffee will be prepared; we need snacks & servers. In order to get more people involved, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area starting September 10th.

Guidelines will also be available. It's fun & easy. Please talk to some friends & come together to cover a Sunday or two. If you have any questions, (or you are ready to sign up now!) please contact me via email kmiller@stmarkseaston.org or leave me a phone message at 410-822-0001 ext. 308

ST. MARK'S PRESCHOOL Did you know the Preschool is one of the few outreach missions of St. Mark's that is financially self-supporting? The preschool does not have a line in the church budget. The money taken in through donations & tuitions is used to pay the salaries of our teachers & cover the operating expenses of the school. As you can imagine, some years are much more "comfortable" than others. This year our school is going to be less "comfortable" than in years past. This is the first year in six years that we do have openings in our program. These openings have us faced with roughly an \$8000 deficit. How can you help? Please consider joining "The Shepherd's Club of St. Mark's Preschool." The cost of becoming a member is \$100 annually. The funds raised help our school purchase new items for our classrooms, send our children on enrichment trips & allows us to prepare for those "unexpected" costs that often arise. Please make checks payable to "St. Mark's Preschool." You may place your donation in the weekly offering plate, in the black box outside the preschool office door or you may give the donation directly to Karen or Christina Kinnamon in the church office. Please note on the check or envelope that the money is for the Shepherd's Club. The Shepherd's Club is an opportunity to help "shepherd" the flock of our communities' children. Thank you so much for your continued support. –Sarah Ewing (Director)

St. Mark's Mission is:

To share the love of Jesus

with & through the people of Talbot County & beyond.

<u>Our Worship:</u>	<u>9/10</u>	<u>9/17</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship	63	58
9:45 A.M. Worship	98	103
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>112</u>	<u>215</u>
Total Worship Attendance	273	376
Sunday School Attendance		

Our Tithes & Offerings (September 17, 2017)

Amount Received Last Week	\$	13,184.00
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$	33,973.50
Building Maint. Fund...(YTD) *	\$	26,010.50

Don't forget!! The missions committee is providing an opportunity to assemble hygiene kits. I have put together a sample kit/bag, which I was able to assemble for less than the \$12.00 UMCOR says, by shopping at Dollar Tree & Walmart. I have started plastic gallon bags with the material lists inside to help those who would like to participate in this project.

In addition to the bag & list, you will need the following UMCOR hygiene kit packaging instructions:

-All items must be new and not washed.

-It is important that each kit contain only the requested items, **no notes or additional items.**

-Lay out the hand towel flat on table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

-UMCOR uses the \$1.00 from each kit to purchase toothpaste in bulk to be added to Hygiene Kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.



Attention all women, St. Mark's UMW
Is Hosting an Open House!

October 2, 2017

7 – 8 pm

Gathering Area

Come out, learn about United Methodist
Women & have a time of fellowship

Open to all ladies,
circle members are also encouraged to
attend

Any questions call:
Ruth Higgins
410-924-4175



Save the Date! October 17, 2017

It's time for St. Mark's UMW Fall Salad Luncheon!

Bring a salad to share! Rolls, Dessert and Beverages provided.

Speaker: Mandy Cecil

"Trials and Faith"

Reservations being accepted now:

\$3 per person, please sign up by 10/13/17.

Name:_____

Email:_____

Phone:_____ Guest:_____

Drop off or mail to church office. Questions: see June Billman.

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ST. MARK'S
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
TRUNK OR TREATING
FESTIVAL

SAT., OCT. 28TH, 3PM-4PM
FREE EVENT, INVITE A FRIEND!

TRUNK OR TREATING
BEGINS PROMPTLY @ 3PM!
PARK IN THE LONG LOT,
STOCK YOUR TRUNK WITH
GOODIES TO PASS OUT
TO THE KIDS!

FOLLOWED BY:
HAYRIDES, GAMES,
CRAFTS, SNACKS,
& MORE!

COSTUMES WELCOME,
OTHING TOO SCARY!

