

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

NOVEMBER 2017

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



I have never been much of a risk-taker throughout my life. I like to know what's ahead and how I'm going to get there. Trying new or difficult things has never been my forte. In horse language, I'd love to be the thoroughbred race horse, but I'm much more of a plow horse, plodding along the trail set before me. And then Jesus came along and turned my world upside down! I began to realize over time that if you want to be a follower of Jesus, he **IS** going to call you out of your comfort zone again and again to take risks so that God can be glorified through your actions. I am reminded today of what it says in Hebrews 12:1 "let **US** run with perseverance the race that is set before us." Friends, we have a race to run together as a church. That race requires stamina, perseverance and risk. Anything that is worthwhile, that is God's will is going to require faith and steady trust in God's power and strength. Our church has been given incredible resources to reach out into our community with the love of Jesus Christ. Those resources are people, YOU, the congregation. God is calling you to do all that you can to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, to take risks and reach out to your neighbor, to use your resources so that our church continues to offer the space for people to come and experience new life through Jesus Christ. I encourage you today to be a risk-taker for God. He will use you in ways you never thought possible. All that is required is an open heart and willing hands to be his vessel as we run this race together here at St. Mark's!

Pastor Missy



Our Vision:

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

Nov. 5 Fall Rada Cutlery Sale starts

Nov. 12 Operation Christmas Child deadline for shoeboxes

Nov. 12 Holiday food baskets food deadline

Nov. 26 Christmas wreath sale in Gathering space

Nov. 27 Christmas dinner reservation deadline

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Chuck & Pat Moon on their 62nd wedding anniversary, November 7th.
Cynthia Lieck on her birthday, November 9th.

Dan & Pearl Swann on their 57th wedding anniversary, November 19th.

Pete & Joyce Bailey on their 54th wedding anniversary.

GIFTS IN HONOR of Pete Bailey & his Mr. Fix It work, by Gladys Makovsky.

GIFTS TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN MEMORY OF Parke Hahn by Thomas & Margaret Gazda, John & Marilyn Morris, Charles & Nancy Fitzgerald.

Of **Dan Whitzel** by Ray & Barbara Kraeer, Joseph & Mary Voshell, Jim & Sheila Scott, Della Andrew.

Of **Revell "Jack" Taylor** by Ruth & David Snow, Jack Taylor, Phil & Tammy Curry, Kim, Phil, Barry, Paul & Chip Curry, Bob & Iralene Burris, Craig & Vicky Atwood, William & Lois Andrew, Cecil & Sylvia Gannon.

THANK YOU To the good people at St. Mark's, My wife Lynda & I are members of Temple B'nai Israel. For the past several years, we have been privileged to attend our High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur) services in your beautiful & welcoming church. We will have enduring & warm memories of worshipping in St. Mark's. As you know, we will be moving into a new building next year, sufficient to accommodate all B'nai Israel members for the High Holidays. Lynda & I would like to thank you for your generosity & kindness. Please except this contribution as a token of our appreciation. Sincerely, George & Lynda Carlson.

Good morning, As congregants of Temple B'nai Israel we just wanted to say thank you for all the years you have made us feel comfortable and safe for our high holidays. It is very much appreciated. Please use this contribution for supplies for your food pantry. Loretta & Stephen Quigley

LET US PRAY FOR

Bayleigh Chase, Marvel Hall — Audrey Woolston, Gloria Lindquist.
Atria Senior Living—Harry Jordan
Bayleigh Chase— Gardens, Lois Dabbert, Don Casson, Ted Lewers, Elva Eareckson
Homestead Manor— Lee Walker
Envoy of Denton— Eudora Fischer
Lakeside—Dave Stavelly
Cadia Rehabilitation—Susan Horning

AT HOME

Mary Rabenhorst	Sonny Granger
Dan Pritchett	JoSue Simpson
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. 2nd 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

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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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD KICK OFF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017



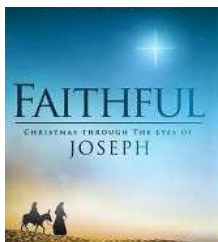
Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Mission

Please join us in blessing a needy child by packing a shoe box with small toys, school supplies & hygiene items & bring your filled shoeboxes to the church on or before November 12. Wrap the box with Christmas paper if you can (top & bottom separately or wrapped so the top can still be opened) You may also bring it unwrapped. We have red & green boxes available for you at 50 cents each. These boxes do not need to be wrapped!

Check out the pamphlet "How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift" for items not to include & how to track your box to find out where it goes. Remember to pray over your gift choices & the child who will receive your box. Last year we sent 290 boxes. We believe we can do even better. Wont you help? If you would like to help with preparing the boxes for shipment, we are meeting in Fellowship hall on November 13 at 10:30 am Have not time to shop or pack? Financial donations are also welcome. Checks should be made out to Samaritan's Purse or St. Mark's UMC.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS !!!

For the second year in a row, Tabitha Circle will be selling fresh Christmas wreaths, lovingly decorated by members of the Tabitha Circle. Just in time for your holiday decorating, our wreaths will be displayed and sold in the Gathering Area for all three services on Sunday, November 26th. The funds raised from this sale will be used to support missions in the name of Jesus Christ. More information to follow in your bulletins.



Pastor's Advent Study: Faithful: Christmas through the eyes of Joseph

Come join me on Wednesdays from 12-1p.m. in the Chapel, November 29, December 6, 13 and 20 for an in-depth look at Christmas through the eyes of Joseph, Jesus' earthly father. Joseph's place in the Nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. His courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity. Bring your Bible, a notebook if you'd like to take notes and a willing spirit!

Making generosity simple...



We are really excited to introduce a new, easy way to give! You can now give simply and easily using Pushpay for your tithes, offerings, special gifts & even dinners!

To start, text **STMARKSEASTON** to 77977 with your smart phone and you will receive a link to our custom giving page, visit our website and click on the **GIVE ONLINE BUTTON**.

Pushpay currently accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover, as well as ACH (bank account) gifts!

Youth Group News

Chesapeake Housing Mission

On September 30 St. Mark's youth group and friends took a day to build a wheelchair ramp for a woman in Madison, MD. She was unfortunately in hospital when we were there but her loveable dog, Tilghman, kept us company and showed us around. We had a total of 16 people show up throughout the day and worked from 8am-5:30pm. It was a little exhausting but at the end of the day there was a brand new wheelchair ramp to show for it! Everyone did a great job pitching in and I am so proud of the finished product. I went back to see the homeowner and she wanted me to be sure to express how grateful she was for our help.

Our next project is scheduled for Saturday, May 12! If you are planning on going on our ASP mission trip, and were not able to attend this past project, PLEASE put this on your calendar! I need for everyone going to have this bit of training experience. This project is open to the whole church regardless of age or experience so let me know if you are interested!

ASP

This year our youth group mission trip will be June 16-23 and we will again be going to Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. This trip is open to students who will have finished the 8th grade and will be 14 years old by the time of the trip. We had an amazing time last year and I am excited to see us expand the size of our group this year! Contact Brooke for more information.



Thank You!!

A sincere THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to the Shepherd's Club of St. Mark's Preschool. I am truly in awe of the generous outpouring of support. It is such a blessing to know that we have so many who care about our preschool and want to help us in "tight" times. Thank you!

Sarah Ewing, Director



United Methodist Student Day In the United Methodist Church, there are six special Sundays. Through St. Mark's missions fund, our church makes a small donation to each when it occurs each year. **United Methodist Student Day** is one of these and is celebrated each year on the last Sunday in November. Donations here furnish scholarships and loans for students attending United Methodist related and other accredited colleges and universities. There are copies of a small brochure concerning United Methodist Student Day in the gathering area.

Getting Caught Up In Christmas Madness? Take a break and enjoy a four-week Advent study, "Advent: Hit Pause," beginning on Mondays, [November 27](#) and continuing [through December 18](#) from 6 – 7 p.m. in the Chapel. The study is based on the book "Pauses for Advent" by Trevor Hudson. Amy Steward and Wendy Cadell will lead a brief discussion and an uplifting meditation each week. You won't want to miss it! To register and order your book at a cost of \$6.49 ea., call Karen in the Church Office.

Music Notes

St. Mark's will host ***SIMPLE GIFTS***, featuring Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon on November 19th at 3pm. Two women plus ten instruments equal one good time! Drawing on an impressive variety of ethnic folk styles, this award-winning duo plays everything from lively Irish jigs and down-home American reels to hard-driving Klezmer freilachs and haunting Gypsy melodies, spicing the mix with the distinctive rhythms of Balkan dance music, the lush sounds of Scandinavian twin fiddling, and original compositions written in a traditional style. Based in the hills of central Pennsylvania, these women play an amazing array of instruments, switching with ease among fiddle, mandolin, banjo, recorders, bowed psaltery, hammered dulcimer, baritone fiddle, guitar, and percussion. Littleton and Hirshon deliver their music with rare intensity and contagious enthusiasm bound to be a hit with the audience. This is an act not to be missed!



Consider joining one of our ensembles. Just walk in and we will lead you the rest of the way ☐

Overtones - Wednesdays, 6:30pm **Chancel Choir**- Thursdays, 7pm

Jubilee Choir- 3rd and 4th Sundays, 7:30am

Calling singers, dancers, musicians, artists, etc.- Opportunities to present “**Special Music**” are available. Please contact me if you would like to present something for our very appreciative congregations.

Penny Renoll, Music Director

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

musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org



SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year's Sunday School theme is "Catch-Up with Jesus" & all students will sit with their families at the beginning of the 9:30 service. There will be a short children's devotional, then students will go to their Sunday School classrooms. This will give our youth a chance to experience & participate in Sanctuary worship with their families....lettuce praise & relish Him!

UMW November Circle Meetings:**Ruth Circle:** Nov. 6, 2017

10 am Bayleigh Chase

Deborah Circle: Nov. 7, 20179:30 am Home of Audrey Brown
700 Port Street**Mary Circle:** Nov. 7, 2017 10 amHome of Janice Dudrow
47 Londonderry Drive**Sarah Circle:** Nov. 14 7 pmHome of Sheila Scott
29565 Galloway Run**Tabitha Circle:** Nov. 6, 2017 7 pmHome of Wendy Cadell
300 Dixon Avenue # 505***FALL RADA CUTLERY SALE***

Sarah Circle's Fall Rada Cutlery Fundraiser for 2017 will be November 5 – November 30. All profits benefit Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence which the circle supports throughout the year. As you know, there are so many victims of domestic violence, & this is our small way of helping with their needs. Since beginning this project in 2005, the circle's contribution to them has been over \$4,800.00 which includes an initial donation of \$1,500.00 & sponsoring a family each Christmas. Also, the circle donates pantry items to them monthly. Because of your help, we are able to continue this worthwhile project.

In addition to the many different cutlery items offered, are cooking utensils, soups, cheeseballs, cheesecakes, dips, cookbooks, seasonings, caring adult coloring books, & inspirational books. Catalogs, which include ordering instructions, will be available in the Gathering Area November 5. If you have questions, please call Ann Yingling at 410 820 8592 or email dayingling@verizon.net.

**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, October 10th.

We are busy preparing for the Waterfowl Festival, November 10 – 12, 2017. Our famous Rockfish Corn Chowder will once again be the highlight of the kitchen as well as serving our oyster fritters and Hot Dogs for the children. The plan is to set-up on Thursday, November 9th at 9:00 am and break down everything on Sunday the 12th after 3:00 pm. This way our tables and chairs are not left out another night in the elements. We will finish our clean-up on Monday, November 13th beginning at 9 am. We need help to make all of this happen so whether man or woman, if you can lend a hand please contact Roger Eareckson at 410-463-0558 or by email at earecksonr@yahoo.com Mark your calendars for November 9 – 13 and help make this another successful event for the church and the community.

We are continuing to exploring ways to partner in faith and practice with our sister churches in the area, Asbury UMC and Scott's UMC in Trappe. We are following-up on ways to commune more directly with our brothers in these charges so keep tuned as we explore areas of ministry and interaction with our brothers in Christ.

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.

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

Grace and Peace to you!

A Local Mission Partner of St. Mark's Church

For All Seasons, Inc.

Can you imagine what would happen at every social gathering if people shared their concerns about a loved one's mental health with the same degree of fervor as they talk about the sports standings of their favorite teams? What if people understood that mental illness medication is no different from a diabetic needing a prescription for insulin? What if people with emotional and behavioral needs aren't perceived as broken, but rather human beings needing help, as each one of us has needed help at one or more times in our lives?

It would be a world transformed. For All Seasons is attempting to bring about these changes in our community.

For All Seasons is the non-profit outpatient mental health clinic and rape crisis center serving the five counties of the mid Shore. We provide support and services to the English and Spanish speaking individuals, groups, and communities throughout the Mid-Shore. Our trauma certified team offers the highest level of comprehensive and integrated therapy, advocacy, and psychiatric care in a safe environment. Our rape crisis center serves victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse and provides groups to the survivors and their family.

We serve people regardless of their ability to pay.

Your gifts allow us to provide-trauma certified therapy for our clients to receive advocacy and case management services through our rape crisis center to make sure that their family is safe and knows how to support one another as they work with the hospital, law enforcement, and the State's Attorney's office to bring their offender to justice.

Your support makes it possible for a clinical team to surround a mother and father as they lived through the pain of losing their child to suicide.

And your support makes it possible for a family to have their child to be seen in the school through our school based mental health program without having to worry about how they are going to afford their large co-pay.

Our mid-shore community comes to For All Seasons for brief and long term therapy, psychiatric medications and support groups. Some of our clients stay with us for years - others need help for just a few months. We understand that everyone needs help at some point and that sometimes we need someone to talk to who can offer qualified guidance.

We are able to do this work not just out of our own dedication to our mission but because of your generosity. Thank you.

To learn more about us visit our website, for allseasonsinc.org.





A Word from the Trustees!

Hello... My name is Frank Meyerle. My wife, Bette, and I joined St. Mark's UMC as new members in February of 2014 and are so very happy to be part of a wonderful Church family that also has community participation. I am the current president of the Board of Trustees. 2018 will begin the fourth year for me as a member of the Board, the most recent two years as chairman. Over this span of time there have been many actions that have required our attention.

As stewards of our Church's buildings and property we are constantly reminded of the seriousness of our undertakings, use of limited financial resources and our decisions reached... as there have been many. I know that one of the major completed tasks was in the replacement of the roof over the older portion of our Church. In that undertaking, we utilized existing financial resources without having to add to the Church's debt. In 2017, we are facing another challenge – to decide on what to do with the failing air conditioning system that has served the Sanctuary for over 50 years – portions of the system which to date have never been replaced or upgraded.

Early in the Spring of 2017 the Board had our engineering consultants, Gipe Associates, Inc. (GAI), conduct an update to a previous feasibility study in comparing the option of replacing the existing system with an air-cooled chiller system **OR** by installing an expansion to the Geothermal heat pump system that has to date successfully served the Chapel and office spaces since 2007. When evaluating the study results and comparing the options that we were to choose from, it became clear to the Board that the Geothermal heat pump system was an appropriate choice.

For those who are not familiar with Geothermal Heat Pump Technology Geothermal takes advantage of one of nature's wonders—the earth's nearly constant underground temperature of 45 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit—to provide year-round heating and cooling. Geothermal systems exchange heat with the earth using an underground network of pipes filled with water or refrigerant. In winter, the fluid will pull heat from the ground and transfers it to the Church through a heat exchanger. An indoor fan system will circulate air through the Sanctuary. In summer, the system will deposit heat from the Sanctuary into the earth and brings cool air back in – an *efficient and eco-friendly approach*.

At the March 28 meeting of the Board of Trustees the motion was made, seconded and approved by the members present to accept the Geothermal heat pump system to replace the water-cooled chiller system that currently services the Sanctuary. On April 17, the Administrative Board approved the proposal submitted by the Board of Trustees to move forward with the project by engaging the Civil Engineering Firm of GAI. Additionally, the Administrative Board decided then that the Trustees are to proceed with the contracting process, on a concurrent basis, to actions to be taken by a Steering Committee that will be charged with administering a Capital Campaign to fund the project.

The time line for the process... from where we are now to when we award a successful contractor... and to the project start date... are still under review, however we have been assured that the end date for completion of the project will be June 30, 2018. I believe a project of this magnitude that is successfully funded is the responsibility of each and every member of St. Marks. **We have no choice but to prayerfully consider and accept the challenge.** This is important as the winners are not only **US**, the members of St. Marks, but the community at large. We want to continue our successful community outreach and the use of our sanctuary will enable this to happen. To assure that the Steering Committee runs a successful Capital Campaign requires the involvement and support of all of us. Thank you.

St. MARK'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEAL & MID-SHORE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

Reservation Form for Christmas Meal and Concert—

December 3 at 5:00 p.m.

St Mark's family will gather together for fellowship, dinner and a concert by the Mid-Shore Community Band on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal. After dinner we will move to the Sanctuary for the concert. The cost for the evening will be \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children or \$22.00 for a family. The dinner is open to church family & guests and the concert is open to the public. A love offering will be donated to the Brighter Christmas Fund sponsored by the Star Democrat.

See you there!

Number attending _____

Amount paid _____

Name(s) _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____

To make a reservation: email churchoffice@stmarkseaston.org, or place this form in the offering plate, or mail to the church office.

**Deadline to make a reservation is Sunday,
November 27.**

You can pay for your dinner using PUSHPAY online by using your cell phone Text STMARKSEASTON TO 77977

Or from your computer by going to our website click on giving tab, click on the Give Online

Add up what dinner will cost fill in the amount select the fund (Christmas Dinner) add your information and your done! It's that easy!



SPECIAL VIDEO PRESENTATION OF: "MATTHEW"

DATE: NOVEMBER 8TH AND 15TH

TIME: 1:00 AND 6:30

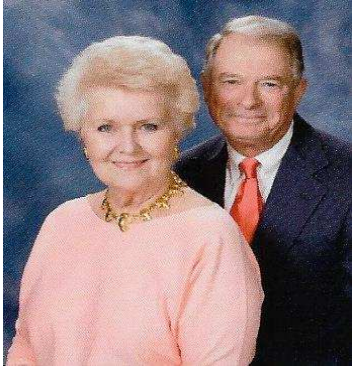
LOCATION:

6:30PM SHOWING IN THE SANCTUARY; 1:00 SHOWING IN THE PARLOR
ST MARKS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The video presentation of Matthew is an opportunity to go through the complete book and experience the background and preparation of the ministry of Christ to His triumphal victory over death.

The showings will be offered at two times to split the video showing in half. The first half will be shown on the 8th and the second half will be shown on the 15th.

Come, bring a friend, or just be blessed as you relax for a time that will allow you to feel the love of Christ!



PETE AND JOYCE BAILEY

Faithful 8:15 members for many years, Pete and Joyce met as students at Easton High School, from which they graduated in 1959. They married here at St. Mark's in 1962, one of the first couples to marry in the new sanctuary. Joyce's connection to St. Mark's runs deep, as her parents were active members and her father, Sherwood Hubbard, was instrumental in forming the church.

Pete was born in Wilmington, but moved to Talbot Co. at age 7. His family lived on Poplar Island, which meant he had to take a boat to the mainland for school. That must explain his love of the water, for he has been a boater all his life, racing sailboats and cruising power boats from Maine to the Bahamas. He's Past Commodore of the Tred Avon YC and a member of the Chesapeake Bay YC and Poplar Island YC. Pete is a graduate of Johns Hopkins U. After working for Dupont for 7 years, Pete joined Cambridge Wire Cloth Co., which later was named Cambridge International, the world's largest manufacturer of metal mesh conveyor belting. Pete travelled to Brazil, Australia, and Mexico establishing joint ventures in those countries and served in various VP roles and as a Board member until his retirement in 2000. Pete serves on our Board of Trustees and in the valued role as our "Mr. Fix-It".

After graduation from Easton High, Joyce attended McQueen Gibbs School of Nursing, graduating as an RN in 1962. She worked in nursing for 20 years. For many years she was a star tennis player, having played on the National Championship Team at the 4.0 level. Joyce is known far and wide for her Christmas décor and her extensive collection of tropical plants. She and Pete have graciously opened their beautifully decorated home for various Christmas tours, including a fund raiser for our Building Campaign 10 years ago. Joyce's craft room is every woman's dream, and in it she makes beautiful creations, including the miniature Christmas trees that were fund raisers for the Building Campaign.

Pete and Joyce's daughter Wendy and six grandchildren, ranging in age from 10-22, live near Richmond, VA.



DON AND SIBYL COCHRAN

Among our newest members are Don and Sibyl, who are residents of Easton Club East, where they have lived since 2006.

Don and Sibyl met at South Illinois University, from which they both graduated. Don was raised in a small Illinois town, Robinson, and Sibyl likewise in a small Illinois town, Tuscola. They married in 1964.

After receiving his Master's at the U. of Illinois, Don began his career in Public Park Management, first to an internship in PA, then to Minnesota for approximately 18 years with a Regional Park Authority, and finally to Montgomery Co., MD in 1984. During his tenure in Montgomery Co., he was Director of County Parks for 18 years, and Deputy Director of County Parks and Planning for 3 years, before retiring in 2005. Now that Don is retired, he has plenty of time to indulge in his hobbies of hunting and fishing in this area and fly fishing in PA. Not able to totally retire from local government involvement, he serves on the Easton Planning Commission and also is on the Board of Easton Club East.

Sibyl was an elementary school teacher during the early years of their marriage, but once they moved to MD, her career was primarily with Mental Health Service Agencies. She is a music lover and continues to play piano and also sings with the Chorus of Dorchester. She is active in the local chapter of American Association of University Women and especially enjoys reading anything related to Abraham Lincoln.

Don and Sibyl's family is completed by their two daughters and grandchildren: Stacie lives close to Annapolis with her husband and two children; Vanessa lives in Arlington with her husband and son. So, everyone is close enough to enjoy family time together.

The Cochrans are enjoying living here in Easton and being part of St. Mark's. Please welcome them if you see them at the 11:00 service. We are happy you have joined us, Don and Sibyl!



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ladies Circle Meetings on Page 6			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All Saints Communion Sunday 2-4 Youth Group		6:30p Disciple I	6:30p Overtones 1p 1st part of Mat- thew Rm. 155	6:30p Disciple 3 6:30p Chancel Choir	Waterfowl Weekend	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
2-4 Youth Group		6:30p UMM 6:30p Disciple I	1p Prayer Shawl 6:30p Overtones 6:30p 2nd half of Matthew Sanc.	6:30p Disciple 3 6:30p Chancel Choir		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
3 pm Simple Gifts concert 2-4 Youth Group		9:30a UMW 6:30p Disciple 1	6:30p Overtones	Happy Thanksgiving	Office Closed	
26	27	28	29	30		
7:30a Jubilee Choir No Youth Group		6:30p Disciple 1	6:30p Overtones	6:30p Disciple 3 6:30p Chancel Choir		

Weekly Fall Schedule

SUNDAY

8:15am Worship Chapel
9:30 am Worship Sanctuary
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship Services Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

10:30am Prayer Group in chapel
6:30 pm Overtones

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
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Sarah Ewing, Pre-School Director

Penny Renoll, Director of Music

Dr. William F. Wharton, Organist

David Cherry, 9:30 Music Director

**Brooke Christensen, 9:30 Worship Leader &
 Youth Director**

Karen Reed, Church Administrator

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU! The Committee for Dr. Bill's 50th Anniversary (Jackie Dianich, Ellen Grunden, Penny Renoll, Pastor Missy Rekitzke & Co-Chairs, Gail Aveson & Marcia Kirby) wishes to sincerely thank everyone who donated their time for this very special occasion, especially: Amy Steward - Publicity; Gail Aveson - Pre-Service PowerPoint; Karen Reed - Technical Support; Carol Shadle, Barb Friedman, June Billman, Pat Jones, Gail Aveson, Mary Granger, Cindy Brinsfield, Betty Barwick, Claudette & Dave Ross, Benita Afflerbach, Ann Bishop, Marcia Kirby, Eileen Heistand, Amber Tefft, Judy Lawrence, David Renoll, & Coordinator Jackie Dianich - Reception.

CARE PACKS In Genesis 12: 2 God tells Abram that he will bless him & in turn, Abram is to be a blessing to others. For several years St. Marks has been a blessing to Easton area school children who live in food insecure homes. On Fridays those children go home with backpacks of food that has been donated. The children in need are identified by school staff such as teachers, counselors, nurses & others, as having an inadequate food supply in their homes. And so they are given the Care Packs to help sustain them on weekends.

At the front door of the church near the office is a large box to receive donated food. There is a list of recommended food items that can be donated. Those items include cracker packs, individual servings of fruit, applesauce, pudding, cereals & pasta dishes. When the donations are received in the box, a member of the Mission Committee takes them to Easton Elementary School. From there a member of the school staff takes them off campus where volunteers pack the food items in the Care Packs. They are then returned to the school for distribution. It seems so easy to be a blessing and it is. Making donations makes a difference in the lives of local children. What a blessing St. Marks is to our local community. Thank you on behalf of the Mission Committee.