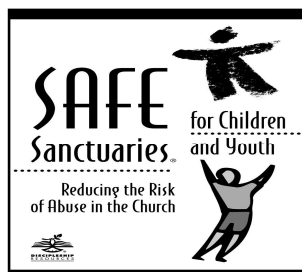


*The Vision of St. Mark's United Methodist church is to inspire people of all ages, through acts of love and service, to know Jesus Christ.*

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany . . . . . 9:30 Worship for January 21, 2018**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONGS**

**I Will Call Upon the Lord**

I will call upon the Lord  
who is worthy to be praised.  
So shall I be saved from my enemies.  
I will call upon the Lord. **Repeat.**

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;  
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.  
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and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

**Awesome God**

**Refrain: Our God is an awesome God;  
He reigns from heaven above,  
With wisdom, power and love.  
Our God is an awesome God.**

When He rolls up His sleeves  
He ain't just putting on the Ritz  
(Our God is an awesome God)  
There's thunder in His footsteps  
And lightning in His fists  
(Our God is an awesome God)  
And the Lord wasn't joking  
When He kicked 'em out of Eden  
It wasn't for no reason  
That He shed His blood  
His return is very close  
And so you better be believin' that  
Our God is an awesome God. **Refrain.**

And when the sky was starless  
In the void of the night  
(Our God is an awesome God)  
He spoke into the darkness  
And created the light  
(Our God is an awesome God)  
The judgment and wrath  
He poured out on the Sodom  
Mercy and grace He gave us at the cross  
I hope that you have not  
Too quickly forgotten that  
Our God is an awesome God. **Refrain.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

## **CATCH UP WITH JESUS**

## **MEET & GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS**

## **JOYS & CONCERNS**

## **MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **OFFERINGS OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

*"I'll Fly Away" .....* *Brumley*

## **▲ DOXOLOGY .....** *page 94*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **THE READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

*Ephesians 5:8-14... .. pages 1019-1020*  
*This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.. **THANKS BE TO GOD!***

MESSAGE ... .. "Go Light Your World: Start with Your Family" ... ..  
Rev. Missy Rekitzke

## CLOSING SONG

### Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it;  
You spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it;  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;  
You can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.  
I'll shout it from the mountaintop; PRAISE GOD!  
I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

## ▲ 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 her parents, by Haines & Nancy Holt.

**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:** June Billman.

**HEAD USHER:** Hugh Dawkins.

**USHERS:** Bob & Dale Rauch, Jim & Joyce Delaney.

**GREETERS:** Bob & Dale Rauch, Jim & Joyce Delaney, Kristi & Will Beaven.

**COFFEE HOUR:** .

**SOUND TECH:** Shea Springer.

**VIDEO TECH:** Andrew Thomas.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Janice & Harry Nagel.

**CHURCH OPENING:** Brad Watts. **CLOSING:** Tom Barwick.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 AM**

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

**PRESCHOOL PAKECAKE BREAKFAST** It's that time of year again! St. Mark's Preschool is selling tickets to our annual Applebee's Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast is on February 10 from 8am-10am at the Applebee's in Easton. Tickets are \$7 each with children under 2 free. \$4.50 of each ticket sale goes right to the preschool. We hope to raise enough money to purchase new iPads for our 4 year old classroom. The iPads we have are so outdated that Apple will no longer has updates applicable for them, therefore we are unable to use our tracing & learning games that are downloaded on them. Please consider purchasing tickets to our breakfast or making a donation towards purchasing new iPads. Tickets are be purchased at the Preschool M-F from 9-12 or in the church office from 8-12 M-Th. Thank you so much for your support! Sarah Ewing, Director

**DINNER FOR EIGHT!!** Anyone interested in joining the DINNER FOR EIGHT program can sign up on the sheets by the Church Office for the 8:15 service, & in the Gathering Area for the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

Anyone who is currently signed up does not need to re-sign---If you are a Snow Bird (or just need to skip this session of February-May) please give Jane Wilson a call at (410) 320-6351 & she will remove you for this session.

We've heard a lot of positive comments, & some great friendships have been made! Join in the fun & fellowship today!!

**CHURCH OPENER NEEDED** There is a need for a church opener for Sunday mornings. If this is way you would like to serve the church, please contact Karen Reed in the church office. It would be the first Sunday of every month.

**PANERA BREAD PICK-UPS** A new chart to sign up for picking up the left over Panera Bread on Saturday evenings starting with January 27th is now in the gathering area. Thanks for your help with this outreach project of our church.

**MUSIC LOVERS NEEDED:** Do you sing or play an instrument? The 9:30 Praise Band needs you!! Rehearsals are Thursdays 5:30-6:30 & Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the sanctuary. Contact Elaine Tama 410-200-2194 for more information or see David Cherry after the service.

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

**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](mailto: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.

**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, January 21, 2018

8:15 a.m. – Worship Service. Chapel.

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

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service. Sanctuary. UMW Installation of Officers

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

6:30 p.m. – Board of Trustees Meeting. Conference Rm.

Thursday, January 25, 2018

6:30 p.m. – Disciple III. Conference Rm.

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

Sunday, January 28, 2018

8:15 a.m. – Worship Service. Chapel.

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

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.

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

2:00 p.m. – Youth Group. Youth Rm.

### -Let Us Pray For-

Prayer Focus:

*People whose faith is strong.*

*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! We would like your permission for your name to be listed if you are in the hospital!*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



In a couple of months we will be doing a church directory. If you have recently moved or perhaps disconnected your home phone & are just using a cell number, please contact the church office with that information. A company will be doing pre - directory work for us & we want to make sure you are included in our new directory, after all you are FAMILY! If you have any questions, please contact Karen in the church office 410-822-0001.

***Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner***



***Tuesday, February 13, 2018  
5 pm to 7 pm  
Fellowship hall***

**The United Methodist Men will once again sponsor the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Fellowship Hall of the Church. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. A free-will offering is encouraged. The menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, scalloped apples & beverages.**



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

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

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



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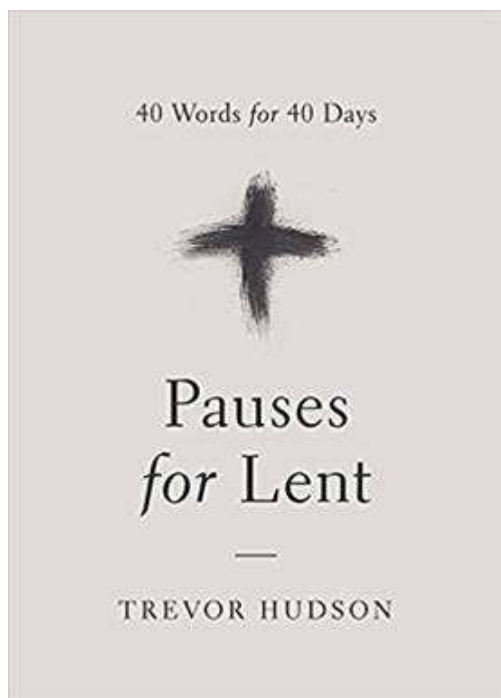
*To share the love of Jesus*

*with & through the people of Talbot County & beyond.*

<b><u>Our Worship:</u></b>	<u>1/7</u>	<u>1/14</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship	48	52
9:30 A.M. Worship	90	100
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>73</u>	<u>123</u>
Total Worship Attendance	198	275
Sunday School Attendance		

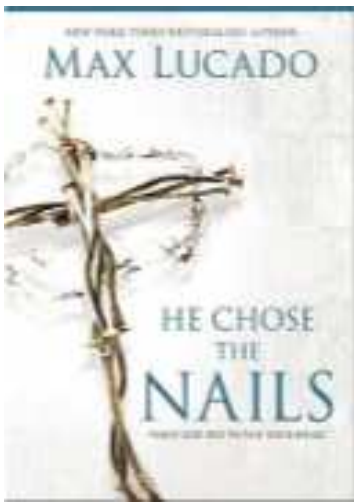
## **Our Tithes & Offerings** (January 14, 2018)

Amount Received Last Week	\$ 13,448.06
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$ 1,277.50
Building Fund (YTD) *	\$ 879.50



Join us for a 40-day study, *Pauses for Lent* by Trevor Hudson. The class, facilitated by Amy Steward & Wendy Cadell, will be held on Monday nights in the Chapel beginning February 19 through March 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. Hudson gives us 40 words, one for each day, to meditate on, along with a daily reading & simple doable daily practice. The class will begin with study & end with meditation like the *Pauses for Advent* class that Amy and Wendy led before Christmas. Approach Lent a little differently this year, come learn the transforming possibilities of Jesus' death & resurrection. Bring a friend & take the journey together as you share how God is working in your life. The

study book costs \$ 6.49 each & is available in the Church Office. Call Wendy Avey at 410-822-0001 ext. 305 to register & pick up your book before February 19. Books can also be purchased thru Pushpay!



## He Chose the Nails: Lenten Bible Study

Every gift from God reveals his love, but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross. In this five-session video Bible study, we will explore the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow, the nails that tore his flesh, the seamless robe that he removed for us, and the empty tomb where he forever defeated sin and death. These were gifts he didn't have to give. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet God did so much more. So, as we unwrap these gifts, we need to pause and listen for his voice. As we do, perhaps we will hear him whisper, "*I did it just for you.*" Pastor Missy will be leading the study and offering 2 times (to accommodate schedules) beginning Wednesday, February 21st in the Chapel. There will be a class offered from 12-1 pm and then a class from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for our 5-week study. Join us as we contemplate the greatest gift of all, God's love through Christ's sacrifice!



## After "Souper" Bowl Soup Sale

The Tabitha Circle will be selling both VEGETABLE BEEF and VEGETABLE SOUP on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The cost of a quart of soup and 2 biscuits is \$10.

Please place your order by Friday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by either emailing; [soupsalesmumc@gmail.com](mailto:soupsalesmumc@gmail.com) or calling Juanita Wimbrow at 410-924-0743.

You can pick up your ordered soup in the "Meet and Greet" area between 9:15-12:15 on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

All proceeds benefitting missions for Tabitha Circle.

*"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." (Proverbs 22:9)*

In a move to support your generosity, we're implementing a new way to give. We are really excited to announce that our app is now available for downloading in the app store! Using your smart phone text **stmarkseaston app** to **77977**. You will be sent a link which will direct you to our very own custom app. So no matter where you are you can give anytime! You can also use your computer by going to our website [www.stmarkseaston.org](http://www.stmarkseaston.org) click on the GIVE tab and follow the instructions.

Thank you for your support as we continue to grow & impact our community together!

**WELCOME  
HOME**

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Text "**STMARKSEASTON APP**" to **77977**  
to download our app



# ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY SPOUSE'S Luncheon

sponsored by the United Methodist Men, to be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at The Barn of Easton, 8249 Teal Drive, beginning at 12:30 until 2:00 pm. \$25.00 per person includes choice of entrée, salad, baked potato, green beans, dessert & choice of non-alcoholic beverage, tax & gratuity. Entree choice of sirloin, salmon or Crab & shrimp Alfredo is included in the price. A fun bible-based activity will proceed the luncheon. Sign-up in the gathering area by Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

*See sign up sheet in Gathering space!*

