

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

APRIL 2018

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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.

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings Church Family!

I came across this wonderful Easter prayer based on Matthew 28:5-7 by Lisa Teurkeurst. It is a reminder to all of us the daily impact that Jesus' resurrection has on our lives. May we walk in his love, fully alive everyday as we celebrate being Easter people!

An Easter Prayer

- "Do not be afraid," - God, I hand over to You those things that make me so afraid. Resurrect the parts of my faith squelched by fear.
- "I know that you are looking for Jesus," - God, when my soul is searching, help me know the answer to every longing can be found in You.
- "He has risen," - God, the fact that Jesus is risen should lift my head, my heart and my attitude. Help me to live today as if I really believe this with every part of my life.
- "just as he said," - Jesus, You keep Your promises. Help me live as though I believe that with every part of me. Help me trust You more, obey You more and resemble You more.
- "Come and see," - Jesus, You had the angels invite the women in to see for themselves that You had risen. You invite me into these personal revelations every day. Forgive me for sometimes rushing about and forgetting to come and see for myself ... You, Your Word, Your insights.
- "Then go quickly and tell his disciples," - Jesus, I don't want to be a secret keeper with my faith. I want to be a bold and gracious truth proclaimer. For You. With You. Because of You. Me, the unwanted person whom You loved, redeemed and wanted.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Pastor Missy

Join us for Holy Week & Easter Services! See page 6 for details

Chesapeake Chamber Concert, April 8, at 3:00 p.m.

Women of Joy Tea, April 14, 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. (Limited Space)

UMW Day Apart, April 28, 9 – 3:30 p.m.

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

George & Phyllis Carroll, on their 60th wedding anniversary, April 12th

Bill & Betty Fleming, on their 64th wedding anniversary, April 17th.

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Steve Radis by Wade & Janice Dudrow, Koinonia Class, Brad & Shari Powers, Susan & Robert Merriken.

Jan Middleton by Wade & Janice Dudrow, Jim & Sheila Scott, Susan Divilio, Brad & Shari Powers, Ada Keene, Ron & Mary McCarty.

JoSue Simpson by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hill, Jim & Sheila Scott, Evelyn Graybeal, Ron & Mary McCarty, Wade & Janice Dudrow, Susan & Mark Hill, Greg & Jill Davis, Jean Everngam & Pat Lewers.

IN HONOR OF

Della Andrew's March birthday, by Bobbie Ayers.

THANK YOU'S

UMW Prayer Shawl Ministry– I cant begin to thank you all for the beautiful prayer shawl. As I wrap myself up in it I am reminded of both the love of my church & the love of God. What a blessing to have this ministry in our church. It has meant so much in my recovery from foot surgery. Many thanks & much love, Amy Steward

Dear Sarah Circle, You have made our Christmas so special. Thank you so much for your generosity & thoughtfulness. We will continue to remember you throughout the year as we enjoy your special gifts. With love & blessings in the year to come,

Abby, Amelia, Will & Natalie

The Outreach & Connection Committee sends a heartfelt THANK YOU to the strong and kind women of the Tabitha Circle ! Your financial gift of \$250 for our new bus ministry will be put to good use ! We plan on using it to help fund the new words and graphics on the bus ! Thanks so much for everything you do and especially this generous gift !

LET US PRAY FOR

Bayleigh Chase— Gardens, Gloria Lindquist. Lois Dabbert, Don Casson, Ted Lewers, Elva Eareckson

Homestead Manor— Lee Walker

Envoy of Denton— Eudora Fischer

Lakeside—Dave Stavely

Cadia Rehabilitation—Susan Horning

AT HOME

Dan Pritchett

Chuck & Pat Moon

Phyllis Carroll

Ruby Carter

Cathy Tull



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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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

Youth Group News

The Youth Group participated in Candlelight Cove's "Peep Show" fundraiser for the Walk to End Alzheimer's-- we made two peep dioramas, one called "Jesus and His Peeps" and one called "Family Tree." Here is a picture of our submission....



In September we had a blast building a new wheelchair ramp for a family in Dorchester County and we can't wait to do it again!

As the event approaches we will have a more specific location and details of what sort of project we are doing but for now we just know it will be in Dorchester County.

All skill levels, ages, and experience are welcome! We will have breakfast and lunch and CHM will provide the building materials.

Contact Brooke if you have any questions!
410-822-0001 ext. 302

Please join us!

Women of Joy Tea

Saturday, April 14, 2018, 12 noon – 5 p.m.

Stephanie Saunders' Home, 27165 Baileys Neck Road, Easton

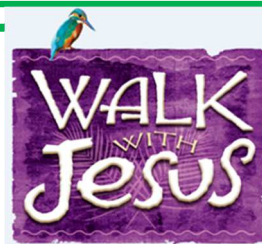


Join us for an afternoon away with "Immeasurably More," featuring video presentations by 2017 Women of Joy speakers Sheila Walsh, Liz Curtis Higgs, Ann Voskamp, & Comedian Mark Lowry. You won't want to miss this inspiring day, including fellowship, video study, & an old fashioned high tea, complete with scones & tea sandwiches. The event is free, but a freewill offering will be accepted for St. Mark's HVAC Project. Seating is limited to 40 women, so register by signing up in the Gathering space by April 6 or call Amy Steward (410-829-0436), Wendy Cadell, (410-924-2216), or Stephanie Saunders (410-310-5245).

The Thrift Shop has been cleaned & restocked with spring & summer items. Also our sign has been repainted by Jeff Morton. Stop by & take a look. He also volunteered to replace signs on the front & back doors. Thanks Jeff!

Also thanks to the volunteers who helped clean & restock the Thrift Shop. Dick VanGilder, Amber Tefft, Gary Royer, Geoff Dulin, Elsie Garey, Linda King, Janice Dudrow, Cindy Hammons, Betty Wheedleton & Lana Weaver. Each of us should use whatever gifts with have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's Grace in its various forms. Thank you, Lee Royer, Missions

On Friday, March 23rd, St. Mark's held a multisensory Easter experience called "Walk with Jesus" for families and individuals. There were engaging activities for all ages. Participants traveled to Jerusalem for Palm Sunday, they sat down for the Last Supper, they prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, discovered the sacrifice of Good Friday, and celebrated freedom from sin at the empty tomb that first Easter morning. **Thank you for coming out and spending the evening with us.**



We had over 20 church members volunteer their time & talents for this outreach event. To everyone who helped with decorating & set-up, those who donated items & snacks for the event, and the wonderful character actors who portrayed the people of Jerusalem ... **a huge THANK YOU!** We couldn't have done this without you. This event was a wonderful success thanks to your ministry!

-Wendy Avey, Director of Christian Education



Pecometh Summer Camp for Kids - The United Methodist Women of St. Mark's is offering partial scholarships for the Riverside program at Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries this summer. A total of 8 children's scholarships, for \$250.00 each, are available this year.

For additional information about Camp Pecometh's programs and registration, please visit www.pecometh.org. If you would like your child to receive one of the St. Mark's scholarships, please contact Wendy Avey or Pastor Missy at the church office for assistance.



Rev. Jonathan & Donna Baker have recently returned from the Democratic Republic of Congo and will be sharing the exciting things God is doing through the Congo Partnership in our worship services on April 8th. The Bakers will update us on various Partnership Projects such as the Cataract Mission, Mpasa new pediatric building and equipment, Agriculture project, and the digging of six new fresh water wells in Central Congo. Please join us after the services (about 12:30pm) to hear more in-depth sharing from our Conference missionaries!

“The wheels on the bus go round and round . . .all the way to St. Mark’s!”

It was a busy Saturday morning for the Bus Driver Trainees!
A Special thank you to Freddie McCracken for taking the time to help us learn all about the bus.



Consistent with the St. Marks Church Mission, our goal is to Reach Out to our community by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. We want to "Connect" people with Jesus, with each other and with our church.

We've been a busy group ! We've recently, in conjunction with our trustees and administrative board, acquired a 15 person (including accommodations for 2 wheelchairs) Church Bus ! We held a "naming and graphics" contest and received over 20 submissions ! Since every single one of the ideas submitted is "a winner", the committee chose to use a mixture of all of them. Be on the lookout sometime in April for the completed words & graphics on the bus. The plan is to not only use this bus for fellowship trips, but to do lots of ministry. Please check with your group to see where you need group transportation to be the hands, feet and heart of Jesus Christ ! (NOTE: to use the bus, we have a current list of 10 trained/qualified drivers. It's up to the group to secure one of those folks to drive them to & from their chosen event/location. That list is available in the church office). In order to use the bus, there must be a minimum of 5 people (including the driver). The only exception will be it's use for picking up folks to attend our Sunday church services. The bus can be reserved via the church office. The policy is "first come, first served" in reserving the bus for your group. The Outreach & Connection Committee are the managers of the bus calendar and procedures, in conjunction with our trustees.

For HIM with you,

Phil Rekitzke

Outreach & Connection Committee Chairperson

Come celebrate Easter at St. Mark's UMC

All are welcome to come and worship with us!

Holy Week Prayer Stations-March 25-31st in the Gathering Area

There will be several prayer stations set up around the Gathering area to help us remember the passion of Jesus and to remember to pray for others. This is a quiet, contemplative time for participants to draw close to Christ. You can come in any time during the week when the church office is open (8:30-4:30 p.m.) or if you'd like to experience this before/after the Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service also. Any groups who have meetings that week in the evenings are also welcome to come and experience the prayer stations.

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6:00 P.M. Soup and Bread meal in Fellowship Hall prepared by the UMW

St. Mark's will be hosting the Epworth Youth Choir of the 1st United Methodist Church of Cuyahoga Falls, OH on March 29th, as they travel throughout the Mid-Atlantic at 7:00 p.m. to present an outstanding musical called "Keeping Vigil with Jesus" for our Maundy Thursday service. This musical, written by their Director, H. Dean Wagner traces the events of Holy Week, culminating in Good Friday and God's infinite love for each of us. What a wonderful opportunity to invite you friends, family and neighbors to hear this award-winning group of young people singing praises to God.

Good Friday, March 30

**Special Worship Service with music & drama,
7:00P.M. in Sanctuary**



Easter, April 1

Epworth Youth Choir, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Sunrise Easter Service in St. Mark's Chapel 7:00 A.M.

**Breakfast following the Sunrise Service in Fellowship Hall
prepared by the United Methodist Men 7:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.**

Worship Service Celebration of the Resurrection

8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. Sunday School at 9:30 A.M.

Stewardship Stories

Giving to the Church for God's Work

I am basically a giver and always have been as far back as I can remember. Because I love my Lord and what he has done for me and my family, my charitable giving starts with our church. I believe in pledging and that's where I start at the beginning of each month. It is a joyful gift and I trust that it will be used to benefit good causes in our church. There are many ways we can give to our church and one is the Thrift Shop which benefits our missions projects, locally and abroad. Anything I am not using, I take to the Thrift Shop and I know it will benefit those who buy it and the proceeds will help others as well. When I participated in Rick Warren's "Purpose Driven Life" study, it provoked a change in my giving. The study was life changing in that regard and I determined that I was going to give even more to my church. God seems to multiply our blessings when we give freely and cheerfully. I encourage others in our church to give more and see how you will be blessed.

Jackie Dianich



Day Apart

AN ALL WOMEN ALERT ! The annual UMW sponsored one day retreat, "LADIES DAY APART", will be held at Bayleigh Chase (501 Dutchman's Lane) in the Taylor Auditorium on SATURDAY, APRIL 28th, from 9-3:30. SAVE THE DATE! PLAN TO BE THERE. We believe this spiritual retreat will be the pause that refreshes in more ways than one. Our much anticipated speaker will be Mandy Cecil who will share her enthusiasm, personal experiences, and blessings from conversing with God through "journaling". Lunch will be provided and communion will be offered. You do not have to be a member of UMW or of St. Mark's Church to attend, so invite your friends and neighbors. The registration fee is \$18. Please register SOON through the church office or mail your registration and fee to UMW Day Apart, 100 Peachblossom Rd., Easton, to arrive by or before 3/23/18. Questions? Call: Barbara at 410-763-7263

ST. MARKS UMW LADIES DAY APART APRIL 28, 2018
BAYLEIGH CHASE TAYLOR AUDITORIUM 9 - 3:30

NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

NAMES OF
GUESTS: _____

TOTAL # ATTENDING: _____ Registration Fee \$18 each TOTAL FEE PAID: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 4/23/18



UMW April Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle April 3rd at 9:30 a.m. Home of Claudette Ross

Ruth Circle April 2nd at 10 a.m. Bayleigh Chase 3rd Floor Library

Mary Circle April 3rd at 10 a.m. Home of JoAnna Thomas

Sarah Circle April 10th at 7 p.m. Home of Suzanne Smith

Tabitha April 2nd at 7 p.m. Home of Juanita Wimbrow



St. Mark's United Methodist Church United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men of St. Mark's United Methodist Church meet every month on the second Tuesday, except July at 6:30 pm at the church. Our agenda consists of a monthly bible study and working on various projects to benefit the Church & its members, our United Methodist District & our local community in general. All men of the Church are members & we encourage all men to join us as we meet in fellowship & service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The St. Mark's United Methodist Men have had a busy month & April will be just as busy. On

Easter Sunday, April 1st the men will be cooking & serving the annual Easter Morning Breakfast from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. A complete breakfast of eggs, pancakes, chip beef & biscuits, bacon & sausage will be served. A goodwill offering is all that is asked from those that partake. We hope to see you there on Easter Sunday morning.

On Saturday, April 7th the men will be gathering at the Habitat for Humanity project on Port Street in Easton to work from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. We help Habitat the first Saturday every-other month. Last time we helped, we had 7 men & sons attend. You don't need special tools or skills, only a desire to serve our Lord & our local community. Check your calendars & join us in this worthy project & circle June 2nd when we are scheduled to help again as a church body building hope for our citizens & community.

Saturday, April 14th is the annual "Volunteer Day" at Camp Pecometh in Centreville. WE will be making repairs to the St. Mark's cabin as well as doing regular painting & upkeep on the "Soul Searching Swing" & routine cabin cleaning. We will meet at the church parking lot at 8:15 am so we can begin work at 9:00. With enough help, we should be finished by 1:00 pm & the Camp usually provides a lunch for the participants. Plan to join us & have a great time working on our cabin for the campers this summer. And while you are there, see the completed cross project which was dedicated on March 11th the 25 foot cross is a beacon of hope & love to all who use the camp & conference center. We have been busy at Pecometh so come & support our collective efforts to provide the needed resources for the camp & our conference.

If you would like to receive email notices of our meetings & the projects we are working on, please email Roger Eareckson, President of the UM Men at erecksonr@yahoo.com and I will put you in our email bank so you will know what we are doing & how you can help.

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

A Local Mission Partner of St. Mark's Church

East-End Neighborhood Association

The East-End Neighborhood Association (EENA) was incorporated in October 1990, after its beginning efforts in 1987. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for those who live, work, do business or worship there. They undertake multiple, simultaneous initiatives to improve the quality of life in their neighborhood. The population residing there is very diverse; composed of African-American, Hispanic and Caucasian residents. The majority of the households are low to moderate income. At the most recent count, the area consists of 520 households, 85 businesses, 5 churches and comprises 8 to 10% of Easton's total population. The rental at 65 to 70% vs. homeownership rate is very high. EENA is almost entirely within Easton's historic district; presenting opportunities but also challenges.

Their annual and ongoing activities include: Spring Cleanup and Beautification Day, collaboration with the Easton Police to reduce neighborhood crime, monitoring local housing conditions & advocating for housing codes, streetlight and sidewalk survey, sponsoring an annual fall community dinner and membership meeting, managing & maintaining the EENA Community Garden, monitoring planning & zoning issues and responding to threats arising from unintended consequences of town or county actions, support for The Hill Project, support for the Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center, and coordination with the Town of Easton Planning Department on local area comprehensive planning update efforts.

EENA was the recipient of the State of Maryland Governor's Outstanding Neighborhood Award in 1994 and in 2011 their garden was named a "Pearl" in the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy String of Pearls project. Some of the results of their work include securing funding & Town of Easton cooperation to create a permanent land trust for the community garden, safety & accessibility of sidewalks improved, code enforcement—rental inspection program did not exist prior to EENA advocating for this program, substantial crime reduction from physical environment improvements including additional & improved lighting, increased bike & street patrols and more activities for youth, etc., etc., etc.

St. Mark's Church through our mission fund has provided a small donation each year to the East-End Neighborhood Association for as long as I have been on the missions committee; approximately fourteen years. I also know of the association because Herby and I have been a dues paying member (now \$10. a year) since Herby was on the county council. If you would like to know more about the EENA, I would be glad to show you all the information they gave me that is too long to include here. And they do all this with no paid staff; it's all volunteer work.

Della Andrew



St Mark's UMC &



Present

DISTRICT 5



Sunday, April 8- 3:00 pm
100 Peachblossom Road
Easton, Maryland 21601

This Concert is Free and Open to the public

Funded in part by the Talbot County Arts Council, and the
Maryland State Arts Council,

an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Youth Group Easter Sunday	2 Church Office Closed	3	4 Scheduled Pictures 11:30a to 6:30p	5 Scheduled Pictures 11:30a to 6:30p	6	7 Easton District Laity Banquet Scheduled Pictures 11:00a to 6:00p
8 Chesapeake Chamber concert 3p	9	10 Scheduled Pictures 11:30a to 6:30p 6:30 Fast Track Disciple	11	12 6:30p Disciple 3 7:00p Chancel Choir	13 Scheduled Pictures 11:30a to 6:30p	14 Scheduled Pictures 11:00a to 6:00p
15 2-4 Youth Group	16	17 6:30 Fast Track Disciple	18 12p Prayer Shawl Rm. 155	19 6:30p Disciple 3 7:00p Chancel Choir	20	21
22 2pm Youth Group	23	24 9:30a UMW 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Fast Track Disciple	25	26 7:00 p Chancel Choir	27	28
29	30	6:30 Fast Track Disciple				

Ladies Circle

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

8:15am Worship Chapel

9:30 am Worship Sanctuary

9:30 am Sunday School for all ages begins in Sanctuary

11:00 am Worship Services Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

10:30am Prayer Group in chapel

THURSDAY

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

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