

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

MAY 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

Philippians 4:8 has been a special scripture in my life. It has spoken to me many times about what we are called to fill our minds with in this world. The Message translation says, "Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious-the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly, things to praise, not things to curse." We always have a choice about what we allow in and how we will react. These words have meant a lot to me over the last couple of months with learning that I will be appointed to a new church as of July 1st. I have run through the emotional gamut and the grief process several times and have begun to remember the words of Philippians 4:8. I have a choice to dwell on the negative or receive and consider the positive. I have a choice between angry thoughts or compassionate thoughts. In the end, I count it all joy. I consider serving the congregation of St. Mark's as one of my greatest joys and privileges in life. It has been a joy to serve our risen Lord alongside of you, to cry with you, laugh with you, learn with you and grow with you. You have made me a more loving and compassionate person and pastor. You have made me stronger in my faith and service towards others. Your love and support has guided me these past 5 years to help lead our church to live out its mission and vision. We have accomplished a great deal over these years and hope that you are as proud and humbled as I've been in what can be accomplished when a group of people, guided by the Holy Spirit can do for God's kingdom. So I say, to God be the glory for the things He has done! Let's count it all joy, my friends because God's got this!

Pastor Missy

United Methodist Women Spring Dinner Tuesday, May 15, 2018 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Worship service

Park Service begins Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 9:45 a.m.

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Claude & Carolyn Edwards, on their 64th wedding anniversary, May 22.

Royal & Nancy Tysdal, on their 64th wedding anniversary, May 29.

Chuck Moon, on his 90th birthday, May 2.

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Jan Middleton by John & Marilyn Morris.

Lisa Raughley Smith by Wally & Claudia Knox.

Steve Radis by John & Marilyn Morris, Jim & Sheila Scott.

JoSue Simpson by Cecil & Sylvia Gannon, Sarah Stoner, Audrey Brown.

Harry Jordan by Jim & Sheila Scott.

Marguerite Gardner by Frances Elliott Taylor.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the lovely prayer shawl hand-made by Eleanor Polkinghorn. It is warm and cozy and matches the blue in my family room—kitchen. As I read my Bible wrapped in it, I can feel God's love. What a beautiful ministry you have to share God's love with others.

Jesus created us perfect and he can heal us. Thru faith, love and accepting him as our savior, we are promised eternal life with him—What love, joy and a blessing.

In the love of the Holy Spirit. Yvonne Wilson

LET US PRAY FOR

Bayleigh Chase/Marvel Hall— Jim Denny

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

AT HOME

Dan Pritchett

Ruby Carter

Mort Reed

Chuck & Pat Moon

Cathy Tull

George & Phyllis Carroll

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

GySgt. 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

Youth Group News

Our **Chesapeake Housing Mission** project is coming up in a couple weeks! Saturday, May 12. I have found out that the build day will be in Hurlock but I do not have an address yet. I am pretty sure we will be building a wheelchair ramp again.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE let me know if you will be able to make it. I know Jim Scott is locked in but I need to hear from a few more people :D

IF YOU ARE GOING ON ASP AND DID NOT GO TO THE SEPTEMBER BUILD YOU NEED TO GO TO THIS ONE

PLEEEEEEEASE confirm with me. Thank you!

When: Saturday, May 12 from 8:00am-5:00pm

Where: Meeting at the site in Hurlock- address TBA

What to Bring: Release form if not already turned in ahead of time, basic tools if you have them, dress in layers (who knows with this weather...), sunscreen, if you have long hair wear it up, a refillable water bottle-- I will fill up the large jugs with ice water but I will NOT be bringing water bottles to cut down on our waste.

Who Can Come: Anyone! All ages and skills levels are welcome and you do not need to be a member of St. Mark's

Our **Chicken Dinner Fundraiser** is also coming up quick-- Friday, May 18. This is to raise money for our June Mission Trip. The cost will be \$10 for 1/2 an Amish Market chicken, two sides, a roll and a dessert! I just need to print out the tickets and update the envelopes with this year's information but I should have that available by Sunday-- EVERYONE GOING ON ASP I need you to make arrangements to pick up your envelope and sell sell sell that chicken!! If you are not going on ASP I need you to buy the chicken!! :D It's delicious!

Appalachia Service Project-- I now know that we will be traveling to Nicholas County, West Virginia! You can see some information about our center by going here...

<https://www.asphome.org/centers/wvnicholas/>

It says air-conditioned (woot) and it looks like the showers might be indoors. I still need some forms and money from people so please get up with me as soon as possible. I need an absolute final headcount like yesterday

I will be holding a **mandatory ASP meeting** for youth and parents on Sunday, June 3 at 11:00. If you need to attend the 11:00 service please make arrangements with me so you can be sure to have all the information.

Our trip is June 16-23, buckle up! it'll be here before we know it!

I will need to rent a **vehicle for this trip**- if anyone has a connection to a place that can help us with that please let me know.

Our **final youth group** meeting for this school year will be Sunday, May 20, 2-4. which means we only have 4 meetings left!! (We will not be meeting on Mother's Day, May, 13) Don't miss out!!

Brooke



Worship notes

Summer is Coming! (which means so is our Park Service!)

This more casual service will start again on **Sunday, May 27th at 9:45am**, at the Idlewild park pavilion. Wear your shorts & bring your lawn chairs, blankets, & little people! Bring your neighbors too!

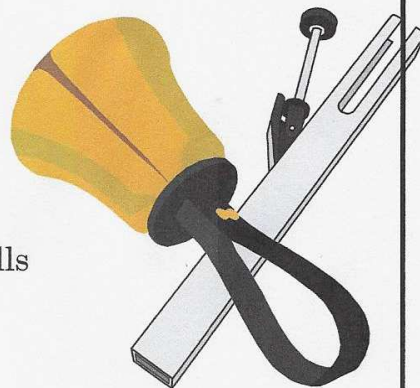
This worship service has grown a lot in the past few years, and as such, **we need your help to continue its success**. We need folks to serve as Ushers & Greeters, Communion servers, Worship leaders and Lay Readers.

We especially need some new folks to help with the sound system set up.

If you are not already involved with serving at the Park, please contact me. We would love to get more people on the schedule. Please call Scott Clausen, Director of Worship and Music at the church (410-822-0001), or email him at musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org

Come and Ring With us!

Are you interested, or curious, just in awe and wonder about playing in a bell choir? We are wanting to return our Bell Choir to a regular schedule, and we want you to be a part of it! If you have ever been a part of the bells (at our church or somewhere else), or are curious about trying something new, please let me know!



We welcome interested folks of **all** levels, from beginner to advanced. You don't have to have any prior experience with bells or a choir. What you do need is a willingness to learn and try something new, and a heart to make a joyful noise!!

If interested please call or email Scott at the church, 410-822-0001 ext. 306

musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org

From Frank Gunsallus, Chair SPRC

We want to congratulate June Billman on her recent appointment to Oxford UMC Church as their part time pastor. She will begin her appointment there on July 1st. This is an exceptional opportunity for June and we are very excited for her. June will continue her current position as St. Mark's Pastor of Visitation. If you see June, please be sure to congratulate her on this double blessing for her and St. Mark's!



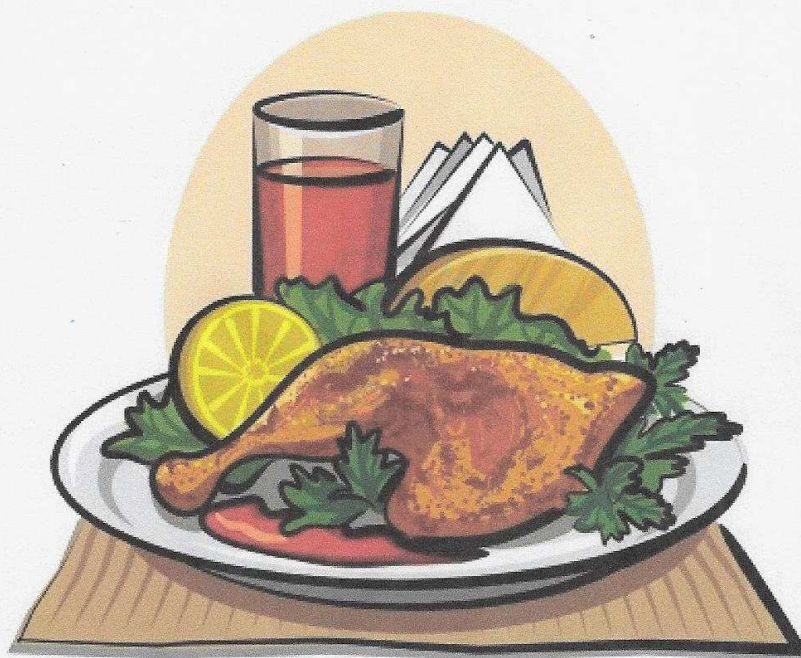
Attention! Attention! Once again, YOU have an opportunity to bless our youth by sharing in our "LOVE BUCKET" ministry. We currently have 8 young people who will be going on the Confirmation Retreat this year (May 11-12) and who will be joining the church on **Sunday, May 20th (Pentecost Sunday!)**. Each confirmand will be given a bucket to show how much we love them and how excited we are for them to be a part of the church. The buckets will be in the church office in the front area so you can stop by any time the office is open to bring something to show your support (suggestions: cards, letters, candy, stickers, small gifts, use your imagination! Have fun!). Every year this is a highlight for the kids! But keep quiet so we can surprise them on Confirmation Sunday, May 20th at the 9:30 a.m. service. The names of the confirmands are:

Carson Allen Ian Branic Courtney Fike Riley Hontz Kaylyn Lowery
Georgia Murdoch Addison Thomas Darby Thomas



I want to thank the sweet Prayer Shawl ladies for the beautiful prayer shawl given to me. It will always be a reminder of your love and care! God's Blessings to each of you!

Pastor Missy



MAY 18, 2018

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

The Youth are going to Appalachia!

Appalachia Service Project's mission is to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier. **This year we will be traveling to Nicholas County, WV and we need to raise \$2,500** to cover our van rental and other necessities. Thank you for supporting our youth and their desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world.

PRE-ORDER YOUR
DINNERS NOW!

\$10.00 PER TICKET

INCLUDES ½
CHICKEN, 2 SIDES,
ROLL, AND
DESSERT!

TICKETS ON SALE
UNTIL MAY 13!

CONTACT BROOKE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION!

410-822-0001

DINNERS CAN BE
PICKED UP FRIDAY,
MAY 18 FROM
12:00PM-6:00PM!

*dinners must be pre-ordered
*tickets are required to pick-up
your orders

Stewardship Stories

Stewardship Moment

A testimony from Bob and Judy Lawrence

Judy and I have been giving to the church since we were kids in Sunday School. Our parents taught us by example how important tithing is. It was a vital part of our Christian faith and upbringing. The church is where we learned about God and where life's values were instilled in us. Different pastors throughout our lives took a leadership position where we were blessed. Bob was recommended for a full scholarship by his pastor, which he received with gratitude. Our lives and our children's lives have been blessed, always knowing that we are in God's care. Scripture tells us in 1 Corinthians 16:2 that "on the first day of the week, each of you should set aside whatever he can afford." Jesus always shared that we are to give generously to those less fortunate. We expect our church to exceed our expectations, in terms of character, theology, Christian values and strength. Brotherhood and welcoming acceptance are to be extended to all.

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!



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.

Thank You Thank You THANK YOU!

As the Pre-School 2017-2018 school year draws to a close, I would like to thank all of you for your generous support. Our preschool is so incredibly blessed with church families that support our school in various ways! Our school cannot function without all of you! Thank you for allowing us to reach out and "shepherd the flock" of our next generation! I hope you have a safe and fun filled summer! If you have any questions about our program or if you are interested in volunteering at any time, please contact the school at 410-822-0078/stmarkspreschooleaston@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

Sarah Ewing (Director)



United
Methodist
Women

UMW May Circle Meetings

Deborah: Tuesday, May 1st at 9:30 a.m.

Location: TBA

Mary: Tuesday, May 1st at 10 a.m. Location:
Home of Janice Dudrow

Ruth: Monday, May 7th at 10 a.m. Location:
Bayleigh Chase

Sarah: Tuesday, May 8th at 7 p.m. Location:
St. Mark's Gathering Area

Tabitha: Monday, May 7th at 7 p.m. Location:
Home of Amy Steward

RADA SPRING FUNDRAISER

Sarah Circle will be accepting Rada Cutlery orders throughout May. As always, all profit benefits Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence. Items that are absolute necessities for every kitchen as summer quickly approaches are the tomato slicer @ \$5.50 & the ice cream scoop @\$11.25. All six (6) kinds of paring knives which sell for \$4.75 each are very popular. All are available with the brushed aluminum or black handle. There are also many other cutlery items, cheese balls, dips, recipe books, soups, & cheesecakes. Product catalogs will be available in the Gathering Area as of April 29. Any questions please call Ann Yingling @ 410 820 8592.

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 and its members, our United Methodist District and our local community in general. All men of the Church are members and we encourage all men to join us as we meet in fellowship and service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The St. Mark's United Methodist Men have had a busy month of April. Easter Sunday the men cooked and served the annual Easter Morning Breakfast from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. A full breakfast menu of eggs, pancakes, chip beef and biscuits, bacon and sausage was be served. A free will offering was collected from those who partook. We were glad to provide this service to our church members and guests.

On Saturday, April 7th the men gathered at the Habitat for Humanity project on Port Street in Easton to work from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. We are scheduled to help Habitat the first Saturday every-other month. We had 4 men attend. Check your calendars and join us in this worthy project and circle June 2nd as this is when we are scheduled to help again as a church body building hope for our citizens and community.

Saturday, April 14th was the annual "Volunteer Day" at Camp Pecometh in Centreville. We made repairs to the St. Mark's cabin as well as cleaning the cabin and cleaning the surrounding grounds. We also painted and performed routine upkeep on the "Soul Searching Swing. We also did some major clean-up of winter storm damage to the beach front, removing debris and cutting up fallen trees. We continued to admire the completed cross project which was dedicated on March 11th. The 25 foot cross is a beacon of hope and love to all who use the camp and conference center.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 pm in room 155 in the church (across from Fellowship Hall). Please join us if you can.

If you would like to receive email notices of our meetings and 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 and how you can help.

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

NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The missions committee met last on February 12th. This is the time of year that we ask our Local Mission Partners (LMPs) to update their profile forms, so a member of the missions committee can visit them. Most members take two agencies to visit; meeting with the agency's lead staff person for about a half hour to an hour. We use the profile form information as a base for gathering new information. We also request a list of the agency's advisory or managing board members and THEIR most recent year ending profit & loss statement. When I receive the profile form along with these documents and notes on the visit from our committee member, I read all documents. In July, we use the profile forms to create a booklet each year in place of the church newsletter. Rev. Moore started this when he was here.

Other business included a review of our 2017 year ending financials and the proposed budget for 2018. We will review the budget when we meet again in May and then in September, when we finalize the donations to our LMPs, foreign mission projects, and other local people/groups. I also provided the committee with a report on the usage & status of the Needy Fund from 9-30-16 to 9-3-17.

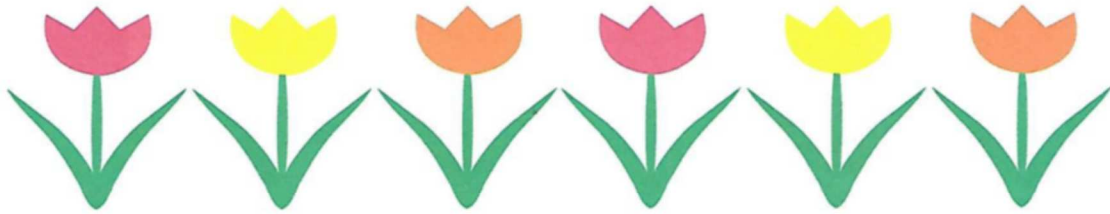
Eric Steward gave an update on our foreign mission projects and other members reported on our other ministries, which included the Kairos Prison Ministry, church food pantry & thrift shop, Habitat For Humanity Choptank volunteering, the Interfaith Hunger Coalition, participation in the Talbot Association of Clergy & Laity, box tops for education, Board of Child Care @ the Eastern Shore Campus, Talbot County Care Packs, Talbot Interfaith Shelter, holiday food baskets for St. Mark's Village, Panera Bread project, ground/loin deer meat, the Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child, and the U. S. Disaster relief donations & hygiene kits. It was a full meeting! We will meet again on May 7th.

Rev. Jonathan Baker Rev. David Heistand made the arrangements for the visit from Rev. Jonathan Baker and his wife Donna with our church on April 8th. Rev. Baker spoke at all three services concerning their missionary service in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since the Heistands were away that weekend, the missions committee hosted a small reception for them following the 11am service. We enjoyed a light luncheon and the Bakers provided more updates on the Congo Partnership projects.



Panera Bread and other left over food: We are continuing to pick up the left over Panera Bread's baked goods on Saturday evenings between 9 and 9:15 PM. Then on Sunday at 7:30am, Dick VanGilder and I repackage the breads & sweets for use by others. What we don't get to people on Sunday, Bob Gosser delivers on Monday morning. In terms of other left over food; usually from breakfasts/meals that St. Mark's prepares, I will get to Chesapeake Center or others that can use it; if I am given notice that there are left overs in the refrigerator and/or the freezer.

Della Andrew



**ST MARK'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S
 SPRING DINNER
 MAY 15, 2018**

**6 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
 100 PEACHBLOSSOM ROAD, EASTON, MD 21601**

**Inspirational Music by:
 The Lighthouse Fellowship Choir**

**Admission: \$3.00 donation and a side dish
 (Chicken, rolls, beverages, and dessert provided)**



UMW SPRING DINNER RESERVATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

GUEST(S) _____

RETURN WITH \$3.00 DONATION TO ST. MARK'S CHURCH OFFICE BY MAY 14, 2017

PUSHPAY or CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. MARK'S UMW



May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ladies Circle		1	2	3	4	5
Meetings on				6:30p Disciple 3 7:00 Chancel Choir		
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Youth Group 2p to 4 p	7:00p Missions Committee	6:30 Sarah Circle 6:30 Fast Track Disciple		6:30p Disciple 3 7:00p Chancel Choir	Confirmation weekend	Chesapeake Housing Mission Confirmation weekend
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
No Youth Group		UMW Spring dinner 6:30 Fast Track Disciple	1p Prayer Shawl Rm. 155	6:30p Disciple 3 7:00p Chancel Choir	Chicken dinner fundraiser	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Confirmation Sunday LAST Youth Group 2p to 4 p		9:30a UMW 6:30 Trustees 6:30 Fast Track Disciple		6:30p Disciple 3 7:00 p Chancel Choir		
27	28	29	30	31		
Park Service be- gins!!! 9:45 am @ Idlewild Park pa- vilion	Office Closed Memorial Day	6:30 Fast Track Disciple- Last Class!		6:30p Disciple 3 7:00 p Chancel Choir		

Ladies Circle

Meetings on

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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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St. Mark's UMC

Proudly Announces...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP

JULY 23 – 27, 2018

At Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School Camp, students will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience the ride of a lifetime with God.

Children ages 3-12 can come Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God, and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

Come join us Monday, July 23rd – Friday, July 27th, 5:30 – 7:30pm.

Participating children can also enjoy a free dinner each night from 5:00 – 5:30pm.

Participant and Volunteer registration will be starting soon.

Come take a rafting adventure with us!

