

# 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

AUGUST 2018

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A colorful, stylized graphic of the word 'August'. The letters are in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue) and fonts. A smiling sun is positioned above the 'u', and several stars are scattered around the text.

## ***Our Vision:***

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

Dear Members and Friends of St. Marks,

The last time I was waiting for my truck, while having my oil changed and I picked up one of the 50 magazines in the waiting area. Hum....which to choose I thought, Newsweek, People, ESPN, or Time? Since I had time (no pun intended), I decided to look through several (oil change took longer than expected) magazines for something interesting. I read an article by Reverend David Sargent, who quoted an article from ESPN about Dean Smith entitled, "Precious Memories." The article said this about one of the greatest coaches in college basketball who recently died.

"For 36 years as the Tar Heels' head coach, Dean Smith built a family. He created a shared identity for the legions of UNC fans who still buy the tickets and wear the T-shirts and paint their dens Carolina blue. His teams won 20 or more games for 27 years in a row. But more than that, they won with a selfless style. Dean Smith's most lasting invention was his simplest: When you make a basket, you point to the player who threw the pass. He taught his team, and those who watched, that everyone is connected. The most lasting invention" of this "coaching legend" who coached some of the best players the sport has ever known was to give credit where credit is due." **I love that!**

In a world of selfies and instagram and twitter accounts and Facebook pages where the focus in so much on 'Look at me,' it's important to remember that life is not all about you. Where in the world would any of us be in our lives, what would we really have achieved in our lives, without the help of others: parents, grandparents, coaches, teammates, friends, neighbors, co-workers, the church family, much less the help of the Lord? Every person has taught us something we can treasure. Instead of pointing our fingers at ourselves, let's point our fingers at those who have helped us along the way and give thanks for them.

I don't know who said it originally but my oldest brother use to say, "There is no limit to the good a person can do if he is willing to let someone else take the credit." Maybe that is what Jesus was talking about when He said, "**Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.**" (Matthew 23:12) The humble are always focused on others and not themselves. It's a good way to live your life. This has been on my mind as I was reminded that Jesus humbly went to the Cross on our behalf. As you gave thanks to God for the people in your life, I hope you included the number one person we should all thank, Jesus. I also wanted to take this moment to thank you, for being gracious to Linda and me as we make this transition to St Marks UMC. We already feel like with are home and look forward to seeing what God has planned for all of us together! God Bless each of You!

Blessings, *Pastor Ed*

**Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Also, 9:30 a.m. Worship will resume in the Sanctuary that day.**

**PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

Arnold & Pauline Spicer on the 69th wedding anniversary, on June 25th.

Don & Sara Lou Casson, on their 65th wedding anniversary, August 22nd.

**GIFTS IN HONOR OF**

Bobbie Ayers birthday by Della Andrew.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you so much for my love bucket,

I loved it.

Kaylyn Lowery

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**University of MD/Easton Pat (Charlotte) Higgins**

**Heartfields—Jim & Wanda Denny**

**Bayleigh Chase — Gardens, Don Casson, Bruce Hotchkiss, Mary Rabenhorst, Gloria Lindquist. Lois Dabbert, Ted Lewers, Elva Eareckson**

**Homestead Manor — Lee Walker**

**Envoy of Denton — Eudora Fischer**

**Lakeside — Dave Stavely**

**AT HOME**

Ruth Fulton

Dan Pritchett

Ruby Carter

Mort Reed

George & Phyllis Carroll

Doris Powell

Chuck & Pat Moon

Cathy Tull

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

GySgt. Harold S. Brice/USMC

CPL Sarah Jane Royer Golden/USMC

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



## Thrift Shop luncheon follow-up

by Della Andrew

Once again our luncheon for the Thrift Shop volunteers and church staff was a real success. We are so thankful for all that the volunteers do and for our church staff. We only wish that we could find the perfect date so that all could attend. However we did have a few more this year than last year and hope we can continue this trend.

Many thanks to all church members who made side dishes, salads, and cakes for us to serve with the chicken we purchased. The dishes were delicious and I had many favorable comments. Those that sent these in your own serving pieces, please remember to go to the kitchen to retrieve your bowl or serving piece. They are lined up on the counter there.

And now, many thanks to Eric Steward for doing the invitations again this year, to Jim Scott for helping with the setup, to Becky Skinner for taking the reservations & helping with the set up, and to David Cherry and Wendy Avey for providing our entertainment program. And finally, many, many thanks to Sheila Scott, Judy Leight, and Lee Royer for helping with getting it all together, serving it, and cleaning up afterwards. I believe it was at the very least one of our most successful luncheons.





## **SEPTEMBER MEANS BACK TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP!**



Starting Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be back to our Fall worship & Sunday School Schedule. Remember how nice it is to come in to church on a Sunday morning, smell the coffee, have a snack, & enjoy fellowship time with everyone? We need you to make it happen! Please consider signing-up to bring in, set-up, & clean up snacks. The coffee will be ready to go. We have had some fantastic volunteers supporting this ministry- Thank you! -but let's get even more people involved. It's easy, fun, &

you make a lot of folks happy. Guidelines are provided. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area or call Kathy Miller, 443-235-0256. I'm also happy to answer any questions you might have. Thanks again.

**SAVE THE DATE** Are you interested in becoming a Member of St. Mark's? A new member orientation will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. A sign up sheet will be available sometime in August in the Gathering space.

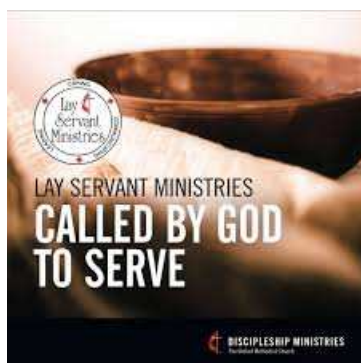


**September 30th, 2018** we will have ONE COMBINED Worship

service together in the Sanctuary at **10:00 a.m.** This is a time to come together as the body of Christ, to see people you may not normally see, the opportunity to meet new families & new friends! So write it on the calendar today!

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** September 30th at 10:00 a.m.

### **Interested in becoming a Lay Servant?**



August Lay Academy Registration Basic Lay Servant Class, Living Our United Methodist Beliefs, Called to Preach and Book of Discipline will be offered at Union UMC, 301 N Main Street, Federalsburg, MD 21632, August 11th and 18th, from 9am to 3pm. DEADLINE IS AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup>.

Both classes must be taken to receive credit.

Please direct any registration questions to Jody Coursey

[jodylcoursey@yahoo.com](mailto:jodylcoursey@yahoo.com)

Registration forms available in the church office.

# Save the Date Y'all!

**Sunday, September 9th 2:00-4:00**

**It's our Back to School Youth Group Party!!**

I have in my kitchen right now a vast arsenal of Nerf products, cardboard boxes and recycled fence barrier ready to party! Along with Nerf games I have something else up my sleeve that I am hoping will come together for the party.

Are you in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade? Do you like fun? Join us!

I could use some adult help for this party too! Please let me know if you can be there

I'll need some help with set up (starting after the 11:00 service that day) and clean up

I'll be collecting:

Cardboard boxes in fairly good condition of any size larger than a shoebox

Two-four sizable lengths of rope

Two-four old sheets

Pallets

Four S-Hooks

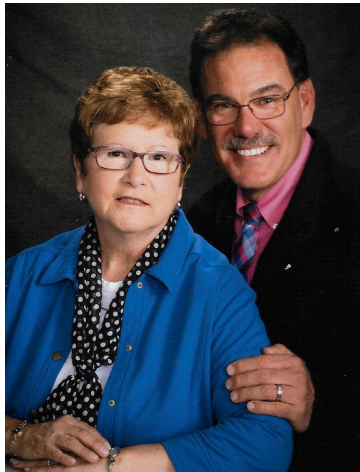
Two resistance bands (like for exercising)

Drinks! Snacks! Let me know what you are bringing ahead of time so I do not get double

See you there!

Brooke





## **Pastor Ed & Linda Kuhling**

We want to welcome our new Pastor and his wife, Ed and Linda Kuhling (Q-LING).

Pastor Ed was born in Stockton, CA, one of 5 boys. Being from a military family, he managed to move across the country from CA to VA, ending up in DE where he did all of his public schooling. After graduating from Caesar Rodney HS in Camden, DE, Rev. Kuhling worked at Burris Logistic as a computer operator. There he met Linda French, and they were married on November 10, 1984. His next career was in the landscaping business, but in 1994, after the miraculous recovery of their son from a broken neck, Pastor Ed felt the call of God to enter the ministry. He graduated from Wesley College in Dover, DE, with a B.A. in Psychology and Religion in 1998, earned his Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. in 2004 and was ordained in 2008. He authored a book entitled YOU CAN Face Tomorrow, which was published in 2011.

In his spare time, Pastor Ed enjoys the outdoors, especially tennis, bicycling, kayaking, gardening, and photography. (Now we know why he's so tan!)

Linda was born in Milford, DE and lived her entire life in DE, until moving here in June. She attended the University of DE and worked for Burris Logistics for 36 years before retiring in 2016. Her hobbies are reading, cooking, and crafts, especially making beautiful baskets.

Their service to God has taken them to Hartly UMC in Hartly, DE (1994-2001); Woodside UMC in Woodside, DE (1995-2001); Wesley UMC in Seaford, DE (2001-2008); and Grace UMC in Millsboro, DE (2008-2018).

The Kuhlings are proud parents of three children and grandparents of 6. Jennifer (and Rob) Kennedy and their children Megan, Claire, and Sarah live outside of San Francisco. Allison (and Josh) Gravenmier and their children Evan and Ellie also live outside of San Francisco. Kyle and Tawni Kuhling and their daughter Blake live in Havre de Grace, MD. The family is also composed of brother and sister Cocker Spaniels, Max and Emma, who are 9 and still live at home!

Pastor Ed and Linda are enjoying exploring Talbot Co. and look forward to serving here at St. Mark's. May God bless you both as you minister to us and the community.



# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:45 Park Service						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:45 Park Service		UMM 4pm to 8pm	1p Prayer Shawl Rm. 155			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:45 Park Service			6p SPRC Training District Event FSH			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:45 Park Service		6:30 p Trustees Meeting Conf. Rm.				

**Park Service  
will run until the  
2nd week of Sep-  
tember when we  
return back to  
the Sanctuary at  
9:30 am**

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY

8:15am Worship Chapel  
9:45 am Worship Idlewild Park Pavilion  
11:00 am Worship Services Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY

10:30am Prayer Group in chapel

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**Wendy Avey**, Director of Christian Ed

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