

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

SEPTEMBER 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.

Dear Members and Friends,

The other day I noticed some members of St Marks must have cleaned up the Meditation Garden at Church. The weeds had been pulled and the flowers were cut back...Thank you to whomever helped with that task! So I was inspired to do a bit of work outside before our vacation. I went out to the garden with my list of garden chores to get done. You know the usual stuff like weeding, pruning back, scratching up the dirt, and deadheading. I took a moment to stop and observe one of the most beautiful Monarch butterflies I had ever seen. The colors were absolutely beautiful. On the same plant, but different flower, was a bee. It was a honey bee actively collecting pollen to take back to a hive somewhere. I thought to myself what a sharp contrast it was between these two flower loving insects.

I watched the bee busily collecting pollen in a very task oriented way and the butterfly almost floats or dances as it goes from flower to flower while collecting pollen. It was a contrast I had never noticed before. In a time of reflection I thought about how I approached the garden with my list of tasks to get done (weeding, pruning, etc.) acting like the bee. Perhaps we should approach each day more like a butterfly instead of a bee. Many times we define our day by the task to "bee" done. If we try to have a "butterfly effect" when approaching the day, how would our day be different? Could we try to allow ourselves to "float/dance" through the day, enjoying the sweetness of each moment? I think you would agree we should stop from time to time to rest where we land. We may find ourselves still getting what needs to be done accomplished but done with more joy.

All this may sound a bit too difficult but I have some GOOD NEWS! Romans 12:2 states, ***Do not conform, to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*** Paul says it starts with renewing our minds. Can we make that kind of change? Yes, again let's look at the butterfly. At the beginning of the summer in Millsboro I had parsley growing in my garden. The parsley looked great for a while however, I noticed little green caterpillars eating all my leaves. Like the caterpillars, stripping away leaf after leaf, don't we chew up a lot of energy and life-producing abilities with patterns of being task oriented, patterns of criticism, worries and fear? I would remind you, the little green caterpillars I watched eventually grew into beautiful Monarch butterflies. Praise God! The Lord does not leave us like the caterpillar with our consuming tendencies. Jesus can transform us like the butterfly, moving us out of patterns of worldly ways to patterns of His ways. I for one am very happy that we have hope in the Lord. With Jesus we can soar to new heights just like the beautiful Monarch butterfly!!!!

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

Ted & Pat Lewers, 700 Port Street., #548, on their 60th wedding anniversary, Sept. 6.

Bette & Frank Meyerle, 7545 Easton Club Drive, on their 51st wedding anniversary, Sept 9.

Wade & Janice Dudrow, 47 Londonderry Drive, on their 61st wedding anniversary, Sept. 28.

**THANK YOU S**

Dear Friends at St. Mark's UMC, for your cards, visits, altar flowers & especially your prayers. I'm home now & making slow progress, I welcome

visits, stop by & say hi. Thanks again.
Charlotte Pat Higgins

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Mary Bell Callahan by Eunice Shearer, Easton Utilities Commission, Della Andrew, Pat Visgaitis, Arnold & Pauline Spicer, Win & Polly Carroll, Beverly Corkran Edgell, Kimberly Corkran & Sharon Corkran, Bob & Eenie Burris, Jim & Sheila Scott, Ray & Gini Appler, Carolyn Lane, Tom & Ethel Mae Cronshaw, The Goldey Girls, (Anita, George, Georgia, Darlene, Penny, Esther, Susan, Anne & Betty), Carlton & Polly Whaley, Janice & Wade Dudrow, Betty & Frank Meyerle, Ron & Mary McCarty, John & Marilyn Morris, Bobbie & Paul Ayers, Claude & Carolyn Edwards.

**LET US PRAY FOR**

Talbot Hospice—Dan Pritchett

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

Cadia Rehabilitation— Susan Horning

AT HOME

Doris Powell

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Pat (Charlotte) Higgins

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Cathy Tull

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**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

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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

Holiday Baskets

September is here & we need to restock our food pantry for the 50 Holiday Baskets that we fill & deliver to our friends at St. Mark's village. The brown grocery bags, with food labels, will be placed in baskets around the entrance of the Chapel & Sanctuary. Please take one & fill it with the items. Return them before Sunday, November 11th.

Lee Royer

Missions



COMING SOON! PLEASE NOTE..... There will be a Bible study of the book of Revelation beginning Sunday, Sept 9th, 2018

from 9:30-10:30 AM in Rm. 155. This frequently requested study will be the Sunday School focus for the on-going adult Koinonia Class. The Bible will be our textbook & we will share & discuss various commentaries by well known Christian authors. All interested adults are welcome. Just bring yourself, a Bible (any translation), pen & paper, & a desire to learn more of God's precious Word for us today & for the future.

We have a new box for Prayer Requests near the doors of the church office. We have updated the prayer request cards. Prayers can be placed in this box for Pastor Ed to receive or the Prayer Group. You can also place them in the offering plates. We also have added on our website where prayer requests can be sent to Pastor Ed directly or the prayer group. Thank you for letting us pray for you, it gives us time to spend with God.



SEPTEMBER MEANS BACK TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP!



Starting Sunday, September 9th, 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 in the Gathering space, Sunday, August 26th.



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 on September 30th at 10:00 a.m.

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

"To help Pastor Ed and Linda become more familiar with the congregation, we are arranging a series of small group sessions. To support this effort, we are looking for 15 volunteers to open their homes and host a session one evening for groups of 8-10 people. A covered dish dinner is suggested. All sessions would start at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Karen Reed with the date you are able to host. The following dates are available for consideration:

Wednesday, September 5 – Host booked.
Wednesday, September 19 – Host booked.
Wednesday, October, 3 – Host booked.
Wednesday, October 17– Host booked.
Tuesday, October 30– Host booked.

Thursday, September 13 – Host booked.
Wednesday, September 26 – Host booked.
Wednesday, October 10 – Host booked.
 Wednesday, October 24
 Monday, November 5

Still looking for hosts for October 24th, & November 5th. We would like to open the final list of hosts & dates to the congregation for sign-ups by September 2. Thank you for the consideration."



Back to School Youth Group Nerf Party!!

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

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 6th-12th 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
- 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

Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Thursday, September 27th 5:30-7:30

Mamma Mia! What a great way to support the youth and have a great meal with my friends!

Come out and enjoy spaghetti (sauce with or without meat), garlic bread, salad and dessert served by our summer mission trip team! Check out the website for more information on this year's mission trip.

Want to help out or donate dessert? I'd love to hear from you!

Bdahlgren07@gmail.com



Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Wednesday, September 5th 5:30-6:30

Interested in learning about this summer's mission trip? We need adults and youth who will have completed 8th grade by the summer to come out!

The Faces of Hunger

“They” can be young, they can be old, they can be ill, confined to home or they can be homeless, without the money to buy a meal. They may have to make a choice between food and heat when their income isn’t enough to pay their bills.

You, as a Christian community and faithful members of St. Mark’s, have been keenly aware of the faces of hunger in our County. By participating in the Interfaith Hunger Coalition for over ten year our Church has supplied tasty and healthy lunches to an average of 90 to 100 people each second Wednesday of the month during the year. You have donated high protein sandwiches, fruit, dessert, potatoes chips (not so healthy, but good) and hot soup 4 months of the year (thanks to the ladies from Asbury Church). Three or four teams of volunteers deliver the packed lunches to the homes of the people we serve. A smiling face is usually waiting at the door when the volunteers arrive.

Because you are so generous and care for those in our community who are less fortunate then you, this mission outreach has been thriving for ten years on donated food, faithful drivers and love.

This is an invitation for you to be a part of this very special program which means so much to those who we serve. You can help by donating food, delivering lunches or helping with making soup in January, February, March and April.

You can add your name to the list of volunteers willing to serve in whatever capacity you choose, making sandwiches, providing fruit or dessert or delivering lunches.

Please give me a call at 410-822-0975 Millie Parrott

Thank you for Caring!

The names of the monthly chairperson are listed below, fell free to call any one of them to ask questions or volunteer.

January—chairperson needed, Feb.--Joyce Delaney, March-- Evelyn Graybeal, April, JoAnna Thomas , May--Millie Parrott, June-Fran Gosser, July-Judy Coffren, August—Polly Watts, September—Claudia Knox, October—Betty Wheedleton, November—Betty Todd, December—Robin Nowak

**Interfaith
Hunger
Coalition**



September Worship Notes

Our Fall worship schedule will return on September 9th

8:15 Traditional in the Chapel

9:30 Contemporary in the Sanctuary

11:00 Traditional in the Sanctuary

Thank you to all our worship leaders and servers who helped during the summer months. Your service in worship was invaluable and deeply appreciated! We would love to have more people involved in our worship serving, if you would consider being a reader, usher & greeter, or communion server for one of our worship services, please call us! (***)Current servers, please note the fall schedule is out, please pick up a copy or double check your email! Thank you!)

Additional worship notes

Chancel Choir We will resume our normal fall schedule the week after Labor Day, Thursday, September 6th at 7:30pm

Our bell choir **The Overtones** will meet informally on Wed, August 29th at 6:30pm. This gathering will be an opportunity to come and socialize with fellow bell ringers, play a little music, and talk about our schedule for the fall. We invite anyone with any interest in being a part of the bells (all levels of experience encouraged to come out) to join us for this fun night!

Jubilee Choir will resume in September, on the third Sunday, September 16th for rehearsal, and then sing the following week, September 23rd. As of now, we will continue to rehearse on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month, with our presentation on the 4th Sunday, 8:15am service.

We will be re-starting new music opportunities for our youth and children this fall. Keep checking for more details !

The Praise Band who leads our 9:30 Contemporary service is in need of new members! Come be part of this amazing group as it leads us every week in worship. If you play an instrument or want to sing, please let us know!

Special Music opportunities are available and I am always looking for people willing to share their artistic talents. Please contact me if you would like to present something for our very appreciative congregations.

Scott Clausen, Director of Music and Worship, can be reached at:

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

musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org



UMW September Circle Meetings

Mary Circle - Tuesday, September 4,
10:00 am; home of Janice Dudrow

Tabitha Circle - Monday, September 10,
7:00 pm; home of Jacqui Yeatman

Sarah Circle - Tuesday, September 11,
6:00 pm; home of Jane Sullivan

Deborah & Ruth Circles - Tuesday,
September 11, 10:00; Bayleigh Chase



Several members of St. Mark's United Methodist Women took a bus trip to the Bible Museum in Washington, D.C.

Pictured left to right: Judy L. Mary Ann H., Ann Y., Barbara F., Pat J, Ruth H., front row Sharon M., Judy L., Cindy B.

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. All men of the Church are considered members and we encourage all men to join us in fellowship and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 pm in room 155 in the church.

The UM Men met on Tuesday, July 14th and several projects were discussed which we will be doing during the months ahead.

The UM Men assisted with the Vacation Bible Camp in July. Men also assisted with the set-up and taking-down of the camp structures and the tables and chairs used for the camp production.

We will be once again be serving our famous and fabulous Rockfish Corn Chowder and Oyster Fritters for the Waterfowl Festival, November 9 – 11 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. This year we are in need of four cooks to help us as our regular cooking staff are unavailable this year. If you can help, man or woman, we could sure use it. Please call or email Roger Eareckson and volunteer to help us. Phone number 410-463-0558.

We will be studying Proverbs this year in our regular meeting dates. Speaking of meeting dates, our September meeting date will move from the 11th to the 4th, the Tuesday after Labor Day Monday. Please mark your calendars with this change of date.

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 earecksonr@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”**

Lifetime Wells International

In 2006, Kenny Wood, the owner of the Lifetime Well Drilling Co., in Denton, MD decided it was time to retire & turn the company over to his son to operate. He planned to continue to manage the race horses he owned & also to collect & restore Ford Mustangs. But as sometimes happens to us, God had different plans for him.

Kenny had put a used well drilling rig on ebay for sale & the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in York, PA bought it. The church wanted to send him to Ghana to show the people how to use it. Kenny had already had his first heart attack, & this simply wasn't in his plans. That is, until as a director at Provident State Bank, he went to a banking conference on Kiawah Island, S.C. & heard a speaker say: "My name is Albert, & I'm from Ghana." Albert shared his life story of how he worked hard to reach his dream of coming to America for an education. His story included having to walk 2 miles every morning as a young child before going to school to get water out of a scum pond for his family to use. He still carried an illness from that polluted water. Kenny heard God speaking to him & telling him to go to Ghana to help the people there.

And go he did! In the twelve years since then, Kenny has been to Africa two or three times each year. Other family members & friends go with him & pay their own way. Kenny looks on his work there as God giving him the opportunity to use his skills to help people, who need clean water so they can lead healthier lives. He has expanded his well drilling from Ghana to Tanzania & between the two countries has now drilled over 2100 well. In 2017, his company, Lifetimes Wells for Ghana, merged with Wells for Relief, to become Lifetime Wells International. They currently are addressing the issue of sustainability of the drilled wells.

So how did St. Mark's find out about Kenny's work & come to support it financially? Well in the fall of 2008, the well at a farm we own on Matthewstown Rd. had a problem, & we called his company in Denton for help. His son came but he couldn't fix the problem & had to call Kenny to come. While they were waiting for him, Ben told Herby about his father's work in Ghana. I still have the article that I found on line about his work after Herby told me the story. I took the project to our church's missions committee to request that our church support it, which we have done each year since then.

I also remember several years ago, when Herby had Kenny come to a meeting of the Talbot Bank employees to tell about his work—a real life example of how one person can help so many people. Later that evening, an excited Kenny called to tell Herby that one of his horses had won \$25,000 that night, which would go to support drilling wells in Ghana. I also remember that Herby & I attended the banking conference in S.C. where we too heard Albert speak. God does indeed work in mysterious ways.

For any who did not get to read the article on Kenny's work in the Life section of Sunday July 8th Star Democrat, I have put a copy of it in a dark green folder in the gathering area along with some of his newsletters. Hope you enjoy reading them & hope this may encourage some of you to want to serve on St. Mark's missions committee. Simply give Pastor Ed or me your name & join our church's missions committee. We only meet three times a year, with most of our work being done outside of the meetings. A big church with a big heart for helping others!



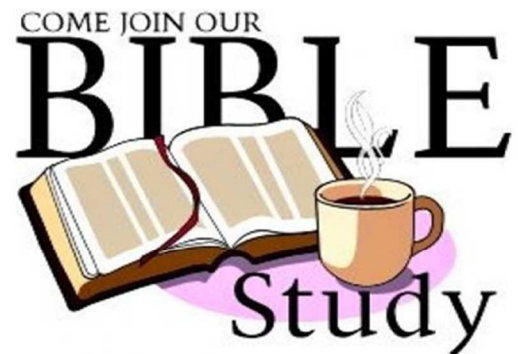
Something BIG is coming!

Are you following St. Mark's UMC on **Facebook**?

Do you have **Push Pay** on your smartphone?

Do you read the announcements each week in **the church bulletin**?

Are you visiting our website: www.stmarkseaston.org on a regular basis?



For Adults and Children of All Ages!



We don't want you to miss out!



September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
UMW Circle meetings see page 8						1
2 Last 9:45 Park Service	3 Labor Day Office Closed	4	5 5:30 pm Mission Trip interest meet- ing 6:00 pm Small Group/Bailey's	6 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	7	8
9 9:30 Worship begins Sunday School starts up 9:30 am 2 pm Youth Back to School/FSH	10	11	12 6:30—8 pm New Member Orientation	13 6:00 pm Small Group/Heistand's 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	14	15
16	17 7 pm Mission Com- mittee Meeting Rm. 155	18	19 1pm Prayer Shawl Rm. 155 6pm Small Group/Davis'	20 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	21	22
23	24	25 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting Conf. Rm.	26 6pm Small Group/Cronshaw's	27 5pm Spaghetti Dinner/Mission Trip Fundraiser 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	28	29
30 10 am ONE WORSHIP SERVICE						

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

8:15am Worship Chapel
 9:45 am Worship Idlewild Park Pavilion **last Sunday, September 2.**
 9:30 am Worship Sanctuary
 9:30 Sunday School starts, Sunday, September 9.
 11:00 am Worship Services Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

10:30am Prayer Group in chapel

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Clean up & restock of Thrift Shop for Fall & Winter

We will have out \$5.00 bag day sale starting Monday, September 3rd—Thursday, September 6th & Friday, September 7th.

Saturday, September 8 will we close at noon & begin our clean up. Then, Monday Sept. 10th we will restock the fall & winter clothing. Please hold your winter items until Monday, September 17th.

We need Men's ties, underwear, socks. Women's underwear, bathrobes, towels, jewelry, sheets & flat wear. Anything you are not making use of!

Let us remember that God empowers us to serve for the good of ALL!

Thank you!

Lee Royer, Missions

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!

**Making
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