

# 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

OCTOBER 2018

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Dear Members and Friends,

As I am writing this article for the newsletter, there is talk of a visit from a lady named Florence this weekend. This unwanted visit is all part of the autumn season. Autumn and winter are my two favorite seasons (I love snow!) I must share with you that October is by far my favorite month because of the change to cooler weather, pumpkin spice lattes, and the color of leaves.

While I was doing my morning devotion I came across these words from 1Peter5: 10-11: ***And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever.***

As I read the above scripture I was reminded how God's timing is perfect. We are now moving towards the month of October and with the arrival of the tenth month, I also am reminded of the yard chore I dislike the most. That chore being: RAKING LEAVES! I love the colors of autumn but the raking of dead, brown leaves...not so much! So as the scripture states, "I will suffer a little while".

As I ponder the upcoming raking of leaves, I asked myself how can I turn this negative attitude around? How can I make this year's leaf raking a positive event? So I prayed and thought ... here is what I learned. On the days when frustration, worries, and hopelessness seem to get the best of us...go rake leaves! Raking leaves is a mindless way to fight the current situations that run through our heads. With each jerk of the rake, we can mentally blurt out our desperations. Slowly, our complaints will produce an abundance of leaf piles and an ever-so-slight feeling of peace and calmness. Also I thought if we have no more energy to bag the leaves, we can leave the leaves to mulch the flower beds. Leaves left directly on the cold wet ground, tucked around roots, will protect plants from the cold winter temperatures. The leaves will also provide nutrients to the soil, resting there until spring. Slowly our thoughts will turn to thoughts of thanksgiving and praise! God is so good! Think about it, how awesome is it that this year's castoffs will be useful for next year's new growth. God uses everything...even raked leaves!

In that moment everything changes. We realize, opening our soul to God's purposes, that God will use even our most desperate situation. The natural process of dead leaves decomposing to nurture new life gives us the experience of understanding. Just knowing that doing the thing we don't enjoy or look forward to, will grow into something new and powerful. It will also help nourish appreciation and prevent weeds of pride to be established. Then when we return in the house, we are refreshed and renewed. Often times when we do something we dislike, our God blesses it abundantly!

Happy Raking!

Peace, *Pastor Ed*



## ***Our Vision:***

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

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**October 3rd 9 a.m. Coffee with a Cop**

**October 8th Presentation of Donations**

**October 16th 12 p.m. UMW Fall Lunch**

**October 21st Operation Christmas Child Kick Off**

**THANK YOUS**

Thanks to Sandy to bringing my car to me on a rainy Sunday!

Dear Shawl Ministry Ladies,

Thank you so much for the beautiful shawl. It means more to me than you will ever know. I am in awe of your talent. You provide an important ministry to St. Mark's.

Carole, I thank you personally for your beautiful handiwork.

Many blessings & much love!

June Billman

**GIFTS IN MEMORY OF**

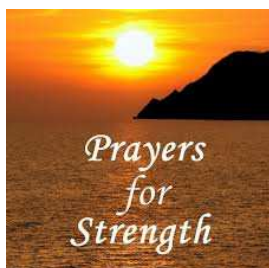
**Mary Bell Callahan** by Judy & Wally Leight, Claire Burkelman, Pat Langford, Adrian & Janet Deroy, Miriam Mandrell, Lee Royer, Joan & Rod Wolff, Jackie & David Dianich, Shari & Brad Powers, Wally & Claudia Knox, Robert Wolcott, Chivy & Sandy Wieland, Jean Everngam, Deborah Kudner, Franklin & Barbara Moore, J. Parker Callahan, Jr., Millie Parrott & Janet Doehler.

**Dan Pritchett** by Brad & Shari Powers, Jim & Sheila Scott.

**Helen Catherine Hughes Craig** by The Sarah Circle of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

**GIFTS IN HONOR OF**

The Matthews/Pritchett Family by Della Andrew.

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**In Home Hospice** — Chuck Moon

**Heartfields**—Jim & Wanda Denny

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

**Homestead Manor**— Ruth Pippin, Lee Walker

**Envoy of Denton** — Eudora Fischer

**Lakeside** — Dave Stavely

**Cadia Rehabilitation** — Susan Horning

**AT HOME**

Richard Douma

Doris Powell

Pat Moon

Ruby Carter

Cathy Tull

Mort Reed

George & Phyllis Carroll Pat (Charlotte) Higgins

**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

## Holiday Baskets

October 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



### **Box Tops for Education and Soda Can Tabs**

How does your TRASH become TREASURE to others?

Box Tops for Education are given to the local schools. Schools receive a quarterly check (10 cents for each box top) to use at their discretion. Easton Middle buys books; Easton Elementary, Dobson furnishes school supplies, coats, shoes, etc. for needy students; Easton Elementary, Moton uses the money for their PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) incentives and events. Last school year they earned a Gold rating for the PBIS work at their school.

Aluminum tabs from soda cans are given to Ronald McDonald House. The money from the sale of the aluminum is used to purchase gas for their vehicles that transport families of the patients to hospitals in the Baltimore area.

Remember that your **Trash** is a real **Treasure** to these organizations, so please bring your Box Tops for Education and aluminum soda can tabs to St. Mark's.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**—Do you know someone who is ill, is a shut-in, had surgery, lost a loved one or just needs a hug? Stop at the table in the gathering space today & pick up a “hug” for them. We have shawls and lap robes available.



## **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP!**

Think about 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.

**Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> is National Coffee with a Cop Day & we are excited to host officers from Easton Police Department.**

**This event will begin at 9 am in the Gathering space. So stop by & join us for coffee & some other goodies.**



# Bus Ministry



**BUS MINISTRY HELP!** The schedule for drivers for the Bus Ministry has been completed for the year, but we are still filling out the schedule for Group Leaders (who ride with the passengers to assist them when necessary.) If you would like to be a Group Leader contact Eric Steward at 443-786-4175. We will be having a training session for Group Leaders, soon.



It's time to sign up for the 32nd Annual Youth Rally in Ocean City!  
 You won't want to miss out on all the fun and fellowship with thousands of friends.

**This year's line-up includes:**

Stars Go Dim, Blanca, Tauren Wells

Speaker: Illusionist Tom Coverly

Speaker: Actress Karen Abercrombie

**What you need to know...**

**Date:** January 4-6, 2019

**Cost:** \$85 to the church office by October 3, 2018

\*Also bring some money for a fast food dinner Friday, Saturday and lunch Sunday\*

**Forms:** I need both this registration form and the medical liability form by October 3, 2018

**Questions?** Contact Wendy Avey, [christianed@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:christianed@stmarkseaston.org) (410)822-0001 x305

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**Please return the bottom of this form with the liability form**

**Available on our website at [www.stmarkseaston.org](http://www.stmarkseaston.org)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Is a parent willing to chaperone for the weekend if needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_



*Save the Date! October 16, 2018 11:30 a.m.*

*It's time for St. Mark's UMW Fall Salad Luncheon!*

*Bring a salad to share!*

*Rolls, Dessert and Beverages provided.*

*Speaker: Sara Rissolo*

*"Gratitude House"*

*Reservations being accepted now:*

*Please sign up by 10/14/18.*

*\$3 per person, pay at the door*

*Name:-----*

*Guest:-----*

*Drop off or mail to church office.*

*St. Mark's Church*

*100 Peachblossom Road*

*Easton, MD 21601*

*Questions: see Cindy Brinsfield.*



## October Worship Notes

8:15 Traditional in the Chapel

9:30 Contemporary in the Sanctuary

11:00 Traditional in the Sanctuary

### **Let's Worship together....and then party!**

Join us September 30th at 10 am

As we worship as one congregation, and then we will move on down to the fellowship hall for our

### **1st Annual Chili Cook-Off!**

(look through the rest of the Markings for more details)

Mark your calendars!

**St. Mark's Concert Series returns**

**October 21, 3:pm**

*“When In Our Music God  
is Glorified”*

**Dr. Bill Wharton, Organ**

Join us for this exciting concert inspired by the way we use music to glorify God. This concert will feature Dr. Bill's performance of the special organ work that was commissioned for his 50th anniversary celebration last year.

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

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

[musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org)



### UMW September Circle Meetings

Tabitha Circle - October 1, 7:00 pm at Wendy Cadell's home

Mary Circle - October 2, 10:00 am at Carole Shadle's home

Sarah Circle - October 9, 7:00 pm in the Church Gathering Area

Esther Circle - October 2, 10:00 am at Bayleigh Chase



### St. Mark's United Methodist Church United Methodist Men

UM Men will be working at the Port Street Project on Saturday, October 4th for Habitat for Humanity, we need Men to work to finish the project or begin a new one. We work from 9:00am to 12:00 Noon join us and have a great time. All skill levels welcomed.

The UM Men will once again be selling our Rockfish Corn Chowder and Oyster Fritters at the Waterfowl Festival, November 9-11, 2018. We need cooks! Our soup cook will be out of town and we can use some help cooking, man or woman. Let me know at [earecksonr@yahoo.com](mailto:earecksonr@yahoo.com) or call me at 410-463-0558 if you can help. Thanks!

We are studying Proverbs this year. Chapters 1-3 for our meeting in October. See you there.

Roger Eareckson, President

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



## NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

**Missions Committee meeting** At our meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the committee reviewed our August financials and 2018's budget. Income through envelope giving is continuing behind last year, but the good news is that the net income from the Thrift Shop to missions is slightly up from last year. After approving the budget, plans were made for our annual Presentation of Donations program (see below).

Eric Steward gave a report up-dating the committee on our foreign missions projects, and we thought all was well. However, since our meeting, we have received an email from Paul Webster, our covenant relationship missionary at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Center, that he has accepted a significant promotion from the General Board of Global Ministries. He will be in charge of working with the U.S. United Methodist Conferences and their missions committees to promote agricultural missions and missionaries in our central conferences. Paul along with his now deceased wife started the center at Mujila Falls many years ago and made great strides in the growing of crops, vegetables & fruits, and a variety of animals there. He will be leaving the center on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Paul has requested that another missionary couple with an agricultural back ground from the U.S. be assigned to the center to assist Memba, who was his assistant. Our committee will now have to consider how we can best continue our support.

Lee Royer reported that she has put out the brown bags for collecting food for our holiday food baskets. Each year we do 25 baskets at Thanksgiving and 25 at Christmas for residents at St. Mark's Village. Lee also reported that the change over from spring/summer to fall/winter clothing at the Thrift Shop had been made. They are bursting at the seams!

Other reports on our food pantry, Interfaith Hunger Coalition, T.C. Care Packs, Panera Bread, U.S. Disaster Hygiene kits, etc. were given. We have a lot of different projects and activities that the committee is responsible for, which led into a discussion of the need for more members on the committee. We lost two members this year; with the death of Steve Radis and Nancy Harrison moving. So if you have a passion for missions, please speak with Pastor Ed or a member of the nominating committee. God calls us to be his hands and feet in service to others.

**Presentation of Donations program** Our annual Presentation of Donations Program will be held on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am in room 155. At that time, we will be presenting checks totaling \$38,500 to our 20 Local Mission Partners and receiving brief updates from them. Everyone is invited to attend this program to learn more about these agencies that our church supports.

**World Communion Sunday** is one of the United Methodist Church's six special Sundays. We celebrate it each year on the first Sunday in October. Our church through missions makes a small donation annually to this appeal and any extra donations from our congregation are sent, in addition to what the church sends. If you would like more info on it, there are brochures about it in the gathering area.

## **St. Mark's UMC & St. Mark's Preschool**



**Saturday, October 27, 2018**  
**St. Mark's UMC Parking Lot**

**3:00 – 4:00 pm**

Fill your trunk with lots of goodies  
to pass out to the children!

Costumes welcome (but nothing too scary!)

Bring a friend for this FREE event!



# October 2018

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
UMW Circle meetings see page 8	1	2	3 9 am Coffee with a cop/ Gathering space 6 pm Small Group Session / Yeatman's	4	5	6
7	8 10am Presentation of Donations/ Rm. 155	9 6 pm Small Group Session /Dianich	10	11	12	13 Chesapeake Housing Mission 1pm Annual Freedom Fund Banquet/Milestone
14	15	16 12 pm UMW Fall Lunch/FSH	17 1pm Prayer Shawl Rm. 155 6 pm Small Group Session /Lawrence	18	19 Operation Christmas child set up	20
21 Operation Christmas Child kick-off 3pm Dr. Bill's concert	22	23 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting Conf. Rm.	24	25	26	27 3pm St. Mark's UMC & St. Mark's Preschool Trunk or Treat
28	29	30	31			

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY

8:15am Worship Chapel  
9:30 am Worship Sanctuary  
9:30 Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 am Worship Services Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY

10:30am Prayer Group in chapel

### THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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**Scott Clausen, Director of Music & Worship**

**Dr. William F. Wharton, Organist**

**David Cherry, 9:30 Music Director**

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**Save the Date!**  
**Operation Christmas Child**  
**Shoebox Collection**  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**More info to follow!**

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  
 generosity  
 simple...**



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!