

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

NOVEMBER 2018

Will you share your email address with us? If you have an email address and it is not registered with us or if your email address has changed, would you please share it with us by emailing churchoffice@stmarkseaston.org.

We are sending this and future issues to those of you with email addresses if you have so requested. If you are interested in receiving your issues by email and have not yet requested, please contact the church office.

Dear Members and Friends,

November is a month to celebrate the Harvest and Thanksgiving. This time of harvest is the culmination of all the hard work done earlier in the year. Remember, you cannot have a harvest without all the work done before the harvest. There is the starting of saplings and seedlings, planting, weeding, and watering (when you don't have a Spring and Summer filled with rain!) Farming and Gardening are very humbling lines of work; the demands of the physical work to the fact that at any given moment the plantings could be lost.

Likewise, as members of St. Marks UMC, we too must remain in the Lord and nurture our hearts in God's wisdom in order to create a harvest of sound and just decisions. Our day in and day out practices and struggles may lead up to a wonderful harvest in the future, and a time of great spiritual Thanksgiving. Our daily steps will lead towards that Spiritual Thanksgiving one day. It is in our daily steps towards that Spiritual Harvest, that there will be many things we will need to do. The weeding of our time and commitments never ends, nor the times of watering and nourishment of God's Word in our lives. There are always attitudes to trim, infectious thoughts that need to be watched, and of course weeding again and again.

Linda and I are so thankful for all of you who have welcomed us to Easton. From the "weekly dinners" to the "Women's circle meetings", it has been a joy feeling a part of such a vibrant church family. After we get through the upcoming holidays, I would like to focus on Bibles studies. These will offer each of us the ability to continue to grow in order to bring forth a wonderful harvest in our own lives.

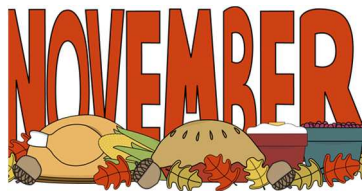
As I look at harvest photos, with pictures of over-filled bushel baskets, produce everywhere, and all we do to enjoy, praise, and sing God's glory, another thought enters my mind. Doesn't gardening seem fun and glamorous? In reality, the yearly and spiritual harvest comes from the humble work and disciple we put into every day. As Hebrews 12:11 states, ***Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.***

Linda and I would like to wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a happy harvest!

Peace,

Pastor Ed

Ps Join us at the Community Thanksgiving Service at Temple B'Nai Israel on November 18th at 4:00pm



Our Vision:

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

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Pastor Ed & Linda Kuhling on their 34th wedding anniversary, November 10th.

Dan & Pearl Swann on their 58th wedding anniversary, November 19th.

Pete & Joyce Bailey on their 55th wedding anniversary, November 24th.

THANK YOU

Having the option not to need to drive, but come to church by bus has been such a blessing. Thank you again. Loretta

Dear St. Mark's, I had a good time at Camp Pecometh. Thank you for sponsoring me. Karah Brice

Thank you for the money to go to Camp Pecometh. I had so much fun doing all of the activities they had. I am looking forward to going next year. Camden Hontz

Dear St. Mark's, I am paying my contribution for 2018 through the year. I am moving back to Ohio to be closer to my family. Needless to say, words cannot say how much I will miss St. Mark's wonderful people, it's ministry & the influence it has had on my life. Continued success on all your future endeavors. Best wishes & unending memories. Marilyn Bates

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Susan M. Horning by Bala Consulting Engineers, Inc., Cheri Moorehead, Peggy Schneebell, Corinne Bissell, Joseph Rue, Jim & Sheila Scott, Susan Divilio, & Della Andrew.

Mary Bell Callahan by The Esther Circle (former Ruth & Deborah Circles)

LET US PRAY FOR

Heartfields—Jim & Wanda Denny

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

Homestead Manor— Ruth Pippin, Lee Walker

Envoy of Denton— Eudora Fischer

Lakeside— Dave Stavely

AT HOME

Bruce Hotchkiss,

Doris Powell

Ruby Carter

Mort Reed

George & Phyllis Carroll Pat (Charlotte) Higgins

Richard Douma

Pat Moon

Cathy Tull



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

GySgt. Harold S. Brice/USMC

Sgt. Sarah Jane Royer Golden/USMC

1st Lieutenant Jacob Shores/ U.S. Army

OUR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Wings of Caring, Central Congo

Paul Lee Webster, Missionary

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

Central Congo Partnership

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.

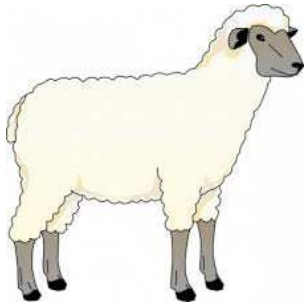
Remember that your **Trash** is a real **Treasure** to these organizations, so please bring your Box Tops for Education and aluminum soda can tabs to St. Mark's.

FALL RADA CUTLERY SALE

Sarah Circle's Fall Rada Cutlery Fundraiser for 2018 will be November 5 – November 27. All profits benefit Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence which the circle supports throughout the year. As you know, there are so many victims of domestic violence, and this is our small way of helping with their needs. Since beginning this project in 2005, the circle's contribution to them has been over \$5,000 which includes an initial donation of \$1,500.00 and sponsoring a family each Christmas. In addition, the circle donates pantry items to them monthly. Because of your help, we are able to continue this worthwhile project.

In addition to the many different cutlery items offered, are cooking utensils, soups, cheeseballs, cheesecakes, dips, cookbooks, seasonings, caring adult coloring books, and inspirational books. Catalogs, which include ordering instructions, will be available in the Gathering Area November 5 – November 27. If you have questions, please call Ann Yingling at 410 820 8592 or email ayingling100@gmail.com

It's Fall! That means Preschool is Back!!



Join the *Shepherd's Club of St. Mark's Preschool*. The Shepherd's Club is a great way to "shepherd" the flock of our community's children. We ask for a \$100 donation to become a member. (Your name will be listed as a member on the preschool website.) Funds collected are used towards enrichment programs, scholarships, maintaining the playground, and providing new equipment for the classrooms. The funds last year were used to offer one church family a partial scholarship, it also provided field trips free of charge to our students, and they assisted in providing some new supplies for our classrooms. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sarah Ewing 410-822-0078 (stmarkspreschooleaston@gmail.com) or you may place your donation in the offering plate on Sunday. (Please make sure to write Shepherd's Club in the memo field) MSDE Letter of Compliance #70897



ST. MARK'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEAL & MID-SHORE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

Reservation Form for Christmas Meal and Concert

December 2 at 5:00 p.m.

St Mark's family will gather together for fellowship, dinner & a concert by the Mid-Shore Community Band on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal provided by Old Mill Deli. Dinner will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes & green beans and dessert! After dinner we will move to the Sanctuary for the concert. The cost for the evening will be \$7.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children or \$22.00 for a family. The dinner is open to church family & guests and the concert is open to the public. A love offering will be donated to the Brighter Christmas Fund sponsored by the Star Democrat.

See you there!

Number attending _____ Amount paid _____

Name (s) _____ Telephone _____

Email address _____

To make a reservation: email churchoffice@stmarkseaston.org, or place this form in the offering plate, or mail to the church office.

Deadline to make a reservation is Sunday, November 25.

You can pay for your dinner using PUSHPAY online by using your cell phone

Text STMARKSEASTON TO 77977

Or from your computer by going to our website click on giving tab, click on the Give Online

Add up what dinner will cost fill in the amount select the fund (Christmas Dinner) add your information and your done! It's that easy!



Pictured left to right are UMW President Cindy Brinsfield, Barbara Friedman, Ann Yingling, Judy Leight, Mary Ann Hicks & Judy Lawrence. These ladies were presented with certificates for attending Mission u at Camp Pecometh.



Pictured are UMW President Cindy Brinsfield, who presented Lee Royer with a special mission recognition pin for her mission work for many years. Congratulations Lee!

St. Mark's Sanctuary Window Shines Bright

By Amy Blades Steward

If you haven't driven by St. Mark's Sanctuary on Peachblossom Road at night, you might want to try it one night. The sanctuary's stained-glass window shines brightly for the first time in a number of years. Thanks to the efforts of several St. Mark's members, the community can now enjoy the window's beauty after hours.

According to St. Mark's member Pat Lewers, she became inspired to help get the window lit again after longtime member Helen Pritchard shared with her memories of being a child when the window was initially lit. Enter St. Mark's Trustees, led by Chairperson Frank Meyerle. Frank recalls, "We were aware that the lighting in the window was insufficient when we got the windows cleaned and the lead repaired in 2017, but we were dealing with the church's HVAC issues and hadn't had time to address the window. We wanted to do something, but we were at a loss about what to do."

In August, the Trustees did extensive research to compare the best options available. They found that the First Methodist Church in downtown Houston, TX, had done a similar project, so Frank contacted the local company that completed the lighting installation at the church and received their recommendation – a Theatre Lighting Approach using K9 Bulldog Pro lights. In talking with the lighting company, the Trustees found this approach was economical (the fixture and installation cost only \$1000); had the capability to enhance colors in the stained glass with RGBW smooth color blending; had minimal operating cost due to the LED lights; and was expected to last 17 to 20 years.

Pat Lewers said she had a donor for the project – Dr. and Mrs. Robert Doughty, who wanted to fund the lighting project in memory of his parents who were active members of St. Mark's. According to Pat, "They are excited to come to Easton as new members of the church and see the window lit."

The trustees, including Phyllis Matthai, Cindy Hammonds, Pete Bailey, Pat Jones, Frank Meyerle, Bob Gosser, Tom Davis, Richard Van Slambrook, and Bob Guenther, approved the project. After selecting an electrician, Bill Gunther arranged to have the light fixture installed with a timer, which allows the window to be lit between sunset and 12 a.m.

Frank comments, "It's a lasting memory. It's a beacon to show the community they are welcome at our church."

After taking her friend Evelyn Graybeal to see the window once it was lit in October, Pat adds, "I encourage the members to drive around the entire church at night to see all of the lights. The cross in the Internment Garden is beautiful and the cross on the side of the church leading to the Educational Building is outstanding."

While we can only show you the window in black and white in this newsletter, be sure to visit St. Mark's website stmarkseaston.org under News & Events and Newsletters to see a photo of the window lit at night (Photo by Cal Jackson) or better yet, ride by at night and take a look – you won't be sorry you did!



Caption: St. Mark's sanctuary window is now lit between sunset and 12 a.m. due to a special donation by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Doughty (Photo by Cal Jackson).



November Worship Notes

8:15 Traditional in the Chapel

9:30 Contemporary in the Sanctuary

11:00 Traditional in the Sanctuary

November 4th—All Saints Sunday

At each of our services we will remember those members who have joined the church triumphant in this past year (from November 1, 2017 on).

If you have names you would like to be included, please send a written submission (for correct spelling of name) to the church office. Yellow forms can be found on table outside of the Chapel & on the Usher table in the Narthex.

You may place in offering plate or hand to head usher at any service.

Deadline for submissions Sunday, October 28th.

November 11, 3 pm

“A Celebration of *Peace* in a time of War”

Featuring music and words that celebrates and honors our veterans, and the ideals we all hold dear.

These programs are funded in part by a grant from the Talbot County Arts Council, with revenues provided by the Maryland State Arts Council.



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

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

musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org



UMW November Circle Meetings

Tabitha Circle—November 5, 2018,
7:00 p.m. home of Linda Kuhling

Mary Circle - November 6, 10:00
a.m., home of Joanna Thomas

Sarah Circle - November 13, 2018,
7:00 p.m. Gathering space

Esther Circle - November 6, 10:00
a.m. Bayleigh Chase

Soon it will be time to order Poinsettias for our Christmas services. Look for the order form in the bulletin the beginning of November.



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, November 13th at 6:30 pm in room 155 in the church. For this year, we are studying the Book of Proverbs.

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.

We are actively looking to host the annual Valentine's Day Luncheon in February. We are looking at options with the closing of The Barn which host the event the past two years.

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”**

Roger Eareckson, President

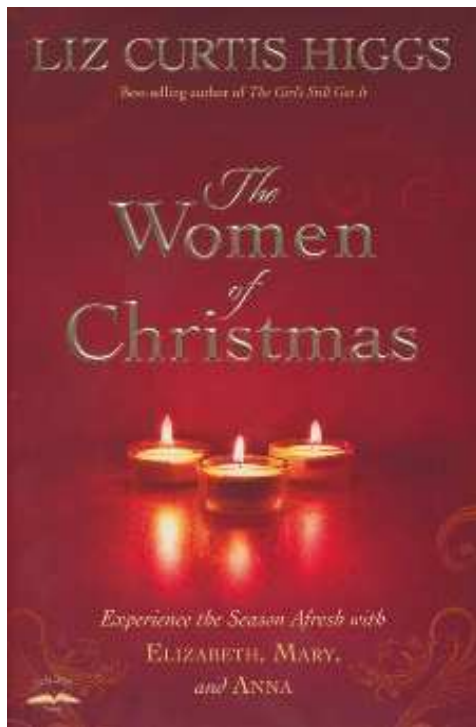
DATES TO REMEMBER

All Saints—Sunday, Nov. 4th

Veteran's Day Concert—Sunday, Nov 11th 3:00 p.m.

Charge Conference—Tuesday, November 27th 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Deadline for reservations for Christmas Dinner—Sunday, November 25th



ADVENT STUDY

The Women of Christmas

Book Discussion

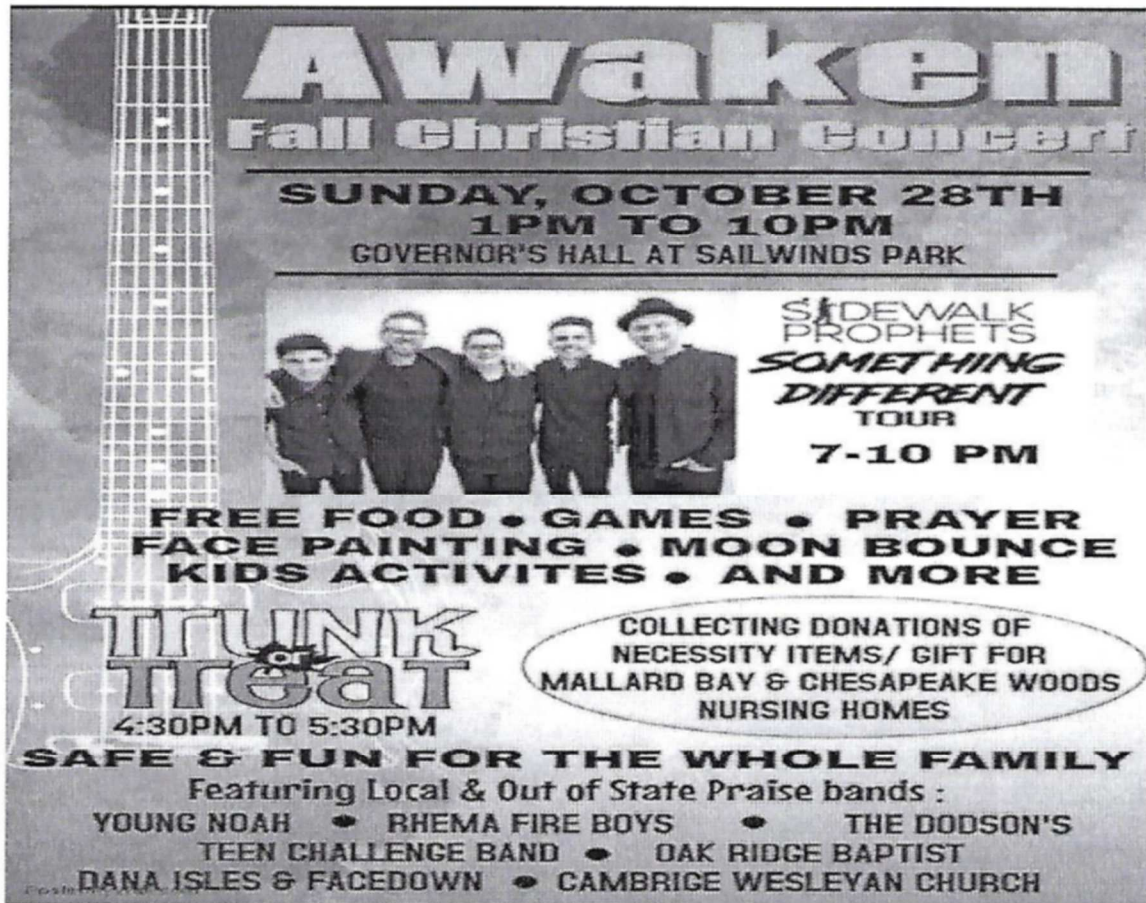
November 26 – December 17, 6 – 7 p.m.

Wendy Cadell and Amy Steward will lead a book discussion of “The Women of Christmas: Experience the Season Afresh with Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna,” a book by Liz Curtis Higgs, bringing these women’s stories into relevancy in our lives today. The class will incorporate discussions of the Advent season, unwrapping

the personal blessings and the gifts that God gives us every day, and silence, resting in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

Books must be ordered from Wendy Avey in the Church Office by November 15. The cost is \$10 per book which includes shipping. For questions, call Wendy at 410-924-2216 or Amy Steward at 410-829-0436.





Awaken
Fall Christian Concert

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
1PM TO 10PM
GOVERNOR'S HALL AT SAILWINDS PARK

SIDEWALK PROPHETS
SOMETHING DIFFERENT TOUR
7-10 PM

FREE FOOD • GAMES • PRAYER
FACE PAINTING • MOON BOUNCE
KIDS ACTIVITIES • AND MORE

TRUNK OR TREAT
4:30PM TO 5:30PM

COLLECTING DONATIONS OF
NECESSITY ITEMS/ GIFT FOR
MALLARD BAY & CHESAPEAKE WOODS
NURSING HOMES

SAFE & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
Featuring Local & Out of State Praise bands :

YOUNG NOAH • RHEMA FIRE BOYS • THE DODSON'S
TEEN CHALLENGE BAND • OAK RIDGE BAPTIST
DANA ISLES & FACEDOWN • CAMBRIDGE WESLEYAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28th

Awaken is a FREE Christian Event for All (not just the Youth Group) in Cambridge, MD.

But... they ask if you can to please bring a Christmas gift that will be donated to two local nursing homes – Mallard Bay & Chesapeake Woods. Items can include: A nice comb & brush set, non-slip slippers, socks, sweatpants & sweatshirts, snacks, comfy blankets, lotions, perfume, pillows, jewelry, cologne, pajamas/nightgowns, crossword puzzle books, or anything to make resident feel at home, comfortable and to uplift their spirit.

Sidewalk Prophets Fall Tour "Something Different" Will Be Performing From 6pm - 9pm.

Local & Out-of-State Praise Bands will perform from 1pm - 5pm.

Free Food, Kids Activities Including: Trunk-or-Treat (5pm – 6pm), Bounce houses, Prayer Booths, Games and Face Painting. Awaken Sweatshirts will be available to purchase at the event.

The event will happen rain or shine. This is a FREE event because they have amazing sponsors to make it happen. Awaken Hearts is a Non-Profit Organization (501C2) and they are accepting monetary donations from anyone let to donate. Additional information is available on the *Awaken Hearts Inc* and *Awaken Fall Christian Concert 2018* Facebook pages.



November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
UMW Circle meetings see page 8				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Waterfowl weekend	Waterfowl weekend	Waterfowl weekend
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
OCC Shoeboxes due! 3pm Veteran's day concert	Sorting of Shoeboxes FSH					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
3 pm Gail Aveson concert				Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed	Office Closed	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		6pm Charge Conference Sanctuary				

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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Easton, MD 21601

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Wendy Avey, Director of Christian Ed

Scott Clausen, Director of Music & Worship

Dr. William F. Wharton, Organist

David Cherry, 9:30 Music Director

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Bill Gunther, Building Superintendent

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**Tabitha Circle will be selling their Christmas wreaths beginning
 Sunday, December 2, 2018 in the Gathering Space.**



Save the Date!
Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Collection
November 11th
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!