

St. Mark's United Methodist Church



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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*December 9, 2018
9:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Service*

GATHERING..... *Please take time to pray*

WELCOME EACH OTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE..... *Dr. Bill Wharton*

“Prelude on ‘Veni, Emmanuel’ ”

▲ LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Bill Taquino and Denise Perkins (9:30)

Brad & Jodi Baker (11:00)

Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand!

Like the bud on the tree, God’s possibilities are about to blossom!

Stay awake! The reign of God is very near.

We are here, watching and waiting for PEACE. May God bring PEACE to all people this very day. We rejoice in God as children of God’s PEACE.

▲ THE OPENING HYMN

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*page 218*

▲ THE OPENING PRAYER

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

▲ MUSICAL RESPONSE *page 211*

O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind.

From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory Prayer and Voluntary *Dr. Wharton*
“Veni, Emmanuel” *Powell*

▲ DOXOLOGY... .. *page 234, refrain*

**O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET

Isaiah 9:2-7.....*page 593*

This is the Word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

MESSAGE*Chancel Choir*

Do You Hear What I Hear?

By Mark Brymer and Susan Naylor Calaway

- I. Do You Hear What I Hear?
- II. And the Prophets Spoke
- III. ...And Mary Listened
- IV. And They Heard from the Heavens
- V. Sounds from a Lowly Manger
- VI. O Come, All Ye Faithful
- VII. The Message Heard ‘Round the World

This morning’s Christmas Cantata is a beautiful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Where, in the midst of all the “loud” sounds and sights of the season, what truly matters is the simple birth of a baby, innocent, pure, and vulnerable. He was sent to be the savior of world that knew Him not, received Him not. Do we know Him? Have we looked and listened for Him? Are our hearts ready to receive Him anew? It is my fervent wish that you do hear and see the signs God has planted around for us, perhaps within even within the music of this morning’s message. May you have a wonderful holiday season, full of the joys of family and friends, peace and comfort.

▲ HYMN – (*Altar is open for Prayer*)

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” *page 220*

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Dr. Wharton*

“Noel No.12 in A minor” *Daquin*

▲ Indicates Congregation standing as able.

“Have a Blessed Week & Say a Good Word for God!”

A special thank you to all who have helped with this morning's special musical presentation; members of the combined Chancel & 9:30 choirs, Pastor Ed Kuhling & Mrs. Marion Jackson, narrators, & Dr. Bill Wharton, Piano.

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S! Before the service begins, you are invited to register your attendance (**please print**) in the attendance pad in the pew.

THE FLOWERS on the altar this morning are presented to the *Glory of God*, in honor of our grandchildren – Carter, Zabry & Vivian & our children – Kelley, Katie & Will by Kathy & Hugh Dawkins.

THE NURSERY is located in Room 212 for newborns through 18 months. Nursery Volunteers are available to watch your children only during our 9:30 service. The Nursery room is also available for parents to attend to their child's needs during the 8:15 & 11:00 services if needed. Please see Wendy Avey, Director of Christian Ed if you have any questions or if you would like to help volunteer at any time throughout the school year.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE Please see an usher.

-Those Who Serve -

LAYREADER: Marion Jackson. (9:30). & (11:00).

HEAD USHER: Hugh Dawkins. (9:30). Raymond Harrison. (11:00).

USHERS: Kim White, Ann Yingling, Wendy Cadell. (9:30).

Ray & Barb Kraer, Bob Thomas & Debbie Morton. (11:00).

GREETERS: Sarah Poole & Jim Shinn. (9:30). Brad & Jody Baker, Bob & Judy Lawrence. (11:00).

COFFEE HOUR: Ethel Ann Milby & Fran Keene.

SOUND TECH: Shea Springer. (9:30). Cindy Hammons. (11:00).

ALTAR GUILD: Claudia Knox & Sheila Scott.

CHURCH OPENING: Jeff Morton. **CLOSING:** Frank Meyerle.

-Announcements-

DON'T FORGET WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH CHRISTMAS COOKIES

Homemade cookies needed! Are you willing to bake some cookies for our local police departments & teachers? Let's show our appreciation by baking a few extra dozen cookies. Bring them to church on Sunday, December 16 we will deliver them to the teachers & police departments.

UNITED METHODIST MEN If you are a man of faith and want to help us in our mission of serving Christ & others, we would love to have you join us. Send me an email to earecksonr@yahoo.com & I will put you on our United Methodist Men (UMM) email list. You don't have to attend our meetings to be involved. We are active & alive for Christ. Come & be a part of our group.

THE THRIFT SHOP 410-820-7106 The shop hours are Monday- 10:00am- 12:30 pm, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm. 410-820-7106. Thank you! Lee Royer 410-829-8189.

FOR MEMORIAL OR HONORARIUM monetary gifts please send to Karen Reed's attention. Please do not put in offering plate unless they are in regular envelope, marked with Karen's name. Letters are written to the family so they can be acknowledged.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY The Prayer Chain Ministry provides prayer support in crisis or emergencies for church members, loved ones & people in the community. Please call the church office 410/822-0001 & or Contact Sara Lou Casson 410/822-4872 or Betty Fleming 410/822-2216.

-This Week at St. Mark's-

Sunday, December 9, 2018 Christmas Cantata Sunday

9:30 a.m. - Christmas Cantata. Sanctuary.

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m. - Christmas Cantata. Sanctuary.

2:00 p.m. - Youth Group. Youth Room.

Monday, December 10, 2018

6:00 p.m. - Women of Christmas. Chapel.

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Church Office will close for the day at 12:00 p.m. so the staff can Fellowship together for their Christmas gathering.

Thursday, December 13, 2018

7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir. Sanctuary.

Sunday, December 16, 2018 Food for Holiday Baskets due! & Homemade Cookies!

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service. Chapel.

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service. Sanctuary.

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service. Sanctuary.

12:00 p.m. - Youth Group. Fellowship hall.

-Let Us Pray For-

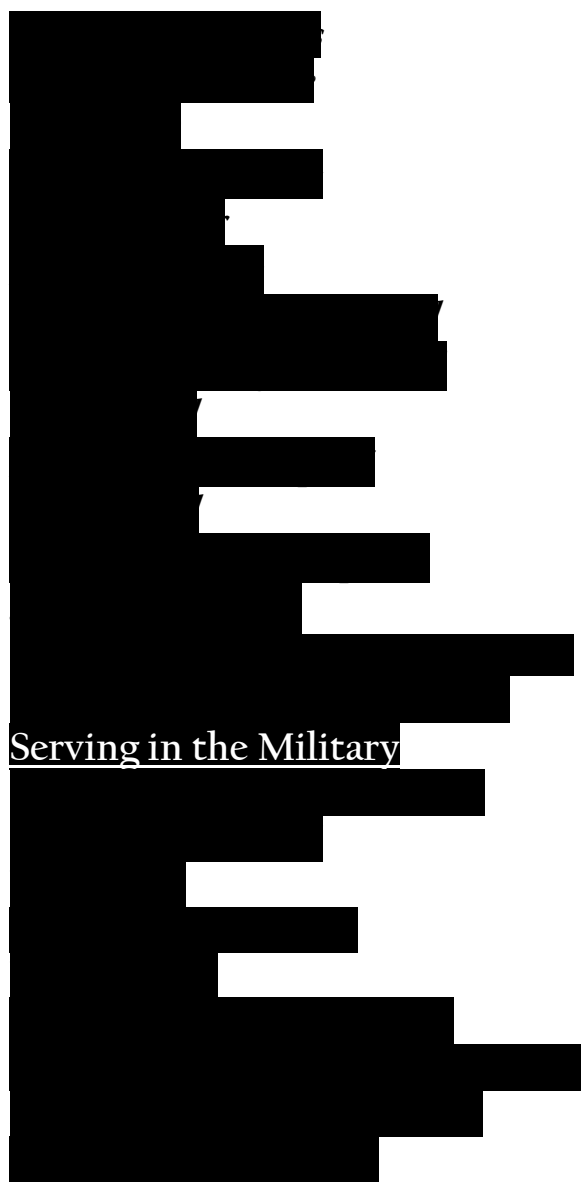
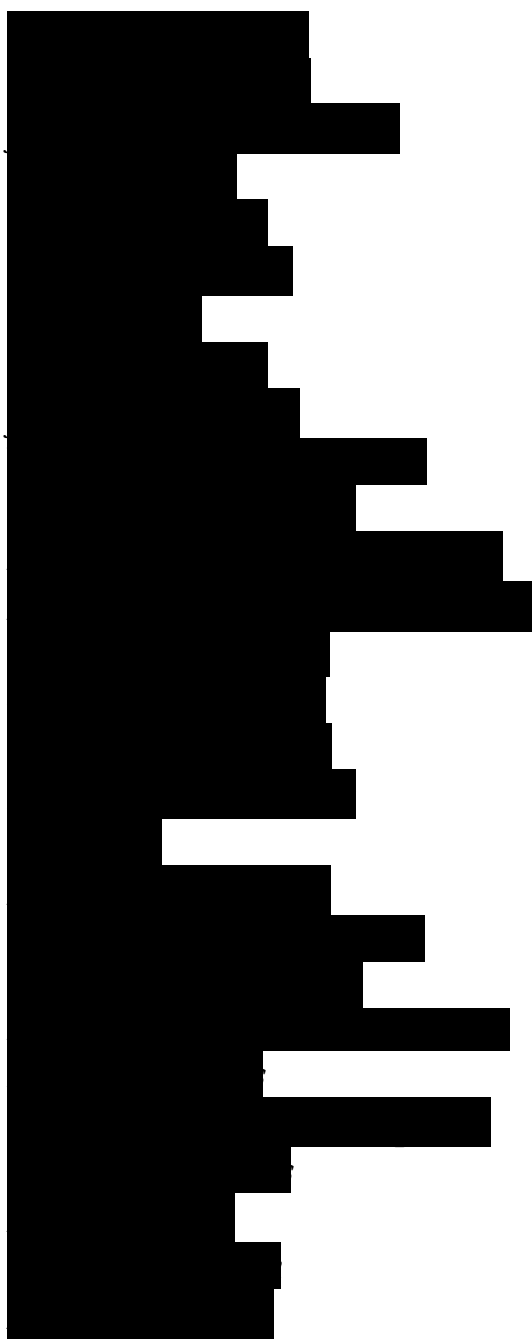
Prayer Focus:

For persons in need, shut-ins.

While we all know that being admitted into the hospital can be a stressful time, please contact the

church office so that you can be visited. You are our family & are important to us! We would like your permission for your name to be listed if you are in the hospital.





Serving in the Military

Church Staff

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June Billman, Pastor of Visitation jbillmanstmarkseaston@gmail.com

Wendy Avey, Dir. of Christian Ed christianed@stmarkseaston.org

Scott Clausen, Dir. of Music & Worship musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org

Dr. William F. Wharton, Organist

David Cherry, 9:30 Music Director

Karen Reed, Church Administrator kreed@stmarkseaston.org

Erica Kirby, Bookkeeper accounting@stmarkseaston.org

Bill Gunther, Building Superintendent

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St. Mark's Mission is:

*To share the love of Jesus
with & through the people of Talbot County & beyond.*

<u>Our Worship:</u>	<u>11/25</u>	<u>12/2</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship	71	74
9:30 A.M. Worship	111	135
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>104</u>	<u>115</u>
Total Worship Attendance	289	324
Sunday School Attendance	67	71

Our Tithes & Offerings (December 2, 2018)

Total Amount Received Last Week	\$	14,627.75
Total for Operations	\$	10,169.00
Total for Maintenance	\$	702.00
Total for Mortgage	\$	807.00
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$	37,562.47
Other	\$	2,949.75
Sunday School Offering	\$	68.00

In a move to support your generosity, we're implementing a new way to give. We are really excited to announce that our app is now available for downloading in the app store! Using your smart phone text **stmarkseaston app** to **77977**. You will be sent a link which will direct you to our very own custom app. So no matter where you are you can give anytime! You can also use your computer by going to our website www.stmarkseaston.org click on the GIVE tab and follow the instructions.

Thank you for your support as we continue to grow & impact our community together!

**WELCOME
HOME**

Text "**STMARKSEASTON APP**" to **77977**
to download our app



**We will be sponsoring a family again
this year through Social Services!**

One Whole Christmas for One Whole Family

Look for the tree in the foyer grab a tag,
purchase the gift, wrap the gift, put the tag on
the gift & bring it back to the church.
All gifts are due back on Sunday morning,
December 23rd.



Donations to UMCOR This year St. Mark's did not receive a request for donations for disaster relief as we usually do. However, as you are aware, there have been two major hurricanes here on the east coast & the fires in California. So as we prepare our hearts & lives for Christmas this month, may we remember our neighbors who have suffered such extreme losses. I have been assured that if we send the contributions to the conference office simply marked "for UMCOR", that they will be used where most needed. Blessings from the Missions Committee

Youth Group Holiday Fundraiser



We are excited to announce a NEW annual holiday tradition here at our church. Every November, we will be offering a different stunning ceramic Christmas Tree Ornament featuring a different section of the stained glass window in the St. Mark's Chapel & Sanctuary. The ornaments will make the perfect addition to your family's Christmas tree or perhaps a nice gift.

This year's ornaments will only be available for purchase in our Gathering Area on Sunday mornings between 9:15am – 11:15am.

The Youth are also selling copies of the book "The Awakening", a story of the creation of the "Christian Service Window" in our chapel written by James N. Denny.

The price of the ornaments are \$15. The price of the book is \$20.
Purchase both for \$30.

Proceeds for the Ornaments support upcoming Youth Group activities.
Proceeds for the Book will go to the Church Building Fund.

Order your Poinsettias



We sometimes receive orders for more flowers than we really need & because there are other ways you can help enhance our worship services at Christmas, the form below will allow you to decide what you would like to do. All gifts will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.

I/We _____ Phone _____

Wish to make the following gift to enhance the Christmas services at St. Mark's:

In honor of _____

(Name of living person)

In memory of _____

(Name of deceased person)

_____ No. of Poinsettias (at \$12.50 each, 6 inch pot)

\$_____ Donation Only, No poinsettia needed.

Checks can be mailed or dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to:

St. Mark's UMC

100 Peachblossom Road

Easton, MD 21601

Memo line: Poinsettias

Orders must be received by Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Your help is needed!!

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**Please no store bought cookies please!
Thank you!!**

Youth Group for December

12/9 - 2-4pm Youth Room

Planning Christmas Party, Decorating the Youth Room, Crafts & Games

12/16- noon-4pm meet in Fellowship Hall

Pizza for Lunch, Delivering Cookies with Pastor Ed around town via Church Bus (permission slip needed)

12/23 – 2-4pm Youth Room

Christmas Party for Youth Group Members! RSVP Required by 12/16 for Gift Exchange & Building Gingerbread Houses. Plus Ugly Sweater Contest, snacks & games!



Calendar for Christmas Season

Dec. 23rd

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Dec. 24th

4:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Family Service

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Candlelight Communion Service

9:30 p.m. A time of musical reflection

10:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Communion Service

Dec. 30th One Service 10:00 a.m.

Dec. 31st Church Office Closed

Jan. 1st Church Office Closed Happy New Year!