

St. Mark's United Methodist Church



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Hearing Assistance
Available

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*December 23, 2018
8:15 & 11 a.m. Worship Service*

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

WELCOME

WELCOME EACH OTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Once in Royal David’s City” *Wold*

▲ LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH Brad and Polly Watts 8:15
Tom and Hannah Alnutt 11:00

Today we light the candle of Love. No other word so adequately captures the spirit and goal of our faith.

For God so loved the world...

For God so loved the world that a child was given, a savior was made in the form of Love incarnate.

We gather, then, in Christian Love.

We give thanks for a love that passes understanding and we await the dawning of God’s enduring love this season.

▲ THE OPENING HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” *page 230*

▲ 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.

PSALTER READING

Psalm 146:1-10 with responsepage 858

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:15.....*Jubilee Singers*
“Good News”.....*Sleeth*
11:00.....*Chancel Choir*

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory Prayer and Voluntary*Dr. Wharton*
“*Noel #10 in G Major*”*Daquin*

▲ DOXOLOGY..... *page 234*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O Come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

▲ GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:18-25 *page 835*
This is the Word of the Lord.. THANKS BE TO GOD!

MESSAGE... .. “*Do Not be Afraid*”... .. *Pastor Ed Kuhling*

▲ HYMN – (Altar is open for Prayer)

“*There’s a Song in the Air*” *page 249*

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Dr. Wharton*
“*Christ, Redeemer of All*” *Fish*

▲ Indicates Congregation standing as able.

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

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 loving memory of of Laura, Raymond & Clara Harrison, Alice & James Sewell by Raymond Harrison, Jr. Raymond, III, James & Paul Harrison & families.

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: Barbara Friedman. (8:15). Sharon Maisano. (11:00).

HEAD USHER: Bob Coffren. (8:15). Raymond Harrison. (11:00).

USHERS: Tom & Marie Davis. (8:15).

Janice & Harry Nagel, Ray Kraer & Bob Thomas. (11:00).

GREETERS: Tom & Marie Davis. (8:15). Margaret Blair, Shirley Cole & Harry & Janice Nagel. (11:00).

SOUND TECH: . (11:00).

ALTAR GUILD: Claudia Knox & Sheila Scott.

CHURCH OPENING: Jeff Morton. **CLOSING:** The Nagels.

-Announcements-

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 earcksonr@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-

Monday, December 24, 2018

4:00 p.m. – Candlelight Communion Family Service. Sanctuary.

7:00 p.m. – Contemporary Candlelight Communion Service. Sanctuary.

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

10:00 p.m. – Traditional Candlelight Communion Service. Sanctuary.

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 “Merry Christmas”!

Wednesday, December 26, 2018 & Thursday, December 27, 2018

Church Office Open with limited hours

Sunday, December 30, 2018

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service. Sanctuary.

Monday, December 31, 2018 & Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Church Office Closed

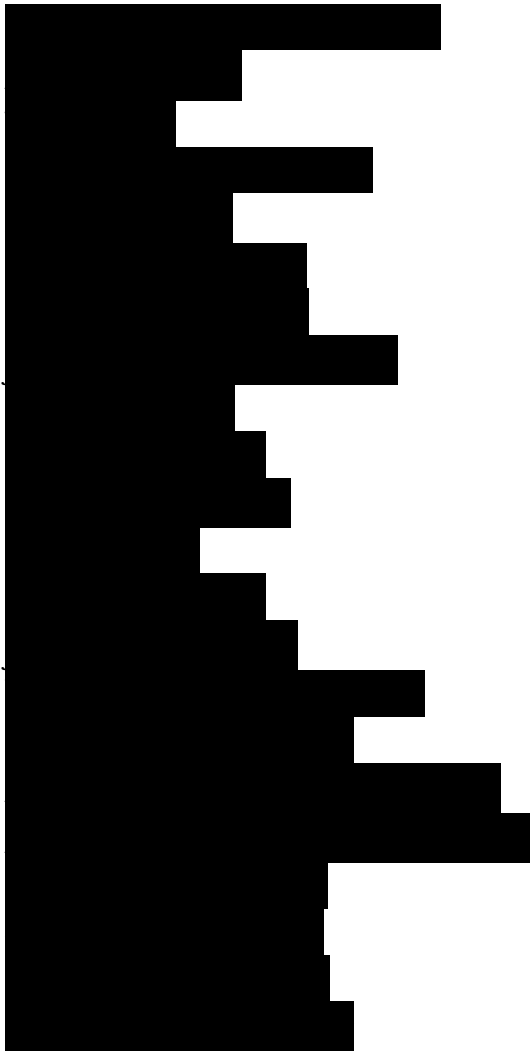
-Let Us Pray For-

Prayer Focus:

Praise God for the gift of Jesus!

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

YOUTH GROUP
TODAY

12/23 – 2-4pm Youth Room

Christmas Party for Youth Group Members! We are Building Gingerbread Houses. Plus Ugly Sweater Contest, snacks & games!

Church Staff

Rev. Ed Kuhling, Pastor ekuhling@stmarkseaston.org

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

Sarah Ewing, Pre-School Director St. Mark's Preschool
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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>12/9</u>	<u>12/16</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship		67
9:30 A.M. Worship	204	179
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>146</u>	<u>120</u>
Total Worship Attendance	350	367
Sunday School Attendance	64	69

Our Tithes & Offerings (December 16, 2018)

Total Amount Received Last Week	\$	26,869.49
Total for Operations	\$	4,468.08
Total for Maintenance	\$	935.42
Total for Mortgage	\$	3,355.30
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$	38,928.51
Other	\$	18,110.69
Sunday School Offering	\$	45.50

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



Last Day to purchase!

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.



Join us starting in January for a study on Healing

Many churches have had a history of healing ministry but have put it on the back burner. This healing class will introduce healing as a mainstream to the church's life. Some of the topics we will cover are: Is Healing God's Will? Healing & Faith, Healing of Past Hurts, Why isn't everyone Healed? And so much more.

Day Classes are Tuesday, Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29th at 10:00 am for approximately 1.5 hours

Night Classes are Wednesday, Jan. 9, 16, 23, & 30th at 6:30 pm for approximately 1.5 hours

Sign up in the Gathering Area by January 6th.



If you had your picture taken
don't forget to pick up your directory!

Pick up your copy in the Gathering space.

Copies will be available for sale after
everyone who participated gets their copy.



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

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Dec. 25th Church Office Closed

Dec. 26th & Dec. 27th Office open with limited hours

Dec. 28th Church Office Closed

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

Dec. 31st Church Office Closed

Jan. 1st Church Office Closed **Happy New Year!**

Jan. 2nd Regular Office hours resume

If you donated cookies to give to our teachers, police officers, firemen, etc.



If you purchased gifts for One Whole Christmas
for One Whole Family



If you purchased food for the holiday food baskets



This is what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus! Going OUT into the community and helping others is what God has called us to do! This is being the CHURCH!