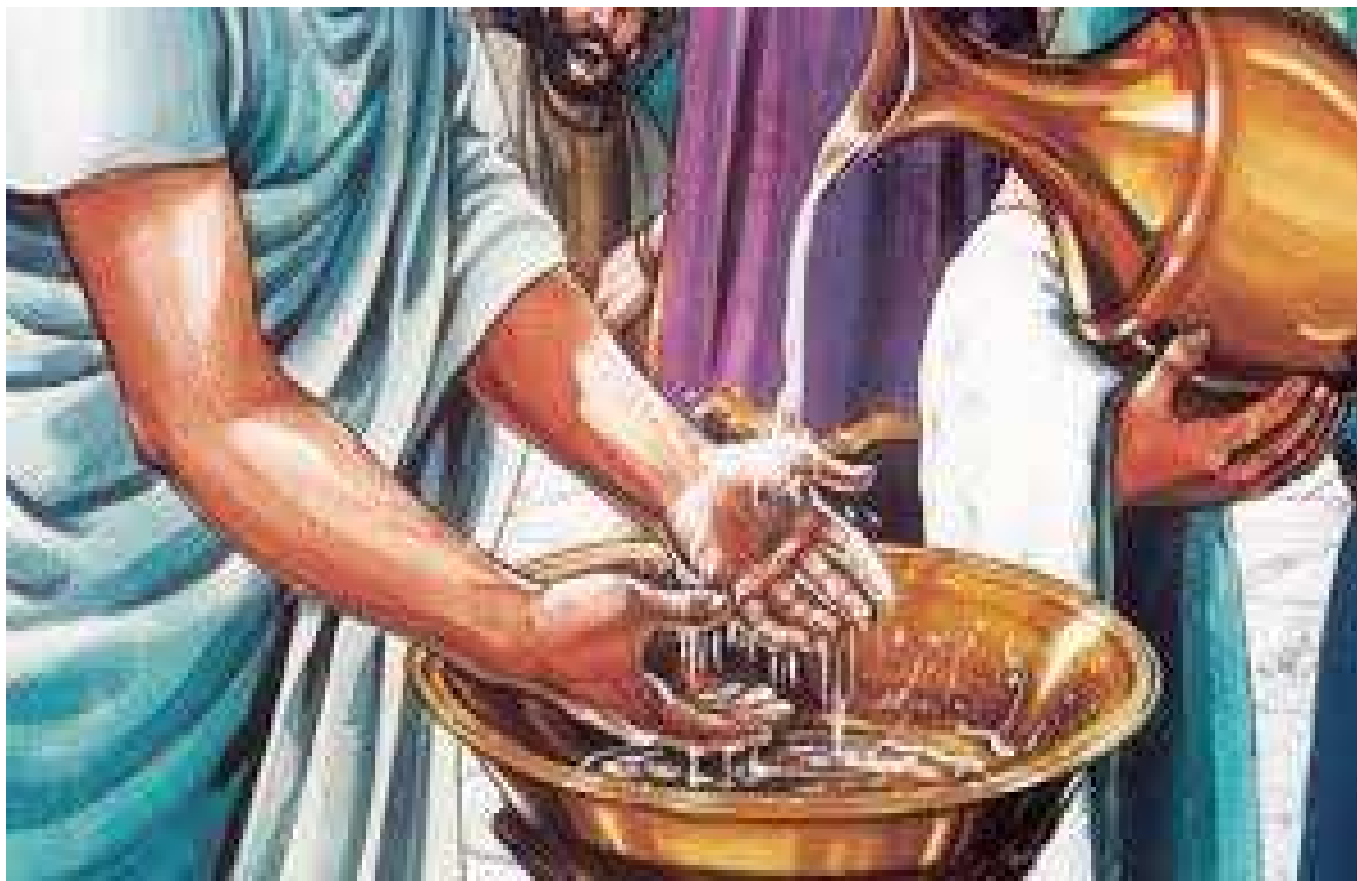


# St. Mark's United Methodist Church



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*March 24, 2019  
8:15 & 11 a.m. Worship Service*



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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**▲ WE WELCOME ONE ANOTHER**

**PRELUDE**..... *Dr. Bill Wharton*  
*“Elevation in D Major”* .....*Dubois*

**▲ CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens declare the glory of God.

**The earth proclaims God’s handiwork.**

In speech without words, their voices heard.

**In praise without language, their sounds extend throughout creation.**

The ordinances of God are true, and are righteous altogether.

**Come and proclaim with the heavens the glory and majesty of our God.**

**▲ THE OPENING HYMN**

*“O Crucified Redeemer”* ..... *page 425*

**▲ THE OPENING PRAYER**

**▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Lenten)**

**I believe in God the Creator,  
who made me and all things,  
who set me on my path in this world.**

**I believe in God the Savior,  
who is one with the Creator,  
who rescued me and all creation  
from the depredations of our violations  
against God and creation.**

**This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ,  
walked a path through this world,  
taking on human form having been born of a woman  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
He lived and worked in this world among people just like me.  
He walked God’s path to death on a cross,  
and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.**

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide,  
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,  
who through the body and blood of Jesus  
brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future;  
who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world,  
caring for creation and the people I meet on the way,  
loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice,  
being God’s hands and feet in the world.**

**▲ MUSICAL RESPONSE**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart, Lord I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**PSALTER READING**

*Psalm 19 with response #1* ... .. *page 750*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*8:15* ..... *Jubilee Singers*  
*“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”* ..... *arr. Tomlin*  
*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*  
*“Interlude in Eb Major”* ..... *Dubois*

**▲ DOXOLOGY**... .. *page 95*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

▲ **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 27: 11-26**... ..page 864

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

**MESSAGE** ... “Pontius Pilate”.... Pontius Pilate

▲ **HYMN – (Altar is open for Prayer)**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” ..... page 396

▲ **BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** ..... Dr. Wharton

“Postlude a Catntique in Eb Major” ..... Dubois

▲ 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 celebration of our 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary by Lee & Benita Afflerbach.

**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.

**LARGE PRINT HYMALS ARE AVAILABLE** Please see an usher.

-Those Who Serve -

**WORSHIP LEADER: (LAYREADER):** Dick VanGilder. (8:15). Kelly Murdoch. (11:00).

**HEAD USHER:** Mike Butler. (8:15). Debbie Morton. (11:00).

**USHERS:** Betty Todd & Susan Divilio. (8:15). Barb Kraeer, Bob Thomas, Harry & Janice Nagel. (11:00).

**GREETERS:** Betty Todd & Susan Divilio. (8:15). Margaret Blair, Shirley Cole, Frank & Bette Meyerle. (11:00).

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Mary Circle.

**SOUND TECH:** Cindy Hammons. (11:00).

**ALTAR GUILD:** Bobbi Ayers.

**BUS DRIVER:** Bill Gunther. **BUS LEADER:** Pam Showacre.

**CHURCH OPENING:** Dick VanGilder. **CLOSING:** The Nagels.

## -Announcements-

**UMCOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31st** The United Methodist Church has six special Sundays. Through St. Mark's mission fund, our church makes a small donation to each, when it occurs each year. UMCOR stands for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This Sunday used to be called One Great Hour of Sharing & is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent. Gifts to this special Sunday are used to pay the operating expenses for all relief efforts to major disasters. Thus, by providing the administrative expenses, giving to this special Sunday allows 100 percent of gifts given for a specific disaster to be used to provide the actual food, shelter, health care, etc.. There are copies of a small brochure with more information concerning UMCOR/One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday in the gathering area. Individual gifts will be added to the \$100 donation from missions.

**STEWARDSHIP INFO** If you haven't turned in your Stewardship Information for 2019, please do so. If you need another copy, they are in the Gathering space.

**MR. FIX IT** is back in town. If you are a member in need of help with a small project, contact the church office.

**THE THRIFT SHOP** 410-820-7106 The Thrift Shop just did their Spring change over! When you switch your clothes from winter to spring take any unwanted items to the Thrift Shop! 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.

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

## -This Week at St. Mark's-

Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:15 a.m. – Worship Service. Chapel.

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

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

2:00 p.m. – Youth Group Meeting. Youth Rm.

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

6:30 p.m. – Board of Trustees. Meeting Rm. 155.

Thursday, March 28, 2019

1:00 p.m. – Christian Doctrine & Apologetics. Meeting Rm. 155.

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm./Sanctuary.

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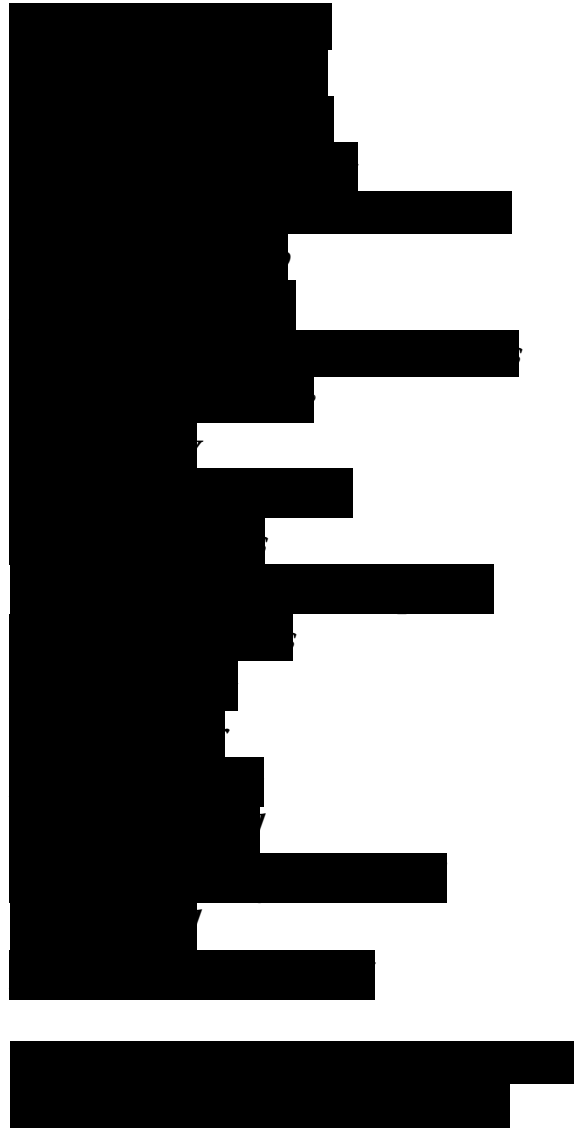
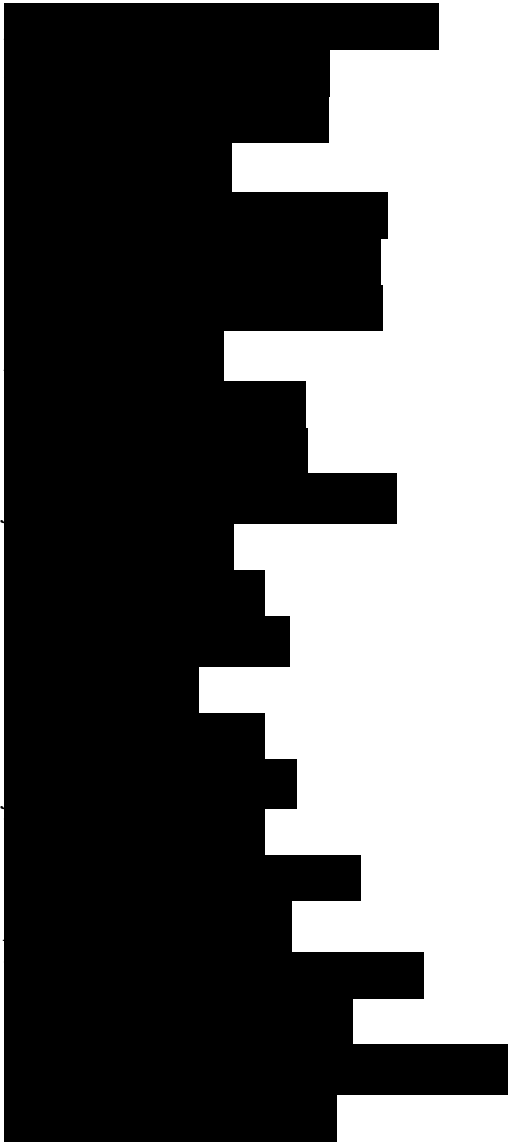
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-Let Us Pray For-

Prayer Focus:

*Mayor Willey, Easton Town Council, Talbot County Council. 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.*





## St. Mark's Bus Ministry

St. Mark's Bus Ministry is in need of bus drivers & assistants. On Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. & Sunday, March 31 at 2 p.m., Eric Steward, Bus Ministry Coordinator, is providing a bus training for drivers & assistants. You only need to attend one day. Drivers can be ages 21 & older and must have a valid Driver's License (a CDL is not necessary!)

This ministry offers church members the opportunity to provide vital ministry to those who are not able to drive themselves to church. Members who attend the 8:15 & 11 a.m. services are best suited for this ministry since they do not need to miss church services to participate. The bus service is only offered at this time for the 11 a.m. service. For further information, contact Eric Steward at 443-786-4175 or sign up in the Gathering Area. Participants will meet in the church parking lot.

St. Mark's UMC



For Adults and children

**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

**Come and Stay as long as you like! (Room 206)**

Help Us Make Fabric Bracelets  
For Operation Christmas Child

**Participants will also have the option to take a bracelet home.**

**All Materials Provided**

**However, feel free to bring extra:**

**Colored Embroidery Floss, Fabric strips (cut to 1/2" x 42")**

**Small beads & stones,**

**Additional bracelet samples will be on display in the Gathering Area on Sunday March 24th.**

# St. Mark's Mission is:

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

<b><u>Our Worship:</u></b>	<u>3/10</u>	<u>3/17</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship	59	59
9:30 A.M. Worship	107	163
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>96</u>	<u>103</u>
Total Worship Attendance	262	325
Sunday School Attendance	72	61

## **Our Tithes & Offerings** (March 17, 2019)

Total Amount Received Last Week	\$	10,851.00
Total for Operations	\$	6,599.00
Total for Maintenance	\$	118.00
Total for Mortgage	\$	1,557.00
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$	8,344.00
Other	\$	2,502.00
Sunday School Offering	\$	75.00

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](http://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







Quality Crafts

March

In addition to packing a shoebox on your own this year, we are collecting **new** items to place inside shoeboxes throughout the year. Then in November, we will have a Church Packing Party! For the month of March we are collecting **Handmade Quality Crafts** for Operation Christmas Child. A child will probably only get one box in their lifetime and they deserve a box full of good, **new** items. A collection basket has been placed in the Gathering Area for donations. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Avey in the church office: (410) 822-0001 x305.

### Church Staff

Rev. Ed Kuhling, Pastor [ekuhling@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:ekuhling@stmarkseaston.org)

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Dr. William F. Wharton, Organist

David Cherry, 9:30 Music Director

Karen Reed, Church Administrator [kreed@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:kreed@stmarkseaston.org)

Erica Kirby, Bookkeeper [accounting@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:accounting@stmarkseaston.org)

Bill Gunther, Building Superintendent

Sarah Ewing, Pre-School Director St. Mark's Preschool

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## Order your Easter Flowers



We would love your help in decorating to enhance our Sanctuary for Easter worship services. The form below will allow you to decide what you would like to do. All gifts will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

**\* Please note: Pastor Ed is allergic to lilies. \***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of living person)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of deceased person)

All 6 inch pots are **\$10.00 each - colors will vary**

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of Tulips

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of Hyacinths

\_\_\_\_\_ No. of Daffodils

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation Only, No flowers 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: Easter Flowers

**Orders must be received by Sunday, March 31, 2019**

***On March 31<sup>st</sup> we will hold all THREE  
worship services instead of ONE.***



## **April 7th, Lenten Cantata Sunday**

**We will worship with music and scripture as the  
Choir presents**

**“A Love So Wondrous”**

**A movement of Word and Song**

**This cantata will highlight the Lenten journey of  
reflection and repentance as we consider the  
steps the path that Jesus undertook towards the  
cross for the redeeming of the world.**

If you haven't downloaded our App for Pushpay what are you waiting for?

Can't make it to church? You can catch up on the Pastor Ed's message on the App!

Wondering what events are coming up? You can check them out on the App!

Instructions for downloading are below.



how can i give?

**ONLINE:**  
<https://pushpay.com/pay/stmarkseaston>

**MOBILE:**  
Text stmarkseaston  
to 77977

**ENVELOPE:**  
Cash & Check

\*Message & data rates may apply.

It's easy as 1, 2 ,3!