

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

MAY 2019

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Our Vision:

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

Dear Members and Friends,

As I was driving back from Oxford (YES...it was an Ice Cream run!) last week, I read a bumper sticker that simply said "Bible: Basic Information Before Leaving Earth." I like that. The Bible is God's basic information about what is right, wrong, good, and evil, real and false, temporary or eternal. If you follow the instructions of God's word, you will never lose your way. I love the Bible. It is God's love letter to me and you.

This morning as I sit in my church office I see the picture of my Mom (I mention this because Mother's Day is coming up) and I give thanks to God for my parents and their marriage. The picture I am looking at is the picture she gave my Dad over seventy years ago. She wrote on this picture, "Lovingly yours, Martha". I wondered what this picture must have meant to my Dad and how it made him feel when he looked at the picture with those beautiful words written in my Mom's handwriting. I wondered if it sat in his office, and did he look at it as I look at it seventy years later. The picture stands as a symbol of their love for each other. Listen, the Bible is God's love letter to you and me. In the Bible God shares His heart, His encouragement, His wisdom, His hope, His love, His strength, His guidance, and His truth for you and me. You can read the Bible as a book of great historical significance and a fine piece of literature. You can read it to get information and knowledge, but the Bible is personal. I hope you will read it as a love letter. It is written to you. It has your name written all over it. If you will just ponder its words and listen to God's voice, God's word will transform your life. There's simply no other book so practical, and it equips us to face everyday issues head-on and victoriously. The greatest tragedy is for a Bible to be gathering dust on the coffee table while its owner is getting tossed around by life and beat up by Satan.

Over the last nine months Linda and I have enjoyed serving and being a part of the St. Mark's UMC family. We feel very blessed to be able to serve here and get to know everyone. I look forward to the years ahead as we grow together in Christ, friendship, and service to Easton and beyond. I truly believe if a person would spend time every day in God's word, it will change their life. I want to encourage you to start, or continue having a strong devotional life. There are so many wonderful devotional books out there (you may already know my favorite – Jesus Calling), and I want to encourage you to find a good devotional book. But the greatest book of all to read is to simply every day read a little bit of God's word. Hide it in your heart, and let it transform your life.

Blessed is the man who walks NOT in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the river of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither, and whatever he does shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

Happy Mother's Day and every day!

Lovingly Yours,

Pastor Ed

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Claude & Carolyn Edwards, on their 65th wedding anniversary, May 22.

Royal & Nancy Tysdal, on their 65th wedding anniversary, May 29.

Rod & Joan Wolff, on their 55th wedding anniversary, May 30.

GIFTS IN HONOR OF Della Andrew by Paul & Bobbie Ayers.

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Don Swann by Wade & Janice Dudrow, Howard & Jane Keller, Steven Kinlock, James & Betty Crothers, Della Andrew, Winnie & Polly Carroll, Dan & Pearl Swann, Peter & Joyce Bailey, William Duncan, Carol Armstrong, Bernie Grove, Meadowdale Farm, Clifford Stafford, Gail Lewis, Don & Jadwigs Hargett, Richard Hubbard, George & Lorri Wilson, Jr., F. Reed & Mary Ellen Leaverton, Robert & Eenie Burris, Susan Divilio, Jim & Sheila Scott, Raymond Harrison, Jr. & families, Brent & Cindy Spurry, Richard & Anna Williams, Garey & Donna Kostens, Chad & Laurie Knox, W. David Hill, D.D.S., Ann Howard, David & Betty Price, Mary & Leland Newcomb, Frances Elliott Taylor, Wesley & Marie Jones, Glenn & Lynne Gannon, Corinne C. Taylor.

Don Casson by Dan & Pearl Swann, Keith & Susan Leaverton, Mark B. Trevor. & Deborah N. Kudner, Bobbie & Paul Ayers.

Eleanor Polkinghorn by David & Jackie Dianich, Wade & Janice Dudrow, Jim & Sheila Scott.

LET US PRAY FOR

Candlelight Cove - Joy Kyak, Mary Rabenhorst

Londonderry - Liz Lechthaler

Heartfields - Jim & Wanda Denny

Bayleigh Chase - Gardens - Ted Lewers, Elva Eareckson

Bayleigh Chase (Dutchman's) Lois Dabbert

Autumn Lake Health - Nettie Robinson, Ruth Pippin, Lee Walker

AT HOME

Deborah Henry	Sharon Maisano
Bruce Hotchkiss	Ruby Carter
Cathy Tull	Phyllis Carroll

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

GySgt. Harold S. Brice/USMC

CPT. Jacob Shores/ U.S. Army

Sgt. Sarah Royer Golden/USMC

**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

Always in our hearts



thank you

THANK YOU

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the beautiful card & your thoughts & prayers. I am doing well & taking therapy 3 times a week. I've missed you all & look forward to seeing all of you. Fondly, Eve Reeley

THANK YOU

Dear Denise Quinn & Prayer Shawl Ministry Ladies,

I personally want to thank you all for the lap robe that I received from the ladies in the group, personally delivered by Corinne. It came at the right time. Perfect size & right color. Thank you all very much! Matthew S. Cunningham

THANK YOU

behalf of my children Cynthia, Donald, Leslie, Richard & myself, I wish to thank all of you for your many expressions of love & support during the extended illness & passing of our father & husband Donald on February 11th.

We felt the presence of your support & it was apparent that God was there for all of us. Due to my eye condition I have been unable to thank all of you individually. But know that we all thank you for being there for us. Our St, Mark's family is the greatest. Sara Lou & Family

St. Mark's Scholarships Program

St. Mark's is accepting applications for the St. Mark's Scholarship. Applicants must a member of the church & be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program or must be a graduating senior from high school planning on attending college in the Fall. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2019. Applications can be picked up in the church office.

Please consider making a donation to the Scholarship Committee. This worthy program runs on donations from our church family. To donate, please indicate "scholarship fund" in memo line of your check. A fund has been opened on our Pushpay app as another way to give! Thank you for your support.

Jen Eames, Scholarship Chair



Christian Education and Youth Group News

Starting on Wednesday, May 1st our Youth Group will now be meeting on Wednesday afternoons immediately after school for the remainder of the season. A special “THANK YOU” to all the volunteers who recently helped give our Youth Group Room a new colorful look! In addition to our main room, we also have a new Youth Game Room complete with an air hockey table, ping-pong table and foose ball table. If you haven’t visited upstairs in our education building lately, we invite you to come check it out in person!





May Worship Notes

8:15 Traditional in the Chapel

9:30 Contemporary in the Sanctuary

11:00 Traditional in the Sanctuary

May 5th Celebration of Holy Communion

Communion servers for May

9:30 Worship

Victoria Laureska

Curt Booth

Amy Steward

11:00 Worship

Laura Sydnor

Inez Smock

Barbara Friedman

Judy Lawrence

May 12th Mother's Day

May 26th Memorial Day Weekend

(Last Sunday for the 9:30 service in the Sanctuary)

June 2

Celebration of Holy Communion

First Sunday in the Park

June 2nd @ 3pm

St. Mark's Concert Series

continues with special guest

Dr. Mark A. Boyle, Tenor

Director of Choral Activities at Seaton Hill University

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

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

musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org

This year's Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for the evenings of July 29th thru August 2nd. Prepare yourself for a little barnyard mayhem as participants will learn about life on the farm and about the life of Joseph in the Bible – and mostly, about God's faithfulness.



Spring
DINNER



SAVE THE DATE!!

United Methodist Women

Spring Dinner

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00

Speaker: Jayne Fitzgerald of Talbot Partnership

Chicken, rolls, beverage and dessert will be furnished. Everyone is asked to contribute \$3.00 and a dish to share.

Watch for registration form in weekly bulletins.



We have been visited by John the Baptist, a witness in the temple, Pontius Pilate, Nicodemus & a disciple. These biblical characters have brought the Word of God right before us.

Thank you Pastor Ed for taking us on a journey into the Holy land to learn more about the life of Jesus. Can't wait to see what you have in store next.



MAY 10, 2019

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

The staff has joined together to do this fundraiser to help pay down the mortgage. Help us make our goal of \$2,500 to put towards the principle! Join with us so we can better enable St. Mark's "To share the love of Jesus with and through the people of Talbot County and beyond."

**PRE-ORDER YOUR
DINNERS NOW!**

\$11.00 PER TICKET

**INCLUDES
½ CHICKEN, 2 SIDES,
ROLL, AND DESSERT!**

**TICKETS ON SALE
UNTIL MAY 8!**

**CONTACT BILL
GUNTHER FOR MORE
INFORMATION!**

443-786-4808

**DINNERS CAN BE
PICKED UP FRIDAY,
MAY 10, FROM
12:00PM-6:00PM IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

*diners must be pre-ordered
*tickets are required to pick-up your
orders

International Organ Competition in Miami, Florida

Our Organist, Bill Wharton, along with some 600 other people, attended the 2019 Miami International Organ Competition on Feb. 22nd. This ninth annual international competition was sponsored by the organ builder Fratelli Ruffatti of Padua, Italy & the Church of the Epiphany. The organ event is “intended to encourage & recognize talented young organists under the age of thirty” & offers four prizes ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to winners who are judged under professional musical competition rules.

Some thirty applicants from all over the world sent preliminary recordings of their playing to a panel of judges. From that group another semi-final round judges choose three finalists. During the Feb. 22nd performance, the finalist judges (two American & one Italian) were hidden behind a curtain so as not to see but only hear the players’ performances. Each contestant was given 25 minutes to demonstrate their talents & skills. Moreover, the three performers had different individual styles of how to play their musical selections & how they approached using the organ.

The finalists included Tyler Boehmer from America who won first place, Joseph Russell from Canada who won second prize, & Ilaria Centorrino from Italy who won the third & audience prizes. A unique feature of the competition was the audience being allowed to vote for its favorite player!

The Fratelli Ruffatti Organ at Epiphany is very similar to the organ at St. Mark’s in size & style except that the Fuffatti is located entirely in the balcony & sounds directly into a highly reverberant acoustical space. Most unusual is the “oval egg-like” design of the organ case which helps project the sound into the huge church space.



The first picture is the “egg-like” organ case in the balcony at Epiphany Church, Miami, FL; second picture is the three competition winners, seated Ilaria, Tyler, & Joseph; third picture is Dr. Bill Wharton standing by the second organ console which plays the balcony organ from the front of the church & is used for public recitals.



United
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Women

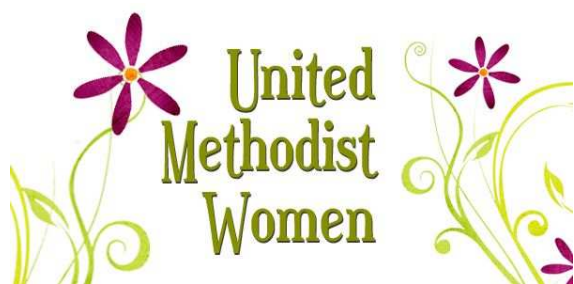
UMW May Circle Meetings:

**Tabitha Circle Monday, May 6,
7:00 pm at Lindsey Steele's
home.**

**Esther Circle Tuesday, May 7,
10 am at Bayleigh Chase**

**Mary Circle Tuesday, May 7, at
Janice Dudrow's home**

**Sarah Circle Tuesday, May 14,
7:00 pm at Fanchon Griffin's
home**



St. Mark's 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, May 14th at 6:30 pm in room 155 in the church. For this year, we are studying the Book of Proverbs.

On April 13th a small group of men worked on the St. Mark's Cabin and grounds at the Pecometh Camp and Retreat Center for its annual Volunteer Day. Repairs this year were minimal since we have done extensive work the last three years to the structure. Many thanks to Jim Scott, Tom Barwick and Dick Van Gilder for a job well done on a rainy Saturday.

Easter Sunday, the men set-up, cooked, served and cleaned-up their annual breakfast beginning at 7:00 am until 10:00 am. The breakfast menu included favorites like eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrapple and scalloped apples were served along with a new bread/toast station. The breakfast was offered free of charge to the church.

In May, we will be tackling a project in the St. Mark's Pre-school playground. More on this when we size-up the project. Also, please mark June 1st on your calendar as the men work with Habitat For Humanity on the Port Street Project. We work with Habitat the first Saturday every other month and June is our next scheduled work date. We do all kinds of construction and have experienced leadership on-site so we do the job correctly

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.



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ladies Circle			1	2	3	4
Meetings on Page 10						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion					Chicken dinner pickup 12-6 pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
2-4 Youth Group		6:30 p UMM				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
2-4 Youth Group	6:30 p Missions Committee/155	6:30 p Trustees	1pm Prayer Shawl Ministry/155			
		6:30 p UMW Spring Dinner				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
2-4 Youth Group Park service starts 9:45 a Idlewild Park	Memorial Day- Church Office closed					
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2-4 Youth Group						

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

10:30 am Prayer Group in Chapel

THURSDAY

1:00 pm Christian Doctrine Course
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir


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