

# 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

JUNE 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 write this Newsletter Article, we are coming up on the season of June Weddings and Graduations. It is a time when we honor and congratulate those who have done the hard work and have graduated from high school and college. As I thought about the life transition moment of graduation, I recall a story I read by Tony Campolo of something that happened in his church one Sunday morning. It was graduation Sunday, and graduates were coming forward to tell of their plans and their hopes for the future. Some said they were going to be a doctor and some said they were going to be a lawyer, a professor, an engineer, a teacher.

As each one of those students spoke, Campolo said the old pastor who had been the minister in that church for well over thirty years, was getting a little nervous and impatient. Finally, when they got done, he said the old minister got up and said, "Now, my little children, before we go home, there are a few things I need to say to you."

And he said, "Now young people, you have lots of goals and dreams and ambitions and plans for your life and that's nice, but let me tell you something, and I want you to listen closely. One of these days you are going to die and they are going to take you out to the cemetery and they are going to drop you into a six foot hole. They are going to throw dirt in your face and then they are all going to go back up to the church and eat fried chicken and potato salad." (You know it's true!) He said, "Listen, when you came into this world everyone was laughing, and you were the only one crying. And now when you go out of this world, the question is whether everyone is going to be crying and you are going to be the one laughing." And he said, "The whole thing hinges on this: whether or not you are going to live your life for titles or for testimonies. Young people," he said, "don't live your life for titles. That's small stuff. Live your life to be a testimony. Make a difference in this world."

Those are powerful words (better than mine for sure), not just for our graduates but for all of us. The bottom line is that titles mean nothing. Testimonies mean everything. Love God unreservedly, love people unconditionally, live unselfishly, and you will have a profound difference-making testimony and the world will be better because of you.

Share what God has done for you. Share your testimony. Have a wonderful Summer!

Peace,

*Pastor Ed*

**Park Service begins Sunday, May 26th at 9:45 a in Pavilion at Idlewild Park**

**New Member Orientations June 18 & June 19**

**Last Youth Group Meeting before Summer break Wednesday, June 5th.**

**PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

**Buzz & Pat Jones** on their 67th wedding anniversary, June 5th.

**Chivy & Sandy Wieland** on their 51th wedding anniversary, June 15.

**Tom & Hannah Alnutt** on their 64th wedding anniversary, on June 26th.

**Al Miller** on his 90th Birthday on June 29th.

**Dave & Jackie Dianich** on their 57th wedding anniversary, June 30th.

**Bob & Anita Guenther** on their 61th wedding anniversary, on July 11th.

**GIFTS IN MEMORY OF**

**Steve McCarty** by Susan P. Divilio.

**Eleanor Polkinghorn** by Robert, Donald & Ellen Sinclair, Sharon Maisano, Gladys Makovsky, Charles & Sandra Wieland & Della Andrew.

**Don Casson** by Heather & Roger Crow, Eileen McCarthy.

**Don Swann** by Joseph & Marian Emerson.

**Rick Schumacher** by Jim & Sheila Scott, Gladys Makovsky, Della Andrew, Robin Davenport & Scott Patterson, Michael & Terri Layton, Tom & Betty Barwick, Joan Christine Young, Sara Jane Davidson, Donald & Theresa Trader, Susan & Robert Merriken, Charles & Christine Streaker, Audrey Gunn, Eleanor Crowder & Julie K. Andrews, Larry & Julie Weaver, Cory Buxton, Jay & Diane Nave & The Vingt Cing Club.

**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, Art & Louise Shelby

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

**AT HOME**

Betty Fleming	Deborah Henry
Sharon Maisano	Bruce Hotchkiss
Ruby Carter	Cathy Tull
Phyllis Carroll	Charlotte Higgins
Howard Higgins	

**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

## New Member Orientation Class

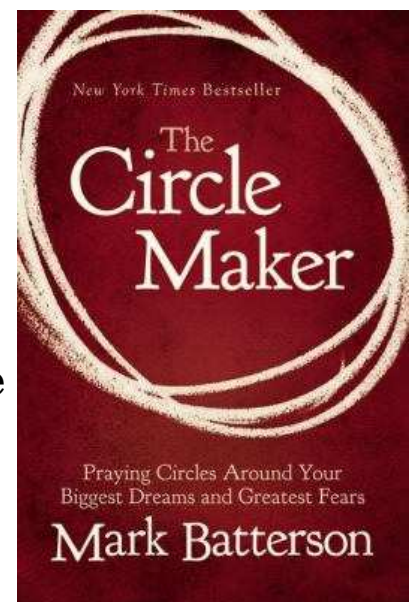
Thinking about becoming a member? Pastor Ed will be holding two new member orientations. **Tuesday, June 18th 10:00 am to 11:30 am** & **Wednesday, June 19th 7 pm to 8:30 pm**. Both sessions will be held in the Chapel. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Mark's look for the sign up sheets in the Gathering space or contact the church office 410-822-0001.

## Prayer Challenge!

Jump into the 40 day Prayer  
Challenge

Beginning June 17th Pastor Ed is  
issuing a 40 Day Prayer Challenge! We  
will spend 40 Days **BOLDLY** praying  
for ourselves, for our church and for  
our community.

Just sign up in Gathering space  
before June 5th so a book can be ordered for you.



# Volunteers & Donations Needed for Vacation Bible Camp!



We would love for you to help us here on  
our farm July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the planning & decorating prior to the event this year. We need also volunteers to help during the event with storytelling, crafts, games, registration and serving food.

Our first donation request is for fruit punch & juice drink boxes. (Any flavor.)

Also, please check the church bulletin and the St. Mark's UMC Facebook page in the weeks leading up to our camp for our Farm Fresh themed donation needs.

**If you are interested in helping, donating or have any questions, please contact:**

**Wendy Avey, Director of Christian Education**

[christianed@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:christianed@stmarkseaston.org) or call (410) 822-0001 x305



## June Worship Notes

8:15 Traditional in the Chapel

9:30 Contemporary in the Sanctuary

### May 26th First Sunday in the park!

This more casual service will start again on **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am**, at the Idlewild park pavilion. Wear your shorts & bring your lawn chairs, blankets, & little people! Bring your neighbors too!

***We are still looking for help lead some of the music and new folks to help with the sound system set up.*** If you are not already involved with serving at the Park, please contact me either by phone at the church (410-822-0001), or email me at [musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org)

### Communion servers for June 2

#### Park Service

Ann Yingling, Alyssa Baker  
Amy Hontz, Claudia Knox

#### 11:00 Worship

Raymond Harrison, Laura Sydnor  
Maggie Mayo, Marcia Kirby

**June 9th** *Pentecost, the birthday of the Church!*

### June 30th

5th Sunday, One service at 10 am with a grill fest and potluck afterwards

Come to church, stay to fellowship and finish the afternoon at the Americana concert!

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Come and Ring With us!

Are you interested, or curious, just in awe and wonder about playing in a bell choir?

We are resurrecting our Bell Choir and want to invite you to be a part of it! If you have ever been a part of the bells (at our church or somewhere else), or are curious about trying something new, please let me know!

We are beginning Wednesday, May 29, at 6pm in the bell room. Call or email if you have any questions or would like more information.

**St. Mark's Concert Series  
continues with special guest**

**Dr. Mark A. Boyle, Tenor  
Director of Choral Activities at  
Seaton Hill University**

**June 2nd @ 3pm**

**"A fine musician with an exciting voice"**

**St. Mark's annual**

***Americana Concert***

**June 30th 1:pm**

After our fellowship time on this 5th Sunday.

Come celebrate the American idea in word and song featuring our Choir and Congregational musicians as well as some special guests and friends

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

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

**[musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org)**

# Mark Your Calendar!



## Join Us on Our Farm July 29<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup> For Vacation Bible Camp

Ages 3 – Middle School

FREE Dinner will be served at 5:30pm

FREE Activities 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Registration will open on June 3<sup>rd</sup> on  
the church website:

[www.stmarkseaston.org](http://www.stmarkseaston.org)

## CAREPACK PROGRAM

As part of St. Mark's mission we support the Easton Elementary School CarePack program. This is a program to fight hunger in our community.

The EES website states-"The need extends across all boundaries of race & ethnicity...At EES all students receive a free breakfast. Many also eat a free lunch every day. But what happens on the week-ends? Our goal...is to provide every eligible student with a backpack filled with healthy, easily accessible meals & snacks every Friday afternoon so that when students return to school on Mondays they are well nourished & ready to learn"

You can help by depositing the following items in the designated box between May 19 & June 23.

small applesauce cups

small fruit cups

individual boxes of cereal or oatmeal

We will repeat this program again for a month in the Fall.

Thank you. Mission Committee



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was  
thirsty and you gave me something to drink  
Matthew 25: 35

## St. Mark's Scholarships Program

St. Mark's is accepting applications for the St. Mark's Scholarship. Applicants must be 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 17, 2019**. Applications can be picked up in the church office.

Please consider making a donation to the Scholarship Fund. This worthy program runs on donations from our church family. To donate, please indicate "scholarship fund" in memo line of your check. Thank you for your support.



Jen Eames, Scholarship Chair

## **St. Mark's Mission Committee**

**Missions Committee** The committee will meet next on May 20<sup>th</sup>. At that time we will review our 2019 draft budget for a second time; which we will review again and finalize in September. As I have mentioned previously, giving thru envelopes is down. The net profit from the Thrift Shop, which is our other source of income, is up only slightly (\$500.) for the year to date. Since the missions fund has a cushion from previous years, at this point I do not anticipate having to reduce our giving to our Local Mission Partners (LMPs) or our foreign mission projects this year.

The members of the missions committee have been conducting visits with our LMPs. Two have not been completed yet. As the reports are turned in, I read the profile form, the notes from the visit by the committee member, the list of the agency's board members & officers, and the most recent year ending profit & loss statement. Sometimes this also requires some follow up (i.e. returning the audit report and getting a profit & loss statement). This has become complicated—stretching out for months. In July, we use the profile forms to create a booklet each year in place of the Markings. Rev. Moore started this when he was here.

Other business at our meeting will include an update on the use of our Needy Fund, news from our foreign mission people/projects, and other program/project reports—anything from our food pantry to the Board of Child Care, Eastern Shore Campus, etc.. The major project at this time of year is planning for our appreciation luncheon for the Thrift Shop volunteers and church staff.

**Panera Bread:** Different members of our congregation (currently Eva Reeley, Jeff & Debbie Morton, John & Marilyn Morris, and Carolyn Hester) are continuing to pick up the left over Panera Bread's baked goods on Saturday evenings around 9:15PM. Dick VanGilder helps me on Sunday mornings at 7:30am to organize the baked goods to get to others. Mostly we have between 2 to 5 boxes of various types of breads/sweets. We can always get the sweets &, at this time of year, just a small amount of breads to people on Sunday. Then Bob Gosser takes the rest of the breads to the Chesapeake Center on Monday morning.

**Church pantry:** The pantry is well stocked. In addition, Judy Leight will be putting up a collection box for specific food items for the Talbot County Public School's care packs project. Also, a member of our congregation has asked that we support the Elks Club's project of collecting personal hygiene items for the veterans at Perry Point Hospital medical center. At our meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be discussing how best to get this new project set up.

Della Andrew



Join us on Sunday, June 30, 2019

**For our 5th Sunday  
Combined Worship at 10:30 am**

**Summer Pot Luck in Fellowship  
hall at 11:30 a.m.**

**Bring your favorite salad, side or  
dessert to share!**

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & drinks  
will be provided**

**Contest on best Patriotic hat & tie!**

**Ladies wear your best  
Patriotic Hat**

**Men wear your  
best Patriotic Tie**

**See sign up sheet in  
Gathering Space**

**Americana Concert  
at 1:00 p.m.**



United  
Methodist  
Women

### **UMW June Circle Meetings:**

#### **Tabitha Circle**

June 5, 2019 Doc's in Oxford, at 7 p.m. Carpooling from church at 6:30 pm

#### **Esther Circle**

June 4, 2019 at the Tidewater Inn.

#### **Mary Circle**

June 4, 2019 at Country Club

#### **Sarah Circle**

June 11, 2019 at the Home of Pat Jones. Carpool from the church at 6:15 pm



### **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 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in room 155 in the church. For this year, we are studying the Book of Proverbs.

On Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> a group of men will work on the Habitat for Humanity project on Port Street in Easton. Jim Scott handles this project for the men and all men and their sons are invited to help from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Come out and pound some nails with us.

In June we will be tackling a project in the St. Mark's Pre-school playground. We will remove an old sand box and re-establish the area.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in room 155. This is our last meeting until August 13<sup>th</sup> as we don't meet in the summer month of July.

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](mailto: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.

Roger Eareckson, UMM President



# June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Ladies Circle Meetings on Page 10</b>						<b>1</b>
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Communion Concert @3pm			2:45 pm Youth Group 6p Bell Choir /Music Rm.			
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
		6:30p UMM	6p Bell Choir			
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
		9:30a UMW/155 10a NMO/Chapel	1p Prayer Shawl Ministry/155 7p NMO/Chapel			
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
		6:30p Trustees				
<b>30</b>	Worship 10:30a Potluck 11:30a Concert 1:00p					

## Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY

8:15 am Worship Chapel  
9:45 am Worship in Idlewild Park Pavilion  
11:00 am Worship Services Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY

10:30 am Prayer Group in Chapel  
6:00 pm Bell Choir

### THURSDAY

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

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**Join us for our 5th Sunday of Worship!**

**Sunday, June 30th at 10:30 am**

**Summer Pot Luck at 11:30 am in Fellowship hall**

**Americana Concert at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

**Patriotic Men's Tie & Ladies Hat Contest**

**See page 9 for more details**

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 generosity  
 simple...**



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