

# 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

AUGUST 2019

Dear Members and Friends,

Last week I was reading my daily devotion on my phone (yes, I said phone...old dogs can learn new tricks!) I was really taken back and thank God for his timing. This devotion was so awesome that I wanted to share it with everyone! The scripture was this:

*With my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding*  
*1 Corinthians 14:15*

Then the devotional posed a question to think about, which went like this: In one church the piano is out of tune, the sound system buzzes, the hymnals are dog-eared, and few in the congregation can sing on key. In another church, the building is an historic treasure, the choir is robed, singing is accompanied by organ and an orchestra, and the service moves with flawless precision. The question they asked was; In which church is worship taking place? The choices are: Either or neither or both. Why?

This made me stop and really ponder and I realized I cannot answer that question! The reason I struggled to answer was God's timing, was God's teaching this old dog another new trick? A few weeks ago at our 8:15 service, I felt the Holy Spirit say to me don't preach today, just pray as a church family. I have to tell you I struggled because church (in my mind) was to move in flawless precision according to the bulletin. (Oh, I still have far to go at times!) Who knows what would have happened if I was obedient to that thought placed on my heart? Your Pastor fell short that day. (I am being real with you)

So when I read this devotion, I needed to be reminded (again) that true worship is led by the Holy Spirit, and when it is, it will be beneficial to all God's children. It is not about a buzzing sound system, singing in tune, or following the bulletin. Worshipping God, wherever we are, only goes as far as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us. He leads us in many ways, for example through God's Word, Songs of Praise, and preaching. We must continue to open ourselves up to accept the insight and understanding he provides us. What is needed most during worship is that we prepare ourselves to meet God. We must come before God with open hearts and seek His presence on a daily basis. This happens at home, or whatever kind of church we attend.

I am coming to realize that no amount of education, natural gifts, or refinement is going to help us worship God better. What is needed most in every believer is a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said when He left this earth, He will send the Holy Spirit to teach every believer everything we need to know and to remember. It is our openness to the Holy Spirit that will make a difference in our lives and the life of our church.

Have a wonderful rest of the Summer!

Peace,

*Pastor Ed*

Will you share your email address with us? If you have an email address and it is not registered with us or if your email address has changed, would you please share it with us by emailing [churchoffice@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:churchoffice@stmarkseaston.org).

We are sending this and future issues to those of you with email addresses if you have so requested. If you are interested in receiving your issues by email and have not yet requested, please contact the church office.



## ***Our Vision:***

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

**Last Park Service Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 9:45 am in Pavilion at Idlewild Park**

**Jubilee Choir to resume! See page 3 for details.**

**Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 8, 2019**

**PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

Arnold & Pauline Spicer on the 70th wedding anniversary, on June 25th.

**GIFTS IN HONOR OF**

Bobbie Ayers on her birthday, by Della Andrew.

**GIFTS IN MEMORY OF**

Mary Bell Callahan by Reinhardt & Karen Sahmel.

Don Casson by The Talbot Twelve Foundation, Michael & Kellie Souza.

Eleanor Polkinghorn by Rita Hamlin.

Dr. Bill Wharton by Bob & Eenie Burris, Mary Granger, Sara Matthews Crowder, Tom & Ethel Mae Cronshaw, Carlton & Polly Whaley, Win & Polly Carroll, James & Linda Barton, Deborah Kudner, Edward & Helen Thieler, Wade & Janice Dudrow, Nancy & Haines Holt, Rod & Joan Wolff, Jim & Sheila Scott, Lee & Gary Royer, Della Andrew, Wally & Judy Leight, Ron & Mary McCarty, Pat Visgaitis, Reinhardt & Karen Sahmel, Dallas & Phylis Pope, Ellen Rajacich, Jackie & David Dianich, Isabelle Bedell, Richard & Joanne Brown, Maria D'Arcy, Deborah Evans, Hubert & Barbara Hoehn, Marion & Calvin Jackson, George Lawrence, Veronica & Edward Rosemary, Thomas Sisca, Lisa Wilson, Marcia Kirby & Pat Langford.

**LET US PRAY FOR**

Talbot Hospice - Charlotte Higgins

Candlelight Cove - Joy Kyak, Mary Rabenhorst

Londonderry - Liz Lechthaler

Heartfields - Jim & Wanda Denny

Bayleigh Chase - Gardens - Art & Louise Shelby, Ted Lewers, Elva Eareckson

Bayleigh Chase - (Dutchman's) Lois Dabbert

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	
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



## August Worship Notes

8:15 Traditional in the Chapel

9:30 Contemporary in the Sanctuary

11:00 Traditional in the Sanctuary

**Jubilee Choir** will resume in August.

We will practice on the third Sunday, August 18 and then sing the following week, August 25th. As of now, we will continue to rehearse on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Sundays of each month, with our presentation on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 8:15am service .

All are invited to be a part of this 8:15 worship ensemble. Come and sing with us! If you might be interested in singing or have questions, please give Scott a call at the church.

The Praise Band, who leads our 9:30 Contemporary service, is in need of new members!

Come be part of this amazing group as it leads us in worship every week. If you play an instrument or would like to sing, please let us know!

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact David Cherry, the groups leader, at [david.cherry@qacp.org](mailto:david.cherry@qacp.org) or 410-310-6603

Keep an eye out, our new server survey will be available soon. We would love everyone who is interested and willing ,to help in worship in some way. Please consider becoming involved in your worship service if you haven't, there are many different ways to serve!

We added a great number of folks last spring and we would love to do the same again!

\*Just a note, once you are on our list, you will continue to be scheduled to help in the same ways as before unless you inform us otherwise. Thank you for serving!

### *Communion Servers for August*

#### 8:15

Betty Todd  
Susan Divilio

#### Park service

Pat Jones  
Victoria Laureska  
Ann Yingling  
Karla Cherry

#### 11:00

Laura Sydnor  
Brad Baker  
Frank and Peggy Candore

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

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**The Youth Group had a sweet time on their recent trip to Hershey Park. Lots of fun was had by all!**



**Joel Milby**



**Liz Krisch**

**Welcome to our newest members!!**



**Bonnie Bidwell**

**\*John Bidwell**

**If you see any of our newest members, please be sure to say Welcome to St. Mark's! If you are considering joining, our next new member classes will be Monday, October 7th or Tuesday, October 8th.**

**\*picture not available**

## Draw the Circle

### 5 week Group Study

**10:00 a.m.—11:30**

**Tuesdays—August 6,13,20,27 &  
September 3**

**7:00 p.m.—8:30**

**Wednesdays— August 8, 15, 22, 29 &  
September 5**

**A time to process, question &  
reflect**

**Sign up in Foyer or at the Pavilion  
at Park service**



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday School will resume on  
Sunday, September 8, 2019 at  
9:30 a.m.**

### **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, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in room 155 in the church. For this year, we are finishing our study of the Book of Proverbs.

On Saturday the 3<sup>rd</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 help someone get a new home that you helped build.

In August, 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. More on this project at our August meeting.

We have committed our group to the 2019 Waterfowl Festival November 8-11 with our famous Rockfish Corn Chowder and Oyster Fritters. Circle this date on your calendars as we will need a lot of help cooking, serving and setting up and cleaning up.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in room 155. This is a change as I will be out of town with my grandson at a golf tournament in Wilmington, Delaware.

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



# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VBC	2 VBC	3
4 Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 12 noon Thrift Shop Lunch	13 6:30p UMM	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 9:30a UMW/155	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 6:30p Trustees	28	29	30	31

## 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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## News from St. Mark's Scholarships Committee

The St. Mark's Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate the 2019 recipients of the St. Mark's Scholarship: Katelynn Cherry, Andrew Thomas & Brendan Wazniak. We wish them all the best with their endeavors in college. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to the scholarship fund. Because of you, we are able to provide students with financial help each year.

Jen Eames, Scholarship Chair