

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

NOVEMBER 2019

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Dear Members and Friends,

You know how I love a great story, when I read this a few weeks ago, I knew I had to share it sometime. Here it is, for Randy Guijarro it turned out to be a good day. On his way home from work he stopped at Fulton's Folly Antique Collectibles in Fresno, CA. There were two boxes of junk that had been cleaned out of a storage place. He went through the stuff in the boxes and picked out three interesting photos, one of which was a 4 by 5 inch tintype. He offered \$2.00 for the pictures because that was all the money he had in his pocket. When he got home and started studying the tintype photo, he got intrigued. The bottom line is it turned out to be a picture of Billy the Kid, the outlaw from the Wild West. It turned out to be only the second authenticated photo of Billy the Kid. Randy Guijarro had found a treasure. His two dollar find is worth \$5 million. Who wouldn't like to find a treasure like that? Honestly, I get excited when I find a treasure of some wadded up money in a coat or pants pocket as I am getting dressed. Isn't it exciting to all of us to find a treasure?

In a few weeks is Thanksgiving (I can't believe it) and this year I personally am so Thankful for many things. I am thankful for living in such a wonderful town like Easton. I am VERY THANKFUL for life, which can be gone in a moment, my family, whose love keeps me going, and my St. Mark's church family, who are there to support, encourage, and challenge me. I am also thankful for a church which helps each other to be more like Jesus. Over the past year it has been exciting to watch people as they find their Personal God, their Identity in Christ, and are turning to God's Word for the truth, as they either continue, or begin to live by God's plan. It has been such a blessing listening to members tell about the joy they experienced as they prayed (and walked) together during 40 Day Prayer Challenge. In Sunday school or Bible Studies the wisdom they found as they delve into God's Word and share that with each other. Those are amazing treasures to which we should be THANKFUL. As you gather around the table this Thanksgiving, WHAT TREASURES ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

The greatest treasures in life come when we order our lives around God's word and God's wisdom. Psalm 119:72 says, "Your instructions are more valuable to me than millions in gold and silver." Spend some time pondering that statement this Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving from Linda and me. GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

Peace, *Pastor Ed*



Our Vision:

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

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Tommy & Betty Barwick on the 51th wedding anniversary, November 1st.

Pastor Ed & Linda Kuhling on their 35th wedding anniversary, November 10th.

Dan & Pearl Swann on their 59th wedding anniversary, November 19th.

Don & Ann Yingling, on their 50th wedding anniversary on November 22nd.

Pete & Joyce Bailey on their 56th wedding anniversary, November 24th.

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

Ted Lewers by Sara Lou Casson, Evelyn Graybeal, Shirley S. Gooch, George & Bobbie Seger, Dr. Edward & Jean Hill, Gloria Gibson, Marsha Waudby, Tom & Cathy Hill, Eunice Shearer, Ed & Marilyn Schmidt, Charles T. Capute, Clara Kettell, James & Sandra Johnson.

THANK YOU

Dear friends at St. Mark's UMC,

Please accept my long overdue thanks for all of your love, care & support during the most tough time in my family's life. Your help got us back on our feet and allowed us to begin rebuilding. We are planning to move in early 2020. We are forever grateful for your help and prayers.

With many thanks,

Judy Eareckson Taylor & family

LET US PRAY FOR

Candlelight Cove - Jane Barton, Jim Delaney, Joy Kyak, Mary Rabenhorst

Londonderry - Liz Lechthaler

Heartfields - Jim & Wanda Denny

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

Bayleigh Chase - Lois Dabbert

Autumn Lake Health - Nettie Robinson

Homestead - Ruth Pippin, Lee Walker

AT HOME

Betty Fleming
Ruby Carter

Sharon Maisano
Phyllis Carroll

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

LCPL. Alexander White

GySgt. Harold S. Brice/USMC

CPT. Jacob Shores/ U.S. Army

Sgt. Sarah 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

Evangelism isn't that difficult. But the right people have to be doing it for it to bear fruit.

HOW DO PEOPLE START ATTENDING CHURCH?

A Friend Invited Me - 86%

Organized Visitation - 6%

Invited by the Pastor - 6%

Advertising - 2%

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It's time to prepare to fill our holiday baskets for the residents at St. Mark's Village. The brown bags will be placed at two locations in the church. Please take ONE or two and fill them. We prepare 25 baskets for Thanksgiving and 25 for Christmas. They need to be back by Sunday, November 17th. By giving to others we show gratitude to God and showing the love of our Heavenly Father.

Thank you, Lee Royer, Missions

Shoebox Sunday at St. Mark's UMC Will be held on November 17th



Please bring your personally packed shoeboxes to church on November 17th to be blessed during the 9:30am Service.

Then...

Come join us in Fellowship Hall after church for an “Inspection/Packing Pizza Party”

That's right! Something new this year! We're having a party! Pizza will be provided for those who help us in Fellowship Hall after church. In previous years, we have inspected the shoeboxes on a weekday morning. We thought it would be fun to find a time where adults & children can come to help with this important part of this mission project. Not only will we be inspecting boxes put together by families at their homes, thanks to donations we have collected throughout the year, we will have extra items to help fill additional boxes. Won't you come join us? Please R.S.V.P. at the information area or contact Wendy Avey at christianed@stmarkseaston.org

pen-del.org/youthrally

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRIES OF THE PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE

inseparable

Zealand

KB

Seth Nirva

speaker Melvin Adams

speaker Erin Weidemann

Citizen Way

Phil Joel

Heather Flies

YOUTH RALLY 2020

JANUARY 10-12

OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

ROUND E. POWELL CONVENTION CENTER

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

ROMANS 8:38-39

It's time to sign up for the 2020 Youth Rally in Ocean City!

You won't want to miss out on all the fun and fellowship with thousands of friends.

This year's line-up includes:

Music by: Zealand, KB, Seth & Nirva, and Citizen Way

Speakers: Egypt Speaks, Erin Weidemann, Heather Flies, Melvin Adams, and Phil Joel

This Youth Rally is for Grades 6-12 only. Adult Chaperones (at least 23 years old) are also needed. Regular registration until 10/16/19 for \$95, additional late registration fees through 12/16/19. For information & registration forms, contact: Wendy Avey, Director of Christian Ed.

St. Mark's Youth Group is open to all students in Grades 6 – 12. Gatherings are held every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month, 2:30-4:30pm in the Youth Room. Additional events are scheduled throughout the year. We are also looking for a few Adult Leaders to help this year. If you are interested in attending, volunteering or for a complete list of scheduled events through January, please email: christianed@stmarkseaston.org

Update on Matching Gift to reduce the our Debt

As a follow up to the Sunday September 15th announcement & letter sent out on the wonderful challenge gift I am pleased to say we are making progress. We are closer to our \$ 100,000 goal & hope if you haven't made your decision that you do it soon.



The challenge -- a wonderful member of our congregation came forward with a challenge to lower the debt principal faster. This member has offered to match dollar for dollar every new dollar we can raise towards mortgage principal pay down up to \$100,000. Our donor wants the match of new dollars paid by December 30, 2019. If you are able to make a gift, please return a pledge card so we can track how we moving toward reaching our \$100,000 goal. As we work together to eliminate our debt, it puts us in a better position to accomplish and fulfill our mission & vision.

St. Mark's Preschool

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I can't help but reflect on all the things I am thankful for. Of course, I am blessed beyond measure in my personal life....but I am also incredibly blessed in my work life as well. We have an amazing group of teachers in our preschool. It is a pleasure working with them daily. They have such an enthusiasm and passion for their jobs and their students. I know they are not working for us for the financial gain, they are here because they love teaching our preschoolers. I am also thankful for our church families who financially support our little school through the Shepherd's Club. Without their love and generosity, we wouldn't be able to provide many enrichment opportunities for our students free of charge. Spanish Classes, Pumpkin Patch visits and assemblies are all made possible with the generosity of our Shepherd's Club members. I am also so very thankful for the UMM and UMW. Both groups have poured out their love and support upon our school. The UMW always remember us in their giving and have helped us purchase new iPads and supplies for our classrooms. UMM are so very generous with their time. They are always willing to lend some "muscle" when we need it. Last month they helped remove an old sand-box from our playground and they filled in some big holes. No more tripping hazards! Thank you so much for everything you ALL do for our school. We need everyone to make this ministry a success.

Sarah Ewing, Director



November Worship Notes

8:15 Traditional in the Chapel
 9:30 Contemporary in the Sanctuary
 11:00 Traditional in the Sanctuary

November 3rd—All Saints Sunday

At each of our services we will remember those members who have joined the church triumphant in this past year (from November 1, 2018 on).

November 10th - Holy Communion

We will serve communion at all three worship services

Come Sing With Us!!

Once again we will present a Christmas Cantata during advent. We invite you to join the Chance Choir in this wonderful advent experience.

Join us on Thursdays, from 8 - 8:30pm,

Advent is such a special time of year, and our holiday music always adds so much to the season. Our cantata this year is "SMALL, Dancing Light", and will be shared in church on December 8th at a combined 9:30 all-church worship.

No previous choir experience is necessary to try out this special event, just a servant's heart, and the desire to make a joyful noise!

ATTENTION! We have started a St. Mark's Children's choir, but it's not too late to join us! Our new choir is K through 5th grade, and meets each Sunday at 9am (before Sunday School) to practice and then sing in worship about every other month. If you have any questions email or call Mr. Scott at the church.

Communion Servers for November

8:15

Linda Kuhling
 Betty Wheedleton

9:30 service

Wendy Cadell
 Hugh Dawkins
 Pat Jones
 Calvin Yowell

11:00

Linda Kuhling
 Barbara Friedman
 Laretta Trefs
 MaryAnn Hicks

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

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

musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org

St. Marks' Missions Committee

Partnering with Talbot County Public Schools I believe that the quality of the education offered by our public school system has an impact on the quality of our community life. In addition, for those of us who attended/graduated from our local schools, we should consider 'paying back'. With all this said and at this time of year, when schools are back in session and programs have settled in, I want to lift up the missions committee's goal to have our church partner with and support the Talbot County Public Schools (TCPS). Chad Nestel joined our committee to take on this project and has begun to lay the ground work to expand what members in our congregation already do. When Chad officially came on board in January, I had asked that those of you who volunteer in our schools, share what you do with Chad. This may be: serving as Character Counts coaches in different schools, helping to collect items for the TCPS's care packs, providing school supplies through different collection sites, volunteering in various school classrooms to provide parties or other activities, helping with the production of school plays, etc., etc. Chad has not received this information which would be helpful as he develops how we can build on what we are already doing and/or new ideas. So if you volunteer with our schools, please let Chad know what you do. His phone # is 410-310-9886 and his email address is Neap7@msn.com.

Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be in the final stages of this project. I hope that your family was able to create a Christmas box for a child, for whom this box may be the only gift he/she receives. And/or that you were able to participate is our church's endeavor as a congregation to fill many more boxes. Our director of education Wendy Avey has done a great job of promoting this endeavor and we pray that this will help St. Mark's provide many more boxes this year. Thanks to everyone who has participated in this great project.

Holiday Food Baskets Lee Royer and her sub-committee will soon be putting together food baskets for 25 residents at St. Mark's Village for the committee to deliver the weekend before Thanksgiving. Then Lee will take an inventory of what we have toward Christmas baskets. If she finds that there are certain items she does not have enough of to do 25 more baskets, she will put out bags for them. So thanks to all who have donated food to this project and 'stay tuned' in case we need more of certain items. The village residents tell us that these are the nicest/most attractive food baskets that are received at the village.

Presentation of Donations Program As I write this report for the newsletter, we have not yet held this program (coming up on the 21st). Hope you were able to attend. It is always interesting to hear from our 20 Local Missions Partners and have them briefly update us on what's new since we meet last year.

Della Andrew

SINGLES MINISTRY

Sundays- lunch after the 11:00 service. Meet by the coffee pots in the gathering area. Last week we enjoyed Genesis on Dover street.

Wednesdays - Bible study in room 209 at 7 p.m. We will be studying the book of James.

Saturday mornings - kayaking, weather permitting! Meet at the Easton Point Landing, Dover Street at 8:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, call Carolyn 443.440.1132

We look forward to seeing you singles at one or more of these events soon!

St. Mark's UMC

Annual Christmas Ornament

COMING SOON!



2018



2019

Once again this year, our Youth Group will be selling ceramic Christmas Ornaments as a fundraiser to help cover the costs of Youth Group activities for the upcoming year. The second in a series, this year's image is another section of the Christian Service Stained Glass Window located in our Chapel.

The new 2019 design will be unveiled & available in late November. For those of you who missed out in purchasing last year's ornament, we still have a few left to purchase to start your personal collection or to give as a gift.

The price for each individual ornament is \$15. Both will be available in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings in late November.



UMW November Circle Meetings

Tabitha Circle - Monday, November 4th
7:00 p.m. at the home of Eileen Heistand

Esther Circle - Tuesday, November 5th
10:00 a.m. at ACTS/Bayleigh Chase

Mary Circle - Tuesday, November 5th
10:00 a.m. Room 206 at church.

Sarah Circle - Tuesday, November 12th at
7:00 p.m. Room 206 at church.

Do all the good **YOU CAN.**
BY all the means **you can.**
 IN ALL THE WAYS **YOU CAN.**
IN ALL THE PLACES
YOU CAN.
 At all the times **YOU CAN.**
 To **ALL THE PEOPLE**
AS LONG **you can.**
as you ever can.

john wesley

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, November 12th at 6:30 pm in room 155 in the church. For this year, we are studying the Book of Proverbs.

We will be once again be serving our famous and fabulous Rockfish Corn Chowder and Oyster Fritters for the Waterfowl Festival, November 8 – 10 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. This year we are in need of four cooks to help us as our regular cooking staff are unavailable this year. If you can help, man or woman, we could sure use it. Please call or email Roger Eareckson and volunteer to help us. Phone number 410-463-0558.

We will be finishing our study of Proverbs this year in our regular meeting dates. Following the completion of this study of the Proverbs, we begin a new bible topic.

We are actively looking to host the annual Valentine's Day Luncheon in February at the church in Fellowship Hall last year. We are looking at dining options and menus with a target date of Sunday, February 16, 2020 after the 11:00 am Service. More to come as we work out the details.

We are working with Dr. Jefferson Labala to sponsor a program entitled "Preventing and Curing Cancer with Food". We are planning to present this program on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. Check the Sunday Bulletin for more information on this important subject presented by one of our most informed members.

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.



November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ladies Circle Meetings listed on Page 10					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
All Saints			2:30p Youth Group			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Communion		6p Charge Conf. Sanctuary	1 p Prayer Shawl		Wedding rehearsal	Wedding
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
OCC/FSH collection & inspection	OCC to center	6:30 p Christian Ed	7pm UMM Chapel			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		6:30p Trustees	1pPrayer Shawl	Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	Office Closed	Bus Trip OCC

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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\$9 Donation

November

We wanted to take a moment to say “THANK YOU” to everyone who has dropped off additional school supplies through the year. Our monthly collections have been very generous & we will have the ability to fully pack each & every shoebox that our church puts together.

As always, families are encouraged to pack their own shoeboxes at home. Empty OCC Shoeboxes will be available in the Gathering Space in early November. Don't forget, a \$9 Donation is required for each box to help with the delivery cost of each box so it reaches a child in need. **For the month of November, we are asking for monetary donations of at least \$9 or more to help cover the cost of additional boxes our church puts together during our “Inspection/Packing Party” being held on Sunday, November 19th.** Please make checks payable to: “ST.MARK'S UMC” & note **Operation Christmas Child (OCC) in the note column.** Please place donations in the designated basket in the Gathering Space (Please do not put donations in the offering plate) or drop off your donations to Wendy Avey in the Church Office.