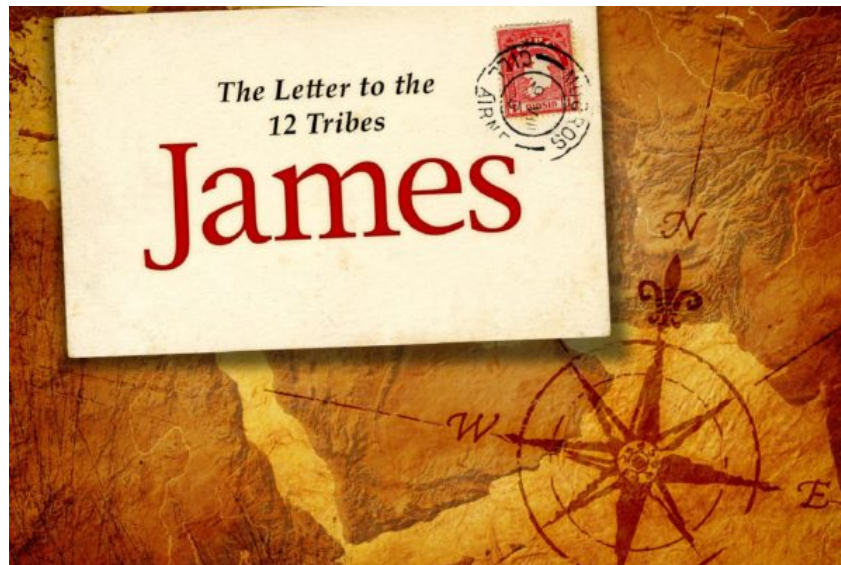


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Hearing Assistance
Available

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

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ WE WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE.....*Ms. Rane Reitz*
"We Gather Together"..... *Carl*

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

In faith, we seek to follow God in our lives.

In faith, the church continually seeks to understand what tasks God has set for us.

In faith, we gather now to worship, knowing that as we reach out to God, God will make us new.

▲ THE OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice the Lord is King"..... *page 715*

▲ THE OPENING PRAYER

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Canadian)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

▲ THE GLORIA

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PSALTER READING

Psalm 25:1-10 with response *page 756-757*

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:15 *Jubilee Singers*
"It Is Good" *Sleeth*
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..... *Ms. Reitz*
"Now Thank We All Our God" *arr. Honoré*

▲ DOXOLOGY.....*page 94*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplift!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

▲ EPISTLE READING

James 4: 7-17*page 1056*
This is the Word of the Lord.. THANKS BE TO GOD!

MESSAGE ... *"Humble Yourself Before the Lord"* *Pastor Ed Kuhling*

▲ HYMN – (Altar is open for Prayer)

"Nearer My God to Thee"*page 528*

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ms. Reitz*
"O Worship the King" *arr. Burkhardt*

(Please be seated during this time of personal reflection)

▲ Indicates Congregation standing as able.

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 memory of Dorothy Sherwood, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Sherwood, Esther S. Trice, Martha S. Callahan & Nellie S. Lewis by Mollie & Charlie Connolly.

THE NURSERY is located in Room 212 for newborns through 18 months only during the 9:30 a.m. service. The Nursery is available for parents to attend to their child's needs during all other services.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE Please see an usher.

-Those Who Serve -

WORSHIP LEADER: (LAYREADER): Dick VanGilder. (8:15). Raymond Harrison. (11:00).

HEAD USHER: Marie Davis. (8:15). Ray Kraeer. (11:00).

USHERS: Gail Lewis & Mary Granger. (8:15). Mary Ann Hicks, Marie Jones & Judy Leight. (11:00).

GREETERS: Gail Lewis & Mary Granger. (8:15). Laura Sydnor, Carmen Pena, Jeff & Debbie Morton & Selina. (11:00).

SOUND TECH: Jeff Morton. (11:00).

COFFEE HOUR: Sally Taylor.

ALTAR GUILD: Bobbie Ayers.

BUS DRIVER: Tripp Ewers. **BUS LEADER:** Dana Callahan.

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

-Announcements-

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY In the United Methodist Church, there are six special Sundays. Through St. Mark's missions fund, our church makes a small donation to each as it occurs each year. **United Methodist Student Day** is one of these and is celebrated each year on the last Sunday in November. Donations here furnish scholarships & loans for students attending United Methodist related and other accredited colleges & universities. There are copies of a small brochure concerning United Methodist Student Day in the gathering area.

DECEMBER 8TH CHRISTMAS CANTATA join us Sunday, December 8th at 9:30 am for our Christmas Cantata "A SMALL, Dancing Light" for the Eastern Shore premier of this most beautiful Advent Cantata.

MR. FIX IT Members If you have nagging little things around the house that need fixing, why not call Mr. Fix-It who would be delighted to address your problem(s). Call the Church Office to arrange for this free service.

THE THRIFT SHOP 410-820-7106 The shop hours are Monday- 10:00am-12:30 pm, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm. Scheduling of volunteers contact Becky VanGilder 410-822-6769 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 carecksonr@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, November 24, 2019 Tabitha Circle Wreath Sale/Gathering Space

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service. Chapel.

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

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.

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

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

6:30 p.m. - Trustees Meeting. Conference Rm.

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

6:00 p.m. - Bell Choir. Music Rm.

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Happy Thanksgiving from the Staff!

Friday, November 29, 2019 Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 30, 2019 Bus Trip to OCC

Sunday, December 1, 2019 "Communion Sunday"

8:15 a.m. - Worship Service. Chapel.

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

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.

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

-Let Us Pray For-

Prayer Focus:

For people who are homeless & hungry.

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.

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January 10th – 12th

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

Save Money & receive a t-shirt by registering early!

This event is for Grades 6-12 only.

(Adult Chaperones must be at least 23 years old.)

Cost is \$105 by November 13th for Late Registration (includes t-shirt)

Price will increase to \$125 November 14th until December 18th (no t-shirt)

For registration forms & details, please contact: Wendy Avey,
christianed@stmarkseaston.com



Lunch after the 11:00 service on Sundays. Meet by the coffee pots in the gathering area.

Bible study in room 209 on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Follow the arrows from the front entrance.

Dancing on Saturday evenings at different locations on the Shore.

Additional events will be added as they come to our attention!

St. Mark's Mission is:

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

<u>Our Worship:</u>	<u>11/3</u>	<u>11/10</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship	66	66
9:30 A.M. Worship	115	107
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>99</u>	<u>102</u>
Total Worship Attendance	280	275
Sunday School Attendance	71	66

Our Tithes & Offerings (November 17, 2019)

Total Amount Received Last Week	\$	31,261.00
Total for Operations	\$	17,151.00
Total for Maintenance	\$	1,332.00
Total for Mortgage	\$	6,508.00
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$	38,391.25
Other	\$	6,160.00
Sunday School Offering	\$	110.00

TALBOT INTERFAITH SHELTER

The Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) is a temporary shelter serving homeless individuals from Talbot County & surrounding areas. The congregation of St. Mark's has supported TIS since its inception. Currently we provide morning (7a to 10a) & evening (7p to 11p) supervision as well as dinner on the 23rd & 24th of each month. Over these years our list of volunteers has declined.

TIS offers an onsite orientation one Saturday a month at their facility at 107 Goldsborough St. Easton, MD. If you are interested in volunteering or attending an orientation please contact Mary Ann Hicks (410-476-7228) or Barbara Friedman (410-763-7263). You can also view their website (talbotinterfaithshelter.org) for more information.

Wreath Sale today!!



As Thanksgiving is quickly approaching & Christmas decorating begins, please consider purchasing a live wreath lovingly decorated by the Tabitha Circle. This is our largest fund raiser of the year & all the money raised goes toward missions either in our own community or globally.

Wreaths will be sold throughout the morning for all three services on Sunday, November 24th. As in years past they are \$35.00.

These wreaths are decorated with love, smell divine, & have lasted through the end of February. Won't you support such a worthy cause?

We thank you for your support!

Sunday, December 15th



Your help is needed!!

Homemade cookies needed! Once again we will be delivering cookie trays to our local police, fire stations, educators, hospital staff & post office. Let's show our appreciation again this year by providing homemade cookies. Please bring them to church on Sunday, December 15th. Our staff & Youth Group will deliver them to those who work so hard to help support our community during the year.



St. Mark's Annual Christmas Dinner &
Concert with Mid-Shore Community Band

Sunday, December 8, 2019

St. Mark's family will gather together for fellowship, dinner & a concert by the Mid-Shore Community Band on **Sunday, December 8th**. We will gather in Fellowship hall at **5:00 p.m.** for a delicious meal provided by *Personal Touch Catering*. Our meal will be

Chicken Casserole, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dinner rolls, ice tea, lemonade & various desserts.

The cost per person is \$8.00, children \$4.00 or \$23.00 for a family.

The dinner is open to church family & guests & the concert which begins at 6:30 p.m. is open to the public. A love offering will be

donated to the Brighter Christmas Fund

Sponsored by the Star Democrat.

We hope to see you there!!

Number attending: _____ Amount Paid: _____

Name:(s) _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

To make a reservation email churchoffice@stmarkeaston.org, or place this form in the offering plate, or mail to the church office.

DEADLINE IS NOON on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

St. Mark's UMC
Annual Christmas Ornament



New for 2019



2018

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.

Order your Poinsettias



We sometimes receive orders for more flowers than we really need & because there are other ways you can help enhance our worship services at Christmas, the form below will allow you to decide what you would like to do. All gifts will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.

I/We _____ Phone _____

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

In honor of _____

(Name of living person)

In memory of _____

(Name of deceased person)

_____ No. of Poinsettias (at \$12.50 each, 6 inch pot)

\$ _____ Donation Only, No poinsettia 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: Poinsettias

Orders must be received by Wednesday, December 11, 2019