

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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January 5, 2020
8:15 & 11:00 Worship Services

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

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS (large print hymnals – ask an usher)

▲ WE WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE.....*Ranee Reitz*

“We Three Kings”*arr. Powell*

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine! Your light has come.

The Glory of the Lord shines like the sun.

Behold, the nations have come to witness God’s light.

Kings, have come to behold Christ’s brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look around.

The glory of the Lord is all around!

▲ THE OPENING HYMN

“The First Noel”*page 245*

▲ THE OPENING PRAYER

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son Our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. 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 72 with response # 1 *page 795*

PLEASE PASS THE ATTENDANCE SHEETS TO THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU – THANK YOU

SPECIAL MUSIC

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*
“O Morning Star How Fair and Bright” *arr. Kosche*

▲ DOXOLOGY..... *page 95*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

▲ GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12 *page 835*
This is the Word of the Lord.. THANKS BE TO GOD!

MESSAGE *“Follow the Star”* *A Wise Man*

HOLY COMMUNION

▲ HYMN – (*Altar is open for Prayer*)

“We Three Kings” *page 254 verses 2,3, &4*

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ms. Reitz*
“As With Gladness Men of Old” *arr. Wold*

(Please be seated during this time of personal reflection)

▲ Indicates Congregation standing as able.

Today’s Altar flowers are given for the Glory of God, in loving memory of parents & brother, Ken, Kitty & John Barwick & her parents, Charles & Betty Sprinkle, by Tom & Betty Barwick.

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.

-Those Who Serve -

LAYREADER: Mike Butler. (8:15). Laura Sydnor. (11:00).

HEAD USHER: Bob Coffren. (8:15). Harry Nagel. (11:00).

USHERS: Linda Kuhling & Betty Wheedleton. (8:15). John Ohler, Bob Thomas, Marie Thomas & Janice Nagel. (11:00).

GREETERS: Linda Kuhling & Betty Wheedleton. (8:15). Bette Kenzie, Regina Taylor, John & Sally Taylor. (11:00).

COMMUNION PREP: Linda King.

COMMUNION SERVERS: Mike & Brenda Forbes Butler. (8:15). Laura Sydnor, Dot Zerlaut.

SOUND TECH: Keith Dixon.

COFFEE HOUR: Carmen Pena.

ALTAR GUILD: Harry & Janice Nagel.

BUS DRIVER: Trippe Ewers. BUS LEADER:

CHURCH OPENING: Lee Newcomb. CLOSING: .

-Announcements-

BUS SERVICE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12th.

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 earecksonr@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, January 5, 2020 "Communion"

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.

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

NO YOUTH GROUP

6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir. Music Rm.

Thursday, January 9, 2020

12:30 p.m. – Christian Doctrine & Apologetics. Meeting Rm. 155.

7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

YOUTH RALLY WEEKEND

Please pray for our Youth & their Chaperones
as they travel to & from Ocean City for the 2020 Youth Rally.

Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:15 a.m. – Worship Service. Chapel.

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

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

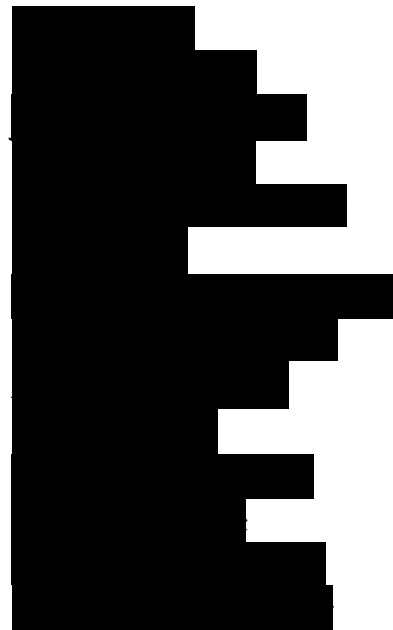
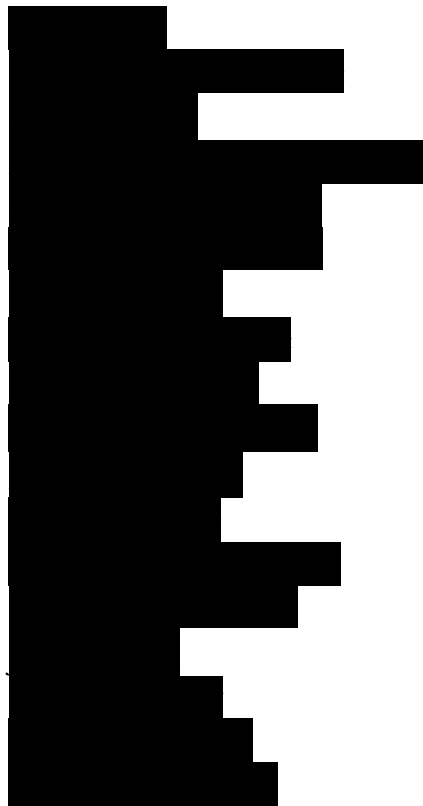
11:00 a.m. – Worship Service. Sanctuary.

-Let Us Pray For-

Prayer Focus:

New beginnings!

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 and 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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Lunch after the 11:00 service on Sundays.
Meet by the coffee pots in the Gathering space,
there is a sign up sheet in the Gathering space.

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

Additional events will be added as they come to our attention!
Contact Carolyn Hester 443-440-1132 with any questions or interest.

Share the gift of Hospitality!

Having the congregation come together between services in the
Gathering Area for light snacks & coffee has been a wonderful time of
Fellowship at St. Mark's.

We are looking for hosts to cover the next several weeks, we have many
openings for the month of January. The coffee will be prepared; we
need snacks & servers. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area on
the information table.

It's fun & easy. Please talk to some friends & come together to cover a
Sunday or two. If you have any questions, contact the church office for
the coordinators contact info.



St. Mark's Mission is:

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

<u>Our Worship:</u>	<u>12/15</u>	<u>12/22</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship	69	80
9:30 A.M. Worship	139	155
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>121</u>	<u>129</u>
Total Worship Attendance	329	364
Sunday School Attendance	64	57

Our Tithes & Offerings (December 22, 2019)

Numbers UPDATED next week

Total Amount Received Last Week	\$	12,590.00
Total for Operations	\$	9,183.00
Total for Maintenance	\$	335.00
Total for Mortgage	\$	2,093.00
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$	40,500.00
Other	\$	979.00
Sunday School Offering	\$	80.00

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 (7am to 10am) & evening (7pm to 11pm) 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.