

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

FEBRUARY 2020

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.

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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,

During the month of February, the world is focused on love. However, as Christians are we not called to love all 12 months of the year? At times we get so busy we forget to show our love or perhaps our love is not patient and kind. Is our love self-seeking, easily angered, or does it keep records of wrongs? So, what should love look like and who do we love?

The story of the Good Samaritan was told by Jesus in response to the question, "and who is my neighbor?" It turns out that neighbors are not necessarily people we know! The Samaritan did not know the man in the ditch (his true neighbor), but he impacted that man's life. Three things made this man (a Jew), the Samaritan's neighbor. First, the Samaritan sees the man's needs. Whenever you see people in pain or need, you are seeing your neighbor. Second, the man in the ditch was the Samaritan's neighbor because their paths crossed. Wherever you are (work, school, or neighborhood) there is your neighbor. Third, the man in the ditch is Jesus! Which means as a follower of Jesus, you are connected to the man in the ditch. *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you as a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'* Matthew 25:35-40

Just as the Word took on flesh and moved into the neighborhood, so must the Good News of Jesus become flesh through us, for our neighbors. Live the Gospel Jesus did!

Don't forget to join us **February 26th at 7:00pm** in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday Service.

Peace,

Pastor Ed

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

Nettie Robinson, 411 Trippe Avenue on her birthday, February 16th.

Hannah Alnutt, 28850 Jasper Lane, on her birthday February 22nd.

Louise & Art Shelby, 7338 Casey Ave., on their 66th wedding anniversary, February 23rd.

Louise Shelby, on her birthday, February 24th.

GIFTS IN HONOR OF Gary Yeatman by Gladys Makovsky.

Jane Sullivan by John & Ruth Sullivan.

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF Ted Lewers by Sandra H. Smoak, Nancy Prendergast & Augusto Pichard.

Nancy Horsey by Charles & Mollie Connolly.

Jane Barton by Della Andrew, Steven Kinlock, Wally & Claudia Knox, Mary Circle, Sara Matthews Crowder, Department of Legislative Services, Evelyn Graybeal, Rod & Joan Wolff, Jim & Sheila Scott, & Pat Visgaitis, Henry & Helen Leonard, Pat Lankford, Harry & Janice Nagel, Geoff & Louise Wright, Corinne Taylor, David & Jackie Dianich.

Dr. Bill Wharton by Samuel & Anne Mace, Tommy & Betty Barwick.

To the UMW in memory of Mary Ann Clark by Susan Divilio.

THANK YOU Thank you for the Christmas basket by Audrey P.

Dear Friends, thank you so very much for making my Christmas extra special. God Bless each volunteer. Loretta T.

LET US PRAY FOR

Candlelight Cove - Jim Delaney, Joy Kyak, Mary Rabenhorst

Londonderry - Liz Lechthaler

Heartfields - Jim & Wanda Denny

Bayleigh Chase - Gardens - Art & Louise Shelby

Bayleigh Chase - Elva Eareckson/Marvel Hall. Lois Dabbert

Autumn Lake Health - Nettie Robinson

Homestead - Ruth Pippin, Lee Walker

AT HOME

Betty Fleming Ruby Carter
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

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MORE NOTES OF THANKFULNESS

I love all of you all very, very much Merry X-mas & A Happy New Year. Your kindness is truly appreciated. Thank you Blanche

Thank you so much for the wonderful basket you provided for Christmas. I will be using everything in it. Betty L.

Thank you. Thank you so much for the Christmas basket. It was very much appreciated. Barbara M.

St Mark's United Methodist Church, thank you for the delicious Thanksgiving basket. Elizabeth G.

St. Mark's Thank you very much for the Thanksgiving basket of food and chicken is my favorite. Everything I appreciate very much. I am very thankful. Lois H.

St. Mark's Church, As a new resident this X-mas package was greatly appreciated. Nice variety of food and canned items. Thanks to all who put these together. Blessings for everyone for 2020 . Thanks Mary

Thank you so much for your kindness in giving me the Christmas food basket. Really enjoyed talking to the young woman, Jackie, who delivered it. God Bless you all!

Numbers 6:24-26 Ann T.

Dear Denise, I would like to thank you so very much for the beautiful crocheted shawl. I am loving using it now that the nights are getting cooler. I can appreciate the work that went into making it as I used to do crocheting when I was younger. I also appreciate the prayer & handmade little cross. Thank you again so much! Fondly Andrea H.

Wishing all a happy and wonderful new year. Thank you for the nice basket of food. L.T.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Thank you so much for the basket you sent for Christmas. I can use everything. Thanks again Jean C.

Thank you for the Christmas basket. It was very nice. May M.

Thank you for my Thanksgiving basket. Really enjoyed it. Fay B.



Thank you, We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who were involved with the St. Mark's Advent Devotional Booklet. The color, the layout, captions & design were so impressive. But most of all the messages and personal experiences, centered around the Bible passages, were very "touching" to our hearts. Some even brought a tear to our eyes. Thank you for sharing your personal relationship with Jesus with us to make our Advent 2019, so special this past December Harry and Janice Nagel.

To: All Our St. Marks Friends

Judy and I owe a sincere debt of gratitude to Pastor Ed and the congregation at St. Marks for the many kind and sincere cards, letters, and visits that we received in prayers and messages. These acts of love and goodwill encouraged my recovery from multiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow. The procedure is being managed by an excellent oncologist at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis. I am pain-free and progressing well. Chemotherapy treatments are now biweekly and expected to become monthly later this Spring.

Judy and I are honored and grateful for the support from St. Marks. We want to thank you all for the prayers that assured my recovery. A special Thank You goes out to the Methodist Men (and one woman) who participated in the 'Wheelchair Brigade', and built the ramp and volunteered to move the wheelchair when it was necessary. Those wheelchair days are no longer necessary.

God Bless you all. In Christ.

Bob and Judy Lawrence



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 25

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage,
stewed apples & beverages**

A free will offering will be accepted

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

MORTGAGE UPDATE

JAN. 1ST, 2019 – BALANCE WAS OVER A MILLION DOLLARS

TODAY'S BALANCE - \$ 245,256.38

PAID OFF IN 2019 TOTAL

OVER \$754,743.62

THANK YOU ST. MARK'S CHURCH

YOUR TRASH IS TREASURE!



10 1/2 pounds of tabs were just turned in to Ronald McDonald House! The tabs are sold, and the money is used to pay for gas and maintenance for their vehicles that transport patients and parents to the different hospitals. Keep bringing them in. EVERY TAB makes a difference!

Inseparable 2020 Youth Rally

Our Youth Group was “*Inseparable*” the weekend of January 10th -12th as they attended the annual Youth Rally in Ocean City hosted by the Young People’s Ministries of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

The weekend was filled with worship and praise with 4,000+ youth who also follow the word of God and Jesus Christ. During this experience, our 19 participants from St. Mark’s listened personal testimonials from: Phil Joel (lead singer of Zealand), Erin Weidemann (5 time cancer survivor), Melvin Adams (former member of NBA & Harlem Globetrotters), Egypt Speaks (award winning spoken word poet), and Cali Magallanes (NY Mets Chaplin). Throughout the weekend they enjoyed concerts from several famous Contemporary Christian Artist and Worship Bands including: Seth & Nirva, Zealand Worship, and Citizen Way. The UMM (United Methodist Men) graciously gave us a donation toward our meal expenses throughout the weekend. Here are just a few memories from their experience...



“For I am sure neither death nor life, nor angels nor ruler, nor things present nor to come, nor power, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.” -Romans 8:38-39

Wendy Avey

Director of Christian Education



February Worship Notes

8:15 Traditional in the Chapel

9:30 Contemporary in the Sanctuary

11:00 Traditional in the Sanctuary

Come join Sing with our Spring Cantata!

Be part of this unique single service worship on March 31 as we worship as one congregation.

We will be led by our festival choir and their Lenten Cantata.

Join us on Thursdays, from 8 – 8:30pm, Starting January 30th,

and make some beautiful music!

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!

If you have any questions, please call or email Scott at the church.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Feb 26th at 7:00pm, in the Sanctuary

Worship Servers!!!

Please make sure you have the new schedule!

Emails have been sent out and printed copies are available in the Narthex. If you have any questions or didn't receive a copy, please message Scott Clausen at the Church

Communion Servers for February

8:15

Susan Divilio
Betty Todd

9:30 service

Linda Kuhling
Curt Booth
Amy Steward
Ann Yingling

11:00

Laura Sydnor
Brad Baker
Barbara Friedman
Inez Smock

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

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

HOLY YOGA

Monday, February 3, 2020

6:30 p to 7:45 p

St. Mark's United Methodist Church



Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers & sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy & pleasing to God – this is your true & proper worship.

What is Holy Yoga? Holy Yoga is the intentional practice of connecting our entire being, body, mind & spirit with God: the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Our sole purpose is to facilitate a Christ honoring experience that offers an opportunity to believers & non-believers alike to authentically connect to God through His Word, worship & wellness.

What do I need to attend? You only need an open mind. Come in comfortable clothes. Bring a yoga mat if you can. If not one will be provided for you.

What is the cost? There is no cost. A free will offering supporting The Walk to Emmaus will be taken.

Our instructor will be Phyllis Johnston

Please register for class by calling Cindy Brinsfield 443-786-8942

SINGLES MINISTRY

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

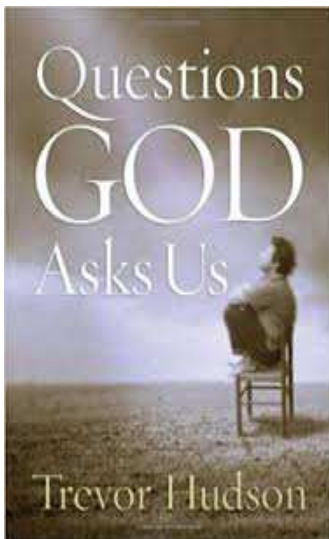
Bible study in room 209 on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Follow the arrows from the front entrance.

Dancing on Saturday evenings at different locations on the Shore.

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

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!



What started as two friends meeting for an hour each week over chai lattes to hold each other accountable in our faith walk, turned into surprisingly rich & enlightening discussions about the book, “Questions God Asks Us” by Trevor Hudson. Hudson invites us to have a conversation with God based on questions God asks us from five Old Testament stories & five New Testament stories. Each Bible story comes alive in a new way by considering the questions that God asks us. This approach enables us to have a conversation with God & to look at our own lives in a new context, based on the questions he asks us.

Come join Amy Steward & Wendy Cadell on Wednesday evenings, 1/29 through 2/26 from 6:30–7:45 p.m. in the chapel as we discuss this transformative book together. Books can be picked up in the office, the cost is \$10.00 each.

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YEARS
SCOUT SUNDAY 2020

Scout Sunday
February 9, 2020 at
11:00 a.m. Worship
Service



UMW February Circle

Meetings

Tabitha Circle

Monday, Feb. 3 @ 6:30 in Fellowship Hall for Holy Yoga

Mary Circle

Tuesday, Feb 4 @ 10:00 , Room 209 at church

Esther Circle

Tuesday, Feb. 4 @ 10:00 at Bayleigh Chase

Sarah Circle

Tuesday, Feb. 11 @ 7:00, Room 209 at church



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 & working on various projects to benefit the Church & its members, our United Methodist District & our local community. All men of the Church are considered members & we encourage all men to join us in fellowship & service to our Lord Jesus Christ. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm in room 155 in the church. For this year, we are studying the Gospel of Luke.

We are once again hosting our annual **Valentine's Day Luncheon on February 16th, 2020**. We will be dining at the church following the 11:00 am service in Fellowship Hall. We will begin dining at 12:15 to allow those who worship earlier to join us. The \$25.00 per dinner will include salad, choice of entry, dessert, rolls & beverages. The entry choices are beef, chicken or fish & those selections will be made when signing up. Payment will be made at the luncheon & must be paid in cash or personal check, made out to St. Mark's U.M. Church. Sign-up begins on Sunday, January 26th & will continue through Sunday, February 9th. A decision concerning weather cancelation will be made on Friday, February 14th. We had 36 people sign up last year & we look forward to having more members join us this year.

Shrove Tuesday is February 25th & the United Methodist Men will once again be hosting & serving the annual Pancake Supper in Fellowship Hall. The dinner is open to all members of the church & is offered to the church free of charge. **A free will offering will be accepted.** Menu items include pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, stewed apples & beverages. **Meal time is from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.** Come & enjoy the fellowship of dining together as we enter into the season of Lent.

Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm at the church. Join us & be a central part of our service commitment to our Lord, our church & our community.

If you would like to receive email notices of our meetings & the projects we are working on, please email Roger Eareckson, President of the UM Men at earecksonr@yahoo.com & I will put you in our email bank so you will know what we are doing & how you can help.

"TO HELP MEN GROW IN CHRIST, SO OTHERS MAY KNOW CHRIST"

Roger Eareckson, President, United Methodist Men



February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ladies Circle						1
Meetings listed on Page 10						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion	6:30p Holy Yoga FSH		6:30p Questions God asks us/Chapel			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SCOUT SUNDAY		7p UMM/155	6:30p Questions God asks us/Chapel			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
UMM Valentines Dinner			6:30p Questions God asks us/Chapel			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Shrove Tuesday 5p to 7p FSH	1p Prayer Shawl/155 6:30p Questions God asks us/Chapel 7p Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary			

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

8:15 am Worship Chapel
9:30 am Worship in Sanctuary
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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**TOGETHER - LET'S KEEP THIS
 MORTGAGE PAYMENT GOING!**

**ASK PASTOR ED ABOUT
 "SAVE" OR "SHAVE"**

