

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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***February 16, 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*

“Take My Life, That I May Be”.....*arr. Sedio*

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Lead us in the way of truth, O God.

Show us your holy pathways.

Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

Teach us to follow where you lead.

We trust in your way, O Lord.

To you, we lift up our souls.

▲ THE OPENING HYMN

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”.....*page 381*

▲ THE OPENING PRAYER

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Modern)

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all His works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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 with response #1 *page 756 -757*

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:15.....*Scott Clausen*
11:00*Chancel Choir*
“Be Still My Soul”.....*arr. Wilberg*

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*
“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”.....*arr. Hobby*

▲ DOXOLOGY..... *page 94*

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

▲ NEW TESTAMENT READING

ACTS 1: 1-5..... *page 947*
This is the Word of the Lord.. THANKS BE TO GOD!

MESSAGE “*Preparing to Grow*” *Pastor Ed Kuhling*

▲ HYMN – (Altar is open for Prayer)

“*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*”.....*page 357*

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ms. Reitz*
“*Fanfare on ‘Monks Gate’*”.....*Blackwell*

(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 honor of our children & in memory of our spouses by Jack & Fran Taylor.*

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). Raymond Harrison. (11:00).

HEAD USHER: Mike Butler. (8:15). Dick VanGilder. (11:00).

USHERS: Bill & Gwenn Curry. (8:15). Debbie Morton, Bob Thomas, Brad & Jodi Baker. (11:00).

GREETERS: Bill & Gwen Curry. (8:15). Mary Ann Hicks, Jane Sullivan, Harry & Janice Nagel. (11:00).

SOUND TECH: Jeff Morton.

COFFEE HOUR: Emma, Mary & Joe Zonetti.

ALTAR GUILD: Harry & Janice Nagel.

BUS DRIVER: Eric Steward. BUS LEADER: Amy Steward.

CHURCH OPENING: Brad Watts. CLOSING: Tommy Barwick.

-Announcements-

ATTENTION ALL USHERS As per the addition of safety procedures being implemented at St Marks, I feel that it is important for all ushers and head ushers from all three services be invited to an informational meeting on Sunday Feb. 23 immediately following the 11:00 service. We will get firsthand information from John Taylor, a member of St Marks safety committee regarding any services provided by ushers. Please make every effort to attend.

CAREPACKS for the month of March St. Mark's is collecting fruit cups, granola bars, & oatmeal packets for the Talbot County School CarePacks program. What is a Care Pack? It is a pack containing 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 snacks & fresh fruit.

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, February 16, 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.

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. – UMW Board. Meeting Rm. 155.
- 6:30 p.m. – UMM Board. Conference Rm.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

- 10:30 a.m. – Prayer Group. Chapel.
- 6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir. Music Rm.
- 6:30 p.m. – Questions God Ask Us. Chapel.

Thursday, February 20, 2020

- 1:00 p.m. – Christian Doctrine & Apologetics. Meeting Rm. 155.
- 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Sunday, February 23, 2020 Baptism for Germann Family.

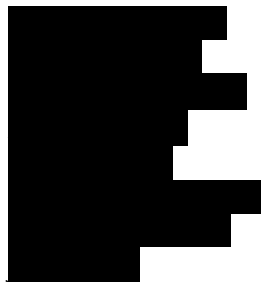
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-Let Us Pray For-

Prayer Focus:

Our country, our leaders.

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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Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Date Change
We will **NOT** meet on Wednesday, February 19.
Instead, the February meeting will be February 26.

Confirmation

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Confirmation classes focus on guiding youth in their decision to follow their faith in Christ as well as becoming a member of St. Mark's UMC. The class is open to youth in grades 7-12. Classes will be led by Pastor Ed Kuhling on Tuesday evenings in June from 6:00-7:30pm for 5 consecutive weeks (June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30) in Room #206. **New Confirmands must attend all classes in order to become Confirmed.** Also, new this year, we are inviting any previous youth Confirmands the option to attend this class as a refresher course. In addition to the required class dates, a special day-long trip of fun & fellowship for participants is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 19th. Confirmation Sunday will be held shortly after the completion of the class.

For more information or to register, contact: Wendy Avey,
Director of Christian Education at (410)822-001 x305 or
christianed@stmarkseaston.org

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner



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 Mission is:

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

<u>Our Worship:</u>	<u>2/2</u>	<u>2/9</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship	54	53
9:30 A.M. Worship	129	112
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>113</u>	<u>173</u>
Total Worship Attendance	296	338
Sunday School Attendance	71	63

Our Tithes & Offerings (February 9, 2020)

Total Amount Received Last Week	\$	34,552.00
Total for Operations	\$	9,326.50
Total for Maintenance	\$	455.00
Total for Mortgage	\$	24,189.50
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$	4,272.00
Other	\$	501.00
Sunday School Offering	\$	80.00

Church Staff

Rev. Ed Kuhling, Pastor ekuhling@stmarkseaston.org

June Billman, Pastor of Visitation jbillmanstmarkseaston@gmail.com

Wendy Avey, Dir. of Christian Ed christianed@stmarkseaston.org

Scott Clausen, Dir. of Music & Worship musicdirector@stmarkseaston.org

Ranee Reitz, Organist

David Cherry, 9:30 Music Director

Karen Reed, Church Administrator kreed@stmarkseaston.org

Erica Kirby, Bookkeeper accounting@stmarkseaston.org

Bill Gunther, Building Superintendent

Sarah Ewing, Pre-School Director St. Mark's Preschool

stmarkspreschooleaston@gmail.com

Christian Singles

Acts 2:42 tells us:

They continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer.

Some activities to look forward to this week:

Lunch after church today. Last week we experienced some foot-stomping blue grass music with our lunch! Meet by the coffee pots in the gathering area and we'll decide where to go...

Tuesday night at 7:00 are beginner waltz lessons at the Academy Arts Museum.

Wednesday night we'll continue our study of "Questions God Asks Us."

Saturday night there is a dance at the American legion in Denton at 7:30.

Have a blessed week,

Carolyn

cjhester@hotmail.com

Operation Christmas Child Donations

Did you know that we collect shoebox filler items all year long for Operation Christmas Child? There is a collection basket in the Gathering Space for monthly item requests. **February's Item: Accessories** (hats, gloves, scarves, jewelry, sunglasses, etc.) If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Avey in the church office.

ALL Youth in Grades 6-12 are Invited to Join Us for



**Meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday's of
each month
2:30-4:30pm in the Youth Room**

Our next meeting is: Wednesday, February 19th

For additional information about Youth Group activities, please contact:
Wendy Avey: (410)822-0001 x305 or christianed@stmarkseaston.com



**Join us Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 p.m.
For our Ash Wednesday Service**