

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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February 16, 2020
9:30 Service

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBOR

OPENING SONGS

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose you now. **Repeat.**

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.
Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

Refrain: **Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name!"**

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.
Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

Refrain

You give and take away, you give and take away;
my heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name."

Refrain

Trading My Sorrows

Chorus: I'm trading my sorrows,
I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

I'm trading my sickness,
I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Refrain: Yes, Lord, yes, Lord yes, yes, Lord.
Yes, Lord yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.
Yes, Lord yes, Lord yes, yes, Lord Amen.

I'm pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned;
struck down but not destroyed.
I'm blessed beyond the curse, for his promise will endure
and his joy's gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night,
His joy comes with the morning.

Chorus & Refrain

TIME OF PRAYER

& 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 PRAYER

OFFERING SONG -

(Ushers will receive the offering starting in front pew and working to the back)

▲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

CLOSING SONG -

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy.
And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember your people, remember your children,
remember your promise, O God.

**Refrain: Your grace is enough, your grace is enough,
your grace is enough for me.**

Great is your love and justice, God.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of your salvation.
And all your people sing along.

So remember your people, remember your children,
remember your promise, O God. **Refrain**

Your grace is enough.
Heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I see your grace is enough. I'm covered in your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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 -

WORSHIP LEADER: Eileen Heistand.

HEAD USHER: Craig Atwood.

USHERS: Dick Middleton, Jeff & Joyce Bridges.

GREETERS: Pat Jones, Diane & Bobby Whittington.

VIDEO TECH: Josh Cherry.

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.

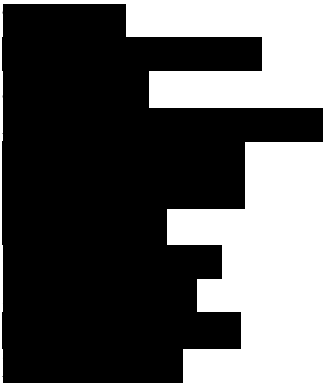
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-Let Us Pray For-

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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Save the date! This year's Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for July 13th-17th.

If you are interested in volunteering with the planning of this event, please contact Wendy Avey in the church office.



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.*

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| <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)

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| 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**