

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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***February 23, 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*

“Fairest Lord Jesus”*arr. Albrecht*

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

From generation to generation, Gods names us and claims us.

Let heaven and earth praise God’s holy name.

From the earliest steps, Christ guides our wayward feet.

Let all who draw breath come back to the Lord.

From death to life, the Spirit sets us free.

Let the faithful rejoice in God’s holy covenant.

▲ THE OPENING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”*page 577*

▲ 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 22 with response #2 *page 752-753*

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:15.....*Wala-Neh Labala*
11:00*Chancel Choir*
“Alleluia”*Boice*

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*
“I’ll Praise My Maker”*arr. Kerr*

▲ 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!**

▲ EPISTLE TESTAMENT READING

2Timothy 4:1-5..... *page 1039*
This is the Word of the Lord.. THANKS BE TO GOD!

MESSAGE “*How Do We Grow?*” *Pastor Ed Kuhling*

▲ HYMN – (Altar is open for Prayer)

“*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*”*page 368*

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ms. Reitz*
“*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*”*arr. Cherwien*

(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 the anniversaries of Harry & Janice Nagel & Jim & Nancy Phillips by Harry & Janice Nagel.

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: Marie Davis. (8:15). Laura Sydnor. (11:00).

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

USHERS: Tom & Marie Davis. (8:15). . (11:00).

GREETERS: Tom & Marie Davis. (8:15). Frank & Bette Meyerle, Sharon Maisano & Regina Taylor. (11:00).

SOUND TECH: Keith Dixon.

COFFEE HOUR: Linda Kuhling, Wendy & Yvonne Kraus.

ALTAR GUILD: Harry & Janice Nagel.

BUS DRIVER: Keith Dixon BUS LEADER: Cooper Dixon.

CHURCH OPENING: Dick VanGilder. CLOSING: The Nagels.

-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 The mission Committee is collecting items for the Talbot School CarePacks Program for the Month of March. We are asking you to bring small fruit cups, individual oatmeal packets, and/or granola bars and place them in the box in the hallway. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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 23, 2020

8:15 a.m. – Worship Service. Chapel.

9:30 a.m. – Worship Service. Sanctuary. Baptism for Germann Family.

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

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

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 “Shrove Tuesday”

5:00 p.m. – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Fellowship hall.

Wednesday, February 26, 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.

7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service. Sanctuary.

Thursday, February 27, 2020

1:00 p.m. – Christian Doctrine & Apologetics. Meeting Rm. 155.

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

Sunday, March 1, 2020 “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:

Our families.

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.

Addresses are in Easton, MD unless noted otherwise.

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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>2/9</u>	<u>2/16</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship	53	53
9:30 A.M. Worship	112	94
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>173</u>	<u>112</u>
Total Worship Attendance	338	264
Sunday School Attendance	63	60

Our Tithes & Offerings (February 16, 2020)

Total Amount Received Last Week	\$	15,948.34
Total for Operations	\$	10,735.00
Total for Maintenance	\$	209.00
Total for Mortgage	\$	4,354.34
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$	4,720.00
Other	\$	593.00
Sunday School Offering	\$	57.00

Church Staff

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Lunch after church today. Meet at the coffee pots in the gathering area and we'll decide where to go!

Ash Wednesday - no Bible study because there will be a service in the sanctuary.

Saturday night there is no dance. Movie anyone??

Have a blessed week,

Carolyn Hester

443-440-1132

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.



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

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



Have you been considering becoming a member of St. Mark's? Pastor Ed will be holding New Member Orientations Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10 am to 11:30 am Or Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 6:30 to 8:00 pm If you are interested see the sign up sheet in the Gathering space!



Don't forget we SPRING FORWARD
in just a few weeks

VBC Design Team Needed!



A lot of advance planning & hands-on work is needed to help create the visual sets for Vacation Bible Camp.

We are looking for adults who are interested in being a part of a Creative Design Team who would help bring to life our vision for this year's theme. Join us to find out how can help! For your convenience, we will have sessions that you can attend during the day or at night or both!

Wednesday, March 11th at 2:00-2:30 pm

Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30-7:00 pm

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