

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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***March 15, 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*
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”.....*arr. Albrecht*

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

The time is coming and now is:
Time for love. Time for hope.
Time for mercy. Time for faith.
Time for worship. Time for prayer.
Time for singing. Time for praise.
The time is coming and now is.
Come, it is time to worship.

▲ THE OPENING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova”.....*page 127*

▲ 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 51 with response #2 *page 785-786*

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:15.....*Mr. Chuck Petty*
11:00*Chancel Choir*

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*
“*Jesus Still Lead On*” *arr.*
Cherwin

▲ 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**

▲ HEBREW READING

Deuteronomy 1: 26-33... .. *page 151*
This is the Word of the Lord.. THANKS BE TO GOD!

MESSAGE ... “*Direction, Protection, Correction*” *Marie Davis*

▲ HYMN – (Altar is open for Prayer)

“*Leaqing On the Everlasting Arms*”*page 133*

▲ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ms. Reitz*
“*Fugue on the Kyrie*”*arr. Couperin*

(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 Debbie Tolbert & Susan Griffin by Dick & Donna Anderson.*

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). Scott Clausen. (11:00).

HEAD USHER: Marie Davis. (8:15). Peggy Candore. (11:00).

USHERS: Pam Price & Ethel Ann Milby. (8:15). Frank Candore, Ray Kraeer Marie Jones, & Bob Thomas. (11:00).

GREETERS: Pam Price & Ethel Ann Milby. (8:15). Lynn Lewis, Selina Moore, Laura Sydnor & Carmen Pena. (11:00).

SOUND TECH: Cindy Hammons.

COFFEE HOUR: United Methodist Women, Sarah Circle.

ALTAR GUILD: Bobbie Ayers.

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

CHURCH OPENING: Brad Watts. CLOSING: Tommy Barwick.

-Announcements-

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Do you have a relative, friend or neighbor who is ill, going through a difficult time or just needs a hug? You can choose a shawl, lap throw or child's blanket on Sunday, March 15th in the Gathering Space. These are just another way to show that St. Mark's cares.

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 earcksonr@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, March 15, 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.

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

- 10:30 a.m. – Prayer Group. Chapel.
- 1:00 p.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry. Meeting Rm. 155
- 6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir. Music Rm.
- 6:30 p.m. – Spiritual Gift Class. Rm. 206.

Thursday, March 19, 2020

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

Sunday, March 22, 2020 “Baptism”

- 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:

Safety for the children in schools & community.

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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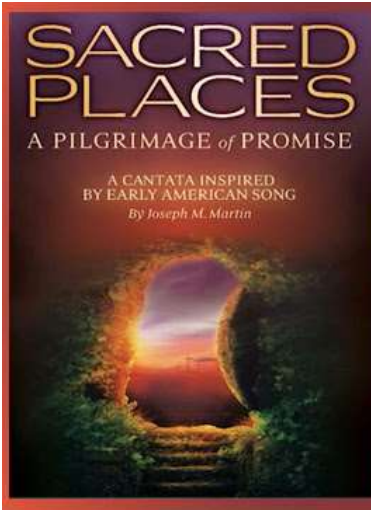
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Cantata Sunday & 5th Sunday Celebration

**On March 29th at 10:30 am we
will worship as one
community in the Sanctuary.
The festival choir will present
*Sacred Spaces***

by Joseph Martin

This message in music will reflect upon the differing ways we encounter Jesus upon his ministry journey, from miracles to holy week. We will explore how Jesus and God's love for us is revealed by these biblical encounters.

Spiritual Gifts Class

Please join us starting on March 18th for a 5-week study on understanding and activating the Spiritual Team Gifts. Answers to Questions such as: What is a Spiritual Gift and What is a talent? Can you abuse the Team Gifts? Why should every Christian know their Spiritual Gifts, and much more. Sign up in the Gathering area. Pastor Ed is leading this study.



Sunday, March 29 – 5th Cantata Sunday at 10:30am, No Sunday school

Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday
Service at 7:00pm
Soup Dinner
5:30-6:30pm

Friday, April 10 – Good Friday
Service at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service at 6:30am
*Breakfast 7:00-11:00am

Traditional Services at 8:15 & 11:00am

Contemporary Service & Sunday school at 9:30am

*A free will offering is being 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>3/1</u>	<u>3/8</u>
8:15 A.M. Worship	65	54
9:30 A.M. Worship	115	118
11:00 A.M. Worship	<u>125</u>	<u>97</u>
Total Worship Attendance	306	269
Sunday School Attendance	68	68

Our Tithes & Offerings (March 8, 2020)

Total Amount Received Last Week	\$	11,426.00
Total for Operations	\$	6,311.00
Total for Maintenance	\$	133.00
Total for Mortgage	\$	4,257.00
Missions Fund (YTD) *	\$	6,550.00
Other	\$	658.00
Sunday School Offering	\$	67.00
Mortgage balance	\$	<u>171,101.69</u>

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

Singles Ministry

Good morning Singles! I hope and pray that you had a blessed week! I hope you'll join us for an activity this week....

Plans for the coming week include:

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Last Sunday we enjoyed Luke Spehar's songs and testimony. He did a 550 mile pilgrimage in Spain! You can find him on FB.

Tuesday - 7:00 cha cha lessons begin at the Academy of the Arts Museum.

Wednesday - 6:30 We'll be studying Spiritual Gifts in the Chapel.

Sat 3/21 - 6:00 Big band concert at the Methodist Church in Tilghman

Have a blessed week,

Carolyn

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. **March'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, March 18th

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



MEN'S BREAKFAST An informal Men's Breakfast Club is being planned for Tuesday, March 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the private room at Denny's on Rt.50.

We are hoping all St. Mark's men will join us for good fellowship over breakfast or just coffee, whatever you choose. Each person will be responsible for the cost of their own meal. Please come! We are hoping this will be a good way to enrich your relationships with other men in our congregation.

Order your Easter Flowers



We would love your help in decorating to enhance our Sanctuary for Easter worship services. The form below will allow you to decide what you would like to do. All gifts will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. * Please note: Pastor Ed is allergic to lilies. *

Name _____ Phone _____

Wish to make the following gift to enhance the Easter services at St. Mark's:

In honor of _____

(Name of living person)

In memory of _____

(Name of deceased person)

\$ _____ Donation Only, No flowers needed.

All 6 inch pots are \$10.00 each - colors will vary

_____ No. of Tulips

_____ No. of Hyacinths

_____ No. of Daffodils

_____ ** New Choice this year!! **Hydrangea (4 or 5 bloom) \$20.00 each

Checks can be mailed or dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to:

St. Mark's UMC

100 Peachblossom Road

Easton, MD 21601

Memo line: Easter Flowers 2020

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

CRAFT Night



...or During the Day!

For Adults and Children of All Ages!

Join us for a FREE Easter Bonnet Wreath craft!



All Supplies* are provided!

Tuesday, March 24th

6pm - 7pm

OR

Wednesday, March 25th

11am - noon

Space is limited. Registration in advance is required. Please sign-up in the Gathering Space by Sunday, March 22nd to ensure we have enough supplies for all participants.

*Easter eggs, grass & ribbon colors vary. Participants may bring their own wide fabric ribbon to match their home décor. A sample of this project is located in our Gathering Area. Please note: Hot Glue Guns are used for this project. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Questions? Contact: Wendy Avey at: (410) 822-0001 ext. 305 or christianed@stmarkseaston.org

Confirmation

2020

Confirmation classes to prepare 7th through 12th graders to make their decision about faith in Christ and membership in St. Mark's UMC will be held in June this year. **Classes will be taught by Pastor Ed Kuhling and held on Tuesdays from 3:00pm-5:00pm on June 2, 9, & 16 in Room #206.** Confirmands are expected to attend all 3 classes in order to become confirmed members of our church.

Also, new this year, we are allowing any previous youth Confirmands the option to attend this class as a refresher course. Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 20 during the 9:30am Worship Service. A sign-up sheet is located in the Gathering Space for those interested. For more information or questions, please contact:

Wendy Avey, Director of Christian Education at: (410)822-0001 x305 or christianed@stmarkseaston.org

VBC Food Team



A lot of advance planning is needed to help get ready for Vacation Bible Camp.

We are looking for adults who are interested in being a part of a Food Team who would help plan, cook and serve dinners to our VBC participants this July. Join us for a special meeting 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, April 22nd at 2:00-2:30 pm

Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30-7:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Avey:
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