

Dear Members and Friends of St. Marks UMC,

As I begin this letter, I would like to remind us of Joshua 1:7 – 7 “**Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. (NIV)**

In the Message Bible it says verse 7 this way - **Give it everything you have, heart and soul. Make sure you carry out The Revelation that Moses commanded you, every bit of it. Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get to where you're going.**

We are living in a time when concerns change daily. After missing church yesterday March 15th, I went to bed Sunday night thinking groups over 250 people are not to meet publicly. Monday morning the CDC now says no groups shall meet over **10** people for the next 8 weeks. Yes, Easter is in the midst of that 8 weeks!!! What in the world do we do as life changes every day?

- 1) Be strong and courageous
- 2) PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!
- 3) Smile at someone
- 4) **Our regular worship services at church have been cancelled at least through the end of March.**
To see if we are if we are back to holding regular worship services you can check **1)** local radio stations, WINX 94.3 or 96.7 **2)** WBOC Channel 16 **3)** Facebook **4)** our website www.stmarkseaston.org **5)** voice mail at church 410-822-0001, option 2.
- 6) Please follow St. Mark's on Facebook. We are attempting to go LIVE on Sunday March 22nd at 9:00am. Join us online for the LIVE version in the comfort of your home!**
- 7) Prayer concerns can be sent to Pastor Ed at ekuhling@stmarkseaston.org
- 8) There will be NO Communion on April 5th.
- 9) If you are sick ... PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CHURCH.
- 10) Call fellow church members and see if you can assist them in any way... purchase groceries and leave them at their door because they are not able to go out. If you hear of a church member who needs assistance and you are unable to help, contact the church.
- 11) We can send in our tithes and offerings via mail.
- 12) For the safety of our congregation all extra scheduled church activities have been cancelled until further notice.
- 13) There will be a few hour window each day and night for people to come into the main entrance if you wish to use the chapel or sanctuary for prayer. 9:00-11:00am and 6:00-8:00pm.
- 14) Please keep in mind nursing homes and hospital have restrictions on visiting during this time.
- 15) The Staff will be at the church during normal business hours but this is subject to change as the situation changes.
- 15) Cantata will be postponed until a future date.

We, as your church want to do everything we can to keep people healthy during this time of difficulty for many people.

God Bless,
Pastor Ed and the Staff of St. Marks