

# St. Mark's United Methodist Church



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# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 20, 2012

8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

**GATHERING**..... *Please take time to pray*

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**.....*Fifth Grade Class*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**.....*Mrs. Polly Mitchell*

*“Alla Menuetto”*.....*Thiman*

**GREETING**

Let us thank God for the life given us in Christ!

**Let us thank God for the invitation into Christ’s life, which is by faith.**

▲ **HYMN/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*“Jesus Calls Us”*... .. *page 398*

▲ **AN EASTER AFFIRMATION** ... .. *page 888*

▲ **THE RESPONSE** ... .. *page 177*

**He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!**

**Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

**PSALTER READING**

*Psalm 1, with Response 2* ... .. *page 738*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Solo [8:15]*.....*Bruce Hotchkiss*

*“Then Came the Morning”*.....*Gaither/Christian*

*Anthem [11:00]*.....*Chancel Choir*

*“For Those Who Serve”*.....*Martin*

▲ **THE READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

*St. John 17:6-19* ... .. *page 941*

*This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **THANKS BE TO GOD!***

**MESSAGE** ... .. *“The Way to Travel”*..... .. *Rev. K. Wayne Grier*

▲ **HYMN**

*“Trust and Obey”* ... .. *page 467*

**PRAYER CONCERNS, MORNING PRAYER [8:15 a.m.]**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

# **ACTS OF CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, AND RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH [11a.m.] ... ..pages 45-49**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The church is of God, and will be preserved to the end of time,  
for the conduct of worship and  
the due administration of God's Word and Sacraments,  
the maintenance of Christian fellowship and discipline,  
the edification of believers, and the conversion of the world.  
All, of every age and station, stand in need of the means of grace which  
it alone supplies.

## **PRAYER FOR THOSE TO BE BAPTIZED**

### **RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Do you in the presence of God and this congregation renew the solemn  
vow and promise made at your baptism?

**I do.**

Do you truly and earnestly repent of your sins?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the  
Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**I do.**

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to keep God's holy  
will and commandments and walk in the same all the days of your life  
as faithful members of Christ's holy church?

**I do.**

## **BAPTISM**

Do you desire to be baptized in this faith?

**I do.**

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

### THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bailey Ayers Dickerson  
Geneva Knox Foster  
Claire Elizabeth Gross  
Mya Lian Mothershead  
Molly Susan Oertel  
Rachel Yvonne Quimby  
Christopher Kyle Tefft  
Brendan Paul Wazniak

Jean Cottingham  
Mary Ann Smith  
Jane Sullivan

Name, the Lord defend you with his heavenly grace and by his Spirit confirm you in the faith and fellowship of all true disciples of Jesus Christ. **AMEN!**

### RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

**I will.**

### RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

Carol Craig (from Mt. Zion UMC, Mechanicsville, MD)

### COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Brothers and sisters, I commend to your love and care *these persons* whom we this day receive into the membership of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

**BLESSING**

**RESPONSE** [*Hymn No. 558 Refrain only*]

**I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!  
Yes, we're the church together!**

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND EOIM COMMITMENTS**

Offertory Prayer & Offertory Music

*Organ Voluntary*.....*Mrs. Mitchell*

*"Pavanesque"* .....*Thiman*

**▲ DOXOLOGY**... .. *stanza 5, page 315*

**"Alleluia!" now we cry to our King immortal,  
who triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;  
"Alleluia!" with the Son, God the Father praising,  
"Alleluia!" yet again to the Spirit raising.**

**▲ HYMN / EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

*"Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"*

**▲ BLESSING/CHORAL BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**.....*Mrs. Mitchell*

*"Postlude in F"* .....*Thiman*

▲ Indicates Congregation standing as able.

**"This Week Say a Good Word for God & St. Mark's!"**

## Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14  
 PHILIP DODDRIDGE, 1702-1751

CHRISTMAS CM  
 WEYMAN'S *Melodia Sacra*, 1815  
 Arr. from GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL, 1685-1759

1. A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, And  
 2. A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round Holds  
 3. 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat - ing voice That  
 4. Blest Sav - ior, in - tro - duced by thee, Have

press with vig - or on; A heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal,  
 thee in full sur - vey; For - get the steps al - read - y trod,  
 calls thee from on high; 'Tis his own hand pre - sents the prize  
 I my race be - gun; And, crowned with vic - tory, at thy feet

And an im - mor - tal crown, And an im - mor - tal crown.  
 And on - ward urge thy way, And on - ward urge thy way.  
 To thine as - pir - ing eye, To thine as - pir - ing eye.  
 I'll lay my hon - ors down, I'll lay my hon - ors down. A - men.

**WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S!** Let us prepare ourselves to worship our Lord this morning with prayer. Before the service begins, you are invited to register your attendance (**please print**) in the attendance pad in the pew.

**FLOWERS** on the altar this morning are presented to the *Glory of God* in memory of Raymond McCarty, Wallace Cole & in honor of Rebecca Cole by Mr. & Mrs. Wade Dudrow .

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS , BULLETINS, & PRAYER**

**REQUEST FORMS ARE AVAILABLE.** Please see an usher.

**IN THE LITERATURE RACK** DevoZines - May/June; and Pockets - May.

**CD MINISTRY** Today's 11:00 AM service is available on CD for you to share with a friend. Please see an usher or fill out a form on the usher's table.

### **-Those Who Serve-**

**ACOLYTE:** Sami Turner.

**LAY READERS:** Mike Butler. (8:15). Brad Powers. (11:00).

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Bobbie Ayers & Ann & Don Yingling.

**GREETERS:** Susan Horning & Betty Todd. (8:15). Ray & Barb Kraeer, Lee Afflerbach, Royal & Nancy Tysdal. (11:00).

**USHERS:** Head Usher: George Carroll; Susan Horning & Betty Todd. (8:15). Head Usher: Harry Nagel; Janice Nagel, Jack Taylor, Darlene & Ken Baldwin. (11:00).

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Bob Lawrence.

**NEW MEMBER GUIDES:** Susan Horning. (8:15).

Craig & Janie Kelting. (11:00).

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Reed.

**CHURCH OPENING:** Brad Watts. **CLOSING:** The Nagels.

☆☆**ARE YOU SEEING STARS?**☆☆

That means that the announcement is new or updated for this week!

**THE NURSERY** will have volunteers available during the 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 services. **The nursery is located in Room 212.**

**★ATTENTION ALL MEN:** Be a part of the new St. Mark's United Methodist Men's group. Contact either Brad Powers, 410-822-7852, [bpowers@goeaston.net](mailto:bpowers@goeaston.net), Bob Lawrence, 410-819-8029, [boblawrence1@msn.com](mailto:boblawrence1@msn.com) Mike Kirby, 410-745-4336, [mkirby8125@aol.com](mailto:mkirby8125@aol.com) , or Richard VanSlambrook, 410-819-8878, [rtvans@goeaston.net](mailto:rtvans@goeaston.net) The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 12 at 7PM in Meeting Rm. 155.

**★ THRIFT SHOP HOURS Monday 10:00 am to 12:30 Thursday,**

**Friday & Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** The shop is looking for Patriotic items with the holidays coming up. Thank you for your generous donations!  
Lee Royer - Missions

**NOTHING TO BIG OR SMALL!! S.U.R.F.** is doing a mission month in June & wants to help you around your home or yard. Call youth leader Becky at 301-213-2945 to set up for the youth to come mulch your gardens, mow the grass, & anything else needed.

**2012 GRADUATES** On June 10<sup>th</sup> we will recognize our **2012 graduates** at the 11am service. If you have a high school or college graduate, please send their name & graduation information to the church office by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** The church office will be opened 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., reopen at 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. At that time it will be closed for the day to everyone. This will allow staff much needed time to complete their work.

**NEW MEMBERS' INFORMATION MEETING** Just a reminder that there will be an informal meeting the *first Sunday of each month* when any new members or prospective members may meet with Rev. Grier to learn more about St. Mark's & the opportunities available to become involved in our church. **We will meet at 12:30 pm in the conference room for about one hour or so.** All recent new members or prospective members are welcome. For more information or to sign up, please call Judy, Program Administrator, in the church office 410/822-0001 ext. 305 or email her at [jlawrence@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:jlawrence@stmarkseaston.org)

**AMERICANA CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES** The annual Americana concert will be presented on Sunday, June 24 at 3:00 p.m. This is a great short-term commitment & a way to help celebrate your patriotic spirit through music. Additional singers are needed to participate in the choir. Also needed are instrumentalists: tenor sax, guitar & percussion. Please contact Bob in the Music Office 410/822-0001, ext. 306

**ATTENTION ALL ST. MARK'S STUDENTS RETURNING TO COLLEGE OR ATTENDING COLLEGE FOR THE FIRST**

**TIME** The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that applications for consideration in the St. Mark's Scholarship awards this year are available in the Church Office from May 7 until May 30. Applications will also be available on Sunday May 13 and Sunday May 20 from 9:00-9:30AM and 10:30-11:00 AM in the Gathering Area before church service. All applications are due back in the Church Office by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Questions??????? Please contact Jim De Laney, Scholarship Committee Chair at 410-763-7490 or [jdconed@verizon.net](mailto:jdconed@verizon.net)

**INFORMATION** for bulletins will need to be in the Office or emailed by 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays! Thank you for your cooperation. Karen Reed

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY** The purpose of the Prayer Chain Ministry is to provide prayer support in crisis or emergencies for church members, loved ones & people in the community. Please call the church office 410/822-0001 & or Contact Sara Lou Casson 410/822-4872 or Betty Fleming 410/822-2216.

**IT'S HERE!** Please go to [www.stmarkseaston.org](http://www.stmarkseaston.org) & take a look around! We have a new site with lots of information about St. Mark's.

**BLACK WALNUTS & PECANS** *are still available in the church office. Proceeds will go to the needy fund. The 1 lb. bags of pecans & black walnuts are \$8.50 each. These freeze very well for next years baking.*

**MR. FIX IT** If you have things around the house that need fixing, & you don't know where to turn, call the office, Mr. Fix-It can probably help.

**INFORMATION CHANGED?** If you have changed your mailing address, email address or phone numbers please forward to the church office so we can update your information. [churchoffice@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:churchoffice@stmarkseaston.org)  
410/822-0001

**JIM DENNY HAS WRITTEN A BOOK** about the stained glass window located in the Chapel. The book traces the origin of the Christian Service window from its inspiration to its dedication. The book is available in the church office for \$20.00 or 2 for \$35.00 proceeds will go to the Mortgage reduction.

**SAVE YOUR TRASH!** Please continue to save **Boxtops for Education** for local Elementary Schools, & **soda can tabs** for Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. Any **Campbell Labels for Education coupons** received in the trash basket will be placed in the church's soup can.

**-TODAY-**

### **Sunday, May 20, 2012**

- 8:30 a.m. – Sunday School Teachers Appreciation. Fellowship hall.
- 10:30 a.m. – Reception for Confirmation Class. Fellowship hall.
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.
- 6:00 p.m. – Junior & Senior High Youth Group. Room 203.
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 Singers Rehearsal. Sanctuary.

### **Tuesday, May 22, 2012**

- 6:30 p.m. – Pre-Conference Orientation. Gathering Space & Sanctuary.
- 7:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees. Conference Rm.

### **Wednesday, May 23, 2012**

- 9:15 a.m. – Wednesday Morning Women's Group. Meeting Rm. 155.

### **Thursday, May 24, 2012**

- No Choir rehearsal this evening 7:00 p.m. — Chancel Choir. Sanctuary.

**Sunday, May 27, 2012 Last Day of Sunday School**

9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship. Gathering Space.

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School Activity. Meeting Rm. 155.

6:00 p.m. – Junior & Senior High Youth Group. Room 201.

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 Singers Rehearsal. Sanctuary.

**Monday, May 28, 2012 Church office closed for Memorial Day**

**-NEXT WEEK-**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS** from the lectionary for next Sunday are Acts 2:1-21, Ps. 104:24-34, 35b, Rom. 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

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# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

## **HAPPENINGS!!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Ages 2 thru adult, and nursery 9:30am. \*5/27 Last day!\*- Students should dress comfortably and may be going outside!

**Confirmation Sunday** is today, May 20 during the 11:00 service!\*

**“SURF” (Serving Up Real Faith - youth)** - Sundays 6 – 8pm, Grades 6 thru 12. For more info contact Becky Hoyer at [bhoyer@stmarkseaston.org](mailto:bhoyer@stmarkseaston.org)

**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:** Wednesday Morning Women–Wednesdays from 9:15 to 10:45 in Rm 155. 3 Weeks left! **\*\*We need nursery volunteers!\*\***

**VBS–Vacation Bible School 2012** is July 16-20<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm, for kids entering pre-K through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Adults and youth who have completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade & older can help by volunteering your time **during** the week of VBS\*\* . To register online go to **<http://overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/stmarkseaston>**.

**St. Mark's  
United Methodist Church  
and the Historical Society of  
Talbot County**

**Presents**



**David & Ginger Hildebrand**

**American music of the War of 1812 era**

***Sunday, May 20, 2012***

***3:00 pm***

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Partially funded by the Talbot County Arts Council,  
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# “A Global Missions Partner Church”

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

<b><u>Our Worship:</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2012</u></b>
8:15 A.M. Worship	73	71
9:30 A.M. Service	192	137
11:00 A.M. Worship	144	<u>186</u>
Total Worship Attendance	409	394
Sunday School Attendance	90	104

\* The new fiscal year began on July 1.

## **Our Tithes & Offerings** (May 13, 2012)

Amount Received Last Week .....	\$ 7,829.42
Missions Fund (YTD) * .....	\$ 39,248.09
Building Maint. Fund...(YTD) * .....	\$ 34,488.00

## **SUMMARY OF OPERATING FUND: JULY-APRIL**

	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income:	\$422,956.26	\$440,610.82	\$(17,654.56)
Expenses:	<u>\$424,127.85</u>	<u>\$445,068.80</u>	\$(20,940.95)
Difference:	\$ (1,171.59)	\$ (4,457.98)	

## **‘GROWING TO SERVE’ - Debt Reduction**

(year to date)

Monthly Payment:	\$ 11,340.01
<b><u>April Giving:</u></b>	<b>\$ 9,451.70</b>
Principal Balance:	\$ 1,669,982.31

## **PEW OFFERING ENVELOPE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Env. # \_\_\_\_\_

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**MY WEEKLY OFFERING**  
Please write in the amount.

Current Expenses	\$ _____	Capital Campaign (Growing to Serve)	\$ _____
Missions	\$ _____	Other (Specify):	_____
Building Maintenance	\$ _____		_____

COKESBURY-01

**“\$10 a month per worshipper Toward the Debt”**

# HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER @ ST. MARK'S

Membership in St. Mark's Church is open to all people who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and are willing to serve Him with joy!

Fill out the information on this page. *At the conclusion of the worship service come forward to the Baptismal Font. A New Member Guide will meet you.* If you are already baptized, you will be welcomed into St. Mark's membership today.

If you need baptism, the pastor will contact you to discuss its meaning and when the Sacrament could be administered.

## Please fill out completely (print clearly)

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Name

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## How are you joining?

By Certificate of Transfer? If yes, then complete below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church and Address

**or**

By profession of faith? Yes or No (circle one)

If yes, have you been baptized? Yes or No (circle one)

## What are the next steps?

1. Fill out your EveryOne in Ministry Commitments and return them to the church.
2. In response to your area of service, a ministry leader will contact you about serving in an area of ministry.
3. You will be invited to attend an orientation session.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ NMG \_\_\_\_\_