

ST MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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From Pastor Justin My St. Mark's family-

Why was Peter the rock? Who was Phillip? Why did Thomas doubt? For years, we hear the stories of the 12 Disciples, and what their roles were in Jesus' ministry. But who were these men? What did they bring to Christ's ministry and the early church?

This Fall, as we begin a new school year in Sunday School and in our Connections Small Group Ministry, we will be taking a closer look at the very first small group: The 12. Join us in worship as we explore who the 12 were, and what we can learn from them our own faith journeys.

Who is your favorite disciple, and who do you relate to most? Who would you like to learn more about? Jesus hand-picked these men for ministry. And Jesus has hand-picked you! See you Sunday.

Strength and Wisdom,

Pastor Justin

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Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I write to you for this month we have just concluded the week of VBS with the theme “Raging River Rampage”. It was a great week! Did you know that there was a class for adults included in the teaching materials? This study included some very thought provoking questions and discussion, ably led by Norman Craft, on the same scriptures that the children were studying.

On this last night we examined the final Great Commission given by Jesus to His disciples just before His ascension into Heaven. This message is included at the end of all four Gospels, each one slightly different in details, but the main points are the same: first is the direction, “Go to the world, witness and make disciples of all nations”, and second is the promise, “I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Those who believe will be saved!”

That is our **Great Commission!** Why is it called a commission instead of a direction or command? Because we are to be co—workers with Christ on this mission! He sends us, but will be with us all as we work together with each other doing more collectively than any of us could accomplish by ourselves. **The most important thing we can do is to take Jesus to the world!**

The theme of this last night was to find PEACE on the river. Not like peacefully lying back on a raft gently floating down the lazy river! Nope, this life can be like the “Raging River Rampage!” So this PEACE is the powerful PEACE that God gives us, that passes all understanding and calls us to action: go, make, teach, tell, witness! We cannot let our differences hinder this great work, but working together with our differences, with each other and with Christ!!
AMEN!

Peggy Lootens, Lay Leader

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Adults of all ages are invited and most welcome to join us Wednesday, **August 1st** at 11:30 am, as we meet at Bellacino’s here in Daleville, to enjoy a meal and Christian fellowship. This is a great way to meet and make new friends at St. Mark’s!

GRIEFSHARE BEGINS AGAIN

GriefShare is a small support group offering hope and encouragement for those who have lost someone they love through death. St. Mark’s UMC is beginning another cycle of classes on Thursday, **August 16** through November 15, 2018. There will be two sessions each week at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm.

GriefShare is open to anyone in the community, and since each class will cover a different topic, you are welcome to begin on any Thursday. Because participants may miss some class sessions, all are invited to return for another cycle of classes at any time. Sharing this journey of grief with others can be very helpful.

For more information you may call the church office (540-992-3030), Peggy Lootens (276-759-1485), and check out the website at www.griefshare.org.

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

You may have noticed that the property adjoining the church driveway has recently been placed up for sale. As St. Mark’s grows along with the surrounding community we can see potential benefit in expansion. At the same time we must be mindful of our own fiscal constraints. Several church members (including Trustee and Finance committee leadership) have viewed the property in recent days, making inquiries about condition and whether God is providing a path for St. Mark’s to make the acquisition, either now or in the future. Acquisition in the short term would require significant gifts from membership and/or the property owner. Certainly no purchase decision would be made without Trustees and Charge Council input. For now we’d simply like everyone to know that the Church is aware of and looking into the property, and that your building fund donations continue to be critically important -- continued reduction of Family Life Center debt will play a significant role in our future expansion abilities. As always, please be in prayer for the St. Mark’s community as we discern God’s will for our spiritually and physically growing church.

Chad Morris,
Administrative Council Chair



You are invited to the Back-to-School Potluck Breakfast



When: Sunday, August 12th at 10:00

Where: St. Mark's Family Life Center

Why: To share food, fun and fellowship with others at St. Mark's!

Please bring a breakfast dish to share such as a breakfast casserole, breads, fruits, etc... Paper products, juices, coffee and milk will be provided.

No Sunday School classes will meet that day!

NEWS FROM TAME

Many thanks for all of you that helped or that donated ice cream and/or attended the recent Pickin' N Lickin' event. We also are grateful to Easy Pickin's for playing to make the lunch special with their music. We are grateful to the congregation for your continued support as well.

We hope that you will help us pack over 30,000 meals to send to the hungry and food insecure around the globe. Mark the date of September 29th on your calendars for the Stop Hunger Now Event. We need your help to make this a success. As this is a morning event we plan to have some breakfast dishes available. If you would like to provide a breakfast dish that would be welcome. Just let Karen Sledd know if you are willing to do this. Karen's phone number is 992-3592 or cell is 761-7824.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST

In December we at St Mark's gave \$6,000 to the Roanoke Rescue Mission so we can be the Shoe Sponsor at Back 2 School Blast. At the Back 2 School Blast we have the opportunity to take old shoes and old socks off of underserved children in the Roanoke valley, wash their feet, pray for their up-coming school year, and put brand new shoes and socks on their feet. This experience is like none other! Those who choose to serve go in prepared to bless others and leave with more of a sense of God's presence than they ever expected. **Back 2 School Blast is on August 11th from 10 am-1 pm.**

We need more people to sign up for Back 2 School Blast! There are many ways in which to serve—whether you choose to wash little (and sometime big!) feet, or run clean water to stations, to help show children where to come and sit, there is a job for you! If you have any questions please contact Erin Huddleston (StMarksErinH@gmail.com) or go to our website to read more: <http://stmarksmethodist.com/service-mission/back-2-school-blast>



St. Mark's
United
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Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

August Dinner Out: The United Methodist Women will meet at Hollywood's in Hollins for dinner (no business meeting) at 6:30 pm,

Monday, August 6. Please consider joining us even if you are not a United Methodist Woman. Please call Nancy Craft at 540-520-7607 if you plan to attend.



Ready set go!!! Our biggest Mission this year is September 7-8 at Camp Alta Mons. After an evening of dinner, Bible stories, s'mores and games. We will wake to a day of fun before helping the camp clean there main kitchen. After a summer of weekly campers, things get disorganized and dirty. Moms and teens will help Camp Alta Mons be ready to welcome fall retreats. Dinner, lodging, breakfast and lunch will be provided for \$15 per person. Checks payable to Girl Power. Space is limited, please RSVP by August 17 to Becky reach2sky14@gmail.com.

Welcome new 5th grade girls and their moms to this ladies support group. The teen years are new to all of us. Through encouragement and support, let's help our children as they follow each of their paths.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and words of encouragement and comfort that were bestowed upon me during my father's recent illness and death. Also, to the many who came for the visitation or funeral. Being a part of such a loving and caring community as is here at St. Mark's is a wonderful thing indeed. God bless you all!

Becky Arthur and family

JOYFUL JOURNEY OFFERS SOMETHING NEW

Check out the bulletin board across from the choir room for information on our 7 night cruise & 4 night land tour to Alaska. To hold a reservation a \$250 deposit along with the reservation form is due by Dec. 31. Final payment in full is due by March 1, 2019. Make checks payable to Joyful Journey Travel Club and send to St. Mark's UMC, 19 Cedar Ridge Drive, Daleville, Va. 24083. A passport is required. Contact Julia Greer at 540-330-7933 for more information.

Reminder: Payment in full is due by August 1 for the Sight & Sound presentation of "Jesus." Make checks payable to the Joyful Journey Travel Club and send to St. Mark's UMC, 19 Cedar Ridge Dr., Daleville, Va. 24083.

Museum of the Bible, Washington DC, Oct. 26, \$75. Payment in full is due by Oct. 5. Sign up on bulletin board across from the choir room.

Wohlfahrt Haus Christmas Program and Dinner Wythville, Dec. 11, \$74. Payment in full is due by Nov. 11. Sign up on bulletin board across from the choir room.

RE-ENROLLMENT IN THE KROGER COMMUNITY CARES PROGRAM NECESSARY

For St. Mark's to benefit from the use of your Kroger key chain card you must re-enroll every August. Go to your Kroger account and click on the Community Cares Program. Click on enroll. It is easier to enter our church number 82014 instead of the church name when designating the beneficiary for the use of your Kroger rewards card. If you have any questions or problems contact Julia Greer at 540-330-7933 or see her at church.

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Rolling River Rampage VBS

St. Mark's Vacation Bible School was held July 15th through 19th. What a ride of a lifetime! Many thanks to all those who donated items to be used in this VBS! If you marked your name on your item, you may pick it up in the large basket under the VBS bulletin board in the Narthex after July 22nd. Thank you for sharing! Thanks also to those who have been keeping VBS in their prayers! Please take a moment

to look at our VBS pictures on the bulletin board in the Narthex!

Our mission projects included collecting a "boat load" of school supplies for the Roanoke Rescue Mission's Back-2-School Blast and \$168.90 in donations for T.A.M.E. The children also raised \$173 for Back Pack Buddies by memorizing VBS scriptures! An anonymous donor is giving

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\$1 for every scripture the children memorized! Many thanks to all those who generously donated to our VBS mission projects!

We want to recognize and thank all the men, women and youth of VBS. How exciting it was that each of these folks had the opportunity to bring children closer to God through Jesus Christ! These people were truly missionaries of St. Mark's, as they ministered to the children of this church and of our community! Thank you for sharing your time and talents for this important ministry!

Susan Wagner
Lori Turner
Michele Richardson
Jane Wenrich
Linda Blankenship
Pastor Justin White
Julia Greer
Susie Francis
Jamie Dillard
Amanda Dillard
Marie Hanna
Caroline Hanna
Harrison Hanna
Ed Noell
Julie Gladu
Katie Farris
Kathy Farris
Edna Nicely
Carol DeHeer
Skylar Gay
Becky Gay
Laura Cox
Ruth Puckett
Salena Harvey
Hallie Koloda
Kelli Ann Kingma
Dwight Gay
Zeb Grant
Olivia Turner
Barbara Wiley
Lee Ann Critz

Karen Sledd
Nancy Craft
Katy White
Jessica Saville
Carrie DeHart
Teresa Adkins
Dave Hamblin
Sam Francis
Kenyon Gladu
Norman Craft
Suzi Kessler
Adeline Hanna
Susan Lust
Melissa Nicely
Irene Davis
Sharon Padgett
Noel Olin
Blake Critz
Chuck Gladu
David Richardson
Jeannie Ohler
Janelle Lorman
Jennifer Mullins
Patricia Lightner
Taylor Lisle
Ann Williams
Keith Cox
Bryson Harvey
Autumn Norris
Wyatt Race-Waller

Back to School Sunday is August 12th!
Bible Presentations

The church will be presenting a Children's NRSV Bible to those children who will be in 3rd grade this school year, on Sunday, August 12th during the 11:00 Worship Service. These are

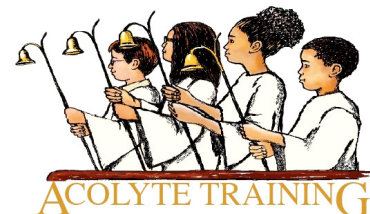
the Bibles we will be using as we move forward both in The Garden and in FROGs. Your child is invited to take this Bible home with them, read it daily and return to St. Mark's each week with it. Children who bring their Bibles with them to The Garden and FROGs will receive a FROG dollar each time they bring their Bible to church!

Blessing of the Backpacks!

All children and youth are invited to bring their **backpack** to the 11:00 Worship Service on August 12th, for a special blessing for the new school year! Please come, bring your backpack and bring a friend!

Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday will be Sunday, August 19th! That Sunday, all children, age 3 by September 30th and toilet trained, will move up to the Preschool Sunday School class. Those heading to Kindergarten this school year will move downstairs to "The Garden: Where Disciples Grow" in room 101, The Gathering room. New middle schoolers in sixth grade will move into the Youth Sunday School room. This is a great time to start your child or youth in Sunday School! Sunday School; it's for life!



Acolyte Training!

St. Mark's is in great need of Acolytes for both the 8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services! All children and youth, 4th grade through 12th grade, are invited to Acolyte training on Sunday, August 19th after the 11:00 Worship Service is over. A Pizza Lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30, so please let Miss Lee Ann know that you are coming by Friday, August 17th.

Serving as an Acolyte is an important way you can fulfill the commitment you made to the church through confirmation! If you have already been trained, but have not served in a while, please prayerfully consider doing so. Your church needs you!

YOUTH EVENTS AND NEWS:

August 1: Parent Planning Meeting 5 pm-6 pm. An event and volunteer signup sheet will be available as well as information about the upcoming semester's schedule, meeting times, and events. We will most importantly spend some time in prayer for our Youth group.

August 5: Shipyard Youth will Plan Hot Mess. 6 pm-8 pm. Bring your funniest and messiest ideas only.

August 8: School starts in Botetourt County. Good luck everybody!

August 12: Hot Mess. Time TBD. Messiness TBD. Sunday School will be pre-empted by 5th grade promotion. Fun and fellowship will happen as scheduled. Check your local listings.

August 15: Unwind from the Grind begins for fall semester. Time TBD. Prepare for epic fun!!!



August 19: Shipyard Youth 6 pm-8 pm

August 22: Unwind from the Grind Time TBD

August 26: Monthly Mission – Solomon's Closet. Time TBD. We will be assisting in the sorting and preparation of donated materials.

August 29: Unwind from the Grind

All times listed are subject to change with prior notice. Especially those listed as TBD. This will be discussed at the Parent Meeting on August 1. During Sunday School we will be starting a new Curriculum called the Wisdom of Pixar, the teaching of Virtue. I am very blessed to be serving with such gifted and wonderful young people. They make this job rewarding to be in ministry with them and all of you!



Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of each month
Bulletin Deadline: Thurs. 9 AM

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