

ST MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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My St. Mark's family-

As Freeman Teagues Jr. once said, "Nothing is so simple that it cannot be misunderstood." Communication is something that every person, every family, and every organization needs to constantly work on- and the church is no exception!

As St. Mark's continues to grow, we'll be actively working on communication. Within the next few weeks, we will be starting a weekly email update to the congregation with announcements and important dates. This will serve as a good reminder of church events; and if you miss a Sunday, you'll still get the announcements that had been in the bulletin.

We are also in the process of forming a Communications & Outreach team. This ministry will not only focus on communications within the church, but also how we reach out to let our community know about the activities and ministries at St. Mark's. If you would like to learn more about this new team or help-out, please contact Erin Huddleston at stmarkserinh@gmail.com.

Strength and Wisdom,
Pastor Justin

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Did you know that from 35,000 feet in the air, looking down on a thunder storm, a rainbow appears as a complete circle? The arc we see from the ground is actually only part of the rainbow, interrupted by the earth itself. God sees the beautiful harmony of colors from a different perspective than we do.

We often see the differences in people as negative disunity, fractured by the concerns of this world. I wonder if God sees the differences of His children as beautiful harmony, a circle that becomes something better when we work together.

It's just a thought.

Yours in Christ,

Peggy Lootens, Lay Leader

ST. MARK'S TASK FORCE REPORT FOR APRIL

Our Preschool/Daycare Task Force has been busy! Many will recall that in March St. Mark's, via Church Conference, formed a task force ". . . for the prayerful consideration of the possibility of establishing a preschool/daycare at the church. . . The task force is charged with delivering their findings and recommendation to the Administrative Council within 30 days." Given the imminent nature of the Prince and Princess closure, one of our group's first actions was to consider a gift of commercial quality playground equipment offered to the church. We reviewed the equipment and playground safety standards and recommended to Council and the Trustees that the equipment be obtained by the church and stored off campus until an installation site recommendation can be discerned. Council and the Trustees agreed to accept the donation, which consists of a slide/climbing structure, a swing structure, and plenty of plastic playground barriers (useful in keeping a safe mulch base in place). The donation has been secured and is currently being stored with permission at a member's property (thanks to all involved!). The 30 days in our original charge ended recently with the requested report to Council. The report showed how our eight-member Task Force has been hard at work in our efforts to carry out the charge. We have discussed our task and created an outline to follow as we pro-

ceed. We are currently in the information gathering stage, collecting as much as we can that seems pertinent. This includes information from the UMC, information about local child care facilities, and information about our own facility here at St. Marks. We will need, we decided, to spend more time to digest and distill all of this information to decide what is useful in regard to the current operations at St. Mark's before we can make a final recommendation. Therefore, we requested that the Council give us the charge to continue until we can present a comprehensive recommendation about what it will take to establish good quality Christian Child Care without adversely impacting the other activities and ministries in the church. We plan to provide the Council with another update of our progress by September.

We are happy that the Council voted to give us the new charge, so the work will continue. We ask for your support by continuing to make suggestions to our group via e-mail, (stmarkstaskforce@aol.com) and to keep us in your prayers.

Co-chairs: Peggy Lootens, Lay Leader and Chad Morris, chair of the Ad. Council



A support group for 5th - 12th grades, along with moms and ladies to 120 will have an Awareness/Self Defense class on May 20, from 12:15-2:00 pm, in the FLC. Deputy Todd Francis and Deputy Caren Breeden with

the Botetourt County Sheriff's Department will conduct the class. They will be sharing information meant to keep us all safe. Dress to participate physically. RSVP by May 16. A sandwich, chip and drink lunch will be provided for \$3 a person.

Please RSVP by May 16 (or send questions) to Becky Gay at reach2sky14@gmail.com

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Come join us on Thursday, May 3rd at 12 noon in St. Mark's Family Life Center as we gather with our community in prayer for our country and the world.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Adults of all ages are invited and most welcome to join us Wednesday, May 2nd at 11:30 a.m., 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!

NEWS FROM TAME

We have received a \$1000.00 grant from the Virginia United Methodist Foundation. Thanks go to Erin Huddleston for writing the request for this grant. That will be a big contribution to our ministries especially the Stop Hunger Now Event that is about \$9000.00. We want to continue to support the Roanoke Rescue Mission's Drumstick Dash, the Botetourt Food Pantry, the Botetourt Resource Center and others.

Upcoming TAME Events

Muffins for Mom: We will be offering sweet treats, coffee, and juice on Mother's Day, May 13th. Be sure to pick out a delicious snack and cup of coffee for your Mom or that special lady in your life. Of course, you can treat yourself with a snack!

Doughnuts for Dad: Father's Day is June 17th so we will offer Doughnuts and sweet treats that you can surprise your Father or that special man in your life or just treat yourself.

We have a lovely, handcrafted bedspread with a Methodist logo donated by our own Julie Gladu. We will be offering you a chance for you to have this or give as a gift in the future.

Many thanks to Julie for her hard work and her generosity.

TAME Wants You! We would love to have new members join our team. Our next meeting is June 7th at 7 pm, come find out all about us. We hope that you may join this ministry to feed others in need.

SCRAPBOOK FELLOWSHIP

Our next Scrapbook Fellowship will be Thursday, **May 17th** from 9 am-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch and snacks. For more information, contact Susan Wagner at susanbwagner59@gmail.com.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR SENIORS MAY 22

Our Lady of the Valley has invited all seniors (55 and older) to a complimentary lunch and program on **May 22nd** here at St. Mark's UMC. Lunch will be served at noon in the Fellowship Hall followed by a short program. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board across from the choir room if you plan to attend. Refer any questions to Julia Greer at 540-339-7933.

JOYFUL JOURNEY TRAVEL CLUB

Joyful Journey Travel Club trip to see "JESUS" filling up quickly.

Our Sept. 28th-29th trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in PA. is almost full. In order to hold your place if you have signed up you must turn in your registration form and pay the \$25 deposit as soon as possible. Forms and information are on the bulletin board across from the choir room.

ASSISTANT NEEDED

The Music Ministry is in search of someone to assist with audio during the 11:00 service. Responsibilities include:

- ◆ Checking batteries in the hand-held microphone
- ◆ Turning the recording device on before service and off after service
- ◆ Monitoring sound levels during service to make sure everyone can be heard
- ◆ Turning on/off mics for the choir

Training will be provided - it's really a simple job, just very necessary for a quality worship experience! Open to anyone high school age and up.

Contact Michele Richardson at 797-8200 or stmarksmusicminister@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

The wonderful missions and ministries of St. Mark's are only possible because of your support! Income through end of March was \$94,999 toward the annual budget goal of \$451,763. We need everyone to do their part to meet our goal!



St. Marks United Methodist Women will meet Monday evening, **May 14th** at 7 pm in the fellowship hall. Peggy Lootens, our St. Mark's

Lay Leader, will lead our program on the governing organization of the United Methodist Church, and specifically what that looks like at St. Mark's. The program will include our committees, who serves on each of them and what the tasks are of each group.

As St. Mark's continues as a growing and thriving church family, there are often questions about how things are decided and carried out. The program will look to answer those questions and help communicate how the caring courageous disciples at St. Mark's implement God's mission for us here in Daleville. A Question & Answer time will follow.

Following the program, we will have a short business meeting along with refreshments.

LADIES – please join us as we endeavor to carry on the work of Missions outside the walls of St. Mark's.

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY



May 19th We have rescheduled our Church Clean Up Day! Join us from 9 to noon to help spruce the church up—both inside and out—so that we can truly glorify God and welcome guests with a clean and safe facility!

CONFIRMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

On **May 20th** we have a very special opportunity! Six young people will be finishing their journey through Confirmation class and will be standing before the 11 am service in order to officially join the church and become voting members. Please help St Mark's welcome them into full membership—help them to take ownership of their Baptismal vows. Help them to ask good questions. Help them to seek God's face in everything. Help them to make their faith their very own.

ST. MARK'S BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 12th - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Did you know?

- ❖ The blood used in an emergency is already on the shelves before the event occurs.
- ❖ More than 1.6 million people were diagnosed with cancer last year. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.
- ❖ A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.

Please consider stopping by to donate a pint of blood.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the blood drive. If you can help please call Nancy Craft at 992-4129.

KROGER COMMUNITY CARES PROGRAM

St. Mark's latest Kroger check has arrived. The total amount of **\$622.53** will be deposited into our Building Fund.

We now have **59 households** enrolled in the Community Rewards program. Thank you all for signing up! Please consider enrolling and making St. Mark's United Methodist Church your organization of choice.

ALTA MONS SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Alta Mons is looking for volunteer nurses to serve at summer camp the weeks of July 8-13 & July 15-20. You must be an RN and be able to give a week in residence at camp. Room and board provided, along with sending one child to camp for free! We are also needing kitchen staff to help prepare meals during the busy summer season. This is a paid position with full time summer work and part time fall/winter/spring work. Additionally, Alta Mons needs your help finding male counselors! Applicants must be 18 years old by June 24, 2018 and must be available June 11-July 21. We are seeking young men who enjoy spending time outside, love working with children/youth, and are seeking to grow in their faith. For more information about all of these positions, contact Meredith Simmons at office@altamons.org or 540-268-2409.

KITS FOR CONFERENCE

Each year, United Methodist churches are encouraged to gather items for KITS that we take to Annual Conference in June. This year our Virginia Annual Conference will be held on June 15-17, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia. Our KITS, along with those from across the state, will then be trucked to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana.

There are several KITS that can be made. This year, UMCOR is specifically asking for School and Health (Hygiene) KITS.

For many years, St. Mark's has placed a special emphasis on SCHOOL KITS to benefit children in other countries – and those here in our states affected by disasters -- who have no books or school supplies. Members of our United Methodist Women and friends are working to make the tote bags and have also collected items to fill the bags.

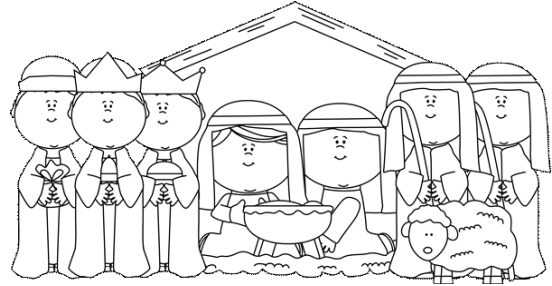
If you would like to help by providing items or making your own KITS – especially HEALTH KITS -- we welcome them! Financial support is also appreciated to help UMCOR with the shipping of these KITS. Checks may be written to St. Mark's United Methodist Women.

Questions about the KITS or supplies: Please see or call Nancy Hamblin (992-5505) or Mona Tolley (992-3496).

All KITS must be returned to Church **no later than Sunday, June 10** -- as we have to get them counted, packed, and ready to go.

THANK YOU for being a part of this great and global ministry!

** An Information Sheet listing all the items needed for the School and Health KITS is available on the table in the Narthex. All items included in the KITS must be new and must contain only the items listed. **



42ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

December 1, 2018

New TEAM MEMBERS Wanted

St. Mark's Christmas Fair has been a wonderful extension of our Church family to raise funds for many different projects. Over the many, many years (coming up on 42!), our Fair has raised funds for many different projects. We made many payments on the original building, pledged and paid on the Family Life Center, paid for parsonage repairs, church furnishings, and so much more!

We have a wonderful team that pulls it all together but we are few in number. As many hands are needed to make each year a success, we are always looking for volunteers to help us in many different capacities. **DO NOT BE AFRAID** -- we are not going to drop the whole thing in your lap! But we would love to have some "new trainees"! Our Team works together very well and we do enjoy the work – and we would love for new faces to join us !

We know it is May, but we start early – so please think about it and let us know if you might be interested. We would be happy to talk with you and let you know what we do and what areas you might be interested in.

Please contact Nancy Hamblin (992-5505) or Mona Tolley (992-3496) for more details.

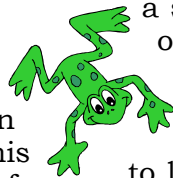
ST. MARK'S EASTER CANTATA

If anyone would like a CD with this year's cantata please contact Michele Richardson: stmarksmusicminister@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

"Down at the Pond" FROGS and Tadpoles

We have been blessed to have 71 children in attendance at FROGS and Tadpoles this school year! Please mark your calendars for Children's Sabbath on Mother's Day Sunday, May 13th. The children will be singing during the 11 am Worship Service that day! Please bring your child to the reserved pews on the right side of the Sanctuary by 10:50 am that morning. Please invite your friends and family to come worship with us that morning!



a sense of humor! There are many and varied opportunities to serve, so please prayerfully consider doing so. Dinner for VBS volunteers and their families will be provided each night of VBS at 5:15 pm. To sign up to lead or to help, please contact Lee Ann Critz at 580-3905 or leeanncritz@yahoo.com. Nursery care for children younger than 3 is provided each night for volunteer's children only.

VBS Leader Meetings!

There will be 2 VBS Leader meetings on Sunday, June 3rd. The first meeting will be at 11 am in the Family Life Center and the other meeting will be after the 11 o'clock Worship Service is over in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP for the meeting that suits you to attend by Friday, June 1st by calling or texting Lee Ann at 580-3905 or by email to: leeanncritz@yahoo.com. Lunch will be provided at the meeting in the Fellowship hall after the 11:00 Worship service.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All children ages 3 through rising 4th graders are invited to *Rolling River Rampage* Vacation Bible School program this summer! Rising Fifth and rising Sixth graders are invited to be a part of our Service Squad while VBS is going on each night. VBS will be held Sunday, July 15th through Thursday, July 19th from 6 to 8:30 each night! Dinner will be provided each night for VBS volunteers and their families at 5:15 by pre-registration by July 8th. Registration forms are available on the VBS Bulletin Board located in the Narthex Hall and also on the church website. All those who register by July 15th will receive a free CD of VBS music! **Pre-registration is highly recommended for pre-school aged children, as space will be limited.**

Wanted: Adult and Youth Heroes who want to discover the Word of God with children!

NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP!! At *Rolling River Rampage*, we will help children experience God's active love through missions, dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music and lots of fun! Adults and youth are needed for this **church-wide ministry** to the children of this church and this community. Qualifications are: a love of children, a desire to reach out to children and share the love of God with others and

Thank you to all who helped with the Family Egg Hunt

Our Family Egg Hunt was a success thanks to many people who helped out. The Youth and Teresa Atkins filled over 1,000 plastic Easter eggs!!! The following folks were good enough to hide all those eggs: Becky and Skylar Gay, Todd and Sam Francis, Sarah Hamblin, Janelle Lorman and Olivia Turner! A special thank you goes to Melissa Nicely for searching through 12 pounds of jelly beans for the right colors to make Jelly Bean Prayer bags for each child! Thank you all for your help to make our Easter Egg Hunt a fun time!

A Children's Mission Event

June 28-29 at Greene Memorial UMC

Helping Hands is an exciting two-day mission experience for children (rising 4th through 6th Graders) offered to the VA Conference of the UMC. Come, learn and do missions and the importance of being a caring Christian. The cost is only \$36 per person -- including a T-shirt, meals, snacks, and an overnight stay. (sleeping on the floor and do not have shower facilities). Please let Lee Ann know if your child is interested in participating! Church chaperones will be needed.

Possible Hands-On: * Food Bank & Pack-a-Snack Bags * Yard Work at parks/ schools * Habitat Store * Nursing Home visits *SPCA* Community Garden*

YOUTH EVENTS AND NEWS:

Sunday Youth: If you are between 6th and 12th grade come join us as we meet from 6-8 pm for Bible Study, Fun and Fellowship. We'll see you there!

May 6: Cinco de Mayo Nacho Bar

fundraiser: The Shipyard is hosting a fundraiser lunch directly after the 11 am worship service. Everything they earn will go toward their summer mission trip to Charleston, SC. Join us as we support our youth and their hearts for mission!

May 6th: Monthly Mission: This month we are setting sail to go to the Blue Ridge Women's Center with all of the diapers, wipes, and paste that we collected! Come ready to carry supplies and help the staff at the Blue Ridge Women's Center do some spring cleaning! Meet at St. Mark's at 2 pm and we'll re-



turn to the church by 4:30.

May 13: No Shipyard Youth: celebrate Mother's Day with your mom, your grandmother, your favorite aunt, or a woman who has made a positive impact in your life! Tell her how much you love and appreciate her!

May 16: Last Unwind for the School year!! Come and join us to celebrate the start of summer break! Share your God sightings, prayers, and get ready to play in the water (if weather permits).

May 20: Youth Council will be meeting from 5-6 pm. Bring your calendar, your hopes, your dreams for the Shipyard!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



May Birthdays

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| 1 - Megan Pappas | 13 - Carleigh Booth | 13 - Jamie Dillard |
| 1 - Don Ditzler | 13 - Lillian Kelley | 14 - Hi Nicely |
| 2 - Hannah Spence | 14 - Pahl Pappas | 15 - Adeline Hanna |
| 2 - Julia Wilson | 17 - David Hamblin | 18 - Deb Costanzo |
| 3 - Tim Cofflin | 18 - Karen Henderson | 18 - Mary Beth Hoye |
| 5 - Wesley Hance | 18 - Mae Overman | 18 - Ruth Puckett |
| 5 - Blaine Page | 18 - Ruth Puckett | 19 - Chase Koloda |
| 7 - Cathy Cofflin | 19 - Chase Koloda | 21 - Norman Craft |
| 7 - Neil Norris | 21 - Norman Craft | 23 - Brenda Hanke |
| 7 - Patty Unroe | 23 - Brenda Hanke | 23 - Autumn Norris |
| 7 - Dottie Ward | 23 - Autumn Norris | |
| 8 - Patricia Lightner | | |
| 9 - Jennifer Rhyne | | |
| 11 - Sophie Bender | | |
| 12 - Tyler Durig | | |

May Birthdays

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| 24 - Tyler Kingma |
| 24 - Marvin Pitsenbarger |
| 25 - Jane Orr |
| 26 - Kimberly Puckett |
| 27 - Braeden Harvey |
| 28 - Taylor Richardson |
| 28 - Scott Sartorius |
| 29 - Harry Burnett |
| 29 - Samuel Francis |
| 29 - Claudia Goodwin |
| 29 - Josh Harvey |
| 29 - Trenton Lester |
| 30 - Mike Jennings |
| 31 - Deborah Wiley |

May Anniversaries

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| 4 - Mike & Sherry Beihl |
| 6 - Art & Cheryl Caffee |
| 8 - Kevin & Suzanne Witcher |
| 17 - Christopher & Carla Wissemann |
| 20 - Erik & Jennifer Rhyne |
| 20 - John & Diane Glazebrook |
| 22 - Steve & Kristen Bender |
| 24 - Bart & Lisa McEntire |
| 25 - Mitch & Linda Goodyear |
| 26 - Kimberly & Brian Puckett |
| 27 - Robbie & Robin Dix |
| 28 - Joe & Heather Austin |
| 29 - Norman & Nancy Craft |
| 29 - Bill & Beverly Daly |
| 29 - Todd and Susie Francis |
| 31 - Steven & DeAnn Page |

*If your name does not appear in birthdays or anniversaries on the appropriate day, we are sorry!
Please contact Becky Arthur in the church office.*

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

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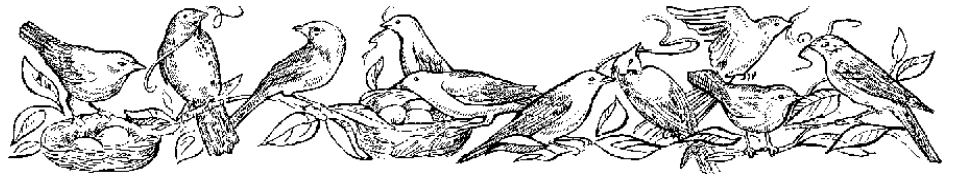
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