



A WONDER-FULL LIFE WORSHIP SERIES
Looking at Money and Meaning

*LOOKING BACK, LOOKING IN,
LOOKING OUT, LOOKING WITH GRATITUDE*

*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."
John 10:10b*

November 3 — "Looking Back"

November 10 — "Looking In"

Today — "Looking Out"

6pm Church Conference Potluck

November 24 — "Looking With Gratitude"

Thanks-Giving Sunday

2020 Giving Estimates Received

Church Family Brunch

5pm: Hanging of the Greens / Pizza Party

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
November 17, 2019, 9:30 am

GATHERING: COMPASSION

As we open our eyes and come out of any avoidance we have regarding our feelings about money, we illumine a candle and ask God to be with us on this journey. We ask God to give us fresh perspectives that can shift any "dis-ease" that holds us back from a courageous vision about our money paths. We have compassion for ourselves and each other, because the systems of money we live in are not easy to navigate.

Please read aloud the bold text.
The "*" invites you to stand in body and/or spirit.

CENTERING PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP "Illuminating the Shadows"

Singing:

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

Speaking:

We light this flame to affirm that where there is light,
there is understanding;
where there is understanding,
there is compassion;
where there is compassion,
there is possibility;
where there is possibility;
there is transformation.

Holy and Living God,
transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder.

**Open us to this light,
and to the rich possibilities that it brings us
for a "wonder-full" life. Amen.**

*HYMN "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Hymnal (UMH) 133

WELCOME Pastor Joe Payne

*PASSING THE PEACE
"A Wonder Full Life"

A Wonder Full Life

Two-part round

① Easy, flowing ♩ = 92

To be full of love, to be full of grace,
Giv-ing o - thers love, giv-ing their grace.

Angela Crum

SOLO

PROCLAIMING: CURIOSITY

We become curious—full of "wonder-ing." We further transform our tendencies of avoiding money issues into a desire to know more about the systems of money and our own relationship to it. We explore what our faith story invites us to do about the systems of money in which we find ourselves.

Music & Lyrics: Marcia McFee
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INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READING

Singing

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

SCRIPTURE I Timothy 6:17-19 (CEB)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Looking In"

ANTHEM "Open My Eyes" Chancel Choir

RESPONDING: CREATIVITY

This part of the service helps us to "wonder" in a different way. We invite a state of awe at the abundance of our lives by noticing the "rich" beauty around us, the presence of "treasured" people, and new and unexpected "gems" that cross our paths. We commit to engage our creativity to multiply good in the world.

THE WONDER OF IT ALL, In Pictures and 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
sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

SINGING... "Thank You, Lord" UMH 84

OFFERING WITNESS Bob & Carol Pittman

OFFERING Solo "I Say" Angela Crum

*Doxology

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

*Offering Prayer

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SENDING FORTH: COMMITMENT

Having walked with God in "looking" into our heart's relationship to money, we commit to take the practices out into the world and our daily lives with renewed compassion, curiosity and creativity.

*SENDING HYMN "How Shall I Come Before the Lord"

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING SONG "Take Jesus With You" Gary Weaver (1937-2019)
**When you leave this place, take Jesus with you.
Share His love with others every day.
Share His promises and all the hope it gives you.
Share His joy with those you meet along the way.**

**Use the strength He gives in pain or sorrow.
Learn to forgive as He forgives your sins.
In your quiet time give thanks in prayer and praise His holy
name
And He will bless you
And He will keep you
Until we meet you here again.**

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: ST. MARK'S UMC Q&A — Join Pastor Joe in the Heritage Room at 11 am to learn more about St. Mark's UMC—our heritage, beliefs, the United Methodist denomination - including our challenges and struggles - and the meaning of membership. We will meet today and Dec. 1, 8, and 15 (we will break for next week's Thanksgiving Brunch. This gathering is open to those persons interested in membership at St. Mark's, as well as to anyone who desires a refresher about our church. Persons who have attended the class are able to be received into membership on December 22nd.

TODAY: Tim Mislansky, Finance Chairperson, will be in the Narthex after worship to answer any questions about Electronic Giving or to help you set up for Electronic Giving if this is something you would like to do.

TODAY AT 6 PM - ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE with Pot-Luck Dinner: Entree will be provided by the Nurture & Care Committee and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish filled with one of your favorite recipes. This is a very important night for St. Mark's. We will vote on 2020 officers and other items. Everyone is welcome.

ST. MARK'S POINSETTIAS for Christmas & Christmas Eve:

To order, return the form, with money, by November 25th.

LUNCH BUNCH: If you like to have a good time, meet people and eat, the Lunch Bunch would like you to join us for lunch and socializing once a month at various restaurants in the area. The Lunch Bunch is a group made up of 55 and older adults. Due to several requests, we will be

meeting in November. We will be meeting at Shooters, 4981 Winners Circle in Liberty Township on **Wednesday, November 20th at noon.** Please see Bob or Carol Pittman or call 829-4548 for reservations by Monday, November 18th. We will not meet in December.

SERVE CITY: We will be serving a pre-Thanksgiving meal to our friends at Serve City **this coming Friday, Nov. 22nd.** We meet at Serve City at 5:45, serve at 6:00, eat and socialize until about 7:00. We are in need of servers and food for that night. Please use the sign-up sheet on the St. Mark's Cares bulletin board or talk to Julie Mislansky (505-4061) or Charlotte Tierney (795-3010) with questions. **We are very short on food donations.** If you can't join us to serve, but can offer a food or monetary donation, that would be greatly appreciated!

NEXT SUNDAY-November 24th - CONSECRATION SUNDAY:
After the service, there will be a Brunch for everyone to attend.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Sunday, Nov. 24 at 5 pm. There will be Pizza afterwards. Everyone is invited to come and help.

ADVENT STUDY: We will be offering a 4 week study on **Monday nights at 7:00 beginning on Nov. 25th and ending on Dec. 16th.** The study we are using is "Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas" by Jorge Acevedo. We will explore how, where, and why Christ sends us into the world to be his hands and feet. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we can be sure we have enough books or see or call Julie Mislansky (505-4061) with questions.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS ANGELS: The angels are here! Find them at the Welcome Center! We have enough tags to provide Christmas gifts for 50 children. This year they are asking us to buy a coat, a pair of shoes or boots, and a requested toy, at an estimated cost of \$100. This might be a great opportunity for two or three individuals, couples or families to join together and provide the items for one child. **All items need to be returned to church by Dec. 8th;** no need to wrap the gifts, simply place all the items in one bag with the tag attached to the outside. Please see Karen Smith or Julie Mislansky with questions.

PARENTS - SAVE THE DATE! There will be a Parent's Night Out on Friday, December 6th from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Details later in bulletins.

ST. MARK'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 am Fellowship, Donuts, Coffee, Juice and Milk. (Fellowship Hall and the Narthex)
9:30 am Worship Celebration
11:00 am St. Mark's UMC Q&A (Heritage Rm.)
6:00 pm Church Conference / Pot-Luck Dinner

MONDAY

- 10:00 am Craft Group (Rm. 104)
December Newsletter Deadline

TUESDAY

- 10:30 am Bible Study (Heritage Rm.)
6:45 pm Children / Family Committee
7:00 pm Scouts (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 am Prayer Group (Heritage Rm.)
12:00 pm Lunch Bunch (Shooters)
6:00 pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Bible Study (F. Hall)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY

- 6:15 pm NA Meeting (F. Hall)

FRIDAY

- 5:30 pm Serve City Pre-Thanksgiving Meal

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

- 8:30 am Fellowship, Donuts, Coffee, Juice and Milk. (Fellowship Hall and the Narthex)
9:30 am Worship Celebration
11:00 am Brunch
5:00 pm Hanging of the Greens / Pizza Party

PRAYER REQUESTS

11/10 Requests

John McWilliam had a TIA on Friday and is in Ft. Hamilton Hospital.
Ann McWilliam having Health issues.
Grandsons, Chez Halloran & Jason Wise who have health issues.
(Aydletts)

New since last Sunday:

John McWilliam is now at Westover for therapy.
Ann McWilliam is at Christ Hospital for treatment of health issues.

Hospital or Re-Hab

Betsy Jones - Jamestown Therapy
Max Stover - Tri-County Extended Care.
Eleanor McCollum - Berkley Square
John McWilliam - Westover

St. Mark's Shut-ins / Homebound

John Best - Sanctuary Pointe	Virginia Shaw
Nancy Miracle	Sue Webster
Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Don Olson
Evelyn Rewerts (Hospice) -Triple Creek	
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, Rm. 201	

Continuing Prayers for St. Mark's Family

Merianne Cardas	Byron Jones	Jean Stivers
John McWilliam	Sandy Ronningen	Nancy Bumpus
Betsy Jones	Laura Spahn	Prayer & Bible St. Groups
Dick Brewer	Kristy Theiss	Pastor Joe & Linda

Continuing Friends of St. Mark's & Week of Special Request

All service Men & Women	Lew Hollinger 10/27
Our Country UM Church	Tom Alf 11/3
Mitch Thomas	Knull Family 11/3
Jack Cook	Co-worker, Katy 11/3
Gina Hollinger 10/27	Patti 11/3
Eleanor McCollum 10/27	Ray Smith 11/3
Betty Jones' daughter-in-law 10/27	Wayne 11/3
Don Olson 10/27	Virginia's son's father-in-law 11/3
Shay Irvin 10/27	

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S!

Our Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

STAFF

Pastor	Joe Payne
Administrative Assistant	Brenda Smoot
Director of Music	Chris Beiser
Organist	Sue Combs
Director of Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Youth Director	Erin Theodor
Nursery Director	Lauren Dichtl
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist	Merianne Cardas
Head Usher	Andy Shellman
Ushers	Cliff & Cheryl Klug Marty & Gay Kubik
Greeter	Russ Carr
Prayer Room	Greg Pullem
The Prayer Room is open for private quiet prayer.	

Special thanks to our guest soloist today, Angela Crum.

THE ALTAR FLOWER BOUQUETS

... are given in celebration of the birthday of Sue Combs
from the Choir.

... are given to the Glory of God.

ATTENDANCE: 11/10 - 152

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