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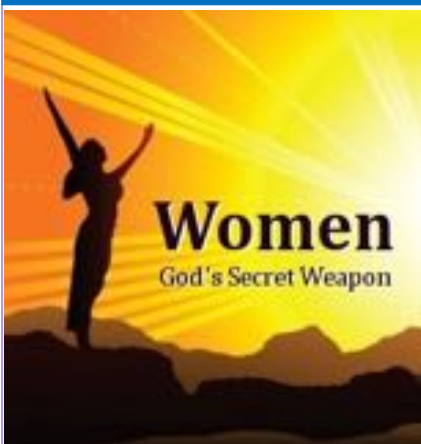
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Vision
 Transform Our Lives
 Revitalize Our Faith
 Influence Our Community

Women's Day March 17

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A successful

Woman

is one who can build
 a firm foundation
 with the bricks
 others have thrown
at her

Oh what a day what a day. Women were celebrated with great zest, and women stepped up to the plate on this day and gave it their all. Gloria "Mumzee" Milligan lead the congregation in singing "Have a Little Talk with Jesus". In her own style it was part story telling and part singing. Director of Music, Regi McClurkin was definitely tuned in to Mumzee's style. It was a very spirited moment and together they had the congregation's undivided attention as they sang along. This performance got everyone ready for a very upbeat day.

Deborah Kimble chose to speak about Ruth. Her theme was "It's Time to Leave the Past Behind." Ruth, a woman of great faith whose life was led by God. A woman who came from humble beginnings and was frowned upon because of who she was and where she came from. She had many reasons to shrink into a shell and live her life in obscurity, but she didn't. She found faith in God and moved forward in her life with great confidence. She became a woman of great character and didn't allow her past to hold her back. When we leave our past behind and follow the Lord, God has great things in store for us. This was an inspirational message for everyone.

NaTayia Riley danced solo to Jamal Bryant's "God Make it Stop." Her interpretation of this oral rendition was so powerful and emotional that it brought people to tears. There was lots of tissue being passed around. Strength, power, tears, she gave it her all and we were blessed to be on the receiving end of such a great performance.

Joi Ragland sang "Break Every Chain." She put her heart and soul into her performance. The audience hung onto every word as they stood on their feet. Once again, we were blessed to be on the receiving end of such a great emotional performance.

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Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Stacey Cole Wilson, (pictured left) gave a very soul stirring sermon. She pointed out that "Jesus can do whatever Jesus wants to do, whenever he wants to do it, in the time that he wants to do it." She also reminded us that though some people might be against us and may not want us to do well, Jesus has the final say. Two words we were given to remember, *Release* and *Loosed*.

by Hillary E. Brown

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"You may write me down in history with your bitter, twisted, lies. You may trod me in the very dirt but still like dust, I'll rise."

by Maya Angelou

Girl Scout Sunday March 17



Troop Leader Kimberly Jenkins kept things going smoothly as troop 2368 celebrated Girl Scout Sunday at St Mark. The ladies earned several badges and pins. They were also presented with a citation from Delegate Mark Chang for hosting a successful Community Day at St Mark in August 2018. Girl Scouts current and past were asked to stand and recite the pledge. Rhonda Caldwell-Dove gave a brief history of Troop 2368 describing how the ladies had grown in spirit as well as in size since their days as Daisies. Acknowledgement was given to all parents and siblings of the Girl Scouts for their help and support. First Lady Rochelle Watson was also acknowledged for her support as well. God's Glory youth performed a dance routine followed by a dance performance presented by members of troop 2368. Congratulations to Troop 2368 for all their hard work and a big thank you to all who support the troop.

by Hillary E. Brown

Pantry Day, February 5, 2019

It was a spring like day in a winter month. Warm with a gentle breeze. A great day to be outside which was very good for the distribution of food to furloughed Federal Workers, Contractors and others in need. St Mark UMC was the host location for this wonderful event sponsored by the Maryland Food Bank and AACO Partnership for Children, Youth & Family.

St Markers and other volunteers really stepped up to the plate and worked together to get the job done. They unloaded the trucks, bagged and sorted food and other items such as toiletries, hair care products and laundry supplies. Since the weather was so great some produce was placed in very large boxes outside. It gave the appearance of an outdoor farmers market. Have you ever seen 6,000 pounds of food? Well if you weren't there it was a missed opportunity.

If you are an exercise buff, you would have gotten plenty. There was lots of stooping, bending, reaching and lifting, all for a good cause. Everyone who came out to work did just that with smiles on their faces as they moved about and chattered with laughter. All in all, it was a feel-good day as help was given to those in need. Recipients were very appreciative and expressed their gratitude with lots of thank yous.

A big thank you to all who volunteered and to our organizers, Diana Taylor and Ramona Burnett.

by Hillary E. Brown



Veterans Seminar February 23,



It was a great turn out for the Veteran's Seminar. As Elizabeth McDowell, CMDR, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 13, had a captive audience. She covered, Health Care, Vocational Rehabilitation, Burial, Memorial Benefits, Incarcerated Veterans, Dependent & Survivors Benefits and so much more. Audience participation was great as there were many questions being asked and many answers given. It was a very informative seminar as many Veterans became aware of benefits that they were not aware of.

Mr. Andre Myers, Job Placement Specialist from My Employment Options spoke briefly to the audience about job opportunities for all Veterans, especially those who are disabled.

It was great to see female Veterans in attendance as Ms. McDowell pointed out, they are often overlooked and need to be recognized more. She stated that female Veterans need to participate in more events, *"come out and be recognized"* was her advice. She also pointed out that male Veterans, whether active or retired, are often greeted with *"thank you for your service,"* more so than female Veterans. At the end of the Seminar, many Veterans were assisted in filing claims by Ms. McDowell and Mr. Lonnie Pierce, DAV Chapter Service Officer. Mr. Myers was also available for those who needed information on job opportunities.

As February was Black History month, Ms. Rosetta Holloway displayed memorabilia about the Montford Point Marines (MPM) in honor of her father, Mr. Charles Manuel, who was in attendance. Mr. Manuel is indeed a part of our rich history as the MPM were the first African Americans to serve in the US Marine Corp. They were trained at Camp Montford Point, Jacksonville, NC, from 1942 to 1949.

For further information you may contact representatives of DAV Chapter 13 at (410) 230-4440. They are located at 8069 Quarterfield Rd., Severn, MD., 21144 (410) 230-4440.

Thank you to the United Methodist Men of St Mark for sponsoring this event. A special thank you to Mr. Carl Rutledge for bringing the need for such an event to our attention. We look forward to more events of this nature in the future as we show our appreciation to all Veterans, by helping to keep them informed. To all of our Veterans, *"We Thank You for Your Service."*

by Hillary E. Brown



Active Assailant Training February 24



Pictured left is St Mark member Cpl. Lemuel Aulton and Cpl. Jim Shiloh of AACoPD sharing a moment as they reflect on the Active Assailant Training held at St Mark, following the 10am Sunday Service. The participation was outstanding as much of the congregation was in attendance.

Through lecture and the use of visual aides Cpl. Shiloh made us aware of the many ways in which we could protect ourselves if put in a dangerous situation with the focus on invasion by an active shooter. It was a lot to take in (a normal four hour course condensed down to two) but three elements stood out as key. **Avoid** the situation, **Deny** entry to the assailant and **Defend** yourself if entry is attained. We learned to be aware/survey our surroundings, look for exits to include windows that could be broken and take note of what we could use as weapons if necessary. We were also advised to stay calm and remain focused. He brought to our attention that action is faster than reaction therefore we should be prepared to react. Cpl. Shiloh presented us with different case scenarios and went through each to point out the right thing to do and the wrong thing to do. The training was very informative and eye opening. Cpl. Shiloh suggested that taking a self defense class would be useful and also recommended enrolling in the Citizens Police Academy. For further information visit jshiloh@aacounty.org.

Much thanks to Cpl. Aulton, Denard Hebron and Rev. Watson for making this type of training available to the congregation.

by Hillary E. Brown

United Methodist Women Officer Installation March 10



Members of St Mark United Methodist Women (UMW) came together to witness the installation of officers for the year 2019. These ladies give freely of their time, as do other members, to ensure that the UMW purpose and mission is carried out. Mistress of Ceremony was Sylvia Rogers. The greeting was by Patricia Hamilton, and the occasion was presented by Rosetta Holloway. Dorothea Hebron sang (acapella) "May The Work That I've done Speak for Me." Dorothy Blakely introduced guest speaker, Ms. Daisy Farmer.

Ms. Farmer, is currently the West County Cluster Leader. She joined the UMW at St Mark UMC in 1992. In 2004 she joined

the District Team. She has held the office of Secretary of Education, Interpretation Coordinator, Membership & Outreach Coordinator, worked on the nomination committee and served as president of the Annapolis District.

Ms. Farmer gave a brief history of how the UMW got started and further advised that "*We are the me 2 movement*". She also pointed out that the UMW fought for women's rights, fought to stop domestic violence, human trafficking and worked with President Obama on the Dream Act.



Officers Installed

Sylvia Brown –President
 Beverly Warren -Vice President
 Communications Coordinator/Nurture & Outreach
 Bettina Washington - Circle Leader
 Darlene Morrison - Secretary

Lollie Byrd - Social Action
 Gloria Raynor - Spiritual Growth
 Rosetta Holloway - Nominations
 Hillary E. Brown - Nurture & Outreach
 Katherine Potts - Nurture & Outreach

As the above officers were installed and given pins reading 150 representing the years UMW has been in existence, Ms. Farmer had each to pick a name of a silent prayer partner that was written on a small piece of paper and place it in a prayer box. Each were instructed to remember the name but not reveal it. This partner was to be held in their hearts and kept in prayer. Elisha Brooks and Rosetta Holloway were presented with Special Mission Recognition certificates and gold cross pins. Ms. Beathsader Womble, past president of the St Mark UMW was acknowledged for her contributions and years of service and was gifted with a 150 yr. pin. Refreshments were served following the program.

by Hillary E. Brown



APRIL 19, 11am - 6pm
St Mark United Methodist Men
Chicken & Fish Fry - \$10.00/pp
(2 sides + dessert)
Drinks \$1.00

