



Hello!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you here at St. Marks UMC. I am so grateful to be here and to be a part of this community. I hope that you all are having a wonderful holiday season! I also want to express my gratitude to the incredible group of young people in our St. Marks youth group. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, we had our scavenger hunt for food. During this scavenger hunt, the kids went door to door (safely, with adult supervision, of course) asking for donations for our food pantry. In just under two hours, our young people collected nearly two hundred items for our food pantry! I am beyond proud and beyond grateful for this awesome group of young people who have a heart for service. As far as upcoming events go, we will be taking a trip to Lebanon to see the Dancing Lights of Christmas on December 8<sup>th</sup>. I will have more details and a sign-up link for that very soon! Our Christmas party will be the following week, December 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be at 5:00 pm in the youth center. As I close out this newsletter, I wanted to, once again, offer my thanks. In a season of gratitude, I find myself so thankful to be in this amazing congregation. The love and grace you all have shown me in my short tie here has just been incredible. I will forever appreciate you all for your acceptance. Thank you, St. Marks!

Blessings and Peace,  
David Cowan