



The Lion of St. Mark's

SEPTEMBER 2010

**WANTED
RIGHTEOUS
CHILDREN
OF GOD!**

The Way Begins Anew

Are you interested in a spiritually exhilarating, uplifting, rewarding and challenging experience? **Sunday, September 12th**, we begin with a new group, for the **12th** season, the process we call *The Way*. Why not join the eighty plus members of St. Mark's who have participated in this process, in the past, as a candidate or sponsor?

Here is what a few recent members have to say about their experience:

The Way is an experience I would recommend to anyone and everyone! It is a chance to learn things about our faith as Christians, or as I found, re-learn things from long ago in confirmation classes. There are so many things to comment on that it's hard to choose one or even just a few. The African Bible Reflection of each gathering was a particularly meaningful part of the process. It prompted me to pay closer attention to the lessons and gospel each Sunday, finding words and phrases that spoke to me, or had a particular meaning, to carry with me throughout the week. It is something I continue to use in my daily life whenever I hear or read scripture. It gave me strength of faith and help throughout my life, making some of life's difficult moments seem not so bad, and a renewed appreciation for all of God's gifts, and the desire to share what God has given me. ~ Dinah Labenberg

For anyone at St. Mark's who wants to learn more about the Lutheran Faith, a great place to start is *The Way*. When I first arrived at St. Mark everything about Sunday Worship was very different to me. I was raised in an Evangelical Church and that's what I knew and understood. But I wanted to learn more. After speaking with several members of our church, I decided to become a member of *The Way*. It didn't take much time to realize this is exactly what I needed to do. By being a part of this group, I learned why our Worship service is set-up the way it is. I learned about the meanings of items featured in the beautiful stain glass windows in the Nave. I had the chance to meet other people who also wanted to explore the Lutheran Faith, as well as members of the church who were there to support and guide me in my exploration. So if you are at Sunday Worship wondering why we do things a certain way. Or if you just want to explore your faith a bit more, join *The Way*. It's a great place to find the answers! ~ Michele Fredericks

My journey in *The Way* began very timidly. I wasn't sure what to expect or how involved it might be. I was pleasantly surprised to find that I actually looked forward to each meeting once I met the small group and listened to Mel Wentzel explain very clearly what we would be learning. It was what I always wanted to learn and more! I enjoyed the "field-trip" inside the church as Pastor Elkin explained the meaning of all the pictures in the stained glass windows. I never realized how many stories and symbols were within those colorful pieces of exquisitely cut glass! I found out more wonderful facts about the church's architecture, the history of it, the parts of the church, and our fabulous organ! Each week we would begin our session with a prayer and then be guided to reflect on a certain passage from the lessons presented in that day's service. We would all share how that particular passage "spoke to us" and how it had meaning to us in our own personal lives. Everyone in the group began to grow closer as friends in Christ through this process. Then Mel and Pastor would take us through a certain learning experience concerning our faith such as learning the parts of the Bible, understanding more in depth the 10 Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, and the Benediction which we were presented with at a later service in parchment signed by the Bishop and the Pastor. Also, we were taken through each part of a service so we understood its meaning better. Ever wonder why we do the things we do in the Lutheran worship service? All these details are thoroughly explained so that you feel very comfortable from then on during any particular service. Other things were taught as well such as the importance and significance of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. Another valuable lesson was learning about the church calendar and principal Festivals of the Church Year. As the weeks and months moved along, so did our understanding and appreciation of our Lutheran faith. The most wonderful experience happened during the Easter Vigil. One member and her infant daughter were baptized and we were all "reaffirmed" in our baptism and our faith. It was a very moving experience, one I will never forget. It changed my life forever! Looking back, I am so grateful to have been offered the opportunity of participating in *The Way*. I highly recommend it to all prospective members as well as established members of the church. It will be life changing for you as well! ~ Sally Bjornstad

For anyone interested in knowing more about this process the first gathering will be an informational get-together on **Sunday, September 12th at 12:15 PM** in the **Crossways Room**. (see page 4 for more information.)

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Council Notes

The Congregation Council met August 23rd in the Crossways Room. The Council, Gary Weber presiding:

- ◆ reflected on the next part of the Book of Concord, the Athanasian Creed.
- ◆ received the regular reports of the Pastor, officers, and committees.
- ◆ noted that Scott Bittner has become the chair of the property Committee.
- ◆ noted that Bud Hershberger was selected to complete a term on Mutual Ministry Committee.
- ◆ noted that the annual fall kickoff breakfast will be held on September 5, al fresco if possible.
- ◆ approved four students for Affirmation of Baptism-Confirmation: Theoron Hershey, Max Hospes, Kathryn Lauer, and Hannah Lynn.
- ◆ noted that the Finance Committee is moving the congregation to electronic checks for paying bills.
- ◆ discussed finances, observing that they are getting increasingly tight.
- ◆ noted the beginning of the fall stewardship campaign
- ◆ concluded with Prayer at the Close of the Day, led by Clint Eppelman.

Parish Register

- ◆ Pr. Elkin officiated at the funeral for Joyce Wollyniec on August 27, 2010 at the Maneval Home.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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Social Ministry & Family Promise



Hosting for Family Promise

We recently completed a week of hosting for Family Promise of Lycoming County. Although we began our scheduled week without guests, by that Friday a family of four (a mother with three children) had arrived. All went very well for the family and for those folks who volunteered.

Jane Zimmerer and Becky Miller Pryor extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the congregation for their generous support of this outreach.

Many of you donated non-perishable food items, children's items, and money to offset our food costs. Six new members joined the list of existing volunteers and volunteered to drive the van or to prepare and serve meals or be evening hosts or to stay overnight and serve breakfast the following morning.

We are thrilled with this response to our call for additional volunteers.

Additionally a few of our members are serving as "Office Angels" at the Day Center.

Please pray for this young family as the mother seeks permanent housing and begins job training with Career Link.

Our next hosting week is October 31, 2010 to November 7, 2010.

Additional volunteers are being sought. Do you have two hours to serve? Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex in late September.

Family Promise Volunteer Training



Executive Director, Melissa Magargle will be training all people interested in volunteering with Family Promise on **Wednesday, September 22, 2010 6:00 pm.**

This training will be held at Mater Dolorosa RC Church on Hepburn Street in Williamsport. Trainings are approximately two hours in length.

If you wish to attend this training, call the Day Center @ 567-7103 with your reservation.

Family Promise Fundraiser

Love jewelry?
Need some new **Bling@!**



You are cordially invited to a



Premier Designs Jewelry Open House

**Sunday, September 12, 2010
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**



First United Methodist Evangelical Center

Great specials, good food and good fellowship!
10% of all proceeds support the work of Family Promise.

All free jewelry earned at this event will be donated back to Family Promise for use at a future fundraising event.



Can't attend that day?

Books and order forms are available at the Day Center. Contact Melissa Magargle @ 567-7103 with questions.

Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

The Way Begins Its 12th Year



Sunday, September 12th *The Way* will begin its twelfth year at St. Mark's. New candidates will gather on this date for an informational meeting to learn more about this process.

This invitation is open for any members of the congregation, for persons new to the parish, curious friends, and also for persons not yet baptized .

We will meet at 12:15 PM following the 10:30 AM worship service. This will require only one trip to church on Sundays. Each gathering is scheduled for seventy-five minutes (1 1/4 hours).

Won't you join the more than 80 members of St. Mark's who have journeyed on *The Way* either as a candidate, a sponsor, or both over the past eleven years? These parish members are making a profound difference in the life of the congregation.

Join us Sunday, September 12th at 12:15 PM in the Crossways Room to see what this life enhancing process is all about.

Questions? Contact Pastor Elkin at 323-4619 or Mel Wentzel at 327-8286.

Lutheran Shared Ministries presents THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27th
7 – 9 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market Street, Williamsport

Please Print Your Name _____

Put a 1 next to your first choice and a 2 next to your second.

Registrations MUST be in by Monday, Oct. 4th for us to prepare appropriately

Four Key Moments in Good News - This course will feature Good News of 4 topics (English, Social Action, Music and Formation). Each week a different topic will be discussed and theme highlighted. Williams Tyndale; Father Damian; Johann Sebastian Bach; putting together the canon of Scripture. Presented by Pastor Ken Elkin

Martin Luther and the Catechism - This course will highlight the different parts of the Catechism and we'll discuss them. In addition, we'll be looking at the impact Luther had on historical and faith growth in the church. Presented by: Howard Best and George Jansson.

To help with room assignments, please advise us in the space below if you have physical limitations.

If you need childcare for this event, please place name and age of child below:

Child's Name _____ Child's Age _____

Refreshments:

- Oct. 6 – St. Matthew's Lutheran, Williamsport
- Oct. 13 – St. Mark's Lutheran, Williamsport
- Oct. 20 – St. Michael's Lutheran, Quiggleville
- Oct. 27 – Church of the Savior Lutheran, Williamsport

ELCA ST. MARK'S WOMEN

Attention!!! Anyone interested in quilting!

Quilting will resume at St. Mark's on Wednesday, September 8th.

Try us out any Wednesday morning.

Just bring scissors at 9:15 a.m.

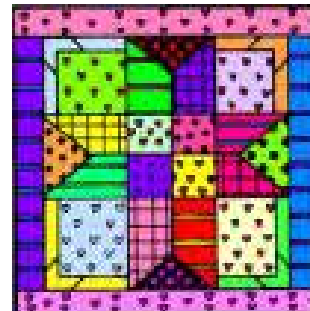
(or 9:00 for Morning Prayer) and pick your job.

You can baste or tie knots.

If you prefer to work at home, machine work can be done there.

You can enjoy the camaraderie of working together,
while making useful quilts for people in need.

We are God's hands working to spread His love.



GET READY, GET SET, GO !!!



THE WOMEN OF ST. MARK'S FALL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

If you can help at the following events,
please notify Jane Kline or Shirley Hill!

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| Wed. | Sept. 8 | Quilting begins – 9:15 a.m. or whenever you can come |
| Wed. | Sept. 15 | Set-up for Bazaar – 9 a.m. to Noon |
| Thurs. | Sept. 16 | Set-up for Bazaar – 9 a.m. to Noon |
| Fri. | Sept. 17 | Set-up for Bazaar – 9 a.m. to Noon |
| Sat. | Sept. 18 | Fall Bazaar & Rummage Sale – 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(Help is needed for the sale and clean-up afterwards) |
| Wed. | Sept. 22 | Women of St. Mark's meeting – 10 a.m.
(Short but important meeting to decide whether to continue our
Spring Clothing Sale)
Lunch 'N Fellowship – 12:00 – Spaghetti & Meatballs |
| Wed. | Sept. 29 | Decorate Nave with quilts – 9 a.m. to 10 |
| Sun. | Oct. 3 | Blanket Sunday |
| Wed. | Oct. 6 | Pack quilts and kits for shipping – 9 a.m. to 11 |

Women's Bazaar & Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 18th

9 am—2 pm

Please donate:



Attic Treasures Household Items China Small Appliances Books
 Suitcases Dishes Kitchen items Bric-A-Brac Sports Equipment
 Toys Games Candles Lamps Crystal Camping Gear Pots N' Pans
 Baby items Pictures Bedding Gardening Jewelry Seasonal Tools

Set up will be September 15th —17th from 9 am ~ 12 pm

Contact Shirley Hill (323-7546) or Jane Kline (326-9672) if you can help

ELCA, Synod & West Branch News

Women's Retreat at Mount Luther: September 18, 2010

All women are invited to be participants at Camp Mount Luther's Fall Women's Retreat. The retreat will feature a presentation by Debbie Best of Diakon Lutheran Social Services.

The retreat will take place at the camp on Saturday, September 18, 2010.

It will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The day will begin with refreshments and registration at 9:30 a.m.

There will be three sessions during the day led by Mrs. Best. Her topic will be



"Hey Cinderella...Does The Slipper Still Fit?"

It will focus on women's transformations in body, mind and spirit with age.

There will be singing, prayer, and devotions.

The day will end around 2:30 p.m. following lunch and devotions.

Cost for the retreat is \$16.00, which includes coffee, tea, snacks, lunch and the program.

We encourage you to bring a friend!

Registration deadline is September 10.

To register, contact Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

Checks should be made payable to Camp Mount Luther.

If you have questions, call the camp at (570) 922-1587 or e-mail cml@campmountluther.org

Christian Service Opportunities

Women of the ELCA Peace Pole Service: October 16, 2010

The Women of the ELCA will gather at the Upper Susquehanna Synod Office for their annual Peace Pole Service on October 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The theme will be "God's work. Our hands." The presenter will be Sarah Hoyes. The event happens rain or shine and a continental breakfast follows.

CHOICE LOTS FOR RENT

2X2 LOTS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CHOIR LOFT

Immediate openings available in the desirable Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass Neighborhoods!



Open to all adults and youth on Sunday Mornings and Thursday evenings!

Panoramic View!
 Friendly neighbors!
 Good Natured & Loveable Landlord!

APPLY AT CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9TH!
 Thursdays 7:30—8:45 P.M. in the Choir Room



A 24 hour Devotion Line

is a way for everyone in our community to have "A Closer Walk With God". Devotions are three minutes or less and change daily and at least once on the weekend. Devotionalists change weekly. The phone number is **570-322-5762**.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

These are the items that are currently needed:

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| oodles of noodles | canned fruit | ketchup & mustard |
| coffee | powdered drink mixes | summer treat for kids |
| saltine crackers | cake mix & frosting | pasta |
| tea bags | pancake mix & syrup | cereals |
| spaghetti sauce | oatmeal packets | gelatin & pudding mixes |

Your donations are best brought Monday mornings from 9:30 - Noon. Persons needing food should call and leave their name and number on the answering machine. Appointments to receive food are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am - 3 pm and when necessary at other times as well. Gail Burkhart is the UCLC Food Pantry Coordinator and may be reached at 322-1657.

Christian Community

News in the Pews

Walking down our driveway this morning we noticed several maple leaves which already were wearing their fall colors – how can summer be over so quickly and yet with so many 90 plus days we have certainly experienced it this year.

Certainly one of last month's highlights at St. Mark's was the production of the Wizard of Oz . This particular story is long and complicated but our people achieved it in one half hour. The cast and chorus did an outstanding job and Dick and Bernadette outdid themselves. The music, costumes and special effects added to the experience. Congratulations to all who made it possible from the production staff to the cooking crew! It was a special evening of dinner theater!

Lots of back to school shopping this month as our young people get ready for another school year and others back to their college campuses. Best of luck to all and safe travel to those who make their journey back to school.

The congregation enjoyed presentations by several members during what is ordinarily the choir moment in the service. We had a variety of performers, both vocal and instrumental – great job by all!

~ Joyce Anne Hershberger

Please submit items to Joyce via her email deermountain2@comcast.net or by calling her at 322-0410.

ICON FESTIVAL



Saturday,
September 18,
2010

Worship, speakers, exhibit, demonstrations and food! Icons & religious gifts from *St Tikhon's Bookstore* throughout the day. No reservations required and no charge. More info at holycrosswilliamsport.org

Schedule

- 10:00 am: Worship: Akathist Hymn to the Precious Cross of Christ
- 11:00 am: Lecture: "Jesus: the Icon of God" by Fr Dubinin
- Noon: "Art of Iconography" Demonstrations (Fellowship Center)
- 1:30 pm: "The Icons of Holy Cross" church tour
- 2:30 pm: Lecture: "Faith on the Front Lines" by Fr Dubinin
- 3:30 pm: Worship: Great Vespers
- 4:00 pm: Service for the Blessing of Icons

A variety of food items and bake sale by the Holy Cross Auxiliary.

HOLY CROSS ORTHODOX CHURCH

1725 Holy Cross Lane
Williamsport 322-3020
holycrosswilliamsport.org



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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

**There's still time to sign up!
Teaching slots have to be filled!
WE NEED YOU!!!!**

Sunday School instruction is one of the most valuable and rewarding ministries of St. Mark's: creating the foundation on which the church can grow in years to come. If you missed the information/orientation session on August 29, please talk to those who are already involved and call Michele or Bernadette with your questions. Better still, jump in, feet first, and sign up now in the narthex or staff hallway! You don't know what you're missing!

Matthew 6:9-13 is the theme for See You at the Pole 2010, the Annual Global Day of Student Prayer. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, at schools across the United



States and in many other countries. This is the 20th anniversary for See You at the Pole, a student-initiated and student-led movement that started in the Ft. Worth suburb of Burleson, Texas, in 1990. SYATP brings students to their school flagpoles to intercede for their leaders, schools, and families, asking God to bring moral and spiritual awakening to their campuses and countries.

FIRST ANNUAL TWEENSÉ DAY A SUCCESS!!!



Eight 5th-6th graders gathered in the front lounge at 9:30 on Wednesday morning, August 18, for our first annual TweenšÉ Day! They watched and discussed a movie with Pastor Elkin, Michele and Bernadette, shared Mr. Lakey's meatloaf with the regular crew at Lunch ÉnÉ Fellowship, assembled eight health kits and eight school kits to give to the Women of St. Mark's for distribution.

Sharon Comini and Diana Zeigler generously supplemented supplies already on hand in order to round out the kits. When you see Morgan, Makensi, Melissa (friend of Makensi), Ben, Dawson, Stefan, Anna or Laura, ask them how they enjoyed their day!

Attention Pre-Teens & Teens!
(grades 6-12)

Mark your calendars now!

LOCK-IN

Friday—Saturday, Nov 19-20, 2010
Movies! Scavenger Hunt! Food!
...and very little sleep...



TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

September 26
6:00 p.m.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL, JOIN US!

Summer Choir Camp Huge Success!

Our thanks go out to the following people:

CAST: Makensi Doebler (Auntie Em, Citizen of Oz, Captain), Hannah Haussmann (Dorothy), Dawson Owen (Scarecrow), Ben Haussmann (Tinman, Munchkin), Sean Jensen (Cowardly Lion, Munchkin), Laura Zeigler (Glenda, Citizen of Oz), Anna Zeigler (Wicked Witch of the West, Citizen of Oz), Lizzie Haussmann (Munchkin, Citizen of Oz, Witch's Guard), Annika Waffenschmidt (Wizard, Munchkin)

ADULT CHOIR: Karen Boone (Glenda), Michele Fredericks (Dorothy), Declan Jones (Scarecrow), Stephen Boone (Tinman), Lou DeSeau (Lion), Jane Kline, Lois Smith, Ruth Burkholder, Diana Zeigler, Pam Jensen, Vicki Haussmann, Bud Doebler

CREW: Bernadette H. Jones (Director/designer), Richard Lakey (Music Director, Accompanist, Set Painting), Sara Jones (Stage Manager, Set Painting), Lou DeSeau (Set construction, Set Painting, Everything Else), Michele Owen (Set Painting, Show Crew), Devin Owen (Set Painting), Corey Hospes (Lights)

KITCHEN STAFF: Shirley Kinney, Lois Smith, Sally Bjornstad, Michele Fredericks, Jackie Kinney, Russ Smith

Over 50 people enjoyed the performance on Saturday evening, August 7, after sharing a yummy pot-luck dinner. The kids, youth and adults all had a great time during the week and put on a memorable performance that last evening. These notes from Pastor Elkin were included in the program:

"No, our story tonight does not come from some unknown letter of Paul or an extra chapter of Acts. It is not a story from scripture as our previous summer productions have been, but nevertheless it picks up themes that reflect the scriptures.

As the Bible warns, there is evil lurking around, ready to ensnare us. Evil will not finally win, because of Jesus victory over death and the grave, even as in the story of Oz the evil witch melts away in the face of good. Dare we even imagine that the bucket of water is a baptismal reference?

The supposedly powerful wizard is shown to be a fraud, as is every person or political leader who wants to be regarded as Lord. (Remember that the movie was made during the Nazi years.)

Dorothy makes new friends as they walk along the Way. Each of them must discover that God has given them the gifts that they need. They must recognize them and then make good use of them, for the benefit of their companions as well as themselves.

So, we hope that you enjoy our little production this evening, finding it both enjoyable and encouraging to each of us as we work through the problems in our daily lives. As they say in another far-off land, our partner church in Liberia: 'God is good, every day; every day, God is good.'"



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12
AT 9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL.
SEE YOU THERE!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

NEW CATECHETICAL CLASS FORMING!

Letters inviting students to become a part of the confirmation process have gone out. If you have a student in sixth or seventh grade and did not receive one of these letters, PLEASE LET US KNOW. Sometimes we miss things in the computer system.

We have not received responses from most of the letters that have gone out. Pastor and Bernadette need to be notified of your child's mentor choices so they can begin informing candidates and receive answers from them.

**OUR FIRST MEETING IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19!!!
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TODAY!**

If you have an older child who has not been confirmed, please contact us. We can include anyone who wishes to become a part of the process.

If a youth is a lot older than the other students, he or she is also welcome to participate in *The Way*.

Please call Pastor Elkin or Bernadette at 323-4619 or e-mail (addresses in the front of the newsletter).



You've supported them in their studies for two years, now, please join them at the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 12, when



**Theoron Hershey,
Max Hospes,
Katelyn Lauer &
Hannah Lynn**
are confirmed.

As we begin this year of study in Sunday School, they begin their lives as adults in the practice of their faith. Please pray for them and encourage them as they take this important step in their lives. Let them know you rejoice with them by joining them at lunch after the 10:30 service.

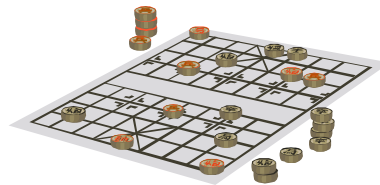


**HAYRIDE ON
Saturday,
October 2
at 2:00 p.m.**

Sign-up sheet
will be
posted!

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

September 24th at 6:30 p.m.



**Bring a snack to share & a Friend!
Transportation Available!**

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Summer is that time of the year that we all look forward to. It gives a chance to slow down a little, catch up on some things, and spend time with our family. It also gives a chance to reflect on the previous year and anticipate the new semester and all the challenges it brings. I've been busy this summer doing just that. As I looked back on last year at some of the struggles UCM has faced, I wasn't sure if we even made a difference to the students at Penn College. Out of curiosity, I asked some students if they would write a little about what UCM meant to them. Here's what they told me....

I have enjoyed being a part of UCM for the past four semesters. I have enjoyed most of the speakers as well as the other members of UCM. It's a time when I can leave the stresses of college, at least for a little while, behind. It has been a way for me to meet and get to know others that I am going to college with. We may not be the largest group on campus, but we do have a great time and enjoy spending time with one another. I will miss UCM when I graduate, but hopefully I will continue to keep in touch with the people whom I now call my friends. - CJ Killmeyer

UCM for me has been a wonderful experience. It has given me an opportunity to meet new people, as well as hear many different perspectives on the Bible. I have learned new things through the different pastors. Some pastors challenge what I believe, but that has helped me refine and strengthen my identity in Christ. I have enjoyed the fellowship with other believers as well. We share a bond, because of our relationship with Christ. I have been blessed to be part of this special group of students and I will always be thankful for my time with the group. - Kasey Killmeyer

You could say, since joining UCM, I've been able to socialize with other people and I've made some new friends during my first year thanks to UCM and met a lot of new people around the area. I've also had the opportunity again to help and serve others through UCM, like the lasagna dinner and car wash. If you want to be involved in your community during your college years, and strengthen your relationship with the Lord, then UCM is where to be.—Colin Foreman

Since graduating in May of 2010, I have had some time to look back on my college career. I laugh now at how intimidating my first year of college seemed to be, and how I longed for a group of friends and a sense of belonging. It wasn't long until I was introduced to the members of the United Campus Ministry. This group of individuals really went out of their way to make me "a new student" feel at home and comfortable with "college life." This group provided an outlet for me that allowed me to forget about tests, studying and projects if only for a few hours a week. The various community service projects and mission trips the United Campus Ministry lead and attended really helped me grow as an individual and helped make me who I am today. As a recent graduate I hope that you will maintain the funding provided to United Campus Ministry. This group has made lasting impressions on many at Penn College and has touched the lives of others as well. I hope that other freshmen students will still be able to receive the attention and care that I did in years to come. - Chris Serafine

UCM helped me by getting me closer to God. It also helped me when I was in trouble with my studies. As a culinary student, I had the great opportunity of working alongside a five star chef while we were on our mission trip in New York City. Through my experience with UCM, I was able to not only help myself, but to reach out and help those in need. - Joe Sewalk

So you see United Campus Ministry is making a difference, one student at a time. We wouldn't be a ministry without the support of the pastors, local churches and the United Churches Board. We wouldn't have the opportunity to be a part of campus life without the support of the Academic Affairs Office and Student Activities. It takes everyone's efforts to succeed, and I am very thankful for support we have. I look forward to working with all of you during the next semester. Please keep the students at Penn College in your prayers as they start another school year.

Sharon Comini

Thank you! Thank You! Thank you! ui bol ! zpv"! Thank you!

Dear Pastor Elkin, members of St. Mark's and staff,

Words cannot describe the gratitude I feel in my heart for all your kindness and caring at my time of sorrow. Thank you so much to Pastor Elkin for the time he spent with us in prayer and planning Bill's service, and to our Church family and staff for the cards and prayers. Bill's memorial service was perfectly beautiful because of those who served us and our Lord.

We are so blessed to have some of our Church members willing to serve in the kitchen. You all worked side by side with our friends from the Methodist Church here in the valley, so the "light lunch" I had planned turned into a feast for almost 100 people. It was fantastic.

Thank you all so much for your hard work and dedication to serving God.

In Christian Love, Carol Confer

Dear friends,

What a blessing! Thank you very much for sharing the awesome VBS props with us. They were beautifully made and were an enhancement to our decorations.

Thank you for your generosity!
Oval United Methodist Church

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your contribution. God will surely bless you for your generosity. Without you we could not do what we are doing for the poor.

I hope you know how much we need your help and how much we appreciate each and every donation.

God bless you. You are in my prayers each day.

Love, Sister Henry, St. Anthony's Center

***"Only One Life"* by Charles Thomas Studd, Missionary to China, India, and Africa**

"Two little lines I heard one day, Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart, And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet, And stand before His Judgement seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice, Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave, And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, a few brief years, Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its clays I must fulfill, living for self or in His will;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore, When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way, Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep, In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife, Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

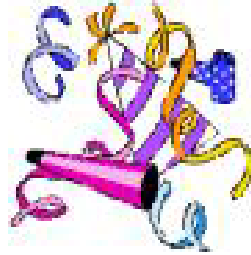
Oh let my love with fervor burn, And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone, Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, "twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call, I know I'll say "'twas worth it all";
Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last. "



Happy Birthday!

Anna Stiadle	09/01	Theodore Larson	09/12	Tammy Fitzpatrick	09/17
Todd Smith	09/03	Beth Shafranko	09/12	Abreanna Doane	09/18
Jeannette Lukens	09/04	Mary Ann Stiller	09/12	Deborah Holmes	09/19
Brett Campbell	09/05	Marion Waldeisen	09/12	Ashley Hallabuk	09/20
Lauren Campbell	09/05	Alice Helm	09/13	Richard Harris	09/20
Valerie Doebler	09/05			Ronald Arner	09/22
Sean Elkin	09/05			Brittany Dewar	09/22
Hailey Jarrett	09/05			Noah Hallabuk	09/22
Kirk Owen	09/05			Jeffery Maggs	09/24
Derek Lewis	09/06			Aeric Powley	09/24
Laura McCullough	09/06			Richard Kneedler	09/25
Betty Rechel	09/06			Blanche Doebler	09/26
Debra Buckman	09/09			Abigail Robertson	09/26
Nolan Ott	09/09			Michael Elliott	09/27
Hudson Ott	09/09	Timothy Maggs	09/13	Lawrence Satifka	09/28
Ava Peluso	09/09	Stefan Weber	09/13	Bailey Sims	09/28
Mary Clouser	09/10	Shirley MacGill	09/15	Ralph Zeigler Sr.	09/28
Jane Oakes	09/10	Andrea Welker	09/15	Harold Davis	09/29
Carol Harvey	09/11	Louella Bair	09/16	Pamela Fink	09/30



Happy Anniversary!

Ronald & Grace Arner	09/03		Johnny & Renee Hinds	09/19
Steven & Nancy Bieber Jr.	09/03		Michael & Jackie Kinney	09/25
Eric & Sharon Comini	09/03		James & Donna Maule	09/27
Tom & Helen Schramm	09/03		George & Kay Poliska	09/28
Robert & Shelly Clokey	09/04		Robert & Michele Ramsauer	09/28
William & Marion Waldeisen	09/10			



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES!



YOUR CAR.....YOUR MARRIAGE
BOTH RUN SMOOTHER WITH A TUNE UP!

Only a few openings remain for the final 2010 Pennsylvania Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to be held October 22-24 at the lovely Radisson Hotel Sharon in Sharon, PA, an hour north of Pittsburgh. Weekends are designed for ALL marriages, and couples overwhelmingly report that they fell in love with their spouse all over again. All costs for 2 nights lodging, meals, and supplies are covered by a \$45.00 per couple registration fee plus a confidential contribution of whatever amount you choose to make toward the end of the weekend. To check availability and sign up for the weekend go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register online, or if you have questions or would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

"After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him." (1Kings 17:17, NRSV)

If you have ever heard an infant suffering from whooping cough (pertussis), it can be an extremely frightening experience (http://www.babycenter.com/2_sounds-of-whooping-cough_10316927.bc)! Inflammation from this bacterial infection leads to a cough so severe that the child cannot catch his breath. Between coughs, the child gasps for air, leading to the distinctive "whooping" sound of the illness. Whooping cough is not just a childhood disease, and the number of active cases here in the US are climbing – in California alone, the number of cases has quadrupled over that of last year – enough for it to be labeled an 'epidemic'. Cases have also increased in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Oregon and South Carolina, and it is believe the numbers will further increase when children return to school.

Why the sharp increase? It is not due to parents failing or refusing to immunize their children, nor is it due to an increase in immigration, as one might suspect. Instead, because immunity to the disease decreases over time, adolescents and adults are increasingly vulnerable to the bacteria as they age. They may even be unknowing carriers of the disease. In addition, re-emergence of the disease appears to be cyclical, occurring every 3 to 5 years. That is why the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-dtap.pdf>) recommends that children, adolescents, and adults receive regular immunization. This is especially important if they live with, or are caregivers of, infants under the age of three months.

Children should receive immunization against pertussis at 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months-of-age, with booster shots administered between 15-18 months, and again at ages 4-5 years. Different formulations are used in children over the age of 7, adolescents, and adults, and should be determined by the prescribing physician. Adults should be re-vaccinated every 10 years.

Like many other respiratory infections, pertussis is spread by droplet via unprotected coughs. The time required for the bacteria to grow can vary from 6 – 21 days after exposure. Initial symptoms mimic those of an ordinary cold, with runny nose, congestion, sneezing, low-grade fever, and a cough. However, instead of the cough subsiding in a week or two, the pertussis cough typically intensifies. The most vulnerable is the unimmunized infant, in which a classic case of whooping cough can rapidly worsen. Uninterrupted coughing leads to the gasping for air; blueness of the fingers, toes and skin around the mouth; drooling; and vomiting. Eating and drinking become increasingly difficult, rapidly leading to exhaustion, dehydration, and in the most severe cases, seizures, and pneumonia, even death.

Currently, there is no treatment for the cough, which can linger for months, and can return with subsequent respiratory infections – earning it the name the "100 day cough". A cool mist vaporizer may provide some relief. However, the best protection against pertussis, remains immunization. In the coming months, the CDC hopes to raise public awareness of the disease, particularly in physicians and other health care providers, who may unwittingly be passing on the disease to the very patients they are trying to protect.

If you are not sure when you last received an immunization against whooping cough, please speak to your primary care provider. If you have an infant, try to limit your child's exposure to adults and adolescents who may not have been immunized. And finally, as with any respiratory infection, practice good cough and cold etiquette; remember to cover your cough, and practice good hand washing techniques!

September blessings!

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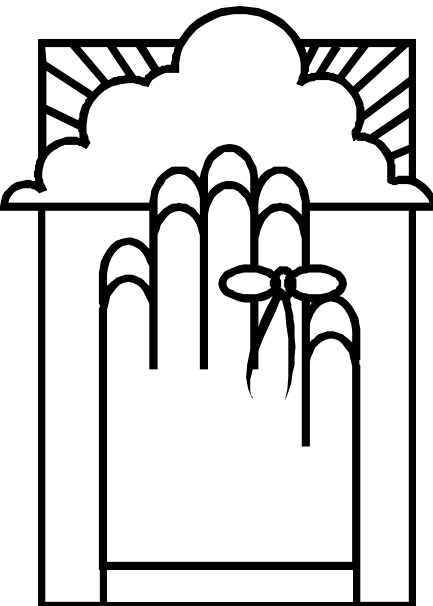
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St. Mark's September Calendar of Events

1 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg. & Quilting
 12:00 PM Bible Study
 6:30 PM Property Committee Picnic

2 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
 8:00 AM Stephen Min. I
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

3 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

5 Sunday ~ Pentecost XV

8:00 AM Holy Communion
 9:00 AM Breakfast in the Courtyard
 10:30 AM Holy Communion

6 Monday ~ Labor Day ~ Office Closed



7 Tuesday

8:00 AM City Pastors
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer

8 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg. & Quilting
 12:00 PM Bible Study
 6:30 PM Campus Ministry @ Trinity Episcopal

9 Thursday

8:31 AM Men's Ministry
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 7:30 PM Senior Choir



10 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

12 Sunday ~ Pentecost XVI

8:00 AM Holy Communion
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Confirmation
 10:30 AM Holy Communion
 12:15 PM *The Way* Gathering



13 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 6:00 PM Brownies

15 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM Set up for Bazaar
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg.

16 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM Set up for Bazaar
 5:30 PM Stephen Min. II
 7:30 PM Senior Choir

17 Friday ~ Newsletter Deadline

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 9:00 AM Set up for Bazaar

18 Saturday

8:30 AM Women's Bazaar



19 Sunday ~ Pentecost XVII

8:00 AM Holy Communion
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Holy Communion
 11:37 AM Contemporary Choir
 4:27 PM Senior Choir Picnic
 6:00 PM Confirmands, Parents & Mentors

20 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 6:30 PM Adult Handbells
 6:30 PM Council Mtg.
 7:00 PM Dog Club



21 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 12:00 PM LSM at Church of the Savior

22 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
 10:00 AM Women of St. Mark
 12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship
 6:30 PM Mutual Ministry Mtg.

23 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 7:30 PM Senior Choir

24 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 9:15 AM Lion Crew
 6:00 PM American Guild of Organists
 Annual Dinner
 6:30 PM Friday Fun Night



25 Saturday

9:00 AM Daniel's Closet @ Redeemer
 3:30 PM Lundy Baby Shower

26 Sunday ~ Pentecost XVIII

8:00 AM Holy Communion
 9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Holy Communion
 12:15 PM *The Way* Gathering
 4:00 PM Installation at Trinity Hughesville
 5:00 PM Family Handbells
 6:00 PM Teen Movie Night



27 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 6:30 PM Adult Handbells

28 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 6:00 PM Brownies
 7:00 PM Family Promise Board

29 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg. & Quilting
 12:00 PM Bible Study

30 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
 7:30 PM Senior Choir

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French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & other Yummies!

Bring the whole family for a great time of fellowship!