



The Lion of St. Mark's

NOVEMBER 2006

17th Annual Benefit Organ Concert Sunday, Nov. 12

A Divine Experience

You are cordially invited to the 17th Annual benefit organ concert, *A Divine Experience*, on Sunday, November 12, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 142 Market Street, Williamsport, PA. The program includes the *world premiere* of a new organ duet commissioned especially for the concert, *A Leap of Faith* by Bill Reichenbach. Our special guests, *Stained Grass Window*, delight audiences with down-home bluegrass music. Tickets are \$8.00/individual or \$15.00/family. Other tax-deductible sponsorships are: Friend (\$25-49), Giver (\$50-74), Contributor (\$75-99), Supporter (\$100-249), Donor (\$250-499) and Benefactor (\$500+). Concert proceeds support dialysis patients of the Susquehanna Valley. Dialysis is a life-sustaining treatment that, despite technological and clinical advances, requires patients to spend three hours a day, three days a week, connected to a machine that cleans their blood. The treatment is rigorous for the patients and their families.

Last year, concert proceeds permitted Susquehanna Health and North Central Pennsylvania Dialysis Clinics to distribute a unique dialysis cookbook designed to help patients maintain the special diet they require. In the very first year, distribution exceeded 240 cookbooks, necessitating a second order be placed to meet ongoing demand. Your contribution will continue to provide this educational material. Susquehanna Health and North Central Pennsylvania Dialysis Clinics are constantly augmenting educational, psychological and social programming, thereby strengthening the physical and mental well being of patients and their families.



This year, concert funding will support new initiatives as well as ongoing projects. The inpatient dialysis services at The Williamsport Hospital & Medical Center have increased by more than four times the number of treatments each month. This increase requires renovation and expansion to improve patient comfort and privacy. Your contribution will help fund these improvements to the inpatient unit. Concert proceeds also help to provide the "extras" that sustain dialysis patients throughout the length of their treatment.

This concert is our labor of love because we understand the issues that dialysis patients throughout the Susquehanna Valley face each day. With your help, the physical discomfort, psycho/social impact of treatment can be minimized for the nearly 200 patients per month receiving care. We ask you to give generously and make a tangible difference in the lives of those with kidney disease. We simply can't do it without you.

Whether it be past or present, please accept our sincere appreciation for your support of the concert.

With our very best wishes,

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Nancy Ackerman

Handwritten signature of Richard Lakey in cursive script.

Richard Lakey

COUNCIL UPDATE

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Council Notes

The Congregation Council met in regular session on October 16 in the Crossways Room. The Council:

- received regular reports of activities from the pastor, staff and committees.
- moved to approve the loose offering of 11/19 be appointed to the Thank Offering for the Women of the ELCA.
- moved to approve St. Mark's membership in the Chamber of Commerce
- heard that Hall's will be increasing the cost of a vase of flowers from \$15 to \$20 beginning in December, 2006
- completed the Visioning exercise. Responses from all small group meetings will be compiled by the Crossroads Team for presentation at the Congregation Celebration set for Wednesday, December 6, 2006.
- extended best wishes and a safe trip to Pastor as he travels to Israel.

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Heating Help

It's that time of the year again!

Time to start filling the fuel tanks and heating the building. A building the size of St. Mark's takes a lot of fuel to heat and any contribution you could make over and above God's tithe and your regular offering would be most appreciated by everyone worshipping and working here throughout the winter! An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS



**Alzheimer's Association
Candlelight Vigil
Wednesday, November 8, 2006
6:30 PM
St. Luke Lutheran Church
1400 Market St., Williamsport, PA**

November is designated as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. Alzheimer's disease strikes nearly 15 percent of people over the age of 65. It is one of the most feared mental disorders because of its gradual, yet relentless, attack on memory not to mention the physical and behavioral deterioration.

This annual "Alzheimer's Awareness Candlelight Vigil" helps to raise Alzheimer's awareness in our community about the importance of finding treatments, preventions and ultimately a cure for Alzheimer's Disease. This is an opportunity to honor loved ones who have lost their battle to this debilitating disease and to recognize those still suffering with it. Please come and take part in this meaningful service. Support family members, caregivers, volunteers, advocates and anyone who has made a difference for those suffering from Alzheimer's Disease.

From within our own congregation, Bob and Anne Miller have been coping with the effects of Alzheimer's since before Anne was diagnosed in 1998. Several years before she was diagnosed she began to lose her memory. Shortly after being diagnosed she chose to retire from the career she had enjoyed for almost 20 years. As Anne's functional level has declined Bob has adjusted his daily routine to be able to care for her. Since Anne is no longer verbal Bob has learned how to read Anne's many non-verbal cues to understand her needs. Bob states that as long as he is able to take care of her, Anne will continue to live at home with him. Anne also has a caregiver 5 days a week during the day allowing Bob to continue to work. Bob is quick to recognize the love, encouragement and support they receive from the congregation as vital to his success as a caregiver.



Robert & Anne Miller

Whether it is Shirley Kinney staying with Anne in the evening so Bob can attend a meeting or Jane Larson, Dave McMorris, Carl Weaver, Connie Shaible or Pastor supporting him through the Stephen Ministry, he feels strongly it is his church family that has made it possible for him to continue his 'labor of love.'

If you have been blessed to see Bob and Anne together it is obvious how very much they love each other. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor that love and show your support for Bob & Anne. Please consider attending this meaningful service.

This vigil is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association—the local Alzheimer's Support Group meets in the Divine Providence Hospital Auditorium the second Monday of each month from 6:30—8:30 PM.

Who benefits from Stephen Ministry?



- The person receiving the care
- Our Pastors
- Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders
- The Congregation
- The Church

For more information on how you can become involved in Stephen Ministry or to refer a family in need of care please contact Jane Larson (323-2845) or Pastor Elkin at the church office (323-4619).

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

All Saints Sunday November 5, 2006

We recognize and rejoice in all those who have joined the

church militant

by Holy Baptism in the past year:

Abbigail Elaine Robertson, November 6, 2005

Gabriel Scott Nichols, November 6, 2005

Emma Rylie Elkin, January 1, 2006

Gabriella Anna Marguerite Gregory, January 8, 2006

Kathryn Janann Haussmann, January 22, 2006

Steven Eyer, April 15, 2006

Lisa Rose Lewis, April 30, 2006

Noah Andrew Hallabuk, June 4, 2006.

We honor and remember all those who have moved to the

church triumphant

in the past year:

Randall K. Miller, December 8, 2005

Ruth H. Lunger, January 7, 2006

Anne L. Davis, March 12, 2006

Fred D. Stover, April 11, 2006

Ruth A. Best, April 15, 2006

Geraldine R Martin, April 22, 2006

Wilson K. Doeblor, Jr., April 26, 2006

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Music Notes

(Summarized from the November 1969 Parish News)

On October 17, 1969 the ten bronze bells cast by the Petit & Fritsen Company of Aarle-Rixtle, Holland, were installed in the bell tower of our new church. Cast in bronze on the exterior of the bells are the following inscriptions along with the weight and pitch tone of each bell:

- 1100 lb. 'A' bell. "Gloria Patri" "In the beginning, God..."
- 760 lb. 'B' bell. "Gloria Filio" "I know that my Redeemer liveth."
- 530 lb. 'C sharp' bell. "Gloria Spiritui Sancto" "The Spirit of Truth...shall testify of me."
- 440 lb. D' bell. "Come before his presence with Thanksgiving."
- 310 lb. 'E' bell. "I will set up Shepherds over them."
- 225 lb. 'F sharp' bell. "In memory of St Mark's Service Men., "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, unto the inhabitants thereof."
- 190 lb. 'G' bell. To all who make music "Soli Deo Gloria"
- 165 lb. 'G sharp' bell. In honor of St. Mark's men.
- 147 lb. 'A' bell. In honor of St. Mark's women.
- 121 lb. 'B' bell. In honor of St. Mark's children.

Prayer for Trust in God...

when all is darkness
and we feel our weakness and helplessness,

give us the sense of Your presence,

Your love, and Your strength.

Help us to have perfect trust

in Your protecting love

and strengthening power,

so that nothing may frighten or worry us,

for, living close to You,

we shall see Your hand,

Your purpose, Your will through all things.

- St. Ignatius of Loyola



Card Shower For Pastor Elkin

Since Pastor was away for Pastor Appreciation Sunday we decided to have a card shower for him.

We have placed a box in the Narthex for your card or letter of appreciation. We will give him the box when he returns from his trip abroad.

Perhaps you have a favorite memory of Pastor that you can share with him!

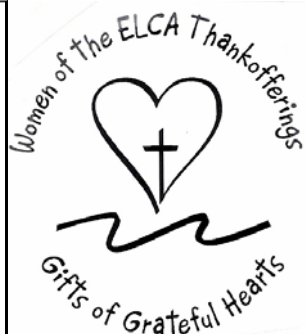
Remember!



Wanted: Record Player

One of St. Mark's senior members would like an old stackable record player. If anyone has one that they would be willing to part with please call Barb Thomas at 322-6460.

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THANKOFFERING SUNDAY - November 19, 2006

What Are "Thankofferings?"

Thankofferings are offerings given as an expression of thanks along with a prayer. There are moments in our everyday lives when we are particularly thankful to God. It can be something as significant as a recovery from an illness or making it home safely after a trip. Or it can be as ordinary as seeing a beautiful sunset or listening to an unusual bird call. Lutheran women have long had a tradition of combining our prayer of thanks with an offering gift--a Thankoffering. By connecting the actual moment with a prayer and an offering, it allows us to complete the circle of giving--God gives to us and we, in turn, give back to God.

On November 19th we will observe Thankoffering Sunday at St. Mark's. Thankofferings should be turned in at that time. In addition, the loose plate offering that Sunday morning will be added. The total amount will be sent to the Women of the ELCA Church wide office. The gifts of Thankofferings help the Women of the ELCA to provide the resources, events, and programs needed for their many ministries, such as

Oh Pastor, Where Art Thou?

If you've been wondering exactly where Tiberias is and what Pastor is doing there this article from the July 2004 issue of *Strata* might answer your questions.

Read on to learn more...

Digging Up Ancient Tiberias

An International Team Begins Ten-Year Project



In March an international team of archaeologists launched a ten-year effort to excavate ancient Tiberias, on the southwest shores of the Sea of Galilee. Headed by Yizhar Hirschfeld, of the Hebrew University, and Katharina Galor, from Brown University, the excavation has already borne fruit, and given the city's historical significance, much more can be expected.

Tiberias was an important cultural center during the Roman and Byzantine periods. In the third century A.D., Tiberias became the seat of Jewish political, religious and cultural activity in ancient Israel. The Palestinian Talmud was compiled and edited in Tiberias, and Jewish institutions there thrived until the tenth century. Though inhabited predominately by Jews, the city also hosted sizable Christian and Muslim communities.



The team began by re-exposing parts of the ancient city that had been excavated in the 1950s by Bezalel Rabani, who died before publishing his results. Among the buildings uncovered so far is a large bathhouse with a polychromatic mosaic floor from the sixth century A.D. Hirschfeld and Galor's team also uncovered an 18-foot bronze chain from the Fatimid period (969-1069 A.D.) next to colored glass fragments, suggesting that they had been used to decorate a monumental building. Hirschfeld and Galor also unearthed an Abbasid-period (650-868 A.D.) installation for making pigments; chemicals from the site are being examined by scientists at the Weizmann Institute. -M.S.

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A Land of Renewed Hope: Reflections on Recent Journey to Liberia

Pr. Ron Shellhamer, Grace and St. Paul's, Shamokin/Gowen City



St. John's Lutheran Church in Totota

"I'm going to have a rigorous agenda — introducing structural change. The renewal of Liberia means a new political order, a new social order, a new economic order. It involves far-reaching reforms — constitutional reform, land reform, judicial reform, civil service reform, and decentralization of power." — President-elect Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf

Courage, conviction, and renewed determination are just some of the ways to best describe the words of Madam Ellen, newly-inaugurated president of Liberia. With a renewed sense of hope and motivation, this is what a recent visitor to Liberia sees today.

Yes, peace is fragile. There is much to be done in order to restore and rebuild a nation and its people after fourteen years of civil war which left no one untouched and no institution unharmed. But there is joy and enthusiasm. Realistic optimism is the venue for the day. It's heartwarming to see smiles again on the faces of the average person. Patience, hard work, and understanding will remain key ingredients in the recipe of hope which is the first step in the long process of leaning into the future.

The same enthusiasm seen in the faces of the average citizen is observed in the two one-week seminars I participated in with colleagues Pr. Al Swingle and Pr. Detlef Huckfeldt in January 2006. We team-taught in the small village of Totota, about a two-hour drive from Monrovia into the interior of the country. The second week we were joined by the same number of deacons and deaconesses.

As team teachers we surveyed Holy Scripture, Lutheran theology, and the Lutheran liturgy, with its application in the West African context. There was lively discussion, good conversation, fine food and fellowship, along with educational evening programs. We learned from each other. We were all teachers and students, speakers and good listeners, as we shared stories while sharing life in the Spirit, because no one present took for granted the truth that it was God who brought us together.

With other travelers from around the world, the United States,

and the Upper Susquehanna Synod, this was my third visit to Liberia. It was a joyful experience to witness the country beginning to reemerge from civil strife. With other global agencies, the ELCA in cooperation and partnership with the Lutheran Church in Liberia, remains committed to supporting programs in revitalization, reconciliation, and trauma healing.

Pr. Shellhamer has assembled a one-hour slide presentation from this trip. For more information, call him at (570) 648-7534.

The Work and Workers in Liberia

thanks to Pr. Detlef Huckfeldt, St. Michael's, Cogan Station

Kris Randall from Australia and his aunt Liz Cooper (sister of Lois Randall) from Nebraska, stayed at Phebe Hospital. Liz taught classes for the nursing school, with a special emphasis on diabetes. Many Liberians develop diabetes due to years of malnutrition during the war.

Kris taught computer classes. Students of the beginners' class had never worked with a computer before. Insufficient literacy



The reconstruction team at Curran Lutheran Hospital: Jonathan Tuke, Butch Foster, Marvin Johnson, Nurse Edna Johnson, Joe Kanagy, St. John, Belleville, Paul Shaner, St. Mark's, Lairdsville

posed an additional challenge. The two other classes worked hard to advance their computer skills.

Together with Rev. Al Swingle of Washington DC, two USS pastors, Rev. Ron Shellhamer and Rev. Detlef Huckfeldt, conducted workshops for pastors, deacons, and congregation leaders. A one-week workshop for about 70 pastors of the Lutheran Church in Liberia was held at the Lay Ministry Training Center (LMTC) in Totota. A second workshop was held for about 70 deacons.

Rev. Jesse King, head of the LMTC and Rev. Finn Hougaard LMTC consultant of the Lutheran Church in Denmark had called

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Introductory Events Planned

Rev. Lois D. Martin, Chairperson, Worship and Music Committee / ELW Introductory Committee

I've been asked this question a few times, so perhaps others are wondering also about registration, and can we register at a different event than the one in our own conference.

1. You may come to any event in any conference
2. Registration was left to the host pastor for the purpose of having a count for lunch. Please call the church where you would like to go to the workshop and ask if you need to register. (Local Contact numbers are in the September issue of Seeds for the Parish)
3. Several months ago, we had to estimate how many would come to each workshop site. As you may imagine, this was a trick question. So, we guessed. However, if I find out from the host pastor that many have registered for lunch, then I will juggle books from other sites to try to accommodate the crowd. What a wonderful problem to have!
4. I have received a directive from Chicago last week that if there are not enough books available, one of our team will take names and addresses of those not receiving a copy, and one will be ordered for them at no extra cost. If there is a large crowd and not enough books, we will just share during the training event.
5. "Walk-ins" are welcome at each site. If there is not enough lunch for walk-ins, they can adjourn to a fast-food place. We would, however, expect and hope that you would return for the segments that follow the meal.



6. So, please come to the workshops, bring your choirs, your kids, your friends and all who have an interest in worship.

Gathering music and liturgy for the ELW was a five-year process. It involved collecting information from many theologians and musicians, along with responses from people who submitted feedback from the *Renewing Worship* volumes and from churches which served as test sites for two new settings of liturgy, including

six in this synod.

The new worship book, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is about who we are as Lutherans; it is about a church that is the Body of Christ and is therefore many colors, languages, styles, backgrounds, and pieties. It is about worship, about disciples connected, claimed, gathered and sent. The title of the book speaks about the book: *Evangelical* — reflecting our commitment to proclaim the good news; *Lutheran* — true to a confessional and reforming identity; *Worship* — ten settings of the liturgy, hymns and songs, all 150 Psalms translated by Hebrew scholars into poetry that is meant for singing. Included in the book are expanded prayer resources, a service of healing, Luther's Small Catechism and more.

This book is to be a core resource for worship. It will be a common treasury that reminds us that we are held together in Christ. It is not just for the Upper Susquehanna Synod, or for Pennsylvania, or Region 8, but it is for the whole of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It may not satisfy the critique of each individual, but it is greater than any individual's preference, it is a book for the church.

Questions on language, content, and copyright will be addressed by the Introductory Team at the Introductory Events.

Schedule of Introductory Events

Saturday events are 9:00 to 3:30. Sunday sessions are 2:00 to 8:30. Snow dates have been scheduled if necessary a week later (except April 14 at Milton).

- October 22.....St. John's, Lewistown
- November 12.....St. Luke's, Sunbury
- February 11.....Messiah, South Williamsport
- February 24.....Good Shepherd, Berwick
- March 11.....Emmanuel, Middleburg
- March 24.....Christ, Milton

Liberia Work and Workers (continued)

the pastors and deacons together and made sure that food and lodging was arranged.

Due to the war, few leaders of the church had the opportunity to receive a good formal education. Pastors and deacons want to learn Lutheran theology but lack the resources. Not even Luther's *Small Catechism* is available. The Kpelle translation is out of print.


Pr. Huckfeldt introduced Lutheran history and theology and taught classes on the *Small Catechism*, which the Upper Susquehanna Synod gave to the pastors. Pr. Shellhamer taught about Lutheran worship. Pr. Swingle lectured on the theology of the cross. He served in Liberia from 1963 to 1977 and speaks Kpelle.

We got the chance to visit his former parish in Parakole. In the sixties the town was accessible by airplane and had about a hundred houses. Today Parakole can only be reached after a five-hour walk on jungle paths, crossing the St. Paul's River in a dugout canoe. Only a few houses had survived the war. Not many people had returned to their homesteads that have been destroyed twice during the war.

Only two people were old enough to remember Pr. Swingle. Parish workshops were held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Salala and in Sanoyea Lutheran Church. Prs. Shellhamer and Swingle had to return earlier, which gave Pr. Huckfeldt a chance to join the work team at Curran Lutheran Hospital.

Up and Down the Valleys

- + Stanley Bower, pastoral associate at Mountain Grove Lutheran Parish, is being ordained a pastor on Saturday, October 28.
- + Campus Ministry at Penn College started the year with ice cream, pizza, and music. Worship and dinner are enjoyed every Wednesday, and a retreat and mission trip are planned.
- + Mrs. Helen Frantz, mother-in-law of Administrative Assistant Virginia Frantz, died on Thursday August 3, 2006, at the Buffalo Valley Nursing Home. Mrs. Frantz, a former employee of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, cleaned the office for a number of years.
- + Vicar Brian Beissel has begun serving at Grace, Point Township, supervised by Pr. A.J. Shearer of Trinity, Sunbury. Brian's wife is pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Northumberland.



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Social Ministry News

Habitat Luncheon



On Saturday,

September 30, 2006 the Social Ministry Committee hosted a luncheon at a Habitat for Humanity build on Dove Street in Newberry. The work crew that day consisted of the future homeowners and several college students from Penn College and Lock Haven University. It was apparent to us that those young people had not seen their mothers in some time. One young lady asked to say grace before lunch and many asked for goodies to take back to their dorm rooms. Despite the rainy weather it was uplifting to see a family realize their dream of home ownership.

The committee thanks the members of the congregation who offered financial support. A special thank you goes to Donna Elkin, Gladys Knauss, and Elsie Sechler for assisting at the job site.

Meeting the Vicars



The Social Ministry Committee wishes to thank the congregation for their support of Matthew and Lisa Schuster, seminarians serving in rural Jersey Shore. On the evening of September 24, 2006 a small group of congregation members met with the Schusters and learned of their call to serve our Lord. It was a most enjoyable time as the Schusters are a very engaging couple. At the conclusion of the evening Pastor Elkin presented them with a check for \$150.00 from the congregation.

The committee greatly appreciates the efforts of Donna Elkin, Shirley Kinney, Jackie Kinney, and Mary Schultz in providing refreshments.

Thanksgiving Basket Ministry

The Shepherd of the Streets plans to provide Thanksgiving baskets to 450 families in our community. For this to happen the Shepherd needs the support of the community. Contributions of time, food, and financial aid will make this project a success.



We at St. Mark's can contribute food items to supplement the basic package, plus stretch the leftovers. We can also contribute money to offset the \$25 cost per basket. See the poster in the Narthex for needed food items. Our food items are needed by November 19, 2006 to be included in the Thanksgiving baskets. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark's and marked Thanksgiving Basket Fund.

Social Ministry

Nurses Notes

November 5 According to Lona Sandon, a registered dietitian at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, the sleep disruption that may accompany the end of daylight savings time, can trigger over eating. She recommends you ride out your cravings for a few days, until your body has had an opportunity to adjust. (*Prevention*, October 2006)

November 12 Got a fat cat? It seems the more humanlike the relationship between owner and cat, the chunkier the kitty – 27% more likely! The researchers suspect that food serves as a means of getting the cat’s attention, and suggest swapping treats for more play and scratching behind the ears. (*Prevention*, October 2006)

November 19 Don’t forget ... to prevent food certain types of food poisoning, put that turkey and stuffing into the fridge-within an hour of serving (With the stuffing removed from the bird!) Thoroughly reheat any left-overs!

November 26 **iPoditis?** It is a good idea to limit both the volume and time spent wearing headphones, but especially ear-buds. Experts suggest limiting exposure to sounds of 90 decibels (about the same as a vacuum cleaner or lawnmower) to no more than 1 hour per day. (www.RealAge.com)

Wednesday Ecumenical Lunch- eons

United Churches of Lycoming County invite you to join them for their Wednesday Noon Ecumenical Luncheon. You’re always assured of a tasty \$4 lunch, warm, ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. The parking is free in the Pine Street lot north of the church from 11 AM to 1:30 PM No reservations are necessary.

November Luncheon speakers:

- 1st **Ani Apelian**, Now a local Poet, Song Writer & Musician, *“The Poetry of Our Lives”*
- 8th **Dr. Jonathan Williamson**, Professor of Political Science, Lycoming College, *“Reflections on the 2006 Elections”*
- 15th **Mr. Damon Anderson**, Executive Director, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters, *“Little Moments. Big Magic”*
- 22nd **Miriam & Richard Mix**, Local Historians, & *“A Pictorial Review of Religion in Lycoming County.”*

This is a ministry that everyone in our congregations and community is welcome to participate in. Please make plans to join us and bring a friend.



Give the Gift of Life

Did you know that currently the national consent rate for organ or tissue donation is 55 percent? Yet nine out of ten people interviewed voice support for organ and tissue donation.

Sunday, November 10, 2006 is National Donor Sabbath. Dr. Drew Hausmann will offer a temple talk at both services. The Social Ministry committee will have a display in the Narthex offering information on the

Holiday Visit to the Selinsgrove Center

The members of St. Mark’s have a long tradition visiting the Selinsgrove Center. This year we have been scheduled to provide a Christmas party on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The Social Ministry committee has made tentative plans to provide refreshments, goodie bags, and a small gift for each resident we visit.



West Branch Conference News



Camp Mount Luther

Camp Mount Luther recently ended the summer camping season. Nearly 700 participants took part in programs during the nine-week session. 464 campers enjoyed on-site programs. New offerings this year included a Jam Music Camp. Theme weeks for Music, Adventure, Holiday Celebration, Mystery, Downside Up and Water Week were offered as well. During Mystery Week, campers were challenged to solve the case of the Vicious Vandals who made a mess of the dining hall. During the last week of resident camp, Mount Luther held a joint camping week with the Central Pennsylvania Diocese of the Episcopal Church (USA). During that week, campers lived out the two church bodies' "Call to Common Mission." It was a great week of fellowship and fun and is planned again for next year.

United Campus Ministry

In addition to the weekly worship services and dinners at Trinity, on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM, we offer now a Bible study on Monday nights. Penn College United Campus Ministry students have volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and worked on the Dove Street project.

Strategy for Mission

Upper Susquehanna is in the process of restructuring the way the synod does business. Please ask your pastor or council president for the task force's initial report. Please review this report and make comments by November 10.

Friends Living Out Our Discipleship

A F.L.O.O.D. event for 6-12 graders will be held at Camp Mount Luther Saturday, November 11, 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Expect Bible study and service projects. \$5.00 early/\$7.50 late registration.

United Churches

United Churches of Lycoming County has invited two lay persons and one pastor from each congregation for their annual meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes, RC Church, Montoursville, Thursday, November 16, at 6:30 PM (location has changed). United Churches celebrates its 60th anniversary.



Covenant.

Every fourth Sunday of the month a Taizé Prayer Service is held in the Williamsport area. Come and enjoy a quiet community prayer time with songs and chants from the ecumenical community in Taizé, November 27, 7:00 PM, at New

Quiggleville

A chicken and biscuit dinner will be held Sunday November 5, noon to 2:00 PM at St. Michael's.

Contact

Please share information of your congregations

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

PARENTING FORUM:

Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

The parenting forum continues monthly. It is a time for parents to get together, have Bible study and discussion concerning different issues with our kids. In the October session, seven parents talked about obedience and discipline with our children. We had nine children having a great time upstairs (with a baby sitter) while we spent time together in study. We are planning to meet again in November. Check the bulletins for the date. If you are interested in attending, please let Sharon know so she can send you a flier about the next session. Remember, the kids are all welcome and will be supervised.



Hope to see you in November!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be held on Sunday, November 12! Kids, remember your offering envelopes (parents, don't forget to put your number on them).

If you haven't received your envelopes yet, stop and pick them up from the pocket on Mrs. Comini's door. Our special offering that day will be filled shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. (If you can't put one together for your child to carry during the offering procession, don't worry, we'll have extras.) Please join us in worship with the whole family!



Lunch
N'
Fellowship

November 15th at Noon

Turkey, Stuffing &
All the trimmings!

Bring a dish to share & a friend!

Faith Life Weekly, a take-home resource, is available in the Narthex every Sunday. This resource offers an at-home plan for nurturing faith and faith practices based on Sunday's worship service. Also, *Kid's Celebrate* is available for youth to use during the worship service or to take home to add to family devotional time throughout the week. Stop and pick up a copy!

FAITH IS...

Faith is risking what is for what is yet to be.
It is taking small steps knowing they lead to bigger ones.
Faith is holding on when you want to let go.
It is letting go when you want to hold on.
Faith is hearing God's yes when everything else says no.
It is seeing the light in darkness, the presence of God in all.
(by Ellen M. Cuomo)



THIS IS IT!!

**WE LEAVE THE
THIRD!!**

**LOOK FOR A REPORT ON THIS
SPECTACULAR WEEKEND IN THE
DECEMBER LION!**

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ADULTS *STILL* NEEDED!

The Middle Lounge adult class needs instructors for this year! If you would like to lead this discussion group for a month this year, there are a variety of topics from which you can choose. If you have an idea for a focus of study—let us know!

We look forward to hearing from you!



SIMPLE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

This lovely musical based on the carol “The Friendly Beasts” will be presented during the Sunday School hour on Christmas Eve and again at the 7:00 service that night.

We need children, youth and adults to stage this retelling of Christ’s birth. Adults and youth will carry most of the singing as well as the speaking parts as the youngsters act out the story. Adult and youth assistance is also required for assembling and organizing costumes and props for our young actors.

The music is very familiar, putting new words to old carols and hymns. We realize how busy everyone is at that time of year and have put together a rehearsal schedule keeping that in mind.

We had one rehearsal on October 22 that went very well with a great turn-out. You’ll see many familiar faces from “Seeds” along with some new ones. **Participants are still welcome!** The remaining rehearsals will take place from 1:00 to 2:30 on November 5 & 19, and December 3. We will provide a light lunch for those involved in Contemporary Choir or Kantorei, or those living too far away and who won’t have a chance to return home between service and rehearsal.

The final two rehearsals will take place on Saturdays, December 16 & 23, from 10:00 to 11:30, so cast members still have time to run last-minute errands.

SIMPLE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS is under the direction of Bernadette Jones,
with Richard Lakey as Musical Director.

*Please join us in presenting this fun and meaningful rendering of the Christmas story.
We can’t do it without you.*

**Mark November 5 on your calendars and join us for our next rehearsal!
See you there!!**

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144th Annual State Sunday School Convention was held October 13 & 14 near Carlisle, at Otterbein United Methodist Church, Boiling Springs.

Sharon and Bernadette attended the convention, the theme of which was "Feed My Sheep." They attended nine workshops between them at this spacious facility and place of worship, met some great people and listened to some inspiring music and lectures.

The Otterbein Church is a contemporary building in a traditional style. They used the original pews and stained glass windows from their old building to give the new structure a sense of "home" for their parishioners and to carry over some of the history of their congregation. There is a small, enclosed courtyard that features the corner stones from the old church (1800's) and school (1961). Their nave gives St. Mark's a run for our money as far as acoustics go and was a wonderful setting for all the hymns that were sung.

One of the best speakers was on Friday evening, Dr. Israel Galindo, Professor of Christian Education at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA. His topic was "Seven Concepts that will Change Your Teaching." He forbade everyone from taking notes, but gave us his e-mail address to ask for them. They have been sent for and you will be updated in a future *Lion*.

Sharon and Bernadette shared a very enriching time and look forward to attending next year's convention in Newville. They hope some of St. Mark's congregation will be able to free up the time to attend with them.

Cargo Container Loading Time!!!

Friday, November 3rd

9:30-11:30 AM

Meet at Zion Lutheran Church, 5th & Market Sts. in Sunbury, We'll load from the church basement into a rental truck.

1:00-3:30 PM

Meet at the Synod office at 12:45 or the storage barn in Mazeppa. We will be washing & loading school furniture & hospital equipment into the rental truck.

Saturday, November 4th

9:30-3:30 PM

Meet at the Synod office or barn to move items until the con-

☞ **ST. MARK'S LIONS NEED YOU!!** ☞

The John Bower Basketball League season IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! Friends from other churches are welcome—as long as they attend Sunday School at their home church and don't have a team there.



Practices begin Tuesday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal.

Sign-up now!

Get a registration form from Bernadette!

☞ **ST. MARK'S LIONS NEED YOU!!** ☞

C'mon!! Let's have some fun!!

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Operation Christmas Child,

a project of Samaritan's Purse that demonstrates God's love to needy children through gift-filled shoeboxes, has begun. Last year 41 boxes were collected and delivered from St. Mark's. Can we meet or exceed this number this year? Pick up a shoebox today—they're in the narthex and staff hallway!

Please return filled shoeboxes on or before Sunday, November 12. You can drop them off at the office during the week between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Thank you! Shoe Box Dedication will be Sunday, November 12, 2006.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING DAY!

You are invited to attend the annual Advent Wreath Making on Sunday, December 3, at noon in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. Please join us and make an advent wreath for your home!



THE TREES COME ALIVE THIS ADVENT SEASON!

Alive with Teddy Bears, mittens, gloves & hats!

Two trees will be ready to decorate with these items by Sunday, December 3. Please stop in Fellowship Hall and add your gift to the trees.



The Teddy Bears will be given to the Williamsport Police Department and the mittens, gloves, and hats will be given to The Kids Clothes Closet.

ACTING CLASSES 6th -12th GRADES



*Bernadette Jones,
Instructor*

Meeting time & night will be determined by students

To register for classes

or

For more information

call 323-4619

or

email her

bjones@stmarkswilliamsport.org

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ST. MARK'S LOGO POLO SHIRTS FOR SALE



St. Mark's Logo
on pocket

Adult Sizes
S-XL \$20
2XL-3XL \$23

Youth Sizes
XS-XL \$10

Childrens - GILDAN Youth Ultra Cotton - Preshrunk 100% cotton jersey with church logo silk-screened on front.

Colors: Irish Green, Vegas Gold, Sport Grey, Azalea, Black, Gold, Cardinal, Daisy, Forest Green, Leaf, Jade, Lime, Heliconia, Indigo Blue, Iris, Kelly Green, Light Blue, Light Pink, Maroon, Navy, Orange, Sand, Prairie Dust, Purple, Red, Royal, Sapphire, Violet, Tangerine, & Yellow Haze

Adults - JERZEE Jersey Polo with Sport-Shield, Welt Knit Collar, Placket with pearlized buttons with church logo embroidered on pocket.

Colors: White, Birch, Gold, Black, Sports Grey, Burnt Orange, Deep Purple, California Blue, Forest Green, Granite Blue, Jade, Kelly, Light Blue, Maize, Maroon, Red, Putty, True Navy & True Royal

You may place your order with Susan by calling 323-4619 M-F 9AM-1PM or Donna Clark 998-2290 after 6PM M-F, or anytime over the weekend.

OR

Use this convenient tear off order form. You can place it in the offering plate with your payment or mail it to the church.

St. Mark's Polo Shirt Order Form

Name	Adult/Child	Size	Color	Cost

HEALTH, HEALING & WHOLENESS

November 2006

*“Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the Lord your God gives you for all time.”
(Deut. 6:40, NIV)*

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Many of us will be gathering with family, and giving thanks to God for the many blessings we have received from His hand. It will be time to catch up on the latest from Aunt Sue, Grandma, Uncle Ben – time to pass the potatoes, stuffing and pumpkin pie. This year, consider sharing more than just food and news. Thanksgiving is the perfect opportunity to fill in your family health history!

Our family histories may turn out to be one of the most important factors in whether or not we develop certain types of diseases, such as: diabetes, stroke, high cholesterol, cancer, and others. Knowing what we may be more prone to, can be the first step we take in prevention. We may not be able to change your genes, but we can certainly become aware of, and learn to decrease, those risk factors in our lives that may predispose us toward certain illnesses. For instance, quitting smoking if we have had a close relative with oral or lung cancer, or reducing cholesterol if our family is prone to heart disease, getting routine mammograms if we have a history of breast cancer – to name only a few.

According to the US Dept. of Health & Human Services, key features of a family health history that increase risk are:

- Diseases that occur at an earlier age than expected (10-20 years before most people get the disease).
- Disease in more than one close relative.
- Disease that does not usually affect a certain gender (for example, breast cancer in a male).
- Certain combinations of diseases within a family (for example breast and ovarian cancer, or, heart disease and diabetes).

Some diseases, such as diabetes, may follow a generational pattern, putting us at higher risk for developing the disease, or for developing it at an earlier age. It does not necessarily mean that we will develop the illness for certain. Genes are only one factor contributing to disease development.

The best way to learn about your family health history is to talk to your family. Ask questions. Draw a family tree, and record health information – square shapes for men, and circles for women. Take notice if certain diseases occur more often than others. Gather lifestyle information, such as heavy drinking, or smoking. Collect information about you, your children, brothers & sisters, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Make a note if they are deceased, and if known, the cause of death. There may be some blank areas, or if you are adopted, you may face the added challenge of accessing this information (The National Adoption Clearinghouse is a resource that may be able to help with the process – <http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/adopted/search/index.cfm>).

Then, put what you've learned to good use! Once it is collected, share the information with your doctor and your parish nurse. They may be able to make recommendations of things you can do to help prevent a disease. Knowing your family health history is a powerful tool in helping to understand risk. Make copies for your siblings, your children... pass it along ... right along with the cranberry sauce and cornbread!

*A blessed Thanksgiving to all!
Debbie Best, Congregational Health Ministries and Family Life Services
Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries*

BIRTHDAYS

Shawn Wright 11/01
 Marguerite Smith 11/04
 Elizabeth Ward 11/04
 Samantha Kneeder 11/06
 John Bower
 11/07
 Frank Pile
 11/07
 Ann Kuntz
 11/07
 Paul Fornwalt 11/08
 Brenda Gair



Pamela Davenport 11/12
 Elizabeth Haussmann 11/13
 Kyle Doebler 11/17
 Ronald Baker 11/18
 Donna Baker 11/18
 Tracey Heaps 11/20

Donna Hutchinson 11/20
 Ray Reams 11/21
 Robert Jones 11/23
 James Newcomer Jr. 11/23
 Nancy Bieber 11/25
 Stephen Dewar Jr. 11/25
 Ashley Miller 11/25
 Lois Smith 11/25
 Henry Fornwalt 11/27
 John Burkholder 11/29
 Matthew MacGill 11/29
 Harold Hershberger 11/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Rick & Jennifer Robertson 11/05
 Gregg & Kathleen Dancho 11/06
 Charles & Ruth Ditchfield 11/10
 Eugene & Reba Jacobs 11/12



Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler 11/19
 Charles & Judith Fortin 11/26
 Luther & Jane Doebler 11/28

Updated List for those Saving Labels

CAMPBELLS' BRAND

Front Label

Campbell's Beans Products & Gravies
 Campbell's Condensed 10 oz. Soups & 26 oz. Soups (Family Size)
 Campbell's Low Sodium Soups, Fat Free -Soups & Carb Request Soups
 Campbell's Kitchen Classic Soups (18-19 oz. can) & Simply Home Soups
 Campbell's Tomato Juices (12 oz., 46 oz., 64 oz.)
 Campbell's Chunky Soups, Soup Bowls, Chili's, Select Soups & Select Bowls
 Campbell's Soup To Go (tubs), Soup At Hand
 Campbell's (50 oz.) Soups: Chef's Kettle, Foodservice, Low Sodium
 Campbell's Healthy Request Soups (50 oz.)

UPC Code

Campbell's Soup & Recipe Mix (entire box bottom panel) & Supper Bakes

Lid

Campbell's Ready To Serve Soups (plastic)

PEPPERIDGE FARM BRAND

Front Label

Pepperidge Farm Soups
 Pepperidge Farm Breads, Croutons, Rolls & Stuffing (bag or carton)
 Pepperidge Farm Cookies, Crackers (bag or carton)
 Goldfish Crackers, Cookies & Snack Mixes (bag or carton)
 Pepperidge Farm Frozen Garlic Breads, Cakes, Turnovers,
 Dumplings and Puff Pastry (bag or carton)

FRANCO-AMERICAN BRAND

Front Label

Franco-American Gravies, Spaghetti O's, any shape pasta, meat sauce

SWANSON BRAND

Front Label

Swanson Broths, Foodservice broths (49.5 oz.), Can Chicken (paper labels)

V8 BRAND

Front Label

V8 100% Vegetable Juice, all varieties (12, 46, & 64 oz.)
 V8 Calcium enriched 100% Vegetable Juice (12 & 46 oz.)
 V8 Low Sodium 100% Vegetable Juice (46 oz.)
 V8 A.C.E. Vitamin Rich 100% Vegetable Juice (46 oz.)
 V8 Splash Juice Drink, all varieties (12, 46, 64 & 96 oz.)
 V8 Splash Smoothies (10 & 46 oz.)

UPC Code

V8 Splash Juice Drinks, all varieties (6.75 boxes/8 pack)

PREGO

Front Label

Prego Pasta Sauces (14-28 oz.)

Lid

Prego Pasta Sauces (46 oz. & larger), Bake Sauce (27.75 oz.)

PACE BRAND

Lid

Pace Salsa, Picante & Picante ConQueso & Taco Sauces
 Enchilada Sauces, Mexican Creations

Front Label

Pace Refried Beans, Chilies, Peppers

UPC Code

Taco Seasoning

2005-2006 BONUS PRODUCTS

Earn 5 labels when you save labels from these products:

Campbell's Batman Spaghetti O's (original & meatball)
 Campbell's Condensed Meatball Goldfish Soup
 Campbell's Condensed Soups featuring:
 Batman, Dora the Explorer & Jimmy Neutron

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank all those who are involved in both the bread and soup ministry and the flower delivery ministry.

Gail, Shirley, and Jackie, thank you! The soup is delicious and the flowers put a smile on Anne's face. It's so nice to have such caring people at St. Mark's. We appreciate everyone of you!

In Him,
Bob & Anne Miller

Dear Sisters & Brothers In Christ,

Grace and peace to you. We want to thank you so very much for your recent welcome of us, and for affording us the opportunity to share with you our call stories and thoughts on theological education. Talking over our experiences with others helps us to better understand our journeys, and, we hope, is also enlightening for our fellow Christians. We were greatly honored and humbled by your interest in us, and we deeply appreciated your fine hospitality.

Thank you for an enjoyable evening and especially for the food, flowers, and check for \$150. We are very grateful.

Yours in Christ,
Matthew & Lisa Schuster

Thank you to everyone who brought food or gave monetary gifts for Harvest Home Sunday. A truck and van were filled to capacity with bags of food. Gail Burkhart, coordinator of the local United Churches Food Pantry, advised us that the shelves were somewhat bare this summer. This is an ongoing project year round. Food and hygiene items can be brought in any Sunday and placed in a box located in the narthex. Thank you again for helping those in need in our community.

Dear friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for assisting the Shepherd of the Streets ministry by donating personal hygiene products to be given to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity. You are a blessing to this ministry, as well as those less fortunate.

May the Lord bless you,
J. Morris Smith, Th. D.
Shepherd of the Streets

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone involved in making this year's Consecration Sunday a success. We appreciate your efforts, dedication and hard work. Thank you for a job well done!

Dear Friends at St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for your most generous gift of \$250 to the Shepherd ministry. You are in ministry with us as we help those in need who live in Lycoming County.

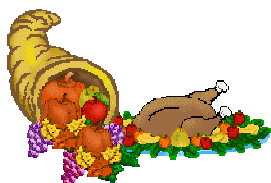
Your gift of love is the spark needed for the candle to burn brighter in the heats of those walking a difficult road. May God bless this great act of compassion!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
J. Morris Smith, Th. D.
Shepherd of the Streets

How to Observe Thanksgiving

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

~~~Author Unknown.~~~



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# SAINT MARK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Monday                                                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Saturday                                                                                              |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                  | <i>1</i><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer                                                                                                      | <i>2</i><br>6:31 AM Men's Ministry<br>8:00 AM - 10:30 AM Stephen Ministry<br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>7:30 PM Senior Choir                                                                                                                   | <i>3</i><br>Revolve Tour for Mothers/ Daughters<br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>4</i><br>Revolve Tour for Mothers/ Daughters<br>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Passing on Faith - St. Matthews |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>5</i><br><b>All Saints Day</b><br>8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC<br>9:15 AM Sunday Church School<br>11:40 AM Cont. Choir<br>1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Simple Gifts Rehearsal<br>5:15 PM Fam. Handbell                                                                                          | <i>6</i><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>6:45 PM Handbells<br>7:00 PM Civic Chorus                                                  | <i>7</i><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer                                                               | <i>8</i><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>6:30 PM Alzheimer's Association Candlelight Vigil at St. Luke's                                   | <i>9</i><br>6:31 AM Men's Ministry<br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>6:00 PM Mummer's Dinner<br>7:30 PM Senior Choir                                                                                                                               | <i>10</i><br><b>Council Agenda Deadline</b><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>6:45 PM Wedding Rehearsal - Rose/Hartzel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <i>11</i><br>10:00 AM - 3:30 PM F.L.O.O.D. at Camp Mt. Luther<br>3:00 PM Rose/Hartzel Wedding         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>12</i><br><b>Pentecost XXIII</b><br>8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Service of the Word<br>9:15 AM Sunday Church School<br>10:30 AM Children's Church<br>11:40 AM Kantorei<br>4:00 PM Dialysis Concert<br>5:15 PM Fam. Handbell                                                            | <i>13</i><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>6:45 PM Handbells<br>7:00 PM Civic Chorus                                                 | <i>14</i><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>6:30 PM Finance Comm. Mtg.<br>7:00 PM Property Comm. Mtg. | <i>15</i><br>Pastor Returns<br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>9:15 AM Staff Meeting & Sewing<br>12:00 PM Lunch 'N' Fellowship                | <i>16</i><br>United Churches Annual Assembly<br>6:31 AM Men's Ministry<br>8:00 AM - 10:30 AM Stephen Ministry<br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>4:30 PM Exec. Comm. Mtg.<br>6:00 PM United Churches Dinner at Faxon-Kenmor<br>7:30 PM Senior Choir | <i>17</i><br><b>Newsletter Deadline</b><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <i>18</i>                                                                                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>19</i><br><b>Pentecost XXIV</b><br>8:00 AM & 10:30 AM HC<br>9:15 AM Sunday Church School<br>11:40 AM Cont. Choir<br>1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Simple Gifts Rehearsal<br>3:00 PM Worship & Music Comm.<br>4:00 PM The Way<br>5:15 PM Fam. Handbell<br>6:00 PM Mtg./meal of Confirmands | <i>20</i><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>6:30 PM Council Mtg.<br>6:45 PM Handbells<br>7:00 PM Civic Chorus                         | <i>21</i><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>12:00 PM LSM<br>6:30 PM Fin. Comm. Mtg.                   | <i>22</i><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>9:15 AM Staff Meeting & Sewing<br>12:00 PM Bible Study                                           | <i>23</i><br>**Office Closed**                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <i>24</i><br>**Office Closed**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <i>25</i>                                                                                             |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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