



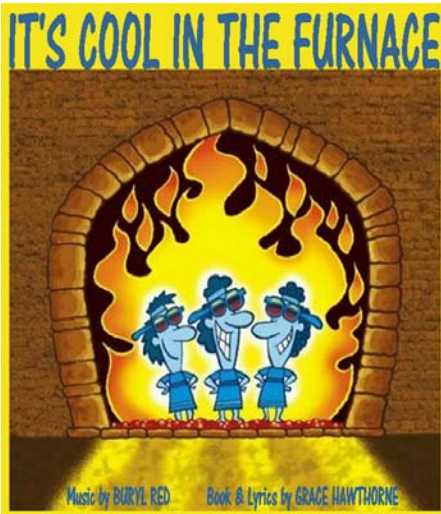
THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

JULY 2012

St. Mark's Summer Music Camp!

July 29th ~ Aug. 4th and we need you to participate!

IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE is a musical drama by Buryl Red and Grace Hawthorne about Daniel and his friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in Babylon (YES...it IS a themed summer!)! There are several solo parts.....*but we need all of you!!*



On each of the following evenings, there is a **5:30 p.m. meal** in Fellowship Hall. We begin rehearsal promptly at **6:00 p.m.** and go until **7:30 p.m.** on:

Sunday, July 29

Monday, August 30

Tuesday, August 31

Wednesday, August 1

Thursday, August 2

Friday, August 3

SATURDAY, AUG. 4: 9:30 a.m. FINAL REHEARSAL

6:00 p.m. TUREEN MEAL (BBQ will be provided)

7:00 p.m. PERFORMANCE in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, AUG. 5: FINAL PRESENTATION FOR THE 10:30 SERVICE

A CD is being prepared so that each family may have a copy. We are sure that playing the CD every day will help with the learning of the music and words!

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL MAKE PLANS TO BE A PART OF THIS SPECIAL SUMMER EVENT!!

It will surely be an exciting, intergenerational event, with the music being sung by all ages, kids through adults!! But, beyond the cast, WE NEED HELP!! In a nutshell, we need everyone!!! Sewers, carpenters, painters, phone callers...you name it, we need it!! Stay tuned for more information!!!

Please contact Bernadette or Jungwha to let them know of your interest.

ADMIT ONE

If you can't join the cast for

"IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE,"

please enjoy the dinner-theatre performance in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 4. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.,

followed by the Music Camp's production of

"IT'S COOL IN THE FURNACE!"

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The Congregation Council met in regular session on June 18, 2012. The Council:

- 1 ♦ elected Ray Huff president, Gregg Dancho vice-president, Shelby Weber Secretary, and Ken Shafranko treasurer.
- 2 ♦ heard a 5-year financial forecast from Treasurer Ken Shafranko.
- 2 ♦ granted letter of transfer to Pr. W Stevens Shipman and Linda Shipman to St. Peter Lutheran Church, York.
- 3 ♦ received into membership Janet Jones from Bethel United Methodist Church, Montoursville.
- 4 ♦ set up the schedule of prayer leaders and those caring for the offerings for the year.
- 5 ♦ accepted the offer of Ray Huff to serve as our representative to Lutheran Shared Ministry.
- 6 ♦ noted that much cooperation is needed for the July 4 event.
- 6 ♦ accepted the actions of the Property Committee concerning tree removal, dehumidifier purchase, boiler maintenance agreement, and ramp plates.
- 6 ♦ approved the applications of Ray Huff, Lou Kolb, and Kathy Kolb to enter the Synod's Lay Ministry Institute two year program leading to certification as Lay Worship Leaders.
- 8 ♦ set the next meeting for Sunday, July 22 at 11:50 A.M. in the Crossways Room.

Parish Register

- ♦ Pastor Elkin presided at the memorial service for Alice Helm on June 3, 2012 in the chapel at St. Mark's.
- ♦ Pastor Elkin presided at the graveside service for James Shipman on June 14, 2012 at Twin Hill Memorial Park.
- ♦ Pastor Elkin officiated at the wedding of Todd Smith and Dana Miller on June 15, 2012 in St. Mark's Nave.

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Pick up your new
Church Directory
 in the narthex
 then
 make the
 changes
 listed on
 page 14!



June 2012 Synod Assembly Report



The 25th annual Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly took place on June 15-16, 2012 at Selinsgrove University. Three St. Mark's delegates were among the 253 voting members of the Assembly.

Attending for St. Mark's were current and immediate past Congregation Council presidents Ray Huff and Gary Weber, and Pastor Elkin. For our delegates, the Assembly was both fascinating and frustrating.

The high point of the Assembly was the ordination service for Pastor Gary Shumway. He was called as a second career to serve God in a new way. Pastor Shumway will serve several Jersey Shore congregations.

The business of the Synod was conducted by Bishop Robert Driesen during 5 plenary sessions taking place during the 2 day gathering. Each day allowed for work sessions, with the individual delegates choosing the topics. A new feature of the Assembly was to gather several church delegations into small groups to discuss ideas for improvement.

In addition to the Ordination service on Saturday, Holy Eucharist was celebrated on Friday. Rev. Donald McCoid, an ELCA representative preached the sermon.

At the business sessions, the delegates received reports from the Bishop and the various Synod organizations and officers. The reports on the health of the Lutheran churches in the Synod were not good. Last year, the Synod was struggling financially, which required mid year adjustments to the budget. A somewhat improved picture later in the year allowed for some of the budget cuts to be restored. Mission support is down, with fewer churches supporting missionaries. Seven churches closed or disaffiliated from the ELCA. Most significantly, the delegates received a report that half of the churches in the Synod are having financial difficulties. Membership continues to drop at many churches.

It was disturbing, then, that the only new initiative put forward at the Assembly dealt with the natural gas industry in Pennsylvania. The delegates debated and then approved establishing a Synod task force to study "horizontal slickwater hydraulic fracturing." A second resolution declaring the Synod's support for a moratorium on issuing new permits for hydraulic fracturing passed on a vote of 110 to 92. Finally, the delegates passed a memorial to the ELCA encouraged national action on the same issues. St. Mark's delegates voted against each of these resolutions, believing that they were an unwarranted distraction from the conduct of the necessary business of the church.

In the small group session, St. Mark's was paired with Messiah of South Williamsport. We batted about the possibility of a Saturday service. Discussion focused on a single service shared by multiple congregations. We also discussed ways to reach out to gas workers migrating into the area.

The hallways were filled with many interesting displays and offerings. The delegates were tempted by popcorn, free pens and tee shirts, and lots of reading material.

All-in-all, a fascinating yet frustrating experience.



Step Forward, Please!

**There are several posts that need new leaders.
Might you be the right person to serve in one of these capacities?**

Greeters Coordinator – Part of our Hospitality is greeting everyone as they enter the church for worship. The coordinator arranges the list of persons who take turns at the door each week.

Flower Delivery Coordinator – The altar flowers have brought beauty to the nave and glorified God, and then they can also bring joy to someone who is ill or lonely at home or in the hospital. The coordinator manages a list of persons who can take a few minutes to deliver flowers and a greeting in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Hospitality Coordinator at 10:30 – This person manages the list of persons who provide the refreshments following the 10:30 service and encourages the conversations to continue.

Prayer Venture card sender – This person sends postcards each week to remind persons that we are naming them in prayer each day in Morning Prayer and inviting the congregation to remember them at home as well. The cards, the list, and postage are provided; you provide the effort to send the cards and perhaps add a personal note if you wish.

Fall Bazaar

The Women of St. Mark's need your no-longer-needed items for our annual bazaar. We are looking for house wares, kitchen appliances, linens, small pieces of furniture, lamps, holiday decorations, knick-knacks, electronics in working order, books, toys, games, jewelry, handbags, totes, pictures, mirror, athletic equipment, tools and treasures! As you are spring cleaning think of this sale and place those items in the Bazaar Room in the basement. When you are depositing items in the Bazaar Room please try to keep items as far away from the door as possible.

We are **UNABLE** to accept encyclopedias, cribs, car seats and booster seats. Televisions and computer accessories must be in good working order as the American Rescue Workers do not take computers, printers, cribs, car seats or televisions even if they work.

Speak with Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor if you have questions.



Daniel's Closet

Clothing Distribution: Saturday, July 28, 2012 9-11 AM Redeemer Lutheran Church



The Women of St. Mark's will not have a spring clothing sale, We encourage our members to donate their clean, usable spring and summer clothing, shoes and accessories to Daniel's Closet. Items may be dropped off at Redeemer's church basement on Thursday, July 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm or you may contact Redeemer Church at 322-2333 to arrange another time for drop off.

News in Our Pews

As I write this I have a pile of newspapers beside me with news of St. Mark's people doing good things – so this column is a pleasure to put together – sometimes there is a dearth of news and not much coming in to me and that is a little tougher – so keep those news items coming!

Beth and Ken's Shafranko's son Cpl. Brad Eisenhower was featured on the front page, no less, of the local newspaper for his award of the Medal of Honor at the State Police Academy at Hershey for his act of valor. The award, the department's highest honor has been given 58 times since its inception in 1970.

During tropical storm Lee, Brad rescued a woman and her two daughters from a house in danger of being swept away. He tied a rope around his waist and jumped into the water and swam to the victims. A state police helicopter joined in the search, shining a spotlight on the site. A hovercraft was also brought to the scene and pulled alongside the house. Brad kicked in the door, found the family, put life jackets on them and got them out. Just getting to the site was complicated but the perseverance of Brad and his companion saved the day and the victims. Great work, Brad- we are proud of you!

Ashley Campbell, daughter of Kathy and Greg Dancho, graduated from University of the Sciences in Philadelphia on May 23 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She has accepted a position with Rite Aid in northeast Philadelphia as a staff pharmacist.

Stephan Weber was named to the honor roll at Curtin Middle School. Congratulations to the Weber family!

Bev Hieber and **Ruth Lamade** were honored by the Woman's Club for their years of service .

Two Haussmanns and a Jensen were pictured in a May edition exhibiting their "photograms" at Plankenhorns in downtown Williamsport. **Hannah and Elizabeth Haussmann** and **Sean Jensen** created their projects for the Reading Club at Sheridan.

Cindy Hartzel discovered her picture in the Arts Showcase section as a member of the 1968 Loyalsock Concert Choir. The group celebrated its 44th anniversary this year.

Also impressive is the work of **Barb Horn**, education department faculty secretary at Lycoming College and daughter of **Dot Berndt**. Barb coordinated the 44th anniversary get-together and also coordinated a school supply drive for St. Agnes Parochial School in Jefferson Parish, La. Work on this project was started after the devastating flood caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Welcome home to **Pastor Elkin** after his visit to daughter and grandson. Pastor walked 100 miles of "The Way" and I'm sure will share pictures and details of that event very soon!

I do have some exciting news to report – **Donna Boston**, the undisputed Queen of Irises, is offering some of her beautiful iris to share with our members. The last two week of August is the time to dig up and divide the plants so if you are interested please give Donna a call before that time so that she can plan.

Donna will also include a sheet of directions for getting the most from the flower – and then all you need is a trowel and a sunny spot to plant!

When she discussed this with me she said this might be a "final chapter" to my endless iris stories but I give no guarantees!

Have a great July Fourth and keep those items coming to me! Happy summer to all!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY

We have some specific needs this month including:

<i>Tea Bags</i>	<i>Spaghetti</i>	<i>Spaghetti Sauce</i>
<i>Granola bars</i>	<i>Chunky Soups</i>	<i>Canned Fruits</i>
<i>Cake Mixes</i>	<i>Pork n' beans</i>	<i>Saltine Crackers</i>
<i>Cake frosting</i>	<i>Pudding Mix</i>	<i>Mac N Cheese</i>
<i>Jello</i>	<i>Instant Potatoes</i>	<i>Hamburger Helper</i>
<i>Oatmeal Packets [flavored]</i>		

Hours are 9:30-Noon on Mondays for delivery and Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3 for clients (appointments are needed).

We are in The Center, 600 Campbell St, corner of Campbell and Memorial.

24 hour Devotion Line



is available to encourage you in your relationship with God. Devotions are under three minutes and change weekly.

Call 570-322-5762.

Please note:

*Ecumenical Lunches
will resume in September.
Have a blessed summer!*

Upper Susquehanna Synod News

Looking Ahead to July at Camp Mount Luther

Camp Mount Luther is still accepting registrations for all programs for this summer! Several exciting programs will be held in July. On July 1st, Super Night Owl Week will begin. Campers will be able to stay up later each night doing nighttime activities and we'll have extra elective periods this week. Don't forget Family Camp, a great vacation opportunity!!! This half-week intergenerational program is for families of all shapes and sizes. You'll have the vacation of a lifetime if you come to family camp. Our Adult Bible Study leader this year is Rev. Chad Hebrink. We hope you will join us for a great half week starting July 8th. Campers who aren't sure they can stay a whole week at camp can come for our Mini-Camps from July 11-13. Traditional Camp (with a team sports twist this year) will be on July 15. This is a great sampler of all that an outdoor ministry has to offer! And, during the week of July 22, campers from Lutheran, Episcopal, and other denominations will come together for BASIC Week (Brothers and Sisters in Christ). This year, we'll be celebrating Dr. Seuss during this special week. More information is available by calling the camp office at 570-922-1587 or visiting www.campmountluther.org.

July 8-11, 2012: Emerge Camp for Young Adults

Are you 18-30 years old? Need a break from reality? Sign up today for a summer camp program for young adults. Camp Mount Luther is appealing to those in early adulthood to come for a time of retreat and spiritual renewal. There will be a few all-camp activities each day, but the rest of the time will be available for pick-up camp activities and relaxation. The schedule will also include Bible studies, worship, and time for reflection. You'll also have time to do all the camp stuff you love! To register or get more information, visit www.campmountluther.org or contact Chad Hershberger at chad@campmountluther.org.

August 4, 2012-- Emerge Together: Young Adult Summit

The Emerge Together: Young Adult Summit will welcome 18-30-year-old people of faith and other adults who walk with them (such as campus ministers, camp directors, discernment advocates, and pastors) for a one-day event at Camp Mount Luther on Saturday, August 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants will come together for fun, service, and talking about how our faith impacts our lives. Any area young adult is encouraged to come and meet others whose faith is a part of their identity. For more details and an official invitation, please contact Beth Ann Stone at bethann@uss-elca.org.

Ongoing Collections



Stamp Collecting

We are collecting used stamps again. There is a basket for collection in the Narthex. The stamps are used at the Veteran's Hospital by patients for their therapy.

Thank you for your contribution.

Tab Collecting

We are still collecting soda tabs in the crossways hallway! These tabs are sold at a recycling center and the money will be used by the Ronald McDonald House for the operation of the facility. Even a few tabs add up, so please keep collecting. There is a collection container for tabs in the Narthex.



First Annual Fishing Derby

The First Annual Doebler Farm Fishing Derby was truly a blessing for all. God graced us with a beautiful, sunny day, a great pond and the fishing was awesome for all the kids.

Each participant received a participation ribbon and a bag of Swedish fish.

Additional awards were given to:

- ◆ Dawson Owen caught the largest fish 13" Smallmouth Bass.
- ◆ Taylor Wentzel had caught the second largest fish 12.5" Smallmouth Bass.
- ◆ Morgan Comini caught the most fish at 13.
- ◆ Makensi Doebler caught the first fish 8.5" Bluegill.
- ◆ Sadie Wentzel won the casting contest and received a fish bank made at the Williamsport Foundry.



We would especially like to thank Bud and Frank Doebler and their families for opening up their farm for the derby, and to all that helped in the planning, running and kayaking of this fun family event. Thank you all.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord,"

he wrapped his outer garment around him and jumped into the water.

The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. John 21:7-9.

You can finish reading this story verse 10 through 14. Enjoy! In Christ's love.

BABYLON HAPPENED!



We hope you came by Fellowship Hall the week of June 10 and wandered through the marketplace of Babylon! The kids and adults had a great time spending their denarii on the different crafts and in the food court, as well as learning about Daniel's courage in captivity!

We were very excited about this because everyone was encouraged to enroll as families, which meant that some parents who volunteered were able to spend the entire evening experiencing everything their children did and joined in, too!

Everyone was encouraged to join in! Adult volunteers and teen assistants ran stalls in the Marketplace, portrayed Daniel and other characters, organized games, and created scenery and tribal "costumes." There was something for everyone who wanted to be involved!

35 children and youth were involved and, together, collected over \$154 for Heifer International. It was an exciting week built on one of the best VBS programs we've ever used.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! How many times can we say it? THANK YOU!!!

The following people were just amazing and we couldn't have had such a successful VBS without them:

Evan Barone
Jared Barone
Noah (Brownie) Brown
Deb Buckman
Christina Comini
Eric Comini
Morgan Comini
Sharon Comini
Makensie Doeblar
Lou DeSeau
Donna Elkin
Pastor Elkin
Kathy Eshelman
Brenda Gair

Ben Haussmann
Vicki Haussmann
Pam Jensen
Bob Jones
Janet Jones
Sara Jones
Jungwha Kim
Shirley Kinney
Jackie Kinney
Brian LeBlanc
Dawson Owen
Devin Owen
Kirk Owen
Michele Owen

Hannah Ramsauer
Grace Schreckengast
Laura Schreckengast
Chet Schwoyer
Cody Schwoyer
Jessica Schwoyer
Kim Schwoyer
Zach Schwoyer
Lois Smith
Riley Weber
Shelby Weber
Stefan Weber
Anna Zeigler
Laura Zeigler



...AND WHILE WE'RE THANKING FOLKS...

Thanks go out to all those who assisted with the annual picnic and contributed to one of the most enjoyable events every year!!

Any of you who weren't able to attend missed out on a great time with the best picnic weather ever, in spite of a little rain!! We gratefully thank the following people:

**Lou DeSeau, Bob Jones, Devin Owen, Kirk Owen & Michele Owen
and all who assisted with set-up and clean-up.**



FOR PICTURES AND INFO OF THESE AND OTHER EVENTS, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.stmarkswilliamsport.org

You th & Fa m i l y O u t r e a c h



Sunday School Teachers

Yes, we realize it just seems like yesterday that the school year ended. But, we are asking you now to look at your schedule for the coming year to find a month or two (or three? or more?) that you can assist our children by teaching Sunday School. This 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. Please search your hearts, talk to those who are already involved and call the office today to volunteer (or email or facebook Michele).

Crop Walk 2012

According to records, this year will be UCLC's 33rd walk. During the past 32 years the Greater Williamsport Walk has collected \$731,090.79. The Trout Run Walk has collected \$42,471.82 since their beginning. And through Lycoming County, in Williamsport - Trout Run - Jersey Shore - Hughesville - Muncy - Montgomery we have raised \$1,002,087.28 to help CROP stop hunger!



Thank you for doing your part in fighting hunger both locally and globally. 25% of the money we collect comes back to our community and is distributed equally to the American Rescue Workers Food Pantry, the Sonlight House of Muncy, the United Churches Food Pantry and St. Anthony's Center. The other 75% is distributed by Church World Service nationally and internationally to help people who are hungry. We have taken a local allocation for the past 15 years, which has brought a total of \$57,490.80 back into our community. Other walks in our county have added to this total! Together, we can make a difference!

Milestone Ministry

PROGRESSIONS:

On Sunday, August 5, we recognize those youth who have just graduated from high school and are heading out on their own, be it college, the military, or employment. We also recognize parents as they experience their children leaving the nest. May they come to understand that the only way we truly keep hold of something is by letting go and that they take comfort in the knowledge that God will be with these young adults as they take the next step in their lives. We pray that God will be with all of them and guide them into a new, stronger relationship with each other and with Him. At an extended hospitality after the 10:30 service, hopefully in the courtyard, there will be an opportunity to wish the youth well, encourage the parents and record contact information.

70+, SINGLE AND STILL PRAISING GOD:

is for seniors who are widowed or were never married. On Sunday, August 12, we will honor them for their years of service and friendship. When they RSVP to the event, we ask them to let us know 2-3 hymns which had significance in their lives. These are incorporated into the service that day or used for a sing-a-long after lunch. We request photos of them from an important moment in their lives and create a display for the event. Invitations will soon be sent.

BLESSING OF THE KEYS:

REMINDER: We have a special milestone celebration for the youth in our congregation who attain their junior driver's licenses. *BUT YOU NEED TO TELL US WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED!!* Please remember, we are human and therefore fallible (along with our computers). If you or a friend have not received notification of any of these milestones and feel that you should, *PLEASE CALL US!!*



Kits, Kits & More Kits!



Just think.... We start with leftover pieces of fabric and some thread. Then add:

- + LOVE = school bags are created
- + LOVE = bags are filled by you with school supplies
- + LOVE = truck takes School Kits to warehouse
- + LOVE = ship takes kits overseas (or) truck takes kits to disaster victims in U.S.
- + LOVE = agents take kits to schools where needed
- + LOVE = children can learn more easily

School children will like the new style backpack drawstring bags. Bags for School Kits are in the Narthex.

However, you may prefer to provide another type of kit.

Please pick up a revised list of the items needed to fill all kits.

The guidelines have changed. Decide which kits you will provide.

You can purchase the items over the summer and place the completed kits in the box in the Narthex.

In addition, soap is also being collected.

Humanitarian kits give families in distress a helping hand, a bit of comfort, and hope for the future.

As the needs increase all over the world, including our own country, kits are badly needed.

Thank you for your compassion in sharing your God-given blessings with those less fortunate.



Help yourselves and complete by September.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR ALL KITS

Do not enclose Kits or any of its contents in plastic bags.



Fabric Kit

2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

2 spools of neutral-colored all purpose thread, 250-300 yards

Fabric should have no stains or holes.

Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern. Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon or a strip of fabric.

Personal Care Kit

1 light-weight bath-size towel (max. 52" X 27"), dark color
 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, wrapped
 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging or sealed in a business-size envelope
 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
 1 metal nail clippers - remove packaging
 Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
 All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

School Kit

4 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½";
 no loose-leaf paper

- 1 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters and inches
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2½" eraser

1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new & in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close.

Layette Kit

2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
 2 pairs of socks
 1 hand towel, dark color wrapped
 2 diaper pins or large safety pins
 Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) or new. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Dear St. Mark's,
Thank you very much for helping me go to Camp Mount Luther. I had so much fun.

I made new friends, made friendship necklaces and got closer to God.

Christina Comini

Dear members of St. Mark's,
Thank you for the many prayers and sympathy cards for Aletha. She loved singing for the Lord and her many friends in St. Mark's. Thank you for the use of the church and fellowship hall for her funeral.

Thank you again.

Bob, Cindy, April,
Dan, Chloe & Gabe

The United Churches of Lycoming County acknowledges receipt of \$40 to our food pantry and \$329 to the general fund. We express sincere thanks for your support of those special ministries which are made possible when our churches work together.

Gwen Bernstine,
Executive Director

Dear Pastor Elkin,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, again, for allowing Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School to use the classroom at St. Mark's to perform our annual Health Screenings. We were able to screen 19 students for height, weight, BMI, vision, hearing and scoliosis, referring 3 for physician follow up. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your willingness to partner with us as we strive to ensure health so that learning is optimized for PAVCS students living in Lycoming and the surrounding counties. The families that attended surely realize what an asset you are!

Sincerely,
Karen Skillman RN, CSN
School Nurse-PA Virtual Charter School

Dear friends of Family Promise:

Family Promise of Lycoming County, Inc. serves local children and their families that have found themselves in a homeless situation. We provide food, shelter and case management services to our guests. Our agency works collaboratively with congregations, businesses and human service agencies throughout our county to provide the best possible services to our guests. We do this with the help of almost 1000 volunteers in over 20 congregations.

As a charitable agency that does not receive government funding, we rely heavily on donations. Because of your generosity and that of others, we are able to provide these services at no cost to our guests. Thank you for your support in helping our friends and neighbors find a home again.

Sincerely, Melissa Magargle
Executive Director

Lunch N' Fellowship

Wednesday, July 18th at Noon
Bring a side dish & dessert to share.
Why not invite a friend?



Just for Teens!

Teen Movie Night is July 22nd at 6:00 pm
Bring a friend!! Spread the word!!
Be there or Be!!



Health, Healing & Wholeness

The fifth chapter of Mark contains the stories of two miracles, the healing of the bleeding woman (Vs. 25-34) and the raising of Jairus' daughter (Vs. 21-24; 35-43). Both serve as a testament to the power of Jesus over sickness and death. They are not just stories about healing, but also the power of personal connection to others. Coming to truly know one another as the church – the body of Christ – can be intimidating, even frightening, yet that is exactly what he is calling us to do – to plant ourselves at the intersection of human contact and healing. Ann Weems, in the book *Reaching for Rainbows* (Westminster Press, 1980) says it better than I ever could, so this month's article, is her poem titled "Touch in Church"....

*What is all this touching in church?
It used to be a person could come to church and sit in the pew and not be bothered by all this friendliness,
And certainly not by touching.
I used to come to church and leave untouched.
Now I have to be nervous about what's expected of me.
I have to worry about responding to the person sitting next to me.
Oh, I wish it could be the way it used to be;
I could just ask the person next to me: How are you?
And the person could answer: Oh, just fine,
And we'd both go home . . . strangers who have known each other for twenty years.
But now the minister asks us to look at each other.
I'm worried about that hurt look I saw in that woman's eyes.
Now I'm concerned,
because when the minister asks us to pass the peace,
The man next to me held my hand so tightly
I wondered if he had been touched in years.
Now I'm upset because the lady next to me cried and then apologized
And said it was because I was so kind and that she needed A friend right now.
Now I have to get involved.
Now I have to suffer when this community suffers.
Now I have to be more than a person coming to observe a service.
That man last week told me I'd never know how much I'd touched his life.
All I did was smile and tell him I understood what it was to be lonely.
Lord, I'm not big enough to touch and be touched!
The stretching scares me.
What if I disappoint somebody?
What if I'm too pushy?
What if I cling too much?
What if somebody ignores me?
"Pass the peace."
And mean it.
Lord, I can't resist meaning it!
I'm touched by it, I'm enveloped by it!
I find I do care about that person next to me!
I find I **am** involved!
And I'm scared.
O Lord, be here beside me.
You touch me, Lord, so that I can touch and be touched!
So that I can care and be cared for!
So that I can share my life with all those others that belong to you!
All this touching in church -- Lord, it's changing me!*

Have a blessed summer!
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Happy Birthday!

07/01 Gabriella Gregory	07/11 Mary Martin	07/20 Katelyn Lauer
07/02 Stanley Baker	07/12 Doris Brown	07/20 Eleanor Sobers 95th
07/02 Kristine Wacker	07/12 Annika Waffenschmidt	07/21 Tracie Elliott
07/03 Maxwell Hospes	07/13 Bonita Crossley	07/21 Pamela Jensen
07/03 Theodore Larson III	07/13 Levi Gair	07/21 Mary Schultz
07/04 Philip Thomas	07/14 Declan Jones	07/22 Constance Shaible
07/05 Kimberly Fillnow	07/14 Nancy Larson	07/23 Reba Jacobs
07/05 Dierah Williams	07/15 William Confer Jr.	07/23 David Weaver
07/06 Corey Hospes	07/15 Vicki Haussmann	07/23 Bryce Young
07/07 Andrea Hinds	07/16 Ashley Butters	07/24 Edward Gair
07/07 Gabriel Nichols	07/16 Stephanie Confer	07/25 Carol Confer
07/08 Sarah Little	07/16 Kay Plankenhorn	07/25 Shirley Hill
07/08 Robert Lynn Jr.	07/17 Eugene Jacobs	07/25 Kristi Maggs
07/09 Hugh Byerly	07/17 Russell Smith	07/26 Gail Greninger
07/09 Dylan Ott	07/18 Brenda Bower	07/27 Ann Kuntz
07/10 Nicholas Buckman	07/20 Patricia Alexander	07/30 Carol McMorris
07/10 Edgar Miller III	07/20 Dorothy Berndt	07/31 Stephen Dewar

Happy Anniversary!

07/01 Ralph & Holly Thorne	07/05 Walter & Margie Doebler	07/24 Sean & Maria Elkin
07/03 Ray & Cynthia Huff	07/05 Daryl & Elizabeth Lewis	07/29 Robert & Susan Curry
	07/06 Robert & Kristin Lynn	

It's a 95th Birthday Card Shower!!



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- SMITH, Russell & Lois** Change E-Mail Address to **comcast.net**
- SMITH, Todd & Dana** Add his lovely wife **Dana**

ST. MARK'S JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 Sunday Hosting FPLC Pentecost V 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Discussion Group 10:30 AM Holy Communion	12 Thursday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 12:00 PM Lion Crew & Office Help Luncheon	22 Sunday 6:00 PM Teen Movie Night
2 Monday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	13 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	23 Monday LSM Mtg. @ St. Mark's 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
3 Tuesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	14 Saturday 11:00 AM Hometown Heroes Event	24 Tuesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM FPLC Board Mtg.
4 Wednesday Office Closed 4:30 PM 4th of July Set Up 6:00 PM July 4th Outreach Ministry 7:30 PM Patriotic Music Program 9:30 PM Fireworks	15 Sunday Pentecost VII 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Discussion Group 10:30 AM Holy Baptism 10:30 AM Holy Communion	25 Wednesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:20 AM Staff Meeting
5 Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	16 Monday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM Dog Club	26 Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	17 Tuesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	27 Friday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Lion Crew
8 Sunday Pentecost VI 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Discussion Group 10:30 AM Holy Communion	18 Wednesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 9:30 AM Tweens Day 12:00 PM Lunch 'N' Fellowship	28 Saturday 9:00 AM Daniel's Closet
9 Monday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	19 Thursday 6:31 AM Men's Ministry 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	29 Sunday Pentecost IX 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Discussion Group 10:30 AM Holy Communion 5:30 PM Music Camp Meal 6:00 PM Music Camp Rehearsal
10 Tuesday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	20 Friday Lion Article Deadline 9:00 AM Morning Prayer	30 Monday 9:00 AM Morning Prayer 5:30 PM Music Camp Meal 6:00 PM Music Camp Rehearsal
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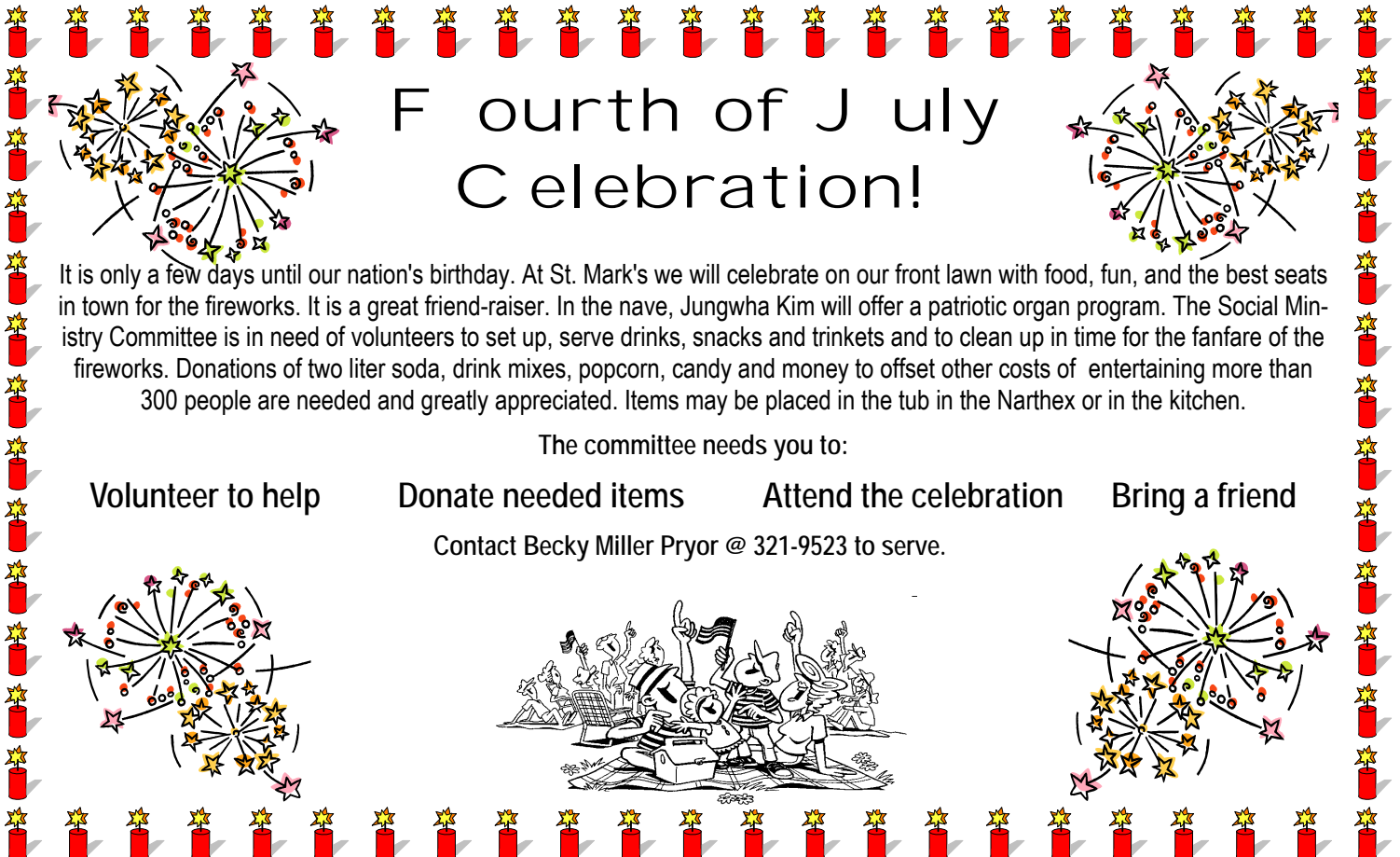


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Fourth of July Celebration!

It is only a few days until our nation's birthday. At St. Mark's we will celebrate on our front lawn with food, fun, and the best seats in town for the fireworks. It is a great friend-raiser. In the nave, Jungwha Kim will offer a patriotic organ program. The Social Ministry Committee is in need of volunteers to set up, serve drinks, snacks and trinkets and to clean up in time for the fanfare of the fireworks. Donations of two liter soda, drink mixes, popcorn, candy and money to offset other costs of entertaining more than 300 people are needed and greatly appreciated. Items may be placed in the tub in the Narthex or in the kitchen.

The committee needs you to:

Volunteer to help

Donate needed items

Attend the celebration

Bring a friend

Contact Becky Miller Pryor @ 321-9523 to serve.

