



# THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

JANUARY 2013

**So don't plan to just curl up and do nothing all winter. There are things going on from the very beginning of the year!**

We start off with **Bread-baking** on **January 2 at 10:00**, our annual exploration of different flavors and techniques. It is great fun. Just give a call so we are sure that we have room and supplies sufficient for those who wish to participate.



As a fund-raiser for their trip at the end of the month, the youth will be holding a **Spaghetti dinner** on Sunday, **January 13 at 12:30**. It also gives them an opportunity to hone their table-service skills. (See pg. 10 for more details!)



It has been several years since we have held one, and so we've decided to have **Hobby Day** on Sunday **February 10**. This gives everyone more than a month to work on a display of hobby-time activities that we can show to each other, and maybe inspire each other to try.



Pastor Elkin will be speaking at the **Ecumenical Lunch** at Pine Street Church on **February 6** with more of his travelogue about the Camino Santiago de Compostello.

Lent begins early this year, on **Ash Wednesday, February 13**.

It is hard to realize that it has been five years since our last **pictorial church directory**, so photography for a replacement has been scheduled for **February 26-28**. The process has been streamlined so that we'll be able to make the selection of the pose we want to have in the directory immediately after the photos are taken.



In addition to these events, there is the regular round of worship, Bible studies, classes, choirs, and several of our Milestone events such as the Prayer Pillow and All the Languages of Good News.

***There are things for persons of every age in the activities at St. Mark's.***

## Pastor Elkin elected as Dean of the Chapter



Pastor Elkin was asked to serve as the Chaplain at the recent retreat of the Susquehanna Chapter of the Society of the Holy Trinity which was held in Danville on December 3-4. As such he worked with the professional musician from southern Indiana and a pastor from York in planning the five worship services, preparing the bulletins, and leading the services with all of their details.

The Susquehanna Chapter is the largest one in the Society, with more than 30 members scattered across central Pennsylvania. It meets several times each year in retreat locally, and then joins with the other 21 chapters once each year for the national gathering northwest of Chicago in September. The purpose of the Society is for Lutheran pastors to mutually encourage each other in their work. Information about the Society is available on its website at [societyholyltrinity.org](http://societyholyltrinity.org).

At the recent retreat, Pastor Elkin was very surprised to be elected as the Dean of the Chapter for a three-year term, by unanimous ecclesiastical ballot. There is no campaigning for office, and he was not expecting such election, but nevertheless, it happened. With this office comes the responsibility of planning local retreats, recruiting new members, pastoral conversation with existing members, and attending the annual leadership retreat in late January with other Deans. It is a whole new adventure in ministry for the pastor.

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## Council Update

- The Council did not hold a regular session in December, but will resume on January 21, 2013.
- ◆ On December 10 the Council, staff, and spouses met for a festive meal in Fellowship Hall.
  - ◆ The Congregation Special Assembly was held on December 9 and adopted a budget for 2013.

## Parish Register

- ◆ Pastor Elkin presided at the Memorial Service of Holy Communion for Eleanor Sobers which was held on December 7, 2012 in the Nave. Interment of Ashes was on December 17 in St. Mark's columbarium.
- ◆ Pastor Elkin officiated at the Funeral Service for his uncle Emory Elkin on December 15, 2012 at the Bauer-Bly Funeral Home in Dayton, PA. Interment was in the Glade Run Cemetery, Dayton, PA.
- ◆ Three affirmers were welcomed into *The Way* on December 2, Jacob Schreckengast, Kenneth Schreckengast, and Janet Jones.
- ◆ Pastor Elkin officiated at the funeral for Evelyn McMahon on the Third Day of Christmas, December 27, 2012 at the Spittler Funeral Home. Interment was in the Twin Hills Cemetery.
- ◆ Pastor Elkin officiated at the funeral for Carl Belles on the Fourth Day of Christmas, December 28, 2012 at the Spittler Funeral home. Interment was in the Montoursville Cemetery.

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*Be upon  
You and  
Yours!*

# Souper Bowl of Caring

We are on a mission to fight hunger and poverty. You can help.

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,  
help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat"



More than 15 years ago on a Super Bowl Sunday, a single youth group was inspired by a simple prayer. They started the Souper Bowl of Caring, a youth-led movement that is now an international event. Since 1990, the Souper Bowl of Caring has raised more than \$33 million for individual charities across the country. It is also turning our nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving. Each year, tens of thousands of our nation's youth put God's love into action through the Souper Bowl of Caring. You can help them feel the significance of caring for others. Drop a dollar in the soup pots that will be in the narthex on January 29 and February 5 as you leave worship. Your donation will go directly to a charity right here in our community. With your help, more dollars will be raised, more lives will be changed, and more young people will experience the joy of serving Christ by serving others.

## LSM Fundraiser



This year's bi-annual production of "A Christmas Carol" was a huge success!! Over 150 people came to see the two performances on Friday and Saturday, November 30 and December 1, 2012. A fine meal was prepared and served by youth and volunteers from United Campus Ministry.

**Over \$1200.00 was raised to benefit the Penn College ministry!**

Among the many we would like to thank are:

**The CAST:** Mel Wentzel, Bernadette Haas Jones, Ken Schreckengast, Diana Zeigler, Jared Barone, Nick Buckman, Annika Waffenschmidt, Laura Zeigler, Declan Jones, Vicki Haussmann, Ben Haussmann, Hannah Haussmann, Elizabeth Haussmann, Owen Gair, Sean Wither, Sadie Wentzel

**The CAROLERS:** Donna Elkin, Pr. Kenneth Elkin, Laura Schreckengast, Deb Buckman, Grace Schreckengast, Gillian Buckman, Jonah Schreckengast, Jacob Schreckengast, Jane Kline, Karen Boone, Stephen Boone, Diana Zeigler, Sharon Comini, Anna Zeigler, Christina Comini,

**The MUSICIANS:** As an additional treat, this year, we had dinner music provided by both wind and string ensembles under the direction of Donna Elkin and Laura Schreckengast. With only one or two exceptions, the groups were comprised of young people from St. Mark's. In the wind ensemble, there were on Flute: Sara Jones, Laura Zeigler, Mary Ann Stiller (adult); Clarinet: Makensi Doebler, Sadie Wentzel; Saxophone: Anna Zeigler; Horn: Taylor Wentzel, Gracie Schreckengast, Hannah Haussmann; Trumpet: Ben Haussmann, Declan Jones (adult); Baritone: Jacob Schreckengast; and on Trombone: Stephen Boone. Playing strings were, on Violin: Anna Zeigler, Laura Zeigler; Viola: Stefan Weber; Cello: Stephen Boone, Riley Weber; and on Double bass: Jerod Barone. Their music was enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks go out to Donna and Laura for putting it together.

**The CREW & STAFF:** Bob Jones, Sara Jones, Donna Elkin, Jane Kline, Anna Zeigler, Jonah Schreckengast, Laura Zeigler, Jacob Schreckengast, Sandy Nelson, Ken Schreckengast, Grace Schreckengast, Lou De-Seau, Bob Miller, Sean Wither, Trey Phillips, Mark Bielski, and Doug Shew.

**TABLE ARRANGEMENTS, KITCHEN & WAIT STAFF:** Becky Miller Pryor, Parish Life Committee of St. Mark's with assistance from UCM & St. Michael, UCM students from Penn College and Youth of St. Mark's, and the cake-baking ladies of St. Matthew

**CAST SUPPORT:** Shirley Kinney, Janet Jones, and Susan Mahserjian-Smith

WE would like to thank all those who participated and came to support our efforts.

WE hope your Christmas was the merriest and, in the New Year, may "...**God bless us, every one!**"

# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Catechetical Retreat



## Catechetical Retreat 2013

is scheduled for **January 5, 2013**, here at St. Mark's.  
Topics of discovery include:

### More than a Pretty Picture

*Pr. Kenneth Elkin, St. Mark's* ~ Illuminating, teaching, explaining, focusing, expounding, inspiring: ICONS. Learn about their origins, purpose, and use in the church. Participants will create an Icon to take home.

### Saskatchewan, Canada: The Stanley Mission of the Cree Indian Reservation

*Pr. Ron Shellhamer, St. Matthew* ~ Pr. Shellhamer shares his global interests, in particular, his volunteer work at the Stanley Mission over this past summer.

### "You Can't Run Away from the Lord" aka It's dark in the belly of a whale

*Mrs. Carol Waltz, Messiah* ~ What does this childhood Sunday School story have to say to us today?

### "So not fair!"

*Pr. Detlef Huckfeldt, St. Michael* ~ Life is not fair. Does God have anything to do with the things that happen to us and others? How can we faithfully deal with bad things that happen to us? We will explore characters of the Bible and our own experience.

### Parents, Teens and Money Matters

*Mr. Keith Wood, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* ~ This workshop is designed to help teens and parents increase their understanding of stewardship. During the workshop, participants will learn about making intentional choices when it comes to sharing, saving, and spending money. Parents and teens will talk about money and values in their family, and teens will receive a free personal finance organizer.

***Remember to ask our catechetical students how they enjoyed their day!***

## Passing on Faith: Remembrance Service



The Remembrance Service is usually held on the first Sunday of Christmas a time between Christmas and the new year when the loss of loved ones is most keenly felt.

The committee, headed by Michele Owen, held our 2012 Service on Sunday December 30th and arranged for grieving persons to light a candle in memory of their beloved and to receive a keepsake ornament crafted by Mr. John Burkholder.

If you haven't attended this meaningful service because your loved one passed some time ago we hope you will reconsider and join us in 2013. This is a beautiful way to remember those whom we carry in our hearts.

## Family Promise of Lycoming County

### Family Promise Scentsy Fundraiser

#### What is Scentsy?



Scentsy Candle Products are a safe alternative to scented candles! Our warmers melt and warm the wax releasing the fragrance into the air which means-NO BURNING! This makes your home safer for you, your family, and pets. With Scentsy you can say goodbye to SOOT for good! With over 40 candles WARMERS to choose from (Mid-Full Size), 20 plug-ins and 80 fragrances to buy from- we have something for everyone! We have an ever growing list Scentsy Candle Products. Additionally we've got some Fragrances on the Go as well as our NEW Scentsy Buddies, Scentsy Paks, Fragrance Foam, Room Sprays, Scent Circles, and Travel Tins!

HOW TO PURCHASE: Visit [www.nicolemariehayes.scentsy.us](http://www.nicolemariehayes.scentsy.us) and BUY from Family Promise party OR Call Nicole Hayes (Independent Scentsy Consultant) at 570-337-8670

\*This party will close March 1, 2013\*

30% of Proceeds will be donated to Family Promise of Lycoming County

#### Hosting for Family Promise

Becky Miller Pryor, coordinator for Family Promise hosting, was pleased with the support given by the congregation for our hosting of children and their families during the week of Christmas. Many folks volunteered their time and many others donated needed supplies.

This coordinator is particularly grateful for our partnership with First Presbyterian Church in this outreach. Without the support of Pastor Hwang, Evelyn Landis and others, we at St. Mark's would be hard-pressed to fulfill our commitment to Family Promise.

Please continue to pray for the families that were in our care as they work toward gaining employment and sustainable housing.



#### Hosting for Family Promise in 2013

We are scheduled to host families experiencing a housing crisis three times in 2013. Take a moment and mark your calendars as follow.

**April 7 – April 14, 2013**

**July 14 – July 21, 2013**

**September 29 – October 6, 2013.**

This coordinator believes we will host again in early January 2014. How can you answer Christ's call to serve in this outreach?

## Acolyte Training & Refresher Session

*An acolyte training and refresher session is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2012, after the second service.*

*This meeting takes precedence over any other meetings, practices, or classes. All current and prospective acolytes are expected to attend. Lunch will be served and the Acolyte Memory Game will be played.*



# Social Ministry Updates

## Go Green and Recycle

The holidays are past and it is time to deal with gift bags, holiday cards and decorations.

If you need to reduce your supply of all of these items, consider donating your surplus at church to help others.

- ◆ Donate gift bags and holiday tissue paper to be used for the Selinsgrove Party next December. Use the tub in the Narthex.
- ◆ Donate no longer needed holiday cards to decorate stockings used in a ministry of the United Churches. Use the tub in the Narthex.
- ◆ Donate your excess holiday decorations to the Women of St. Mark. They will sell them at their annual bazaar and donate the proceeds to charities locally and globally. Donations may be put in the Bazaar Room.

## St. Mark's Elves Entertain at the Selinsgrove Center

For many years in December members of St. Mark's have entertained residents of the Selinsgrove Center with a Christmas party. For the past four years we have entertained the ladies of CM-6 and their caregivers. This year was no different. With Pastor's van filled to the brim with elves, gifts and musical instruments, we arrived to a very eager group of ladies. For more than thirty minutes we sang songs, played bells, told stories and gifted all in CM-6. Although the majority of the ladies do not speak, their joy in participating with us was noticeable.



Each lady received a gift bag that included moisturizing body wash, a four pack of pudding and a pair of festive slipper socks. The caregivers received homemade cookies, a fruit basket and holiday candy and nuts. These gifts would not have been possible without the many donations of specific items and money from the congregation.

Special thanks is given to Cheryl Williams for baking ten dozen cookies, Larue Dieter for preparing the cards for each lady, and to the "elves" for giving of their time and talents to this outreach. This year's elves included Pastor and Donna, Lou DeSeau, Bernadette Jones, Jackie Kinney, Lois Smith and Becky Miller Pryor.

## Gifting Residents of Danville State Hospital

In response to a request by the Danville State Hospital we provided general gifts of socks, underwear, shirts, tops, watches and other modest items to be used by the hospital to ensure all residents received three gifts on Christmas morning.

Thank you to the members of the congregation for supplying thirty-two items of clothing for this outreach. Renee Tworkoski, coordinator of this project at the hospital, expressed her thanks for our support.

## Daniel's Closet

Susie Baker, Deb Holmes and Becky Miller Pryor were a few of the volunteers at the December distribution of free clothing at Daniel's Closet, an outreach ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church. In just two short hours more than 230 people came and gathered needed clothing and shoes for their families and themselves. When the last patron had left it was obvious the cupboards were empty reminiscent of the Mother Goose rhyme "Old Mother Hubbard."

As you make room for new clothing received at Christmas, please consider donating your warm, gently used winter items to Daniel's Closet. The items most in need are

- Sturdy shoes, boots and sneakers for the entire family
- Outerwear for the entire family
- Children's and infants' clothing for girls and boys
- Teen clothing for girls and boys
- Men's clothing in large and plus sizes
- Jeans for the entire family
- Women's clothing in plus sizes only
- Blankets, throws and afghans



Donations may be dropped off at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Thursday, January 24, 2013 from 5:30 -6:30 pm. Additional times for drop off may be arranged by calling Redeemer Lutheran Church directly at 322-2333. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

# The Tower Spire Returns!

On July 30, 2012, the spire on St. Mark's bell tower was removed because of damage resulting from a storm on July 26.

After repairs and improvements made to the roof over the autumn, on Wednesday, December 19, the new base was finally installed, paving the way for the spire to be put up on Thursday, December 20, 2012.



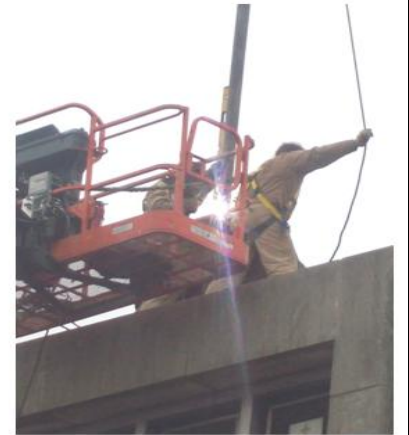
Although the sheathing and core of the spire left in three pieces, each, they returned intact:

- a new pipe to replace the core,
- the aluminum sheath intact with a new maroon powder coat done by Horizon Powder Coating, and the newly gilded cross attached.

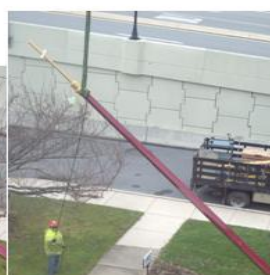


A plate was attached to the pipe so it would not slip out of the sling as it was lifted to the top of the bell tower.

Workers from A M Metal Specialties rode up in a separate basket to align, level, and securely weld the post securely into place



The spire was slowly and carefully raised from the ground by Allison Crane & Rigging.....



# Almost Done...



...lifted high...



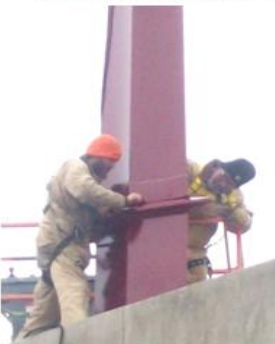
...and positioned precisely above the pole.

The casing had to be positioned exactly for the pipe to slide through the opening in the interior supports. Oh... and this was with 20 mph winds!



The men continued to work the casing down toward the base, having to navigate a couple more interior openings.

Our sidewalk supervisors oversaw all the work as the men attached the pieces with rivets, released the crane, and withdrew.





## Advent Activities Wrap Up

### Advent Gift Trees

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed on the trees in Fellowship Hall!!! Many children in the area will be the recipients of your generosity in the giving of teddy bears for comfort and mittens, scarves and hats for warmth. Thank you!



### Advent Wreath-making



Over two dozen people attended the meal marking the first Sunday of Advent. We all sat down to a delicious lunch of soup and grilled cheese sandwiches after the 10:30 service. The making of the wreaths followed. Many wreaths were put together by folks ranging from small children to children-at-heart. Creativity abounded in the use of holly, pine, spruce and hemlock; ribbon and berry sprigs; small ornaments and, of course, candles.

### Kids' NIGHT Out

The new time for this event proved to be a big success!! Nine children made ornaments, birdfeeders, snowmen (the non-melting kind), and personalized "Merry Christmas" pins as gifts for those near to them. They also produced many cookies for the carolers to carry to our shut-ins on the following day. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to Sara, Devin, Makensi, Stefan, Anna, Taylor, Lynna, Grace, Dawson, Sadie, Ben, and Laura for their invaluable help!!



### Cookie Baking



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Another huge "THANK YOU" goes out to Jackie, Chele, Donna, Janet, Sara, Diana, Shirley, Laura, and the ladies from Corning (Ninette, Nancy, Sara, and Irene) for their able assistance at 8:00 AM on that Saturday with the cookie baking. Flour was flung with great dexterity as hundreds and hundreds of cookies leapt out of the ovens!!! It was great! We produced almost 2000 cookies for the carolers to deliver that Sunday and to share among ourselves. A wonderful assortment of goodies was assembled during this day: pizelles; chocolate chip, double chocolate, sugar, ricotta, raisin, molasses and oatmeal cookies; and more!

**AS ALWAYS KUDOS GO TO LOU AND KIRK FOR CLEANING UP AFTER BOTH OF THE EVENTS LISTED ABOVE; WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT THEM!**

### Caroling

Three groups totaling almost 20 carolers visited as many of our homebound as they could on the afternoon of December 9. Any we missed on that day were visited later by Pr. Elkin.

It's wonderful to visit those members of our church family whom we don't see on a regular basis. We are always made to feel so welcome. Can we see more of you with us next year?



# Thank You Notes



To the Cookie Bakers & Carolers of St. Mark's:

To all my friends—you were so kind to remember me with a plate of cookies and a little greeting signed 'Love, Jonah.' May, you too, enjoy the blessings of the Season!  
~ Love, Jane Angle

Like the 3 cats—that is who came to my door and gave me a wonderful tray of cookies and a beautiful card. Thanks everyone for the singing and the cookies!  
See you all soon! ~ Lillian & Pickles

To Pastor Elkins and all the carolers who came to my house last Sunday. I am so sorry that I wasn't aware of your presence and the songs you sang—and I do want to thank you for your effort. Also if Gracie is one of the group I'd like her to know that the cookies found at my front door are very much appreciated. My sincere thanks to all.  
~ Eleanor Whiting

Dear Pastor Elkin,

Well, we did need to borrow a truck—to transport the shopping we accomplished with your second check in the amount of \$790 for Jersey Shore storm relief! One of our members took the day before Thanksgiving off from work, purchased a truckload of needed supplies (this time heavier on the baby foods and products), drove down to the drop site and helped unload. Before they finished unloading, these supplies were already being distributed.

Once again, thank you so much for your charity for those in need. Our prayers will be with you all as we move together into the Advent season of preparation. God bless you.

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Linda Larson, Pastor  
All Saints Lutheran Church, Piscataway, NJ



## CALLING ALL TEENS!



**TEEN MOVIE NIGHT!** January 27, 6:00 pm  
Spread the word—hope to see you there!!

## Join Us in Prayer for Our Youth

Our next prayer time will be on Sunday, January 20th at noon in the chapel. Please join us as we remember our youth, 21 and under in a time of prayer.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** next meets **Sunday, January 13, at 10:30**, in the chapel. Children's monetary donations this month go toward our milestone ministry on this anniversary of the Baptism of our Lord. See you in the chapel on January 13!

# Youth ENCOUNTER

**QUAKES + ZONES**



**Friday-Sunday, January 25-27, 2013  
Pittsburgh, PA  
All youth in 6th—12th grades**

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
- Jeremiah 29:11

Several of our youth have signed up to go on this trip in January. Sharon & Eric Comini and Bob & Bernadette Jones are chaperoning. If any youth would still like to register, **THEY MAY!!!** It will be an additional \$15 cost. Our youth are working to earn their portion of the \$132 (\$147 late registration) fee by:

## SELLING CALENDARS!!

Calendars are now on sale for \$7.00 each. Ask one of our youth to see one...they make great gifts!!

## SPAGHETTI SUPPER ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, AT 12:30!!

Not only will you be served by our youth, but entertained by them as well!!! Our very talented troupe of teens will perform on a variety of musical instruments for your enjoyment! Cost for all ages is \$7.



### YOU MUST RESERVE IN ADVANCE!

*Thank you in advance for helping our youth with one or both of their projects.*

*As last year, all money raised by the youth that is not used for the trip will go toward Heifer International. Among the youths' various efforts, Children's Church and VBS, our young people were able to send a water buffalo, sheep, chickens, rabbits, bees, and trees to disadvantaged communities around the world. Thank you for your continuing generosity.*

## BERNADETTE IS WANTED FOR JAIL

They finally caught up with her! Bernadette Haas Jones is going to jail...for good!!!!



On Tuesday, February 26, she will be incarcerated at the Cell Block and kept there until \$3000 bail is raised! She has been accused of the most horrendous crimes by the Muscular Dystrophy Association, such as thoughtfulness, generosity, and kindness, among others which we won't go into at this time. If she raises her bond **before** the lock-up, MDA will go easy on her. Or you may pay more than others for them to keep her!

*Please look for more information in the narthex...thanks!*

# News in Our Pews

This is the time of year when we think of gifts—gifts for family and friends, gifts for teachers and pastors, gifts for those who provide services for us during the year. But today I am thinking of other gifts—those talents that make us special.

One of those is the gift of music and at this time of the year we are blessed with many musical performances from those talented young people who are members of St. Mark's.

The **Wentzel twins, Sadie and Taylor**, were participants in the Williamsport Youth Choir concert earlier in November.

**Riley Weber** a member of the Strolling Strings, not only played in their recent concert but did the voice over for 'The Devil Went Down to Georgia.' Also performing in the Holiday Concert was **Emily Newcomer, Jared Barone, Sara Jones, Max Hospes** and **Corey Hospes**.

In another venue, **Nick Buckman** was a member of the cast for the Community Theatre League's production of "Inspecting Carol" billed as an antidote to the endless production of the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol."

St. Mark's hosted a production of that famous story with cast members from St. Mark's and other LSM churches to benefit the Campus Ministry at Penn College.

**Stephen Boone** was selected to perform in the District 8 Orchestra Festival in JHJanuary. A public concert will be presented on Saturday, January 12 at the Shamokin Dam Middle-High School. Good work Stephen!

**Hannah Ramsauer** gave a totally different gift recently—she donated to Locks of Love, an organization that provides hair replacements for those who are ill.

But as the Christmas Season draws very near we remember the greatest gift of all—and that is the gift of Christ given by God to the world—and for that we rejoice!

A blessed Christmas to all and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

*~Joyce Anne Hershberger*

Please submit items to Joyce via her email [deermountain2@comcast.net](mailto:deermountain2@comcast.net) or call her at 322-0410.

## United Churches of Lycoming County

### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED ALL THE TIME:

- |                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Chicken Helper         | Desert Mixes |
| Hamburger Helper       | Condiments   |
| Canned Fruit & Juice   | Pizza Mix    |
| Tea/Coffee/Cocoa       | Cookies      |
| Cake Mixes & Frostings | Beef Stew    |
| Oodles of Noodles      | Noodles      |
| Canned Vegetables      | Jell-O       |
| Pancake Mix & Syrup    | Pudding      |
| Macaroni & Cheese      | Tuna Helper  |
| Spaghetti & Sauce      | Flour        |
| Soups                  | Sugar        |

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, Wmspt.



### 24 hour Devotion Line

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#### January

- 9 ~ Rev. Kenton Hunt**, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief  
*"On the Ground in NY: Hurricane Sandy Recovery Difficult"*
- 16 ~ Pastor Dorothy Anderson**, Co-Pastor, Love Unlimited  
*"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."*
- 23 ~ The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
*"Vatican II: Where Have the Past Fifty Years Taken Us?"*
- 30 ~ To Be Announced**

This is a ministry that everyone in our congregations and community is welcome to participate in.  
Make plans to join us and you're welcome to bring a friend!

## Happy Birthday!

01/01 Shelby Weber  
 01/02 Cecil Calvert  
 01/02 Ashley Ciesielski  
 01/02 Jeremy Hinds  
 01/03 Katherine Crane  
 01/03 Charlotte Hughes  
 01/04 Gregory Calvert  
 01/04 James Newcomer Sr.  
 01/06 Mary Lou Doebler  
 01/08 Shirley Dieffenbach  
 01/10 Susan Baker  
 01/10 Andrew Zeigler  
 01/10 Peter Zeigler  
 01/10 Toby Zimmerman  
 01/11 Suzanne Hutchins  
 01/12 Owen Elliott  
 01/12 Grace Elliott  
 01/12 Kathy Kolb  
 01/13 Jackie Kinney  
 01/14 Riley Weber

01/15 Laura Zeigler  
 01/15 Anna Zeigler  
 01/16 Lee Doane  
 01/17 Donna Boston



01/17 Nathan Kimble  
 01/17 Ruth Lamade  
 01/17 Beth Miller  
 01/17 Ruth Rees  
 01/19 Morgan Comini

01/21 Herbert Poff  
 01/22 Elizabeth Ruesskamp  
 01/23 Christina MacGill  
 01/23 Tara Thorne  
 01/25 Walter Doebler  
 01/26 Bonnie Eyer  
 01/26 David Heaps  
 01/26 Marc Kinney  
 01/26 Robert Smith  
 01/27 Ruth Burkholder  
 01/27 Dustin Kimble  
 01/27 Phyllis Ulman  
 01/27 Cassandra Wellen  
 01/28 Sean Buckman  
 01/28 Kristopher Caster  
 01/29 Zachary Jarrett  
 01/30 Linda DeSeau  
 01/30 Devin Owen  
 01/30 Travis Thorne  
 01/31 Kathleen Caster

## Happy Anniversary!

None

## Directory Updates

### CHANGES:

**Amy Burkholder** Change address to: 168 Main St., Lopez, PA 18628-9034

## Response to Sandy Hook Heartbreak

*A pastor in a town near the Connecticut community wrote:*

*"... just as the Evil One slaughtered the innocents of Bethlehem because of the greatest good who had been born there, just so there must be some great good to come out of Newtown, CT, for the devil to have come after it so. He missed his target though, just as he did in Bethlehem. God saw to that. So we will watch for the good to come out of Newtown. We may not see it. But we will watch, trusting God to do what He does best. And that only He can do."*

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# ST. MARK'S JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**1 Tuesday**

**New Years Day**  
Office Closed

**2 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting  
10:00 AM Holiday Bread Baking

**3 Thursday**

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

**4 Friday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

**5 Saturday**

9:00 AM Beg. Pee Wee  
9:00 AM Catechetical Retreat  
9:30 AM Midget

**6 Sunday****Epiphany of our Lord**

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Holy Communion  
11:45 AM Family Handbells  
12:15 PM The Way

**7 Monday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
2:00 PM Mutual Ministry  
5:45 PM Beg. Pee Wee Practice  
6:30 PM Midget Practice  
7:00 PM Handbells

**8 Tuesday**

8:00 AM City Pastors  
9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
10:00 AM Conf. Pastors@ CoS

**9 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting  
11:45 AM Bible Study

**10 Thursday**

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

**11 Friday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

**12 Saturday**

Catechetical Retreat Snow Date  
9:00 AM Midget Game

**12 Saturday**

12:00 PM Beg. Pee Wee

**13 Sunday****Epiphany II**

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Children's Church  
10:30 AM Holy Communion  
11:45 AM Family Handbells  
12:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner Youth  
Fundraiser

**14 Monday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
5:45 PM Beg. Pee Wee Practice  
6:30 PM Midget Practice  
7:00 PM Handbells

**15 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

**16 Wednesday**

MLK Community Combined Choir @  
Lycoming College  
9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting  
12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship

**17 Thursday**

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

**18 Friday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

**19 Saturday**

11:00 AM Midget Game  
12:00 PM Beg. Pee Wee

**20 Sunday****Epiphany III**

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Holy Communion  
11:45 AM Family Handbells  
12:00 PM Prayer 4 Youth/Chapel  
12:15 PM The Way  
2:30 PM Civic Chorus Board  
6:00 PM Confirmands meal/mtg

**21 Monday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
5:45 PM Beg. Pee Wee Practice  
6:30 PM Council Mtg.  
6:30 PM Midget Practice  
7:00 PM Dog Club

**21 Monday**

7:00 PM Handbells

**22 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

**23 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting  
11:45 AM Bible Study

**24 Thursday**

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

**25 Friday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
3:00 PM Youth Quake/Zone

**26 Saturday**

Midget Game TBA  
11:30 AM Beg. Pee Wee  
3:00 PM Youth Quake/Zone

**27 Sunday****Epiphany IV**

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Holy Communion  
11:45 AM Family Handbells  
3:00 PM Youth Quake/Zone  
6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

**28 Monday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
5:45 PM Beg. Pee Wee Practice  
6:00 PM LSM Mtg. @ St. Mark's  
6:30 PM Midget Practice  
7:00 PM Handbells

**29 Tuesday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

**30 Wednesday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting  
11:45 AM Bible Study

**31 Thursday**

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



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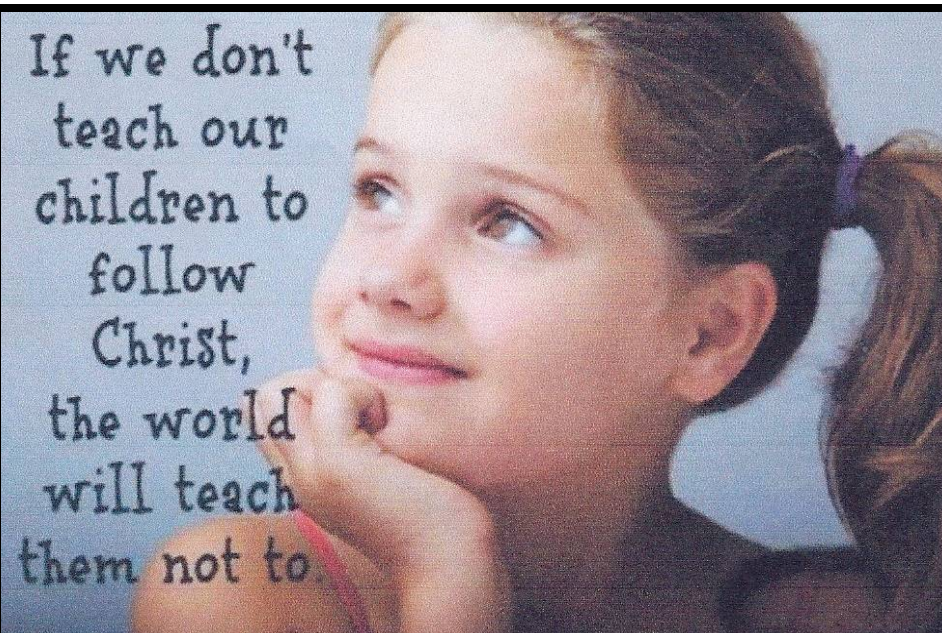


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