



THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

FEBRUARY 2013



**It's mine, all mine: my life, my possessions, my time.
I want what's mine,
and I don't want to have any worry about or connection with you.**

**Perhaps we don't say it quite that way...
but both of the prodigal sons in Jesus' story
in Luke 15 felt and acted that way.**

**This year in our midweek Lenten services,
we'll be looking closely at that chapter of Luke
and using it as a mirror for examining our own lives and attitudes.**



**Lent begins with Holy Communion and imposition of Ashes
on February 13 at 12 in the chapel and 7 in the Nave.**

**On each of the succeeding Wednesdays
we will be offering two opportunities
for worship, reflection, food, and fellowship.
We gather at 11:30 for Midday prayers in the chapel
with lunch at noon in Fellowship Hall.**

**In the evening we gather for supper at 6:15
and sing Evening Prayer at 7:00 in the Chapel.
Parish Life Committee is asking that families bring
whatever you can to share for the meal...
a casserole, a dish, a dessert, a package, or at least a smile.**

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Council Update

- The congregation council met in regular session on January 21.
- ◆ The Council received the regular reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
 - ◆ The President appointed the Nominating Committee for the year.
 - ◆ The Council approved the use of the nave by the Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra on May 3 with rehearsal the day prior.
 - ◆ The President appointed a committee on nave usage policy chaired by Lou Kolb.
 - ◆ The Council will next meet on February 18

Parish Register

- ◆ A memorial service for William J. Hill was held in the Nave on Friday, January 4, 2013



Our website is jam-packed with church news and useful information. Along with great pictures our archives are a fun source of St. Mark's history!

<http://www.stmarkswilliamsport.org>

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Kathy Eshelman, Stephen Ministry	433-0522



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 27 and February 3 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.



Holiday Greetings from Ray

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Church Council,

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With your help and consent, we are starting our church new year on a very positive note.

Your acceptance of the 2013 budget ensures that we will be able to maintain proper and responsible stewardship of our programs and property.

As I have repeatedly stated, our members are joyful and abundant givers.

A result of that giving is our receiving so much more in spiritual and communal gifts through our worship together and our love of our Lord.

We have a magnificent building that has been given to us and maintained by previous generations.

More importantly, we have vital programs in the church:

Sunday school, outreach, hospitality, Family Promise, benevolence and the like.

May all of us cheerfully and reverently remember that this holiday season celebrates our most precious gift, the Son of God, given to us and for us by our loving Father.

FAMILY PROMISE BLESSINGS

Our willingness to host children and their families experiencing a housing crisis is *the* most important and demanding outreach we do at St. Mark's. Four times each year we pledge to show our love for Jesus Christ by humbly serving others in need. It is a daunting task that has demanded much from all who serve including the current coordinator, Becky Miller Pryor.

After three years in this capacity I was feeling the inevitable burnout that can occur with an outreach this large. I had resigned myself to an overwhelming amount of work that hosting during a major holiday would surely bring. Work I may not have had the energy to do. But despite my trepidation, I learned first-hand that God truly does not give us more than we can endure. I am still in awe of the many blessings and gestures of kindness shown to our guests and to me during the Christmas season all of which strengthened my belief that we must continue this work.

Please take a moment and read just a few of the many events I was blessed to observe.

- ◆ Our first family decorating a family tree complete with candy canes. The teenage boy remarking, "It's not a Christmas tree without candy canes."
- ◆ One of our families attending both Christmas Eve services and enjoying the hospitality in Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ Grandparents lovingly putting gifts for their grandson under the tree for Christmas morning.
- ◆ A heartfelt prayer led by a guest on Christmas morning for the blessings of Jesus and for those suffering the loss of loved ones.
- ◆ Karen Boone playing her guitar and leading the singing of Christmas carols on Christmas morning.
- ◆ Phil and Barb Thomas so willing to do so many jobs and always with the well-being of the children on their minds.
- ◆ A family of new volunteers from Lewisburg spending all Christmas afternoon with our guests, thus allowing others to spend time with their own families. The two young adult children in this family were so kind to the teenage boy in our care.
- ◆ Many volunteers coming on short notice and some for a second round of volunteering, including new volunteers from First Presbyterian, to replace volunteers unable to come due to two snowstorms.
- ◆ The bounty of desserts, including a lovely pink birthday cake, that were enjoyed by all.
- ◆ A very happy little girl whose birthday we celebrated complete with party crowns and gifts.
- ◆ A bounty of food prepared willingly by many different families that nourished our guests and the volunteers daily. One new family was immediately put at ease knowing they could eat as much as they wanted. It put a face to what it means to be "food insecure."
- ◆ Those volunteers who so kindly listened to me when I was tired and doubting my ability to continue as coordinator.
- ◆ Lou DeSeau being the go-to-guy for so many things.
- ◆ The large sum of money donated to the Hosting Fund which was used for many extra expenses that occurred during Christmas.
- ◆ And certainly Pastor and the many members of the congregation who helped in ways too numerous to recount.

Thank you for strengthening my resolve to continue this work and for sharing your love of God with our families and each other. May our Savior Jesus Christ continue to bless us and lead us in His ways.

Family Promise of Lycoming County

Family Promise Scentsy Fundraiser

What is Scentsy?

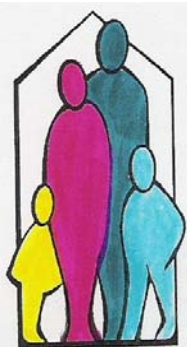


Scentsy Candle Products are a safe alternative to scented candles! Our warmers melt and warm the wax releasing the fragrance into the air which means-NO BURNING! This makes your home safer for you, your family, and pets. With Scentsy you can say goodbye to SOOT for good! With over 40 candles WARMERS 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 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 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?

Another way to support Family Promise ~ stop by the Day Center and purchase Giant gift cards to use at Giant while grocery shopping! Family Promise gets 5 percent of the gift card purchase price! How easy is that?

Acolyte Training & Refresher Session

An acolyte training and refresher session is scheduled for Sunday, February 3rd, 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

Indoor Yard Sale to Benefit Family Promise



Got cabin fever?

Yearning for a great yard sale?

After enjoying the pancake and sausage breakfast to benefit Sydney (Kinney) Knicely and her family, do a little "treasure" hunting to help another good cause.

What:

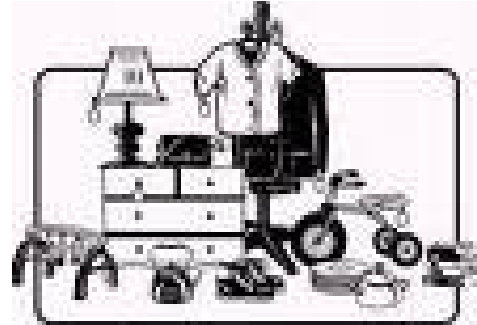
Indoor Yard Sale for FPLC

Where:

St. Paul /Calvary UMC
1427 Memorial Avenue in Williamsport.

When:

Saturday, February 9, 2013
8:00 am – 2:00 pm.



There is still time to.....Go Green and Recycle

The holidays are past and if you have not already done so, 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 used holiday cards to decorate stockings used in a ministry of the United Churches. Use the tub in the Narthex. It should be noted only the picture part of the card is used if you wish to remove the greeting.

Donate your excess holiday and winter decorations to the Women of St. Mark's. They will sell them at their annual bazaar and donate the proceeds to charities locally and globally. Donations may be placed in the Bazaar Room.

Campus Ministry

As the students at Penn College head back to the classroom for a new semester, UCM will be starting the new year with the bible study "40 Days of Community" by Rick Warren. This Bible study will help us focus on serving our community as we prepare mentally and spiritually for our spring mission trip to New York City. We will learn how to fulfill God's five purposes for our lives. According to Warren, from the beginning, God planned for you to fulfill his purposes in community with other people---people in your church family, small group, and in the world around you. We are hoping that the "40 Days of Community" bible study will deepen our understanding of how God uses others for our good and growth. It will also show us how God can use the students of UCM to bless others and cultivate deeper relationships with those around us. We will be having our annual soup sale in the middle of February. Proceeds from the soup sale will help to defray the costs of our mission trip. Thank you for your prayers and support. May the Lord richly bless you in 2013.

The News in our Pews

Well, the truth is that for the past several weeks I have been home bound taking care of Harold and his new knee so there could be lots of news that I don't know about –so here goes with what I know and shame on those of you who had exciting news and did not let me know!

Nick Buckman continues his acting career by starring in "Catch Me if You Can" which opened recently at The Pajama Factory on Park Avenue. The production is a suspense drama which according to its billing will have the audience guessing right to the end!

Brandon Fortin was pictured in the newspaper in an action shot taken at the basketball game in which the Loyalsock Lancers defeated Brandon's Hughesville team – Brandon looked very determined in that picture!

There was a full page article about the upcoming Sheridan School centennial . Sheridan will be closing this year as part of the school district consolidation and interestingly enough will celebrate this milestone just before its closing. **Pam Jensen** is president of the parent teachers group and St. Mark's has many families who attend or who have attended the school. The school plans a gala community celebration in May. I'm sure there are lots of former Sheridan students who will want to be a part of it!

Shirley Dieffenbach was recently featured in the publication *insideNewberry*. A long-time Newberry resident the article focused on Shirley's 93rd birthday and her many contributions to the school district as an art teacher. Locally, jeweler Rick Mahonski and stained glass artist Peter Koch both credit her with influencing them creatively.

Harold and I miss our St. Mark's family and hope to be back very soon – in the meantime our thanks to all of you who have called, sent cards and kept us in your prayers!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT THE SYDNEY KNICELY KIDNEY DONOR FUND

MESSIAH LUTHERAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Corner of Howard St. & W. Southern Ave., South Williamsport

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 8-11 A.M.

Adults (Age 10 and older): \$6

Children (Under 10): \$3

Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door while supplies last.

Call 326-9171 for ticket information or see Shirley Kinney.

Sydney Knicely is Shirley Kinney's great granddaughter who received a kidney transplant on January 7, 2013.

While Sydney has been lucky enough to have her step father be her donor, insurance will not pay for his surgery and medical costs.

There is the additional hard-ship of lost wages during his 10-week recovery period.

Messiah Lutheran Church in South Williamsport is raising funds to help.

Youth & Family Updates

Our Christmas 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 50 hats, 79 pairs of gloves/mittens, 6 scarves, and 22 pairs of socks for warmth. All of these were delivered to Shepherd of the Streets in time for this acute cold snap! Thank you!

15 teddy bears were sent to Stacey Mae's Teddy Bear Project, a program which operates all year long, visiting the children and seniors of Pikes Peak Regional Hospital and Surgery Center in Colorado. Thanks, again!

Because it is so difficult to find a local program which will accept the gently-used bears, this will be the last year for the teddy bear tree. Which gives us TWO trees to fill with hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks for local families in need!

15th Annual Catechetical Retreat

Catechetical Retreat 2013 was held on Saturday, January 5, 2013, here at St. Mark's. 40 young people along with their parents or grandparents attended along with six instructors and organizers. This was the first time that all who signed up to come actually attended!! The halls of St. Mark's were filled with excited conversations and questions as participants passed each other having left classes on icons (where they made their own), discussions on the "fairness" of life, teen finances, and hiding from the Lord (or not).

Sadly, the session on mission work in Saskatchewan was cancelled because of a death in Pr. Shellhamer's family. Prs. Elkin and Huckfeldt, along with Carol Waltz and Keith Wood, had a great time with those attending. Many thanks to all who helped with setting up and donations of food!

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

Hobby Expo

Bring your hobby to show... needle-crafts, woodworking, stamp collecting, photography, pottery making, etc. Do you collect something? Do you have a special skill? Cooks can you share your skill by preparing lunch?

Come and share! *All ages are invited to participate!*

Fill in the response slip below and return it.

Hobby Expo - Sunday, February 10th

Name _____

I need _____ linear feet of table space.

Plan on _____ # of persons for lunch.

Please return slip by Sunday, February 3rd



Pictorial Directory Dates

February 26th ~ February 28th
Pictures will be taken on the above dates.



Please watch your bulletins for more information on scheduling your photography session. You will be able to choose the picture for the directory immediately following your sitting.

February Sunday School Teachers

There is no substitute for a great teacher!



Pre-K & K: Brenda Gair
 1st & 2nd: Becky Miller Pryor
 3rd & 4th: Joyce Hershberger
 5th: Shelby Weber

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT!



February 24th at 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, February 17th 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 meets
 Sunday, February 10 13, at 10:30 in the Chapel.
 Children's monetary donations this month will go
 toward our milestone ministry.
 See you in the Chapel on February 10!

YOUTH FUNDRAISING DINNER A BIG SUCCESS!

Our middle and high school aged young people carried out a very successful event, providing good food, excellent service, and enjoyable entertainment for a crowd of 60 guests! They raised a grand total of \$535 which will be split evenly between costs of the Youth Quake/Zone and Project Heifer.



Our youth truly are a blessing to this congregation!

Many thanks go out to Bob Jones for his leadership in the kitchen, Lou DeSeau for his constant invaluable assistance, and Donna Elkin and Laura Schreckengast for the direction and instruction of St. Mark's Youth Orchestra and the Heavenly Horns, as well as organizing the entertainment.

Participating youth included: Evan Barone, Riley Weber, Jacob Schreckengast, Hannah Haussmann, Grace Schreckengast, Taylor Wentzel, Ben Haussmann, Anna Zeigler, Laura Zeigler, Corey Hospes, Sara Jones, Makensi Doebler, Sadie Wentzel, Jared Barone, Stefan Weber, Annika Waffenschmidt, Christina Comini, Morgan Comini, Devin Owen and Dawson Owen

Thank you all, once again, for support our youth in their endeavors!

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!

If you wish to contribute, Bernadette will be in the narthex Sundays in February...thanks!

JOHN BOWER BASKETBALL LEAGUE GAMES

FEBRUARY 2ND: BEG PEE WEE AT 9:00 AM & MIDGET AT NOON

FEBRUARY 9TH: BEG PEE WEE AT 2:30 PM & MIDGET AT 10 AM

FEBRUARY 16TH: BEG PEE WEE AT NOON

IRON CHEF V IS COMING!

IRON CHEF Williamsport



Iron Chef Williamsport V is fast upon us!!
Lycoming Centre Presbyterian Church,
under the leadership of Pr. Jerry Fourroux
has accepted our challenge!

The team for Lycoming Centre will meet the St. Mark's team of Pr. Elkin, Todd Smith and Bernadette Jones in our own "kitchen stadium" on Sunday, March 17, 2013!!!
Please look for letters and more info in the bulletins as we get further into February!
Plan on supporting our congregation's effort for Family Promise of Lycoming County!

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

is available to encourage you in your relationship with God. Devotions are under three minutes and change weekly. Call 570-322-5762.

February Ecumenical Lunches Wednesdays, 12 to 1 PM

A tasty \$6 lunch, warm, ecumenical fellowship & a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially at Pine Street United Methodist Church.

- 6- Rev. Ken Elkin, Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran Church
"Continuing the Pilgrimage, the Camino de Santiago"
- 13- Rev. Karen Atanasoff, Pastor, Pine Street UMC
"Ash Wednesday Service and Imposition of Ashes"
- 20- To be announced.
- 27- Mrs. Sandra Grier, Along the Way Bookstore,
"Enjoyment with Every Turn of the Page"

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!

Thank You Notes

Dear Pastor Elkin and friends of St. Mark's;

Thank you very much for the Christmas cookies and lovely flowers during my recent physical problems. How fortunate I am to have such wonderful friends and be a member of such a fine church. I always remember I was baptized, confirmed and married in St. Mark's. I'm always looking forward to next year's cookies.

Yours in Christ, Lillian Miller

To the Members and Friends of St. Mark's Lutheran Church:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

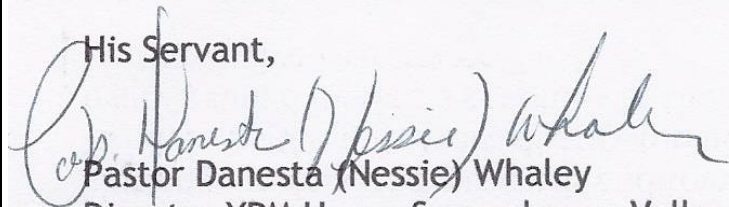
Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$62.50 to the work of Yokefellow Prison Ministry.

Recently there was an opportunity presented to us at the ministry. There was a Christmas need for a family of 5 which included 3 school age children whose father was incarcerated. Through a church and other individuals needed clothing, grocery and gas cards and toys were able to be purchased for this dear family. As the gifts were distributed before Christmas, the family was truly overwhelmed by God's goodness to them. Yes, as God Word states, "it is truly better to give than to receive"!

As we have entered into 2013, a theme has resonated with me - "Giving to the Unseen in 2013". This Giving is giving of our time, talents and abilities as well as meeting financial needs when we are able and other needs provided as God is our Source. The 'Unseen' sometimes are those society does not see but Jesus does. He sees each of us as worthwhile and opens HIS arms to embrace us sending help along the way. As we continue to give of ourselves, our Heavenly Father meets every need. He goes beyond every human expectation.

Thank you for co-laboring with us as we minister to men and women behind bars and in every sphere of influence. May you be enormously blessed to be a blessing to others and continue to love them into the Kingdom of God.

His Servant,



Pastor Danesta (Nessie) Whaley
Director YPM Upper Susquehanna Valley
Regional Director North Central PA

Happy Birthday!

02/01	Daniel Boone	02/13	Elsie Sechler	02/19	Amanda Eyer
02/01	Lillian Skeeby	02/14	Robert Curry	02/20	Tyler Stugart
02/03	Kelly Foust	02/14	Dalton Nash	02/21	Donna Elkin
02/04	Lawrence Bair			02/21	Brandon Pelleschi
02/04	Susan Curry			02/21	Evelyn Ward
02/08	April Biblehimer			02/22	Kahla Doane
02/08	Margie Doebler			02/22	Seth Greninger
02/08	Matthew Heaps			02/24	Kenneth Caster
02/08	Paul Zimmerer			02/26	Bianca Wellen
02/10	Gloria Greevy	02/15	Annette Peluso	02/27	Gary Clark
02/10	Charlene Wright	02/16	Scott Kimble	02/27	Irma Logan
02/13	Lisa Lewis	02/17	Jarrett Eyer	02/28	Arlene McCoy
02/13	Emily Newcomer	02/17	Rick Robertson	02/29	Jane Kline
02/13	Michele Owen	02/17	Betty Stroup	02/29	Ralph Zeigler Jr.



Happy Anniversary!

02/04	Stanley & Susan Baker	02/23	Wilson & Blanche Doebler Sr.
02/07	Lawrence & Louella Bair	02/25	Robert & Mary Schultz
02/10	William & Helen Hibschman	02/28	Robert & Marguerite Smith

PLEASE MAKE THESE Directory Updates

CHANGES:

James & Ernestine Doane

Change address to: 108 Rocky Lane, Apt. #205, Montoursville, PA 17754

Change phone to: (570) 368 - 8574

Charles & Judy Fortin

Change phone to: (570) 505-1168

Hilda Smith

Change address to: 700 Tanglewood Rd., Apt. 25, Muncy, PA 17756



Ongoing Collections



We are still collecting used stamps. 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.

The tabs we collect are taken by Pastor Elkin to the Ronald McDonald House and later sold at a recycling center. The money is then used for the operation of their facility. Even a few tabs add up, so please keep collecting. There is a collection container for tabs in the Narthex and near the Crossways hallway.



Special Concerns List

Patricia Alexander
505 Center St., Apt. #61
Williamsport, PA 17701

Edith Anderson
The Hillside, Room #104
2725 Four Mile Drive
Montoursville, PA 17754

Jane Angle
Rose View Court, Rm. 206
1251 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Dottie Bingaman
Williamsport Home, Apt. 708
1900B Ravine Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Jim Buckman
1974 Jacks Hollow Rd
Williamsport, PA 17701

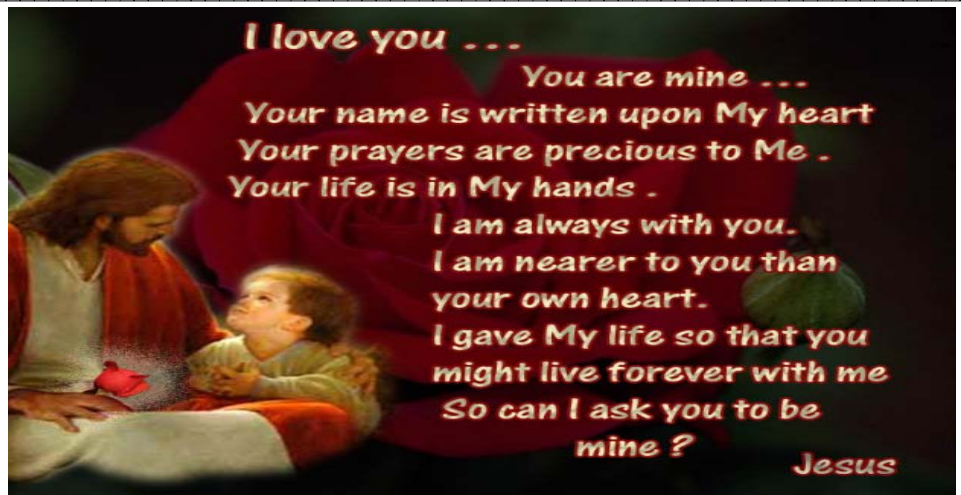
Marie Byerly
Sycamore Manor, Rm. 547
1445 Sycamore Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

Kay Crane
Williamsport Home, Rm. 213
1900B Ravine Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Bonita Crossley
Highland Care Center
Room 318 Bed # 2
918 N. Main St.
Laporte, PA 18626

Art Decker
Williamsport Home, Apt. 1209
1900C Ravine Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Larue Dieter
2150 Warrensville Rd, Apt. 2
Montoursville, PA 17754



Catherine Goertz
Williamsport Home, B-816
1900 Ravine Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Bill Hibschan
Williamsport Home, C-1004
1900 Ravine Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Charlotte Hughes
140 Blueberry Lane
Williamsport, PA 17701

Gene Jacobs
Williamsport Home. Rm. 312
1900 Ravine Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Reba Jacobs
1306 Faxon Parkway
Williamsport, PA 17701

Irma Logan
Valley View Nursing Ctr. 401-1
2140 Warrensville Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

James Maule
367 Lincoln Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

David & Carol McMorris
330 Forest Hills Circle
Prescott, AZ 86303

Robert Miller
947 Hepburn St.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Kay Poliska
1100 Allen St.
Montoursville, PA 17754

Elizabeth Ruesskamp
Willow View Personal Home
124 Emery St.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Mary Helen Scinicarello
Danville St. Hosp. #311
Danville, PA 17821

Robert Smith
Valley View Nursing Center
Rm. 113
2140 Warrensville Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

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ST. MARK'S FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

2 Saturday

9:00 AM Beg Pee Wee

12:00 PM Midget Game

3 Sunday**Epiphany IV****Souper Bowl Collection**

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion

11:50 AM Nominating Committee

12:00 PM Acolyte Training/
Refresher

12:15 PM The Way

4 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

5 Tuesday

8:00 AM City Pastors

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

11:45 AM Bible Study

6 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting

12:00 PM Pastor @ UCLC Luncheon

7 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Senior Choir

8 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9 Saturday8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast @
Messiah

9:00 AM Set Up for Hobby Expo

10:00 AM Midget Game

12:30 PM Beg Pee Wee

10 Sunday**Transfiguration Sunday**

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Children's Church

10:30 AM Holy Communion

12:00 PM Hobby Expo & Lunch

10 Sunday

2:00 PM Council at Brick Church

11 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

12 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Conf. Pastors@ CoS

11:45 AM Bible Study

13 Wednesday**Ash Wednesday**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting

12:00 PM Holy Communion Chapel

7:00 PM Holy Communion Nave

14 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:30 AM Stephen Ministers

7:00 PM Senior Choir

15 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

16 Saturday

12:00 PM Beg Pee Wee

17 Sunday**Lent I**

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion

12:00 PM Prayer 4 Youth/Chapel

12:15 PM The Way

6:00 PM Confirmands meal/mtg

18 Monday

Pastor @ STS/McClure

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

6:00 PM Civic Chorus Board

6:30 PM Council Mtg.

7:00 PM Dog Club

7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

19 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

11:45 AM Bible Study

6:30 PM Worship & Music Comm.

20 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting

11:30 AM Lenten Mid-Day Worship

12:00 PM Lenten Mid-Day Meal

6:15 PM Lenten Evening Meal

7:00 PM Lenten Evening Prayer

21 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Senior Choir

22 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

23 Saturday

6:00 PM Dog Club Banquet

24 Sunday**Lent II**

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Holy Communion

12:15 PM The Way

6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

25 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Handbells

7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

26 Tuesday

Pictorial Directory Sessions

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

10:00 AM Bernadette in MDA Jail

11:45 AM Bible Study

27 Wednesday

Pictorial Directory Sessions

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting

11:30 AM Lenten Mid-Day Worship

12:00 PM Lenten Mid-Day Meal

6:15 PM Lenten Evening Meal

7:00 PM Lenten Evening Prayer

28 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Senior Choir

Here's what Jesus wants you to know this Valentine's Day:

1. You are my beloved. (*Eph. 5:1*)
2. I knew you before you were born. As my hands formed you, I whispered purpose into your bones. I can't not love you. (*Ps. 139:1-6*)
3. I love you beyond human reason—even at your very worst, steeped in sin. (*Rom. 5:8*)
4. My love is contrary to all you know of “love.” I Love you “even though” and “deeper still.” My love reaches, pursues, remains. (*Ps. 36:5*)
5. My Love for you won't walk out, fail, or ever come to an end. (*Deut. 31:8*)
6. No matter what you've heard or what you've come to believe, there's *nothing* that can separate you from my Love. (*Rom. 8:38-39*)
7. I am not like people. So please—don't put human words in my mouth or apply human behaviors to my character. You will miss me altogether. (*Isaiah 55:8*)
8. I've never ignored you. I've been here all along. Protecting. Loving. Waiting. (*Ps. 56:8*)
9. Your love of _____ (sin) isn't worth eternity. I will break your chains. I will give you the desires of your heart. (*Jn. 8:32, Ps. 37:4*)
10. Please forgive some of my followers. People—even Christian people—will fail you. You live in a fallen land, where no one is perfect and all need My grace. Put your faith and trust in Me alone. (*Psalms 146:3*)
11. There's no sin I will not forgive. You are the “whosoever believes in me” whom I will give eternal life . . . *if you believe.* (*John 3:16*)
12. As resourceful and brilliant as you are, you cannot save yourself. It's by God's grace and faith in Me *alone* that you are saved. (*Eph 2:8-9*)
13. I understand your pain and heartbreak. And my heart breaks with you. (*Is. 53:3*)
14. There's nowhere you can go where my Love won't find you. (*Psalms 139:7-8*)
15. The shame and guilt weighs you down has been taken care of on the cross. Your bill has been zeroed out. (*John 3:16*)
16. The addictions. The pride. The selfishness. The hate. The lust. The jealousy. The critical spirit. The greed. I can heal it. All of it. You can start fresh. Today. (*Rom. 8:1-4*)
17. I will forgive you. But only if you ask. And I care more about the “ask” than I do about the sin. (*Acts 3:19*)
18. I will not force you to do or be anything. I want a relationship *with you* more than I want to *rule over* you. (*Jeremiah 31:3*)
19. I will forgive your sin and I will *forget it*. That's right—completely erase it from my mind. No replays, no record. *Gone.* (*Ps. 103:12*)
20. It's never too late to turn your life around. I came to give *second chances.* (*Luke 23:42-43*)
21. I love you. Let's talk. (*Jer. 29:13*)