



The Lion of St. Mark's

SEPTEMBER 2013

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF BREAKFAST SUNDAY, SEPT. 1, AT 9:15!

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START THE YEAR!

September 1: Please join us for breakfast & conversation in Fellowship Hall at 9:15

Meet with the teachers of our adult classes...find out what they're doing!

Meet with your child's teacher

Meet and mingle with students of all ages!!

September 8: regular classes for all ages resume at 9:15 in the Chapel, then...

Upstairs: Pre-K & K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th grades and Middle School

Middle Lounge: Adult discussion group

Crossways Room: Adult class with Pastor Elkin

North Lounge: High School discussion group



reasons to celebrate on September 15th!

The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of

Louella Bair

(and Larry, too!) invite the congregation to celebrate her 100th birthday at noon on Sunday, September 15. It's important to Louella that her family is present, but it is also extremely important that she celebrate with her beloved St. Mark's family as well.

Louella said her "surprise" 99th party was perfect and the family hopes that all of you will attend her 100th birthday celebration after church in Fellowship Hall. This one is no surprise. It's an extraordinary milestone and we want you to be part of it. Chef Bob (Jones) has been working on this

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Council Update

The Congregation Council met in regular session on August 19 in the Crossways Room. The Council:

- ◆ Received the regular reports of the Pastor, officers, and Committees.
- ◆ Stood for an official photo for the archives.
- ◆ Heard a report from Beth Shafranko about her positive experiences at Synod Assembly in June.
- ◆ Rejoiced over the centennial birthday celebration planned for 9/15.
- ◆ Heard about the "Many Ways to Serve" emphasis planned for 9/22.
- ◆ Approved for Confirmation : Stefan Weber, Ben Haussmann, Evan Barone, and Dawson Owen.
- ◆ A new person will be taking over College Ministry.
- ◆ Noted the many property projects completed and underway.
- ◆ Noted the fall stewardship calendar is in order.
- ◆ Heard that Holly Tillman, owner of the Preschool, is ill, and Deb Neubold is running the school on her behalf, and doing a fine job.
- ◆ Heard that Becky Miller Pryor is concluding her service as head of Family Promise hosting, after wonderful and dedicated service, and her place will be taken by Deb Maggs and Donna Zierdt Elkin at the beginning of 2014.
- ◆ Heard that this year's quota of the ongoing organ re-leathering project will get underway next week, at a contract price of \$6,000.
- ◆ Agreed to order two replacement folding tables for Middle Lounge, needed because they are used several times every week year-round.
- ◆ Concluded by joining in Prayer at the Close of the Day in the Chapel.
- ◆ Next Council meeting: September 16, 2013

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CONSECRATION SUNDAY

*We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us:
signs of your precious love.*

These, or similar, words are repeated each Sunday after the offering. We may just say them; we may think about what we are saying, or we may earnestly pray in thankfulness to our God for all that He has done for us.

It is time to put those words into our hearts and into action. Consecration Sunday is October 20 this year. We understand the concept that, from a biblical perspective, financial stewardship is not money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, we know that financial contributions are a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. Since this goes against our natural tendencies to want to regard everything as our own possessions, we must continue to think about this and make it a part of our life a bit at a time. Consecration Sunday is a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving. Again, we are responding with joy and thanksgiving.

Every attendee and member, who completes an Estimate of Giving Card, does so voluntarily while attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday, October 20. We urge everyone to attend, even those who are hesitant to complete a card, because the procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend worship on Consecration Sunday, October 20. In the coming weeks, please think prayerfully about the blessings God has given to you, and about how you are called to share those blessings.

The other part of the event is the celebration meal that follows each worship service on October 20. At services on October 6 and 13 we'll be asking for your reservation for the breakfast following the 8:30 service or the lunch following the 10:30 service on Consecration Sunday. It is important that every member take part.

Our friend Pastor W. Stevens Shipman will again speak to us on how Stewardship (our works and efforts) coincides with what we do after we say "We believe...". Stewardship is, indeed, our faith in action. Let us be thankful for all of our blessings..

Ray & Cindy Huff, Co-Chairs
Stewardship Committee

Lion Article Deadline



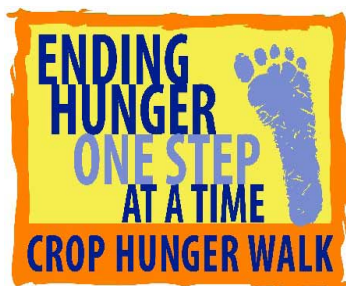
All articles for the September issue of the Lion are due

NO LATER

than Friday, September 20th. Thank You!

CROP WALK 2013

Our community's annual walk to fight hunger, the CROP Walk, is scheduled for Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 1:30 P.M. at the River Walk in Williamsport! Registration will begin at 1:00 P.M. in St. Mark's south parking lot! You will select your River Walk route for a 3, 6 or 10 mile walk or anywhere in between. Thank you to all who walked and donated for the CROP Walk in 2012.



Last year's CROP Walk brought over thirty churches, synagogues, and organizations together for this worthy cause. 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 Salvation Army Food Pantry, 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 14 years, which has brought a total of \$61,861.80 back into our community. Other walks in our county have added to this total!

Women's Fall Bazaar

Saturday, September 14, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We Still Need Your Stuff!

The Women of St. Mark's need your no-longer-needed items for our annual bazaar. We are looking for house wares, small kitchen appliances, linens, small pieces of furniture, lamps, books, toys, holiday decorations, knick-knacks, electronics in working order, games, baskets, jewelry, handbags, totes, pictures, mirrors, athletic equipment, tools, and treasures of all kinds. *Electronics need to be in good working order.*



As you are cleaning or getting ready for back to school, think of this sale and place those items in the Bazaar Room in the basement. When placing your items in the Bazaar Room please try to put your items as near to the walls as possible thus not blocking the entrance.

We are unable to accept encyclopedias, cribs, car seats and booster seats.

The American Rescue Workers no longer take televisions, cribs, car seats or computers *regardless of condition*. Please check out the information on page 5 to see the ways in which we could use your help in setting up Fellowship Hall and working the day of the sale. We also could use help in tearing down at the conclusion of our sale.

**Contact Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor
to volunteer or if you have additional questions.**

FPLC Hosting Coordinator Change in 2014

With seven years of active service to Family Promise of Lycoming County, first in working to establish the network and then the past four years as a coordinator at St. Mark's, the time has come for me to step down as coordinator. It has been a difficult decision to make, as this is such a vital ministry for us in our service to God and community. Guidelines from the national Family Promise office recommend a coordinator only serve two years. I feel blessed to have been able to serve in this capacity for four years.

I am most happy to announce that **Debbie Maggs** and **Donna Elkin** have graciously agreed to be our Co-coordinators, for no more than two years, beginning with our first hosting week in 2014. They have been strong supporters and active volunteers of FPLC since its beginning at St. Mark's more than four years ago. They will be serving along side of me during the upcoming hosting week. Evelyn Landis, coordinator from First Presbyterian, will continue to serve with them. I am excited about the future of hosting for FPLC with their leadership and the congregation's continued support.

I wish to thank the many volunteers at St. Mark's that have served in this outreach in one way or another. We truly set the gold standard for hosting in our network. Without the congregation's support an endeavor as large as hosting four times each year would not happen. I especially wish to thank **Larue Dieter** for her constant support of the program and of me. She too will be assisting Debbie and Donna.

My greatest joy would be to see this program continue to flourish at St. Mark's. It is an exciting time for our congregation as we answer Christ's call to serve.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Miller Pryor

Family Promise Hosting Week

**Once again we will host families experiencing a housing crisis
from September 29 – October 6, 2013.
This will be our final time we host in 2013.**

We are always looking for more volunteers to assist in any number of ways. Please look at this quick list of opportunities and telephone Larue at 433-3453 or Becky at 971-4585 with your choice.

- ◆ Van drivers morning and evening
- ◆ Set-up / Tear-down crews
- ◆ Ladies to give the bedrooms a welcoming feel
- ◆ Provide dinners or desserts
- ◆ Be an evening visitor for two hours
- ◆ Stay overnight and get the coffee going in the morning
- ◆ Do laundry at the beginning and at the end of the week. We need at least four volunteers.
- ◆ Provide breakfast on Saturday or Sunday morning.
- ◆ Donate money to the Hosting Fund to offset the cost of milk, bread, fresh fruit, etc.



Larue and I welcome your calls. To help expedite the hosting schedule there will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex and we will also start our own telephoning of folks soon.

Please pray for the families in our care and for the many volunteers who serve during this week.

IT'S TIME TO BRING IN YOUR KITS & SOAP!



IT'S TIME!!



All kits and soap bars are due this month.
They are needed by September 15th
to get them packed for shipment to Lutheran World Relief.
Your willingness to help and share God's blessings has been touching.

Let's Thread those Needles!

QUILTS

Quilting begins on Wednesday, September 4th at 9:15 a.m. New members are welcome. Bring scissors and help tie or baste. Prior experience is NOT necessary.

Quilts have many uses for people who have nothing. Even in hot countries, nights can be cool, and people need to cover themselves for warmth. During the day, quilts can be a sunshade, a carrier for babies or food for the family, or even a room divider. Quilts spread God's love to those living in poverty or crisis.

DONATIONS OF QUILTING MATERIALS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

Old flannel sheets or blankets make excellent fillers. Cotton sheets (in good condition) are used for backings. Particularly needed are large pieces of fabric to be fashioned into quilt tops.



Opportunities to Assist

Wednesday September 4

Quilting starts ~ 9:15 a.m.

Tuesdays September 10

Bring up rummage from basement ~ 7 p.m.

Wednesday September 11

Set-up for Bazaar ~ 9 a.m. to noon

Thursday September 12

Set-up for Bazaar ~ 9 a.m. to noon

Friday September 13

Set-up for Bazaar ~ 9 a.m. to noon

Saturday September 14 ~ 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BAZAAR & RUMMAGE SALE

Extra help needed to pack & clean up after 1 p.m.

Sunday September 29

Bring up quilts from basement ~ 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday October 2

Decorate Nave with quilts ~ 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Sunday October 6 ~ Blanket Sunday

Wednesday October 9 ~ 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Pack quilts & kits for shipping

Daniel's Closet



Daniel's Closet Distribution Day **Saturday, September 28, 2013** **9:00 am – 11:00 am** **Redeemer Lutheran Church**



Clothes, jackets and shoes in good condition for the entire family are needed this month at Daniel's Closet. They are especially in need of children's back-to-school clothing and shoes and plus size clothing for men and women.

Items may be dropped off at Redeemer's church basement on Thursday, September 26th from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm or you may contact Redeemer Church at 322-2333 to arrange another time for drop off. Michele Owen has graciously agreed to transport any clothing brought to St. Mark's.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!!!

Michele and Bernadette wish to sincerely thank those who have volunteered to teach Sunday Church School in the past!

We have restructured our children into two elementary classes which will meet from September through May. The first class will be for ages Pre-K ~ 2nd grade, and the second class for 3rd ~ 5th grade.



With Sunday School beginning on September 8th we need to fill teacher slots fairly quickly. The sign up sheet is located outside Michele's office door during the week and is available in the Narthex after Sunday worship services.

We look forward to providing a fun and educational time of spiritual growth to our children. We hope you will join us as a teacher!

Our Bible Studies Continue



Wednesdays

Join Pastor Elkin and the gang at 11:45 on Wednesdays for good conversation, song, laughter...and we learn things, too!! Feel free to bring your lunch as you enter into study with us. This year, we continue a study of Psalms.

Thursdays

For the early-birds on Thursday mornings, we have a 30-minute study at 6:31 A.M. each week. This fall we finish up an exploration of *CREATION AND THE PATRIARCHAL HISTORIES: Orthodox Christian Reflections on the Book of Genesis!*

Confirmation Sunday



EVAN BARONE, BEN HAUSSMANN,
DAWSON OWEN, AND STEFAN WEBER
are being confirmed on
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2013!

After spending Confirmation Camp with Pastor Elkin this summer,
they have finished their two-year course of study.
Their mentors are Gary Weber, Bob Schultz, Lou DeSeau, and Ray Huff.

The Way

"I really should do that sometime." Lots of folks say it, but let's be the ones who do something about it, who sign up and join the group called *The Way*. It is a wonderful process of renewal for those of us who have been around the church for a long time, and it is crucial for those who are new to the faith. It is first of all about relationships with the pastor and other leaders, with other folks in the group, and a companion in the process. Then *the Way* is also about unpacking the Bible, exploring big ideas, becoming familiar with lingo that has a special place in church life, practicing the tools of the faith, and much more. It is all sprinkled with laughter and the enjoyment of each other's company as we live and learn together in this special nine-month group.



The first session this year will be on September 22 in the Crossways Room at 12:15 P.M. Drop Mel Wentzel a note at tookool4school@comcast.net to reserve your spot this term, or to suggest a possible candidate who might be contacted. This really is one of the healthiest things which we can do as a congregation.

New Catechetical Class Forming!



Letters inviting students to become a part of the confirmation process have been sent. If you have a student in sixth or seventh grade and have not received one of these letters, PLEASE LET US KNOW. Sometimes we miss things in the computer system. If you have an older child who has not been confirmed, please contact us. We can include anyone who wishes to become a part of the process. If a youth is a lot older than the other students, he or she is also welcome to participate in *The Way*. Please call Pastor Elkin or Bernadette at 323-4619, email (addresses in the front of the newsletter), or by facebook.

Those who have received letters, please notify us of your intent immediately!
Mentors have to be recruited and supplies and resources ordered and prepared.

Operation Christmas Child



**OUR GROUP PACK'N'WRAP IS SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013 AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE**

Now is the time to take advantage of those back-to-school sales, picking up small boxes of crayons, tablets, socks, toothbrushes, bars of soap, small toys, flashlights...etc. We need at least 50 of each.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, SO YOU CAN JOIN US THEN!!!

Teen Movie Night

Sunday, Sept 22, 6 pm

Bring a treat and join us!



Acting Classes are being scheduled

Bernadette is starting acting classes in September!

These are for middle-high school students who have an interest in performing or just want to get used to speaking in front of others.

More information and an interest sign-up sheet will be outside Bernadette's office. Classes will be scheduled to accommodate as many of those interested as possible.



John Bower Basketball League

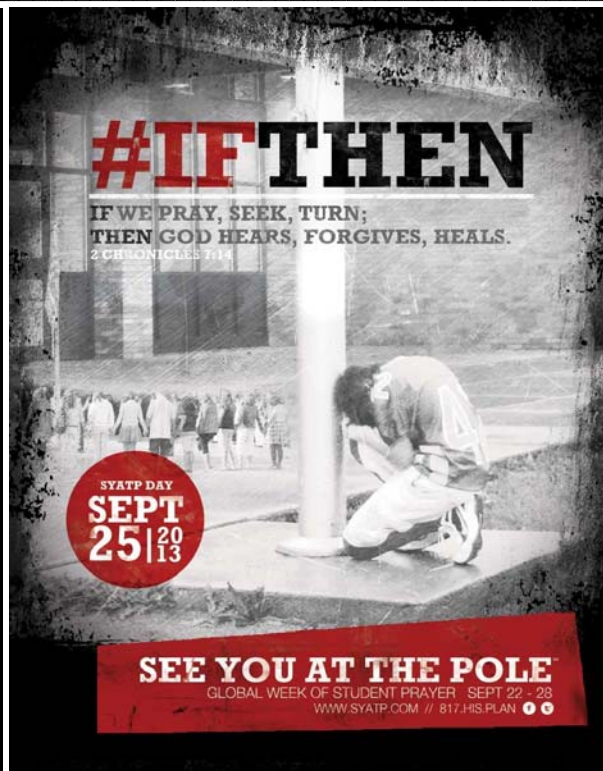


With the new school year starting, it will soon be time to think about basketball! Our sign-ups this year will be Tuesday, October 8th, at 6 p.m., in the Courtyard, weather permitting. This is a mandatory meeting for all those interested in playing. We need to know our numbers for the John Bower basketball meetings our coaches attend and it really helps with ordering shirts.

On that note, this year we need two new coaches: a head coach to oversee the season (with Michele's assistance) and one other. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Michele Owen at 323-4619 or mowen@stmarkswilliamport.org, or Kirk Owen at 323-0610.

Please note: The church will pay for a background check if that is needed.

See You at the Pole



See You at the Pole™, the global day of student prayer, began in 1990 as a grass roots movement with ten students praying at their school. More than two decades later, millions around the world pray on their campuses on the fourth Wednesday in September.

SYATP is simply a prayer rally where students meet at the school flagpole before school to lift up their friends, families, teachers, school, and nation to God. SYATP is a student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led event.

One of the amazing aspects of See You at the Pole™ is the spiritual harvest that continues on. After students rally together at their flagpole in September, Bible clubs, prayer groups, and evangelism takes place all year long. Many churches work together to sponsor before and after the Pole rallies for students.

Whether a single student standing alone, two or three huddled together in unity, or hundreds gathered in front of the school, See You at the Pole™ is about students praying for awakening on campuses all over the world.

Wednesday, September 25 7:00 a.m.

It's Time to Sing & Ring!



If you can make a joyful noise or ring a bell you qualify for joining a choir!

Choir rehearsals are Thursdays, 7 p.m.

See Jungwha for handbell rehearsal times.

Lunch N' Fellowship

Wednesday, September 18th
Noon

Bring a dish to share and a friend.



The Adventures of Donna in France, Part 3

Donna Zierdt Elkin was in Bron, France in May and June caring for grandson Eliot while daughter Katy and son in law Esteban were in rehearsals for the baroque opera Don Quixote. The June and August issues of the Lion carried her initial reports, and her adventures now conclude:

The Fanfare was an important part of the evening for me. It is here that I was honored to participate in the production. Last winter I transcribed much of the early manuscript into modern notation in the computer for Katy to arrange. I was then also asked to arrange and perform in the Fanfare. I will always be grateful to Le Tendre Amour for this opportunity. The cast could not have been more welcoming and kind. This was the kind of experience I will never forget.

The fanfare above the entrance to Fort Bron bids the people to come inside for the evening's activities. Katy and I arranged a melody from the opera to make a short fanfare that could be performed by the entire cast. I borrowed a flugelhorn that rode in my suitcase to France. Ironically, it was made in Switzerland, which is where my plane landed in May. Katy used an alto sackbut, a Renaissance trombone, but which is a tricky horn to play. Most people don't know that my accomplished oboist daughter started her instrumental career on trombone before moving to oboe. She bought this sackbut just for this production.

After donning my costume, I climbed the hill before the others. That gave me extra time to climb slowly. I was using my husband's metal walking sticks with sharp tips to grab the ground. I needed them for the steeper parts of the climb. Most of the actors and musicians were very young and athletic. There was only one other person who needed a stick to safely negotiate the climb.

When I was at the top, I waited behind some bushes so that the audience, waiting on the bridge, can't see me. I can hear a rumpus below as a bear is chased through the crowd in a crazy start to the evening. This bear would make appearances here and there all evening, even showing up on the opera stage. I wished I could see the chase.

By now, the rest of the cast had arrived and was waiting to go with me past the bushes and into the open area above the bridge. First on are the Duke and Duchess. They waved to the crowd in a royal manner. The Duke had a long, curly wig. Think of Handel's wig, but in brown. The Duchess was carrying a parasol. They looked like they are out for a royal stroll. Next all the cast, in costume, joined them in a long line stretching across the entire front. Luckily, the drummer, Katy, and I marched up the hill a bit to stand behind the cast. I'm glad of that, because I was more than a little frightened to stand at the edge of the wall where the others are. It is quite high and there is no railing on the fort. The drummer played an authentic looking field drum, with skin head and rope tuning. He tuned it to the tonic of the key the brass use, and needed to make constant adjustments to keep it there. He did it quietly and with great speed so the audience never heard that happening. He, like many others here, are amazing musicians. I know he had 6 instruments with him, and played even more in the opera, including soprano bassoon, recorder and some stringed instrument.

We played the fanfare twice, with the cast tootling along on copper colored megaphones. One of the actors introduced the evening with a short speech. Of course, I have little idea of what he is saying, since it is in French. But the drummer, a Brazilian, who speaks French as well as his native Portuguese, understood and knew when to start the drum roll for the last playing of the fanfare. After which we do a precision turn and marched off in step. After getting to the bushes, I grabbed my walking sticks and wait to go last, carefully and slowly, down the hill.

Twice I was able to attend the opera production which ended the evening. I sat front row center both times, always, it seemed, surrounded by audience who only spoke French. I spent the evening in awe and laughter, even without knowing the language. I did read the libretto a few time before attending. The story takes place later in Don Quixote's adventures, when he meets a duchess who is determined to lure him out of his code of chivalry. She does not succeed, and, through many adventures and temptations, Don Quixote never strays from the knight's code of honor.

The stage action, utilizing the Schwarstein actors and circus performers along with the musicians of Le Tendre Amour, was full of surprises. Katy has sent us a DVD of the opera, and in viewing it I have noticed things I missed on those evenings in the live performances. It is impossible to describe it all. Heavenly music, interesting instruments, acrobatics, slapstick, crazy scenery, a giant, a dragon, and the famous bear all make their appearances. The DVD was recorded by Athos Productions and I will show that to anyone interested. Although all in French, I will do a running commentary and translation with my libretto in hand.

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The Adventures of Donna in France, Part 3, Continued

This is Baroque Opera at its most interesting. Don't be frightened by the word "opera." The over 16,000 people attending the production this summer were very happy with what they saw. Le Tendre Amour has brought Baroque opera to a new audience!

Pastor Elkin joined Donna in France for a short time, and had an additional set of adventures which he will be glad to relate upon request. Among them is the trip home:

Allow plenty of extra time, because one never knows what will happen. And even then, there can be problems to conquer. To start our trip home, we arrived early at the train station, but ours and only ours out of the dozens of trains that morning, was LATE. Lots. And then it stopped one station short of Geneva and everyone got off. We were mystified by this, but tagged along and discovered that we needed to go to the far end of the platform and join another train for the final part of the trip. I got there, with the luggage, and Donna got as far as the doorway when the door started to shut. We pulled her aboard as the train started off. Five of us never did get a seat but stood with our luggage on the train doorway until we got to the airport. The only good thing was that with Donna's foot problem we were able to skip the main security line and a cart whisked us around the outside of the airport and we got on the plane ahead of some other folks. Whew! Then in D.C. our plane was delayed 5 hours because of weather. Watching the lightning in the distance was exciting as we landed in Philadelphia. But at length, we were safely home.

Youth Encounter 2014



January 24-26, 2014

Pittsburgh, PA

Early Bird registration October 17, 2013

\$139 (\$154 after that) \$60 due by above date

***Interest meeting Sept. 8, after
Confirmation hospitality***



"Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all." ~ 1 Chron. 29:11 (NIV)

Agape

Agape (Dave Scherer) is an electrifying performer, whose rapping, dancing, and storytelling have been enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of youth across the country. Agape has a way of connecting with every listener to transcend musical genres and touch the human heart. Old and young alike find themselves dancing and enjoying his edgy, relevant presentation of the Gospel. He performs 100 times a year across the US and beyond and has produced four CDs.

Rebecca Meidinger

Rebecca has a passion for guiding teenagers to understand their own personal value and worth, empowering them to set goals and dream dreams, and equipping them with knowledge and practical skills to build healthy relationships. Rebecca is married to Paul, who is her best friend and support. Paul is a fire fighter with the Fargo Fire Department. Paul and Rebecca have been blessed beyond measure...a solid marriage, three beautiful children, and careers that allow them to pursue their dreams every day. One of Rebecca's dreams that recently came true was being invited to speak to teen girls at a conference in Polokwane, South Africa in February 2011.

The News in Our Pews

Good grief – it seems we just talked about school closing and the beginning of summer and here it is time for school to begin again! My sister and I think the planets have been realigned and thus the time passes much more quickly!

Some of our young people had exciting experiences over the summer – **Sean Jensen**, son of **Mike and Pam**, covered himself with glory at a summer basketball camp. He won three trophies: Hot shot champ, knockout champ and three on three champ. Also got a tee shirt for the best three point shot and the coach said it was the best three pointer he had seen in six years ! Wow! Congratulations, Sean!

Ed Barone took part in a benefit Forget Me Not Happy Hour as a part of the Clinton -Lycoming Walk to end Alzheimers. Ed, representing Wilmington Trust, served drinks and battled it out for the most tips. Good work, Ed!

The Thomas Taber Museum newsletter reported that **Gary Weber** has been selected to serve on the board of directors. They noted that Gary maintains two websites for St. Mark's – one containing archival materials and one that focuses on genealogy.

Congratulations to all our students whether they are returning to classrooms or beginning their year at college campuses – we will look forward to hearing good things!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

Join Us in Prayer for Our Youth

Our next prayer time will be
Sunday, September 15th at noon in the chapel.

Please join us as we remember our youth,
21 and under in a time of prayer.



United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

Tea Bags	Canned Fruit	Oodles of Noodles	Tomato Soups	Saltines	Powdered Creamer
Ketchup	Mac N' Cheese	Spaghetti Sauce	Pork N' Beans	Mustard	Chunky Soups
Cereals	Pasta	Chicken Noodle Soup			

ESPECIALLY NEEDED FOR THE KIDS DURING THE SUMMER:

Powdered Drink Mixes, Microwavable Popcorn, Microwavable Soup Cups, Microwavable Mac N Cheese Cups
Hours are: 9:30 - Noon on Mondays for delivery Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3 clients by appointment only
Mater Dolorosa Social Hall, 635 Hepburn St, Wmspt.



24 hour Devotion Line is available to encourage you in your relationship with God.
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Happy Birthday!

09/03 Todd Smith
 09/04 Jeannette Lukens
 09/05 Brett Campbell
 09/05 Lauren Campbell
 09/05 Valerie Doeblor
 09/05 Sean Elkin
 09/05 Hailey Jarrett
 09/05 Joshua Lynch
 09/05 Kirk Owen
 09/06 Derek Lewis
 09/06 Betty Rechel
 09/09 Debra Buckman
 09/09 Nolan Ott
 09/09 Hudson Ott
 09/10 Mary Clouser
 09/11 Carol Harvey
 09/12 Theodore Larson Jr.

09/12 Beth Shafranko
 09/12 Mary Ann Stiller
 09/12 Marion Waldeisen
 09/13 Timothy Maggs



09/13 Stefan Weber
 09/15 Shirley MacGill
 09/15 Andrea Welker
 09/16 Louella Bair

09/17 Tammy Fitzpatrick
 09/18 Abreanna Doane
 09/19 Audrey Bower
 09/19 Deborah Holmes
 09/20 Richard Harris
 09/22 Ronald Arner
 09/22 Brittany Dewar
 09/24 Jeffery Maggs
 09/24 Aerick Powley
 09/26 Blanche Doeblor
 09/26 Abigail Robertson
 09/27 Michael Elliott
 09/27 Jonathan Lynch
 09/28 Lawrence Satifka
 09/28 Bailey Sims
 09/28 Dave Williams
 09/30 Pamela Fink

Happy Anniversary!

09/03 Ronald & Grace Arner
 09/03 Steven & Nancy Bieber
 09/03 Eric & Sharon Comini
 09/03 Tom & Helen Schramm
 09/04 Robert & Shelly Clokey
 09/10 William & Marion Waldeisen



09/19 Johnny & Renee Hinds
 09/25 Michael & Jackie Kinney
 09/27 James & Donna Maule
 09/28 George & Kay Poliska
 09/28 Robert & Michele Ramsauer

PLEASE MAKE THESE Directory Updates

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Thank you!

*To my church family & friends,
 Thank you for your caring, your prayers, the meals and your love. I know I wouldn't have
 been as strong without all of you being there for Russ and me. Russ appreciated and valued
 your prayers, cards & visits. It made him realize that he had a lot of friends. You all were a
 blessing to both of us.*

Love, Lois

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St. Mark's sEPTEMBER Calendar of Events

1 Sunday

Pentecost XV

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM All Church Breakfast
10:30 AM Holy Communion

2 Monday

Labor Day - Office Closed

3 Tuesday

8:00 AM City Pastor's Breakfast @ SM
9:00 AM Morning Prayer

4 Wednesday

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

5 Thursday

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

6 Friday

Council Agenda Deadline

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

8 Sunday

Pentecost XVI

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Confirmation
10:30 AM Holy Communion

9 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:30 PM Property Committee
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

10 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Conf. Pastors@ CoS
6:00 PM Finance Mtg.
7:00 PM Great Grab & Go -
bring up bazaar items from
basement

11 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:00 AM Set up for Bazaar
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:45 AM Bible Study

12 Thursday

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

13 Friday

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

14 Saturday

9:00 AM Bazaar

15 Sunday

Pentecost XVII

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
12:00 PM Louella's 100th Birthday Bash
12:00 PM Prayer 4 Youth/Chapel
1:00 PM USS Day @ Knoebel's
6:00 PM Confirmands meal/mtg

16 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM Civic Chorus Board
6:30 PM Council Mtg.
7:00 PM Dog Club
7:00 PM Handbells
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

17 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

18 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship

19 Thursday

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

20 Friday

Lion Article Deadline

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

22 Sunday

Pentecost XVIII

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
12:15 PM The Way #1
6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

23 Monday

Pastor @ STS/Illinois
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
6:00 PM LSM Mtg.@St. Mark's
7:00 PM Handbells
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

24 Tuesday

Pastor @ STS/Illinois
9:00 AM Morning Prayer

25 Wednesday

Pastor @ STS/Illinois
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Quilting

26 Thursday

Pastor @ STS/Illinois
6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Senior Choir

27 Friday

Pastor @ STS/Illinois
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Lion Crew

29 Sunday

Hosting FPLC

Pentecost XIX

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
12:15 PM The Way #2

30 Monday

Hosting FPLC

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
2:00 PM Mutual Ministry
7:00 PM Handbells
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

