



The Lion of St. Mark's

JANUARY 2014

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 \$35 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 26 and February 2 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.



16th Annual Catechetical Retreat

**ALWAYS BE
PREPARED
TO GIVE AN ANSWER
TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU
TO GIVE THE REASON
FOR THE HOPE THAT YOU
HAVE
BUT DO THIS WITH
GENTLENESS
& RESPECT
1 PETER 3:15**

Catechetical Retreat 2014 is scheduled for January 4, 2014, here at St. Mark's. Topics of discovery include:

God's Story by Food ~ Pr. Kenneth Elkin, St. Mark's ~ The bread and wine of Holy Communion are the most important foods that we use to tell God's story. We will explore some additional possibilities in the kitchen. Some will have Bible connections and others will involve traditions from around the world.

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!

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Council Update

The Council did not meet in regular session in December. Instead, the Council, staff, and spouses met for a candlelight dinner celebrating the Advent/Christmas season on Monday, December 16 in the Fellowship Hall. Appetizers and dessert were served from a round two-tiered table in the center of the room. Ham and favorite dishes prepared by the families were served from the buffet on the south side of the room. Room arrangements and appointments and serving were under the direction of Robert Jones and able assistants including Jackie Kinney, Janet Jones, Jacob Schreckengast, and more. The evening closed with the singing of Christmas carols.

The Council next meets in regular session at 6:30 PM on January 20, 2014 in the Crossways Room.

Parish Register

- † Pastor Elkin presided at the funeral service for Kay Crane in the Nave on December 13, 2013, with interment of ashes in New Jersey on December 16, 2013.
- † Pastor Elkin officiated at the funeral for Wilson Doeblor at the Maneval Home on December 20, 2013, with interment in Wildwood Cemetery.

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**May your coming year
 be one of increased riches of grace-**

hearing His voice more clearly,
 knowing His heart more deeply,
 resting in His love more fully,
 trusting His care more completely,
 walking His pathway more peacefully,
 feeling His presence more intimately,
 and blessed by His goodness

ACOLYTE TRAINING

An acolyte training and refresher session is scheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2014, 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.



Children's Church

Children's Church next meets Sunday, January 12, 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 12!



Passing on Faith Milestone

Remembrance of Baptism/Faith Chest Milestone

January 12 is the anniversary of the Baptism of our Lord...it is also the day we celebrate of all those who were baptized in the past year. So, Scarlett, Dallas, and Brennan will receive their Faith Chests and the occasion will be marked by a light lunch for this celebration!



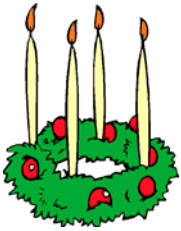
Youth Fundraising

In spite of inclement weather, our youth served and entertained about 40 folks on Sunday, December 15, and earned over \$300.

The highlight of the day was the chorus's performance of "The Weasel Cantata." Special thanks go out to Bob Jones for directing the meal preparation and kitchen service, and to Donna Elkin and Laura Schreckengast for directing all of our youth both vocally and with their instruments...don't know what we'd do without them!



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

This event once again proved to be a big success!! Nine children made ornaments, birdfeeders, placemats, and personalized angel ornaments 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 Jacob, Ben, Grace, Lynna, Hannah, Katie (Lynna's friend), and Makensi for their invaluable help!!



Caroling



Three groups totaling 11 carolers visited as many of our homebound as they could on the afternoon of December 8. 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?

Cookie Baking

Another huge "THANK YOU" goes out to Chele, Janet, Beth, and Donna for their able assistance at 8:00 AM on that Saturday with the cookie baking. Flour was flung with great dexterity as almost 1000 cookies leaped out of the ovens!!! It was great! We produced many delicious cookies for the carolers to deliver that Sunday and to share among ourselves. A wonderful assortment of goodies was assembled during this day!



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!

Mitten Trees



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

Thank you for the Christmas Gifts!

Becky Miller Pryor thanks the congregation for their support of the four Social Ministry projects that occurred in December.

- † On December 10, 2013 the Elves of St. Mark's (Pastor, Bernadette Jones, Jackie Kinney and Becky Pryor) traveled to the Selinsgrove Center to once again share stories, songs and gifts with the seventeen ladies of CM-6 and their caregivers. The bottles of body wash and cups of pudding that were donated were part of a gift pack each lady received. The caregivers received dozens of homemade cookies, candy and a holiday floral arrangement created by Pastor. It was a very special evening for the ladies and our elves. When we arrived all of the ladies were dressed in their holiday finest, wearing jewelry, hair ribbons and some ladies even had holiday manicures. The extra work done by their caregivers did not go unnoticed by us. A special thank you goes to Cheryl Williams and Corey Hospes for providing the many homemade cookies the caregivers received. Thank you to Shirley Hill for donating the Christmas cards each lady received. And finally thank you to the congregation for their donations of body wash, pudding and money to fill in with the gifting. We were blessed to receive more from the ladies and their caregivers than we gave.
- † The Shepherd of the Streets' office received 106 hygiene products and a new blanket from us. When I delivered our donations I was told that God had answered their prayers in that the shelves were nearly bare.
- † Daniel's Closet also received five warm afghans from this collection.
- † The residents of Danville State Hospital received more than 30 articles of new clothing, 8 packs of socks, 2 packages of underwear and a lady's wallet. Our donated items were designated as general gifts that were used where they were most needed. A member of Redeemer Lutheran Church graciously agreed to take our donations with those of Redeemer's to the hospital. That is a blessing to me as the coordinator of this project.

These gestures of Christmas spirit given by our congregation were sure to comfort the individuals receiving them in Christ's name.

"JOY" Youth Group: Just Older Youth



St. Mark's high school students (grades 9-12) are invited to join Messiah's youth on the 2nd Sunday of each month, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., for a time of Faith-building/Learning, Team-building Activities, Conversation, Games, and Prayers in a Relaxed, faith-based, judgment-free atmosphere

Messiah Lutheran Church
Corner of West Southern Avenue and Howard Street
South Williamsport

January 12, 2014
February 9, 2014
March 9, 2014

April 13, 2014
May 18, 2014

Open Hearts in Bethlehem

On Christmas Eve, thirteen of our young people here at St. Mark's gifted their church family with a revealing presentation of the story of Jesus' birth. The gift was purchased at the cost of their time, talent, and hard work at the time of year when there already aren't enough hours in the day to do everything that needs to be done.

During a handful of rehearsals, they learned about the cultural history of the Hebrew people and discovered what living in the occupied city of Bethlehem might actually have been like. In understanding and learning their lines, they came to realize the hardships and dangers of living at that time.

This was a first for this young cast in that they had to memorize the 1/2 hour long script without any adults on which they could depend. There was also no music to help them along and their movements had to be very natural and reasoned out.

The cast ranged in age from 3rd to 10th grade and was led by **Jacob Schreckengast** and **Sadie Wentzel** in the lead roles of Benjamin and Judith Avrim, cousins of Joseph and Mary (who were portrayed by **Sean Jensen** and **Hannah Haussmann**). Other roles were played by **Ben Haussmann**, **Owen Gair**, **Gabriella Gregory**, **Elizabeth Haussmann**, **Stefan Weber**, **Taylor Wentzel**, and **Grace and Jonah Schreckengast**. **Makensie Doebler** acted as narrator for this script by Kenneth E. Bailey. At this time, we would also like to thank the parents who made sure their children were here, cut short family trips, supplemented costumes, and, in the case of **Andrea** and **Vicki**, helped with the children, lights and props on stage. **Declan Jones** was stage manager and assistant director. He was joined by his sister, **Sara** when she returned home from college. As always, **Pr. Elkin**, **Lou DeSeau**, and **Bob Miller** were of invaluable assistance.

From a beloved member

Dear friends of St. Mark's,

I miss attending my church...the services, the friendship, quilting, etc. but it's getting more difficult to get around. Shirley Hill keeps me updated by bringing me the Sunday bulletins and I look forward to receiving The Lion with all its news.

Thank you too, for the pastor's visits and those who bring communion, sing carols and visit. Most of all.... I am so pleased to see our young people sharing their talents, especially the musicians-they are dear to my heart. My favorite words are "Without music life would be a mistake". Keep up the good work. I'll be looking for your future activities.

Happy New Year to everyone! Dot Berndt

Where, Oh Where do I park?

A few years ago we had quite a few spots available in our parking lots, but these days almost every numbered spot is rented, yes even the ones along the north side of the building. What persons can do when coming to the church midday during the week is park along the curb on the south and west sides of our block, where there are no restricting signs, and in St. Mark's Place (along the north side of the building) in the area where there are no stripes and numbers near the choir door. There are also several spots marked "visitor" near the playground that may be available. Please do not park in any of the numbered spots during weekday daytime; the persons who have rented the spots become rightfully annoyed. Our Financial Secretary, Graydon Yearick, is the manager of the parking lots; other questions can be directed to him on Mondays or Wednesdays.

Why bother with SUNDAY WORSHIP?

From the Psalms, here are five great reasons for making Sunday worship attendance a first priority in our lives.

Reason	In the Psalmist's words	In other words
Reason #1	<i>One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple. (Psalm 27:4)</i>	Although worship begins in childhood, it should become the life-long commitment and priority of each believer!
Reason #2	<i>You who fear the Lord, praise Him! (Psalm 22:23)</i>	Those who respect God are eager to offer Him their worship and praise!
Reason #3	<i>Sing to the Lord, you saints of His; praise His holy name. For His anger lasts only for a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime. (Psalm 30:4-5a)</i>	Worship and praise is our joyful response to the Lord for His merciful and continual favor towards us!
Reason #4	<i>To the Lord I cry aloud, and He answers me from His holy hill. (Psalm 3:4)</i>	Without a doubt, God answers the collective prayers of His people gathered in worship!
Reason #5	<i>I will declare Your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise You. (Psalm 22:22)</i>	My regular participation in worship benefits not only my Lord and myself, but my fellow believers as well!

(from our friends at St. Timothy, Camp Hill)

Team ICW

So...You're on the Team?? ...and you're asking where you're needed?

Several positions are open on team ICW.

- † Can you throw those long passes to a receiver? (stuff envelopes)
- † Are you good at calling the plays? (phone communication)
- † How about posting scores? (distributing flyers)
- † Can you hold the line? (tell friends and relations)
- † Is a place kicker more of your thing? (jumping in whenever needed)

The clock is running down and we need real teamwork for the benefit of
Family Promise of Lycoming County.

The menu is set, the contestants have been chosen, and the playing field is ready--
we just need you to help us score the win for homeless families in our area.

Daniel's Closet

Daniel's Closet Distribution Day

Saturday, January 25, 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 school clothing and shoes and plus size clothing for men and women.



Items may be dropped off at Redeemer's church basement on **Thursday, January 23rd 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

Teachers are still needed for several months this year.

Please call Michele as soon as possible.

Thank you to our January Sunday School Teachers!

Pre-K thru 2nd: Brenda Gair
3rd thru 5th : Mike & Pam Jensen



February Lion Article Deadline



All articles for the February issue of the Lion are due

NO LATER

than Friday, January 17th. Thank You!

Teen Movie Night

January 26th at 6:00 pm

Bring a snack! Bring a friend!
Spread the word
—hope to see you there!!



United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Canned Veggies | Saltines |
| Oatmeal Packets | Coffee |
| Oodles of Noodles | Pudding Mix |
| Cup of Noodles | Popcorn |
| Mac N Cheese | Tomato Soup |
| Gelatin Mix | Pop tarts |
| Chicken Noodle Soup | |
| Flavored Oatmeal Packets | |

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.**

Wednesday Ecumenical Lunches

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

No reservations are necessary.

JANUARY:

- 1—**No Lunch Scheduled—Happy New Year!**
- 8—Rev. Gwen Bernstine, United Churches Lyc. County
“2014—A Year to Encourage”
- 15—Pastor Dorothy Andersen, Co-Pastor, Love Unlimited
“Let Freedom Ring”
- 22—The Rev. Dr. John Charnock, Director, Mission Integration and Ethics, Susquehanna Health
“Faith Forum: Christians Seeking Unity in Christ”
- 29—Capt. Debbie Engel, Auxillary Captain, Salvation Army
“Meeting the Physical, Emotional & Spiritual Needs of People of All Ages”



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 anytime!**

GO GREEN AND RECYCLE!!

The holidays are past and it is time to deal with gift bags and decorations. If you need to reduce your supply 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 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.

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 sold at a recycling center and the money is used by the Ronald McDonald House 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.



The News in Our Pews

Recently I knew how Rip Van Winkle felt when we had barely finished Thanksgiving dinner and it was December! I know time goes quickly but this is almost too much.

One of the special things about the Christmas season is the wonderful concerts and other musical events that take place. Just home from our own youth event and was so impressed by the performances of **Ben and Hannah Haussmann (and Vicky), Grace and Jacob Schreckengast, Laura and Anna Zeigler, Sadie and Taylor Wentzel, Sara Jones**, among others who shared their music with us.

The Christmas concert at WAHS featured the **Zeigler girls** who did triple duty with the choir, the Strolling Strings and the orchestra. **Emily Newcomer** was a part of the choir as well – in addition to the concert at WAHS, the choir sang The Messiah with the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra. **Riley Weber** is a member of the Strolling Strings and the orchestra, and **Max Hospes** and **Jared Barone** round out the rest of the orchestra members who are from St. Mark's. Four of those students have been selected for the District Orchestra Festival- **Laura and Anna Zeigler**, violin; **Steve Boone**, cello and **Jared Barone**, string bass.

On a lighter note our own **Lou DeSeau** served a Santa Claus for the pictures with Santa at our Lycoming County SPCA. He was photographed with dogs, one horse but unfortunately no cats!

The Loyalsock Lancer reported that **Sharon Comini** is a new employee at the Loyalsock Township School District. Sharon is the new art teacher at Donald E. Schick Elementary School. Congratulations Sharon!

Also a nice article about the lamb collection our own **Holly Tillman**, director of Little Lambs preschool, has been amassing for many years – it is a natural for her!

Last, but by no means least, **Lauren Campbell** has decided on a different course and is enrolled at Lycoming College where she will receive her teaching certificate in math. How nice to have Lauren back in Williamsport!

A blessed Christmas and Happy New Year to all - keep in touch with those exciting news items!

~Joyce Anne Hershberger

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

From the Buckman Family

To all the members of the St. Mark's family ~

A great big thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and kind words received on the death of my husband, Jim. A special thanks to all those members who came to sing at Jim's memorial service and to Donna Elkin for performing the Widor Toccata—it was Jim's favorite. There was no better way to honor his memory. Thanks to Bob and Bernadette Jones, kitchen crew and youth waiters for serving the luncheon. The homemade cookies were special. A big thanks to Lou for being part of the service and for all the behind the scenes work. And finally, thanks to Pastor for the thoughtful sermon.

In Christ's love—Deb, Nick, Sean, Ezra and Gillian Buckman

Happy Birthday!

01/01 Shelby Weber
 01/02 Cecil Calvert
 01/02 Ashley Ciesielski
 01/02 Jeremy Hinds
 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 Buslar
 01/17 Nathan Kimble
 01/17 Ruth Lamade
 01/17 Ruth Rees
 01/19 Morgan Comini
 01/21 Herbert Poff

01/23 Scarlett Lynch
 01/23 Christina MacGill
 01/23 Tara Thorne
 01/25 Walter Doebler
 01/26 Bonnie Eyer
 01/26 David Heaps
 01/26 Marc Kinney
 01/27 Ruth Burkholder
 01/27 Dustin Kimble
 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

01/22 Elizabeth Ruesskamp

Update on the Bazaar Room



After cleaning and organizing the Bazaar Room, with thanks to Lou DeSeau for his significant assistance, the Women of St. Mark's are once again receiving donations for the annual Fall Bazaar. During January the room will be open for your donations of fall and holiday decorations, housewares, toys in good condition and other treasures you no longer need or want. Please be sure all donated items are clean, in good condition and working properly.

We are asking anyone who is placing items in the Bazaar Room to pack them securely in a box that we can move easily at the time of the bazaar. Computer paper boxes or similar sized boxes are ones we can move easily. Please place your boxes as far away from the door as is possible. We were unable to secure shelving so it is important to show care when

placing your boxes in the Bazaar Room.

We cannot accept cribs, mattresses, car seats, broken or non-working items of any kind, mismatched plastic containers, outdated computers / electronics, TV's, textbooks, encyclopedias or large pieces of exercise equipment. Clothing may be donated to Daniel's Closet.

With everyone's cooperation as good stewards of the Bazaar Room, we will be taking those first steps toward another successful Fall Bazaar. If you have questions concerning your donations, please contact Jane Kline or Becky Miller Pryor.

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

Marie Byerly

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

Carol Confer

241 Country Club Lane
Williamsport, PA 17702

Art Decker

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

Larue Dieter

2150 Warrensville Rd, Apt. 2
Montoursville, PA 17754

Charlotte Hughes

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Williamsport, PA 17701

Reba Jacobs

Vintage Knolls, Box 120A
41 Woodbine Lane,
Danville, PA 17821

Irma Logan

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

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

Rose View Center , Rm. 313B
1201 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Robert Swartz

1522 Country Club Lane
Williamsport, PA 17701

Beulah Wrede

Williamsport Home, Rm. 413
1900 Ravine Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Elda Zeigler

Rose View Court, Apt. 209
1251 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Thank you notes

Hello, We would like to thank you for your generous gift of your time, talents, and gifts to the CM-6 ladies. We also would like to tell you that the Christmas Floral/Pine arrangement looks lovely in our dining room and makes the area more festive. Hopefully it will make it into the New Year. Again, many thanks go out to your group! Merry Christmas!

Sheila Gibboney, QIDP/Supervisor
CM-6 & Teresa Rhodes, RSW CM-6

Thank you to the various members of St. Mark's who have sent greetings and gifts to us. They are very much appreciated, and all are being used in this holy season.

Your pastor, Pastor Kenneth, and Donna Zierdt Elkin.

Thank you so much for supporting our Food Pantry. Your generous donations have blessed so many needy families through out the year.

Sincerely, Gail Burkhart, UCLC Food Pantry of Lycoming County

St. Mark's Family,

Thank you so very much for the generous care package! All the snacks helped me power my way through finals week & I especially enjoyed the Fruit Roll Ups!

Hannah Ramsauer

St. Mark's January Calendar of Events

1 Wednesday ~ Happy New Year!



2 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer

3 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

4 Saturday

9:00 AM Catechetical Retreat



5 Sunday ~ Christmas II

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

6 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Staff Christmas Luncheon
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

7 Tuesday

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

8 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:45 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Handbells

9 Thursday

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

10 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

11 Saturday

Catechetical Retreat Snow Date

12 Sunday ~ Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Faith Chest Milestone & Reception
10:30 AM Children's Church
10:30 AM Holy Communion
5:30 PM JOY @ Messiah

13 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM LL Liaison Mtg.
2:00 PM Mutual Ministry
6:30 PM Property Committee
7:00 PM Wmspt. Civic Chorus

14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

15 Wednesday

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9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship
7:00 PM Handbells

January Calendar of Events continued

16 Thursday

6:31 AM Men's Ministry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Stephen Ministry
7:00 PM Senior Choir

17 Friday

Lion Article Deadline

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

19 Sunday ~ Epiphany II

8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
12:15 PM The Way
6:00 PM Confirmands meal/mtg.

20 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 Wmspt. Civic Chorus

21 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

22 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting
11:45 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Handbells

23 Thursday

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

24 Friday

Youth Quake & Zone
9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Lion Crew

25 Saturday

Youth Quake & Zone

26 Sunday ~ Epiphany III

Youth Quake & Zone
8:00 AM Holy Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion
5:00 PM FPLC Hosting Week Begins
6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

27 Monday ~ Hosting FPLC

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

28 Tuesday ~ Hosting FPLC

Pastor @ STS Retreat/ South Carolina
9:00 AM Morning Prayer

29 Wednesday ~ Hosting FPLC

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9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:20 AM Quilting
7:00 PM Handbells

30 Thursday ~ Hosting FPLC

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

31 Friday ~ Hosting FPLC

9:00 AM Morning Prayer