



# The Lion of St. Mark's

OCTOBER 2014

## Busy times ahead!

There is something special on each of the Sundays through the rest of the year!



**October 5 - Pentecost XVII:**

Blanket Sunday, Harvest Home, and the Life Chain in the afternoon.

**October 12 - Pentecost XVIII:**

the third Stewardship Temple Talk, the CROP walk in the afternoon.

**October 19 - Pentecost XIX:**

Consecration Sunday, with thanksgiving meals after each service.

**October 26 - Reformation Sunday** and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



**November 2 - All Saints Sunday** with its memorial banners, Thank-Offering Day, Pack & Wrap Day for Samaritan's purse project

**November 9 - Pentecost XXII:**

We begin our next week of hosting for Family Promise.

**November 16 - Pentecost XXIII:**

The third class for preparation to receive Holy Communion

**November 23 - Christ the King**, the end of the church year, First Communion celebrated

3:00 Williamsport Civic Chorus concert at Covenant Central, Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra evening concert in the Community Arts Center Center



**November 30 - Advent I** with lunch and wreath-making



**December 7 - Advent II**

and intense preparations for "A Christmas Carol"

**December 14 - Advent III,**

and the Congregation Assembly to consider the 2015 budget

**December 21 - Advent IV,**

and decorating the nave, as well as Caroling to senior members

**December 28 - Holy Innocents, 4<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas,**  
Remembrance Service 4PM



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## Council Update

The Congregation Council met in regular session on September 15 in the Library. The Council:

- † received the regular reports of the pastor, officers, and committees.
- † approved the use of the nave for a concert by the Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra on Friday, April 10, 2015.
- † designated the loose offering on November 2 for the work of the Women of the ELCA.
- † noted the actions and activities of the Property Committee.
- † discussed the progress in the reconciliation recommendations.
- † set its next regular meeting date as October 20.

## Parish Register

- † Pastor Elkin officiated at the graveside service for Lillian Skeebey on August 27, 2014 in the Montoursville Cemetery.
- † Pastor Elkin officiated at the Affirmation of Baptism—Confirmation rite on September 7, 2014 for Taylor Wentzel, Sadie Wentzel, Grace Schreckengast, Makenzie Doebler, and Annika Waffenschmitt. The students helped to host the hospitality time following the service, in Fellowship Hall.

## Staff & Officers Contact Information

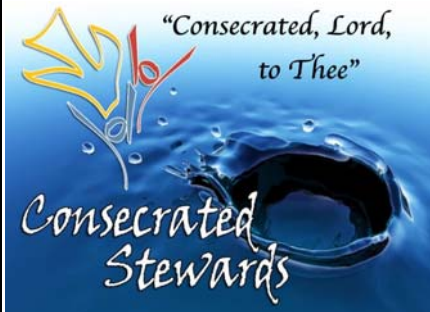
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*"Give thanks to the Lord,  
 for his love endures forever."  
 2 Chronicles 20:21b*



# 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 19 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 19. 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 19. 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 19. At services on October 5 and 12 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.

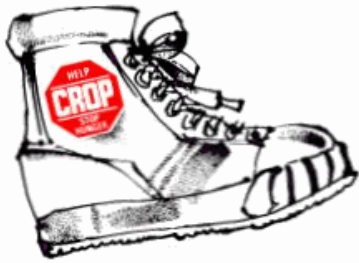
## *Harvest Home Sunday, October 5, 2014*



*Our congregation will be celebrating a "Day of Thanksgiving" by bringing nonperishable items for the local United Churches Food Pantry. These items should be brought to the church in the provided bag or plastic bag, on Sunday, September 28 or October 5. The food will be displayed on Sunday, October 5th at both Worship Services. People in need are given a three day supply of food. We hope you and your family will be part of this annual celebration as we thank God for what He has given us.*

*Worship and Music Committee*

## CROPWALK 2014!



Our community's annual walk to fight hunger, the CROP Walk, is scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 2014 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 2013.

## Group Operation Shoebox Pack 'N' Wrap

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE**

*Tick-tick-tick-tick-tick... Time is running out!* On Sunday, November 2, after the 10:30 service, we share a light lunch and then pack and wrap Operation Christmas Child boxes. For the past four years, we've had a great time preparing these gifts for children in need!!

So, on November 2, we'll have finger-food after the 10:30 service and begin our group pack-and-wrap!!! Sounds like fun to us!!! How about you?!

At Children's Church, the following Sunday, November 9, the children will process in offertory with the completed boxes.

This doesn't preclude anyone packing their own boxes if they prefer to do that. Those who choose to pack their own may bring them in on November 2, but the final deadline is November 12.

*Donations are welcome and appreciated to go toward the shipping of each box. The cost per gift is \$7. Donations may be given at any time.*

## COVERED WITH LOVE ~ BLANKET SUNDAY



Several weeks ago our Sunday lesson for the day was "What is our responsibility?" As Christians we are to help those unable to care for themselves, whether it be a newborn baby or those living in poverty or disaster. Many of you have responded generously to our kits and quilts programs, for which we thank you. Lutheran World Relief sends aid to places in need all over the world. Recently they have expanded efforts to help refugees who have been returned to Central America, particularly El Salvador and Honduras, after attempting to emigrate to the United States.

If you were unable to help with kits or quilts, Blanket Sunday will be October 5<sup>th</sup>. Blankets not only provide warmth and protection but are also a great source of comfort. Please consider making a monetary contribution to purchase blankets for bulk prices. Your donation can be made to St. Mark's with a designation for "Blankets".

Envelopes are included with this newsletter.

## We're STILL making Pizza!!!



We had to cancel our August date due to a funeral and in September due to the Women's Bazaar.

We will be making PIZZA on  
Saturday, October 11th starting at 10 AM.  
We will eat what we make for lunch that day.

Please call Janet (570-772-1184) to sign up!  
We hope to see you in the kitchen with Janet!



## Lycoming County Life Chain



Lycoming County Life Chain will be held Sunday, October 5, 2014, on the Golden Strip (East Third Street) of Loyalsock Township at 2:30 p.m. Area churches are invited to participate in this peaceful prayer event. This is the 23rd year.

Please see Pastor Elkin if you are interested in this event.

## NEW CATECHETICAL CLASS!!

There is still time to join but you've got to let us know now!!

Please call Pastor Elkin or Bernadette at 323-4619 or email them.

(addresses on page 2)

## Invitation to Join Our Choir?!

Now it is time to bring people to the chancel to sing with Senior Choir. Doubtlessly St. Mark's is the church filled with people who love music and sing, play instruments along. It has been our tradition to keep up manifestation of our musical gifts through worship regardless of ages. If you are able to stand, you are qualified to join. No restrictions from infants to any ages. If you can make time Thursday night between 7 - 8 pm, you are one of us.

**It is time to consider senior choir as "intergenerational choir,"  
because we need help from any ages!!!**

It frustrates that some of choir members don't join us regularly due to job, health, and more, but we hold fast to glorify God through our voice as Paul wrote in Philippians 3:13 ~ *"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

Are you one of us who love music and participate? Do you imagine worship without choir soon?

Anxiously, Jungwha



# Corning Museum of Glass

## Sign-up for Corning trip (November 1) NOW!

The sheet is up next to Bernadette's office.

We leave church at 8:00 a.m. to be in time for the beginning of the "make-your-own-glass" workshops at 9:20 a.m.  
Volunteers are needed to drive.

Admission is free for all those 18 and younger  
\$12.75 for 55+, AAA, military, and students  
\$15 regular admission.



This does not include the fees for making your own glass.  
For more info on those projects, go to  
[www.cmog.org/visit/make-your-own-glass](http://www.cmog.org/visit/make-your-own-glass)

## Lunch 'N' Fellowship

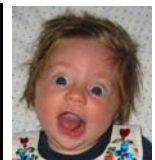


Boiled Ham, Potatoes &  
(Pastor's) Green Beans simmered in a broth!  
Wednesday, October 15th at Noon  
Bring a dish to share & a friend!

## November Lion Article Deadline

**All articles for the November issue of the Lion are due  
No later than Friday, October 17th. Thank You!**

## The Nursery is Open!



**It's true! The nursery is now open and staffed during the 10:30 service!**

## Trick or Treat for NGA



The Newberry Branch of NGA (Needlework Guild of America) serves needy individuals, primarily children in the Williamsport Area. The Newberry Branch provides new clothes, shoes, linens and hygiene products as requested by participating agencies for use by their clients. The participating agencies include the United Churches of Lycoming County / Shepherd of the Streets, Lycoming-Clinton County Head Start, Williamsport Area School District, and Lycoming County Mental Health/Mental Retardation/Children and Youth.

In 2013 the Newberry Branch of NGA responded to the needs of 582 individuals when they came knocking on NGA's door. Please consider assisting with our work in providing family hygiene packs to the Parent-Child Home Program. P-CHP is a component of Head Start and provides in-home educational opportunities to pre-school children in rural Lycoming County.

Items being requested are **wet wipes, hair brushes, combs, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes for children and adults, toothpaste, bars of soap, body wash, moisturizer and deodorant for men and women.** Any items not used in the hygiene packs will be donated to the Shepherd of the Streets. Donations may be placed in the gray tub in the Narthex.

**Speak with Deb Buckman, Vicki Haussmann or Becky Pryor for more information.**

## Newberry Branch of NGA Yard Sale!!!

**Saturday, October 18, 2014  
from 8:00 - 1:00**

**St. John's-Newberry UMC Fellowship Hall**



If you love yard sales you don't want to miss this one. The room will be filled with treasures of all kinds and lots of very nice children's clothing. Food will be available. All proceeds are returned to the community in the form of new clothes, coats, shoes, linens and hygiene products. We will set-up on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30 am. We are always looking for extra hands for this job so join us if you wish to help for an hour or two.

## Snyder's Farm Hay Ride & Corn Maze

**Saturday, October 25th at 1 PM**



This is the farm out Rte. 87. There will be hotdogs, marshmallows and drinks provided. The cost is \$5 per person, children 18 and under will have half of the cost paid for by the church. There are pumpkins available for a separate price according to size. If you have any questions or would like to donate any of the food items for this outing, please contact Michele at [mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Thank you!!!!

## Fall Bazaar a Success!

The Women of St. Mark's thank the congregation for their many, many donations and assistance with the annual bazaar. A special thank you is extended to Deb Holmes for once again bringing freshmen students from Lycoming College to assist in bringing all the tables and the many items from the basement to Fellowship Hall. The students' energy seemed boundless.

Then in the days preceding the sale, several women worked each morning to organize the tables in preparation for the big day. We were blessed to have many new women assist with the preparations. On the day of the bazaar the rain did not deter those looking for bargains.

The kitchen, under the direction of Shirley and Jackie Kinney, saw many hungry customers in addition to our own folks. Fellowship Hall remained busy throughout the day with steady sales.

At the conclusion of the sale, it was inspiring to see several of our young families assisting with the clean-up. They included the Owen, Jensen, Haussmann, and Comerford families aided by Pastor, Lou and Linda DeSeau, Shirley Hill, Shirley Vognet, Roxie Larson, Bunny Ditchfield and Becky Pryor.

A special thanks is also given to Carol Johnson, Redeemer Lutheran Church, for her invaluable assistance throughout the day. Both Lou and Carol delivered furniture to individuals. Items not sold at our sale were donated to the West End Community Center, Shepherd of the Streets, Daniel's Closet, Newberry Branch of NGA (Needlework Guild of America), Relay for Life/Lancers Against Cancers, Operation Christmas Child, Toys for Tots, the Friends of the JV Brown Library and the American Rescue Workers.

This sale raised more than \$1,200.00. These funds will be used by the Women of St. Mark's to support charities both locally and globally.



## FIRST COMMUNION

Letters will soon be going out to the parents of those children in the third grade, inviting the students to learn about Holy Communion and what it means to them.

If your child is not yet in third grade, but you feel he or she is ready to understand and receive Communion, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE if you want them to join the class. We feel that children of that age are ready to learn about this sacrament, but, obviously, you know your children better than we do. We are more than happy to include any of our youth in the process.

Classes begin on Sunday, November 2, at 3:00 p.m., in the Middle Lounge, and continue on November 9 & 16 at the same time. The students' First Communion will be celebrated on the festival of Christ the King, Sunday, November 23, 2014.





## Daniel's Closet

**Saturday, October 25th 9:00 am – 11:00 am Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Colder weather has arrived. Now is the time to donate sweaters, coats, and other cold weather gear that your family is no longer wearing. The greatest needs are for infant and children's clothing and plus-size clothing for men and women. Shoes and sneakers in good condition for all family members are always needed. Blankets, throws and afghans are most welcome this time of year.

- † Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be **Thursday, October 23, 2014 from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm.**
- † Other times for drop off may be arranged by calling Redeemer's office at 570-322-2333. Michele Owen has also offered to take any clothing brought to St. Mark's to Redeemer.
- † Distribution will be **Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 9:00 am – 11:00am.**



## JOHN BOWER BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

Sign-ups for this league will be in October. At this time we no longer have coaches or enough players to form our own teams.

If you are interested in playing or coaching please contact Michele Owen at 570-323-0610 or email her at [mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org). We will get an application to you if you are a player and make sure you are put on a team for another church.

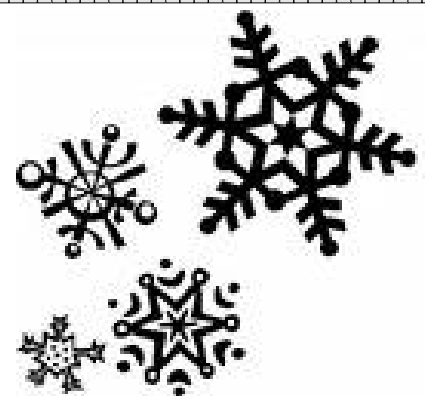
Please let Michele know by October 8<sup>th</sup> if you wish to play or are interested in coaching so we know if we have enough players to form our own team(s).



## GROW IN THE SNOW IS BACK!!

**February 6-7, 2015:  
GROW in the Snow**

Save the date! After a few years rest, the synod Youth Retreat at Camp Mount Luther is back and will be held on February 6-7, 2015.



All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend. The retreat will have a confirmation theme and more details will be available later this fall.

# Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*



On Friday, December 12; Saturday, December 13; and possibly Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, Lutheran Shared Ministry (LSM) will present A Christmas Carol, dinner theatre style, in Fellowship Hall at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. All donations will go to UCM of Penn College.

On Sunday, September 28, at 3:00 p.m., and Monday September 29, at 6:30 p.m., auditions and a volunteer sign-up will be held in the Nave at St. Mark's. Willing folk from all the congregations in LSM are welcome to audition and sign up to assist with meal preparation and service, scenic construction and painting, costumes, props and other technical needs.

The one-act play is adapted from Dickens's story to incorporate straight acting during the staves, interspersed with carolers. Those who are not comfortable singing are encouraged to audition for the character roles; parts are available for four men, three women, five-six either/or, and 4-6 children. We hope to see a caroling group (not too large, 4-6) from each congregation; singers and instrumentalists may also audition for some solo work. Except for the man playing Ebenezer Scrooge, rehearsals will be limited to one a week until late November when the cast will meet as a whole 2-3 times a week. A Christmas Carol is adapted and directed by Bernadette Haas Jones.

We would like to see at least one person from each congregation assisting with the meal and each of the technical areas (props, costumes, sets, etc.). St. Matthew has again agreed to make their yummy cakes for dessert. Youth are needed to fill in the wait staff for one or all meals. They will be instructed and supervised by an adult captain.

So, please think about this wonderful opportunity for our churches to get together at this special time of year; pencil us in on your calendars; and join us for Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol. Come to St. Mark's on September 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> to find out more!!!

## TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

**Sunday, October 26th, 6 pm**

**Bring a treat! Bring a friend!  
Just join us!**



# Calling all Youth Sixth thru Twelfth Grades!!

**Youth**  
ENCOUNTER

**QUAKES**

**ZONES**

**January 23-25, 2015**  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Early Bird registration November 6, 2014**  
\$144 (\$159 then 'til 12/18, \$174 after that)  
\$60 due by above date

**Get your materials for the  
calendar sale now!**



*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."*

*A transformational weekend for grades 6-12 where lives will be renewed and faith will*

## THE JUNKER GEORGES



If I had to tell you about The Junker Georges, and apparently I do, this is what I'd say: They are an acoustic-based rock/folk duo/trio/quartet, depending on who actually shows up. Founding members Ryan and Todd have been playing music coast to coast since 2003. As primary songwriter and guitarist, Todd is a Level-12 Disney trivia master, coffee connoisseur, and was voted "Most Likely to be Killed by a Pirate." Ryan (drums/muscle) would much rather be playing for the Flyers, Eagles, or Phillies. He is serving a record 23rd consecutive term as President of the West Roebling Aerosmith fan club. They love Jesus, eating, and hanging out. What else is there? Be on the lookout for special "Mystery Band Members" this weekend for extra bonus points!

## MISSION/SERVICE

Connecting our weekend of worship with the mission of the church, this event will include meal-packaging sessions in partnership with Harvest Pack. Session participants will have a chance to help in the packaging line, and learn more about the issue of hunger in the world, as we work together to "Share the Harvest".

## United Churches of Lycoming County

### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

Oodles of Noodles	Canned Milk	Canned Veggies	Stuffing Mix
Chicken Noodle Soup	Coffee Tuna	Canned Fruit	Flavored Oatmeal Packets
Pork-N-Beans	Tea Bags	Spaghetti Sauce	Pop Tarts
Cake Mixes & Frosting	Jello	Saltine Crackers	

**Hours are: 9:30 - Noon on Mondays for delivery.**  
**Tuesdays/Thursdays from 10-3 clients by appointment only 570-322-1657**  
**Castellano Center, 320 Park Ave., Williamsport, PA**



### 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!**

### October 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.**

- 1- **Rev. Robert Wallace**, Retired United Methodist Pastor, "Hungry in Haiti"
- 8- **Mrs. Melissa Magargle**, Executive Director, Family Promise of Lycoming County, Inc., "Success Stories: Assisting Families out of Homelessness"
- 15- **Rev. Ken Weiss**, Caring Outreach, "Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program for Emergency Information"
- 22- **Rabbi Joel Kessler**, Spiritual Leader, Ohev Sholom, Congregation, "Israel's Lone Soldiers"
- 29- **Mrs. Candy Watkins** and **Mrs. Carol Waltz**, Area Musicians, "For All the Saints" Music of All Saints and All Saints (Hallows) Eve

## You're Invited to Quilt!

We are recruiting new quilters! We meet Wednesday's at 9:15 a.m. If you wish to join in Morning Prayer or just have a cup of coffee, come at 9 a.m. Those who prefer to tie knots meet in the Middle Lounge. Another group assembles and bastes the quilt layers together in Fellowship Hall. Just bring a pair of scissors and a smile. Parts of the quilting process are done by machines in homes, including the fashioning of the quilt tops. Please contact Shirley Hill or any of the quilters if you are interested in any of the above.

### Quilting Materials Always Needed

Many thanks to everyone who responded to our request several months ago for quilting materials. Your great cooperation was very much appreciated! Please keep them coming. Particularly needed are large pieces of fabric for quilt tops, gently used sheets for backings, and old flannel sheets and blankets for fillers.

### There are several opportunities to help!

#### Wednesday October 1

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

#### Sunday October 5 - Blanket Sunday

#### Wednesday October 8 - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Pack quilts and kits for shipping



## Special Concerns List

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

**Edith Anderson**  
Rose View Center  
1201 Rural Ave.  
Williamsport, PA 17701

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

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

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

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

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

**Charlotte Hughes**  
140 Blueberry Lane

Williamsport, PA 17701

**Reba Jacobs**  
Vintage Knolls, Box 120A  
41 Woodbine Lane  
Danville, PA 1782



**Irma Logan**  
Valley View Rm. 401-1  
2140 Warrensville Rd.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

**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  
1201 Rural Ave.  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**Robert Swartz**  
1522 Country Club Lane  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**Henrietta Tyson**  
Valley View Nursing Ctr. Rm. 601  
2140 Warrensville Rd.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

**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

## Children's Church



SUNDAY, October 12,  
10:30 a.m., in the Chapel,  
is our first celebration of  
Children's Church  
for this year.



The special offerings that day are contributions toward our CROP Walk team.

For those new to St. Mark's, Children's Church is a time for worship planned especially for our young members. They sing hymns, share the Gospel, respond to a Psalm, learn from a sermon, make an offering and pray the Lord's Prayer; all following the four parts of our worship service: Gather, Hear (Word), Celebrate (Meal), and Send. They finish in time to carry their offering into the Nave with the adults, then join their parents for the rest of the service. Please consider accompanying your children in the Chapel or bringing them over before you settle in the Nave.

## Happy Birthday!

10/02 Travis Rechel  
 10/05 Stephanie Bieber  
 10/06 Caitlin Butters  
 10/06 Eleanor Whiting  
 10/09 Jane Zimmerer  
 10/10 Kameera Smith  
 10/11 Amy Burkholder  
 10/11 Barbara Doebler  
 10/11 Gary Goertz  
 10/11 Patrice Santalucia  
 10/12 Christine Sauers  
 10/13 Shirley Vognet  
 10/14 Gary Chrisman

10/14 Makensi Doebler  
 10/17 Sean Fenderson  
 10/18 Marion Larson  
 10/19 Breanna Chicas



10/20 Ashley Campbell  
 10/20 Megan Greevy  
 10/21 Paige Fortin  
 10/21 Carolyn Wacker

10/23 Ryan Lynn  
 10/24 Charles Kuntz  
 10/24 Richard Miller  
 10/24 Mark Welker  
 10/26 Hannah Hausmann  
 10/27 Kathy Eshelman  
 10/28 Andrew Hausmann  
 10/28 Tait Thorne  
 10/29 John Hoffman  
 10/29 Barbara Thomas  
 10/30 Lois Goldy  
 10/30 Deborah Maggs  
 10/31 Natalie Miller

## Happy Anniversary!

10/01 Kirk & Michele Owen  
 10/04 Lee & Veronica Doane  
 10/09 Kenneth & Kathleen Caster  
 10/09 Frank Doebler & Mary Lou Doebler

10/09 Jeffrey & Catherine Kneedler  
 10/09 Lawrence & Norma Lehman  
 10/16 Tracy & Andrea Gregory  
 10/25 Scott & Mary Kimble

10/26 Louis & Linda DeSeau  
 10/26 Robert & Constance Shaible  
 10/27 Jake & Audrey Comerford  
 10/30 Romain & Evelyn Bastian

## The News in Our Pews

This summer it has been a joy for me to hear some of our younger members sharing their various and excellent musical talents as part of the worship service. The soloists and instrumentalists have certainly enhanced our worship experience and gives us all hope for the future of St. Mark's- when sometimes our concerns worry us. We have an abundance of talent in our congregation – what a blessing!

I hope some of that older talent (and there is lots of that as well) come to our Senior Choir rehearsal to be part of that intrepid group who continue doing their best even as our numbers dwindle. There is a place for everyone, not just soloists but those who help to swell the sound!

As **Beth and Ken Shafranko** leave St Mark's and Williamsport to relocate to State College I am reminded of an article that I read recently in the Webb Weekly. It was the story of Stained Grass Window, a vocal and instrumental group of which Ken was a founding member.

As Ken explained their music "The music we do is bluegrass which means acoustic instruments and the harmonies tend to have the lead voice in the middle sandwiched between the tenor above and the baritone below", providing the distinct sound of the resonophonic guitar for the band which was formed in 1993. It began with a handful of friends getting together to make music and expand their musical abilities until one day they were offered a gig for a Halloween party – the rest is history!

Ken explains it in this way – Bluegrass music is mostly about simple themes, love, loneliness, loss, the kind of thing that most of us experience one way or another as we move through life. We're just ordinary people using music to talk about ordinary things. But if we put on a credible performance where some song we did really struck somebody in our audience as having a special meaning to them, that's really a powerful thing.

A lovely thought – we will miss Beth and Ken but wish them all the best in their new home!

*~Joyce Anne Hershberger*

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

## St. Mark's October Calendar of Events

### 1 Wednesday

9:00 AM Decorate Nave with Quilts  
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting  
 12:00 PM Bible Study  
 1:30 PM LSM School of Theology

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 9:00 AM Pack Quilts/Kits Shipping  
 12:00 PM Bible Study  
 1:30 PM LSM School of Theology  
 6:30 PM Lutherans at Worship Study

### 2 Thursday

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

### 9 Thursday

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

### 3 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 10 Friday ~ Council Agenda Deadline

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 4 Saturday

12:00 PM Habitat Luncheon

### 11 Saturday

10:00 AM 2nd Saturday with Janet



### 5 Sunday ~ Pentecost XVII

#### **Blanket Sunday Harvest Home**

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
 9:15 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Holy Communion  
 2:30 PM Lycoming County Life Chain



### 12 Sunday ~ Pente- XVIII

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8:00 AM Holy Communion  
 9:15 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Children's Church  
 10:30 AM Holy Communion  
 1:00 PM CROP Walk

### 6 Monday



PM @ Messiah

5:30 JOY

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal

### 13 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal

### 7 Tuesday

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

### 14 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 8 Wednesday

## october Calendar of Events continued

### 15 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg. & Quilting  
 12:00 PM Lunch N' Fellowship  
 1:30 PM LSM School of Theology

### 16 Thursday

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

### 17 Friday ~ *Lion Article Deadline*

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 19 Sunday ~ *Pentecost XIX Consecration Sunday*



8:00 AM Holy Communion  
 9:15 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Holy Communion  
 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 Civic Chorus Rehearsal  
 7:00 PM Dog Club

### 21 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 12:00 PM Finance Committee

### 22 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg. & Quilting  
 12:00 PM Bible Study  
 1:30 PM LSM School of Theology  
 6:30 PM Lutherans at Worship Study

### 23 Thursday

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

### 24 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 9:20 AM Lion Crew

### 25 Saturday

12:00 PM Hayride

### 26 Sunday ~ *Reformation Sunday*

8:00 AM Holy Communion  
 9:15 AM Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Holy Communion  
 6:00 PM Teen Movie Night

### 27 Monday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 7:00 PM Civic Chorus Rehearsal

### 28 Tuesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

### 29 Wednesday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer  
 9:20 AM Staff Mtg & Quilting  
 12:00 PM Bible Study  
 1:30 PM LSM School of Theology

### 30 Thursday

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

### 31 Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer