



The Lion of St. Mark's

JANUARY 2016

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known

Let's start off the year with THANK YOU. Any day, every day is a good time for thanking God for all of the gifts which we receive from day to day. And that gets us in the right frame of mind for sharing thank yous with many persons in addition to God. Let's start a list of thanks for all the assistance we have in living together in worship:



- ◆ All those who serve as **Assisting Ministers** for each Sunday service.
- ◆ Those who proclaim the Word of God as **Lectors**.
- ◆ Our **Authorized Lay Worship Leaders** who after much thought and training over a two-year span, can step into leadership roles when needed.
- ◆ The **pastor** who presides over the gathering, making sure that all of the leaders are carrying out their appropriate roles in the service, as well as being the paradigmatic proclaimer of the Word.
- ◆ All those who are **communion servers**.
- ◆ The persons, youth and adults, who serve as **acolytes**.
- ◆ Those who **carry the Holy Communion to folks at home** who cannot travel to St. Marks.
- ◆ The behind-the-scenes workers in the **Altar Guild** who make sure that all of the things are where they need to be for the service.
- ◆ The four teams of **ushers** who take care of lights, doors, bulletins, supplemental hymnals, seating, summoning emergency aid, when needed. and anything else that is not covered elsewhere.
- ◆ Our **sexton**, Lou who takes care of so many more things than we will ever get listed.
- ◆ Those who **sponsor** the cost of the bulletin.
- ◆ The **choir, hand-bell choir, soloists, organist, and instrumentalists** who help proclaim the Word with the special joy that is music.
- ◆ Our **secretary** who prepares the bulletin to guide our worship.
- ◆ The **Sunday School teachers** whose lessons often match the scriptures read in worship.
- ◆ Those who **count** the Offering, and thus help us to pay the bills that care for the building, pay the staff, and make possible our mission of "Knowing Christ and making Christ known" here is Williamsport, and around the world.
- ◆ The **greeters** who give a warm welcome to whomever comes into the church.
- ◆ Those who take turns preparing a **hospitality** table of good things to eat. The food is much closer to an appetizer than a meal, as it should be; it is just enough to slow everyone down from their mad rush through life, and to use the time to greet old friends and make new ones.
- ◆ Your **neighbor** in the next pew, with whom you share the peace, and kneel beside at the communion rail. You encourage each other in what you say and do in worship.
- ◆ And perhaps more can be added to the list....

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Parish Register

Milestone: The following persons were enrolled with prayer in the adult catechumenate, *The Way*, on December 6: Rick and Kristen Applegate, Debra Buckman, & Laura Schreckengast, with sponsors Donna Zierdt Elkin, Cheryl Williams, Matt Fortin and Wanda Fortin. Also, Amalie Robertson was officially enrolled in catechetical study, with Vicki Haussmann as mentor.

Council Notes

1 The Congregation Council did not hold a
 2 regular meeting during December, and in-
 2 stead met together with spouses, staff and
 2 spouses for a festive meal on the 10th Day
 2 of Christmas, January 3rd, 2016.
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 3 The next meeting will be on January 18 in
 4 the Crossways Room.
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Staff office hours ~ 570-323-4619

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 6 **Sexton:** Lou DeSeau, Sun-Thurs 5:30 AM-1 PM
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 6 **Parish Musician:** Jungwha Kim
 7 Sun.6:30-12, Mon - Wed 6:30-10:30
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 7 **Financial Secretary:** Graydon Yearick
 7 Mon & Wed 8-11 AM
 7
 8 **Youth & Family:** Bernadette Jones
 8 Tue.10-3 PM, Wed.9:20-2 PM, Sun 8-1 PM
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 9 **Youth & Family:** Michele Owen
 9 Wed, 9-2 PM, Fri.11-2 PM
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 10 **Secretary:** Laura Schreckengast Mon-Fri 9-1 PM

Staff & Officers

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Pastor Elected

Pastor Elkin was elected to serve a second three-year term as Dean of the Susquehanna Chapter of the Society of the Holy Trinity, at the chapter's Advent retreat on December 7-8, 2015. The Society is an organization of 300 Lutheran pastors from the US and Canada, which spans more than a dozen Lutheran denominational divisions. The purpose of the Society is to mutually encourage each other in their work. More information and photos are available on the website at societyholymtrinity.org.

The Susquehanna Chapter has about 30 members who live throughout central PA. The Chapter meets in local retreats three times each year, and then joins with 20



other chapters in the national retreat in Mundelein IL each September. The responsibilities of the Dean are to arrange and plan the program and facilities for the retreats, preach and preside at the communion service at each retreat, and meet in late January with all the Deans and officers of the Society to guide its work.

The election to the office of Dean is by pure ecclesiastical ballot. This means that there are no nominations, no campaigning, no speeches. The chapter hears scripture, prays, sings a hymn, and then holds a ballot. This procedure is repeated until there is a unanimous result. In this election there were five ballots.

We congratulate Pastor Elkin on this honor.

Lutheran Shared Ministry



LSM is Lutherans from congregations in the greater Williamsport area praying, proclaiming, caring, connecting, sharing, and serving in Christ's name. LSM presents October's School of Religion for adults (25 yrs.), leads the annual Catechetical Retreat for tweens (17 yrs.), and seeks new means of outreach and communication in order to more effectively advance the mission of Christ's church in this community.

LSM meetings are open to leaders and laypersons from our local Lutheran congregations. Their next meeting is Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., in our Middle Lounge.

Social Ministry News

Thank You for the Christmas Gifts

The Social Ministry Committee thanks the congregation for their support of their December projects.

On December 8, 2015 six elves traveled to the Selinsgrove Center to once again share stories, songs and gifts with the fifteen 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 cookies, candy, a fruit basket and a holiday floral arrangement created by Pastor. It was a very special evening for the ladies and our elves. A special thank you goes to Shirley Hill for donating the Christmas cards each lady received. And finally thank you to the congregation for their generous donations of money, body wash and pudding to fill in with the gifting. We were blessed to receive more from the ladies and their caregivers than we gave.



Thanks to congregation members and the Newberry Branch of NGA the residents of the Danville State Hospital received everything from batteries to clothing to packages of socks and undies, hats, gloves, watches and wallets. These many and varied items were used where they were most needed. A member of Redeemer Lutheran Church graciously agreed to deliver our donations to the hospital with those of Redeemer. That was a blessing to our committee during such a busy time of year.

And finally, thank you for all the ways you have supported Lynn and Adam Zitta during Lynn's medical treatments. How blessed we were that Lynn and Adam could be home and worship with us.

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

Go Green for Gifting

Have more Christmas gift bags and tissue paper that you can use? Donate them to the Social Ministry Committee for gifting the ladies of CM-6 in 2016.

Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex.

Update on the Bazaar Room

The Women of St. Mark's are once again receiving donations for the Annual Fall Bazaar. The Bazaar Room will be open for your donations of seasonal 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. Please place your boxes as far away from the door as is possible.

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, we will be taking those first steps toward another successful Fall Bazaar. If you have questions concerning your donations, please contact Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor.

Daniel's Closet at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Make room for the new Christmas clothing your family and you received by donating your no longer needed clothing to Daniel's Closet. Winter clothing and coats in good condition, accessories, shoes and boots in all sizes from infant to adult are needed. The greatest needs are for children's clothing, plus size clothing for men and women and shoes, sneakers and boots for children and adults.

January's outreach is scheduled as follows:

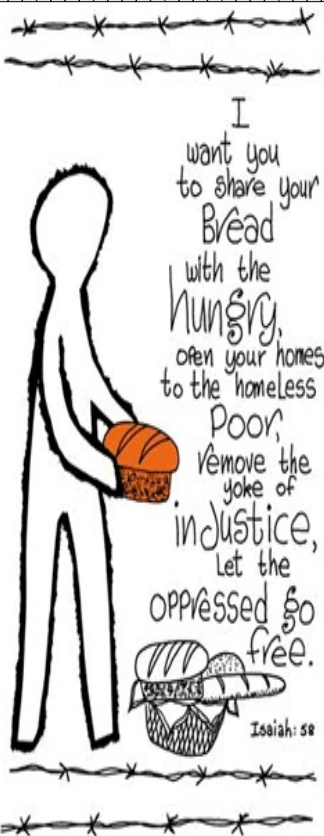
Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 4:30 pm – 6:00pm. Other times for drop off may be arranged by calling Redeemer's office at 570-322-2333. Michele Owen has graciously offered to take any clothing dropped off at St. Mark's to Redeemer.



Distribution will be Saturday, January 23, 2016 from 9:00 am – 11:00am.

Feeding the Hungry

Meals to End Hunger



Pastor Kerry Aucker is organizing a meal packaging event on Saturday, April 1, 2016 at Messiah Lutheran Church. He hopes to receive funds and volunteers to package several thousand meals of protein fortified macaroni and cheese or rice with beans. All meals will be distributed to area food banks. Each meal costs just \$.25 to produce. *The Social Ministry Committee hopes to collect quarters for the cost of the meals, provide support to Messiah Lutheran and to sign up a team of volunteers to work one or two hours the day of the event.* Look for more details in the months ahead.

Free Community Meal

*Redeemer Lutheran Church on Washington Boulevard
Thursday, January 14, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.
All are welcome!*

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.



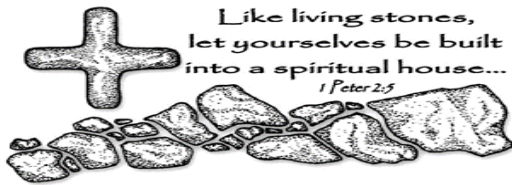
It is also turning our nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving. Each year, tens of thousands of our nation's youth put

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 31 and February 7 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.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Catechetical Retreat for our middle school students has been in successful operation for eighteen years now! Held on an early Saturday in January, Pr. Elkin has led St. Mark's in organizing this event, even though, in the beginning, it was held at Messiah. An average of 80 students, parents, and worship leaders gather for a day of instruction and fellowship.

Pr. Elkin will be teaching one of his popular

Lutheran Shared Ministry presents:
THE 18TH ANNUAL CATECHETICAL RETREAT
JANUARY 9, 2016 FROM 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LSM's "hands-on" classes (this year, it's an archaeological dig!) and Keith Wood will lead a seminar on Parents, Teens & Money Matters again this year. Newcomers Tammy Aichner (UCM) and Pr. Elizabeth Aurand (St. Luke) lead classes "Religious Life on Campus" and "Saint Dietrich Bonhoeffer," respectively. Brochures have gone out and we're waiting for responses as this goes to press. Have you returned yours?

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH...

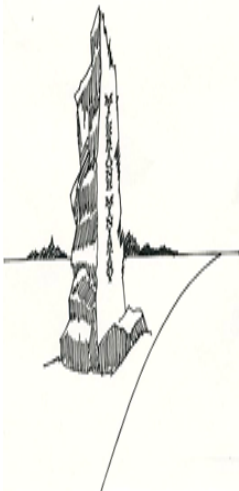
...next meets Sunday, January 10, at 10:30, in the chapel. Children's monetary donations this month go toward our milestone ministry on this anniversary of the Baptism of our Lord. See you in the chapel on January 10!



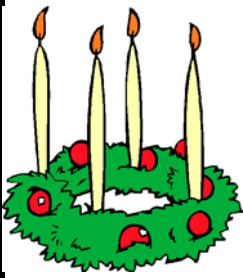
PASSING ON FAITH

Remembrance of Baptism/Faith Chest Milestone

January 10 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, Asher and John will receive their Faith Chests and the occasion will be marked by a light lunch for this celebration!



RECAP of ADVENT ACTIVITIES



Advent Wreath-making

Almost three 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 arborvitae; ribbon and berry sprigs; small ornaments and, of course, candles.

Kids' Night Out: Though few in number, the kids and teens were great on enthusiasm! They enjoyed dinner together, made pine cone bird feeders, painted ornaments, hand-made Christmas cards, baked and decorated cookies for our shut-ins, and snacked on their personal, self-styled cookies and drank hot chocolate while watching a Christmas movie!



They also decorated the Fellowship Hall Christmas tree!

Cookie Baking: We produced 81 dozen cookies (including the ones the kids made)!

The able-bodied crew of Chele, Janet, Sara, Connie, Karen, Gladys...and even



Roxie, with cast on arm! Donna wasn't able to join us and made her pizelles the night before. Together, we filled 29 boxes/plates to take along caroling the next day!

Caroling: Almost 30 carolers sat down to a nice lunch of chicken rice soup, chicken salad, pear sauce, crackers, and cookies before they set out to take the cheer of



Christmas to those of our church family who are unable to join us for the festivities of the season.

FINALS WEEK SURVIVAL KITS

Thanks so much to all those who contributed to this service! The boxes were gratefully received by our young adults in town or away at college and were greatly appreciated! The students of United Campus Ministry at Penn College also welcomed the bags we made up for them!



Dear St. Mark's

Thank you very much for the food donations in the college box.

Thanks, Devin

Thank you very much for the snacks for finals, they were greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Corey Hopes

PLEASE READ (REALLY, EVERYONE NEEDS TO READ THIS!)

We are blessed at St. Mark's with a group of individuals who, when they are asked if they can lend a hand, respond with, "What time do you need me?" No matter how busy they are, they make time to help—no matter what it is or for how long it's going to last. As they get older, they are more involved with extra-curricular activities, with school projects, with out-of-school commitments, and are reaching the point at home where they are capable of assisting more there.

As you may have guessed, I'm talking about our youth and young adults. I sometimes think our congregation, for the most part, has no idea how much the teens and young adults actually do around the church. From lifting and carrying, to cooking, to serving, to leading, to teaching the littles, to substituting for friends, to lending their time and talent more than any other single group in our congregation...truly as much as their parents allow them to do.

Please, as we begin this new year, take the time to stop them and thank them for their service. Also, stop their parents and thank them for raising such great kids!

Thank you, Bernadette

IRON CHEF 2016



On March 6, 2016, we will host the seventh annual Iron Chef Williamsport competition, one of the largest fundraisers for Family Promise!

You can join our team, too!

How? By:

- Tell your friends and neighbors
- Pray for the volunteers and for those who need Family Promise
- Stuff envelopes
- Hang posters in places you frequent in the course of your days
- Hand out flyers at your clubs or civic organizations
- Make phone calls from the comfort of your home

It takes much more than kitchen work to make this event successful. Iron Chef Williamsport is one of the better ways we have of going outside the four walls of St. Mark's, involving the community, and providing for those less fortunate than we.

So, what can you do?



Calling St. Mark's Bakers!!



Mom taught me everything I know about baking...she was a great roll model!

*It's that time of year, again!
Yes it's time to don our aprons, roll up our sleeves and fling some flour!*

Our annual bread baking takes place on Saturday, January 2, 2016. We will start at 10:00 a.m. ... plan on staying for lunch!

ACOLYTE TRAINING!

The acolyte training and refresher session is on January 17th immediately following the 10:30 service! Please stay in the Nave after church and we'll start right there! 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.



Thank You!

We wish to thank all those who have helped and supported us during the past year. Knowing that you're there if we need you is so very much appreciated.

Your ideas and assistance are a true blessing for St. Mark's and the Youth & Family Ministry.

We wish you all a blessed and safe New Year.

Yours in Christ's service,

Michele Owen & Bernadette Jones

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>canned meats</i> | <i>pop tarts</i> |
| <i>jello pudding</i> | <i>peanut butter</i> |
| <i>canned fruit</i> | <i>saltines</i> |
| <i>graham crackers</i> | <i>inst. potatoes</i> |
| <i>hamburger helper</i> | |

Hours are: MONDAY
9:30 - Noon for
donations



TUESDAY/THURSDAY 10:00-3:00
for clients: by appointment only

*The pantry will be closed
between the holidays.*

570-322-1657

*Located at the rear of
320 Park Ave. in the Msgr.
Castellano Center.*

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!

- 1/6- J. Morris Smith, TH.D., Shepherd of the Streets,
"The Epiphany"
- 1/13- The Rev. Cynthia Dallas-Kirk, Pastor, Bethel African
Methodist Episcopal Church, Williamsport,
- 1/20- The Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity, Rev. Gwen
Bernstine, United Churches, "Called To Proclaim The
Mighty Acts of the Lord."
- 1/27- Mrs. Pat Wittig, Mrs. Barbara Allen and Mrs. Velna
Grimes, Church Women United Ecumenical Action,
"Reaching out to Nursing Home Residents"



Our 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!

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT!

January 24, 6:00 pm

Spread the word—hope to see you there!!



Ongoing Collections



We are still collecting stamps and they can be placed in the basket in the narthex. The stamps are used in various activities for those in rehabilitation and physical therapy.

Tags are collected all year round and are donated to the Ronald McDonald House which helps with their cost of maintenance, electricity, etc. Tags can be dropped off in the narthex or in the clear container in Fellowship Hall.



News From the Pews

We are drawing near the end of 2015 and soon will be writing 2016 on all of our checks and papers – I barely got used to 2015 and now it is almost over!

Several of our young persons attained the honor roll status – at Loyalsock Township High School Taylor Wentzel, ninth grader and Grace Schreckengast in tenth grade were named to the high honor roll. James Newcomer in grade 11 at the Williamsport Area High School attained the high honor roll and at the Williamsport Middle School Sean Jensen in seventh grade and Hannah Hausmann in eighth grade also were named to the high honor roll.

Laura & Anna Ziegler have been spotted around the area making beautiful music with Williamsport's Strolling Strings, and the week before Christmas they sang with the "Millionaire Singers" for guests at the White House!

We are all very proud of Gracie Schreckengast who was a member of the Loyalsock Lady Lancer Soccer Team. The team played Trinity in the state finals and ended in second place. Gracie's coach had this to say about her "I think a lot with Grace is just mental. She just gets strong mentally. A lot of times that's a key to goal keeping because there's a long period of time she may not see the ball, so she's got to keep herself focused and mentally strong so she's there for the team. She knows she has 10 good players in front of her that will

defend but here and there will be a mishap and she's been there to back them up!" How impressive, and there is always next year to look forward to.

I will close with two different stories which may give you a chuckle - in 1965 there was an alleged panther prowling around Bobst Mountain and an intrepid group of hunters went out to kill it and get the \$300 in rewards that had been posted. They called it "the critter". One hunter known to us as our own Frank Pile was with another hunter friend who actually donned a cougar skin to surprise his luncheon companions! No word that the critter was caught and may still be roaming to woods on Bobst Mountain!

And this past Thanksgiving Day we had the pleasure of dining with Pastor and Donna Elkin. Donna was telling stories about her trip to Spain and mentioned that she had visited a "topless bar" – I listened a while and finally asked how she enjoyed eating in the presence of unclothed waiters – she laughed and said it was a tapas bar – in my defense, two others present heard the same thing.

That is the wrap up for 2015 and I wish all of you a blessed Christmas and look forward to hearing your tales in 2016!

Joyce S. Hershberger

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

Another Thank You

Words cannot express how much I have appreciated the abundant kindness shown to me by the members of our congregation & staff, since I have begun serving as Parish Secretary. As I continue to learn the many aspects of the position, I look forward to continuing to serve God and all of you to the best of my ability.

Wishing You God's Blessings Now & Throughout the New Year!

Laura Schreckengast

Special Concerns List

Patricia Alexander

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Edith Anderson

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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Montoursville, PA 17754

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Home - Room 547
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Hugh Byerly

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Williamsport, PA 17701

Art Decker

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Larue Dieter

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Montoursville, PA 17754

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Elizabeth Ruesskamp

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Robert Swartz

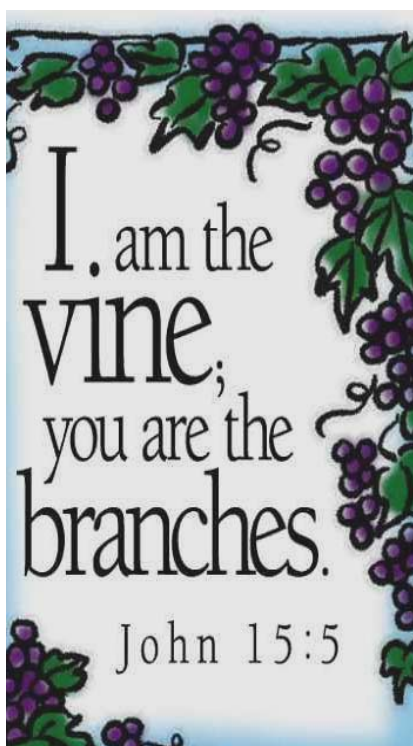
1522 Country Club Lane
Williamsport, PA 17701

Henrietta Tyson

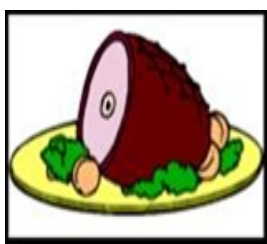
Valley View Nursing Ctr.
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2140 Warrensville Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

Elda Zeigler

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



LUNCH 'n FELLOWSHIP



Wednesday, January 20th at Noon

In January, it's time to HAM it up! Cook up an idea for a side dish and join us! If weather might interfere with getting out of the house, please call the church for a ride!

Happy Birthday!

1/01 Shelby Weber
 1/02 Cecil Calvert
 1/02 Ashley Ciesielski
 1/02 Jeremy Hinds
 1/03 Charlotte Hughes
 1/04 Gregory Calvert
 1/04 James Newcomer Sr.
 1/06 Mary Lou Doeblner
 1/08 Shirley Dieffenbach
 1/10 Susan Baker
 1/10 Andrew Zeigler
 1/10 Peter Zeigler
 1/10 Toby Zimmerman
 1/11 Suzanne Hutchins
 1/12 Kathy Kolb
 1/13 Jackie Kinney

1/14 Riley Weber
 1/15 Laura Zeigler
 1/15 Anna Zeigler
 1/16 Lee Doane
 1/17 Donna Boston
 1/17 Nathan Kimble
 1/17 Ruth Lamade

1/23 Christina MacGill
 1/23 Tara Thorne
 1/25 Walter Doeblner
 1/26 Bonnie Eyer
 1/26 David Heaps
 1/26 Marc Kinney
 1/27 Ruth Burkholder
 1/27 Dustin Kimble
 1/28 Sean Buckman
 1/28 Kristopher Caster
 1/29 Zachary Jarrett
 1/30 Linda DeSeau
 1/30 Devin Owen
 1/30 Travis Thorne
 1/31 Kathleen Caster



1/17 Ruth Rees
 1/21 Herbert Poff
 1/22 Elizabeth Ruesskamp
 1/23 Scarlett Lynch

From the Women of St. Mark's

Thanks go to everyone in St. Mark's who supported our fall projects. We were able to send 88 quilts, 42 School Kits, 9 Personal Care Kits, 7 Baby Care Kits, 5 Fabric Kits, plus \$372.00 to purchase blankets, to Lutheran World Relief. Our fall bazaar brought in a profit of \$1,446.91, which will be divided between worthy charities located in our community as well as outside our area. The care you have shown by donating material goods or money will help suffering people both locally and globally.



Our quilting program has had a slow-down due to illnesses. If you are interested in machine stitching at home or joining our Wednesday morning group at church, the coffee pot is on. Also, as always, large pieces of fabric donations are welcome.

An IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Wednesday, January 20th, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss necessary revisions to our outgoing charity donations. Opinions and suggestions will be considered. All women who are members of St. Mark's are welcome and urged to attend. Come and stay for Lunch and Fellowship.

St. Mark's JANUARY Calendar of Events

Friday January 1, 2016
New Year's Day



Sat January 2, 2016
 10:00am Annual Bread
 Baking

Sun January 3, 2016
Christmas 2

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion
 6:00pm Council/Staff Celebration

Mon January 4, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Civic Chorus
 7:30pm Bell Choir



Tue January 5, 2016

8:00am City Pastors
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed January 6, 2016

Epiphany

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting

Thu January 7, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Choir

Fri January 8, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat January 9, 2016

9:00am 15th Annual Catechetical Retreat
 10:00am 2nd Saturday

Sun January 10, 2016

Baptism of Our Lord

8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion
 10:30am Faith Chests
 10:30am Children's Church
 12:00pm The Way



Mon January 11, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Civic Chorus
 7:30pm Bell Choir

Tue January 12, 2016

Lion Article Deadline

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed January 13, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting

Thu January 14, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal
 7:00pm Choir

Fri January 15, 2016

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

Sat January 16, 2016

Snow Date for Retreat



JANUARY Calendar of Events continued

Sun January 17, 2016
Epiphany 2
Confession of St. Peter
 8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion
 6:00pm Confirmands Mtg./Meal

Mon January 18, 2016
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm Civic Chorus Board
 6:30pm Council Mtg.
 7:00pm Civic Chorus
 7:30pm Bell Choir

Tue January 19, 2016
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed January 20, 2016
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
 10:00am Women of St. Mark's
 12:00pm Lunch N' Fellowship

Thu January 21, 2016
 6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am Steven Ministry
 4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop Off
 6:30pm Steven Ministry
 7:00pm Choir

Fri January 22, 2016
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat January 23, 2016
 9:00am Daniel's Closet Clothing Giveaway



Sun January 24, 2016
Epiphany 3
 8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion
11:45am Acolyte Training
 12:00pm The Way
 6:00pm Teen Movie Night



Mon January 25, 2016
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Civic Chorus
 7:30pm Bell Choir

Tue January 26, 2016
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm LSM

Wed January 27, 2016
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting

Thu January 28, 2016
 6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am Stephen Ministry
 7:00pm Choir



Fri January 29, 2016
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun January 31, 2016
Epiphany 4
 8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Holy Communion

