



The Lion of St. Mark's

AUGUST 2016

CELEBration!

Christian Education: Learning & Encouraging the BIBLE

Please join us as we gather to celebrate our congregation—young and old alike! The Food Service Committee is planning some yummy treats for a light breakfast; the Christian Education Committee is organizing games and contests for all ages; and we all hope you'll come to share a morning of fellowship and fun! There will be a display of all the opportunities available to learn more about God, our faith, and ourselves.

So, Sunday, September 11, at 9:15, bring a friend, pull up a chair, and enjoy the food, company and contests. EVERYONE is welcome. We'd appreciate it if you could call or email to let us know you are coming, but that is not necessary to participate. We just want to see your smiling faces at our CELEBration!



TEACHER TRAINING: Our teacher training (orientation) for the 2016-2017 Sunday School year for Pre-K through 5th grade teachers is on **Sunday, Sept. 4th, at 9:15 a.m.**, in the Crossways room. This year we are using "Whirl" curriculum through Sparkhouse. Curriculum will be available to view, please come if you are teaching or are interested in teaching and have any questions. Refreshments will be served!!

If you are hesitant about teaching (see pg. 8), but interested in learning more about our program, please, come to see what it's all about.

ST. MARK'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM:

On **Sundays** (beginning Sept. 18) at 9:15 a.m.: *Pre-K through 5th grade* (lectionary-based curriculum), *Middle School* (catechetical studies, i.e., learning about our faith, the growth of the church, sacraments...) *High School* (discussion group focused on the intersection of scripture and everyday life) *Middle Lounge for adults* (discussion group using various sources) *Crossways Room for adults* (Scripture-based studies with Pr. Elkin)
...and, once a month, September—May, our evening *Confirmation* meetings.

Weekdays: *Bible Study* on Wednesday evenings, beginning Aug. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Grumpy Men's Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 6:31 a.m.

Lutheran Shared Ministry's School of Religion (October only), Wednesdays, 1:30—3:30 p.m.

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Council Notes

The congregation Council met in regular session on June 25, 2016 the Council:

- Received the regular reports of the Pastor, officers, and committees.*
- Approved the request for letter of transfer for Brittany Lynch (Jonathan and Scarlett) to Zion Church, Turbotville.*
- Affirmed the goals proposed by the committees for the present year.*
- Waited with interest to hear from Reddemer Church concerning future plans.*
- Noted that there will not be a regular meeting in July; next meeting August 15, 2016.*

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Parish Register

- Pastor Elkin officiated at the funeral for Shuman Miller on July 11, 2016 at Redeemer Church, with burial in Montoursville Cemetery.*
- Pastor Elkin officiated at the funeral for Mary Ditchfield on July 18, 2016 in St. Mark's nave.*
- Pastor Elkin presided at the funeral for Larry Bair on July 25, 2016 in St. Mark's nave with burial in Wildwood Cemetery.*

Our Community Celebrated!



Celebrating Independence Day with St. Mark's

Originally written by Gary Weber for our web site and updated here for your enjoyment.

An Independence Day tradition continues. St. Mark's again hosted a front lawn party on July 4, as part of a city-wide celebration of Independence Day. Everyone who passed the church was offered free food, drink and trinkets by one of many volunteers stationed along the street.

The word on the street appears to be that St. Mark's is the place to be on Independence Day, even in the rain! Church volunteers were busy setting up tables and then manning those tables, the popcorn machine and the grill from 4:30 until dark when it was then time for the fireworks.

How much did the revelers consume.....

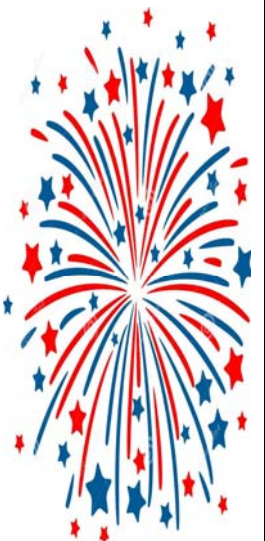
- **Hundreds of bottles of water and more than 160 cans of soda**
- **Gallons of lemonade and ice tea**
- **210 packages of salty snacks**
- **Pounds and pounds of candy and fruit snacks**
- **350 bags of popcorn**
- **350 hot dogs (maybe more because folks would ask for one without a bun)**

Our organist Jungwha Kim, with assistance from several congregation members, presented a patriotic program in our nave with more than 130 people enjoying the presentation and participating in singing along. Nick Buckman brought in sound equipment to broadcast the radio simulcast to the crowd outside during the fireworks.

People donated \$265.00 to St. Anthony's Center.

Thanks to the Pepsi Bottling Company of Williamsport for donating cases of soda and water and to Sam's Club for donating snacks and corn popping supplies. Thanks also to Church Council and the congregation for financially supporting the event and donating additional supplies. To the many volunteers who served before, during and after the event the Outreach Committee cannot thank you enough. A special thank you to Grace and Ron Arner for the many patriotic t-shirts they donated to the congregation.

Our front lawn celebration was a wonderful outreach to all as we celebrated God, country and community on this historic day.



Kits for victims of Disaster & Poverty

Bags for this year's School Kits will be available in the Narthex.

Please take one (or more) and fill it during the summer with the school supplies listed below.

School supplies are beginning to go on sale now.

You can make a difference in the lives of children in impoverished schools or refugee camps.

Other types of kits are also being requested.

You can make up a Personal Care Kit, a Baby Care Kit, or a Fabric Kit.

Items needed for these kits are also listed on handout sheets in the Narthex.

Soap bars (in the original wrappings) can also be donated.

All kits and soap bars are due by September 15th.

Give to others what God has given to you.



School Kit

4 - 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½" (no loose-leaf paper)

- 1 - 30-centimeter ruler, or with centimeters and inches
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2½" eraser
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new & in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close.



Personal Care Kit

1 light-weight bath-size towel (max. 52" X 27"), dark color

- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, wrapped
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers - remove packaging

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

Fabric Kit



2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

2 spools of neutral-colored all purpose thread, 250-300 yards

Fabric should have no stains or holes. Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern. Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon or a strip of fabric.

Layette Kit



- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts
- 2 long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- 2 bars of gentle soap (4-5 oz bars)
- 1 hand towel, dark color wrapped
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) or new. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

Thank You!

Dear Friends at St. Mark's
Thank You for all the flowers,
food, visits, transportation,
and prayers that were shared
with me during my
"unfortunate accident" last
fall.



Thanks especially to Pastor for all
the care and thoughtfulness you
showed.

Gladys Knauss

From the Staff:

Thank You to Bob Campbell for the generous donation of colored copy paper — it has already, and will continue to be greatly appreciated!

Dear Pastor Elkin and St. Mark's Family,
Words cannot express my thanks to
Pastor for his comfort, through God's
words, to my father, Shuman Miller, his
wife Carol and his children and grand-
children. Your presence and guidance
preceding and following my father's
death brought needed solace to us all.

To my church family, please know
the many cards, phone calls, prayers,
food, presence at his service and
memorial contributions are a comfort to
us during this very difficult time. Your
thoughtfulness and kindness will be
forever remembered.

Becky Miller Pryor

Of Note...

EVENING BIBLE STUDY:

Many members have told us that if Bible study were in the evening, they'd be able to attend. So, this August beginning on Wednesday the 10th, our weekly meeting is at 6:30 PM. We are working our way through the psalms and always enjoy a lively discussion. So, if you are one of those who have more time in the evening, please join us!

If August is just a bad month for you, schedule-wise, please call and let us know of your interest in continuing to meet at this time.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK:

Gaspice Theatre Company is at it again...this year with Shakespeare's "As You Like It." Nick Buckman and Bernadette Jones have mirrored roles in the bard's comedy: Nick as the fool jester and Bernadette as the melancholy fool. The performances are Friday, August 5, in Sunbury; Saturday, August 6, in Milton; and Sunday, August 7, at Hufnagel Park in Lewisburg. All performances are at 7:30.

Upcoming Concert

Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 3 p.m.
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church

JOINT RECITAL

Dr. Youngsuck Kim ~ Tenor, Karen Boone ~ Clarinet,
 Jungwha Kim ~ Organ

Bach Cantatas for Tenor, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Vierne
Refreshments will follow.

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING:

begins on August 21st...
 please contact one of the
 "Team Members" (Deb Maggs, Phil
 Thomas, Vicki Hausmann, Sally Bjornstad, or Donna Elkin) if you can help!



Prayer Chain



When a person or cause needs to be named in prayer, please contact Kathy Kolb at kathy@kolbnetworks.com, and also the church office at stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Laura in the office will take care of listing the person or cause in bulletin and elsewhere, if it is appropriate to do so. Kathy will pass the names and causes along to persons who volunteer to serve in the Prayer-Chain.

Please send a note to Kathy to become a Prayer-Chain volunteer. Sometimes we can help one another with physical assistance, but every time we can help one another with prayer.

Staff Office Hours

570-323-4619

Sexton: Lou DeSeau, Sun--Thurs 5:30 AM-1 PM

Parish Musician: Jungwha Kim
Sun.6:30-12, Mon - Wed 6:30-10:30

Financial Secretary: Graydon Yearick
Mon & Wed 8-11 AM

Youth & Family: Bernadette Jones
Tue.10-3 PM, Wed.9:20-2 PM, Sun 8-1 PM

Youth & Family: Michele Owen
Wed, 9-2 PM, Fri.11-2 PM

Secretary: Laura Schreckengast Mon-Fri 9-1 PM

Youth Exchange and Study Program

Peace-making is hard and often uncomfortable work. We often despair of being able to do anything that will make a difference. Perhaps Y.E.S. is something that a family could consider, something that might make a profound difference in a number of persons. The Youth Exchange and Study program was established by Congress in 2002 to provide scholarships for students from countries with significant Muslim populations. Through this person-to-person exchange, Y.E.S. Students can learn about American society and values, acquire leadership skills, and help us to learn about their home countries and cultures. Is your home the right spot to engage this adventure?

Arthur Erickson, a young adult member of St. Michael's Church, would be delighted to explain the program in detail. Contact him at arthurerickson89@gmail.com, or 570.692.1998. Flyers are posted in the office hallway bulletin board.

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.

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

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, SEPTEMBER 27th at 6:00 p.m., in our Middle Lounge.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO:



**Church Council ...WEDNESDAY
August 10th**



**NewsletterFRIDAY,
August 12th**

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



70+, SINGLE, AND STILL PRAISING GOD!

The Christian life is marked by milestones all along the way.

We experience God's grace in so many ways and are delighted to celebrate its appearance among us. As we grow in years, our faith becomes stronger and more integral in our lives—not marked by a series of events, but a constant presence.

It seems good to recognize that the milestones do not diminish with time or age, so that it is significant also to mark the years of life in Christ. Those we honor on August 7, have achieved a very special status ~ they have lived out the joys and sorrows of life for seventy years and more.

Summer Forum Film Series

The Bible study based on the film "WOODLAWN" continues into August. In light of the tensions in our current society, the film and our study related to it is very relevant.

For those who have not yet seen "WOODLAWN," Bernadette will be happy to set it up to be viewed any weekday during office hours.

On Sunday, August 28 (the last day of Forum) we will show the film, "RISEN," in it's entirety. The film speaks for itself, but discussion will be enjoyed by anybody who wishes to stay. Snacks will be served so we don't miss lunch too badly!



From my vantage point at the end of the row in the choir loft I have a unique position to see the reactions of members of the congregation at a special time – it is wonderful to see

the pride reflected on the faces of parents as one of their children receives special recognition. I saw the pride, with a mixture of concern, reflected on the faces of the Schreckengast and Weber families as they watched Jacob and Stefan receive the key ring symbolizing their become licensed drivers. What a wonderful time to have an extra driver to help at home but also a worry –the roads are so dangerous. But with a leap of faith we watch as our children take one more step toward adulthood!

Jacob had another milestone as he graduated from Loyalsock High School and prepares to enter the service and train as a medical corpsman. At graduation he was awarded the Libby Kiessling Memorial Elementary PTO award given to a student who displays special character, scholarship and service. Good work, Jacob!

Cindy Hartzel had a double reason to be proud recently when grandson, Gabe Nichols was part of the Fins, Furs, Feathers and Friends Division 1 team competing in the World Final Tournament of Odyssey of the Mind and Gabe's mother, April was one of the coaches!

Sean Jensen and Hannah Haussmann were again named to the Honor Roll at the Williamsport Area Middle School and Ben Haussmann received the same recognition at the Williamsport Area High School.

Sean's parents, Pam and Mike, were justly proud when Sean was named the most promising basketball player at his summer camp at Loyalsock!

In the somewhat older set Dr. Carl and Audrey Albright enjoyed a special trip to Australia and New Zealand to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Audrey says the people they met as they stayed at various bed and breakfasts were the highlight of the trip.

And last of all caught a glimpse of Wanda Fortin as a part of the mortgage services team at Jersey Shore State Bank - the team were honored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for its outstanding achievement as a premier rural development lender in the state of Pennsylvania. Great work!

Lots of happy news that I am delighted to share!

– Joyce Hershberger

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Who me? "I can't teach Sunday School. I don't know enough." If I had a nickel for every time I've heard that.....heck, if I had a dime for every time I've *said* it, I'd treat everyone to pizza!!!

When I first joined St. Mark's and my children were small, I was asked to volunteer to teach Sunday School. The first few times, I declined: I was new to the faith, I didn't want to misspeak, I didn't want to look foolish. Then, the third time, I thought, *Well, I can teach pre-school. How hard can that be?*

A couple years later, I was asked to teach the drama rotation when we tried the round-robin method of instruction. Aha! Drama I knew!! Just tell the stories with hand puppets, or act it out, and let the other stations take care of the "rough" questions! I can do this!!

I was still extremely unsure of myself when it came to the Word and theology. You know what? I still am.

Nobody ever "knows enough." I'll be learning about my faith 'til the day I die—and then probably find out I had only a miniscule portion correct!! But, you know what? If you wait until you reach that unknown level of knowledge, you miss out on an incredi-

ble time with our children here in our church family of St. Mark's.

To this day, when I walk in to a catechetical meeting or the middle school classroom, I'm petrified that I will let the students down or disappoint Pastor and all of you. But the fact that I'm there, that I'm interested in all of them, that I care means a lot to these kids. And, yes, there are times that I have had to say, "I don't know," to our youth or mentors. But, I've discovered that that's okay. I go look it up or ask someone more knowledgeable...or, even more fun, we try to figure it out together.

And that in itself is a lesson to our youth. We never stop learning. We never know it all. Our Sunday School education doesn't magically end when we are confirmed. At that point, we assume the responsibility for our own path to Christ and part of that is sharing our journey with others.

Sunday School instruction is one of the most valuable and rewarding ministries of St. Mark's: creating the foundation on which the church can grow in years to come. Please search your hearts, talk to those who are already involved and call Michele or me today to volunteer. In Christ's service, *Bernadette*

Acolytes for August

August 7	Ezra & Gillian
August 14	Dawson & Sean
August 21	Taylor & Sadie
August 28	Annika & Makensi

CONFIRMATION

LOOK FOR LETTERS
COMING OUT SOON!
CONFIRMATION MEETINGS
WILL BEGIN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18!

YOUTH LOCK-IN!

THE THEME: "Chronicles of Narnia."

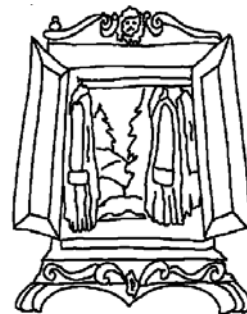
THE DAYS: Friday, August 5, through
Saturday, August 6.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- a movie (Narnia)
- a Bible study
- a scavenger hunt
- a service project
- food (of course)

dinner & breakfast are
provided; everyone
brings a
snack to share

**KEEP AN EYE ON THE
BULLETIN FOR MORE
DETAILS!!!**



OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

Daniel's Closet



Back-To-School is almost here and so is the need for school/fall clothing in good condition. Fall accessories and shoes in all sizes from infant to adult are also needed. The greatest needs are for children's clothing, clothing for men and shoes and sneakers for children and adults. Hygiene items are also accepted.

August's outreach is scheduled as follows:

- Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church will be Thursday, August 25, 2016 from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm.
- Michele Owen has graciously offered to take any clothing brought to St. Mark's to Redeemer.
- If you are placing clothing in the Bazaar Room, please place it on the stack of tables near the doorway so it does not become confused with items for the Bazaar.

Distribution will be Saturday, August 27, 2016
from 9:00 am – 11:00am.

The Bazaar Room is FULL but we still need your stuff!



If you are finding items you no longer need, the Women of St. Mark's will gladly accept them for their Fall Bazaar. Although the Bazaar Room is full and we are placing items near that door, **starting Sunday, August 7, 2016** your donations of holiday decorations, housewares, toys in good condition and other treasures you no longer need or want **may be placed on the stage.**

Please be sure all donated items are clean, in good condition and working properly.

This year's Fall Bazaar will be Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Contact Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor with questions.

Habitat for Humanity Luncheon



Our second luncheon at the newest Habitat build on Memorial Avenue in Williamsport is Saturday, August 13, 2016. We are providing a picnic style lunch for 15 to 20 volunteers. Speak with or call Becky Miller Pryor (570-971-4585) if you can provide a food item or wish to serve on site.

Monetary donations are also needed to purchase hot dogs and other items needed that day. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's and earmarked for Habitat luncheons. Thank you for any help you can give.

Free Community Supper

All Are Welcome!

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Thursday, August 11th,
5:30 – 6:30 PM



Do you know a family or individual that is food insecure? If so please share that a free community supper is available the second Thursday of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Lunch 'n' Fellowship

Wednesday, August 17 at 12 noon.
Come, join us, and bring a friend!



Happy Birthday!

8/1 Larue Dieter
 8/2 Michele Ramsauer
 8/3 Emily Satifka
 8/3 Matthew Welker
 8/4 Alona Hopler
 8/4 Frank Ulman
 8/5 Creighton MacGill
 8/6 Donna Miller
 8/7 Dorothy Burd
 8/7 Donna Clark
 8/7 Louis Kolb
 8/8 Charles Fortin
 8/8 Audrey Wacker
 8/9 Mary Kimble
 8/10 Susan Newcomer
 8/10 Lynna Robertson
 8/10 Karen Staffini
 8/10 Leigh Travis
 8/11 Gillian Buckman
 8/11 Charles Greevy
 8/12 Marie Byerly
 8/12 Louis DeSeau
 8/12 Meriah Doane



8/12 Ashley Winner
 8/14 Ray Huff
 8/15 Carl Albright
 8/15 Kathleen Dancho
 8/15 Frank Doebler
 8/15 Beverly Hieber

8/16 Robert Swartz
 8/17 Tiffany Jarrett
 8/17 Pamela Travis
 8/18 Stacie Bieber
 8/18 Elizabeth Lewis
 8/19 Sean Clouser
 8/20 Lawrence Lehman

8/21 Gregg Dancho
 8/21 Renee Hinds
 8/22 Steve Eyer
 8/22 Andrew Kneedler
 8/22 Janelle Lukens
 8/23 Kay Poliska
 8/23 Daniel Zeigler
 8/24 Janet Jones
 8/26 Nathan Clouser
 8/27 Andrea Gregory
 8/28 Galen Davenport Jr.
 8/28 Jonah Schreckengast
 8/28 Amanda Weaver
 8/29 Evan Doebler
 8/29 Shirley Kinney
 8/29 Ashton Ott
 8/30 Lorraine Barone
 8/30 Vanessa Morgan
 8/30 Lou Ann Zeigler
 8/31 Carl Smollinger
 8/31 Melinda Wentzel
 8/31 Bobbie Yetsko

Happy Anniversary!

8/1 Ernest & Nancy Larson
 8/2 Ronald & Donna Baker
 8/3 David & Tracey Heaps
 8/6 Raymond & Mary Ann Stiller
 8/6 Carl & Lucille Weaver
 8/7 Bryan & Karen Pelleschi
 8/9 Fred & Patricia Thayer
 8/10 Timothy & Deborah Maggs
 8/10 Kenneth & Laura Schreckengast
 8/14 Kathy & Neil Eshelman



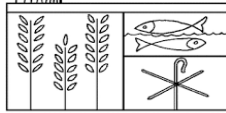
8/14 Edward & Brenda Gair
 8/18 Carl & Beverly Hieber
 8/22 Douglas & Beverly Schmitt
 8/24 Paul & Jane Zimmerer
 8/25 David & Carol Butters
 8/26 Charles & Gloria Greevy
 8/27 Ruth & Leonard Sherlinski
 8/28 Philip & Barbara Thomas
 8/30 Thomas Waffenschmidt
 & Valerie Doebler

United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

- *Hot Dogs (24 Oz.)
- * Cereal
- * Oatmeal
- * Jelly
- * Peanut Butter
- Healthy Snacks
(items most needed)*

YOU give them something to eat. Mt 14:16



- Canned Meats
- Canned Vegies
- Canned Fruits
- Soups
- Pasta/Sauces
- All Condiments

- ◆ Donation hours are: 9:30am - Noon
- ◆ Operation Hours are: Tue. & Thurs.
from 10am - 3pm
Castellano Center: 320 Park Ave.,
Williamsport, PA 570-322-1657

THOUGHTS FROM THE THRESHOLD

By J. Morris Smith Th, D.



Personal Hygiene Items continue to be needed in our Shepherd of the Streets Ministry....Thank you for helping us to reach out in mercy and love as we focus on their health and safety. In the course of a day we may help a senior with their medication, counsel someone that they can't afford to smoke and we can't afford to help, or help with a water bill (we all know this utility has gone up 30%), and provide a set of work clothes so someone can provide a home for themselves and their family.

Each person who comes through our doors may also need some of the hygiene items you send our way. We always need them....

The list follows: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream and razors, shampoo and conditioner, women's hygiene products, towels and wash cloths, tissues and toilet Paper, soap, deodorant combs, baby diapers, baby shampoo, baby oil, baby Q-tips, baby wipes, and baby powder.

DIAL - A - DEVOTION *



Have you called yet?

The number is 570-322-5762.
It's available 24 hours a day.

Devotions are three minutes or less, change weekdays and

once on the weekend, and are designed to lift your spirits and help you to have "A Closer Walk with God."

The devotionalists this summer include:

- 8/1 - 8/7 Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens
- 8/8 - 8/14 Patty Gohrs
- 8/15 - 8/21 Rev. Gwen Bernstine
- 8/22 - 8/28 Michelle Lozensky
- 8/29 - 9/4 Pastor Dorothy Anderson
- 9/5 - 9/11 Pat Jenkins
- 9/12 - 9/ 8 Derek Smith

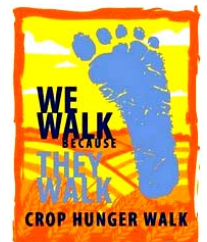
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Mark these 2016 Dates on Your Calendar:



- * **Sixth Annual Golf Tournament** on Friday, September 23, at White Deer at 8:45 a.m.

- * **CROP Walk** - Sunday, October 9, 1:30 p.m. along the River Walk, beginning at St. Mark's, Wmspt.



- **United Churches Assembly:** Thursday, Nov. 17 at First United Methodist Church, Muncy, 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting.



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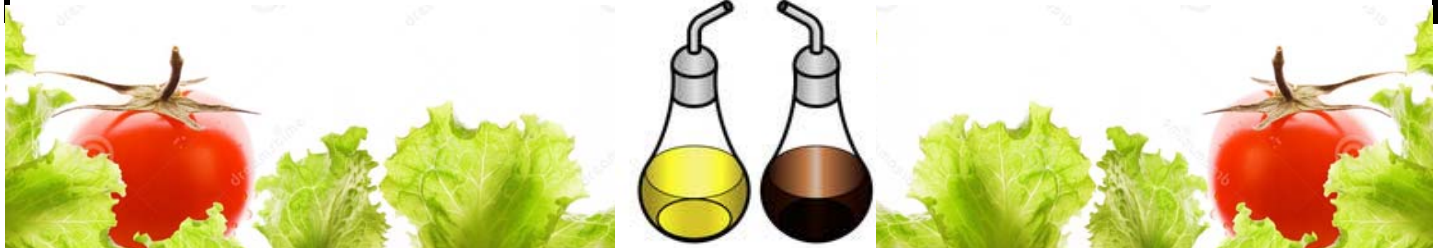
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SECOND SATURDAY

On Saturday, August 13th at 10am, we will be
creating salad dressings!

Contact Janet Jones at (570)772-1184 or just come on
down to work in our cool kitchen!

2nd
SATURDAY



St. Mark's AUGUST Calendar of Events

Monday August 1, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue August 2, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:45am Bible Study



Wed August 3, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:30am Staff Meeting & Picnic

Thu August 4, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

6:30pm Redeemer Council

Fri August 5, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

10:30am Christian Ed. Meeting

8:00pm Lock-In begins

Sat August 6, 2016

11:59am Lock-In ends

Sun August 7, 2016—Pentecost 12

9:30am Holy Communion

10:30am Summer
Forum

11:45am 70+...

Praising God Luncheon



Mon August 8, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue August 9, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

11:00am Little Lambs Liaison

Tue August 9 - continued

6:30pm Stephen Ministry

Wed August 10, 2016

Council Agenda Due

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Staff Meeting

6:30pm Bible Study



Thu August 11, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal

Fri August 12, 2016

Lion Article Deadline

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat August 13, 2016

10:00am 2nd Saturday

11:00am Habitat Lunch

Sun August 14, 2016—Pentecost 13

9:30am Holy Communion

9:31am Temple Talk - Audrey C.

10:30am Summer Forum

Mon August 15, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:30pm Council Meeting

Tue August 16, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

July Calendar of Events continued

Wed August 17, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting
 12:00pm Lunch 'n'
 Fellowship
 6:30pm Bible Study



Thu August 18, 2016

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

Fri August 19, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun August 21, 2016 — Pentecost 14

Family Promise Hosting Begins

9:30am Holy Communion
 9:31am Temple Talk - Gideon Bible
 10:45am Summer Forum



Mon August 22, 2016

Family Promise Hosting

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue August 23, 2016

Family Promise Hosting

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed August 24, 2016

Family Promise Hosting

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting
 6:30pm Bible Study

Thu August 25, 2016

Family Promise Hosting

6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am Stephen Ministry
 5:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop Off

Fri August 26, 2016

Family Promise Hosting

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

Sat August 27, 2016

Family Promise Hosting

9:00am Daniel's Closet Clothing Giveaway

Sun August 28, 2016 - Pentecost 15

Family Promise Hosting End

9:30am Holy Communion
 9:31am Temple Talk - Gregg D.
 10:45am Summer Forum
 6:00pm Teen Movie Night

Mon August 29, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tue August 30, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed August 31, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting
 6:30pm Bible Study

