



The Lion of St. Mark's

OCTOBER 2016



SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2016 Wednesdays in October, 1:30—3:30 p.m.

LSM's School of Religion has been an annual study time for adults for over 25 years. It currently meets on Wednesday afternoons through the month of October (this year, on Oct. 5, 12, 19, & 26), from 1:30 ~ 3:30, at St. Mark's, 142 Market St.

Listed below are the four course offerings for this year. We hope you find one that appeals to you! To register, please call the office at 570-323-4619 by October 4 to let us know which course offering interests you.

CREATION-CRISIS PREACHING

For lay school of ministry grads and pastors (anyone preaching). We will read, discuss, and take cases studies from Rev. Dr. Leah Schade's book, *Creation – Crisis Preaching* (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2015) during this one-hour class. *NOTE: You must have your own copy of the book, *Creation-Crisis Preaching...Ecology, Theology and the Pulpit*. This may be purchased, prior to Oct. 5th, from Amazon for about \$22 or ordered from Otto's Bookstore in Williamsport, (570) 326-5764. ~ Pr. Elizabeth Aurand, St Luke

CHARLES DICKENS "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

The classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge is a cherished symbol of Christmas and a wonderful story of redemption and hope. This four-week study is contained in one book which includes the entire text of Dickens' enduring tale. The discussions help you understand the story's relevance, not just at Christmas, but all year 'round. This is an insightful intro for those attending LSM's "A Christmas Carol" performance this year.

~ Bernadette Jones, St. Mark's > (There is a charge of \$5.50 for the book used in this course)

WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS

This year's film study series deals with brokenness and healing. Yes, each of the films has a medical backdrop; still, these particular films are not your typical "doctor movies." Each film is complete within itself, but as the series evolves, the nuances of the theme, brokenness and healing, are discovered in surprisingly different contexts, and should lend themselves to some thoughtful conversation. The dates, titles, and lengths of the films follows.

~ Pr. Ted Cockley, St. Matthew

10/5, *Something the Lord Made* (110 minutes)

10/12, *Awakenings* This session will run longer than 2 hours. (122 minutes)

10/19, *Antwone Fisher* (120 minutes)

10/26, *The Twilight of the Gods* (90 minutes)

AWAKENING TO GOD'S CALL TO EARTHKEEPING

This 4-week study is for those who wish to gain a deeper awareness of our connection to creation, to awaken the Spirit's call to better care for it, to see how we can live in relationship between us and God's creation, and to help equip us to find ways to bring this vision to life.

~ Co-leaders: Ned Coates, St. Luke, & Mike Ochs, St. Mark's

1. Rediscovering Our Place in Creation
2. God's Presence Fills All Creation
3. Biblical Foundations for Earthkeeping
4. Creation Waits with Eager Longing!

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Council Notes

The Congregation Council met On Sunday, September 25th, and Monday September 26, after publication of this month's "Lion".

Notes from these meetings will be in next month's newsletter.

Help Needed

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. –



1 Peter 4:10

As you are looking for a way to help others, please consider a ministry that would serve those of us who are unable to attend worship. Please prayerfully consider using the church's equipment to record the weekly worship service. It is not a difficult job, but needs careful attention to details. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Lou DeSeau, who will show you how to accomplish the task.

Kathy Eshelman for the

Mutual Ministry Committee

2nd Saturday

October 8th - 10 a.m.



For this month's activity, we will be baking COOKIES to share with shut-ins. We really hope you can join in the fun and fellowship!

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO:



*Church Council...Monday
OCT. 10th*



*Wednesday,
Newsletter OCT. 12th*

Parish Register

Sean Jensen and Dylan Ott completed the requirements and were approved by the Congregation Council for the rite of Affirmation of Baptism – Confirmation which was held on September 18, 2015 with Pastor Elkin as officiant.

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

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

Parish Musician: Jungwha Kim

Sun.6:30AM-12noon, Mon-Wed 6:30-10:30AM

Financial Secretary: Graydon Yearick

Mon & Wed 8AM-11 AM

Youth & Family: Bernadette Jones

Tue.10AM-3 PM, Wed.9:20AM-2 PM, Sun 8AM-1PM

Youth & Family: Michele Owen

Wed, 9AM-2 PM, Fri.11AM-2 PM

Secretary: Laura Schreckengast Mon-Fri 9AM-1 PM

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, NOVEMBER 22nd at 6:00 p.m., at St. Luke's.

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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



The Christian Education Committee's CELEBration! was a hit! After a quick, light breakfast, the fun began for the 50+ people attending! Children (and some teens) went out to the courtyard for face painting and games, for which they could win tickets that could be combined to "purchase" prizes! For adults (and one teen) there was a Bible trivia game. About 12 players participated—the winners had first choice from a grab-bag of prizes.

On the tables, examples of the elementary, middle school, and adult curriculums were displayed for perusing.

If you missed it this year, please join us next September for our CELEBration!

Hello Youth of St. Mark's,

I have an incredible update about your gift to Heifer! It's almost time for the family who received your chicks to fulfill their promise to Pass on the Gift.



This means the first female offspring of your chicks will be given to another family in need. It's a transformative moment and a huge indicator of success, effectively doubling the impact of your original investment.

But it's more than that. Passing on the Gift® marks the moment when the recipient of your original gift transforms from a beneficiary to a donor — changing their community one animal at a time and joining us in the fight against poverty and hunger .

Thank you again for all that you do to create positive, lasting change for families worldwide.

With continued gratitude,

Pierre Ferrari

President and CEO Heifer International

Project Heifer is an ongoing mission project of the youth of St. Mark's.



ACOLYTES

OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

- October 2 Ezra & Gillian
- October 9 Hannah & Grace
- October 16 Jonah & Dawson
- October 23 Grace & Hannah
- October 30 Annika & Stefan

Confirmation

BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPT., 16 @ 6:00!

As in the past,
we serve dinner promptly at 6:00,
class begins at 6:30.

Our students are Jonah, Ashton, Owen, Amalie, Elizabeth, and Gabriella.

Confirmation

SEAN JENSEN and DYLAN OTT

were confirmed **SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 2016**
at the 10:30 service!

They successfully finished their two-year course of study and summer Confirmation Camp with Pastor Elkin.

Their mentors were Bud Hershberger and Bob Jones, respectively.

Our thanks go out to these men for their dedication to these boys and the program; thanks also to the parents for their encouragement and participation.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACK-N-WRAP!

WE ARE JOINING FORCES THIS YEAR WITH REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE ANNUAL PACK-N-WRAP!!

On November 13, at noon, we will meet at Redeemer for lunch and the packing of the gift boxes.

As always, this promises to be a fun-filled event. If anyone can help with transferring our stored gift items to Redeemer, please contact Michele or Bernadette.

WASHCLOTHS, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, COMBS, T-SHIRTS, AND FUN STUFF ARE NEEDED FOR THE BOXES!

SUNDAY, October 11,
10:30 a.m.,
in the Chapel,
is our first celebration
of Children's Church
for this year.

The special offerings
that day are monetary
contributions toward our CROP Walk team or
packaged food for Harvest Home.



Children's Church

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.

John Bower Basketball

Who wants to play
basketball?!



Trinity Episcopal (our VBS buddies) will likely have three teams this year: Beginner Pee-Wee, Pee-Wee, and High School.

In order to participate, players need to attend Sunday School at their respective churches 75% of the time. We will provide a letter or sign a form for players confirming that.

To register, please call either Fr. Ken at Trinity (570)322-0126 or Michele Owen here at St. Mark's (570)323-4619.

Confirmation Gifts

It has long been the tradition at St. Mark's that we gift new confirmands with a "trinity" of crosses. In the past, these consisted of a cross from Thrivent, a wooden cross made by the Burkholders, and a stained-glass cross crafted by Ralph Zeigler, Sr.

When Mr. Zeigler was no longer able to keep a work space, a member of the congregation stepped up and has created or purchased crosses for these youth for nine years now.

We are now running out of the wooden crosses made in advance for us by the Burkholders. Is there someone willing to step up to sponsor crosses to maintain the tradition? Thank you in advance.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)



Today there is a chill in the air but the last several days have made it hard to believe fall is almost here – schools have started, church activities have started up and already our young people are busy!

Taylor and Sadie Wentzel and Grace Schreckengast are members of the Loyalsock Marching Band – incidentally I always know when they are on the field because I hear the drums banging away even way up at our house!

Our athletes have started the fall season as well – Evan Barone and Hannah Hausmann are running cross country for Williamsport. Stefan Weber plays on the soccer team and Grace Schreckengast is the goalie again this year for the Loyalsock soccer team.

The Williamsport Marching Millionaires are represented by Ben and Hannah Hausmann – good luck to both schools in the competitions!

Sadie Wentzel continues to be featured as a soloist – she sang the national anthem at a Crosscutters' baseball game and also auditioned and was chosen to sing the national anthem at a Little League World Series game in August-proud parents shared a

little nervousness but as usual Sadie did a great job!

As president of the Lycoming County SPCA I am always impressed by the number of young people who opt to exchange birthday gifts for gifts to the shelter. Last month there were almost three pages of those folks including our own Owen Gair who asked for items for the care of our animals. Good thought, Owen!

Matt Fortin is enjoying his new career as a teacher's aide in Hughesville – quite a change from prisons (we hope)!

Last month I featured recipes for long life from some of our older members – never reached Ed Richner but he must have the secret – he will celebrate 95 years on September 29- wish Ed a happy birthday and ask him what his recipe for longevity is – still looks like a 60 year old!

One pitch – Senior Choir has begun and it is a great opportunity for more of you to help us “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!” I know you would enjoy it and we need you!

Thanks to Vicki Hausman for her tidbits of information – a plea to all of you to keep me in the loop so that we can all know the wonderful things your loved ones do!

– *Joyce Hershberger*

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES STARTING!

On Sunday, October 30, at 4:00, the first class for Communion, in a series of three, will meet in Middle Lounge. Invitations are being sent out to seven youngsters to participate in this important milestone in their faith journey.

The second and third classes will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6, and Sunday, Nov. 13, both at 4:00. This Milestone is scheduled for Christ the King Sunday, November 20.



OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

Daniel's Closet Distribution Day



Saturday, October 22
9:00 am – 11:00 am
Redeemer Lutheran Church

Cooler weather has arrived. Now is the time to donate sweaters, coats, and other cold weather gear that your family is no longer wearing. Please no summer items. Shoes and sneakers in good condition for all family members are always needed. Blankets, throws and afghans are most welcome this time of year.

October's outreach is scheduled as follows.

- Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Thursday, October 22, 2016 from 4:00 pm – 5:30pm.
- Michele Owen continues to drop off items brought to St. Mark's. Thank you Michele.

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

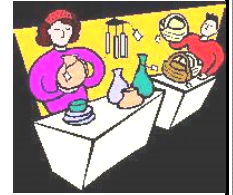
October 9th 2016

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, October 2 or 9. The food will be displayed on Sunday, October 9th 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

The Bazaar Room is OPEN!



To get a jump start on next year's event we have the Bazaar Room cleaned and ready to go for your donations. Please pack your items in smaller boxes for ease of carrying. Place your boxes as far away from the door as possible. Some boxes and newspaper are in the Bazaar Room if you need them.

Newberry Branch of NGA Yard Sale

Saturday, October 22, 2016 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 is certain to be filled with treasures of all kinds and a ginormous amount 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 21st beginning 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.

Free Community Supper

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Thursday, October 13th, 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, October 19th at 12 noon.

Serving LASAGNA!

Come, join
Us!



Bring a
Friend!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE cont'd



BEST Fall Bazaar EVER!

The Women of St. Mark's heartily thank the congregation for their many, many donated items, donations of food for the kitchen, plus their assistance with our annual bazaar. A special thank you is extended to Deb Holmes for securing 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 men and women worked each morning to organize the tables in preparation for the big event. During that time it was determined that we needed Crossways Room to hold all the Christmas items.

On the day of the bazaar Fellowship Hall seemed filled to capacity with shoppers. The kitchen, under the direction of the Second Saturday folks, 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 members and their children assisting with the clean-up. A special thank you is given to Carol Johnson from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pam Jensen and Vicki Haussmann for creating our Christmas Shoppe, Bernadette Jones for her Facebook posts advertising our event, our Second Saturday folks for the tasty lunch, Lou and Linda DeSeau and Pastor Elkin for their invaluable assistance throughout the week. Items not sold at our sale were donated to the Shepherd of the Streets, Daniel's Closet, Newberry Branch of NGA (Needlework Guild of America), Relay for Life/Lancers Against Cancer, Operation Christmas Child, Parish Life at St. Mark's, the local SPCA and the American Rescue Workers.

This year we raised almost \$1,900 with the possibility of more money being donated. These funds will be distributed by the Women of St. Mark's in support of charities both locally and globally.

Trick or Treat for NGA

The Newberry Branch of NGA (Needlework Guild of America) serves needy individuals, primarily children in the Williamsport Area. We have been doing so for 102 years! We provide new clothes, shoes, linens and hygiene products, as requested by participating agencies for use by their clients. Participating agencies include the United Churches of Lycoming County, Shepherd of the Streets, STEP Head Start, STEP Parent-Child Home Program, Salvation Army, Williamsport Area School District, Loyalsock Township School District and Lycoming County Children and Youth.

In 2015, the Newberry Branch of NGA responded to the needs of more than 630 individuals when they came knocking on NGA's door. Please consider assisting us 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, toothbrushes for children and adults, toothpaste, and bottles of dish detergent. 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.



Happy Birthday!

10/5 Stephanie Bieber
 10/6 Caitlin Butters
 10/9 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 Frank & Mary Lou Doebler
 10/09 Lawrence & Norma Lehman



10/16 Tracy & Andrea Gregory
 10/18 Ernest and Marion Larson
 10/26 Louis & Linda DeSeau

NEW Altar Flower Information!

Beginning in January 2017, the price for altar flowers will increase to \$25.00. The florist now bills the church directly, so we have the convenience of giving flower payments to the church, even with our offering if we choose. When writing checks, please write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line.

Also, to cut down on constant phone calling, there will be a book placed in narthex in November for anyone interested in signing up for 2017. If you are interested in sponsoring but are flexible regarding the date, there will also be a list for those willing to fill in when we need to fill in weeks where we might not get two sponsors.

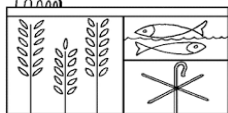
Please contact Sally Bjornstad or the church office with any questions!



United Churches of Lycoming County

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

YOU give them something to eat. Mt 14:16



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|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Cereal | Oatmeal | Tea Bags |
| Coffee (No K-Cups) | Peanut Butter | Jelly |
| Ketchup | Mustard | Soups |
| Pop Tarts | Mac&Cheese | Popcorn |
| Spaghetti Sauce | | Canned Milk |
| Canned Vegetables | | Jello/Pudding |
| Canned Meats | | Stuffing Mixes |
| Ramen Noodles | | Small Rice Bags |
- Canned Fruits (All Types)*

- ◆ Donation hours are: 9:30am - Noon
- ◆ Operation Hours are: Tue. & Thurs. from 10am - 3pm

Castellano Center:
320 Park Ave.
Williamsport, PA
570-322-1657

WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCHES

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and a interesting program! The lunch line opens about 11:45 a.m. and you are always assured of a tasty \$6 lunch, warm ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially.

The parking is free in the Pine Street lot north of the church from 11 to 1:30. No reservations are necessary, but a call to Gwen at the United Churches Office 570-322-1110 if you are not a regular attender will help the caterer know how to prepare.

OCTOBER

5- Betsy Rider, Owner, Otto's Bookstore, **"One Book Lover's Musings on Some Local Books and Her All Time Favorite Books"**

12- Bill & Sarah Kieser, Funeral Directors, Sanders Mortuary, **"Have the Talk of a Lifetime"**

19- Melissa McGargle, Director, Family Promise of Lycoming County, **"Opening New Doors"**

25- Joe Campagna. Jr. Executive Director, Yellow Wolf Advocacy Project, Inc. **"Protecting Basic Legal Rights"**

Plan to attend! Bring a friend! Make new friends!

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/fall are:

- | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| 9/25-10/2 | Rev. Danesta Whaley |
| 10/3-9 | Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens |
| 10/10-16 | Pastor Dorothy Anderson |
| 10/17-23 | Rev. Gwen Bernstine |
| 10/24-30 | Tammy Aichner |
| 10/31-11/6 | Fr. Dan Kovalak |

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!

UPCOMING EVENTS for FALL:

Coalition of United Churches.

- ◆ **Lycoming County Life Chain** - will be held Sunday, October 2, 2016, on the Golden Strip (E. 3rd St.) of Loyalsock Township at 2:30 p.m. Area churches are invited to participate in this peaceful prayer event. This is their 25th year.



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



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



Special Concerns List

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Williamsport, PA 17701

Marie Byerly
Loyalsock Creek -
Rehabilitation & Nursing Home
- Room 547
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Hugh Byerly
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Williamsport, PA 17701

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



Larue Dieter
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Montoursville, PA 17754

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Carl & Lucille Weaver
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Elda Zeigler
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1251 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Soup and Bread Ministry



After a hiatus of several years the Outreach Committee is re-establishing the Soup and Bread Ministry. Committee members will take a container of tasty soup, some rolls and a few cookies to an individual or family in the congregation who is experiencing a significant life event or who may need a visit.

If you know of an individual or family that would benefit from some soup and a visit please speak with a committee member or call the church office with the information.

Church Bulletin Bloopers

(naturally, from other churches!)

- ◆ *The congregation is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.*
- ◆ *Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.*
- ◆ *The third verse of "Blessed Assurance" will be sung without musical accomplishment.*
- ◆ *The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.*
- ◆ *Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.*
- ◆ *The ushers will come forward and take our ties and offerings.*
- ◆ *The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.*
- ◆ *Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.*



OCTOBER Calendar of Events

Saturday October 1, 2016

6:45am Church Art & Architecture Day Trip

Sun October 2 - Pentecost 20 CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Celebration Meal

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

11:45am Celebration Meal

2:30pm Life Chain on Golden Strip



Mon October 3, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue October 4, 2016

8:00am City Pastors Breakfast

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed October 5, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:00am Pack Quilts and Kits

9:20am Quilting

1:15pm Pericope Study

1:30pm LSM's School of Religion

5:30pm Bible Study

Thu October 6, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:30pm Worship and Music Committee

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri October 7, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

10:30am Christian Ed. Committee

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal



Sat October 8, 2016

9:00am AGO Workshop in Danville

10:00am 2nd Saturday

Sat October 8 cont'd

9:00am AGO Workshop in Danville

10:00am 2nd Saturday

1:30pm WEDDING

Sunday October 9 - Pentecost 21 HARVEST HOME

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Children's Church

10:30am Holy Communion

1:00pm Crop Walk

3:00pm Outreach Committee-Pumpkin
Painting for Shut-In gifts



Mon October 10, 2016

Council Agenda Due

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

7:00pm Mutual Ministry Meeting

Tue October 11, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed October 12, 2016

Lion Article Deadline

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting

1:15pm Pericope Study

1:30pm LSM's School of Religion

5:30pm Bible Study

Thu October 13, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:30am Stephen Ministry

5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal

6:30pm Property Committee

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal



Fri October 14, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

OCTOBER Calendar of Events - continued

Sun October 16, 2016

Pentecost 22

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

3:00pm Council Meeting

6:00pm Catechetical Dinner/Meeting



Mon October 17, 2016

(Pastor Leaves for Spain)

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm Civic Chorus Board Meeting

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club

Tue October 18, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed October 19, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Quilting

12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship

1:15pm Pericope Study

1:30pm LSM's School of Religion

5:30pm Bible Study

Thu October 20, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri October 21, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer



Sat October 22, 2016

9:00am Daniel's Closet Clothing Giveaway

Sun October 23, 2016

Pentecost 23

Thankoffering Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion

Sun October 23 cont'd

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

6:00pm Teen Movie Night

Mon October 24, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue October 25, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm LSM at St. Luke's

Wed October 26, 2016

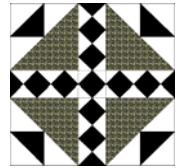
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9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting

1:15pm Pericope Study

1:30pm LSM's School of Religion

5:30pm Bible Study



Thu October 27, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-Off

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri October 28, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Lion Crew

Sun October 30, 2016

Reformation Sunday

Thankoffering Sunday

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

Mon October 31, 2016

Reformation Day

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Bell Choir