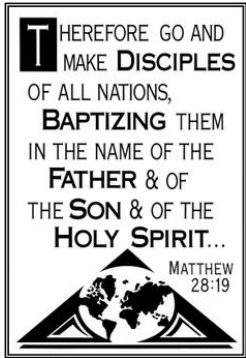




# The Lion of St. Mark's

NOVEMBER 2016



At both liturgies on All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2016, *we recognize and rejoice in those who joined the Church Militant by Holy Baptism:*

† Maximus Applegate April 24, 2016  
*Son of Richard and Kristen Applegate*

† Gage Pittinger October 16, 2016  
*Son of Larry and Kelly Pittinger*

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*We honor and remember those who have moved to the Church Triumphant:*

† Charlotte Hughes, February 10, 2016

† Lawrence Bair, July 19, 2016

† Shirley MacGill, August 29, 2016

† Henrietta Tyson, September 19, 2016

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## 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. They are planning to serve Chicken Pot Pie. We need a couple volunteers to prepare desserts for our contribution to the meal.

As always, this promises to be a fun-filled event. Each congregation hopes to fill 50 boxes which will provide a grand total of 100 gifts for around the world! If anyone can help with transferring our stored gift items to Redeemer, please contact Michele or Bernadette.

**WE STILL NEED SOME ESSENTIALS FOR THE CHILDREN RECEIVING THESE GIFTS:** BAR SOAP, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, WASHCLOTHS, LARGE-TOOTH COMBS, TISSUE PACKETS, KIDS' SAFETY SCISSORS, AND SMALL BOXES OF CRAYONS. *Reminder tags for needed items can be found in the Narthex. Can you take one?*

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## Council Notes

The Congregation Council met on Sunday, October 16, 2016 in the Crossways Room. The change in date and time was due to Pastor Elkin's trip the following day.

—Received the reports of the Pastor, officers, and committees.

—Approved the motion from the Worship and Music Committee for a single service to be held on January 1, 2017 at 9:30 am.

—Approved the motion from the Property Committee to approve the same snow removal firm, K.B. Snowplowing, Ken Bower, at the same price as last year.

—Received the first draft of the 2017 budget.

—Approved the feasibility of seeking an independent audit before the end of the year.

—Clarified its wishes to the synod concerning the interim pastor process.

—Planned the next regular meeting for November 21, 2016.

## Parish Register

Pastor Elkin presided at the **Holy Baptism** on the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost, October 16, 2016, with **Gage Charles Pittinger**, son of son of Larry and Kelly Pittinger.

The **candidacy for Holy Baptism**, was announced on the 21st Sunday after Pentecost, October 9, 2016, of **Jayden Roberts**, son of Jay Roberts, with Owen Gair as his sponsor.



### DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO:

*Church Council*...Thursday  
**NOV. 10th**



..Saturday,  
**NOV. 12th**  
**Newsletter**



## A Message from the President of Council



Many of you have been wondering what is happening with the process of finding a replacement for Pastor Elkin when he leaves at the end of December.

The answer to that is very easy. We can't and we won't.

Pastor has given his all to St. Mark's for over 20 years. For that reason alone, Bishop Collins has agreed with us in that we will not begin the call process for a permanent pastor until later this spring.

We will have a pastor starting in January. Council has two options and they are being considered at the present time.

The first option is to have

an interim pastor. This person would be available to us on a semi-permanent basis. The interim pastor would serve his or her congregation as well as St. Mark's. The best example to give in this case would be Pastor Elkin's service to Redeemer Lutheran Church while serving as our pastor as well.

The second option is to have an intentional interim pastor. This person will serve St. Mark's for a year on a full-time basis. This person will have been trained specifically for the transition from one pastor to the next while serving our congregation. The contract may be renewed for six months if needed.

Bishop Collins will name either an interim or an intentional interim pastor before this year ends. Council will have to approve the appointment and negotiations will be made with the newly appointed interim/intentional interim with the help of the West Branch **Conference Dean**, Pastor Kerry Aucker.

The **conference dean** will discuss the appointment of the Call Committee at a regularly scheduled council meeting. The Call Committee will consist of six members, two of whom will be members of council. In the meantime, the congregation and council will be having workshops to determine what our needs might be.

Rest assured that we are in no hurry. The call process may take a year or more to reach fruition. During that time we will have the services of an interim/intentional interim pastor.

This explanation is a rough outline of what we, as a congregation, will face in the coming months. I hope that this answers some of your thoughts and questions. We all need to think thoughtfully and prayerfully in the coming months as we go through the call process.

Yours in Christ,

*Ray Huff*

## CROP WALK UPDATE



Thank you to all who walked and donated for the CROP walk on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Together we reached our goal of raising \$900.00!! We enjoyed another day of beautiful weather and fellowship while we stopped along the way and prayed for those we were walking to help. We made one more step to Help Stop Hunger.





# Prayer Chain



When a person or cause needs to be named in prayer, please contact Kathy Kolb at [kathy@kolbnetworks.com](mailto:kathy@kolbnetworks.com), and also the church office at [stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto: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

## FINALS WEEK SURVIVAL KITS:

We need protein/granola/snack bars, fruit gushers, trail mix, gum, water flavorings, or any other treats you can think of for our college students!



*Guess what else we need?  
Addresses for said students!!*

Please email shipping info to Bernadette. Treats will be gratefully accepted in a container across from the Youth & Family offices!

## ADVENT WREATH MAKING

You...yes, you...and your family are invited to attend the annual Advent Wreath Making on Sunday, November 29, at noon in Fellowship Hall. The children will again decorate their tree in the Hall with the hand-made ornaments donated to the children of St. Mark's by the Burkholders. Please join us for a time of food, fun and fellowship and make an advent wreath for your home!



**THE TREES COME ALIVE THIS ADVENT SEASON;** alive with mittens, gloves, hats, and socks! Two trees will be ready to decorate with these items by Sunday, November 29. Please stop in Fellowship Hall and add your gift to the trees. The socks, mittens, gloves, and hats will be given to area families in need.

A LUNCHEON FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO OUR SHUT-INS, WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.



## ACOLYTES

### OCTOBER SCHEDULE:

- November 7 Jacob, Saurie & Makensi
- November 13 Evan & Stefan
- November 20 Hannah, Makensi & Sean
- November 27 Dylan & Ashton



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



**ADULT COOKIE BAKE  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12  
8:00 A.M. – ???**



**KIDS' NIGHT OUT  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12  
5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

## Confirmation

**MEETING THIS  
MONTH IS SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 20!**



*Gregorys are up for the meal!*

*Look for sign-up lists in the staff hallway soon!*

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)

**BOOK FAIR!** Sandy Grier from Along the Way will offer a Book Fair for St. Mark's on **NOV. 20<sup>th</sup>**!

*"I will have a lot of 50% off holiday books for both Christmas and Easter (since I only come once a year). I will also have some Serrv/A Greater Gift items as well as Advent calendars, boxed cards, and great adult Christian reads as well as other stuff. So, hopefully the congregation will purchase for their grandchildren, children, spouses and other adult relatives and friends, teachers and themselves.*

*I also hope folks come by just to say HI!!! I always enjoy coming to the church and catching up on how folks are doing and what's happening in their lives.*

*I'll see you Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> if not before!"*

~ Sandy

10% of all Sales are donated back to St. Mark's.  
THIS IS A ONE DAY EVENT ONLY – NOV. 20<sup>th</sup> in FELLOWSHIP HALL. Cash & Checks are accepted.

## Children's Church



Children's Church

**SUNDAY, Nov. 13, at 10:30 a.m., in the Chapel, is our next celebration of Children's Church.**

The special offering that day is snacks for the Finals Week Survival Kits we'll be sending to our college students or a monetary donation toward the postage.



**Sunday, November 27, 6 pm**  
**Bring a treat and join us!**

Charles Dickens's

## A Christmas Carol



On Friday and Saturday, December 2 & 3, 2016, Lutheran Shared Ministry (LSM) will present A Christmas Carol in Fellowship Hall at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. All donations will go to United Campus Ministry of Penn College.

Rehearsals began in October for this distaff adaptation of the story. Bernadette Haas Jones will portray Eudora

Scrooge, who, in this version is Ebenezer's widow.

Cast members include Deb Buckman as the Ghost of Christmas Present; Gordy Emick—Christmas Yet-to-Come; Daisy LeBlanc,—Christmas Past; Gabriella Gregory—Mary Cratchit; Owen Gair—Turkey Boy; Brad Heffner—Ebenezer's ghost; David Whitman—the charity collector; Danielle Murphy—Mrs. Cratchit; and Hannah Rankey—Young Eudora, among others.

**Carolers needed!!** If you want to be a caroler, the first rehearsal is Saturday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m.; the second is Saturday, November 26, at the same time. Everyone will be expected to be there at least one or two times the week of November 27 through December 1 for tech rehearsals and, of course, at the two performances.

A work day is being set for Saturday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m.. We need strong backs and resourceful minds for the moving, assembling, and painting of the stage and set!

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 — Fri & Sat., Dec. 2 & 3, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's, and join us for

*Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol.*



## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY (cont.)



I had this thought – ask some of our young people what they would do as President – it was interesting – you would have thought I had asked something impossible. So it made me think – perhaps the job of president is even harder than I thought that it was. I would invite you to have this topic at the dinner table and see where you got – the parents' thoughts would be interesting as well.

I did glean some ideas– Sean Jensen offered “first I would make sure that every park has a basketball court. Then I would have school s tart earlier for younger students and later for older students. I would include recess for every grade, so that all students get a chance to exercise every day. I would get rid of fossil fuels and use solar and wind power wherever possible. Those are just some of the changes I would make if I were President! (He has my vote!)

Stefan Weber says “We need to do something about our political party system. Our first priority should be to cut spending and balance the budget.”

Jonah Schreckengast says that “we need to increase the minimum wage across our country so that people who work have

enough to support their family.” His sister Grace thinks that “we need to have incentives to keep jobs in our country, and to get those companies who have gone overseas to come back!”

Sadie Wentzel came right to the point “I would not build a wall!”

I decided to ask some adults what they would do – Karen Boone said, “I would pray for wisdom every day.”

Deb Buckman would do away with No Child Left Behind and Common Core and require more responsibility from our young people.

Interesting exercise – try it at home!

Our musical members continue to shine – Laura and Anna Zeigler had the opportunity to play with Brett Michaels when he entertained at the Community Arts Center- Laura was featured in a front page photo!

Ben and Hannah Haussmann marched with the WAHS band in the Mummer's Parade in the splendid new uniforms they have just received!

One correction – Matt Fortin is a teacher's aide in Montoursville not in Hughesville as I was originally told – sorry, Matt!

– Joyce Hershberger

## FIRST COMMUNION & BIBLE MILESTONES



*Classes for First Communion began on October 30th and will continue on November 6th & 13th, culminating with the children receiving the sacrament on Christ the King Sunday on November 20.*

*Afterward, there will be a light luncheon for these children and their families, when we will celebrate the Third Grade Milestone, at which these kids will receive an age-appropriate Bible. Please take the time to encourage these youngsters.*



# Hospitality & Celebration

## what's cooking

⇒ **Food Service Committee** will meet in Middle Lounge on Sunday, November 6, after the 10:30 service. If you want to be on this committee or just want to see what it's all about, please, join us!



⇒ **Second Saturday!** This month we are tackling fudge and all things pumpkin! Come enter into the fun on November 12, at 10:00 a.m.! If you want to bring something, please consult with Janet Jones about what's needed. See you there!



⇒ **Lunch'n'Fellowship!** Because we'll all be tired of turkey in the coming weeks, we're going in another direction: Southwestern Meatloaf is our entrée this month! So, on Wednesday, November 16, bring a dish to share. Bring a friend. Or just bring yourself! We look forward to seeing you!



⇒ **Advent Mid-day Prayer & Luncheon:** Each Wednesday in Advent, beginning November 30, Mid-day Prayer will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel.



Luncheon will follow at noon. Join us as we prepare ourselves to greet our newborn King and share fellowship and soup.

## PASTOR

*The elders who direct the affairs of the church will be worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.*  
1 Timothy 5:17

There is no possible way in which we can replace Pr. Elkin, but we can celebrate his years with us to say thank you and "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

To that end, we are planning a retirement dinner on Sunday, December 18, at noon, in Fellowship Hall. At that time, we will gather to share a catered meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, and cranberry sauce. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, DEC. 11!**

Contributions from St. Mark's members are welcome to cover the cost of the meal and a congregational gift.

Even if you are unable to attend, we are putting together a book of mementos. Cards are available in the Narthex. To share a memory or message, please take one or two, write what you would like to say, and return them to the office as soon as possible. Also, if you have any photos we could insert in the book, we would welcome them!

A letter will be sent out shortly with more details and information. While the event will not be a surprise for Pr. Elkin, everything we are planning will be...so mum's the word!





# OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

## Daniel's Closet Distribution Day



**Due to Thanksgiving this is a Week Earlier**

**Saturday, November 19, 2016  
9:00 am – 11:00 am  
Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Fall 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, boots and sneakers in good condition for all family members are always needed. Blankets, throws and afghans are most welcome this time of year.

November's outreach is scheduled as follows.

- Drop-Off at Redeemer Lutheran Church on **Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016 from 4:00 pm – 5:30pm.**
- Michele Owen continues to drop off items brought to St. Mark's. Thank you Michele.

## Christmas Gifts - Danville State Hospital

Once again we have been asked to provide modest gifts to the residents of Danville State Hospital. This year we are providing general gifts that insure every resident has a gift or two to open on Christmas Day. These general gifts are especially needed for those folks who are admitted to the hospital in late November and December.

At the end of November, if you wish to provide a gift, take an ornament from the tree in the Narthex, purchase the listed item and return it unwrapped to the tub in the Narthex.

**All gifts for Danville residents are due by Sunday, December 11, 2016.**

Thank you for any assistance you are able to give. Becky Miller Pryor is the contact person for this project.

## Remembrance Service

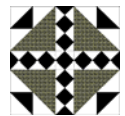
Our Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 3pm. Those attending will receive a wooden ornament in memory of their loved one(s). Light refreshments will be available after the service.

If you have any questions regarding the service, please contact Michele Owen at [mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:mowen@stmarkswilliamsport.org).

## Love is the Thread that Binds

The Quilting Ladies are seeking additional people to join in making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. In 2015 they were able to sew 88 quilts. But due to illnesses and surgeries only 76 quilts were sewn this year. There are tasks for every level of sewing skill. If you can tie a knot you can quilt.

Speak with Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor to learn more.



## Free Community Supper

**Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
Thursday, November 10th, 5:30 – 6:30 PM**

**A free community supper is available the  
second Thursday of each month at**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church.**

## Lunch 'n' Fellowship

**Wednesday, November 16th at 12 noon.**

**Serving Southwestern Meatloaf!**

**Come, join  
Us!**



**Bring a  
Friend!**

# ***OUTREACH COMMITTEE cont'd***

## **Trick or Treat for NGA**

### **Thank You for the Treats**

The Newberry Branch of NGA thanks the Congregation for their participation in "Trick or Treat for NGA." Your donations of hygiene products will help fill up to twenty-five family kits for low income families with children living in rural Lycoming County.

These families participate in the Parent-Child Home Program, a component of STEP Head Start.

Any remaining hygiene products are given to the Shepherd of the Street's office for his many clients.



## **Fall Blessings**

The Outreach Committee thanks the congregation for their assistance with the fall visit to our Special Concern folks and others we do not see as often as we wish. We heard many positive comments relating to the pumpkin craft, cheery note and opportunity to visit with members of our church family. For those who participated

we hope you received more blessings than you gave that day.



## **Calling St. Mark's Elves**

Yes preparations are underway for our annual Christmas visit with the **ladies of CM-6** at the Selinsgrove Center. This year our party will be in early December. As is our tradition we tell stories, sing songs and take modest gifts for the ladies and their caregivers.

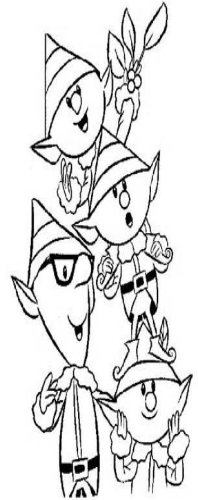
Please consider donating an item or two from our list of requests. These items include

- Moisturizing body wash, unscented if possible
- Money to cover the cost of the slipper socks purchased at bargain basement prices last winter.
- Non-refrigerated pudding cups in any flavor (The center only serves vanilla.)
- White and holiday tissue paper
- Holiday gift bags (The 2 for \$1.00 size)

A few bags of holiday candy for the caregivers (candy kisses, individually wrapped mints) Closer to our party we will be asking for donations of apples, clementines, bananas and homemade cookies for a fruit basket and cookie tray for the caregivers.

Monetary donations are always welcome to fill in any gaps with our gifting. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating "Selinsgrove Party."

A container will be available in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you in advance for any help you can give to this very meaningful project. Speak with members of the Outreach Committee for additional information.



## Happy Birthday!

11/1 Shawn Wright  
 11/4 Marguerite Smith  
 11/4 Elizabeth Ward  
 11/6 Samantha Kneedler  
 11/7 John Bower  
 11/7 Ann Kuntz  
 11/8 Paul Fornwalt  
 11/8 Brenda Gair  
 11/9 Cathy Fenderson  
 11/9 Chele Fredericks  
 11/9 Becky Miller Pryor  
 11/11 Shawn Zimmerman  
 11/12 Pamela Davenport

11/13 Elizabeth Haussmann  
 11/17 Kyle Doeblner  
 11/18 Ronald Baker  
 11/18 Donna Baker  
 11/20 Tracey Heaps  
 11/20 Donna Hutchinson



11/21 Ray Reams  
 11/22 Lisa Weaver  
 11/23 Sally Bjornstad  
 11/23 Robert Jones

11/23 James Newcomer Jr.  
 11/23 Ralph Thorne  
 11/25 Nancy Bieber  
 11/25 Stephen Dewar  
 11/25 Ashley Miller  
 11/25 Lois Smith  
 11/26 Shirley Miller  
 11/26 Lucia Walz  
 11/27 Shelly Clokey  
 11/27 Katlin Jensen  
 11/29 Matthew MacGill  
 11/30 Harold Hershberger

## Happy Anniversary!

11/5 Jennifer & Rick Robertson  
 11/6 Gregg & Kathleen Dancho  
 11/15 David & Emily Elkin  
 11/18 Stephen & Candace Dewar  
 11/19 Cheryl & David Williams



11/19 Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler  
 11/20 Robert & Mary Clouser  
 11/22 David & Nicole Walz  
 1/26 Charles & Judith Fortin  
 11/30 Melvin & Melinda Wentzel



## Many Thanks



**THANK YOU!** I WANT TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF ST. MARKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS, CARDS, AND THE BEAUTIFUL POSTER BOARD DURING MY ILLNESS. I AM DOING VERY WELL NOW AND SHOULD BE BACK IN A FEW WEEKS TO JOIN YOU IN WORSHIP. **DEB HOLMES**

**Dear Fellow Members of St. Mark's,** Lynn and I would just like to take the time to say thank you for all your prayers, love, and support during this past year. It has been exactly a year since Lynn was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. We are so thankful that she is in remission. Lynn is back to being a writer and dance instructor. Also, at the end of July, my mother passed away due to an aggressive Glioblastoma. Through all our difficulties, St. Mark's has served as a great place of healing and love. We cannot wait to give back to St. Mark's and its members the same way it has given so much to us.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

Adam and Lynn Zitta

**DEAR ST. MARK'S,** THANK YOU FOR MY CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION, AND FOR THE GIFTS I RECEIVED FROM THE CHURCH. I HAVE THE ICON PICTURE AND CROSS ON MY DRESS-ER. THEY ARE A GOOD REMINDER OF MY FAITH. I AM GLAD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MY FAITH WITH OTHERS.

SINCERELY,

SEAN JENSEN



## United Churches of Lycoming County

### FOOD PANTRY ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED:

Canned Vegetables & Fruit	Sugar	Canned Meats
Flour	Mac & cheese	Cake Mixes
Drinks	Ramen Noodles	Cereal
Soups	Tea/coffee	Baby Food
Juices	Condiments	Hot Chocolate

*Our hours of operation are: Mondays 9-12*

*Donations/stocking Tuesdays 10:15 – 2:30*

*Client distribution Thursdays 10:15 – 2:30*

**from 10am - 3pm**

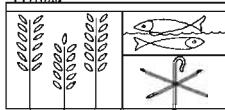
**Rear of the Castellano Center:**

**320 Park Ave.**

**Williamsport, PA**

**570-322-1657**

**YOU give them  
something  
to eat. Mt 14:16**



### 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.*

#### NOVEMBER

- 2- Interfaith Panel, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist and Christian representatives, "Traditions in Dating and Marriage"
- 9- Jonathan Williamson, Ph.D., Chair, Dept. of Political Science, Lycoming College, "Election Reflections"
- 16- Laurie Weinreb-Welch, Penn State Extension Educator. Family Consumer Services, "Totally Veggies"
- 23- Joe Campagna, Jr. Executive Director, Yellow Wolf Advocacy Project, "Protecting Basic Legal Rights"
- 30- Rev. Bob Wallace, Pastor, Heshbon Park United Methodist Church, "Christmas Stories for the Whole Family"

### 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 fall are:

**10/31-11/6 Fr. Dan Kovalak**

**11/7-13 Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens**

**11/14-20 Mrs. Dorothy Wagner**

**11/21-27 Rev. Gwen Bernstine**

**11/28-12/4 Mrs. Patty Gohrs**

***Listen today and tell others  
about this ministry!***

### 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!***



## Special Concerns List

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Rehabilitation & Nursing Home  
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## With an Abundance of GRAPES!

This fall we have been blessed with the gift of several bushels of fragrant, colorful, tasty grapes. The problem has been how best to use them. An intrepid trio of cooks (Janet Jones, Connie Shaible, and Donna Zierdt Elkin) got together and turned those grapes into juice and the juice into jelly. After laying some away, we still have more than 50 jars of grape jelly which we are making available for a contribution of \$4.50 for each 8 oz. jar.

Frequently, we are approached about the recipe for a particular dish. The proceeds of the sale of the grape jelly will be used in

two ways: (1) to finance another project the cooks have in mind, namely, a cookbook of the favorite recipes of things that have appeared at Luncheon Fellowship, Iron Chef, and the various special meals that we have hosted over the years, and (2) to make a gift to the kitchen at St. Anthony's Center.

Look for the display on the buffet counter in Fellowship Hall (and perhaps elsewhere) and offer your support for this delicious work.



## NOVEMBER Calendar of Events

### Tuesday November 1, 2016

8:00am City Pastors Breakfast

9:00am Morning Prayer

### Wed November 2, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting

1:15pm Pericope Study

5:30pm Bible Study

### Thu November 3, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:30pm Redeemer Church Council

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Fri November 4, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

10:30am Christian Ed committee

### Sun November 6, 2016

All Saints Day

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

11:45am Worship and Music Committee

11:45am Food Service Meeting

12:00pm The Way

3:00pm First Communion instruction

### Mon November 7, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal



Tue November 8, 2016

ELECTION DAY

9:00am Morning Prayer

### Wed November 9, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Quilting

1:15pm Pericope Study

5:30pm Bible Study

### Thu November 10, 2016

Council Agenda Due

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Fri November 11, 2016

VETERAN'S DAY

9:00am Morning Prayer



### Sat November 12, 2016

Lion Article Deadline

10:00am 2nd Saturday

10:00am Hometown Heroes Event -

Fellowship Hall

11:00am Christmas Carol - carolers rehearsal





## NOVEMBER Calendar of Events - pg. 2

### Sat November 12, 2016

#### Lion Article Deadline

9:00am Healthy Congregations W.S. -  
Berwick

10:00am 2nd Saturday

10:00am Hometown Heroes Event -  
Fellowship Hall

11:00am Christmas Carol - carolers rehearsal

### Sun November 13, 2016

#### Pentecost 26

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Children's Church

10:30am Holy Communion

12:00pm The Way

12:00pm Operation Christmas Child  
pack 'n wrap at Redeemer

3:00pm First Communion Instruction

3:00pm Wmspt. Civic Chorus - Klump Aud.

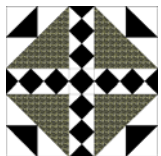
### Mon November 14, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

### Tue November 15, 2016



9:00am Morning Prayer

### Wed November 16, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting

12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship

1:15pm Pericope Study

5:30pm Bible Study

### Thu November 17, 2016

6:31am Men's Ministry

9:00am Morning Prayer

4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-off at Redeemer

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Fri November 18, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm American Guild of  
Organists

Anniversary Dinner



### Sat November 19, 2016

9:00am Daniel's Closet at Redeemer

### Sun November 20, 2016

#### Christ the King

*Along the Way Book Fair*

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion/Holy Baptism/  
First Communions celebrated

6:00pm Catechetical Dinner/Meeting

### Mon November 21, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm Civic Chorus Board Meeting

6:30pm Council Meeting

7:00pm Bell Choir

## NOVEMBER Calendar of Events - pg. 3

### Mon November 21 cont'd...

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club

### Tue November 22, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm LSM at Johnson's Cafe

### Wed November 23, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Staff Meeting

1:15pm Pericope Study

5:30pm Bible Study

### Thu November 24, 2016

Thanksgiving Day

### Fri November 25, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

### Sat November 26, 2016

11:00am Christmas Carol - carolers rehearsal

### Sun November 27, 2016

Advent 1

8:00am Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am Holy Communion

11:45am Advent Wreath Making & luncheon

1:00pm Christmas Carol Tech reh. FH

6:00pm Teen Movie Night



### Mon November 28, 2016

Christmas Carol Tech reh. FH

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:30pm Christmas Carol Tech reh. FH

7:00pm Bell Choir

7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal - in Nave

### Tue November 29, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

**9:20am LION CREW**

10:00am Hymn committee

6:30pm Stephen Ministry

6:30pm Christmas Carol Tech reh. FH

7:00pm WCCO Youth Choir Dress Reh.  
in Nave



7:30pm Repasz Band Holiday  
Concert - CAC

### Wed November 30, 2016

9:00am Morning Prayer

9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting

11:30am Mid-Day Prayers

12:00pm Advent lunch

1:15pm Pericope Study

5:30pm Bible Study

6:30pm Personnel Committee

6:30pm Christmas Carol Tech  
reh. FH

7:00pm WCCO Orch. reh. in Nave

