



The Lion of St. Mark's

JANUARY 2017

Pastor Elkin - Celebration and Thanks



Thank you for the wonderful gathering which we enjoyed together on Sunday, Advent IV, December 18, 2016. So many people worked diligently to plan the event and to carry it off. I hesitate to give names, for I am sure to miss many since I was not in on any of the planning for the day. But let me give special mention to staff members Laura Schreckengast and Bernadette Jones, who must have been very busy coordinating activities, Bob Jones coordinating food services, and Joyce Hershberger who emceed the event. Bernadette also wrote the crazy songs that we sang together: "Pastor Prototypical" (after Gilbert and Sullivan), and a rollicking version of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" that named twelve of the key events and accomplishments we have shared in the parish over the years.

I received a gift of a handmade quilt from the Quilting group, a wooden case to hold some of the icons that will leave with me, a miniature projector so that I can show Camino Santiago pictures to anyone who will hold still, a beautifully bound book of memories and photos, as well as many cards, greetings, and personal gifts.

Thank you all so very much. We have done so many great things together, and I anticipate that there are more yet to be done.

The Blessing of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

Pastor Kenneth Elkin

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Council Notes

No council meeting was held in December...

January's meeting notes will be published in the February Lion.

CROP WALK UPDATE

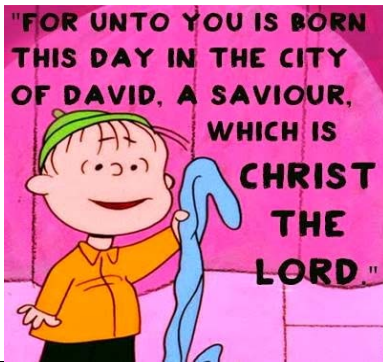
- CROP Walk total amount raised = \$10,287
- Amount raised by St. Mark's = \$1,079 (which was the 2nd highest amount among the 25 congregations represented in the walk)



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There are still a few boxes that remain in the Narthex. Please pick up yours or that of a shut in, if possible! Thank You!



Parish Register

With the concurrence of the Congregation Council, Pastor Elkin received into membership of St. Mark's Paul Young, Sarah Young, and Susan Kalabacas on December 11, 2016. They were also enrolled in *The Way* on the same day.

Pastor Elkin welcomed Levi Gair, Jayden Roberts, Hudson Ott, and Nolan Ott in celebrating their First Communion on November 20, 2016. They also received their Bible Milestone gift the same day.

DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSIONS TO:

Church Council ... Tuesday, JAN. 10th



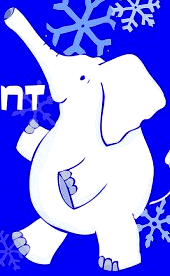
Newsletter

...Thursday, JAN. 12th

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

You're invited to a...

WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY!



FOR ALL OF OUR YOUNG ADULTS (AGE 18+)

Whether you reside in the area or are home for

the holidays, please join us in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 p.m., January 5, for a White Elephant gift exchange!

Please plan to bring a wrapped gift to swap that is a re-gift or used item.

For more information on the party, call or text Audrey at 724-972-1694.

For more info on White Elephants, visit <https://www.whiteelephantrules.com/>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year, the Christian Education Committee is partnering with the Outreach Committee to put a "new spin" on our collections for Operation Christmas Child. Our goal for next November is to fill 30 shoeboxes with items that we collect *throughout* the year. These shoeboxes will then be sent to children throughout the world, bringing them not only physical gifts, but the gift of love as well. It is our prayer that these gifts will then be a blessing to the boys and girls who receive them next Christmas.



In January, we will be collecting **Coloring Books and Activity Pads** and "purse pack" tissues. These items may be placed in our OCC bin located in the narthex. We thank you in advance for your generosity in helping to spread God's love.

CHILDRENS CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 10:30

This month, we're collecting coloring books for Operation Christmas Child.

ACOLYTES

JANUARY SCHEDULE:

- January 1 ~~Sharon & Mark~~
- January 8 ~~Sadie & Taylor~~
- January 15 ~~Evan & Sean~~
- January 22 ~~Dylan & Ashton~~
- January 29 Laura & Gillian

CONFIRMATION

MEETING THIS MONTH IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 15!

Bernadette will finally make the promised Project Heifer chili and Brenda will bring cornbread.



HOBBY EXPO

Our biannual Hobby Expo is scheduled for February 12, 2017!

Have you thought about what you might want to display? Do you sew, crochet, or knit? Are you an artist? Do you have a collection you'd like to share? Are you a "crafty" person? If you're a cook, would you like to make something to share?

For those who wish to exhibit their enthusiasms, contact Bernadette via email or sign up outside her door. All presenters will have up to an 8' table on which to set up their presentation or demonstration.

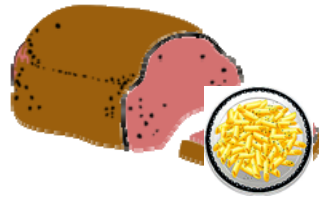
YOUTH & FAMILY, cont. & MORE

what's cooking

⇒ **Second Saturday!** *If it's January, we must be baking bread! In a tradition started by Katy & Pr. Elkin, we meet in the beginning of the year to fling flour and knead dough. Soup will be shared for lunch. Bring a friend! See you there!*



⇒ **Lunch'n'Fellowship!** It's Meatloaf, Penne & Cheese! Enjoy this yummy comfort-food dish with us—something simple during this season of rich food. So, on Wednesday, January 18, bring a dish to share. Bring a friend. Or just bring yourself! We look forward to seeing you!



⇒ **Food Service Committee** is always looking for volunteers to assist in the kitchen, bake cakes or cookies for special events, set tables for more involved occasions, or whatever else is needed. Let Janet Jones know of your interest.



Sunday, Jan. 22, 6 pm
Bring a treat and join us!

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

On Sunday, January 8, when we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, we present Faith Chests to those members who have been baptized in the last year.

This year, we recognize:

- ✝ Maximus Applegate
- ✝ Alverda Comerford
- ✝ Gage Pittinger
- ✝ Jayden Roberts



At an extended hospitality in Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service, everyone will have an opportunity to greet these families.

Ed Gair continues to make these chests in which remembrances of their faith life can be stored.

Lutheran Shared Ministry

- The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 4, at St. Luke's church.
- There is no Catechetical Retreat this year because of lack of interest from area pastors.



Jungwha's Farewell Note to St. Mark's

Dear Brethren at St. Mark's,

It has been five and half years already as Director of Music at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. I started working since May 2, 2011.

It was not easy start from the beginning, but I thank God pulling off this much. Although it is not good time to leave when pastor Elkin departs for his retirement, I have been called to my next challenge.

As I moved to my current apartment, I knew in my heart that I am not going to stay Williamsport for long. I just didn't know that meant less than a year. Most of times the Holy Spirit gives tipoff what is coming, but doesn't show the whole thing for our benefit. This must be the case.

St. Mark's Lutheran church gave me unforgettable experience; acoustics, excellent pipe organ with pipes from gallery, abundant musicians, and liturgy, etc. There are many distinguished people that I need to point out to thank for, firstly pastor Elkin who led me to grow in Lutheran Liturgy, and president Ray Huff who started his position around same time with me,

Donna Elkin and staff members, Carl Hieber, Gregg Dancho, Kathy Eshelman, Lou Kolb, Dan Zeigler, Bud and Joyce Hershberger, senior choir, bell choir, guest musicians, Lou DeSeau, my former landlord and Godly man, parish life, and yes, my colleague?? musician Karen Boone, youth musicians, and everyone who listens our music and share their joy with us. Forgive me if I skip any of people who deserve appreciation. I put all this in history and move onto my next call, Grace United Methodist Church in Hummelstown, PA.

I pray for future of St. Mark's Lutheran Church for the new direction that God be the center of all in all.

Thank you all.

Jungwha Kim, Director of Music

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and continued welcome... Donna



I am very pleased to have been asked to serve as music director for St. Mark's. Time will tell how long that will be in this crazy turn of events. My husband and I feel very close to our church friends and wish to help as needed. As the new year begins, choir practice will continue in January on Thursdays at 7. As I contact the bell ringers and other musicians, we will determine when other rehearsals will be added.

If you are interested in singing, ringing, or playing, don't hesitate to contact me. Bell ringing is a fun sport where, if you can steadily count to 4 over and over, you will be successful. Singing is a bit trickier, but all are welcome to try and buckets will be joyfully given for carrying tunes. Watch the bulletins and next month's newsletter for further announcements about making a joyful noise.

Donna Elkin



OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

Daniel's Closet Distribution Day

Saturday, January 21th

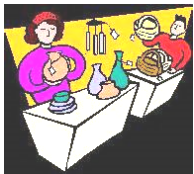


9:00 - 11:00 am at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Making room for the new Christmas clothing your family and you received? Donate your no longer needed clothing to Daniel's Closet. Winter clothing and coats in good condition, accessories, shoes and boots in all sizes from infant to adult are needed. The greatest needs are for children's clothing, plus size clothing for men and women and shoes, sneakers and boots for children and adults. Blankets, afghans and throws are also being accepted.

- ◆ Donations may be taken to Redeemer Lutheran Church on Thursday, January 19th 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Michele Owen continues to drop off items brought to St. Mark's. Thank you Michele!

Update on the Bazaar Room



The Women of St. Mark's are once again receiving donations for the annual Fall Bazaar. The Bazaar Room will be open for your donations of seasonal and holiday decorations, housewares, toys in good condition and other treasures you no longer need or want. Please be sure all donated items are clean, in good condition and working properly.

We are asking anyone who is placing items in the Bazaar Room to pack them securely in a box that we can move easily. Please place your boxes as far away from the door as is possible.

We **cannot** accept cribs, mattresses, car seats, broken or non-working items of any kind, mismatched plastic containers, outdated computers / electronics, TV's, textbooks, encyclopedias or large pieces of exercise equipment. Clothing may be donated to Daniel's Closet.

With everyone's cooperation, we will be taking those first steps toward another successful Fall Bazaar.

If you have questions concerning your donations, please contact Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor.

Free Community Supper

*Redeemer Lutheran Church,
Thursday, January 12th, 5:30 – 6:30 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!*

Go Green for Gifting

Have more Christmas gift bags and tissue paper than you can use? Donate them to the Outreach Committee for gifting the ladies of CM-6 and others in 2017.

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



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 created 88 quilts. But due to illnesses and surgeries only 76 quilts were created in 2016. There are tasks for every level of sewing skill. **If you can tie a knot you can quilt.**

Please consider this outreach for those folks experiencing a crisis both here and abroad. Speak with Shirley Hill or Becky Miller Pryor to learn more.

Shipping for Operation Christmas Child

We are asking for donations for shipping for the Operation Christmas Child boxes that were packed and sent. We were able to pack 27 boxes and we have received donations for five boxes. Cost is still \$7 a box to ship.

We thank anyone who is able to donate, has donated, and if you are unable to donate, please pray for this program as it continues to grow and reach more children around the world each year!

Have Dinner at Wendy's and Earn Money for United Churches of Lycoming County

Where: Maynard Street Wendy's

When: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Wendy's will donate 10% of all sales to the UCLC during the above time.

Great Food, Great Cause!

Continued Outreach...

Thank You for the Christmas Gifts



The **OUTREACH COMMITTEE** thanks the congregation for their support of their many December projects.

- On December 10, 2016 four elves traveled to the Selinsgrove Center to once again share stories, songs and gifts with the fourteen ladies of CM-6 and their caregivers. The bottles of body wash and cups of pudding that were donated were part of a gift pack each lady received. The caregivers received cookies, candy, a fruit basket and a holiday floral arrangement created by Pastor. It was a very special evening for the ladies and our elves. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the congregation for their generous donations of money, body wash and pudding to fill in with the gifting. We were blessed to receive more from the ladies and their caregivers than we gave.
- With assistance from congregation members and the Newberry Branch of NGA the residents of the Danville State Hospital received everything from batteries to clothing to packages of socks and undies, hats, gloves, watches and wallets. These many and varied items were used where they were most needed. A member of Redeemer Lutheran Church graciously delivered our donations to the hospital with those of Redeemer. This act of kindness was a blessing to our committee during such a busy time of year.
- Thank you to all the members of the congregation, who took Christmas cards from our trees in the Narthex, added a cheery message and mailed them to our Special Concerns folks and others we do not see as often as we would like.
- The weather outside turned frightful on December 11, 2016 but that did not stop three carloads of carolers from visiting our Special Concern folks and others we do not see as often as we wish. Thank you Bernadette Jones for making soup for our light luncheon that day. To the folks, particularly our young people, who sang carols and delivered cookies thank you for taking time from your busy sched-

ules to bring cheer to others.

With donations from the congregation, the Outreach Committee was able to deliver much needed food items to the United Churches Food Bank and hygiene items to the Shepherd of the Street's office. We are certain blessings were felt by those receiving these items,

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

Family Promise

We bid three families goodbye last Sunday, and there were hugs as we wished them well in the next church. They stayed the week with us, and those of us who met them were very impressed with how well they took care of their children. One mother of three beautiful little girls and one sweet boy was working very hard to make a good, temporary home for her children. She told me she won't be back, because by the time we host again, she WILL be on her own, and with her determination, she will be. I was helping her fourth grader with some crafts and found out she had just started violin in Williamsport. She ran back to her room to retrieve her precious instrument. How wonderful it was to hear her play her first little tune for me. She was so proud.

This is the beauty of Family Promise. We who are involved during the week know that providing a kind home for these children and their parents is such a gift for them, and even more so for us.

Consider giving yourself this gift and join the many St. Mark's members in our next hosting time. In 2017, we are hosting in March, July, and October. Plan ahead to give this a try. If you feel nervous about it, we can schedule a training session here at our church or you can attend one at another church. There will be one to fit your schedule.



Happy Birthday!

1/1 Shelby Weber
 1/2 Cecil Calvert
 1/2 Ashley Ciesielski
 1/2 Jeremy Hinds
 1/3 Charlotte Hughes
 1/4 Gregory Calvert
 1/4 James Newcomer Sr.
 1/6 Mary Lou Doeblner
 1/8 Shirley Dieffenbach
 1/10 Susan Baker
 1/10 Andrew Zeigler
 1/10 Peter Zeigler
 1/10 Toby Zimmerman
 1/11 Suzanne Hutchins
 1/12 Kathy Kolb
 1/13 Jackie Kinney

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



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

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

Thank You!

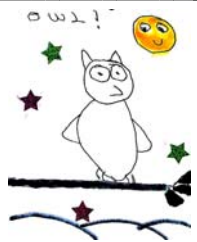
To our Church Family,

As one year comes to a close and we begin anew, we would like to thank everyone who has supported and assisted us throughout 2016.

From those who supply us with treats, to those who provide hands-on help, to those who consistently evangelize for us, we wouldn't be able to do what we do without you. We thank our youth, who are always ready to do whatever we ask; the parents, who provide food and transportation as needed; our teachers, who consistently show-up and fill in when necessary; other adults, who physically assist us with events; and the Food Service committee, who keep the refreshments coming. We would especially like to thank the year-old Education Committee, who has provided support (organizational and physical) and has acted as a sounding board, lending invaluable insight and ideas.

We look forward to the coming challenges of 2017, knowing we have all of you with us.

God's blessings to you and yours,
 Michele & Bernadette



Dear Friends,

Thank You for my beautiful card ~ the messages and the names on it mean more to me than I can say.

Again, thanks dear friends. I Love You All.
 Liz (Ruesscamp)

Special Concerns List

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

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

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

Dottie Bingaman
Williamsport Home, C 1004
1900 Ravine Rd.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Marie Byerly
Loyalsock Creek -
Rehabilitation & Nursing Home
- Room 547
1445 Sycamore Rd.
Montoursville, PA 17754

Hugh Byerly
1625 Ritchey St.
Williamsport, PA 17701

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



Larue Dieter
Elmcroft of Loyalsock
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Reba Jacobs
c/o Holly Carlson
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Carol McMorris
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Prescott, AZ 86303

Kay Poliska
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Montoursville, PA 17754

Elizabeth Ruesskamp
Rose View Center
1201 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Robert Swartz
1522 Country Club Lane
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Carl & Lucille Weaver
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Elda Zeigler
Rose View Court
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1251 Rural Ave.
Williamsport, PA 17701

To Our St. Mark's family,

Barb and I want to express our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing care and concern during my illness. God has been with us providing strength and comfort throughout. Likewise, all of you have truly blessed us with your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, food and flowers over these past two-plus months. You are a remarkable Church family.

We are particularly grateful to the Outreach committee for our fall blessings pumpkin, the soup and bread, and Christmas basket. The Christmas caroling was a highlight and served to brighten our holidays.

Although I continue to undergo treatment for my cancer, thanks to your love and caring, as well as, the talented physicians who are treating me, I continue along the path to full recovery. May God bless each of you for your loving support.

Phil and Barb Thomas



The Owen Family would like to thank everyone in our church family for everything they have done for us during Devin's illness. We were very blessed to have him home in time for Christmas, his goal was to make it to Christmas Eve service and he was able to meet that goal!

Devin continues to get stronger each day and he has had his first check-up already. His heart still has a lot of healing to do but we have faith that his heart will completely heal in the near future.

We are so blessed to have each and every one of you praying for us during this time; it is what pulled us through each day.

With much love,

Michele

JANUARY 2017 Calendar of Events



Sun January 1, 2017
The Name of Jesus
9:30am Holy Communion

Mon January 2, 2017
 Office Closed

Tue January 3, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed January 4, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
 6:00pm Bible Study

Thu January 5, 2017
 6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
 8:00pm Young Adult White Elephant

Fri January 6, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun January 8, 2017
8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Children's Church
10:30am Holy Communion
 11:45am Rememb. of Baptism
 Milestone w/Ext. Hospitality
 12:00pm The Way

Mon January 9, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue January 10, 2017
Council Agenda Due
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 10:00am Publicity Committee

Wed January 11, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
 6:00pm Bible Study
 6:30pm Personnel Committee

Thu January 12, 2017
Lion Article Deadline
 6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri January 13, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
10:30am Christian Ed Meeting

Sat January 14, 2017
 10:00am 2nd Saturday - Bread Baking

Sun January 15, 2017
8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Communion
 6:00pm Catechetical Dinner/Meeting

Mon January 16, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm Civic Chorus Board Meeting
6:30pm Council Meeting
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal
 7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club

Tue January 17, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Wed January 18, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
 12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship
 6:00pm Bible Study

Thu January 19, 2017
 6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-Off
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal



Fri January 20, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Sun January 22, 2017
8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Communion
 12:00pm The Way
 6:00pm Teen Movie Night



Mon January 23, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue January 24, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 6:00pm LSM at St. Luke's

Wed January 25, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:20am Staff Meeting & Quilting
 6:00pm Bible Study

Thu January 26, 2017
 6:31am Men's Ministry
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 9:30am Stephen Ministry
 4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-Off
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Fri January 27, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
9:20am Lion Crew

Sat January 28, 2017
 9:00am Daniel's Closet Clothing
 Giveaway

Sun January 29, 2017
8:00am Holy Communion
 9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Communion

Mon January 30, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue January 31, 2017
 9:00am Morning Prayer

A Message from the President of Council:

Happy New Year! January (named for Janus, the two-faced Roman god who looked forward and backward) is a time for remembrance and anticipation. We fondly recall Pastor Elkin's 20+ years of service to the congregation and we are anxious to see where we are headed next. Pastor has given his all to St. Mark's for over 20 years. For that reason alone, following council's preference, Bishop Collins has agreed that we will not begin the call process until later this year. This will give us time to reflect on who we have been as God's people and discern where God is calling us to be in the years ahead.

We are pleased to announce that the Reverend James Erwin West will be our Intentional Interim pastor for the next year. He has been trained specifically for the task of bridging the gap between a long-standing pastor and the deliberate calling of our next pastor. He has served in this capacity in San Diego and most recently in a church in Windsor, Colorado with about the same attendance and budget figures as St. Mark's. Pastor West is also a retired Navy chaplain. He will bring all of this experience with him as the full-time Intentional Interim Pastor of St. Mark's beginning on January 29.

We will have four services in January prior to Pastor West's arrival. The synod's normal procedure is to have a Supply Pastor or an Authorized Lay Worship Leader (ALWL) lead the service and celebrate the Lord's Supper with the congregation. We are fortunate to have three ALWLs at St. Mark's. Lou Kolb will preach at the single service on January 1; Ray Huff will lead services on January 8 and Walter Haussmann will lead services on January 15. Bishop Collins has graciously offered to lead our services on January 22.

Some volunteers are in the process of attending *Creating Healthy Congregations Workshops*. The workshops are a preparatory step in the call process. A Call Committee will be named in the next few months. We are not rushing to find a new pastor; we are being deliberate per the Synod guidelines. You may view these guidelines on the Synod website (go to Upper Susquehanna Synod and then check Call Process).

The conference dean (Reverend Doctor Kerry Aucker) will discuss the call process and 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 continue to attend workshops to determine what our needs might be.

Our other loss is that of our Director of Music, Jungwha Kim. Ms. Kim has accepted a position in Hummelstown that will provide her with a full-time position. We congratulate her on furthering her personal and professional career and thank her for her excellent musical contributions to St. Mark's.

A committee has been formed to identify what our needs will be in our musical future. Advertisements, interviews and auditions will take place. We look forward to a new music director in the near future. Donna Elkin has graciously agreed to be the interim director of music until we find a permanent one.

So, we look back with fond memories and we look ahead to new possibilities. We can always quote the famous saying "Times change, people change, situations change, relationships change...the only thing constant is change." We at St. Mark's are aware of all of the changes that we are facing, but our one and only constant is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. With Him all things are possible.

Yours in Christ,

Ray Huff