



# THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

OCTOBER 2019



Dear members and friends of St. Mark's Lutheran Church:

Sunday, October 27, has been set as our Congregation's Consecration Sunday. It is a wonderfully appropriate way to approach the everyday decisions of how we manage all the resources that God has placed in our hands. I urge you to plan now to attend this important event.

This spiritual-growth-oriented process is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development.

We believe that you are concerned enough to attend on Consecration Sunday and make your financial commitment as a portion of the Lord God Almighty on that day.

No one will call you at your home for pledges. In the past, we have had a breakfast and luncheon following each service. This year, hospitality will be served in the narthex after each service.

Yours in Christian love,  
Melvin Wentzel, Council Member

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## THANKFUL FOR BLESSINGS

Do you thank God regularly for your blessings? Lutheran women have a tradition of setting aside a few coins or dollars each time they remember to thank God for a particular event. It can be something very significant, such a new child, or as simple as a beautiful rainbow. By connecting the moment with a prayer and an offering we are more aware of the wonderful things that continually surround us.

These special gratitude offerings to God will be collected on Thankoffering Sunday, which will be October 20, 2019. Checks can be made out to St. Mark's with a special designation for "Thankofferings".



Our Community's annual walk to fight hunger, CROP Hunger Walk, will be held Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, at the River Walk in Williamsport. The walk begins here at St. Mark's and you can walk 3, 6 or 9 miles. Most of us walk 3, but feel free to keep going.

Join the St. Mark's team to walk or donate and help us make this the most successful year. Our goal is \$1,000 (last year we raised \$757)! We walk because they walk for food. By walking on a fall afternoon, you create awareness to these issues, raise funds and have fellowship with members of the St. Mark's congregation as well as other congregations.

25% of the funds we raise support local hunger agencies plus we impact families in more than 35 countries. CROP walks support self-help programs, assist after disasters and help address root causes of poverty by providing water systems and tools to grow the food they need.



To register to walk or donate to our team, you can speak with volunteers in the Narthex following service on Sunday or on-line at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/williamsportpa>

Click: Donate > Donate to a Team > enter "St. Mark's Lutheran Church Lion" > enter your donation.

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## Harvest Home Sunday, October 13, 2019

Our congregation will be celebrating a "Day of Thanksgiving" by bringing nonperishable items for the local Food Pantry. A list of currently needed items is listed in the Lion.

These items should be brought to the church in the provided bag or plastic bag on Sunday October 6 or 13. They will be displayed on Sunday, October 13 at both services.

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

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**The normal schedule of Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 for Holy Communion has resumed. Sunday School is at 9:15 am.**

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Council reports due Thursday, Oct. 10.  
Newsletter articles due Saturday, Oct. 12.

### STAFF OFFICE HOURS

**Pastor: The Rev. James West**  
Sun-Wed 8 a.m.-1 p.m. & by appointment

**Sexton: Lou DeSeau**  
Sun - Thurs 5:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Parish Musician: Christian Humcke**  
Sun/Mon/Wed mornings; Mon/Thu evenings

**Bookeeper: Jackie Baysore**  
Tue & Thu 8 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Secretary: Bernadette Jones**  
Mon-Fri 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Council met on September 16, 2019  
Pastor's report: Discussions including the timeframe of Pastor West's remaining time with St Marks took place.

Communications:

- Approved Shirley Hill's request for the October 20<sup>th</sup> loose plate offering to go to Church wide Women of ELCA.
- Approved offering the dates of December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> (if available) to the Williamsport Flute Choir and West Branch Chorale, respectively to hold their holiday concerts in the Narthex in lieu of their original requested dates of December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

**Worship & Music:** As submitted. Next meeting: September 22, 2019 following the 10:30 service.

**Faith & Fellowship Committee:** As submitted. Next meeting: October 3 at 10:45 a.m.

**Outreach Committee:** As submitted. Next meeting: October 1 at 6:30 p.m.

**Publicity Committee:** Monthly newsletter was prepared.

**Property Committee:** Parking lot completed and Narthex ceiling tiles removed and ceiling repainted. Discussions in regards to Billtown Electric's estimate to replace AC units took place. Next meeting: September 23.

**Personnel Committee:** As submitted. Next meeting: October 7 @ 6:30 p.m. in Middle Lounge

- **M (Personnel Committee) SC: CC: 19.9.3** Approved the Employee Handbook

**Safety Committee:** Committee will focus on first aide in 2020

The council approved going from three Christmas trees in the Nave to one medium sized (10'-12') tree beginning this December.

**Next meetings: October 21, 2019, 6:30 p.m. in the Library**

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# BLANKET SUNDAY – Oct. 6, 2019

We are all aware of the recent devastating storms and other disasters which left thousands of people struggling with no homes or possessions. You have responded by filling Kits of Care and sending donations for quilts. However, the humanitarian needs continue. A monetary contribution can be made to purchase blankets in our Lutheran Synod-wide project. Make donations to St. Marks with a designation for BLANKETS.

Thank you for your gifts of love and concern. Together we can blanket the world with love.

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## WARM & FUZZY



Cool nights will soon be here. We'll be pulling out our warm and fuzzy quilts and blankets to snuggle under. So many people who are victims of earthquakes, hurricanes, or other disasters, don't have warm and fuzzies to pull out. When a disaster strikes, quilts can also shield against cold and rain as simple tents, or as a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back. You can help families in crisis!!

Our quilters URGENTLY need your help to spread God's love to people in distress. There are openings for knotters, basters, and home sewers. Come any Wednesday morning and enjoy the fellowship with a worthwhile purpose. Bring scissors and join in the fun!!

Once again, large pieces of new or gently used fabrics (no fiberglass) are greatly needed. Flannel sheets are especially good for fillers. Monetary donations can be made to St. Mark's with a designation of "Quilters". Thank you for your compassion.

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## Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Churches and other charitable organizations have been receiving many calls for assistance. Normally, at this time of year, needs are not as great. This does not bode well for the coming autumn and winter months.

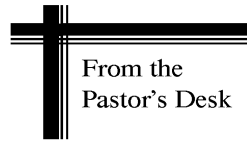


Please consider, if you are able, donating to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Thank you in advance for your generosity, which is always evident in the congregation of St. Mark's.

Pastor Discretionary Fund

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*God has given us two hands—one to receive with and the other to give with.  
We are not cisterns made for holding; we are channels made for giving.  
~ Billy Graham*



Dear Friends and Members of St. Mark's,

From the Pastor's Desk Grace to you and peace,

*It has been a joy for me to be your pastor during the interim of years 164 to 167 in the history of St. Mark's. I write it this way to emphasize that what seems like a long time is really a short interim in the light of history. Now it's time to say God be with you or Good-bye, though I still prefer the German way of saying, Until we see each other again, Auf Wiedersehen. For we will meet again, not only in the age to come, but every time we pray and worship the Lord. We meet again because our Lord sees us and all things in both its ongoing and completed condition at the same time.*

*Even so, it is a "sweet sorrow" for me to leave because of the deep love and support that you have shown me in this place. You have made real the love God revealed in Christ Jesus. As I depart to the next village, remember these words of St. Mark's that were part of the installation service, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also; for that is why I came out." Mark 1: 38. Together, in different places, we will continue to Know Christ and Make Christ Known.*

*Fare thee well, my friends, in Christ Jesus,*

*Pastor James*

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## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FALL SALE!

The Women of St. Mark's heartily thank the congregation for their donated items, donations of food for the kitchen and their assistance with our annual Fall Sale. A special thank you is extended to Deb Holmes for securing the Women's Basketball Team from Lycoming College to assist in bringing all the tables and the many items from the basement to Fellowship Hall. The young ladies' energy seemed boundless. Then in the days preceding the sale, congregation members and their friends worked each morning to organize the tables in preparation for the big event including our holiday room under the direction of Vicki Haussmann and Pam Jensen.

The day of the sale saw a steady stream of customers. The kitchen, under the direction of Parish Life, saw many hungry customers in addition to our own folks. 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 and Lou and Linda DeSeau for all of their assistance throughout the week.

Items not sold at our sale were donated to Daniel's Closet, Newberry Branch of NGA (Needlework Guild of America), the James V. Brown Library, Relay for Life, Operation Christmas Child, Parish Life at St. Mark's and the American Rescue Workers.

This year we raised \$1,180.00. These funds will be distributed by the Women of St. Mark's in support of charities both locally and globally.

## Nibbles from the Church Mouse

From time to time I clip articles from the local media to save for this epistle because St. Mark's folks are not good at blowing their own horns, sad to say. So this morning I found an article from West Branch Life reviewing Mindy Wentzel's latest book, "On Motherhood: Fireflies to First Dates." The book was reviewed by Joseph W. Smith, III, who said he told Mindy how hard he was laughing at the book. She replied she hoped he would also find it emotionally moving – which he said that he did. The book is a collection of more than 100 of her columns from Webb Weekly which Mr. Smith says is by turns uproarious, tearful, challenging, pensive, nostalgic, self-deprecating- and always beautifully written. Quite a tribute – the book is available at Otto's – we are proud of our resident author!

In the dramatic arena other members are raising the bar – the Jones family are familiar faces at the Community Theater League. Recently Bernadette was one of the "Glitter Girls" which coincidentally was directed by daughter Sara. By the way Bernadette's character was described as the hard-drinking wife of the town's mayoral candidate – interesting!

Not to be undone, husband and father Bob is cast as Monsignor O'Hara in the upcoming production of "Sister Act". I could make all sorts of comments about these characters but I will leave it to all of you!

As we hopefully draw to a close and a presentation I would like to thank all the members of the call committee for their superb efforts over the last almost three years. They have always been available to question potential candidates at length to determine which might be the best pastor to move St. Mark's forward. You can be sure they asked all of the questions you might ask and are available to discuss them with any congregation members. As I write this, the big weekend is ahead and I pray the Holy Spirit will lead us in the right path. I also want to thank Lorraine Barone who served as alternate and needed to be called on when one of our group was in the sunny south. Thank you, Lorraine!

School and college terms have begun so I am sure you will send me your news that I can share with everyone. One piece of exciting news, Taylor Wentzel was selected for the Blue Band at Penn State- quite an honor – I keep my eyes peeled for her but with the hats and uniforms it is hard to be sure – congratulations to Taylor!

Blessings, *Joyce S. Hershberger*

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*People go through three conversions: their head, their heart, and their pocketbook. Unfortunately, not all at the same time.*  
~ Martin Luther

## Holy Land 2020

Rev. Lenore Hosier, pastor of Saint John's-Newberry UMC, will be leading a team to the Holy Land through Educational Opportunities from January 8-16, 2020. This trip is unique in that it is not JUST touring the holy sites but will include teachings by Rev. Dr. Gary Mason, a Methodist pastor from Ireland and the Director of Rethinking Conflict. This tour is open for adults from any denomination. Brochure and additional information available for those interested.

Initial deposits due ASAP to hold spaces. Contact [lhosier@susumc.org](mailto:lhosier@susumc.org) or 570-326-5569.

*FREE COMMUNITY  
LUNCH 'N' FELLOWSHIP  
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16, AT NOON*

*Pork, sauerkraut,  
& mashed potatoes!  
COME AND ENJOY!*



*It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving. ~ Mother Teresa*

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### Fall Season Ecumenical Lunch

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and an 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.

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 the United Churches Office 570-322-1110 if you are not a regular attender will help our caterer, Heidi, to prepare.

#### OCTOBER:


- 2 - **Mr. John Hunsinger**, Local Music Historian, "*The Brownlee Sisters*"
- 9 - **Rev. Ken Elkin**, Retired Lutheran Pastor, "*How To Build A Cathedral*" Part 2
- 16 - **Mr. Scott Schell**, Local Songwriter and Musician, "*Stories Behind His Music*"
- 23 - **Rev. Kyle Murphy**, Deacon, Christ Episcopal Church, Williamsport, "*St. James of Jerusalem*"
- 30 - **Ms. Kelsey Boyles**, Program Director, Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity, "*Building Community*"

# Sharing in the Caring

## Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

- ⇒ **United Churches Food Pantry:** Non-perishable food items and healthy snacks are always needed.
- ⇒ **Shepherd of the Streets:** Hygiene Items in regular sizes for infants, kids and adults. Especially needed are disposable diapers and feminine hygiene items. Items for either the Pantry or Shepherd may be placed in the tubs in the Narthex coatroom.
- ⇒ **Aluminum Soda Can Tabs:** Containers are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Tabs are given to support the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.
- ⇒ **Pennies for Youth Activities:** A container is available in the narthex for your donations.

## Ongoing Activities at Redeemer Lutheran:

- ⇒ **Free Community Supper** on Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 5:30 PM -6:30 PM. All are welcome.
- ⇒ **Daniel's Closet** (Free Seasonal Clothing) on Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. 
- ⇒ **Donated Clothing** may be dropped off at Redeemer on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

*If you have a large quantity of clothing that cannot wait until the monthly drop off, please contact Barb Horn at 570-974-3744 or Carol Johnson at 570-772-6674 to arrange a time to meet at Redeemer Lutheran.*

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## Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to your continued generosity, our OCC shoeboxes are just about complete. In fact, they are just about bursting at the seams ~ a great "problem" to have!

For the month of October, we will be collecting "Odds N Ends" ~ things that will help us finish each of the 45 boxes that we will be donating to Samaritan's Purse. Please take a tag from the OCC bin in the Narthex and bring back the item(s) listed. Not a huge fan of shopping? Please consider donating \$9.00 to help cover the cost of shipping our boxes. Thank you again for your continued support of this outreach project.

We are excited to see our boxes come together at our **Packing Event** held on **November 17th**. Would love to see you there!

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## OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULES

### USHERS

10/6	Miller/Poff	AlbrightTeam/ConnieS.
10/13	Miller/Poff	MaggsTeam/Nancy L.
10/20	Miller/Poff	JensenTeam/Pam J.
10/27	Miller/Poff	Fortin Team/Ruth S.

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

10/6	Walt Haussmann	Kathy Dancho
10/13	Walt Haussmann	Linda Rosini
10/20	Becky Pryor	Joyce Hershberger
10/27	Lou Deseau	Donna Clark



### LECTORS

10/6	Walt Haussmann	Donna Boston
10/13	Dinah Labenberg	Mary Ann Stiller
10/20	Ruth Rees	Karen Mariano
10/27	Lou DeSeau	Dan Zeigler

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

10/6	D. Buckman & J. Hershberger
10/13	Walt Doeblor & Gary Weber
10/20	Carl & Audrey Albright
10/27	Dan & Diana Zeigler

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## 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 of all sorts of treasures that are clean and in working order.

- Please double check kitchen gadgets and small electronics before placing them in the room.
- All items should be packed in smaller boxes for ease of carrying.
- Place your boxes as far away from the door as possible.

A few boxes and newspaper are available in the Bazaar Room if you need them. Thank you!.





By the time you read this newsletter we will have been back to school for a month! How quickly time flies!

This year, our students decided to provide free ice pops and bottled water on freshman move in day. We set up in Rose Street Commons. Parents, freshmen...and all the hardworking student volunteers...stopped by the table to visit. As we recapped the event, we all agreed that we will be making this a yearly outreach project.

Our week looks like Bible Study on Monday nights, participation in prayer group on Tuesdays and Jesus and Java on Wednesdays. We stay pretty busy!

This semester we are reading *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* and discussing Biblical parallels. Thank you to Rebecca Spencer and Joe Smith for kicking us off. We look forward to Pastor Brad (New Covenant UCC), Pastor Kyle (Christ Episcopal), and Pastor Lenore (St. John-Newberry) to close us out for the month of September. I am still looking for pastors to lead us in October and November. Please prayerfully consider leading a study!

If you would like to support UCM in another way, we love to eat on Monday nights!!!! Maybe your group would like to prepare and deliver dinner...and join us for the study. We are always in need of baked goods for Jesus and Java. A huge thank you to Patty, who always makes sure my devotions are ready... even if she only has a few hours notice!

Fall Fusion is a student involvement fair held on campus the end of August. We served sno-cones until the we ran out of ice! We handed out information and met a bunch of great students!

As we look towards Open House in October, we are looking for ideas to draw students to our table. If you have something that your youth love...maybe we could borrow...please let me know.

Thank you for all of your support!

**Tammy Aichner, Coordinator, [ucm@ucl.org](mailto:ucm@ucl.org)**

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## “The Whys and Hows of Worship”

A Workshop exploring the “whys and hows” of worship will be held on Saturday, October 19, from 10:00 am until noon, at Redeemer. The program is led by Carol Waltz and Rev. David Byerly.

The morning begins with responsive prayer and hymn. Then they will cover the shape of the Sunday morning worship rite, the Revised common Lectionary, the church year, and some ways of choosing hymns—obviously a whirlwind tour of how Lutherans worship.

Reservations must be in by Wednesday, October 9. a light lunch will be served following the program. You may call our office with your interest 570-323-4619.

## Organ Trouble!

While we hope you’ve been enjoying the piano accompaniment the past few Sundays, It was not by choice that services went that way. The blower on the organ is broken, several companies have been in to look at it and the news is not good.

The condition of the organ blower is, unfortunately, dire and it will have to be replaced. This means that the organ will be out of commission for quite some time (approximately 4-6 months). The cost of the replacement is upwards of \$18000.

To help fund raise for the organ repairs, my friend Harry Claude Baum and I are planning on presenting a concert by the Williamsport Camerata of choral music by American composers, where free will donations to the organ fund can be made. The tentative date for the concert is Sunday, November 17, 6pm, in the nave of St. Mark's.

While the blower is being repaired, the plan is to move the chapel organ to the nave and amplify it further by equipment from Sides music store.

I wish I had better news to tell, but I'm doing my best to have the organ fixed as quickly and as cost effectively as possible. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

*In Christ, Christian*

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## ***PEDALS, PIPES, AND PIZZA***

### ***An Introduction to the Organs for Children, Youth, and Adults***

***Presented by the Williamsport Chapter, American Guild of Organists***

***Saturday, November 2, 2019***

***Trinity Episcopal Ch., 844 W 4th St., Wmspt.***

***Registration, 9:30 am; Program, 10:00—noon, including pizza lunch***

***Registration fee, \$5.00***

***The program includes organ demonstration, hands-on experience, “Meet Mr. Bach Skit,” drawing for an organ CD, take home activity booklet, and, of course, pizza.***



***Registration form and fee are due by October 25; forms are available from [donnaelkin@gmail.com](mailto:donnaelkin@gmail.com) and St. Mark's office. Walk-ins are also welcome.***

**NEWBERRY BRANCH OF NGA YARD SALE**

*Friday, October 18, 2019  
from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM*

*Saturday, October 19, 2019  
from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM*

**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 gigantic 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, linens and hygiene products.

We will set-up on Friday, October 18th 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.



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*Thank you to everyone who made my 80th birthday so special. I enjoyed all the cards and gifts that I received.*

*Blessings to everyone,  
Patricia Alexander*

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*Dear Becky and all,*

*How very thoughtful of you to send me that photo of the 4th celebration. It truly was appreciated!*

*I'm always glad to hear from my St. mark's family; so very close to my heart. You all are doing such a great job of keeping the faith alive. Blessings to you all.*

*Love, Jane Kline*

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**Youth Basketball League:**



The Bower Sunday School Basketball League will begin in November and is open to boys and girls from K - 12th grade. Many congregations in our community sponsor teams in this league which is the namesake of the "oldest and largest church league America."

Since we don't have a team at St. Mark's, if you are an individual who would like to play, go to [www.bowerbasketball.org](http://www.bowerbasketball.org) for information on finding a team and registration forms.

**LYCOMING COUNTY LIFE CHAIN**

The chain will be held on Sunday, October 6, on the Golden Strip (E 3rd St.) Loyalsock Township at 2:30 p.m. Area churches are invited to participate. In 2018, over 1530 cites and towns held Life Chains along with the Lycoming County Life Chain. This is our 28th year locally, 31st year nationally.

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in remembrance of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that we support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.



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

This event is at the Maynard Street Wendy's, and will be held October 15, from 5-8 pm.

**Great Food - Great Cause!**

*Wendy's will donate 10% of all sales made during this time.*



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**Church Women United's World Community Day**

Friday, Nov. 1, 1:30 pm  
Pine Street United Methodist Church  
441 Pine Street, Williamsport.

This is the time to bring in the \$4 donation we use to fill the Christmas stockings for the 1,125+ nursing home residents in Lycoming County. We purchase items in bulk for uniformity and economy. The stockings will include a pen, notebook, hand cream, emery board, tissues, comb and a Christmas card. We also prepare 50 gift bags for children who have mothers in the State Correctional Institute at Muncy.

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**→ Columbarium Status ←**

At the present time, there are five niches available to purchase in the columbarium.

**SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST**

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Rose View Center, 223B  
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Williamsport, PA 17701

**Dottie Bingaman**  
Williamsport Home  
1900 Ravine Rd.  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**Dottie Burd**  
355 Girio Terrace, Apt. 3  
S. Williamsport, PA 17702

**Marie Byerly**  
Arista Care Nursing Ctr.  
1445 Sycamore Rd.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

**Alona Hopler**  
2114 Riverbend Road  
Allentown, PA 18103

**Catherine Lundy**  
c/o Carol Butters  
123 Aberdeen Road  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**Carol McMorris**  
330 Forest Hills Circle  
Prescott, AZ 86303

**Ruth Pile**  
Wmspt Home Care Ctr #105A  
1900 Ravine Road  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**Kay Poliska**  
1100 Allen St.  
Montoursville, PA 17754

**Elizabeth Ruesskamp**  
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1201 Rural Ave.  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**Betty Stroup**  
Rose View, Room 210  
1201 Rural Ave.  
Williamsport, PA 17701

**Marion Waldeisen**  
Williamsport Home  
1900 Ravine Rd. Bldg C  
Apt. 1213  
Williamsport, PA 17701



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

Jane Zimmerer 10/09  
Amy Burkholder 10/11  
Barbara Doeblar 10/11  
Gary Goertz 10/11  
Shirley Vognet 10/13  
Gary Chrisman 10/14  
Makensie Doeblar 10/14  
Sean Fenderson 10/17  
Marion Larson 10/18  
Ashley Campbell 10/20  
Paige Hanford 10/21  
Paul Young 10/21  
Charles Kuntz 10/24

Richard Miller 10/24  
Hannah Haussmann 10/26  
Kathy Eshelman 10/27  
Andrew Haussmann 10/28  
John Hoffman 10/29  
Barbara Thomas 10/29  
Deborah Maggs 10/30  
Lois Winters 10/30

***Happy Anniversary!***

Lee & Veronica Doane 10/04  
Lawrence & Norma Lehman 10/09  
Andrea & Tracy Gregory 10/16  
Karen & Michael Merrifield 10/20  
Louis & Linda Deseau 10/26  
Robert & Constance Shaible 10/26  
Audrey & Jake Comerford 10/27  
Romain & Evelyn Bastian 10/30



**DIAL - A - DEVOTION \***

Have you called yet today?  
The number is 570-322-5762  
It's available 24/7

**Devotions** are three minutes or less, change week-days 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:

9/30-10/6 Pastor Tammey Aichner  
10/7-13 Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!

*St. Mark's Members,*

*What a delightful Saturday on August 3rd!*

*Thank you so very much for this trip to sight & sound and the delicious and filling meal. Many of the folks on the bus trip would probably never have had the opportunity to see this glorious presentation.*

*I thank you for myself and for everyone who had this wonderful gift shared with them.*

*God chooses special people to bring his gifts of love, peace, and joy into the lives of others. Thanks for serving God in such a wonderful way!*

*Blessing, Diane Ellis*



**Tuesday October 1, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 1:00pm City Pastors' Lunch  
 6:30pm Outreach

**Wed October 2, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Thu October 3, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 9:30am Stephen Ministers  
 10:45am Faith & Fellowship  
 6:30pm Stephen Ministers

**Fri October 4, 2019**

**Sat October 5, 2019**  
 6:00pm HOLY COMMUNION

**Sun October 6, 2019**  
**BLANKET SUNDAY**  
 8:00am HOLY COMMUNION  
 9:15am SUNDAY SCHOOL Children  
 & Adults  
 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION

**Mon October 7, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 11:00am Staff Meeting  
 6:30pm Personnel  
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

**Tue October 8, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Wed October 9, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Thu October 10, 2019**  
**Council Agenda Due**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal

**Fri October 11, 2019**

**Sat October 12, 2019**  
**Lion Article Deadline**

**Sun October 13, 2019**  
**HARVEST HOME**  
 8:00am HOLY COMMUNION

9:15am SUNDAY SCHOOL Children  
 & Adults  
 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION  
**1:00pm CROP WALK**

**Mon October 14, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 11:00am Staff Meeting  
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

**Tue October 15, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Wed October 16, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship

**Thu October 17, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Fri October 18, 2019**

**Sat October 19, 2019**

**Sun October 20, 2019**  
**THANKOFFERING SUNDAY**  
 8:00am HOLY COMMUNION  
 9:15am SUNDAY SCHOOL Children  
 & Adults  
 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION  
 11:45am Worship & Music

**Mon October 21, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 11:00am Staff Meeting  
 6:00pm Civic Chorus Board Meeting  
**6:30pm Council Meeting**  
 7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club  
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

**Tue October 22, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Wed October 23, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 6:30pm Property Committee

**Thu October 24, 2019**  
 8:00am Servant Keeper seminar-Lock  
 Haven  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-off

**Fri October 25, 2019**  
**9:20am Lion Crew**

**Sat October 26, 2019**  
 9:00am Daniel's Closet

**Sun October 27, 2019**  
**REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
**CONSECRATION SUNDAY**  
 8:00am HOLY COMMUNION  
 9:15am SUNDAY SCHOOL Children  
 & Adults  
 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION

**Mon October 28, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer  
 11:00am Staff Meeting  
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

**Tue October 29, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Wed October 30, 2019**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

**Thu October 31, 2019**  
**REFORMATION**  
 9:00am Morning Prayer

*"Jesus Christ  
 is the same  
 yesterday  
 and today  
 and forever."*

*Hebrews  
 13:8*

