



THE LION OF ST. MARK'S

JANUARY 2020

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's



In June of 1987 ABC television introduced the news magazine *20/20*. *20/20* was designed similarly to *60 Minutes* on CBS. Being a "news junky" I remember the premiere of *20/20* and its tag line, "20/20, see it clearly", a reference to the name of the program being a play on words to the measurement of visual acuity.

The calendar year of 2020 is now upon us. What seemed like a clever name for a news program and a possible look into the future in 1987 is now reality—2020 is here!

With the arrival of the year 2020 and the reference to the television program of the same name, comes a question: How can we see clearly? For the singer Johnny Nash it was a question of "all the rain being gone". What is the rain for us? How can we see all that we are supposed to see, all that we want to see in this new calendar year? How can "all obstacles" be seen that we might avoid or overcome them?

I have no crystal ball. I do not know what will or will not happen. There are many things of which I cannot be certain...save one. To see 2020 clearly; to avoid or overcome all obstacles in our way, is to approach it in and with Christ. Our relationship with him will see us through anything we might experience in this new calendar year. The potential and hope of a new beginning does not depend on any "new year's resolutions" that we make, but on us recognizing the hope and potential we have in Jesus Christ.

There's an old saying, one with which I am sure you are familiar: "I do not know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." In 2020 and beyond Christ is our hope for a "good year".

"See it clearly!" Embrace and hold fast to the One who has come among us and affirm him as "The Light of the World"—our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Brian Vasey

JOIN US

Saturday Eucharist, 4 pm
Sunday Eucharist, 8 & 10:30 am
Sunday Church School, 9:15 am

What are you doing for this New Year? Any resolutions?

Good question! Here are some suggestions that don't cast anything but your time and attention:

1. Take time every day to read the Word.
2. Do devotionals every day.
3. Improve prayer life—talk to God in depth and often. It could be about anything at all, just talk to Him!
4. Make an effort to attend Sunday School.
5. Become more involved with the church and its ministries.
6. Make an effort to be intentional in how you help.
7. Learn more about everyone in the Bible—start with "Jesus' family tree."
8. While reading your Bible, consider how you would tell someone about what you read. This will ensure a deeper understanding that will be difficult to forget.
9. Don't study just to say you did—study for the sake of growing closer to God!
10. Be honest and intentional in faith.



"... therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

~ 1 Peter 4:7-11

January Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 5, "Epiphany Sunday"
Holy Communion, Setting 2 LBW

Sunday, January 12, "The First Sunday after the Epiphany"

Baptism of Our Lord
Holy Communion, Setting 2, LBW

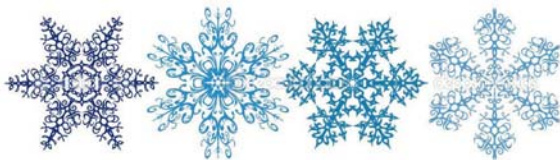
Sunday, January 19, Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Communion, Setting 2, LBW

Sunday, January 26, Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Communion, Setting 2, LBW

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STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Pastor: The Rev. Brian Vasey
 Mon—Thu 9am—2pm & by appointment

Sexton: Lou DeSeau
 Sun—Thurs 5:30am—1pm

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

Bookkeeper: Jackie Baysore
 Tue & Thu 8am—12:00pm

Secretary: Bernadette Jones
 Mon—Fri 9am—2pm

Additional note from the Council's November meeting:

- Donna Elkin presented information pertaining to her grievance against St. Mark's. She was accompanied by Debra Buckman and Laura Schreckengast

The Church Council did not meet in December. They will convene in January. A report will be in the February newsletter.

- **M(Personnel Committee) SC:CC:19.12.1** On December 16, 2019 Council approved a motion presented by the Personnel Committee to accept the resignation of Christian Humcke, Director of Music. It was necessary to vote by means of email due to council having no scheduled meeting in December, 2019. On December 16, 2019 all votes were cast and tallied and the vote was unanimous to accept Christian's resignation, with regret and great sadness.

Hold this square close to your face and blow on it.

** If it turns green, call your physician.*

** If it turns brown, see your dentist.*

** If it turns purple, see your psychiatrist.*

** If it turns red, see your banker.*

** If it turns black, call your lawyer and make a will.*

If it remains the same color, you are in good health and there is no reason on earth why you should not be in church next Sunday morning.

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Hello, everyone,

It with great ambivalence that I share with you the news that I will be resigning from my position as Director of Music & Organist at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport, PA. My last day of employment will be Sunday, February 9, 2020.

I received an offer to serve as Minister of Music at a Lutheran church in Mercer County, NJ. Although I will be sad to leave St. Mark's, I am also excited for what the future has in store. With proximity to family, and with Philadelphia and New York City nearby, the new position puts me in a much more favorable place for growth as a musician.

Thank you all for being my second family; I will cherish the memories of serving here, working with you, getting to know you, and worshipping God with you.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*God Bless!
Christian*

Thank you to all members and friends of St. Mark's who shared with the Vasey Family well wishes, cards and gifts during the Advent and Christmas Seasons! Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2020 as we work together to know Christ and make Christ known.

Pastor Brian Vasey and Family

Dear St. Mark's,

We appreciate your coming each year! Thank you for the gifts and snacks. God bless all of you!

*Merry Christmas!
The ladies and staff of
Selinsgrove Center CM6*

It is Still Christmas!

Join the Outreach Committee on January 5, 2020, for an afternoon of caroling and gifting to our Special Concern folks and others who we do not see as often as we wish. A light lunch will be served after the late service, before we leave for our visits. Please be part of the festivities and join us. The more the merrier!



New Sunday School Class for the New Year!

Pastor Vasey is offering a study on the Gospel according to Mark during the Sunday School hour. Please come on Sunday, January 5th, to the Crossways Room, for the first meeting of this new Sunday School class!



Class begins at approximately 9:15 (although, in reality—probably closer to 9:20). We look forward to this opportunity to learn and grow in our knowledge and faith. Come join us!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thanks to your generous support, St. Mark's packed 45 OCC shoeboxes in 2019! Not only did we fill these boxes with all sorts of goodies, we raised the entire \$405.00 needed to cover shipping costs. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in ways big or small.

We look forward to continuing this outreach ministry in 2020, and plan to once again pack 45 beautiful boxes to be sent to kids around the world. Monthly collections make this process a little less daunting, and we very much appreciate your generous donations.

In January, we are collecting:



- Fun Pads (small, activity pads)**
- Journals**
- Knit Hats**

These items may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support in helping spread the good news of God's love ~ for all of us!

Bishop's Website Blog

On the first of every month, Bishop Collins submits a blog to Upper Susquehanna Synod website (uss-elca.org), which also connects with our Synod Facebook and Twitter accounts. The writings connect with our synod's current strategy for mission and the focus areas of our work together. It is her hope that these blogs will encourage and challenge every member of every congregation across our synod to be more active in ministry or do something new as the church that will make a difference in their community.



Nibbles from the Church Mouse

Apologies for my absence last month – caring for Harold in addition to everything else has been a challenge—but enough of whining! Was delighted to open my Sun Gazette sports section this morning and see a picture of my wonderful grandson, Sean, doing his thing for the varsity basketball team at Loyalsock – we are so proud of Sean both because of his athletic ability and his achievements in scholarship: he was named to the high honor roll this term. Good work, Sean!

The Haussmann family has another reason to be proud – Elizabeth is participating in the Penguin Project at CTL for her second year. The show this year is *Annie, Jr.*, with Elizabeth starring in the role of Annie! Shows are the weekends of March 20, 21, & 22, and March 27, 28, & 29. Elizabeth would love to see faces she knows in the audience—but buy your tickets early. This show regularly sells out! If you haven't been to a Penguin Project Production, you are in for a special treat. The energy and excitement that these kids bring to the stage is truly heartwarming. You won't be disappointed. You have lots of dates to attend so make your plans. (*Contact Community Theatre League for info*)

I don't want to pass over another St. Mark's young person named to the high honor roll at Loyalsock—Jonah Schreckengast is a tenth grader and consistently is recognized with this honor!

I was thinking some time ago about new beginnings. Even though the year is drawing to a close some of our younger members have experienced new beginnings. I think of the Wentzel twins who are beginning their college years at Penn State University as new freshmen. Both have found their own niche, Sadie in vocal music and Taylor in instrumental, but report the change requires some adjustment. They seem to be handling it very well, probably better than their parents who are adjusting to life without the girls. Mel is also adjusting to recent back surgery but he is a determined fellow and is coming along well.

And certainly a big new beginning for us at St. Mark's is the coming of Pastor Brian Vasey. At the installation, I looked up at the stained glass window at the front of the church and the sunlight was almost blinding! If you believe in omens, it was a good one—but I know St. Mark's folks and am sure they will welcome this change and move forward in our mission of "Knowing Christ and making Christ known!"

And here comes 2020—how can it come so quickly—I remember writing much earlier dates in grammar school—won't tell you what they were but use your imagination!

Be sure one of your resolutions is to keep in touch—I love hearing from you! Blessings for a special Christmas and Happy New Year!

Joyce Hershberger

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH 'N' FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15, AT NOON

And the menu is—drum-roll please—

a surprise!

COME AND ENJOY!

January 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 lot north of the Pine Street UM 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 attendee will help our caterer, Heidi, to prepare.

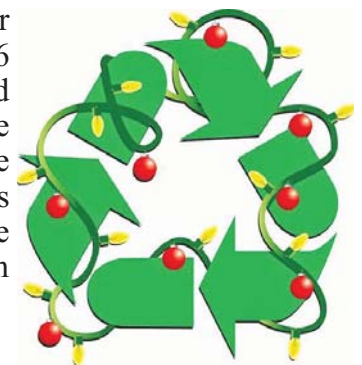
Please note that if the Williamsport Area School District closes schools because of winter road conditions we will not have Ecumenical Lunch. If you aren't sure what we are doing, call Gwen at 570-419-1464.

JANUARY:

- 1—New Year's Day - No lunch
- 8 - Rev. Angelique Labadie-Chianowyz, Executive Director, Sojourner Truth Ministries, "House of Hope"
- 15- Mrs. Barbara Horn and Mrs. Carol Johnson, Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church and Co-Directors of Daniels Closet, "Clothing Plus ... For Those In Need"
- 22- Rev. Gwen Bernstine, Staff, United Churches, "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness"
- 29- Ms. Brittany Fischer, Vice President, Community Impact, "Our Community Coming Together By Way Of The Lycoming United Way."

Go Green for Gifting

Have more Christmas gift bags, new greeting cards and tissue paper than you can use? Donate them to the Outreach Committee for gifting the ladies of CM-6 and others in 2020. Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. We are also in need of slipper socks that are now at clearance prices. They too may go in the tub in the Narthex.



Thank You for the Christmas Gifts

The Outreach Committee thanks the congregation for their support of their many December projects.

- * On December 8, 2019 members of the Outreach Committee traveled to the Selinsgrove Center to once again share stories, songs, bubbles and gifts with the sixteen ladies of CM-6 and their caregivers. It was a very special afternoon for the ladies and our members. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the congregation for their 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.
- * On December 13, 2019 we hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall. Fifteen units of blood were collected. This quantity can save up to forty-five lives! Our next Blood Drive will be Friday, July 17, 2020. Save a life. Donate blood.
- * Thank you to all the members of the congregation, who also 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.
- * Our stocking stuffer gift bags to the families staying with us over Christmas were very much appreciated. Thank you to those who donated items to this outreach.
- * The Christian Education Committee and the Outreach Committee thank the congregation for participating in Reverse Advent. As of press time the Advent bags were being returned filled with food items and hygiene products. Look for a total count in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.

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

CHURCH LEADERS' DAY

FEBRUARY 1, 2020 @ 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

A Church Leader's Day for all congregation council members and rostered leaders will be held on February 1, 2020, at Christ Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

New to council? Get off to a good start with spiritual grounding and practical tools.

Been on council often and for a long time? Refresh yourself and your practices for a deeper ministry of the church together.

Workshops include Vision and Discernment, Church Finances, Church Constitution, Effective Meetings, Church Technologies, Synod Resources, Committees and Policies. We welcome anyone interested in coming. The fee is \$10 per person. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Tom Glasoe at secretary@uss-elca.org.

JANUARY SERVICE SCHEDULES

USHERS

1/5	Miller/Poff	Fortin Team/Nancy L.
1/12	Miller/Poff	AlbrightTeam/Ruth S..
1/19	Miller/Poff	MaggsTeam/Sally B.
1/26	Miller/Poff	JensenTeam/Pam

ASSISTING MINISTERS

1/5	Becky Pryor	Ray Huff
1/12	Walt Haussmann	Deb Buckman
1/19	Ben Haussmann	Donna Clark
1/26	Drew Haussmann	Kathy Dancho



Worship Assistants

LECTORS

1/5	Becky Pryor	Lou DeSeau
1/12	Leah Haussmann	Karen Mariano
1/19	Ben Haussmann	Gary Weber
1/26	Drew Haussmann	Linda Rosini

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS (10:30)

1/5	Lou DeSeau
1/12	Kathy Dancho
1/19	Matt Fortin
1/26	Mindy Wentzel

**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER'S
GROW IN THE SNOW**

This year's synod youth retreat at Camp Mount Luther will be held on February 7-8, 2020. All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend.



The theme of this year's retreat is "I Believe, I Do Believe," dealing with the creeds. Experience your Creator, play winter games and find refreshment in the peace of camp in winter.

The retreat is from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, but there is an option for youth and leaders to come just for the day on Saturday. Cost is \$62 (whole program) or \$40 (Saturday only).

Please register by January 31, 2020. Each registered group should provide one adult (21-or-over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented. Cabin assignments will be made based on available adults and number of youth attending. A flyer and registration form are on the camp website, www.campmountluther.org

As usual, St. Mark's will pay one-half the cost of each camper attending.

Sharing in the Caring

Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

- * United Churches Food Bank: Non-perishable food items are always in need.
- * Shepherd of the Streets: Hygiene items in regular sizes including diapers (size 4 and up) and feminine hygiene items for women.
- * Soda Tabs: Collected for the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. Containers are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.
- * Bazaar Room: The Women of St. Mark's need your items for our 2020 sale. It is a great time to sort through holiday / winter decorations and make a donation.
- * We are no longer collecting cancelled postage stamps.

Ongoing Activities at Redeemer Lutheran:

- * Free Community Dinner: Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 5:30-6:30. All are welcome.
- * Daniel's Closet: Making room for the new Christmas clothing your family and you received? Donate your no longer needed clothing to Daniel's Closet. Free seasonal clothing on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Donated clothing may be dropped off at Redeemer on January 23rd from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.



If you have a large quantity of clothing that cannot wait until the drop-off date you can now call Barb Horn @ 570-974-3744 or Carol Johnson @ 570-772-6674 to arrange a mutually convenient time to take your clothes to Redeemer Lutheran.

UNITED CHURCHES OF LYCOMING COUNTY NEEDS YOU!

We are getting ready to fill the ministries schedule for 2020. Both laity and clergy are needed!

Please reply and let them know how you are able to help. You can email to director@uclc.org or call 570-322-1110. Be sure to include your name, phone number(s), home address, email address, and church affiliation.

WORSHIP IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS (Laity and Clergy needed)

(20-30 minutes that includes time for: Hymn, Opening Prayer, Scripture, Devotional message, Hymn, Prayer, Hymn, Benediction)

- ⇒ Manor Care South (2 pm, Sundays)
- ⇒ Valley View (2 pm, Sundays - if possible 2 services)

- ⇒ AristaCare (2 pm, Sundays)
- ⇒ Elmcroft (2 pm, 2nd Sunday of the month)
- ⇒ Manor Care North (2:15 pm, Sundays - 2 services)
- ⇒ Rose View Center (2:15 pm, Sundays)
- ⇒ Williamsport Home (3 pm, Sundays - 2 services)
- ⇒ Leighton Place (3 pm, 1st Sunday of the Month)
- ⇒ The Meadows (3 pm, 3rd Sunday of the Month)
- ⇒ The Hillside (3pm, 4th Sunday of the Month)

When responding, please note which location you can serve and a schedule preference: once a month, 6 or 7 services during the year, or other frequencies.

DAILY TELEPHONE DEVOTION LINE

These can be recorded from your phone onto an outgoing message of our devotion line answering machine every day for a week.

When responding, please let them know how many weeks a year you are able to do this.

FOOTSTEPS TO FOLLOW EDITORIALS

(Clergy and people in parachurch leadership needed)

Each editorial runs in the Sun Gazette, on the United Churches of Lycoming County website, and is sent in to the NorthcentralPA.com newspaper.

When responding, please let them know if you would like to do one or more editorials throughout the year or if you would like to write one for a specific season, month, or event.

Recycle your Items at FPLC



Beginning January 4th and continuing throughout the year, the first Saturday of each month Family Promise of Lycoming County will be open for donations and as a food pantry and clothing closet. Hours are 10-1.

If you would like a donation pick-up of items, we are available at that time to pick up your donation. Call the office at 570-567-7103 to get on our pick-up schedule.

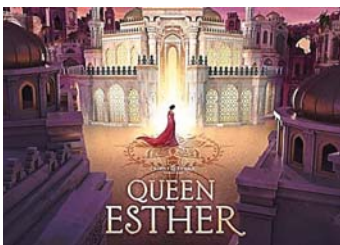
We accept the following in good condition:

couch clothing chair kitchen items
tables & end tables dressers appliances

If you have questions please call us at 570-567-7103.

(Mentors in Faith, continued from page eight.)

“In campus ministry, we never have members like you do in congregations,” Heavner said. “Students come and go. It’s important for students to know when they graduate that they can find a community of faith and continue to be surrounded by that cloud of witnesses. I couldn’t be concrete with students about that if I didn’t have the confidence that this was a ministry the whole church is supporting.”



BUS TRIP WITH UNITED CHURCHES

Join United Churches of Lycoming County for a day in Lancaster to see Sight and Sounds newest production, Queen Esther. We have

scheduled our trip for Tuesday, March 24, 2020. The schedule follows:

- 6:30 a.m. Leave from First United Methodist Church, Williamsport, (use their Packer Street Parking Lot.) We'll again be riding with Cross Country Coach.
- 10:15 a.m. Arrive at Sight and Sound. Your trip includes a ticket to the morning show of Queen Esther.
- 2:00 p.m. Enjoy a late lunch at Bird-in-Hand Restaurant's delicious lunch buffet, (included.) On the return trip we will stop in Lancaster at Edwards Nut and Candy Company for your shopping pleasure.
- 8:00-8:15 Expected arrival back at First UMC, Williamsport.

Total cost is: Adults: \$125, Children under 12: \$90. Seats are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. All money is needed by February 27th . Please send check, made out to United Churches (UCLC) and mail to: Yvonne Shenuski, 1426 Elwood Road, Williamsport, PA, 17701. Proceeds support all the ministries of United Churches! Contact Yvonne at 570-546-7786 or von2@comcast.net to make your reservation.

**Annual Assembly News
It's A New Day**

The fellowship hall of Christ Episcopal Church, on Mulberry and East Fourth Streets, was filled with over 70 people celebrating their common faith and the good they have done in Lycoming County over the past year as United Churches of Lycoming County (UCLC) celebrated its 73rd anniversary over a delicious roast beef dinner.

President Lou Kolb was filled with gratitude as he reviewed the events of the year and the dedicated people who carry out these ministries.

Among the business of the evening we approved an updated constitution and bylaws that greatly simplified the structure. The 2020 budget was passed. And the 2020 Board of Directors and Officers were elected. One of the highlights of the evening is always the announcement of our Ecumenical Service Award honoree. This year it was Dr. Alexander Nesbitt, who was praised for "a lifelong compassion for those who are ill" and this compassion inspired him, at an early age, to get into the medical field, where he has worked to make a more

abundant life possible for everyone. He was honored for "helping to establish, develop and continue the Susquehanna-Shirati Palliative Care Partnership." He has lectured, written, and taught courses all around the area and the world to "educate medical professionals and the public about hospice, palliative care and (to give) a better understanding of end-of-life issues."

He has brought the ecumenical community together to address the unmet needs in our community especially as it relates to end of life issues. And he works with each of our families with amazing care and listening skills, teaching us to think about how we want to live our lives right up until our death, and how to talk to each other about our wishes.

CREATION CORNER

**Christian Social Concerns Committee
of the United Churches of Lycoming County**

Religious Declaration of Unprecedented Climate Change

Responding to the very serious climate threat, the 2019 Religious Declaration of Unprecedented Climate Emergency was issued by the National Religious Coalition on Creation Care (NRCCC).

This was the 20th year for the annual prayer breakfast and week of action for public advocacy event, composed by Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical, and Orthodox Christians, and Jews.

The Declaration clarifies two essential facts: (1) humanity has an extremely short window of time in which to avert irreversible climate chaos, and (2) religions around the world consider protecting God's Creation a moral and spiritual imperative. An increasing number of members realize we need to address climate change with the same focus, fervor and self-sacrifice as a nation does in mobilizing itself for defense against a common foe (in this case, atmospheric physics).

The Declaration reflects major policy recommendation statements from their related national faith groups.

DIAL -A -DEVOTION *

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

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."

1/6-12 Pastors Jim/Kathy Behrens
1/13-19 Rev. Danesta Whaley

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!



SPECIAL CONCERNS LIST

Patricia Alexander
Rose View Center, 223B
1201 Rural Ave.
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Dottie Bingaman
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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Arista Care Nursing Ctr.
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Montoursville, PA 17754

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c/o Carol Butters
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Williamsport, PA 17701

Carol McMorris
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Prescott, AZ 86303

Ruth Pile
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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Montoursville, PA 17754

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Williamsport, PA 17701

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Williamsport, PA 17701

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



Happy Birthday!

Shelby Weber 01/01
John Shaible 01/03
James Newcomer Sr. 01/04
Mary Lou Doebler 01/06
Susan Baker 01/10
Andrew Zeigler 01/10
Peter Zeigler 01/10
Kathy Kolb 01/12

Jackie Kinney 01/13
Riley Weber 01/14
Anna Zeigler 01/15
Laura Zeigler 01/15
David Butters 01/16
Lee Doane 01/16
Donna Boston 01/17
Beth Miller 01/17
Ruth Rees 01/17
Herbert Poff 01/21



Elizabeth Ruesskamp 01/22
Scarlett Lynch 01/23
Neil Eshelman 01/24
Walter Doebler 01/25
Marc Kinney 01/26
Sean Buckman 01/28
Linda Deseau 01/30
Devin Owen 01/30

Mentors in Faith

From 2019 "Stories of Faith in Action" ELCA

Lutheran campus ministries provide students with a haven from the pressures of academia while helping them realize their callings in Christ.

At Clemson University in south Carolina, Lutheran Campus Ministry helps students understand that their studies intersect with their Christian identity. The ministry's mentoring program, called 2x2, connects students with faculty and members of University Lutheran Church who are in similar fields. These small groups meet regularly to discuss how one's vocation can be discovered through one's studies.

Tom Birdsong, a Clemson senior majoring in computer engineering, said that being part of 2x2 has helped him understand his vocational discernment is an ongoing process and that there are many paths he could pursue.

"I felt strongly that whatever I ended up doing as a profession had to be in service in some capacity," he said. "I knew I wasn't going in to a pastor role, but I was trying to find out how I could apply my engineering skills to projects that would create community and foster faith. Having the perspective of my mentors as people in academia and in my industry helped me realize there are a lot of that we can apply our vocation and do God's work at a community level."

Chris Heavner, campus minister at Lutheran Campus Ministry-Clemson, thinks the 2x2 program gives students a community of support. "Our mentors are able to take students on field trips and immerse them in experiences they wouldn't always be able to have," he said. *Mission Support from the South Carolina Synod and the church-wide organization enhances the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry-Clemson.*

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Wednesday January 1, 2020
New Year's Day—office closed

Thu January 2, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 10:45am Faith & Fellowship Comm

Sat January 4, 2020
Epiphany (observed)
 4:00pm HOLY COMMUNION

Sun January 5, 2020
Epiphany (observed)
 8:00am HOLY COMMUNION
 9:15am SUNDAY SCHOOL Children & Adults
 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION
 1:00pm Christmas Caroling!

Mon January 6, 2020
Epiphany
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Wise Men
 Seek Him Still



Tue January 7, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 11:00am Staff Meeting
 1:00pm City Pastors' Lunch
 6:30pm Outreach Committee

Wed January 8, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 12:00pm Pine St. Ecumenical Lunch

Thu January 9, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 5:30pm Redeemer Community Meal

Fri January 10, 2020
Council Agenda Due

Sat January 11, 2020
Baptism of Our Lord
 4:00pm HOLY COMMUNION

Sun January 12, 2020
Baptism of Our Lord
Lion Article Deadline
 8:00am HOLY COMMUNION
 9:15am SUNDAY SCHOOL Children & Adults
 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION

Mon January 13, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue January 14, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 11:00am Staff Meeting
 6:30pm Safety Team meeting

Wed January 15, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 12:00pm Pine St. Ecumenical Lunch
 12:00pm Lunch 'n' Fellowship

Thu January 16, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer

Sat January 18, 2020
 4:00pm HOLY COMMUNION

Sun January 19, 2020
 8:00am HOLY COMMUNION
 9:15am SUNDAY SCHOOL Children & Adults
 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION

Mon January 20, 2020
Martin Luther King Day
Office Closed
 9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00pm Civic Chorus Board Mtg.
6:00pm Council Meeting
 7:00pm Wmspt. Dog Training Club
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue January 21, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 11:00am Staff Meeting

Wed January 22, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 12:00pm Pine St. Ecumenical Lunch

Thu January 23, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 4:00pm Daniel's Closet Drop-off

Fri January 24, 2020
9:20am Lion Crew

Sat January 25, 2020
 9:00am Daniel's Closet
 4:00pm HOLY COMMUNION

Sun January 26, 2020
 8:00am HOLY COMMUNION
 9:15am SUNDAY SCHOOL Children & Adults
 10:30am HOLY COMMUNION

Mon January 27, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 7:00pm Civic Chorus Rehearsal

Tue January 28, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 11:00am Staff Meeting

Wed January 29, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer
 12:00pm Pine St. Ecumenical Lunch

Thu January 30, 2020
 9:00am Morning Prayer