

**SAINT  
MARK'S  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**



**“THE LION”  
of ST. MARK’S**

*“To know Christ and to make Christ known.”*

**JULY 2023**



On July 4 we as a nation celebrate Independence Day; the day in 1776 when the representatives of the Second Continental Congress ratified the Declaration of Independence. The declaration informed King George of Great Britain that the British Colonies of North America no longer wished to be recognised as such. In the words of the declaration: “These colonies are and have right ought to be free and independent states.” Thus the nation to be known as the United States of America was born.

Independence is a gift to be cherished. It is good and right that we should give thanks to God for the blessings of freedom that independence makes possible. However as we as citizens spend time celebrating our political independence, as Christians we should also take time to recognize and celebrate our dependence upon God.

As Lutheran Christians we believe that we are totally dependent upon God. That truth is not negated by Independence Day. God created us, birthed in us life. God through Christ has set us free from sin and death. God, not an act of congress, sets us free, free to act and live in ways that serve God and those made in God's image. And what is the best way to serve our Lord and others? Love, love of God that leads to a love of and for all neighbors. Even those of a different color, different sexual orientation, different culture or different religion. The United States of America is to be a nation that uses its political freedom in ways that serve all people in love.

**STAFF OFFICE HOURS**

Pastor: The Rev. Brian Vasey  
 Mon-Thu 9 a.m.-1 p.m., & by appointment  
 Church Organist: Sam Robinson  
 Summer Mon 1-3 p.m. & by appointment  
 Sexton: OPEN  
 By appointment  
 Bookkeeper: Jackie Baysore  
 By appointment  
 Administrative Assistant: Joseph Baur  
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(Pastor's Note continued)

## Summer Hospitality

The summer months are once again upon us and with them come long, lazy days, swimming, camping, s'mores, suntans, and all sorts of fun, summery things. At St. Mark's, **summer also means a single service beginning at 9:30 AM.**

We look forward to sharing hospitality with each other after the 9:30 service, and ask that you please consider signing up to share a few treats ~ nothing fancy is required! Perhaps find a friend to help make the load just a bit lighter. Sign-up sheets may be found in the "Hospitality Binder" on the "Hospitality Table" in the Narthex. We look forward to spending a little time together on these Summer Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping!

**OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES FOR SUMMER-BEGINNING JUNE 4, 2023**  
**Holy Communion,**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

God's love in Jesus Christ has set us free! Free to be a blessing, not free to oppress others. Our freedom is a gift to serve God, not a license to do whatever pleases us. The dependent love of God in Jesus Christ makes possible the bold claims of Independence Day: Set free; set free by love and sacrifice to love.

Happy Independence Day.

*Grace + Peace,*  
*Pastor Brian Vasey*

## Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School Class is on "Summer Vacation" but will begin to meet again on Sunday, September 10. Watch your Lion and our Web Page for more information.



### Phone Number Change

Pastor Vasey has a new cell phone Number:

272-788-0161. Please use this number as his primary telephone number when he is not available by the church telephone or the church email. Thank You!



## **SUNDAYS IN JULY**

Sunday, July 2, The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion, 9:30 am

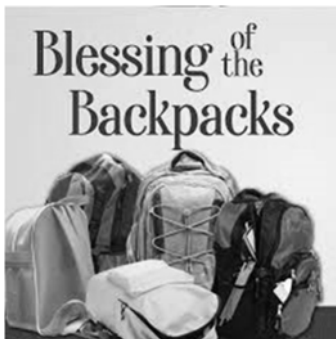
Sunday, July 9, The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion, 9:30 am

***Church Picnic follows Worship.  
All Are Welcome!***

Sunday, July 16, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion, 9:30 am

Sunday, July 23, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion, 9:30 am

Sunday, July 30, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion, 9:30 am



## **LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST**

Sunday, August 20 is "Backpack Blessing Sunday". All students are invited to bring their backpacks (and briefcases too) to worship on this Sunday. More details to follow in the August Lion!

## **Operation Christmas Child**



It's "Christmas in July" for our Operation Christmas Child Ministry! On our Christmas Wish List this year is ... monetary donations (we are more like teenagers than toddlers I guess!). Monetary donations will be put toward one of two items: shipping costs to help defray the expense of shipping our 60 (or more) shoeboxes **or** soccer balls and pumps. Soccer balls are a wonderful "**WOW**" item to include our shoeboxes. Shoebox recipients share that a soccer ball can also be a gift for an entire village when everyone gathers to play on the pitch. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate earmarked for Operation Christmas Child.

School supplies will also be making their entrance onto the scene within the next couple of weeks so crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, and pens are also wonderful donations.

These items (or any others you find) may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the Narthex. We thank you for your continued generosity! "Merry Christmas in July!"



# St. Mark's Lutheran Church Williamsport, PA 17701

## ***“To know Christ and to make Christ known”***

Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting held on June 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
- Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Ralph Zeigler  
Council joined in reciting our mission statement ~ “To know Christ and to make Christ known”.  
Shelby Weber led us in opening prayer.

Secretary's roll call was taken.

**Present:** Debra Buckman, Ed Gair, Vicki Haussmann, Ray Huff, Nikki Jackson,  
Herb Poff, Helen Schramm, Shelby Weber, Mel Wentzel, Ralph Zeigler, Pastor Vasey  
**Absent:** Glenn Yaple

**Secretary's Report:** M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 23.6.1 The secretary's report for the month of May was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** M(Helen Schramm ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 23.6.2 The treasurer's report for the month of May (printed 6/12/23) was accepted and filed for audit.

**Pastor's report:** As submitted by Pastor Vasey.

- Noted that those in need of assistance has been increasing over the past months.  
Assistance is needed in terms of grocery store (Wegman's) gift cards.
  - \* Pastor has initiated a 6 month “wait period” between cards to stretch the limited amount of cards we have. There is also a one card per family limit.
  - \* It was suggested that we could advertise in the bulletin asking for donations of Wegman's gift cards or for donations to Pastor's Discretionary Fund.
  - \* It was noted that clarification of funds considered in/out funds is being worked on with Jackie Baysore.
- Pastor shared take aways from the Synod Assembly, 2023.
  - \* Be intentional with involving children.
  - \* Develop a “Prospect List”.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Evangelism & Fellowship:** Email update provided by Becky Pryor

- There are several ongoing collections to help with food insecurity in Williamsport.
- Fall sale will be held September 15-16.

**Faith Formation:** Update provided by Vicki Haussmann

- Please join us for our church picnic to be held July 9th after our 9:30 service.

**Finance:** Nothing to report.

**Little Lambs:** Update provided by Pastor Vasey

- Little Lambs provided a written letter, complete with monetary figures, outlining their concerns with the recent rent increase. This letter has been referred back to the Little Lambs committee for further discussion and clarification.

**Nominating:** Nothing to report.

**Personnel:** Update provided by Mel Wentzel

- The sexton position has been advertised once again with 2 responses received. Mel will be meeting with one candidate on Tuesday.

**Property:** Update provided by Ed Gair

- \$1250.00 paid to have the roof inspected. Minor repairs were made where needed and valuable information regarding the roof was given to the committee.
- Waiting for estimate for the Parish Hall roof.
- Front faucet has been repaired.

**Publicity:** Nothing to report.

**Safety:** Update provided by Herb Poff, liaison

- Next meeting July 10, 2023 at 11:00 AM.
- June 20 meeting to gather information on a possible video surveillance/security system.

**Worship and Music:** Updated provided by Ray Huff

**M(Committee) SC: CC: 23.6.3** Motion approved to bring recommendation to continue with a single service through the year off the table.

- Due to a May absence, Mel Wentzel and Vicki Haussmann were given time to express their thought/opinions on this topic.

- Pros/cons from congregational members were briefly reviewed.

- Concern that the feeling persists that there are “2 congregations” (8:00 and 10:30).

Even if 2 services (as well as online service) continue, we are *one* congregation.

- Thanks to Ray Huff and the Worship and Music Committee for their work on this issue.

**M(Shelby Weber ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 23.6.4** Motion approved to vote on single service via a written ballot.

- Mel Wentzel and Vicki Haussmann were appointed tellers for this vote.

**Vote Outcome:** 3 Yes votes for continuing with a single service, 8 No votes for continuing with a single service. \* **We will resume with 2 services in the Fall.**

**Parish Life:** Email update provided by Becky Pryor

- 80 sandwiches are prepared every month for New Covenant’s Blessing Box.
- Donations of shelf stable packets of tuna salad and chicken salad are needed.
- A funeral luncheon for Roxie Larson will be served on June 22, 2023.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Growing our Church:** Suggestion of hosting a lunch/movie event.

- **Spire Update:** Herb Poff met with an engineer who will be putting together ideas and possibilities for replacing the spire.

\*After looking through old, original drawings/plans for St. Mark’s, it has been recommended that these plans be scanned into a computer to help with preservation.

- **Dossal Update:** Ongoing conversation regarding this project.

- **Scott Gelnett Offer:** There is definite council interest in updating our audio-visual equipment. Herb Poff will reach out to Scott Gelnett to let him know.

- **Industrial Appraisal Co./Revaluation Services:** Deb Buckman is working on

this.

**New Business:**

- The question of raising the guidelines for honoraria for church staff at weddings and funerals has been referred to the Worship and Music and Personnel Committees for discussion.

**M(Mel Wentzel ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 23.6.5** Motion approved to allow Civic Choir use of Fellowship Hall and the Nave for their 2023-24 rehearsals and concert.

**M(Shelby Weber ~ 2nd Ray Huff) SC: CC: 23.6.6** Motion approved to cancel July Council meeting noting that any emergent items may need to be discussed/voted on via email.

Shelby Weber led us in the closing prayer.  
The meeting was adjourned.

**Next meeting: Monday, August 21, 2023 @ 6:00 PM (Middle Lounge)**



**Lutheran  
World  
Relief**

## Lutheran World Relief News

Soon it will be time to make kits for Lutheran World Relief. Backpacks for the school kits will be available beginning July 23. Directions for the other kits will also be available and will be included in

the August Lion. Watch for sales of school items and other items. If you have questions, please contact Deb Buckman.



Family Promise – Our next hosting is the week of July 9 to July 15. We will be providing dinners each night as well as breakfast and lunches. If you are able to provide a meal or donate money toward purchasing the breakfast and lunch items, please contact Deb Buckman.



**Church  
Picnic**

Please join us on Sunday, July 9th following our worship service, for a church picnic held in Fellowship Hall. This is the best of both worlds as picnic food will be coupled with a bug-free, dry, cool environment! Hotdogs, beverages, and chips will be provided ~ as well as all plates and utensils. **Please bring a dish to share as you are able.**

We would also like to use this time to display any pictures or St. Mark's memorabilia that you may have. It has been noted that many of our members have been coming to St. Mark's for their entire lives (50, 60, 70, 80 years even) and it would be enjoyable for them to share their memories through the years. Tables will be available to display these pieces of St. Mark's history.

If you need a ride home, if you have questions, if you have items to display, please be in touch with Vicki Haussmann at (570) 447-3263.



## Usher Schedule for July

### SUMMER SCHEDULE 9:30 SERVICE ONLY

- July 2 Matt Fortin, captain  
Glenn Yapple, Bud Doebler
- July 9 Carl Albright, captain  
Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair
- July 16 Tim Maggs, captain  
Carl, Heiber, Charles Kuntz
- July 23 Gary Weber, captain  
Shelby Weber, Dick Reitz
- July 30 Matt Fortin, captain  
Glenn Yapple, Bud Doebler



## Altar Guild for July

- Wanda Fortin
- Mindy Wentzel



## Lectors For July

### SUMMER SCHEDULE 9:30 SERVICE ONLY

- July 2 Mel Wentzel
- July 9 Drew Haussmann
- July 16 Donna Boston
- July 23 Candy Dewar
- July 30 Audrey Albright



## Communion Assistants for July

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.

### SUMMER SCHEDULE 9:30 SERVICE ONLY

- July 2 Carl and Audrey Albright
- July 9 Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
- July 16 Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler
- July 23 Walt Doebler and Gary Weber
- July 30 Dan Zeigler and **HELP WANTED**



# Your 2023 Saint Mark's Council

Bottom Row (left to right) Ralph Zeigler (President), Vicki Haussmann (Secretary), Mel Wentzel (Vice President), Pastor Brian Vasey  
Back Row (left to right) Ed Gair, Helen Schramm, Shelby Weber, Debra Buckman, Ray Huff, Herb Poff

## STAFF

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Administrative Assistant	Joseph Baur	<a href="mailto:jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org">jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org</a>
Bookkeeper	Jackie Bayshore	
Sexton	Open	

## Council Leadership

Brian Vasey	Pastor
Ralph Zeigler	President
Melvin Wentzel	Vice-President
Council Sectary	Vicki Haussmann
Council Treasurer	Open
Financial Secretary	Herb Poff

## Council Members

Nickki Jackson	Herb Poff
Debra Buckman	Glenn Yapple
Helen Schramm	Ray Huff
Shelby Weber	Edward Gair

To contact any Member of the Council, Committee Chairs or Ministry Leaders send a message to:  
[Stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:Stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org)

Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person. Please make sure you include in your message who you are trying to reach and the concern you have. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at the above email address.



## Saint Mark's Leadership

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### Committee Chairs

Worship and Music	Ray Huff
Faith and Fellowship	Vicki Haussmann
Personnel	Mel Wentzel
Evangelism & Fellowship	Becky Miller Pryor

### **Parish Life**                      **OPEN**

Property	Ed Gair and Drew Haussmann
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### **Finance**                              **OPEN**

Little Lambs Liasion	Wanda Fortin
Archives	Gary Weber
Memorials	Carl and Beverly Hieber

### **Women of ELCA**                      **OPEN**

Safety	Ed Gair and Drew Haussmann
Publicity	Pamela Jensen and Gary Weber

### Other Ministry Leaders

Website Ministry	Gary Weber
Financial Secretary	Herb Poff
Altar Guild	
Altar Flowers	Sally Bjornstad
Lector Scheduling	

8:00 a.m.	Vicki Haussmann
10:30 a.m.	

Communion Assistants	Linda Rosini
Family Promise	Debra Buckman
Ushers	

## Saint Mark's Leadership

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There are many opportunities to serve here at Saint Mark's. If interested please see the Pastor or a member of the council.

If I have missed someone or have the wrong name, I apologize. Please let me know (Joe Baur) the correction needed so I can keep the records up to date.



To keep members of the church update on new address, phone number, change in marital status or anything else that needs updated, you will see in the weekly bulletin and the "Lion" , updates on the information.

If you have any information that needs to be update, please send an email to [jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org) or call the church office at 570-323-4619, Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Thank You



## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Dear Members of St. Mark's –

When St. Mark's Council met in June, among the items on the agenda was to decide whether our congregation should continue to offer two worship services on Sunday morning or move to one. The Council held its discussion and deliberation over the past several months, met with members of the congregation, and revisited all comments offered by members on this issue. By a vote of 8 to 3, it was decided to continue to offer two Sunday worship services, with that schedule being resumed in September.

As we reviewed the comments offered by members of our congregation, it concerned me that several of them implied that St. Mark's has "different congregations" – one that worships at 8 o'clock on Sunday mornings, one that worships at 10:30, and one that worships virtually through our website.

My assurance to you is that St. Mark's is one congregation. Members simply choose to worship at times convenient to them... some like to worship earlier in the day; some prefer to worship later.

It does not matter when we worship because we profess the same Lord. Together, we make our confession. We sing the same hymns of praise. We hear the same scriptures read. Our Pastor brings to us the same message of salvation and hope. We confess the same faith. We receive the same Sacraments – the waters of Baptism and, in the Eucharist, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is what makes the members of St. Mark's one congregation. May it always be so.

Yours in Christ –

Ralph Zeigler, Council President

# Evangelism and Fellowship Committee

July 2023

## Fourth of July Celebration Needs You!



Last year saw our first lawn party post-pandemic. We will be continuing this tradition with our outdoor celebration AND with the return of the musical program in our Nave led by Sam Robinson. Please consider joining us as we honor God and country on this special day. Members of the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be asking for volunteers to assist with set-up, man the various tables and to clean up in time for the fireworks. Please say “yes” to our requests.

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is collecting needed supplies. Please consider donating any of the following items.

- Bags of individually wrapped candy (Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Suckers)
- Fruit Snacks
- Individual bags (one ounce) of assorted chips and pretzels
- Bottled water in 8 oz. and 16 oz. sizes
- Bottles of ketchup, mustard and sweet relish. Smaller bottles of ketchup are preferred due to the ease of handling.
- Lemonade and Ice Tea mix
- Snack-size plastic bags
- Trinkets / Kiddie prizes

Money to purchase additional supplies not donated (hot dogs, rolls, condiments, pre-mixed packets of popcorn & oil, trinkets and more candy if needed.) Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark’s with the memo line designating July Fourth Celebration. Thank you for any help you can give. Speak to a member of the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee to volunteer that day or for additional information



## MOSES

From the banks of the Nile River to the depths of the Red Sea, MOSES is a spectacular entertainment experience for the whole family!

Set adrift as a baby, Moses is an unlikely hero — until God calls him to lead His people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Journey with Moses as he ventures through the wilderness, encounters God at the burning bush, and ascends to the top of Mount Sinai.

A bus trip to see **Moses** at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for **Wednesday, September 20**, the **11:00 AM** show. While the bus will be pulling out around 6:00 AM, the early start will certainly be well worth it!

With only 12 seats left on the bus, the time to sign up for this wonderful experience is now! Payment for this trip will be due by the second week of August. To sign up, please contact Cheryl Williams at (570) 327-1627. We can’t wait to hear from you!

# Spring Cleaning? Redecorating? Moving? Got Stuff?



The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark's still need donations for our annual Fall Sale that will be held September 15 and September 16. If you are discovering items, you no longer need or want, please donate them to us.

We are accepting holiday decorations, housewares, linens, toys, small, working electronics, gadgets, dishes, jewelry, lamps, art work and the list goes on. If you cannot use it or want it, we probably can sell it.

We cannot accept VCR tapes, text books, encyclopedias, computers, televisions, large gym equipment, broken items, cribs or mattresses.

Please place your donations in boxes small enough for us to lift. Donations can be placed in the Bazaar Room in the basement. If you cannot get to the basement, leaving them on the second landing in the back stairwell is helpful. Extra boxes for your convenience are available in the Bazaar Room.

## Save the Date Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mark's



The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee in conjunction with the Northcentral Pennsylvania Red Cross will host a blood drive in Fellowship Hall on Friday, July 14, 2023 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Give the gift of life and donate. The Red Cross staff sets up all their beds and equipment, but we need to supply a few more tables and chairs for their use. We are in need of one or two volunteers to help set-up Fellowship Hall either the day before or that day beginning at 9:00 AM. Speak with Karen Mariano if you can help.

## Cereal Sundays



For food insecure families with children there is no vacation from hunger during the summer months. With schools no longer serving breakfast or lunch, a family's food budget is stretched even tighter. We can help ease that burden. In addition to non-perishable food items being donated to the United Churches Food Pantry, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is designating the second Sunday of each summer month to collecting boxes of cereal of any kind and in any size. Donations will be given to the

United Churches Food Pantry and the Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC. Please consider supporting this initiative. Thank you.

The dates for these special cereal collections are

Sunday, July 9

Sunday, August 13



## Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's:

**Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM):** Jars of Mayonnaise, Bleach, Dawn Dish Detergent, Dixie Bowls and Dixie Luncheon Plates. FYI: STM serves hundreds of meals each week that include both eat-in and brown bag lunches to go.

**United Churches Food Pantry:** Needed are Canned Meats/Vegetables/Fruits, Boxed Mixes (ex: Cheesy Potatoes, Rice-a-Roni) Cake/Muffin Mixes and Frostings, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Microwaveable Soups and Entrees, Pudding, Jell-o and Condiments including tabletop Salt and Pepper.

**Shepherd of the Streets:** Needed for men and women are Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Body Wash, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Deodorant and small packages of Laundry Pods.

**Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC:** Monetary donations toward the cost of preparing 80 sandwiches per month is greatly appreciated. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating Parish Life. Also needed are easily prepared foods like Cup of Soups, individual packs of crackers and cookies, microwave mac & cheese, ramen noodles and individual boxes of cereal. Travel size hygiene items are also needed.

**Donations to Sojourner Truth Ministries, the Food Pantry, Shepherd of the Streets or the Blessing Boxes may be placed on the tables in the Narthex closet.**

## Ongoing Events at Redeemer Lutheran:



For desserts in June, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is seeking donations of assorted cookies. We need 20 dozen. Church Council will be donating 12 dozen. Can you donate a dozen or two? Cookies may be homemade or store bought. The Variety Packs at Weis and Giant are good choices and are a bargain. Also needed are a few bags of candy kisses and butterscotch or wintergreen mints. Cookies and candy are needed in the kitchen no later than Wednesday, June 7. Speak with Becky Miller Pryor if you can provide cookies or candy. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

**Community Dinner** on Thursday, June 8, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m. until all meals are distributed. This is a take-out meal available at the curb. All are welcome.

**Daniel's Closet:** This month's clothing drop-off at Redeemer is Thursday, June 22 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.



Distribution of free summer clothing is Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m. In addition to clean clothing in good condition, shoes for men, women and children are always needed. Sheets, blankets, throws and afghans are also accepted.

If you have a large quantity of clothing, please call Redeemer's office (leave a message) at 570-322-2333 to make an appointment. Smaller quantities of clothing may be placed on the stage if you are unable to accommodate the new drop off schedule.



# Birthdays This Month

Maxwell Hospes	July 3
Philip Thomas	July 4
Corey Hispes	July 6
Dylan Ott	July 9
Nicholas Buckman	July 10
Annika Waffenschmidt	July 12
Levi Gair	July 13
Nancy Larson	July 14
Vicki Haussmann	July 15
Brenda Bower	July 18
Patricia Alexander	July 20
Pamela Jensen	July 21
Evan Barone	July 23
Edward Gair	July 24
Gail Greninger	July 26
Ann Kuntz	July 27
John Bower	July 28
Matthew Fortin	July 29
Stephen Dewar	July 31



Cynthia and Ray Huff	July 3
Margie and Walter Doebler	July 5
Elizabeth and Daryl Lewis	July 5



## Random Bricks By Joseph Baur

July is such a great month. So much amazing history happened this month. Every time I get a chance I tour Freedom Hall in Philly. I still get goose bumps when I visit knowing that in this room our country was born.

I still remember watching the very grainy video of the moon landing. I will have some special LEGO on display in July to celebrate the moon landing, stop by and check it out.

So with history in mind, check out these facts.

The Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4, 1776. That's actually the day it was formally adopted by the Continental Congress, but it wasn't signed by most signatories until August

Three presidents have died on July 4: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe

As of 2016, July 4 was the number one holiday for beer sales in the U.S., according to the National Beer Wholesalers Association (this one is for Roxie)

One of the more interesting Apollo 11 facts is that it also held the first religious ritual on the moon. An elder at his Presbyterian Church at the time, crew member Buzz Aldrin was an "elected" elder in the Presbyterian Church and not ordained. Therefore while on the moon he "partook" of holy communion (not performed) consuming previously consecrated bread and wine.

As an homage to the first motor-powered aircraft, the crew brought a piece of wood and fabric from the Wright Flyer inside of their spacecraft. Both the

invention of the Wright Flyer and the Apollo 11 mission were monumental milestones in human flight.

The original Apollo 11, 4 inch patch is worth around \$1,500.00





# HERO HOTLINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>  
at

Saint John's-Newberry United Methodist Church  
2101 Newberry Street, Williamsport

6:00 - 8:30 p.m. each evening

designed for ages 4 - 12 and special abilities adults

Request registration forms at any participating church.  
Please drop-off or mail information by Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>  
to any participating church or to the office of:

Saint John's-Newberry UMC, 2101 Newberry Street, Williams-  
port, PA 17701

or email to [secretary@stjnumc.com](mailto:secretary@stjnumc.com)

Participating Churches: Christ Episcopal, First Church of Christ Disciples, New Covenant UCC, Saint John's-  
Newberry UMC, St. Luke and St. Mark's Lutheran, Sojourner Truth Ministries and Trinity Episcopal

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Registration Form (one per child/person)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to take and use photos: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

What special needs/concerns/allergies do we need to be aware of to make this the best experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please drop-off or mail information by Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> to any participating church or to the office of: Saint John's-Newberry UMC, 2101 Newberry Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 or email to [secretary@stjnumc.com](mailto:secretary@stjnumc.com)

**Participating Churches:** Christ Episcopal, First Church of Christ Disciples, New Covenant UCC, Saint John's-Newberry UMC, St. Luke and St. Mark's Lutheran, Sojourner Truth Ministries and Trinity Episcopal





Please join us on **Sunday, July 9th** following our worship service, for a church picnic held in Fellowship Hall. This is the best of both worlds as picnic food will be coupled with a bug-free, dry, cool environment! Hotdogs, beverages, and chips will be provided ~ as well as all plates and utensils.

**Please bring a dish to share as you are able.**

We would also like to use this time to display any pictures or St. Mark's memorabilia that you may have. It has been noted that many of our members have been coming to St. Mark's for their entire lives (50, 60, 70, 80 years even) and it would be enjoyable for them to share their memories through the years. Tables will be available to display these pieces of St. Mark's history.

If you need a ride, if you have questions, if you have items to display, please be in touch with Vicki Haussmann at (570) 447-3263.

We look forward to sharing time with you on July 9th!

**+ When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email ([bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org)). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.**

**+ When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or [stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.**

# Fourth of July

## Word Search Puzzle



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|-------------|--------------|------------|
| ADAMS       | FLAG         | LIBERTY    |
| AMERICA     | FOURTH       | MUSIC      |
| BARBECUE    | FREEDOM      | PARADE     |
| CELEBRATION | HOLIDAY      | PATRIOTIC  |
| COLONIES    | HOT DOGS     | PICNIC     |
| CONGRESS    | INDEPENDENCE | REVOLUTION |
| FAMILY      | JEFFERSON    | STATES     |
| FIREWORKS   | JULY         | SUMMER     |

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National Blueberry Month  
 National Hot Dog Month  
 National Picnic Month  
 National Pickle Month  
 Watermelon Month  
 National Ice Cream Month. Yum!

July 2nd is World UFO Day  
 July 6th is International Kissing Day  
 Finally, July 24th is National Tequila Day

What day of this month, after 240,000 miles and 76 hours in the air, the first manned spacecraft represented by Neil Armstrong and Pilot Buzz Aldrin, landed on the moon. Armstrong and Aldrin, fully equipped in their thick space suits, exited the spacecraft slowly and made history as the first people to walk on the surface of the moon?  
 (July, 29, 1969)

Who was the third astronaut that stayed in the command module and what was the name of the command module?  
 (Michael Collins piloted the Columbia)

# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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July 4th Lawn Party Starts at 6PM Concert starts at 7:30 PM						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion 9:30 a.m.		July 4th Lawn Party and Concert				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Communion 9:30 a.m.					Red Cross Blood Drive 11:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Communion 9:30 a.m.	Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.		Executive Committee Meeting Noon  Property Com- mittee 6PM		Last Day for articles for the "Lion"	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Communion 9:30 a.m.				Assembling and Mailing out the "Lion"		
30	31					
Communion 9:30 a.m.						

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Debra Buckman, Family Promise Coordinator  
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Joseph Baur, Administrative Assistant

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By appointment

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