



## THE CARILLON

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### PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

God make me strong in spirit,  
courageous in action,  
gentle of heart,  
let me act in wisdom,  
conquer my fear and doubt,  
let me discover my own hidden gifts,  
meet others with compassion,  
be a source of my healing,  
energize and make me to  
face each day with hope and joy  
in Jesus name.

Amen.



## **The Other Serenity Prayer**

**God,**

**Grant me the serenity  
to stop beating myself up  
for not doing things perfectly,  
the courage to forgive myself  
because I'm working on doing better,  
and the wisdom to know that you  
already love me just the way I am.**



## **God Uses Broken things Beautifully;**

Broken clouds pour rain,  
Broken soil sets as fields,  
Broken crops yield seeds,  
Broken seeds give life to new plants.

## **SO WHEN YOU FEEL**

You are broken,  
be rest assured that God is planning  
to utilize you for something great.

*God is saying to you today,*

*"Stop worrying, I will take care of you today. I will work on the problems that have caused you such anxiety. I will make a way for you. I will open doors for you. I need you to stay focused on Me and trust Me. I need you to be patient while you wait on Me. I love you more than you know, and I will take care of everything for you."*

### *Scriptures for August*

*"And the Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire with good things, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, whose waters fail not."* Isaiah 58:11

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."* John 14:27

*"Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him"* James 1:12

*"The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be still."* Exodus 14:14

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* Matthew 11:28



## *The Journey Continues...*

As I am gathering my thoughts to share this month, my mind keeps going back to our first sermon series this summer titled "Excuses, Excuses". In this series of sermons, we've been looking at the excuses people use as to why we don't do what God is asking us to do. The sermon that has hit home – and stirred up the most conversation – was the sermon about loving our neighbor and specifically loving our enemies. Hands down, Jesus telling us to love our enemies is the teaching people tell me they struggle with the most. And these days – as divided as we have become as a nation – it is even harder to love our enemies. Everyday, fuel is added to the fire, and it seems as if things are burning out of control. But we can't give up. As followers of Jesus, we need to rise above the ways of this world that threaten to drag us down. I think the following story may help us do that:

### **The Two Wolves – A Cherokee Story**

*A young boy came to his grandfather filled with anger at another boy who had done him an injustice. The grandfather said to his grandson, "Let me tell you a story. I too, at times, have felt a great hate for those that have taken so much, with no sorrow for what they do."*

*The grandfather continued, "But hate wears you down, and hate does not hurt your enemy. Hate is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die. I have struggled with these feelings many times in my life. It is as if there are two wolves inside me; one wolf is good and does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him and does not take offense when no offense was intended. He will only fight when it is right to do so, and when he fights, he fights in the right way. But the other wolf, is full of anger. The littlest thing will set him into a fit of rage. He fights everyone, all the time, for no reason. He cannot think straight because his anger and hate are so great. It is helpless anger, too, because his anger doesn't change anything, it only makes the situation worse. Sometimes it is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, because both of the wolves try to dominate my spirit."*

*The boy looked intently into his grandfather's eyes and asked, "Which wolf wins the battle, grandfather?" The grandfather smiled and said, "The one I feed."*

What the grandfather in that story said is true: our anger doesn't change anyone (or anything) positively, does it? Our anger *will* bring change, but if our anger isn't controlled, then the changes we bring (especially the change to ourselves) will always be negative.

I'm not saying we shouldn't get angry. There are plenty of things that can and should make us angry. But what do we do with our anger? Do we allow it to fester until it turns into hatred? Do we allow our anger to get out of control so that we become either physically, psychologically, or emotionally abusive? Or do we channel our anger – as the grandfather alluded to in the story about the two wolves...and feed the good wolf so that he wins?

It's not an easy path, but the good news, is that we don't take this journey alone. And the better news is that the one who shares the journey with us is filled with grace, love, and forgiveness. Thanks be to God. So when we slip up and feed the angry wolf, he is there to forgive and to show us a better path to follow. Our job then is to receive his grace and learn to trust (and feed) the good wolf inside of us, so that we can build up the Kingdom of God and make this world a better place.....one person and one situation at a time.

The Journey Continues... *Pastor Dave*

**This past month we celebrated the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kids Kamp at Pine Acres. Participating in this year's camp were approximately 36 campers, 8 junior counselors, and 20 adults who braved the heat, humidity, and some rain at Pine Acres for 4 days of fun, fellowship, and learning about Christ and the role he plays in our lives.**

**What a great accomplishment for our church to say that Kids Kamp has happened annually for the past 35 years. There are many people who spent a lot of hours over the years planning, preparing, and being at Pine Acres in order to make Kids Kamp happen and we can't thank them enough for all their time and hard work.**

**None have played a bigger role over the last 35 years than Marilyn Reppert and Kathy Follett. The amount of time and effort they have put in to make Kids Kamp a reality for the youth of our church and our broader community is truly amazing and they should be applauded and recognized for it. Marilyn and Kathy were presented with a thank you card and a gift certificate for Nolt's Nursery as a show of our appreciation. We will also be placing a plaque in the Narthex recognizing them for all they have done for Kid's Kamp.**

**We are very fortunate to have Pine Acres for our recreational use, worship, and enjoyment. None of that would be possible without the time and effort put in over many years by the "Pine Acres Crew" who maintain the property by cutting the grass, trimming the trees, fixing what needs fixing, and just generally keeping Pine Acres beautiful and useful for our congregation and our guests.**

**Unfortunately, as our congregation has gotten older, so has our "Pine Acres Crew". A lot of them are no longer with us or can no longer physically do the work that is needed to keep Pine Acres in order. While the crew is shrinking in numbers they are still mighty in spirit and effort. If you are willing, able, and have some time to dedicate to the upkeep of Pine Acres, please reach out to Kathy Follett to see how you may be able to help.**

**Respectfully,**

**Todd Ryland**

## Report of the Consistory - July 2025

A bridge committee will be formed between St. Mark's UCC and the Spanish congregation in the next few weeks, Pastor David Jones, Consistory President Todd Ryland and Elder Lucinda Klahr will represent St. Mark's UCC. The Spanish congregation has asked for a change in their lease that will permit them to use two channels of the sound board. The change was approved with the stipulation that only the pastor and his son will be permitted to access the sound board. The next Hoss's fundraising Sunday will be held on September 28, 2025. The furniture and the equipment that were in the parlor has been moved to the primary room. The parlor is being painted in advance of the music therapy group bringing in their equipment. The consistory acknowledged the 35th anniversary of the Kids Kamp program and voted to honor Marilyn Reppert and Kathy Follett for their leadership. They will both receive a gift at the celebration at Pine Acres and a plaque with their picture will be purchased to be displayed in the narthex.



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### St Marks UCC Lebanon PA - YouTube

Beginning in the fall, we are switching our weekly broadcast to YouTube. It will be helpful to anyone who wants to watch the live streaming or the video to subscribe to our channel. The easiest way is to go to the website or our Facebook page and click the link. The link can also be sent to you – just send an email to [saintmarksuuc@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarksuuc@gmail.com) and it will be forwarded to you.

# Mission Corner

## WARM Mission Trip News

We will be going back to Wilmington NC to assist WARM and stay at Matthew House. The week of the mission trip to support WARM is August 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup> 2025. We have 9 people travelling on this trip to help those impacted by the storms of 2018. Thanks to all that purchased our non-perishable items. We can't do these trips without your support.

Please hold us in prayer for the week AND pray that there is no Hurricane/Tropical Storm this year.

## Non-Mission Trip Mission News

### **The Community dinners**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** – thanks to all of those that helped at the Community Picnic.

### **Dinner at the Rescue Mission**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Our next Sunday evening meal at the Lebanon Rescue Mission

## Looking for input

We will be holding a meeting in September to plan our 2026 calendar. Please reach out to those on Evangelism and Mission (Becky Colban, Kathy Follett, Pastor Dave and MJ Jones, Peg Scholl and Dawn Shultz) for input. For instance, do we do jigsaw evangelism, what about community dinners, helping at the Rescue Mission, new ideas?

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Final Thought for the Carillon - Simply said, to the Consistory and Congregation for their love and support of the Kid's Kamp program for 35 years affording the opportunity for us to celebrate 35 years.

Kid's Kamp Team

# Kid's Team/Youth/Young Adults Corner

## Kid's Team

The 35<sup>th</sup> year of Kid's Kamp is in the books. Thanks to all who came to celebrate with us on Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your prayers for the week especially on Monday when we got the torrential 4 inches of rain.

Stay tuned for upcoming Kid's Team events.

If you aren't sure the age for Kid's Team and have a child or grandchild that might be looking to join, most Kid's Team activities are planned for ages K-4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you aren't already receiving Kid's Team announcements, please check in with Kathy Follett or Meredith Myers.

## Youth/Young Adults

Here are the upcoming activities for the Youth/Young Adults for the next few months of 2025:

Fall Retreat – Date TBD

Christmas Cookie Baking

Game Night – Date TBD

If you hear of a good Christian movie being released in 2025, let Kathy know so we can throw that into the mix.

If you know of someone between 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 30 that is currently not receiving the Youth/Young Adults information, please contact Kathy Follett.

## Annual Training for working with Kids

Every year, we **must** provide training for those people that work with kids. This is needed to keep our church's insurance coverage. This year's training will be titled "Keeping Your Church Safe". Look for dates and more information in the September carillon.

## ***How Times Have Changed!***

***St. Mark's Observer***, May & June 1897:

"Since the Public Schools have closed we noticed a falling off in our Sunday School attendance. A goodly number of our children have gone into the country to spend the summer. Then the 'bicycle craze' has also something to do with the diminution. Parents ought to stand firm."

***St. Mark's Observer***, November & December 1897:

"The County Christian Endeavor Union is about to take up a crusade against open cigar stores, confectionary establishments, etc. that have been wantonly breaking our Sabbath laws. The Ministerial Association of the city will assist the prosecution of the moment. It is an open secret that not a few of our small Sunday School children in our town are from Sabbath to Sabbath tempted by these open candy shops and thus spend their contributions for sweetmeats. It is not so much the money that is being lost through this flagrant wrong but the implanting into the child a pernicious habit which cannot but finally lead to the most gigantic of evils."

***St. Mark's Observer***, May and June 1898:

"Hitherto the Pastor's salary was regularly collected by about a dozen of our young people. The monies were always on hand each month to meet the payment of the Pastor. The consistory felt that inasmuch that the congregation is constantly growing and the membership is continually spread over a greater area, that it was probably more than fair that a certain number should have the work each month to travel over a considerable territory to gather the amounts due. In view of this conclusion it was unanimously agreed that all the members be asked by the collectors during the month of June as to whether they would just as soon pay by means of the envelope system, and if so each and every such member be supplied with a number of envelopes. It is expected that these be deposited on the collection plate by the first Sunday of the month; should, however, this matter not be attended to by the third Sunday of the month, the collectors will be to see all such delinquents, and it is expected then that payment be made to them. Any such as do not see their way clear to accept the envelopes the collectors will continue to visit regularly each month.

**Jim Schucker**

# KID'S KORNER

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

It's time to uncover some summertime words in this word search! Imagine diving into a jumble of letters that captures the spirit of the season. Can you find all the hidden words related to August? Words may lurk in any direction—forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally. When you spot a word, circle it and check it off the list.

## August Word Search



### AUGUST

- BBQ
- BEACH
- BOATING
- CAMPFIRE
- CAMPING
- FISHING
- FLIP-FLOPS
- FOREST
- HEAT
- HIKING
- ICE CREAM
- LEMONADE
- OCEAN
- PICNIC
- RELAXATION
- ROAD TRIP
- SAND
- SEASHELLS
- SUMMER
- SUN
- SUNGLASSES

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- SUNSHINE
- SURFING
- SWIM
- TANNING



- TRAVEL
- VACATION
- WATERMELON
- WILDLIFE

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## MOTHER'S CORN FRITTERS

### Ingredients:

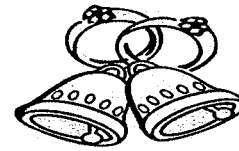
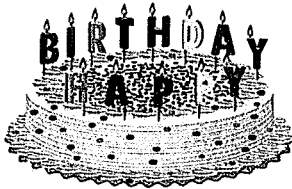
- 2 cups grated corn
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/3 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt

- 1 cup flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon melted butter

### Directions:

Mix all ingredients except eggs together. Then add lightly beaten egg yolks. Next fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Drop by spoonful into hot skillet and fry on both sides.

This recipe is in the St. Mark's Evangelical and Reformed Church recipe book and from Mrs. Guy C. Heim.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	Birthday	Anniversary
August 1	Robert Ressler	None
August 3	Gerald Collins Susan Fisher Barbara Wise	
August 6	George Heckard	
August 7	Olivia Whitman	
August 8	Samuel Brandt	
August 9	Vickie Ristenbatt	
August 10	Glenn Kline	
August 11	Karl Wolf	
August 17	Holly Brandt	
August 18	Robert Eby Justin Wise	
August 19	Carey Eggert	
August 21	Debra Ryland	
August 22	Kimberly Edmondson Jordan Reynolds Aidan Sullivan	
August 23	Michael Reich	
August 24	Kathy Follett	
August 25	Heather Daub Holly Lightner	
August 27	Tony Furman Ed Gundrum	
August 29	Kenneth Shultz Patrick Sullivan	
August 31	Sean Myers	

### **SENIOR CORNER**

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Please send notes, cards or give them a phone call. Let Paul, Kay and Shirley know that St. Mark's has not forgotten about them. Thank you.



**New singers and ringers are always welcome – please plan to join us!**

**Adult Choir rehearses most Sundays  
at 8:30 am**

**Bell Choir rehearses most Tuesday  
evenings at 6:30 pm**

**Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade through high  
school are welcome in both choirs!**

**Questions may be directed to  
Ken Shultz, choir director**

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## **Annual Church Picnic**

**Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship Service at 10:00 am**

**Lunch following the service**

**Hot dogs and meatball sandwiches will  
be provided**

**A donation list will be in the Narthex for  
sides and desserts**

**We will be playing BINGO after lunch  
or just enjoy some time under the trees!**



**Saturday,  
September 27, 2025**

**8:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**Pine Acres**

**(weather permitting)**

**Rest for Your Soul:  
A Bible Study on Solitude,  
Silence and Prayer**

**Breakfast bakery items, fruit, coffee, tea and juice will be available at 8:30 am - please bring your own beverage if you prefer iced coffee or soda. Bottled water will be provided.**

**The retreat activities - including the secret sister reveal - and discussions begin at 9:00 am.**

**Bring your Bible, a lawn chair and a packed lunch - family and friends are welcome, too!**

**The signup sheet will be in the Narthex beginning August 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**



Date – June ???, 2025 (Date still being determined)

Show Time – 3:00 PM (show length 2 hrs 30 mins)

Cost – Adults (over 13)– \$80

Child (3-13) (attending St Mark's ) - \$40

\*Cost is being subsidized by Christian Ed Funds

Transportation – is on your own. Look for options to carpool.

Dinner – On your own

Look for date and signups later in August/beginning of September.

Tickets will be purchased now as seats are going fast. In March, those that have signed up will have the first option to get the tickets. Monies are due in March. After that, if there are others interested that didn't sign up, it will depend if we can get additional tickets or not based on availability.

# AUGUST

## PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mary, Serenity & Harmonie Earl	2 Robert & Anita Eby  <b>Mission Team Leaves for NC</b>
3 Kimberly, David, Andrew, Taylor Edmondson  <b>Worship - 10 AM</b>	4 Abigail Eggert	5 Heather Eggert	6 Holly & Carey Eggert  <b>Bible Study - 10 AM</b>	7 Jay Eisenhauer	8 Deb Ellis & Ed Gundrum	9 Jay & Susan Fisher  <b>Mission Team Home</b>
10 Kathy Follett  <b>Worship - 10 AM</b>	11 Ron & Deborah Follett	12 Faye Fox	13 Heidi Fox  <b>Bible Study - 10 AM</b>	14 Natalie Fox  <b>Spiritual Council - 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg. 7:00 PM</b>	15 Owen Fox	16 Wyatt Fox
17 Nancy Freed  <b>Worship - 10 AM Annual Picnic @ Pine Acres Lunch</b>	18 Juanita Fuhrman	19 Melissa & Luther Furman	20 Tony Furman  <b>Bible Study - 10 AM</b>	21 Gladys Gettle	22 Rosy Gonzalez & Cadence	23 Ashley Gruber
24 Ginny Gruber <b>Worship -10 AM Back Pack Sunday</b>	25 Keith Gruber	26 Nicole & Annie Gruber	27 Mary Anne Gutwalt <b>Bible Study - 10 AM</b>	28 Nancy Gutwalt	29 Betty Hackman	30 Sandra Hanley
31 George Heckard  <b>Worship -10 AM</b>						