

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer"

*Hear our prayer, O Lord. hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.*

SERMON

Rev. David A. Jones

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "Like The Murmur of The Dove's Song"
John Carter

* THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures
here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

* HYMN #572 (Green Hymnal) "Blessed Assurance"

* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "Little Prelude in G major"

J. S. Bach

*Please stand as you are able

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**A spiritual gift is
given to each of
us as a means of
helping the entire
church.**

1 Corinthians 12:7

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Reader: Steve Snyder

God is Still Speaking ...

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."

The Dalai Lama

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "How Lovely Shines The Morning Star"

Wayne Barlow

* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: With steadfast love, God calls us by name. Let us find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

People: We long to be recognized and affirmed. We are eager to dwell in a place of peace and security.

Pastor: We will feast on the abundance of God's love. Let us drink deeply from the fountain of life.

People: We are ready to hear the Word of God. We want to be guided by God's eternal truth.

*HYMN #11 (Green Hymnal) "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Light and Truth, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied your gifts, ignored your inspiration, and wandered from your healing presence. Yet we cannot escape your claim on us, for wherever we go, you are there. How precious is your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires to live for your higher values. Strengthen us to follow the path Christ has shown us to follow...

Silent confession...

* KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

God does not treat us like we are burdens or mistakes. Instead, we are welcomed with rejoicing, enfolded by love, and celebrated as persons of beauty in whose salvation God delights. We are not bound to our old ways, but are freed for a new identity in Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC "In Your Presence, Praise" Pete Carlson/Regi Stone
Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)

New Testament 1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

*Gospel John 2: 1 - 11

* THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH – THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2: 1 – 11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus

said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



The Wedding at Cana in Galilee

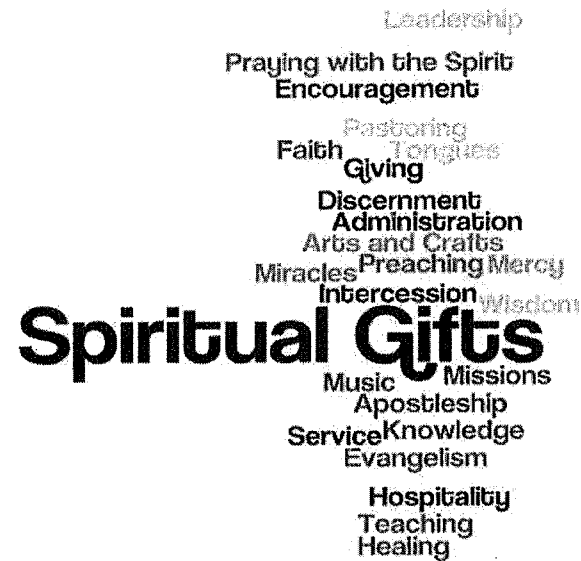
ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

Andy Shearer
Deb Weise
Lynn Balmer
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son)
Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)
Trudy Berkheimer
Cindy Johnson
Eva Miller
Regine Halsall (Friend of Deb Ellis)
Megan, Jaxon and Ava Tilley
Tony Furman
Larry Houser
Michael Worhach (Russ Scholl's son-in-law)
Nancy Kunkle
Ken & Charlotte Wengert
Andrew Scholl
Alexander Gessner (Glenn Kline's family)
Lauren Hallman (Kids Kamper's Mother)
Ann Crouch (Deb Ellis' friend)
Pat Harmuth (Jill Wenrich's aunt)
Paul & Kay Peiffer
Deb Winslow (Peg Scholl relative)
Tia Carreras (Peg Scholl relative)
Members from our church family who are shut-in or
home bound
The People around the world living with
the threat of war
and those recovering from natural disasters

ST. MARK'S CALENDAR

For the Week of January 19, 2025

Sunday Choir Practice – 8:30 AM
Worship Service – 10 AM
Adult Sunday School – 11:15 AM
Youth/Young Adult Bowling
Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM
Saturday Lebanon Community Concert Band Members –
9 AM to 1 PM – Fellowship Hall



ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The bulletins are presented by Nell & Glenn Kline to the Glory of God.

Flowers and Bulletins – Dates available for flowers are: January 26 and February 16 and 23. Dates available for bulletins are: January 26 and February 2, 9, and 16. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

Roof Repairs – There are envelopes in the narthex labeled "Roof Repairs." We would appreciate your help with this project. As of January 5, we have collected \$17,088.39 towards the roof repairs. Thank you to all who have donated.

Evangelism and Mission

There will be a meeting for the WARM Mission Trip after church on February 9th in Fellowship Hall. Dates for the WARM Mission trip are August 2nd through August 9th. If you can't make the meeting, please let Kathy know.

The next meeting for the Asheville Mission Trip is March 2nd after church in Fellowship Hall. Dates for the Asheville Mission Trip are May 14 - May 18th. We will be working on menu and some more details of the trip.

- Looking for something to do in the winter months? Try jigsaw evangelism. Jigsaw evangelism will continue to be held the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month for January, February and March from 9-11 AM. Light refreshments will be served while we gather each Saturday. You don't need to be an experienced puzzle specialist to participate. This is for ANYONE who likes to dabble in jigsaw puzzles. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex and sign up for the Saturdays you plan to attend. This will aid us in notifying people in case we need to cancel for any reason.

Good Samaritan Committee will be collecting cans of soup for Soup-er Bowl Sunday, which is February 9th. You can place your cans of soup in the grocery cart in narthex.

Annual Congregational Meeting – will be held next Sunday, January 26, 2025, immediately after the worship service. There are packets on the table in the narthex with agenda, general fund report, proposed budget, etc. Please pick one up to look at it before the meeting. If anyone is attending via Zoom, please let us know, so Pastor Dave can send you the link.

Music Fair – Presented by the Mission and Ministry Team of the Lancaster Association – UCC. February 2, 2-4 PM at St. John's UCC, 659 S. 4th St., Denver, PA 17517. Enjoy snacks and fellowship at 2 PM. Program will begin at 2:30 PM. This event is free and open to the public. Come celebrate the gift of music in our congregations.

Survey Form – if you haven't filled out a survey form, please fill one out and place in box on table in narthex or email your responses to Cindy in the office. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes for 2025 – are now available. Please pick them up in the narthex. If you have a neighbor, friend or relative that you can deliver the envelopes to, please do. Thank you.

Save the Dates:

January 26	Annual Congregational Meeting
February 2	Kid's Team Bowling – Palmyra Lanes
February 9	Souper Bowl Sunday
	WARM NC Mission Trip Meeting
March 5	Ash Wednesday Service – 7:30 PM

Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284
Press* when asked for your attendee pin