

## THE CARILLON

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### PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion,  
to offer support,  
loving comfort, and care.  
Give us the courage to do what is needed,  
the wisdom to choose  
what is right and most fair.  
Give us the vision to see what is possible.  
Give us the faith  
that will help pave the way  
for a present that's hopeful,  
a future that's peaceful –  
give us the heart to bring joy to each day.  
Amen.



**MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU...**

an abundance of amazing opportunities, beautiful moments, and joyful experiences. May your positive actions & attitude inspire others. May you be brave enough to take on and overcome rewarding challenges. May you find yourself in high spirits & excellent health. May you love with all your heart and find peace in even the most turbulent of times. May the love you give always find its way back to you multiplied. And may you forever be filled with the hope & strength necessary to make your dreams a reality.

*A NEW YEAR*

*IS GOD'S GIFT*

In the joyful moments –

*thank Him.*

In the busy moments –

*bless Him.*

In the trying moments –

*trust Him.*

In the quiet moments –

*praise Him.*



**A NEW YEAR** is like a blank book, it has 12 chapters and 365 pages, and you are the author. My wish for you is that this year, you write the most beautiful story possible for yourself.

*GOD BLESS YOU*

*IN THE NEW YEAR*

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future

with hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11

*HOPING EVERYONE HAS A BLESSED NEW YEAR!!*

## *The Journey Continues...*

As we come to the close of another year and prepare to put away our 2021 calendars, it's a good time to reflect on where we've been, to celebrate the good things we've accomplished, to learn from the mistakes we've made, and to be thankful for making it through another year. Until this past year, I thought 2020 was the most historic and memorable year we would ever have. But then came 2021 and yet another year of incredible ups and downs. In many ways, 2021 has been exhausting. But I remain hopeful that no matter what happens in the new year, we will endure so long as we keep our faith in Jesus and our collective feet on the path he has called us to follow.

When we look ahead to the things we'll be dealing with in 2022, we know the pandemic isn't going anywhere right away. I think everyone has prayed (probably more than once) for this pandemic to be a distant memory by this time next year. Hopefully it will be. But the pandemic is only one of the challenges we need to address in the year ahead. A bigger problem for us, and a problem that makes the pandemic worse than it has to be, is the negativity and divisiveness in our society these days. There has always been some negativity and divisiveness in the past, but nothing like what it is today. In the past, the negativity was manageable while today, it is intolerable and inexcusable. But I don't think it needs to be this way and I hope you don't think it needs to be this way either.

So here is the challenge I have for us in 2022. It's a New Year's resolution that I believe will help us be positive, while strengthening the relationships we have with our savior and our neighbors. I saw this advice online and I want to share it as a challenge for us in the new year. Before we speak or act, I want us all to take a moment and "T.H.I.N.K." When you T.H.I.N.K. you ask yourself:

Is what I am about to say **T**True?

Is it **H**Helpful?

Is it **I**Inspiring?

Is it **N**Necessary?

Is it **K**Kind?

If the answer to any of these five questions is "no", then what we are about to say or do or post online should be left unsaid or undone. We've all experienced negativity, but if we can flip the page and do a new thing then we can begin to share the peace of God's Kingdom here on earth.

I know I've said things and done things and posted things that I wouldn't have said, done or posted if I would have taken the time to T.H.I.N.K. So I believe if we take the time to T.H.I.N.K. in the new year (myself included), then we will be even stronger in our relationship with God and with each other. Best of all, we can begin to experience the peace our Savior has sought to bring to the world. So who's with me? Who is ready to take time and T.H.I.N.K. in the new year and do what they can to make the world a better place to be?

The Journey Continues...

*Pastor Dave*



## Kathy's January Blog

As we enter 2022 where we again have Hope for the future, I look to a story that is touching so many of our hearts right now. We watch the news stories, and it is just gut wrenching. We are concentrating our thoughts on Mayfield, KY. A little more on why after we share some comparison facts.

Mayfield, KY has a population of 10,017. The closest I could find is right where I sit, South Lebanon Township. The township has a population of 10,042. Mayfield, KY has 6.7 square miles. South Lebanon Township is a little over 21 square miles. What that tells me is Mayfield is not a farming community. We've heard the stories of the Candle Factory. Yes, that was in the community of Mayfield, KY.

Why so much about Mayfield? Many of us were trying to figure out how we could help. The mission team and Fellowship and Mission committee were trying to figure out something. And then it happened. An email dropped from the sky of a person trying to organize a trip to Mayfield, KY to help those so desperately in need. I reached out to see how we could help.

The time was short for us to get communication out and get things gathered. We determined the best way to help was to ask for financial support and to try to buy things in bulk. We met and we put together a shopping list and a budget of \$1,000 for our first response. With those dollars we will be sending the following to KY:

- 11 cases of diapers from infant to toddler sizes
- 2 cases of baby wipes
- 54 pair of work gloves
- 32 pair of rubber gloves
- 400 dust N95 masks
- 5 cases of construction strength garbage bags (each case contains 100 garbage bags)
- 20 storage totes to help them put what they can salvage their belongings in

I know, you wonder why diapers. The American Red Cross provides food, water and clothing but not diapers. This is an item that they can't get in the area due to all the devastation. We all have been in a crowd where a baby is screaming because they need to be changed. Imagine not being able to help the little one feel dry.

These items will arrive in KY by the time you read this (arriving Sunday Dec 26<sup>th</sup>).

You say but Kathy, isn't there anything more we can do? I'm glad you asked. We had no idea what type of financial response we would get, so we went out on what we thought was a limb. I'm told in our first Sunday of collecting, we have exceeded that goal. First, I am humbled by the loving support of our congregation. This is awesome that we are able to do this. Be rest assured, all monies collected will be used to buy items that are needed in KY.

Where do we go from here? We continue to collect dollars in December and January. Meanwhile, we will check with the organizer of the project here in Lebanon to see if he will be making any subsequent trips. If not, we will buy needed items and make sure they make it to Mayfield, KY.

Stay safe and Snoopy and I'll see you in February.

*Kathy*

## **What's happening at St. Mark's .....**

### **Change to Doors for Service**

Effective Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a change to status of the doors for service. The 8<sup>th</sup> & Monument street doors will be locked and the inside ramp door closed after morning announcements. Each week, someone will be stationed in the narthex to monitor the doors. If you are running late, please be patient for that person to realize you are there. If you would like to help out by being that person to be in the narthex, please reach out to Ed Reppert or Kathy Follett.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School for adults will begin on Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>. Sam will be leading the discussion. The discussion will take place in the Fellowship Hall. As we start to see more young people returning, we will provide more options for Sunday School.

### **Facility Usage Change**

At the December Consistory meeting, a change to the facility usage policy was adopted. Moving forward, usage of the building is limited to businesses, organizations and members of the congregation. Usage by families outside of the congregation will no longer be accepted going forward.

### **Congregational Meeting (s)**

The annual congregational meeting will be held on Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> after church. If you are not able to attend in person but would like to participate, there will be a Zoom option like last year. Please let Pastor Dave know if you'd like to participate through Zoom no later than Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> to ensure we get everything to you in time. In addition, we are proposing a change to the bylaws that impacts the makeup of Consistory. This will be discussed at this meeting. For the bylaw change to be made and approved, we must have a second meeting. This meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> after church. Again, Zoom will be offered. Please notify Pastor Dave of this date as well.

### **Music Update**

As a result of the Nov 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Personnel Committee was able to formulate an advertisement for a Music Coordinator. As noted, we will not start out by having a Youth Choir, Him Singers, Praise Team and Senior Choir but instead we will have a combined group of all ages that will practice after service on Sundays. The position was posted both internally and externally. Stay tuned for additional updates as they are known.

### **Technology Update**

First, if you have been watching the service on Facebook Live, you've seen a couple blips. As far as we can tell, those blips are on Facebook side as we are not finding anything problematic on our side. We will keep researching to see if we find anything. Second, the laptop is again being cooled under its own power versus having additional external fans. The internal laptop fan was defective after only a year and was replaced. We were blessed that it was flown from China versus shipped from China as the replacement arrived in 2 weeks versus the 4-6 weeks it was predicted to be. And finally, as we are

determining how the music program is growing, we realize we need to expand our camera coverage. As we move into 2022, look for some new trial and error opportunities as we try to hook up a second camera.

## **Wreaths Across America**

Wreaths Across America is a program that began back in 1992 to remember those that served with a wreath at cemeteries across the country. There are over 2,200 cemeteries that were part of the program in 2021. Within Lebanon County, there were 3 cemeteries. Mount Lebanon, Ebenezer Cemetery and Indiantown Gap Military Cemetery.

The invitation was sent to the youth and we had 8 participants on National Wreaths Across America day, December 18<sup>th</sup>. We chose Indiantown Gap as they needed to place over 41,000 wreaths. These are not plastic wreaths. The wreaths are real evergreen pine wreaths. While the day was cloudy on the outside, the memorial service (of what we could hear) and being part of something like that was very heartwarming. What was amazing to watch was the transformation of each lot to show of their green wreaths with red bows. The pics we took to share on Facebook just don't do it justice.

We will also be participating in the removal of the wreaths on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

As we are approaching the winter season, a reminder to our inclement weather policy.

When events or services need to be cancelled or rescheduled, an announcement will be placed on the St. Mark's UCC Facebook page, the St. Mark's website and a message on the answering machine. The announcement on the St. Mark's Facebook page is open to the public.

Church Services will follow this as a guideline

. Lebanon County is in a Winter Storm Warning - In Person church services would be cancelled. Church Services will be broadcast through Facebook Live and the Conference Call. Exception would be if electric or internet are impacted by the weather.

. Lebanon County is in a Winter Weather Advisory - In Person church services are optional. If the weather is ice, in person church services would be cancelled. Church Services will be broadcast through Facebook Live and the Conference Call.

.Lebanon County is under no advisory or warning - In Person church, Facebook Live and the Conference Call are all options.

*Kathy*

## **SENIOR CORNER**

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Please send notes, cards or give them a call. Let Bettie and Jake know that St. Mark's has not forgotten about them.

# Rules, Regulations, and Job Descriptions of those Working for the Union Canal Company - Part 1

by Jim Schucker

Want a job working for the Union Canal Company? Do you want to operate a "float" on the canal? If you do, there are rules and guidelines to follow just as there are "rules of the road" today. Familiarize yourself with the following regulations, and you will do well when applying for employment with the Union Canal Company (in the 1800's).

During the season of navigation (usually March through December), the **Superintendents** were required to devote "the whole of their time" in making daily and careful examination of the whole canal and works committed to their charge. They had the responsibility of supervising the lock-tenders and all the subordinate agents in the service of the company. Under the direction of the resident engineer, the superintendents were responsible for making all essential repairs to the canal and its works so as to preserve navigation unimpaired. If anyone was found to trespass or "encroach" upon canal property or interfere with the operations of the canal, a report had to be made immediately to the **Resident Engineer** whose responsibility it was to take corrective action. Relieving individuals of their employment with the company was also invested with the engineer. These two positions governed the daily operations of the canal with the Resident Engineer seeming to have final authority.

Much lower on the totem pole of employment were the **Lock-Tenders**. During the season of navigation, a lock-tender was required to remain at his lock or locks 24 hours a day, seven days a week. While most navigation took place during daylight hours, this was not required so a lock keeper may have to leave the comfort of his bed to "work" the lock or locks at any hour of the night. He also was required to check the permits of each canal boat captain to determine if the stated products and their amounts, were in accordance with the permit. If he suspected and found that there was additional cargo placed on board a boat which was not listed on the permit, he was to charge three times the usual rate on the excess plus any expenses incurred in the process in ascertaining the deception.

At times he had to issue permits especially if the boat trip originated at or near his lock. The impression of most thinking about the passage of boats on the canal believe trips on the Union Canal began at one end of the canal and went through to the other end, Middletown to Reading for example. This was not always the case. Trips could originate anywhere along the canal and could end anywhere as well. For this reason each lock-tender checked the permit for distance, type, and amount of products being hauled.

Each Lock-tender was also assigned a section of the canal which he was expected to maintain in good repair throughout the year. If there was a serious breach or repair which was beyond his ability to correct, he would inform the next lock-tender "above" his lock who would pass the information to the next lock-tender and so on until it reached the resident engineer. Cell phones just were not available!

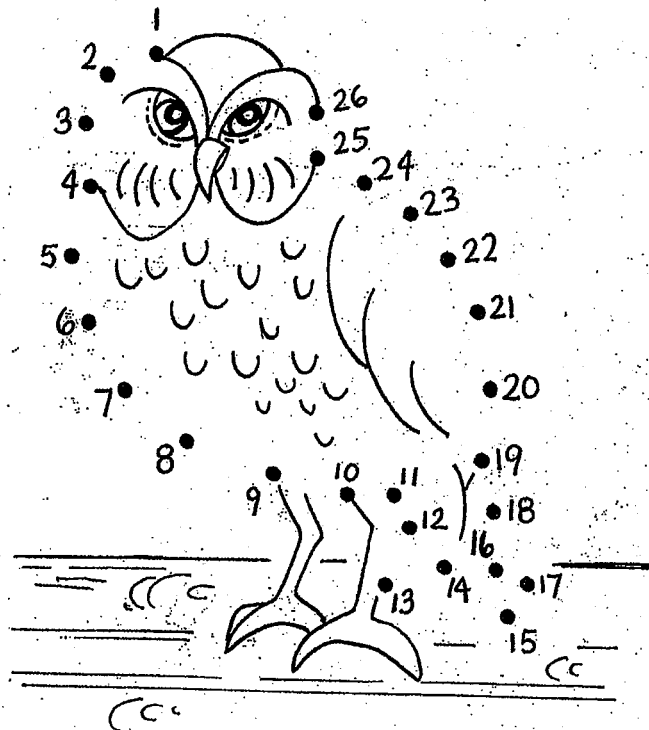
The lock-tender was strictly prohibited from selling, or allowing to be sold at his house or lock, any spirituous liquors! Other goods might be available for sale, in fact some lock-tender and their families ran small general stores out of their homes.

## KIDS KORNER

### BAKED WHOLE CAULIFLOWER.

1 whole cauliflower washed and trimmed of greens  
½ C Mayo  
2 tsp mustard  
1 tsp horseradish  
Bread Crumbs  
Parmesan cheese

Steam cauliflower whole until just tender. Mix mayo, mustard and horseradish. Frost the cauliflower with the mixture. Dot in some of the crevices with butter and sprinkle with a mixture of bread crumbs and parmesan cheese. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes.



Not all farm animals live on the ground. From its perch in the barn, this bird calls out, "Hoot, Hoot!"



# JANUARY

## PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Holly & Daniel, Austin & Evan Lightner <b>Happy New Year</b>
2 Mario & Madison Luciotti	3 Pamela, Thomas, Joshua & Caroline Manbeck	4 Robert & Linda Meyer	5 Eva Miller	6 Sierra Moyer	7 Jane Moyle	8 David, Karen, Nathan, & Graham Musselwhite
9 Meredith, Sean, Charleigh & Ian Myers <b>Holy Communion- 9 AM</b>	10 Heather Noll	11 John & Yvonne Null	12 Edward & Gayle Olden	13 Jessica, Corey & Stella Parraca <b>Spiritual Council - 6:45 PM Consistory - 7:30 PM</b>	14 Thomas Parry	15 Paul & Kay Peiffer
16 Earl Pyles	17 Peter & Annette Pyles	18 Jonathan, LeTonya, Malachi & Izayah Raiger	19 Marie Reich	20 Michael Reich	21 Ed & Marilyn Reppert	22 Bonita & Robert Ressler
23 Lindsey, Jay & Jordan Reynolds <b>Annual Congregational Meeting - After Church Service</b>	24 John & Vickie Ristenbatt	25 Carol Ruffner	26 J. Scott, Kristy, Riley & Addison Ruffner	27 Shirley Runkel	28 Todd, Debra & Chad Ryland	29 Arianna Sando
30 Lillian Schieber	31 Glenn & LuAnn Schneider					

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The St. Mark's Staff wishes to thank the Fellowship & Mission Committee for the gifts received at Family Day. Your kindness is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Family Day Program. It's wonderful to see and hear the talent we have in our church. Job well done!

Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2022. If you have family, friends or neighbors that you could deliver to, that would be greatly appreciated.

Holy Communion will be held Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Sunday School will be starting for the adults on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Sam Brandt will be having a class in Fellowship Hall after the church service.

Remember the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 23, 2022.

