

## THE CARILLON

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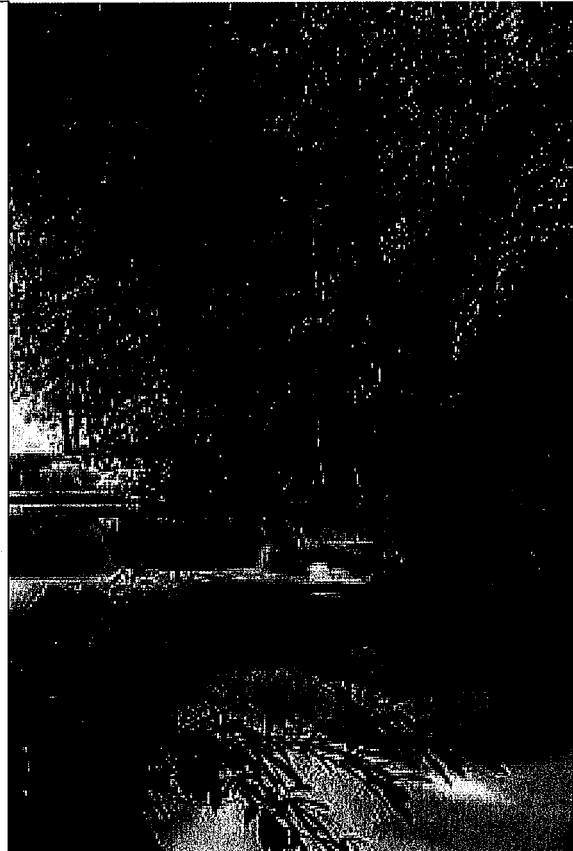
Lord, thank You for giving me a new month. I don't know what's ahead, but I trust that You are already there.

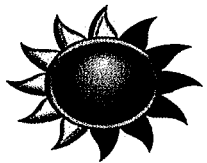
I pray that You watch over me, my family, and everyone in need of Your grace. Protect us, guide us, and fill our hearts with Your peace. Lord, I know I'm not perfect. I fall short, I make mistakes, and I don't always get it right. But still, You love me. Still, You choose me. Still, You hold me up.

Where there is faith, there is love. Where there is love, there is peace. Where there is peace, there is God. Where there is God, nothing is missing.

So I place this month in Your hands, Your plan is perfect, even when I don't understand it. Your love never fails. God, I love You.

Amen





May God smile down on you each day...

and may faith and hope lift you up always!!

I believe with all my heart that our prayers are heard and that God graces our lives with as much hope and love and comfort as our hearts can hold.

I wish you the joy and serenity that come from every whispered prayer, and I know that... in God's plans ... there are so many beautiful days just waiting to shine their light on you!!



### FATHER'S DAY QUOTES

A father's love is the quiet strength that holds a family together.

A father may not say it often, but his love is felt in every sacrifice.

Behind every strong child stands a father who believed first.

A Father's love is measured not in words but in actions.

The greatest gift a man can give his children is his love and time.



### *Scriptures for Father's Day*

*"The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him"*

*Proverbs 20:7*

*"But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith is worse than an unbeliever."*

*1 Timothy 5:8*

*"But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; we are all the work of Your hand."*

*Isaiah 64:8*

*"He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge."*

*Proverbs 14:26*

*"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."*

*Psalms 103:13*

A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way. ☺

—UNKNOWN

## *The Journey Continues...*

You've probably noticed the many Circles of Friends scattered throughout the Narthex. I have loved the imagery of a Circle of Friends ever since I began volunteering to set up the chapel space in seminary for worship. Whenever it was my turn to decorate the Altar, I always started with a Circle of Friends; a candle holder that holds a very deep meaning. After I was taught the symbolism found in a Circle of Friends, I could think of no better starting place to set up for worship. You see, everyone in a Circle of Friends is equal. No one is higher and no one is lower. But beyond the equality, everyone in a Circle of Friends is supported by their neighbor and everyone is helping to support their neighbors. Together the Friends in the Circle are surrounding the light of Christ. For me, the Circle of Friends is perfect visual of what our lives as followers of Jesus should be.

When I graduated from seminary in 2009 – after volunteering to set up the chapel for three years – the Administrator of Worship gave me one of the two Circles of Friends owned by the seminary. She knew how much the Circle of Friends meant to me and that's how my collection of these candle holders began. I received my second Circle of Friends as a graduation present. Over the years, I found Circles of Friends in unexpected places like a church rummage sale (I bought that one for 50 cents!). I received another one when someone found it as they were cleaning out a closet and asked if I wanted it. I received another when someone shopping at Jubilee in Lebanon saw it and bought it for me. I received a number of Circles of Friends when I was installed as the pastor at St. Mark's in 2016. And I've received several more as birthday gifts from the Wednesday morning Bible Study group.

I have collected Circles of people, children, jungle animals, turtles and rabbits, dogs, snowmen, and angels. Altogether, my collection of Circles of Friends has grown to 19, and that's not counting the Circle of Friends banner hanging in the Narthex or the blue Circle of Friends shopping bag in the corner of the display case. The symbolism of the Circle of Friends (equality, justice, helping one another, and focusing on Christ) is catching on and it is inspiring others and the work they do at St. Mark's. The Ad Hoc Committee assigned to rethink the committees at St. Mark's is using the Circle of Friends to inspire their work. Even the choir is going to join in with an anthem titled "Draw the Circle Wide" which will be sung this fall.

There is a lot of positive momentum at St. Mark's these days. As mainline churches continue their decades-long decline, we cannot underestimate the blessing of being a church that is growing. I am very thankful for all those who are working to move our congregation forward. So long as we keep our vision on where we are being called to go, and our focus on Christ who is leading the way, then we will continue living into our potential God has given us. But it comes down to keeping our eyes on Christ, being loving enough to support our neighbors, and being humble enough to allow our neighbors to support us. As a Circle of Friends, there is no limit to what we can do...so long as we do it together.

The Journey Continues...

*Pastor Dave*

Deb and I recently had the pleasure of attending the WB Music Therapy recital/concert which took place in the sanctuary at St. Marks. Now I'll admit that after working a full day and also spending an hour cutting the grass at home, I really just wanted to sit in the chair with my feet up and watch the Phillies game. But something was telling us to attend the WB Music Therapy event.....and boy am I glad we did.

WB Music Therapy is one of the groups that rents space at St. Marks. They have professionally trained music therapists that work with clients who have physical, mental, and/or emotional challenges. On the night of the concert, about 12-15 of their clients performed musical numbers that they had been working on, often with the assistance of their therapists. Those performances included strumming a guitar, playing the keyboard, banging on a drum set, and a couple of vocal performers. None of those performances were going to win any awards. But on that night those people were rock stars in the minds and hearts of everyone that sat in the sanctuary and watched them perform.

The pride and joy exhibited by their families (many of whom had their cameras out videoing while their loved one performed), was exceeded only by the joy of the performers themselves. This was their night to shine, and you could see and feel their enthusiasm despite the challenges they live with.

There were a lot of laughs in the sanctuary that night. Deb and I also wiped a few tears from our eyes. It was heart breaking and heart warming at the same time. Seeing the challenges that the WB Music Therapy clients live with and the grace with which they and their families carry themselves was something special to experience.

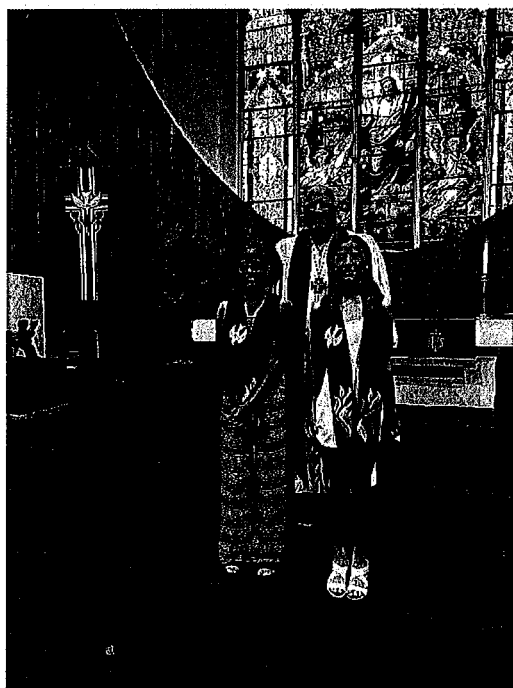
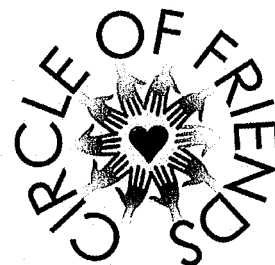
Sharing that evening with WB Music Therapy and seeing the difference they are making in the lives of their clients and their client's families reinforced for me that we made the right decision in sharing our church building with them. I encourage you to check out their website, learn more about them, and attend their next recital/concert. I think you'll find that you'll come away from that with a different perspective on life.

Respectfully,

Todd Ryland

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Please welcome Serenity Earl and Charleigh Myers who by affirmation of their baptisms have been confirmed on May 24 during a service of confirmation. We look forward to their continued participation in the life and mission of our "Circle of Friends" (our Church Family)



A great big Thank You to Deb Ryland, who designed the confirmation stoles and to Marjorie Hummel, who made the stoles. We are so blessed to have these creative ladies in our congregation. Job well done, Ladies!!!

Please take a moment to visit the Narthex where you can find the many Circle of Friends displayed on the tables and in the glass covered showcase behind the coffee/pastry table. On the wall next to the showcase is a banner defining Circle of Friends.

**Ad Hoc Committee Discussions. Next meeting May 31**

- Review completed standing committee forms/communicating this information with the congregation
- Discussion regarding options for change in Consistory's monthly meeting day and time



**Erin Brozusky and Rachael Brozusky** – Erin and Rachael are graduating from High School. They are the granddaughters of Michael and Diane Fry.

**Alexa Fisher** – Graduated from Kutztown College with a double degree in Computer Science & Math. Alexa is the daughter of John and Sue Fisher and granddaughter of Jay and Susan Fisher.

**Wyatt Fox** – Graduating from Cedar Crest High School. He will be attending Lock Haven University in the fall to pursue a degree in secondary education. Wyatt is the son of Mark and Thuong Fox and the grandson of Faye Fox.

**Austin Lightner** – Graduating June 15<sup>th</sup> from Commonwealth Charter Academy. Austin will be attending Millersville State University in the fall to study Biology. He is the son of Holly Lightner and the grandson of Glenn and Nell Kline.

**Kirstin Ortiz** – Graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a Masters in Clinical Social Work degree. Kirstin is the granddaughter of Cindy Johnson.

**Paxton Thomas** – Graduating from Cedar Crest High School. He will be attending Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. Paxton will be studying Human Resources Administration.

**Kendra Gordon-Whiteman** – Graduated from Metro Beauty Academy, Allentown, PA. Kendra is the great granddaughter of Becky Klotz.

**Makenzie Wimsher and Hayden Wimsher** – Graduating from Cedar Crest High School. They will be attending Shippensburg College. They are the grandchildren of Cathy and Barry Bossler.

**You are all moving on to a new and exciting chapter in your life.  
We wish you all the best for the future that lies ahead.  
We are proud of each and everyone of you.  
Congratulations on your graduation!!**

## **Report of Consistory - May 2026**

The day care has asked for access to the third floor of Fellowship Hall for the summer months to provide services to a small group of older children. They were open to a lease negotiation and rent increase but the request was not approved. The music therapy group has an offer or a donation of a piano and asked the church to share in the cost of moving it to the building. Kathy Follett will play and inspect the piano before a final decision is made. The nominating committee is looking to fill positions for 2027. It was suggested that the consistory meetings be moved to Sunday following the worship service once a month. The plan is to begin this change in September. Pine Acres will schedule a workday in May to complete various projects of all skill levels. The tower has been inspected with both a drone and by a human inspector. A mason will be needed for repointing and a roofer to repair or replace flashing near the structure. The appropriate providers will be contacted for estimates.

## **Pine Acres News**

Mowing season is upon us. We could use another 1 or 2 people to mow or weed whack. We are back to our Thursday schedule. We begin around 7:30 and are typically done mowing by 10ish.

We plan to start replacing the poles that are holding up the pavilion roof with 6x6 posts. The old poles on the end of the pavilion are deteriorating and the roof needs solid support for these heavy snows.

Our May workday was cancelled due to rain. Our rescheduled day is Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. We'll gather anytime after 8:00 AM and work until noon. Work todos are being assembled, but could include painting/staining, power washing and electrical repairs. Look to Facebook for announcement if it needs to be cancelled.

# Kid's Team/Youth/Young Adults Corner

## Kid's Team

Save the date – Kid's Kamp 2026 – July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are in the narthex.

Stay tuned for a mini golf outing with the youth (most likely August)

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 winter/spring of 2026:

Spring Retreat – May 29-31 – Penn Lake in the Poconos

Stay tuned for a mini golf outing with the Kid's Team (most likely August)

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.

# Mission Corner

## Hammer & Heart Mission Trip

Thanks to all who provided non-perishable items, financial donations, food and prayers. We very much appreciated it all.

If you'd like to hear more about the trip, please join us Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll share stories through pictures as part of the morning service.

## WARM Mission Trip

The WARM mission trip will be from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting for the trip is June 14<sup>th</sup> after the service. If you are unable to attend, but planning to go on the trip, please ensure to talk with Kathy.

## Non-Mission Trip Mission News

### **The Community dinners**

July 25<sup>th</sup> – community picnic is planned. Due to unpredictability of the weather, tables and chairs will be set up in Fellowship Hall versus the parking lot. Look for more information closer to the date.

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

**June 25<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)** – a grill night with the men at the LRM. Look for signup sheets in late May.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** – our second Sunday at the LRM

### **Sno Cone**

The last several years, we have been celebrating the last day of school for the Lebanon School District with a sno cone day. The last day of school is Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Snack bags are needed to assist with this project. Look for signup sheets if you're available to help on that day.

## ***A Little St. Mark's Trivia***

**1902** St. Mark's Sabbath School gained the distinction of being the largest Sabbath School in Lebanon irrespective of denomination. The membership stood at 900.

**1811** St. Mark's Ladies' Bible Class became the largest registered organized Bible Class in the state of Pennsylvania.

**1912** Pastor Fisher began a "Junior Congregation" with those children who had not been confirmed. He felt more children should be present at the "preaching services". Parents were requested to bring their children to church every other week when English was used. After an opening, a sermon of no more than seven minutes was preached and then the children were allowed to leave.

**1915** The Mothers' Department was organized with Mrs. H.A. Heilman as superintendent. This was the first Mothers' Class in the County and perhaps the state of Pennsylvania.

**1916** St. Mark's Sunday School Orchestra was organized under the capable direction of Arthur Loser. From the very beginning it was deemed a huge success.

**1918** In compliance with the requirements of the Board of Health, the Sunday School had to be closed for six weeks on account of the prevalence of the epidemic of influenza.

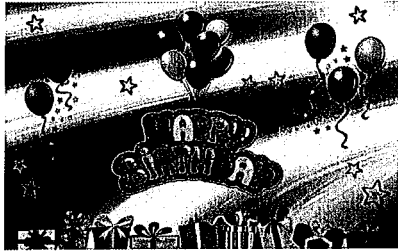
**1919** "Hon. William Jennings Bryan will speak in this Church tomorrow evening (February 17) at 8 o'clock. Mr. Bryan is one of the most gifted orators of the age and we feel quite sure that there will be quite a demand to hear him...come early." This was eleven years after Bryan was defeated for the third time in his Democratic bid for the presidency.

**1919** The first Children's Service was held on March 9 and was held the first Sunday of every month. The children were requested to occupy the front seats of the Auditorium.

**1920** In order to be counted as a member of the Sunday School, one had to attend at least twelve sessions in a year.

Jim Schucker





## JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	Birthday	Anniversary
June 3	Peter Wolf	None
June 4	Morgan Kline	
June 5	Bella Sandt	
June 6	Douglas Hummel	
June 8	Russell Scholl	
June 15	Destiny Chernich	
June 16	Roxanne Carpenter	
June 17	Tina Kline	
June 20	Nathan Musselwhite	
June 21	Eva Miller Kristina Shearer	
June 22	Thomas Parry	
June 23	Mary Anne Gutwalt Sandra Hanley John Ristenbatt Todd Ryland	
June 27	Rececca Klotz	
June 28	Charlotte Wengert	
June 29	Margaret Scholl	

## **SENIOR CORNER**

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

# JUNE

## PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

# 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Megan, Matt, Jaxson & Ava Tilley	2 Jack & Barbara Tobias	3 Bill & Lisa Trovinger  <b>Bible Study - 10 AM</b>	4 Joshua Trovinger	5 Lauren Trovinger  <b>Sno Cone Day</b>	6 Nathan Trovinger
7 Scott & Jen Trovinger  <b>Worship - 10 AM Christian Ed Mtg. CIA Meeting</b>	8 Seth Trovinger  <b>Evan. &amp; Mission Mtg. - 6:30 PM</b>	9 Brenda Van Winkle  <b>Spiritual Council Mtg. 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg. - 7 PM</b>	10 Diane Vogel  <b>Bible Study - 10 AM</b>	11 Kevin & Linda Waldron	12 Chuck & Sharon Warfel	13 Joann Webster
14 Sharon Weihrauch  <b>Worship - 10 AM  WARM Mission Meeting</b>	15 Carol Weise & Serafina	16 Ken & Charlotte Wengert	17 Candace & Stephen Wentzel  <b>Bible Study - 10 AM</b>	18 Paul, Jennifer, Logan & Olivia Whitman	19 Gail & Dick Winters	20 Barbara & Dale Wise
21 Doreen Wise  <b>Worship - 10 AM</b>	22 Stephanie, Justin, Kaylee, & Cora Jane Wise	23 Steven Wise	24 John Witter  <b>Bible Study - 10 AM</b>	25 Karl Wolf  <b>Grill Night @ LRM</b>	26 Peter & Theresa Wolf	27 Priscilla (Bish) Wolf  <b>Pine Acres Work Day</b>
28 Deb Zamonsky  <b>Worship - 10 AM - @ Pine Acres - Lunch DiNunzio Coupons</b>	29 Stephanie & Alex Andreozzi	30 Gary & Kathy Andrews				