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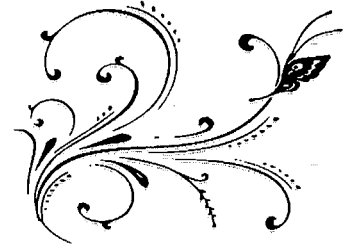
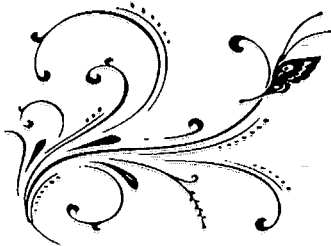
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A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God,

Bless all fathers of the world today – and always.

Give them strength and courage,
That their faith and love might shine forth
Exemplified in the life of Jesus,
His words, before blessing the children,
“Let them come to me. Don't stop them.”

May all fathers, do everything in their power,
To bless their children – young or old –
So that all might draw near to You
Experiencing grace
Discovering love
As we are.

Learning to live – and die
Into the presence of Christ Jesus,
The indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

A Godly Father is:

Faithful, to God and family.

Able, to discern God's will in trying times and good times.

Thankful, for all the joys and trials of life.

Happy, no matter what the life brings.

Enthusiastic, about a life lived with purpose.

Righteous, rock-solid in heart and mind, from a growing relationship with Jesus.

**For these things and so many more,
we praise God for our
Fathers this Father's Day and
always.**



My father gave me
the
greatest gift anyone
could
give another person,
"he believed in me."



God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The Wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...Dad



FATHER'S DAY SCRIPTURES

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.
Proverbs 23:24

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
Proverbs 22:6

The righteous who walks in his integrity – blessed are his children after him!
Proverbs 20:7

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
Genesis 2:24

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
Ephesians 6:4

A Father's Day Thought for the Day

A Father's Love

A father is respected because
He gives his children leadership...
Appreciated because
He gives his children care...
Valued because
He gives his children time...
Loved because
He gives his children the one thing
They treasure most – himself.

The Journey Continues...

Earlier this May, I had the opportunity to attend a 2 ½ day clergy gathering in Lancaster with pastors from Penn Central, Penn North East and Penn South East Conferences. The theme of the gathering was resurrection and the image guiding us through our sessions was a phoenix rising from the ashes. Some of you know and remember the leader of the gathering...it was none other than Rev. Cindy Garis-August who used to be an Associate Pastor here at St. Mark's from 1998 to 2004. Cindy is happily married now which is why her last name is hyphenated ☺.

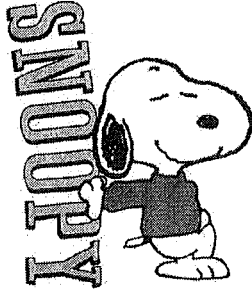
The vision of a phoenix rising from the ashes is so appropriate for where we are as a church as we seek to revive from the pandemic and live into a new normal. One of the scriptures we discussed during our sessions is chapter 37 from the Book of Ezekiel. The title of the passage is the Valley of Dry Bones. The title sounds a little gruesome and depressing, but it's actually an inspiring story about resurrection. As God and Ezekiel were looking over a valley filled with dry bones, God asked Ezekiel if those bones could live. Ezekiel responds the only way he can: "Oh Lord, you know if they can." So God tells Ezekiel to prophesy to the bones, and as soon as Ezekiel began to prophesy, the bones start rattling and coming together. Bone to bone, then tendons and ligaments held the bones together as the muscles and skin were added to make the dry, dusty bones look human again.

It is a very dramatic scene, but the resurrection wasn't complete. The bones looked human, but life had not been restored because there was no breath in them. God then commanded Ezekiel to prophesy to the four winds to breathe life into those lifeless bodies. Ezekiel obeyed and as soon as he prophesied to the winds, the bodies came to life and the once dead bodies became fully alive again.

The vision God shared with Ezekiel and the Valley of the Dry Bones was about the Israelites who were in exile from the Promised Land. The Israelites had lost their homes, their wealth, and their identity. For them, they felt dead and lifeless just like the dry and dusty bones in the valley. Bringing that image forward to today, we can relate to the valley of the dry bones as our church seeks to live in our post pandemic world. Can these bones live? Sure we can, but we need to follow the words of our savior. Right now, we have the bodies and we are seeing signs of resurrection, but we are struggling to embrace the fullness of life we have in God. We are stumbling and struggling because we are trying to restore everything from the past as we learn how to function in the new normal of life these days. But restoring things to the way they were is never going to work.

Think of it this way...if all of those dry bones and resurrected bodies from Ezekiel's vision tried to repeat everything from the past the way they used to, how long will it take before they end up right back in the valley of dry bones once again? Those resurrected bodies can't go back and do things the same old way and live because the way they were living in the past is what led them to the valley of the dry bones in the first place. The same principle applies to the disciples after the resurrection. They cannot go back to doing the same thing they've done for the past three years because after Jesus' resurrection, the dynamic of life has dramatically changed. If the disciples tried to do the same when Jesus was leading them around, how long would it take before the Christian movement died off altogether?

The same approach that is relevant for the Israelites after the exile and the disciples after the resurrection is the same approach that will be relevant for us as we continue our journey towards restoring our church after the pandemic. But we cannot be the same church we were before, but that will be alright, because the norms and traditions of the church are not where our salvation lies. There are resources available (from the incredibly talented and caring staff of the Penn Central Conference) that we have never used before. In addition, there are structures and norms within the church that are holding us back and suffocating the life the four winds are trying to breathe into us. We need to let go of the past so that we can live into the fullness of life as we live into the new normal. May we do so today...and may we always be willing to step out in faith to see where our resurrection leads us.



Kathy's June Blog

Many of you know my love for the Peanuts gang and in particular our dear friend Snoopy. There are few Sundays that go by that someone doesn't share a story, a comic strip or something cool that they want to share with me about Peanuts. Recently, I was pointed to a comic strip where our good friend Lucy asks Charlie Brown what his nickname is. Now, I'm confused why Lucy is asking because normally she calls him Chuck, not Charlie Brown, but ok.

As I finished reading the comic strip, that gave me moment of pause. What really is in a name? As parents, people have many different ideas when they pick names for their children. Some people will choose a name that is a family name. For instance, we have a great nephew named after his father. That's a nice sentiment until you yell Logan and two heads whip around. The nickname is born so you differentiate when you're yelling who is really in trouble.

Others will do gobs of research to see where the name comes from and what it means. Sadly, even after all of that research, in many cases, they will gain a nickname through their life at some point.

Why talk about names and where they come from? By the way, in case you were wondering, Snoopy got his name when Charles Schulz heard his mother wanted to call their second dog Snoopy. Over the years, we here at St Mark's have struggled with names. Not like Tom, Dick or Harry. No, what to call groups. What to call events. What to call special offerings. For instance, years ago there was the young and senior married couples classes. But at what point are the young no longer young and they now are senior. Hence the birth of the Koinonia class.

We struggle to pick names to not offend or leave anyone out. The reality is, no matter what name is chosen, someone is confused by it. Let's take the recent change of the "Church in Community" back to the Good Samaritan Fund. Years ago, the committee was the Good Samaritan Fund but people thought that meant those funds were going to the Good Samaritan Hospital. The name was changed to Church in Community because the committee's mission was to serve the community. But the box of envelopes continued to have the Good Samaritan envelope and people were confused. The committee was recently changed back to the Good Samaritan Fund.

Where am I headed? Really, I did have a plan while I mapped this out while mowing this evening. We as a church will need to make changes and try new things to adapt to the change in society's view of the church. That means we'll need to make changes to things that we have known for so many years, but now we will know them as something new. Coffee hour being renamed to Kaffee Klatch is a perfect example. The hardest thing about new things, whether they are newborns, nicknames on the baseball field, groups in a church setting or a committee....giving it a name that all will understand, include and not offend.

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

Kathy

What's happening at St. Mark's

Consistory Meeting Time Change

At the Consistory reorganization meeting on February 20th, a decision was finalized to change the time of Consistory meetings going forward. Spiritual Council will start at 6:30 and the Consistory meeting will start at 7:00.

Children's Church

Currently, Children's Church is being offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. We'd like to offer it every Sunday as we are starting to see our younger children back in church. If you are interested in doing Children's Church maybe once a month, once every other month, please reach out to Becky Colban.

Town Hall Meeting

If you missed the town hall on May 22nd, please join us on Sunday June 5th. This is an opportunity to share ideas of where the church can go in the future. Consistory will be meeting in a work session on June 13th to discuss this information.

Parking Lot

Years ago, we had made a statement that the parking lot adjacent to the church building be saved for those that are 65 and above. This was to allow those that were our more senior, wise part of our congregation the opportunity to have less steps to get to church. As we are seeing more of our congregation with mobility issues, I'd like to encourage even if you are 65 and above and are good with your mobility, to use either street parking or the Mifflin Street lot.

Pine Acres Fellowship Days

We're looking to have an afternoon or day at Pine Acres in June, July and August. You have started to see save the dates for a Fellowship Day at Pine Acres June 26th. In addition to June 26th, save Sunday July 10th and August 21st. These are all still in the planning stage but we are hoping to put together a mini picnic for August 21st. On Sunday August 21st, church will be at Pine Acres. Stay tuned for additional details as they become available.

Pine Acres Project

Last year, we needed to have a woodpecked tree taken down that was by the swing sets. In addition to that tree, we found two more trees that were problematic in that area so they were also removed. To do this tree work, the two swing sets had to be removed. These swing sets have gotten more than their share of usage as they were built in 1993. As I type, we are in the

process of rebuilding the swing sets. We plan to have them both rebuilt for dedication on Sunday afternoon July 10th. Kids get ready to break in the new swing sets.

First Aid in our Congregation

As was written in last month's carillon, we are reevaluating first aid safety in our congregation. For many years, we've relied on the nurses of our congregation but we need to find additional people to help in case there is a need on Sunday morning. If you are CPR/AED certified and would like to part of this team, please let Cindy in the office know or chat with Kathy.

Kid's Kamp

It's not too early to mark your calendars for the dates of this year's Kid's Kamp. Mark down July 18th – July 21st. Registration forms are available in the narthex.

Mission Trip

We will again be heading to Wilmington, NC to work with WARM for a week. We'll be leaving Sunday July 31st and returning home Saturday August 6th. We still have spots available so if you're situation has changed that you would now be able to go, give Pastor Dave or Kathy a heads up. One thing we have been informed of, Little Chapel is requiring all that stay with them be vaccinated so if you are interested, please be sure you meet this requirement.

Maryland Terrapins

As many of our football fans know, Chad Ryland transferred from Eastern Michigan to Maryland for his last year of football eligibility. We are toying with doing a St Mark's road trip to one of Chad's games to support him. At this point, this is a feeler to see if there is interest or not. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex with two possible game dates. Unfortunately, times of games are not determined yet as the TV stations kind of dictate timing of games. Stay tuned.

Kathy

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

William Weston, First Engineer - Part 1

by Jim Schucker

When a group of investors received authorization to construct a canal from the Schuylkill to the Susquehanna Rivers in September 1791, they were eager to begin the venture. At that time in American history there were no qualified engineers in the young nation who could take charge of such a project. Until one could be found, however, the new company hired Colonel Thomas Bull at an annual salary of \$1,800 a year plus expenses to begin the initial work at the summit. It would be his responsibility to make contracts under the direction of the chief engineer, to obtain the supplies for construction, to hire labor as needed and to attend to the payroll.

Previously there had been several surveys conducted of the area so that Superintendent Bull could begin the actual digging when he arrived at the summit. William Duncan was named his assistant, and John Brindley was appointed to be an assistant engineer.

Most of the same stockholders of the S & S Canal Co. obtained a second charter a year later to construct a canal route from the Delaware at Philadelphia west to the Schuylkill River and then up the river with a series of slackwater dams to the Reading area where it was to join with the S & S Canal, later to become the Union Canal. This group of investors also took on a third project, the Conewago Canal. This shorter water route was located on the west bank of the Susquehanna River south of where the Swatara enters the river. One thousand men were hired to begin the three projects. The S & S Canal and the D & S Canal received 400 men each with the remainder going to Conewago.

With a \$1,000 advance for construction, Colonel Bull began work on the Michael Ley land between Avon and Prescott, today known as Tulpehocken Plantation and Manor. With his 400 men he set to digging a 3 1/2 foot deep trench. He purposefully avoided digging through the rock layer now the site of Calcite Quarry (across the road from the Salvation Army Outlet Store).

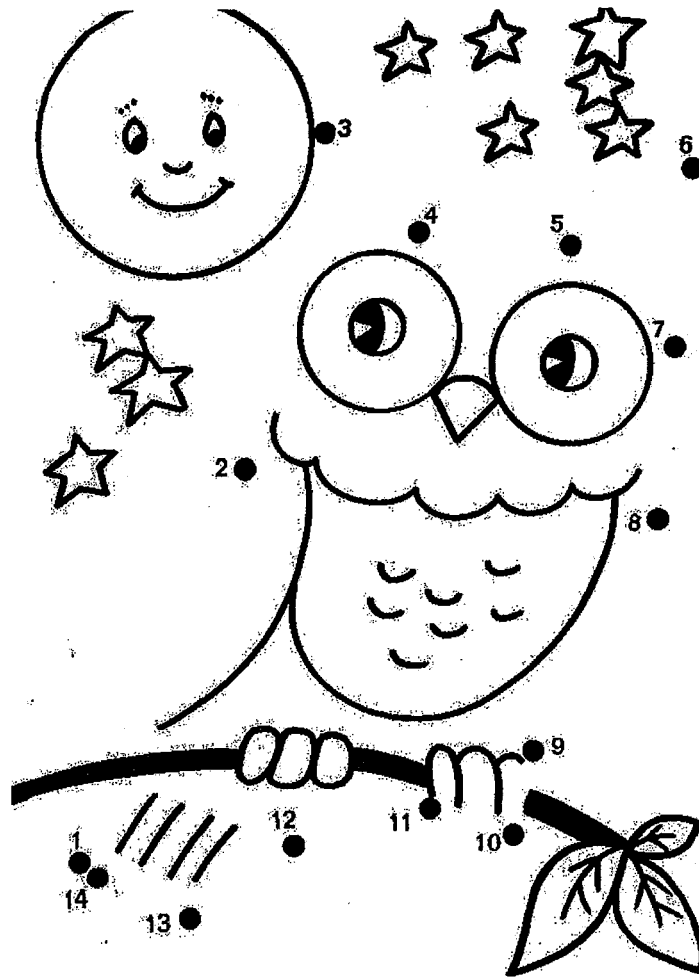
Meanwhile the managers of the three canal companies turned to England for a qualified canal engineer. Canals had been well established in Europe by this time as a means of transportation so this was where experienced engineers could be found. The man they hired was one William Weston for an annual salary of \$6,666. As Chief Engineer it would be his duty to lay down an outline of the canal, locate the placement of the locks, and see to the construction of the canal.

Mr. Weston was the son of Samuel Weston also a civil engineer from who William learned his trade. He worked with his father on the Oxford Canal in England before beginning his own project at the ripe old age of 24. This was a three-span turnpike bridge over the river Trent at Gainsborough in Lincolnshire. William was responsible as both the engineer and managing contractor for the design and construction of the bridge which is still in use today.

William sailed for Philadelphia in 1793 with his new bride and a five-year contract to work on the three canals in Pennsylvania. The Westons stayed at the home of Robert Morris, president of the new canal companies, member of Congress, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the first Superintendent of Finance of the new nation. Thus the Westons were in fine company as most dignitaries visiting Philadelphia made it a point to find their way to the Morris house.

Within a month of his arrival, Weston was at the summit at Lebanon and approved of the work which Colonel Bull and his men had accomplished. Unlike most companies, the S & S Canal Co. failed to supply the new engineer with surveying equipment with Weston having to use his own instruments. What he used was to become one of his greatest contributions to American civil engineering. His optical surveying level (The Troughton Wye Level) was a sophisticated instrument used for accurately determining differences of elevations between points. It was soon in use on almost every canal and other civil engineering project in the states.

KID'S KORNER



Old-Fashioned Shortcake

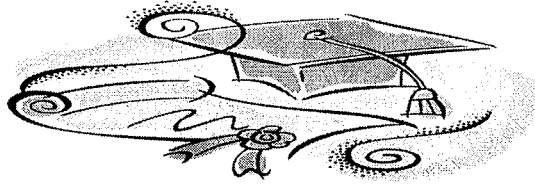
Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup white sugar
4 teaspoons baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
1 egg
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
Grease an 8-inch baking pan.
Sift flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, and nutmeg in a large bowl.
Cut in butter with a pastry blender until batter is just blended.
Spread batter in baking pan.
Bake in preheated oven until golden, about 15 minutes.
Cool in pan for 10 minutes.

Add fresh strawberries and whip Cream.



**MEMBERS OR FAMILY MEMBERS
GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR TECH SCHOOLS
FOR 2022**

Adrianna Fisher – Graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia – Granddaughter of Susan and Jay Fisher

Chloe Fisher – Graduated from Wilmington College – Granddaughter of Susan and Jay Fisher

Andrea Shearer – Graduated from Millersville University with a duo-major in Early Ed and Special Ed – Daughter of Kim and Andy Shearer

Lauren Trovinger – Graduated from Cedar Crest High School and the Lebanon County CTC – Attending Institute of Laser Medicine, to get her Medical Esthetician license - Daughter of Jen and Scott Trovinger and granddaughter of Jeanette Heim and the late Robert Heim

Nathan Trovinger – Completed his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with a minor in Landscape Architecture and Horticulture at Penn State University of Berks – Son of Jen and Scott Trovinger and grandson of Jeanette Heim and the late Robert Heim

Ethan S. Vogel – Graduated from Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN with an Associates Degree in Business – He is headed to Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, TN, in the fall – Grandson of Diane Vogel and the late Dallas Vogel

Connor J. Vogel – Graduated from Green Hills High School, Mt. Juliette, TN – He will be joining the Navy (goal of becoming a Navy Seal) – Grandson of Diane Vogel and the late Dallas Vogel

Grace Sweeney – Graduated from Northern Lebanon High School, Jonestown, PA – Currently looking at becoming a Vet Tech or Medical Billing Coder – granddaughter of Diane Vogel and the late Dallas Vogel

Kirsten Waldron – Graduated from Syracuse University – majored in Child Care – Daughter of James and Kristie Waldron and granddaughter of Linda and Kevin Waldron

Jacob Waldron – Graduated from Syracuse University in 2021 – Son of James and Kristie Waldron and grandson of Linda and Kevin Waldron

Samantha Waldron – Graduated from HACC – Nursing degree – Daughter of James and Kristie Waldron and granddaughter of Linda and Kevin Waldron

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!
WE WISH EVERYONE THE BEST OF LUCK ON THEIR NEW
JOURNEY IN LIFE!**



It's a Paint Party

with a theme of

"Fellowship Fun"

Saturday, June 25, 2022

Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Light brunch will be available • \$10/pp donation

Deb Ryland will guide you through the process of creating a personal artwork that is unique and one-of-a-kind.

NO experience necessary!

Sign-up in the Narthex by June 19 to reserve your spot!



JUNE

PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Melissa & Luther Furman Bible Study - 10 AM	2 Tony Furman	3 Lee & Diane Gensler	4 Gladys Gettle
5 Ashley Gruber Town Hall - immediately after church	6 Ginny & Greg Gruber	7 Keith Gruber	8 Nicole & Annie Gruber Bible Study - 10 AM & 6:30 PM	9 Mary Ann Gutwalt Spiritual Council - 6:30 pm Consistory Mtg. 7:00 pm	10 Nancy Gutwalt	11 Betty Hackman
12 Sandra Hanley	13 George Heckard Consistory Workshop - 6 PM (Fellowship Hall)	14 Debra Heilman	15 Jeanette Heim Bible Study - 10 AM & 6:30 PM	16 John & Carole Hoffman	17 Robert Hoffman	18 Larry & Carol Houser
19 Gloria Howard Father's Day	20 Blaine Hummel	21 Brenda Hummel	22 Charles & Blanche Hummel Bible Study - 10 AM & 6:30 PM	23 Doug & Marjorie Hummel	24 Seth Hummel	25 Cindy Johnson Womens Fellowship Day - Paint Party & Brunch - 10 AM (Fellowship Hall)
26 Rev. David & MJ Jones Fellowship Day - Pine Acres	27 Raymond & Philomena Keath	28 Jeanine Keefer	29 Emily King	30 Lucinda Klahr		