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EASTER PRAYER

Thank you for the gift of new life

Lord God,

We bless your holy name for the love you've shown us

*We bless the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who was crucified for our sake.*

*Today, as we celebrate his resurrection,
we are more than grateful to know such love.*

Thank you for the gift of new life through his resurrection.

Thank you for the privilege to come close to you through your son.

Fill our hearts with joy on this day and all the days of our lives.

Amen





*Easter reminds us that
hope should never be lost
for as dark as the road may
seem, there always lies light
at the end of it.*

*May all your prayers be fulfilled
and may wonderful blessings be
upon you and all your loved
ones on this very special day.
Happy Easter*

Easter is God's promise
which His Son came to fulfill.

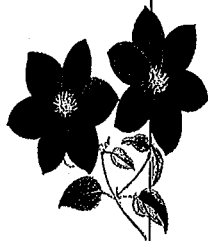
A promise of eternal life
for all who seek His will -

Season of the budding trees,
the lily in its glory,

The greening hills, the daffodils,
the holy Easter story.

Easter is the joy of spring,
God's gift and triumph, too,

Reminding us of Jesus' love
In which we're born anew.



Scriptures for the Easter Season

*"Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world."*

John 1:29

*"I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end
He will stand on the earth."*

Job 19:25

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

Matthew 28:6

*"By His power God raised the Lord from the dead,
and he will raise us also."*

1 Corinthians 6:14

*"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and
forever."*

Hebrews 13:8



The sleepy colors of winter
Fade fast in the dawn of spring.
The joy of Easter's promise,
Delivers sweet reason to sing.

Refreshed from her snowy slumber,
Mother Earth exalts her worth.
In a colorful burst of glory,
She blazons her wondrous rebirth.

Renew your spirit, refresh your
soul,
Rejoice with all humankind.
Celebrate life everlasting.
Peace and wonder are yours to
find.



Hallelujah, rejoice, and praise

Exalt the Savior - He is raised!

Let the songs of joy be sung

In the hearts of everyone

Victory has now been won -

Eternal life through Christ the Son

Sing Hallelujah, sing!!

Mark 16:6 He has risen!!



The Journey Continues...

When you think of the physical building of St. Mark's, there are two locations in our church that get used more than any other. By far, the most-used location has to be the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is where we gather Sunday morning to worship God, to pray, to sing, and to hear scriptures as we give God our thanks and praise. When we have special services like weddings or funerals, we gather in the Sanctuary. When we have choir practice, we rehearse in the Sanctuary. I could go on, but the point is: the Sanctuary is the location where we spend a lot of our time, right?

The second most popular location at St. Mark's has to be the Fellowship Hall. In the Fellowship Hall we hold meetings, Bible Studies, small group gatherings, Consistory workshops, and retreats when it is too cold or rainy to meet at Pine Acres. And most importantly, the Fellowship Hall is where we gather to eat. We've had some epic potluck dinners over the years in the Fellowship Hall, haven't we? And recently, we've been holding Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter dinners down there, too. Lots of great memories and awesome meals have been shared around the tables in our Fellowship Hall.

Speaking of the Fellowship Hall, have you taken a look down there lately? If you haven't, then you need to take a look. There has been a lot of work invested into updating one of the most used spaces at St. Mark's. A hard-working crew of volunteers has been cleaning, prepping, repairing, and painting the walls. The curtains are being cleaned and the drafty windows are being repaired. After April 1st, the floor will be getting a much-needed stripping and waxing. All of that work is going to feel like a breath of fresh air.

Do you know where the idea to update the Fellowship Hall came from? It was an idea from the youth and young adults. And for the record, I think it's a great idea to update a room that was *long* overdue to be updated. And I'm thankful these young people had the courage to share their idea along with the willingness to make their idea a reality. And I'm grateful for the time and effort they've put in, too. They not only came up with the idea, but they believed in the idea enough to invest their time for the benefit of everyone who meets in that space.

At the Annual Meeting this past January, an idea was shared to have the Sanctuary painted. I think that is a great idea – and an idea that's long overdue, too – so I strongly support repainting the sanctuary and I encourage us to take that idea and make it a reality. Truth is, I am in support of any effort to improve our church – so long as it is logistically and financially feasible, of course – because I believe we should always strive to give God our best.

Some of the ideas we come up with – like painting the Sanctuary – are pretty big projects, so they are going to require some thoughtful planning. But they can still be done. Other projects – like painting Fellowship Hall – can be tackled with the resources and effort of our own members. But we need to know what your ideas are, so that the ideas can turn into projects, and the projects turn into improvements that help improve the spaces where we gather to worship and learn about God.

So what say you, friends and members of St. Mark's? What would you like to see at the place where we worship God? How can we improve on what we already do, so that we can be even prouder of the building where we give God our thanks and praise? And let's think beyond a fresh coat of paint (although that is a great place to start!), because nothing we do for the glory of God is too good for God. And besides, we'll never know the difference one idea can make, until we plant the seed and see what grows.

The Journey Continues...

Pastor Dave

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. MARKS

Well, we are already most of the way through winter. Spring is just around the corner. Soon we will have more daylight in the evening and the bulbs will begin to pop in our gardens. What a wonderful time of the year!

Things are “popping” here at St. Mark’s too. If you haven’t noticed, we have changed some things around in the narthex. Also, several members of the church have been very busy on Saturdays renovating Fellowship Hall and bringing it up to the 21st century. This includes a thorough cleaning and painting of the paneling. What a difference this makes. Fellowship hall is much brighter and much more homey than it had been. Also, work is being done on the lighting and also updates to the receptacles in the kitchen. **Just to let you know, to date all the time and materials have been donated by members.**

In April the floors will be stripped, cleaned, and polished. This part of the renovation will be done by a professional company, but the other work is being completed by members. **A huge thank you goes out to all who participated in any way.**

Of course, March also will bring us Easter this year. We are having Wednesday evening services here at St. Marks including a light supper each week. If you are able, please consider joining us any of the Wednesdays during lent for soup, sandwiches, and devotions. We hope to see you soon.

The consistory will be having a workshop this month to discuss some of the challenges facing St. Marks. These include the rebuilding of the organ, a plan to update items within the church such as the elevator, the roof, and other costly maintenance projects, and discussions on how to better utilize the spaces we have here within our building. If you have any suggestions on any of these subjects, please feel free to talk with me. I would be happy to share your ideas with other members of consistory.

For now, enjoy what is left of winter and look forward to an early spring!

Report of the Consistory February 2024

The February meeting was primarily a reorganizational meeting to assign committee representatives for 2024 and to review procedures for the newly elected members. The treasurer reported that donations continue to be given for the organ repairs. The Fellowship Hall project is progressing well. Painting and window repair will be the next items to be completed. The lighting fixtures are being assessed to see if they can be repaired or need to be replaced. The floors will be cleaned after all the other work is completed. The organist, Cindy Johnson, will be out for a period of time on a medical leave. Kathy Follett and Timothy Brown will cover her responsibilities until she is medically cleared to return to playing.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the congregation for all the cans of soup collected for Souper Bowl Sunday. We collected 96 dry soup packets and 122 cans of soup, making a total of 218. Thank you to everyone that participated in this project for the Good Samaritan Committee.



A heartfelt thank you to the congregation for their prayers and get well wishes during the holiday season for an uneventful right knee replacement and rehab. A special shout out to the Uber drivers who volunteered to taxi me to physical therapy appointments for a few weeks!

Diane Vogel

Kid's Team/Youth/Young Adults Corner

Kid's Team

The Kid's Team next activity is the Easter Egg hunt. It will be held Saturday March 30th at South Hills at 10:00 AM. We will be at our normal pavilion, the North pavilion. This is right off the main entrance off of Weiss Avenue. Rumor has it the Easter Bunny will be back in town after going to Florida for a spring break.

Then we'll be heading to the links for a round of mini golf at Game Time Fun Center (old Yogeys). Stay tuned for the date, but this will be in May when the weather is a little warmer. It will be a Sunday right after church.

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 6th 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 2024:

March 23rd – palm cross and game night. Ever play apples to apples? Come join us for an evening of fun and laughter.

March 30 – March 31 – Prayer Vigil. The congregation will cover 8 AM to 8 PM on Saturday March 30th. The Youth/Young Adults will pick up Saturday evening March 30th and go through Easter morning at 6:30 AM. We will then head out for an Easter Breakfast before morning service.

April – the end of the month – mulching around the church

May 31 – June 2 – Spring Retreat in Cassville

June 30th – Living Room Chat as part of the morning service

If you know of someone between 7th grade and 30 that is currently not receiving the Youth/Young Adults information, please contact Kathy Follett, Peg Scholl or Vickie Ristenbatt

Mission Corner

The first community dinner of 2024 will be held Saturday April 20th. We'll be serving from 4:45 – 6:00pm. This meal will be an in-person meal, not a drive through meal. In addition to assistance on that day, we'll be asking the congregation for food donations. One item that is being requested is the single serving applesauce cups. They typically come in packs of 4 or packs of 6. If you're a baker, we're also looking for donations of cookies and brownies. Look for the sign-up sheets in the middle of March.

This year's mission trip will be returning to Wilmington NC to work for WARM. The week that has been chosen is August 3rd to August 10th. We currently have 7 signed up for the trip with interest from a couple more. If you are interested in the mission trip in August, please reach out to Kathy Follett for more information. Look for a meeting in early March.

At a recent Consistory meeting, the state of the Fellowship Hall floor was discussed. That led to a discussion of how Fellowship Hall, and the building as a whole, is still in the 1960s. As a result, we've been spending time brightening up Fellowship Hall. We have been working Saturdays in February and are making good progress. We found the problem with the windows. They weren't closed correctly and were out of track and caulked them. We fixed that so it should be warmer in Fellowship Hall. We are also working on some electrical items like fixing the lights and the outlets. There isn't much of Fellowship Hall that we won't be touching in some way. We plan to have the project wrapped up by Saturday March 9th so we can start using it for Lenten soup suppers and other events.

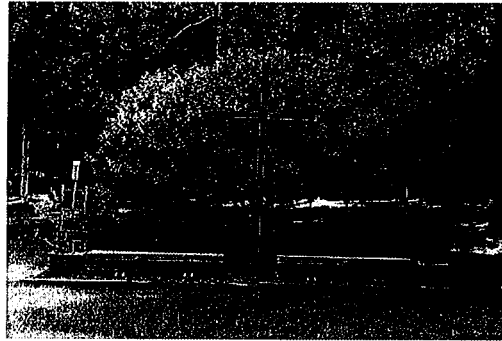
Future dates to reserve are:

July 27 – Community Picnic

September – date TBD – Grill night at American House

Oct 6th – Sunday night meal at the Lebanon Rescue Mission

November 2nd – Community Dinner



Pine Acres crew is looking for some additional help over the summer, primarily to mow grass. We meet between 7-8 AM on Thursday morning for coffee, snacks and fellowship. Then between 8-10 AM we hit the ground running for whatever is on the morning's agenda. Depending upon number of people, most mowing is completed by morning break at 10 AM. This doesn't need to be an every week commitment. If interested, please chat with Jeff Aurentz or Kathy Follett.

The Great Flood of Lebanon County

by Jim Schucker

The storm of 1862 which practically spelled disaster for the Union Canal occurred on June 4 of that year. Forming in the Susquehanna Valley where the river breaks through the mountains north of Harrisburg, it followed the ranges east. The storm grew more and more violent as it moved through Schuylkill County and on to the head water of the Lehigh. As the incessant rain fell, the head waters of the Swatara began to swell rapidly and funnel the torrents of liquid into the restricts of man - dams and reservoirs - which had been constructed along the waterway to provide for the ever-thirsty canal as well as power the mills along its banks. But the human efforts were no match for the fury of nature. What lost its hold first, man will never know.

What did give was Berger Reservoir two miles above Pinegrove sending a wall of water down toward the Lebanon Valley. With it came grist mills, saw mills, feeder dams along with bridges and the banks of the canal itself. Whether it reached the Big Dam or Main Reservoir while it was still intact is uncertain although speculation has it that this structure was gone by the time this wave reached the gap.

A reporter writing in the **Lebanon Courier** of June 12, 1862, writes, "The county (as well as some township) bridges were all swept away, not even leaving the piers standing, so complete was the destruction. The woods along the creek are filled with piles of wood, pieces of bridges, logs, green trees, stumps, and fragments of fences, pig pens, sheds, parts of saw mills, furniture, stray pieces of wrecked boats, boards, shingles, and almost everything that can float can be found - dead cattle, sheep, hogs, etc. Some heaps are as large as ordinary two story houses."

The same article gives this account of the storm's rage and destruction as experienced by Mr. Raymond Lewis who lived along the canal and river. 'At about dusk I arrived home, leaving my boat in Finningan's Dam, about one-half mile distant from my house. I could not cross the dam. I came up home, and found the water rising rapidly; visited the Union Forge; came across the Swatara and canal bridge; doing a little work about home. I returned to my boat, passing Boughter's and Dave Brunner's houses. After staying a short time in my boat, I went to David Brunner - it now being a little after 11 o'clock, Wednesday evening. I told him that the Big Dam would certainly break; that the water was rising very fast. Mr. Brunner replied that he thought that it (the water) would soon begin to fall. I desired him and his family to come with me, as I felt certain that they were in danger. With this I left and came past William Boughter's about 100 yards below my residence and 700 yards from David Brunner's; all living along the canal. After I came home I told my wife to leave the house, and directed her to go to one of my neighbors where I supposed she would be safe. At this time there was no water in my yard, though still rising. She immediately left. I thought it my duty to appraise Mrs. Boughter and her family of the impending danger and endeavor to save them if possible. After having failed to reach the house over the canal bank - the water having cut through the bank already - I tried to reach them through my field; but finding I could do nothing for them, I became anxious for my own safety. I returned and concluded to go to my house, and thought also of untying my horse, cattle, etc.; but finding that my position became more perilous every moment, I left with a lantern in hand, to follow Mrs. Lewis. This was about 1 o'clock on Thursday morning. Having gone about 200 yards through my field where it was never before known to have been swept by water, I was all of a sudden sent with a rush of water about 4 1/2 feet breast which nearly knocked me over. Finding it impossible to continue against the water, which was very turbulent, and loaded with brush, fence rails, stumps, trees, and other pieces of lumber, I turned immediately and thought of a large hickory tree that was standing some distance down the field. I kept my light and went with the water, unable to stop for a moment, or even turn to get the exact course to reach my tree - my only earthly hope of safety, but thanks to Providence, I came right up the tree. I caught hold of it and threw away my lantern. I had held on to it for some time, trying to shield myself from logs, timber, etc. coming along, when I found that my overcoat which I had thrown over my shoulders and tied in front with a piece of twine, was getting so heavy that one time I thought I had to let go and certainly drown, not being able to tear it open with my one hand; but a few moments more, I would have been compelled to

yield, when a large log temporarily lodged against the tree; I at once got on it and tore off my coat and threw it away, which relieved me. The log again began to move; I grasped the tree. Here I could see going down the stream, bridges, boats, trees, parts of houses, barns, and fences, and also near the voices of some of those who were lost. When Mr. William Boughter's house went, I was so much shocked that I came near losing my hold, knowing that the whole family would perish. At this time a large log struck me (Mr. Lewis was badly bruised on his back and limbs from the timber, and it is a miracle that he finally escaped) nearly forcing me away. After this I felt cold and became benumbed and partially unconscious, having at no time called for help or assistance during my perilous situation, knowing that I could receive no possible aid. Towards morning I felt sleepy, and think from pure exhaustion, I dozed while standing at the tree, and when I was found, I could not leave my hold go at once, my fingers being perfectly locked into each other; the water was still up to my breast. I was taken home, and thanks to God I have been spared from a dreadful, and as I thought more than once during the long night, certainly death."

Mr. Lewis' damage was about \$1200 having lost a mule, a colt, 4 cows, calves, 16 head of sheep, hogs, and all his out building. His barn was moved some distance into the field. One horse, a mule and two cows were gotten out after the flood, still being tied to their troughs. The water in his house was about five feet on the first floor. His fine orchard was completely destroyed.

Meanwhile, Mr. William Boughter's family, consisting of Mrs. Boughter, her two sons, one about 1 1/2 and the other 6 years, with a young girl living with them, aged about 12 years - daughter of Elias Behney - Mr. & Mrs. David Brunner and a Miss Boughter, aged about 16 years old were in the house when it was taken away by the water. Mr. Brunner and lady and girl having left their house for safety, and having to go through the water nearly up to their shoulders, it being back water, consequently not so strong. After arriving at Mr. Boughter's, the water was two feet on the first floor. Soon they could no longer remain below and when they (now seven of them) went upstairs, and were not up more than 15 minutes when the water was up to their necks. The terrible and agonizing screams of the women and children were dreadful when the painful truth rushed upon their souls, that no earthly aid could possibly reach them and that they were inevitably doomed to perish. The house by this time began to tremble and rock for a moment, when with an awful crash it went down, up again, and over, and the roof breaking enabled Mr. Brunner to make his escape swimming to a plank. He went down the current for a mile or so, caught hold of a tree, by which he saved himself, being taken out in the morning by a small boat. All the rest perished, their bodies having been recovered within two and three miles from the house where they were drowned with the exception of Mrs. Brunner. Some of the bodies were nearly covered with sand, brush, leaves, etc. while others were in heaps of drift wood.

At the same time Mr. & Mrs. James Proudfoot, living near the Union Forge, and their two daughters, Isabella and Martha, of the respective ages of 16 and 19 years, and two smaller children were left in their house. They left when the water was only coming to their door. As it appears, Mr. Proudfoot, his lady and daughters detained themselves a little too long, when the large wave coming on them, took them away when they were still alongside of their fence. Mr. Proudfoot made three unsuccessful efforts to retain Martha, but was compelled to let her go. He escaped. Mrs. Proudfoot was found the next morning some hundred yards from her house, as well as Isabella. Martha, it seems, got hold of some drift wood, and floated to near the Forge, one fourth mile, when she called to some boatmen near the water, "Save me! Save me! and soon after was buried in the angry flood. The second morning after that her body was found in a large pile of wood, planks, etc., near the place where she was last heard."

The storm had completely destroyed the branch canal in just a few hours. As the water moved through the system on toward the Susquehanna, the western branch of the canal also received substantial damage and was closed the remainder of the year leaving only light traffic from the summit east. The branch canal from Jonestown north was never to be rebuilt, and with it went the water reserves which the canal so desperately needed.

KID'S KORNER

Happy Easter!

B B F B I U I V M W P X E Z N
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April
 Bunny
 Candy
 Chick
 Chocolate
 Easter

Eggs
 Flowers
 Grass
 Lamb
 Lily
 March



Don't forget to visit our website at www.kidskitchen.com

Mandarin Orange Cake

Beat 2 eggs.

Add: 2 (11 ½ oz.) cans mandarin oranges
 2 C. granulated sugar
 2 c. flour

2 tsp baking soda
 ½ tsp. salt

Beat at low speed for 4 minutes. Pour into greased and floured 9x13 inch pan.
 Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

Bring to boil:

¾ c. brown sugar
 3 Tbsp. milk

2 Tbsp. butter

Pour over hot cake as soon as it comes from oven.

This recipe is in the St. Mark's 1985 Mothers Class Recipe Book and is from Helen M. Strohm.



March 2024 Make A Note of It...

Thank you to all those who participate in the music ministry and assist in enhancing worship at St. Mark's through special music. Your efforts are welcomed and appreciated. A special thank you to our church family for your continued encouragement and support of the church's musical endeavors. **Thank you also to Ken Shultz, Peg Scholl, Heidi Fox, Kathy Follett, Cindy Johnson and others for helping to keep the music ministry operating during the music ministry coordinator's continued health issues.**



Thank You!
We Give Thanks to God
for our **Choir Members**
CHILDRENS CHOIR | ADULT CHOIR | HANDBELL CHOIR

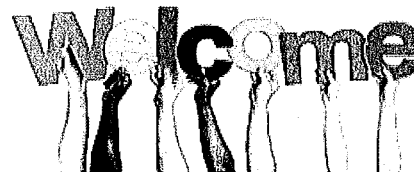


Prayers for our organist/accompanist Cindy as she undergoes procedures in February and March to relieve her carpal tunnel. May relief come to her successfully, completely, and comfortably without complications. **Thank you to Pastor Dave, Kathy, and Tim** who will be assisting with worship/music as Cindy takes the time needed to heal and recover.

Additional voices and ringers are always welcomed in our musical ensembles especially altos for the adult choir. Take a look at a recent recruitment article in LebTown:

<https://lebtown.com/2023/01/04/st-marks-invites-vocalists-church-affiliation-not-required/>

If you or someone you know is interested please see Jeff or email him at uccmusicministrycoordinator@gmail.com



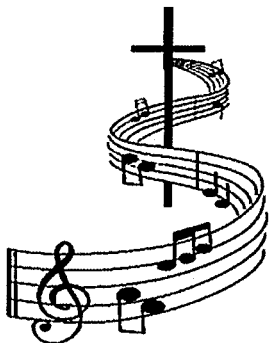


Seeking volunteers to provide special music Feb. 25, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, and May 26. Look for the sign-up sheet on the music bulletin board in the narthex and please sign up. Please remember to contact the office with the title of your song, the composer and/or arranger, the date it was published and who published the song. This is needed for the bulletin and for license reporting purposes. Only one musical selection relating to worship theme is necessary. Thank you.

Seeking volunteers to provide special music this summer June through September. Look for the sign-up sheet on the music bulletin board in the narthex and please sign up. Please remember to contact the office with the title of your song, the composer and/or arranger, the date it was published and who published the song. This is needed for the bulletin and for license reporting purposes. Only one musical selection relating to worship theme is necessary. Thank you.



Attention All Music Ensembles (choirs/bells): Here is the Spring 2024 rehearsal/musical offering schedule for choirs and bells (subject to changes):



Adult Choir:

As of now, we rehearse every Sunday morning before church starting at 8:30am with assistance from Ken Shultz as needed. See musical offering schedule below.

Mar. 24 – (Palm Sun.) - *He Comes In The Name of the Lord (with Children's choir)*

Mar. 28 – (Maundy Thurs.) - *Wash Their Feet*

Mar. 31 – (Easter) - *Celebrate With Singing* (Easter Text) or perhaps have the adult choir do The Lord Has Risen worship sequence #364-365-366 in the green hymnal and then congregation comes in on #367 in the hymnal.

April 28 - *Eternal Life*

May 5 - *We Have Seen the Risen Lord*

May 12 - *If You Love Me*

May 19 – (Music Appre. Sun.) - *Wonderful Words of Life*

June 2 - *Be The Church*



Children's Choir:

We rehearse at children's church Sunday mornings during worship with assistance from Peg Scholl, Heidi Fox, and Kathy Follett. See musical offering schedule below.

Mar. 10 - *His Grace* – (Women Composer Sun. - Sandy Steinfeld)

Mar. 24 – (Palm Sun.) - *He Comes In The Name of the Lord* (with adult choir)

Apr. 14 - *Holy Places*

May 19 – (Music Appre. Sun.) - *This Little Light of Mine*



Bell Choir/Quartet:

As of now, we rehearse on select Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm with assistance from Ken Shultz as needed. See musical offering schedule below.

Mar. 17 - *Day by Day* – Bell Choir

Mar. 31 – (Easter) - *Morning Joy* – Bell Choir

Apr. 21 - *While on the Sea* w/piano – Bell Quartet

May 19 - (Music Appre. Sun.) - *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* – Bell Choir

St. Mark's UCC Spring 2024 Music Ensemble Anthems with Listening Links Including Music Performing Schedule:

Feb. 25th – **Special Music** - *Volunteer Requested Please**

Mar. 3rd – **Special Music** - *Volunteer Requested Please**

Mar. 10th – **Children's Choir** (Women Composer Sun.) – *His Grace* - by Sandy Steinfeld - http://sacredsheetsmusic.org/music/inline_download_file?download_id=199694&name=His_Grace_clear_articulation_on_voice_part.mp3

Mar. 17th – **Bell Choir** – *Day by Day* – arr. by Larry Sue - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMVUahaqANk>

Mar. 24th (Palm Sun.) – **Adult & Children's Choir** – *He Comes In The Name of the Lord* – by Mary Kay Beall - at 57:10 into video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLKTPXSC43U>

Mar. 28th (Maundy Thurs.) – **Adult Choir** - *Wash Their Feet* w/oboe? - by Pepper Choplin- <https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/media-player.jsp?&productID=10425064&type=audio>

Mar. 29th (Good Fri.) – **Special Music** - *May need substitute if Cindy is still healing**

Mar. 31st (Easter) – **Adult Choir** – *Celebrate With Singing* (Easter Text) on organ w/trumpet and 3 bell ringers? – by Anna Laura Page - <https://www.alfred.com/celebrate-with-singing/p/00-19977/> (If the Easter Anthem for adult choir is too challenging there may be a different one in the music library or perhaps have the adult choir do The Lord Has Risen worship sequence #364-365-366 in the green hymnal and then congregation comes in on #367 in the hymnal.)

Mar. 31st (Easter) – **Bell Choir** - *Morning Joy* - by Linda Scholes
<https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/media-player.jsp?&productID=11338737&type=video>

Apr. 7th – **Special Music** - *Volunteer Requested Please**

Apr. 14th – **Children's Choir** – *Holy Places* - by Sherrie Boren –
http://sacredsheetsmusic.org/music/inline_download_file?download_id=212995&name=Holy_Places_-_voice_accomp.mp3.

Apr. 21st – **Bell Quartet** – *While on the Sea* w/piano - arr. by Larry Sue
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7A3U17EmHc> (Remembering Ukraine)

Apr. 28th – **Adult Choir** – *Eternal Life* - by Craig Courtney
- <https://beckenhorstpress.com/eternal-life-sab/>

May 5th – **Adult Choir** – *We Have Seen the Risen Lord* - by Stan Pethel
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yhq5r2omNc4>

May 12th – **Adult Choir** – *If You Love Me* - by Joel Raney
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A72SJftFgSY>

May 19th (Music Apprec. Sun.) – **Adult Choir** – *Wonderful Words of Life* - by Philip Bliss and Greg Gilpin - <https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/media-player.jsp?&productID=11416805&type=audio>

May 19th (Music Apprec. Sun.) – **Bell Choir** – *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* – arr. by Larry Sue - <https://vimeo.com/682519196>

May 19th (Music Apprec. Sun.) – **Children's Choir** – *This Little Light of Mine* – African-American Spiritual

May 26th (Memorial Day Wknd.) – **Special Music** - *Volunteer Requested Please**

June 2nd – **Adult Choir** – *Be The Church* - by Scott Siciliano
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKU2lQGUIC0>

*Volunteer Requested Please** - Please sign up on music bulletin board in the narthex.

Spring 2024 Music Ensemble Offering Schedule



Feb. 25th – Special Music

Mar. 3rd – Special Music

Mar. 10th – Children's Choir

Mar. 17th – Bell Choir

Mar. 24th (Palm Sun.) – Adult Choir w/children

Mar. 28th (Maundy Thurs.) - Adult Choir

Mar. 29th (Good Fri.) – Special Music

Mar. 31st – (Easter) – Adult & Bell Choir



Apr. 7th – Special Music

Apr. 14th – Children's Choir

Apr. 21st – Bell Quartet

Apr. 28th - Adult Choir



May 5th – Adult Choir

May 12th – Adult Choir

May 19th (Music Apprec./Pentecost Sun.) – All Choirs

May 26th - Special Music

June 2nd – Adult Choir



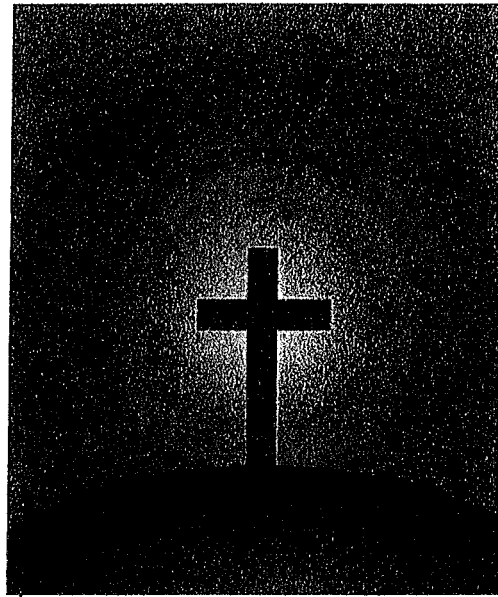
An Update from your Music Ministry Coordinator:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers, cards, and emails as I continue my leave of absence to recoup and recover from my illness. The recent poem received from parishioners encouraging me not to quit the fight was a welcome reminder as I continue to work hard to heal in spite of the yo-yo of successes and setbacks. I appreciate the continued kindness, grace, and support shown by the church, congregation, Personnel Committee and Consistory and thank Ken, Peg, Heidi, Kathy, and Cindy for stepping in as needed. I'm also thankful for the accommodations that have been made so I can continue to contribute to the music ministry. My doctors and I are still trying to figure out what medication will work for me to address my mental and physical health. Medication side effects have definitely impaired my physical and cognitive abilities as we have been constantly trying different medication combinations to control the anxiety and panic disorder as well as the agoraphobia and ocd. These side effects continue to impact my daily living as good days continue to be allusive. Besides medication management from my psychiatrist, my therapists are helping me to work on facing fears/pushing boundaries that are sustainable through exposure therapy, continue to help me address safety behaviors, and work on processing thoughts before they turn into a panic situation. But my biggest hurdle continues to be finding the right medicine that doesn't make me ill and addresses my severe anxiety. Hopefully therapy will also help me overcome this anxiety. Unfortunately this part of the treatment is a marathon and not a sprint as retraining the brain and nervous system takes time. Your continued prayers for good days are appreciated.



With every best wish,

Jeffrey Clouser,
Music Ministry Coordinator



The Prayer Vigil is returning for 2024 and will be held from 8:00am on Saturday, March 30, 2024, until sunrise on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

The youth and young adults will provide coverage for the vigil after 8:00pm on Saturday and the congregation is invited to spend an hour in the Prayer Vigil room from 8:00am until 8:00pm. We will have someone in the building to allow the vigil participants to enter and exit the building so the doors can remain locked.

Please check your calendar and plan to sign-up!

Spring Women's Retreat
Saturday, April 6th
8:30 am – 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Solitude:

***One of the Spiritual Practices for
Everyday Life***

**We will be serving breakfast at
8:30am for those who are interested
in eating together**

Retreat begins promptly at 9:00am

**Donations will be accepted for the
items on the Lebanon County
Christian Ministries 40 Days,
40 Donations wish list**

Cash will also be accepted

A donation is optional

Please plan to join us!



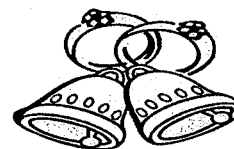
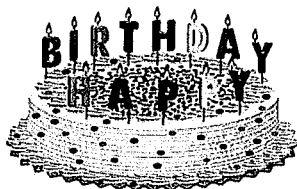
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LEBANON COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

40 Days 40 donations

In observation of the Lenten Season, many people choose to 'give up' something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. An alternative to, or perhaps, in addition to this observance is to "take on" something new. Please consider contributing the following items for our food pantry and clothing bank. You can collect an item for each day of Lent, or pick and choose from the list. Share with your friends! Thank you for your consideration.

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| 1. Men and women's deodorant | 23. Sneakers - Men's, women's, boys & girls, all sizes |
| 2. Toothpaste - 5oz tubes and larger | 24. Women's underwear - size 6 & 12 (must be new) |
| 3. Body bar soap | 25. Men's socks, size 12-14 (must be new) |
| 4. Shampoo | 26. Jeans - all sizes, men, women, children |
| 5. Conditioner | 27. Men's pajama bottoms |
| 6. Diapers - size 5, 6, 7 (babies) | 28. Sweatpants - all sizes, men women, children |
| 7. Children's overnights: large & XL | 29. Men's boxers - new, all sizes |
| 8. Laundry detergent | 30. Men's T-shirts, all sizes |
| 9. Feminine hygiene products | 31. Boy's and girls socks - size 0-12 months, 12-24 months, and 2T, 4T |
| 10. Face bar soap | 32. Boy's boxers - size 10/12 |
| 11. Salad dressing (10-16 oz) | 33. Boy's briefs - size 4,6,10, 12, and 14/16 |
| 12. Ketchup | 34. Girl's underwear - size 2 |
| 13. Mustard | 35. Women's sweatshirts, S-3XL |
| 14. Mayonnaise | 36. Women's long sleeve shirts -M, 3X, 4X |
| 15. Olive oil | 37. Women's coats, XL, 2X, 3X |
| 16. Bisquick (Heart Smart preferred), 16 oz and 40 oz boxes | 38. Girl's long sleeve shirts, size 7,8,10,12,14,16 |
| 17. Instant brown rice and whole grain blends, 14 oz and 28 oz boxes | 39. Twin, full, and queen size sheets |
| 18. Canned pineapple in fruit juice | 40. Twin, full, and queen size blankets |
| 19. Flour and sugar, 2 lb bags or boxes | |
| 20. Coffee grounds - 11 oz bags | |
| 21. Whole wheat pasta | |
| 22. Walnuts or almonds | |



MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday		Anniversary
March 8	John Null Joshua Trovinger	None
March 14	Jeffrey Clouser	
March 18	Fred Brown (100 Years Old) Jennifer Knight	
March 26	Breyana Lehman Marilyn Reppert	
March 27	Lindsey Reynolds	
March 28	Patrick Knight	
March 29	Judith Blouch Seth Hummel	
March 31	Natalie Fox Sharon Weihrauch	

SENIOR CORNER

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Annville, PA 17003

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

MARCH

PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Rebecca Klotz	2 Jennifer, Patrick, Micha Knight
3 Chad , Amy, Adam, Noah, Joel Koehler Worship-10 AM	4 Stephen Koehler	5 Carl & Julie Krause	6 Casey Krause Bible Study - 10 AM Soup - 6:30 PM Service - 7 PM	7 Gary & Kim Lehman	8 Janet Lehman	9 Robert & Rose Leiby
10 Holly, Austin, & Evan Lightner Choir Practice - 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM	11 Madison Luciotti Christian Ed Meeting - 6:30 PM - Deb Follett's house	12 Mario Luciotti Women's Study Group - 6:30 PM	13 Caroline Manbeck Bible Study - 10 AM Soup - 6:30 PM Service - 7 PM	14 Joshua Manbeck Spiritual Council - 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg. 7:00 PM	15 Pamela & Thomas Manbeck	16 Eva Miller
17 David, Karen, Nathan & Graham Musselwhite Choir Practice - 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM	18 Meredith, Sean, Charleigh & Ian Myers	19 Yvonne, Greg, & Emery Myers	20 Heather Noll Bible Study - 10 AM Soup - 6:30 PM Service - 7 PM	21 John Null	22 Gayle & Edward Olden	23 Thomas Parry Youth/Young Adult Game Night
24 Paul & Kay Peiffer Choir Practice - 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM Palm Sunday	25 Peter & Annette Pyles	26 Izayah Raiger Women's Study Group - 6:30 PM	27 Jonathan & LeTonya Raiger Bible Study - 10 AM	28 Malachi Raiger Maundy Thursday - Communion 7:30 PM	29 Marie Reich Good Friday - 7:30 PM	30 Michael Reich Egg Hunt - 10 AM (South Hills Park) Prayer Vigil
31 Marilyn Reppert Worship-10 AM Easter Sunday Communion						