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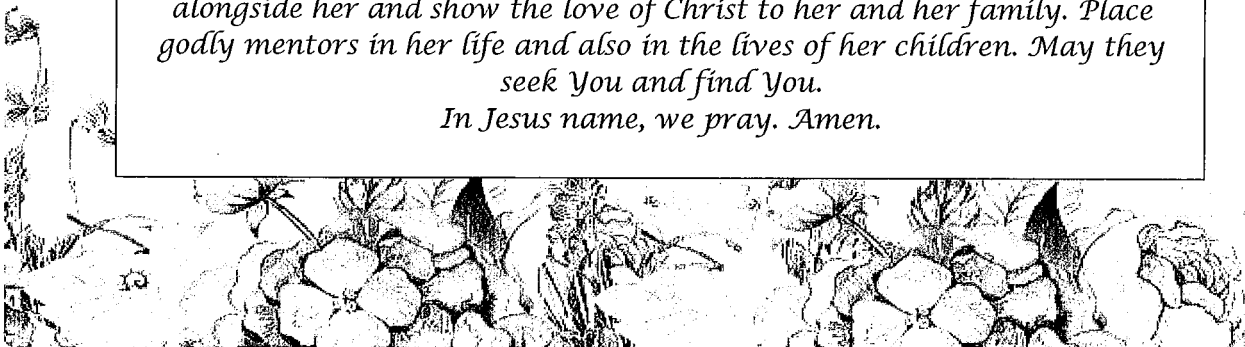
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A Mother's Day Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of mothers.
May these bearers of life also be bearers of your Word.
May they teach and train up their children in the way they should go, so
when they are old they will not depart from it.
Even when the children are already grown, help mothers to sow the seeds
that will bear the Fruit of Your Spirit. Just as a mother's work is never
done, and her prayers for her children will never end. A piece of her
heart is always with them. May the Holy Spirit guide each mother as she
seeks for wisdom. Illuminate the scriptures for her. Help her encourage
her children to honor You. Give her a church family that will come
alongside her and show the love of Christ to her and her family. Place
godly mentors in her life and also in the lives of her children. May they
seek You and find You.
In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.*



A Mother's Hands...

reach out to bless her children
and reach up to praise the Lord.

They're always loving, often
praying, and ever giving more than
she keeps for herself.

A mother's hands may tire,
but they never expire in their
efforts to do good for those she
loves.

A mother's hands may age, but
her influence lasts forever.



A
Mother's love
cannot be
measured.
It's a
brilliant gem
to be
treasured.



BEING A MOTHER

is learning about
STRENGTHS
you didn't know you had
and dealing with
FEARS
you never knew existed.

Your mind is a garden. Your
thoughts are the seeds. You
can grow flowers or you
can grow weeds.

Be as a flower,
stay grounded and aim for
the sky.

Flowers always make
people better, happier, and
more helpful; they are
sunshine, food and
medicine for the soul.

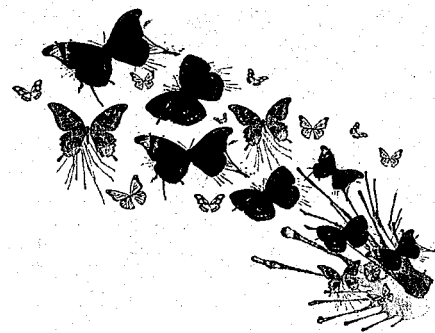
Like a Butterfly You Are Changing,

The things you tolerated in the past
have now become intolerable.

Where you once remained quiet, you
now have the courage to speak the
truth.

Where you once said "yes" in trying to
please everyone, you are now making
yourself a priority.

Be proud that you are understanding
the value of yourself, how you are
prioritizing where you focus your time
and energy and how you are
transforming in wonderful and beautiful
ways.



Scriptures about Mother's Love

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her
husband also, and he praises her." Proverbs 31:28

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is
right. Honor thy Father and Mother; which is the
first commandment with promise." Ephesians 6:1-2

"Honor your father and your mother, that your
days may be long upon the land which the Lord
your God is giving you." Exodus 20: 12

"Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get
upset with others. Love does not count up wrongs
that have been done." 1 Corinthians 13:5

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort
you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."
Isaiah 66:13

The Journey Continues...

April 5th was one of the crazier days I've had in a long time. I was on vacation that week and I woke up Friday, April 5th ready to hop on the Amtrak train to New York City for the weekend. When I turned on the TV that morning to see what was going on in the world, I saw the reports and pictures of the Statue of Liberty's torch being struck by lightning. A photographer happened to catch the moment the bolt of lightning stretched from the heavens and made contact with the torch. It was an incredible picture. A few hours later, as MJ and I were on the train to New York, we heard reports of an earthquake in New Jersey. We didn't feel the earthquake because the noise and vibration masked the effects, but hearing about the earthquake was something everyone was talking about. That evening, we had tickets for the Broadway Comedy Club, thinking we would go for a few laughs. But a fight almost broke out when one of the comedians told a joke that offended someone in the audience. When the member of the audience let the comedian on stage know they were offended, the comedian tried to diffuse the situation. But it was already too late. The verbal back and forth between the comedian and the disgruntled audience member became so heated, the bouncers had to escort the audience member (and her family) out of the comedy club. I felt bad for both sides, but I was glad they escorted the woman out of the club because I feared the altercation was about to become physical.

While April 5th was memorable for some crazy reasons, April 6th was memorable for very different reasons. After breakfast, MJ and I went down to Ground Zero to tour the 9/11 Memorial. The artifacts we saw and stories we read about that day were extensive and moving. The museum was packed with people, but it remained quiet as people reflected on the remnants of the twin towers and read the stories about the events of that day. But the 9/11 Memorial wasn't the only thing I'll remember from April 6th.

As we got off the subway and made our way to the staircase to get back to street level, I noticed an older gentleman ahead of us with a "rollator" walker. The man was bent over at the waist and it was challenging for him to keep his balance and walk. Everyone was quickly walking around the man to get on with their day. MJ and I caught up to the man as he was trying to figure out how to navigate the stairs with his four-wheeled walker. The moment I realized how difficult those steps were going to be, a younger man asked the older man if he needed help. The older man breathed a sigh of relief and thanked the younger man for his help. Without complaint – and with a lot of patience – the younger man carried the rollator walker up the stairs one flight at a time, and waited for the older man as he slowly made his way up the flights of stairs holding onto the handrail with both hands. By himself, the younger man could have zipped up those steps and been on his way, but he took his time and asked multiple times if the older man was doing OK. MJ and I were behind the older man as he made his way up the stairs – we could have gone around him if we wanted, but we took our time and marveled at the act of kindness taking place before us.

After both men reached street level, the older man thanked the younger man once again, and they went their separate ways. Those two men may never see each other again, but the act of kindness I saw that day restored my hope in the goodness of humanity and reminded me of an important lesson. We should never underestimate the effect one act of kindness can have. Because that act of kindness on the subway not only helped the older man with the walker, it helped me as well, reminding me that others will know we are Christians by our love, our peace, our patience, and our kindness, and inspiring me to notice my neighbors, and the help they may need on their journey through life.

The Journey Continues...

Pastor Dave

Are you aware that next year it will be 50 years since we remodeled our sanctuary? It's hard to believe it has been that long!

Part of the remodeling of the sanctuary was installing a new pipe organ. This organ has served us well over these past years. Several years ago we were told that the organ was beginning to show some wear and that major work would need to be done in order to maintain the quality of sound that we have all become accustomed to. At that time, a number of people donated money to be used to repair our present organ or to purchase a new organ. Since then people have continued to donate to the "organ fund." Fortunately, with proper maintenance, we have been able to continue the use of the organ with no problems.

The time is now here to do a restoration of our organ. This will be done in steps. The first step will begin in August of this year and will leave us without organ accompaniment for about six weeks. Funds for this project will come from the donations that have been received from members over the past few years.

As funds become available we will continue, step by step, to restore our organ. There are about five steps until the organ is completely rebuilt and restored.

You may be interested in donating to the organ fund. Please, if you are donating to this special fund, place your donation in an envelope and clearly mark it for the organ restoration.

We all enjoy listening to our wonderful organ and hope we can continue using it for another 50 years.

REPORT OF THE CONSISTORY - APRIL 2024

The Christian Education committee will hold a luncheon on Sunday, May 19, 2024, to honor the confirmation class. Three youth - Matt Chernich, Destiny Chernich and Owen Fox - will join the church during the worship service. A special congregational meeting will be scheduled to discuss changes to the bylaws. The changes proposed would reduce the number of members required to serve annually on Consistory. The first segment of the organ repairs will be scheduled. The consistory approved that the church can be used by the Lebanon county Department of Emergency Services as an emergency evacuation site. Pine Acres is preparing to open for the season. Several trees have been removed, the bathrooms are being painted and the lumber is cut for the repairs to the piece of playground equipment that was damaged by insects. Per diem rates for pulpit supply and organist will be reviewed and updated. The current rates are lower than standard.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee will be selling Dinunzio's Sub Coupons starting June 2 and selling them through June 16th. The price will be \$12.00 per coupon and there is no expiration date.

On Saturday, June 22nd, there will be a Women's Painting Party led by Deb Ryland. We will start with breakfast at 9 AM. The cost is \$10.00. This should be a great day to socialize and be creative.

GRADUATES

Any members who have children or grandchildren that are graduating from High School or College, please give their name, school or college and degree to the office so we can acknowledge them in the June Carillon. Thank you.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, May 12, 2024, immediately after our church service. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce a motion to lower the number of members who serve on consistory. Presently there are 15 members and the proposal is to lower that number to 11 members. (5 elders and 6 deacons). A second meeting to vote on this proposal will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2024, after our morning service. All members are strongly encouraged to attend both meetings. Thank you.

Kid's Team/Youth/Young Adults Corner

Kid's Team

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 early June when the weather is a little warmer. It will be a Sunday right after church.

Kid's Kamp is right around the corner. Reserve the week of July 15th – July 18th. See Marilyn Reppert for registration forms or the information table in the narthex.

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:

May – assisting at Pine Acres to build roofs on play areas

May – date TBD – mini golf for chores for the spring retreat

May 31 – June 2 – Spring Retreat in Cassville

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

July 27th – assisting at the Community Picnic

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

Mission Corner

Thanks to all that helped with the first Community Dinner of 2024. The congregational response was amazing and appreciated. While our inhouse number was lower than planned, we were able to provide the American House a meal for an evening. Whether you were a baker, a dishwasher, a cook, an outside greeter, a busser, a server or an applesauce shopper, without us all working together, we wouldn't be able to provide these dinners and help out our community.

On June 23rd, the Evangelism & Mission team will be providing a meal after service. The June 23rd service is at PINE ACRES. Look for more information in the bulletins and June carillon as to what the meal will include.

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 9 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 ASAP. We need to finalize our numbers, so deadline for the mission trip will be Sunday May 12th.

Future dates to reserve are:

July 27 – Community Picnic (weather permitting this will be outside in the parking lot)

September – date TBD – Grill night at American House

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

Isaac Jones Wistar

by Earl P. Leiby

In 1865, after military service, Isaac J. Wistar was looking for an occupation and a place to invest some funds. He noticed the Union Canal's declining business and the low price of its securities. This was due to the expensive procurement of water and the ill use of the water thus obtained. (At this time the water on the summit level was obtained by pumping, and much of it was lost through fissures in the leaky soil.)

To obtain control of the canal, Wistar arranged with four persons to buy a large amount of the company securities and had himself elected president.

The challenge was to better utilize the water received by gravity and stop the leakage. This was estimated to cost two hundred thousand dollars. The canal company was without funds or credit, and therefore unable to borrow money. It did, however, still possess the right of way formerly occupied by the branch canal (Water Works to Pine Grove - which was devastated in the flood of June 1862).

The Reading Railroad Company had long entertained the idea of connecting their Lebanon Valley Road with the Schuylkill County system. Pennsylvania law at that time would not allow two utilities to use adjacent right of ways.

Wistar arranged a meeting with Charles F. Smith, president of the Reading Railroad. After negotiation, Smith made a verbal commitment to purchase the right of way of the branch canal and the traffic connections between the the canal and docks in Jonestown. This included such things as the coal chutes and other appurtenances plus assuming the perpetual maintenance of the right of way. The sum of the transaction was to be \$250,000. Since this revenue was to be available to the canal company, work commenced on several improvement project which Wistar had envisioned for the canal. Smith, however, procrastinated in signing the bill of sale.

Since no action was taken, Wistar visited J. Edgar Thomson, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who stated the Pennsylvania Railroad was not interested in a branch line at this time. When asked to sign a non committal note, he agreed to the following: "Sir, if you are not yet positively committed respecting the sale of the Union Canal branch line, I would like to see you at your earliest convenience." Thomson signed with a "Wry" smile.

The same day Wistar had a "casual" meeting with one of the Reading Company directors. After some pleasant conversation he showed him the note. Wistar stated he saw no reason not to negotiate elsewhere since no contract existed, and Smith seemed indifferent to signing one. The director extracted a promise from Wistar not to take any action until he saw Smith. Within a day Wistar met with the most eager Smith and bills of sale were signed the same day.

With money in hand this time, Clarks Run Reservoir (Ebenezer Lake) was built, Stoever's Dam and Strack's Dam were enlarged. Leaks in the canal were addressed. This was done by strewing bran on the surface of the water and noting where it disappeared. The spot was then puddled with clay using mules or cattle to stomp it down and stop the leak. With these improvements accomplished, traffic and revenues increased as did the price of securities in the company. Wistar then sold his securities at a slight profit.

With in two decades the entire canal belonged to the Reading Railroad Company.

Mother's Day Word Search

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MOTHER
 AUNT
 FAMILY
 RESPECT
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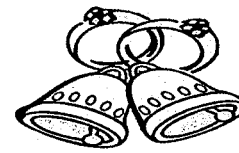
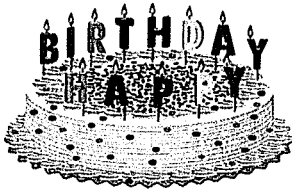
COCONUT CAKE

1 c. sugar
 1 c. margarine
 4 eggs, separated
 1 c. milk

2 ½ c. flour
 3 tsp. baking powder
 1 c. shredded coconut

Cream sugar and margarine. Blend in egg yolks and beaten egg whites. Add remaining ingredients. Pour into 8 x 8 inch square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Yields - 12 servings

This recipe is in the St. Mark's 1985 Mothers Class Recipe Book and is from Ruth Yingst, former St. Mark's secretary.



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday		Anniversary	
May 1	Stephanie Andreozzi	May 2	Michael & Lois Smith
May 2	Rosy Gonzalez	May 6	Gail & Dick Winters
May 3	Jennifer Collins	May 9	Tom & Lisa Strohm
May 6	Thomas Strohm	May 12	Jonathan & LeTonya Raiger
May 7	Jennifer Trovinger	May 19	Bonita and Robert Ressler
May 8	Shirley Shaak	May 25	Doug & Marjorie Hummel
May 13	Sam Scholl		
May 23	Bonita Ressler		
May 30	Casey Bossler		
May 31	Nancy Freed		

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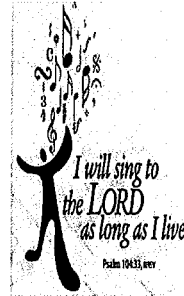
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Please send notes, cards or give them a phone call. Let John and Nancy know that St. Mark's has not forgotten about them. Thank you.



May 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 recovers from her carpal tunnel surgeries. 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.

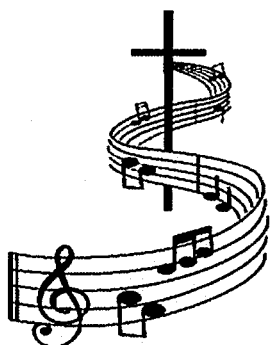


Seeking volunteers to provide special music May 26. Look for the sign-up sheet on the music bulletin board in the narthex and please sign up. Please remember to contact the office with the title of your song, the composer and/or arranger, the date it was published and who published the song. This is 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.

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.

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.

May 19 - (Music Appre. Sun.) - *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* – Bell 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. 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. In the last few weeks I've been dealing with dry heaving and a gaggy feeling without nausea. The doctors/therapists think it's still anxiety related but that it could also be a symptom of those who suffer from long Covid which I have read about too. That's the thing with long Covid - it seems when things might be getting better they take a turn for the worse again. A new symptom appears My psychiatrist decided to wean me off my current SNRI Cymbalta to see if that might eliminate the dry heaving which will take about 4 to 6 weeks. Then we will have to come up with another plan. My illness and its complications is happening at an unfortunate time in my life as I miss making music with my church family and I will probably have to miss my son's last college choir concert and his graduation from college. There is still much to learn about long covid so doctors do not know how long recovery can take so I don't know when I will be well enough to work full and part time especially when other symptoms keep popping up. I try to remain hopeful but I'm sure you can see how this can be a challenge at times like these. Your continued prayers for good days and complete healing are appreciated. as my recovery continues.



With every best wish,

Jeffrey Clouser,
Music Ministry Coordinator

MAY

PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Melissa, Jeff, Parker & Cameron Sidella Bible Study - 10 AM	2 Gloria Simmers	3 Michael & Lois Smith	4 Steve Snyder
5 Barbara Soliday Choir Practice - 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM Kid's Painting Party - 11:15 AM	6 Kathleen Stroh	7 Thomas & Lisa Strohm Bell Rehearsal - 7:30 PM	8 Cynthia Sullivan Bible Study - 10 AM	9 Joann & Patrick Sullivan Spiritual Council - 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg. 7:00 PM	10 Rick & Kim Sullivan	11 Alicia & Chad Thomas
12 Paxton Thomas Choir Practice - 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM Cong. Meeting Mother's Day	13 Megan, Matt, Jaxson & Ava Tilley	14 Jack & Barbara Tobias Women's Study Group - 6:30 PM Bell Rehearsal - 7:30 PM	15 Robert Trautman Bible Study - 10 AM	16 Richard Trompeter	17 Bill & Lisa Trovinger	18 Joshua Trovinger
19 Lauren Trovinger Worship-10 AM Luncheon - 11:15 AM Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday	20 Nathan Trovinger	21 Scott & Jen Trovinger	22 Seth Trovinger Bible Study - 10 AM Property Comm. Meeting - 2 PM	23 Brenda Van Winkle	24 Diane Vogel	25 Kevin & Linda Waldron TPA State Convention 9 AM - 4 PM
26 Chuck & Sharon Warfel Worship-10 AM	27 Joann Webster Memorial Day	28 Sharon Weihrauch Women's Study Group - 6:30 PM	29 Carol Weise Bible Study - 10 AM	30 Jason Wengert	31 Ken & Charlotte Wengert Youth Spring Retreat	