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A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

Bless every mother and every grandmother with
the finest of Your spiritual blessings today.

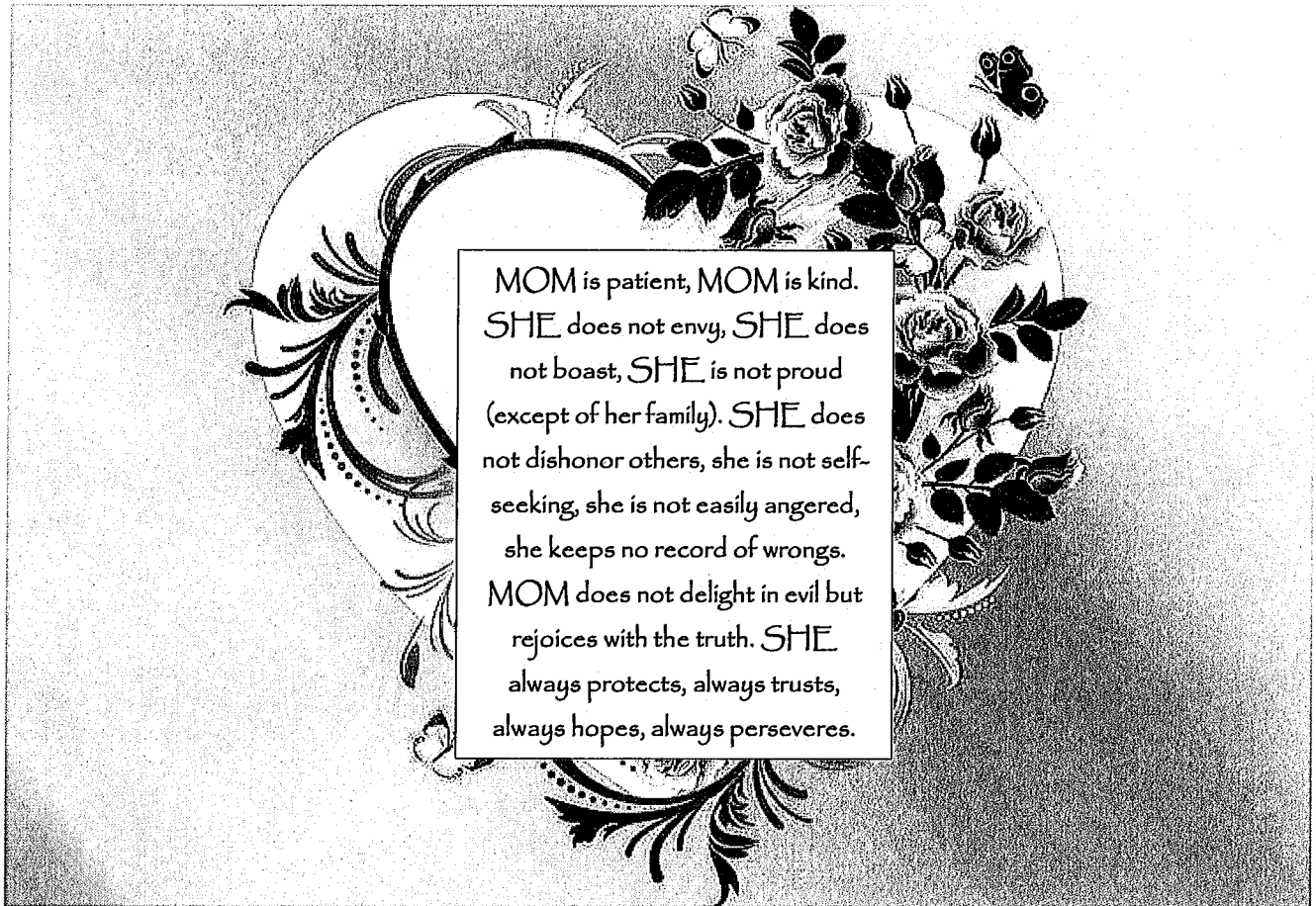
Confirm in her heart and spirit, the work of her
hands and the love that she has so freely given to
those children, under Your care.

May Your love and compassion be with all
mothers today and every day.

Validate her worth daily so she has no reason to
doubt whether she is loved, valued, and
cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father.

Amen.





MOM is patient, MOM is kind.
SHE does not envy, SHE does not boast, SHE is not proud (except of her family). SHE does not dishonor others, she is not self-seeking, she is not easily angered, she keeps no record of wrongs. MOM does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. SHE always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the Love of a Mother.”



Scriptures for Mothers

“She is clothed in strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.”

Proverbs 31:25

“Her children rise up and call her blessed.”

Proverbs 31:28

“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”

Proverbs 31:26

“Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her.” Luke 1:45

“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

MOTHER’S RECIPE OF LOVE

**A large bowl of unconditional love,
generous helping of patience,
huge portion of energy, cup of kindness,
and a dash of discipline.**

Blend love and patience together.

Dip the mixture in kindness.

Roll it in energy.

Sprinkle discipline.

Serves one happy kid.

The Journey Continues...

I've always been fascinated with the human mind and learning why humans do the things they do. I wonder why humans make decisions that defy logical behavior – such as deciding to jump out of perfectly good airplanes – so they can feel the rush of free falling before opening their parachute. The choice to go skydiving is a decision that takes a lot of commitment. But humans also display behaviors that require no thought at all – such as flinching when a loud noise startles us. In either case...whether skydiving or being startled by a loud noise...we are reacting to situations that are potentially dangerous.

There is a physiological reaction humans display when facing danger called “fight or flight”. Whenever humans face danger, we either confront them head on (known as fighting), or we run from them (known as flight). The type of danger we face will often determine our response. For example, some folks will fight their fears and embrace the danger of skydiving. While others (like myself), have no desire to make that fight, so we stay away from (or run from) activities that bring that level of fear to our lives.

Recently, I saw a response to danger that gives us a third option besides fighting or flight. Back on April 14th, there was an earthquake that struck Southern California. Most of the earthquakes in California are minor, so we don't hear about them in Central PA. But the quake on April 14th was a lot stronger than a “normal” earthquake, so there were a lot of videos of people going into “flight” mode and hiding under desks or running out of buildings. I don't blame them one bit, a strong earthquake would send me into flight mode, too.

There was also a video from the elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo that captured the moment the earthquake struck. Did you happen to see that video? The elephants initially reacted by going into “flight” mode, but it wasn't long before their natural instincts kicked in and they formed something called an “alert circle.” In an alert circle, the elephants adopt a defensive strategy as the herd surrounds the young and vulnerable to protect them from the danger they are facing. It was incredible to see, and I believe the elephant's response may be a great response for those of us trying to survive the turbulent times we are experiencing. Every day, it seems like someone tells me how afraid they feel. And they are not only concerned about the violence and divisiveness; they are worried about the dismissive and uncaring attitudes from people who call themselves Christians. Some people want to fight, while others just want to take flight and leave the insanity.

I get it. I share their concern, and I understand why it is so frustrating, too. Almost all of the problems we are facing are self inflicted. I think the reason so many people are feeling overwhelmed is because we are tired of the fighting, and we're tired of trying to run from the problems we face. But what would it look like if we circled together like the elephants do? What if we sought to protect each other – especially the vulnerable – and worked for the good of all people, instead of being motivated by ideology, loyalty to a political party, or unwavering devotion to a person temporarily holding elected office?

In order for this to happen, there will have to be honest confession about our faults and failures, along with a willingness to give and receive grace and forgiveness. But if Christians can't lead by example in confession, grace, and forgiveness, then who can? As followers of our Resurrected Savior, we are called to new life and new ways of living. When we lead by example, we may inspire others to follow. And even if they still choose to go their own way, the changes in attitude will make a difference in our own lives...and we need to start somewhere.

The Journey Continues...

Pastor Dave

I hope you and your families had a blessed Easter and were able to attend some or all of the Holy Week services at St. Marks. How fortunate we are to have a Pastor who is willing and able to go "in character" to deliver his message in a very meaningful and moving way. Thank you to Pastor Dave for all his time and efforts throughout the Lenten season and Holy Week.

We have had some members come forward and offer financial support in the form of no interest, short term loans to the church so we can commit to and lock in the work and price for the large rubber roof replacement. We will present this at a congregational meeting in May and, upon congregational approval, the roof replacement should start in late July/August. We will still accept additional members loans as the more people who commit to a short term loan, the less the financial burden on all those who are choosing to help with the funding deficit. All short term loans will be paid in full in January 2026 when additional endowment fund money becomes available.

As a church, we should take pride in the fact that we have raised enough funds to complete the much needed organ refurbishment and we are about to commit to a significant roof replacement project. Thanks to all who continue to support St. Marks financially.

Please continue to contribute to the roof project as you are able so we can raise enough funds to replace the smaller shingle roof over the office area.

Respectfully,

Todd Ryland

Report of the Consistory - April 2025

Two members of the Lebanon County Christian Ministries staff made a short presentation on the role that LCCM plays in the community. The new format for committee reports was reviewed. The pastor shared that he would have two six-week sermon series after the Easter season is concluded. One is focused on excuses and the other is on the book of Corinthians. The mini mission team has found a group with which to volunteer during their May trip. Beloved is overwhelmed with groups, so the team has decided to work with Hammer and Heart. They will be primarily completing outdoor jobs. The roofing issue was discussed in anticipation of the congregational meeting on April 13, 2025. The rubber roofing project is still short approximately \$23,000 dollars. The treasurer will be checking with the Cornerstone Fund to see if a short-term loan would be possible. The congregation will also be reminded that donations are still being accepted for the roofing projects. The meeting will be only informational since a vote cannot be taken due to the full funding not being available. The pastor and the president will be meeting with the Personnel Committee to review job duties of the staff members. The pastor designed a card that can be laminated and used by the members that utilize online giving. It can be placed in the offering plate when the ushers are collecting the envelopes and cash.

Kid's Team/Youth/Young Adults Corner

Kid's Team

Kid's Kamp 2025 – plan early to mark on your calendar. Kid's Kamp will be held July 14-17.

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 2025:

May 30th – June 1st – the youth/young adults will be heading again to Cassville, PA for a weekend of respite and retreat. Youth, look for individual paperwork to be ready by the Prayer Vigil.

If you hear of a good Christian movie being released in 2025, let Kathy know so we can throw that into the mix.

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

Mission Corner

WARM Mission Trip News

We will be going back to Wilmington NC to assist WARM and stay at Matthew House. The week of the mission trip to support WARM is August 2nd – August 9th 2025. There will be opportunities for the congregation to help by purchasing nonperishable items. Look for the slips in the narthex in July.

Asheville Mini Mission Trip News

The Asheville Mini Mission Trip is from May 14th – May 18th. We will be working with Hammer and heart out of Black Mountain, NC. Most of their work is outdoor work, pray for good weather. If it rains, we will find work with United Way sorting clothing or food.

The donation slip board has arrived in the narthex. We will need everything back very quickly, no later than Sunday May 11th (yep, Mother's Day). We always need prayers for our safe travels and our safe job sites.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday May 11th. If you'd like to wish us well, join us for a service of commissioning on Sunday May 11th.

Non-Mission Trip Mission News

Save the dates for the Community dinners

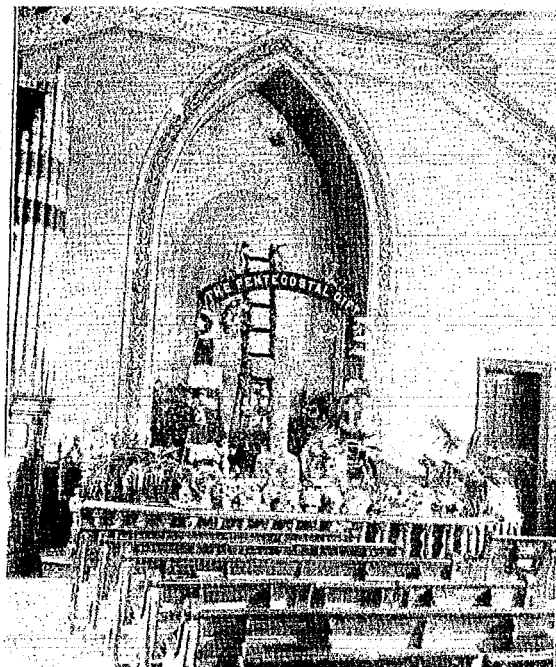
May 3rd – community dinner – We will be providing dinner to our community on Saturday May 3rd. If you'd like to assist with prepping dinner, we will be starting around 2 PM. Meal will be served between 4:45-6 PM. Please refer to the sign-up sheets that will arrive in the narthex early April for a list of items needed for the dinner.

July 26th – community picnic in the church parking lot – Look for more information in the July carillon about how you can assist with the community picnic

December 14th – Our next Sunday evening meal at the Lebanon Rescue Mission

Children's Day

"St. Mark's Reformed Church was in gala attire last night, it being the observance of Children's Day. Already at six o'clock the church was filled and by the time the hour of opening arrived all the space in the main auditorium, aisles, anterooms, and vestibule were crowded fully 700 people being in attendance and for want of room a goodly number were turned away. The program was entitled 'Living Pictures'.



The service had to be seen in order to be appreciated. The 'Living Pictures' were beautifully demonstrated. On the platform there was a wooden frame about ten feet in length and about seven feet high covered with white muslin and trimmed with delicate blue. In this frame there were five divisions which were brought to view by means of spring roller shades. Each division represented the following Living Pictures:

Harry Longacre, 'Hope'. He being dressed in sailor's costume bearing an anchor; Martin Smith, 'Faith'. He being dressed in a soldier's suit with armor, shield, and sword; Renie Miller, 'Joy'. She wore a garland of white roses and bore a floral star; Ethel Smeck, 'Love'. She wore a garland of roses and bore a floral heart; Elsie Spannuth, 'Innocence'. She wore a garland of white roses and with her golden curls was indeed a picture of innocence.

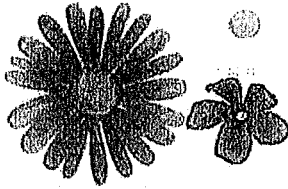
Preceding these living pictures there was in every instance a recitation and a song that was indicative of what was to be presented.

The decorations were elaborate and very beautiful, as we heard members remark, 'the finest decorations ever witnessed in any of the churches of this city'. The whole chancel was one bed of roses and the sides were covered with numerous potted plants. In amongst the flowers there were to be found cages containing sweet warbling canaries, so that the children could gracefully sing, 'Beautiful Birds, Sing on, Sing on.'

The service was unique in every respect. The children performed their part admirably. The audience was large and attentive and the collection a liberal one.

This was the first service of the kind held at St. Mark's. About four weeks ago the pastor suggested the school to hold such a service and the school unanimously fell in line. Much credit is due to the untiring labors of Superintendent A. H. Miller and his able corps of assistants."

KID'S KORNER



Flower Power



ASTER	HONEYSUCKLE	ORCHID
CROCUS	LAVENDER	PANSY
DAFFODIL	LILAC	SUNFLOWER
DAISY	LILY	TULIP
GERANIUM	MARIGOLD	VIOLET

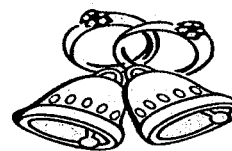
MIRACLE PIE

Ingredients:

1 c. sugar	½ tsp baking powder
½ c. flour	¼ tsp salt
¼ c. butter or margarine	2 c. milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract	1 c. shredded coconut
4 eggs	

Mix all ingredients together in blender. Pour in a 10 inch pie pan and bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes.

This recipe is in the St. Mark's U.C.C. Mothers Class Recipe Cookbook and is from Linda Waldron.



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday		Anniversary	
May 1	Stephanie Andreozzi	May 2	Michael & Lois Smith
May 2	Rosy Gonzalez	May 6	Dick & Gail Winters
May 6	Thomas Strohm	May 8	Deb Ellis & Ed Gundrum
May 7	Jennifer Trovinger	May 9	Thomas & Lisa Strohm
May 10	Serenity Earl	May 12	Jonathan & LeTonya Raiger
May 13	Samuel Scholl	May 17	John & Linda Bering
May 23	Bonita Ressler	May 19	Robert & Bonita Ressler
May 30	Casey Bossler	May 25	Doug & Marjorie Hummel
May 31	Nancy Freed		

SENIOR CORNER

Nancy Freed
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Annville, PA 17003
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Juanita Fuhrman
Juniper Village
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Please send notes, cards or give them a phone call. Let Nancy and Juanita know that St. Mark's has not forgotten about them. Thank you.



Let's help LCCM by collecting some bloomers (underwear) to help support their mission.

All sizes are needed. Adult and Children.

Underwear must be new.

Drop off your donation in the narthex until May 18, 2025

Container is under the table in the narthex.

Thank you

GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE



LCCM has an ongoing wish list for food and personal care items. Please remember that we do not use items that are expired.

FOOD ITEMS

Rice, all varieties, 1 lb. bags or boxes
Whole grain pasta, all varieties, 1 lb. boxes preferred
Flour and Sugar, 1 lb. or 2 lb. bags or boxes
Canned Fruit, 15-ounce cans in fruit juice (peaches, pears, mixed fruit, mandarin oranges)
Canned Tuna, approx 9-ounce cans preferred
Canned Chicken, approx 9-ounce cans preferred
Canned Salmon, approx 9-ounce cans preferred
Chicken Salad & Tuna Salad kits
Spaghetti Sauce, 24-ounce cans
Diced Tomatoes, 24-ounce cans
Boxed Cereal, healthy varieties with <6g of sugar per serving preferred
Oatmeal, all sizes and varieties, <6g of sugar per serving preferred
Ground Coffee, 10-12-ounce bags or tubs
Tea Bags, all varieties, small boxes (approx. 20 bags),
Assorted seasonings
Salad Dressing
Olive Oil and cooking oil
Ketchup
Mayo
Mustard
Soup, low-sodium preferred

Paper & Hygiene Products:

Toilet Paper
2-in-1 Shampoo/ Conditioner
Men's and Women's deodorant
Toothpaste (5 oz. tubes and larger)
Children's Toothpaste
Children's Toothbrushes (no adult toothbrushes please!)
Pads & Tampons
Adult Incontinence Products, women's (medium)
Mouthwash
Men and women's deodorant
Hand soap
Dish sponges
Dish soap
Lysol wipes
Laundry detergent

MAY

PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Matthew Scholl	2 Russell Scholl	3 Samuel Scholl TPA Group - 9 to 2 PM Community Dinner - 4:45 - 6 PM
4 Timothy Scholl Choir Rehearsal - 8:45 AM Worship - 10 AM Kid's Painting Party	5 Jim Schucker	6 June Seik Bell Rehearsal 6:30 PM	7 Andrea Shearer Bible Study - 10 AM Evan & Mission Committee Mtg. - 6:30 PM	8 Andrew & Kim Shearer Spiritual Council - 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg. 7:00 PM	9 Kristina Shearer	10 Lowell Sherman
11 Michael Shott Choir Rehearsal - 8:45 AM Worship - 10 AM Commissioning Service for mission trip Mother's Day	12 Betty Showalter	13 Lois Shuey	14 Ken & Dawn Shultz Bible Study - 10 AM Asheville Mission Trip	15 Melissa, Jeffrey, Parker & Cameron Sidella Asheville Mission Trip	16 Gloria Simmers Asheville Mission Trip	17 Michael & Lois Smith Asheville Mission Trip
18 Steve Snyder Choir Rehearsal - 8:45 AM Worship - 10 AM Asheville Mission Trip	19 Kathleen Stroh	20 Tom & Lisa Strohm Bell Rehearsal 6:30 PM	21 Cynthia Sullivan Bible Study - 10 AM	22 Rick & Kim Sullivan	23 Alicia & Chad Thomas	24 Paxton Thomas
25 Megan, Matthew, Jackson & Ava Tilley Worship - 10 AM	26 Jack & Barbara Tobias Memorial Day	27 Robert Trautman	28 Richard Trompeter Bible Study - 10 AM	29 Bill & Lisa Trovinger Ascension Day	30 Joshua Trovinger Youth/Young Adult Spring Retreat	31 Lauren Trovinger Youth/Young Adult Spring Retreat