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A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

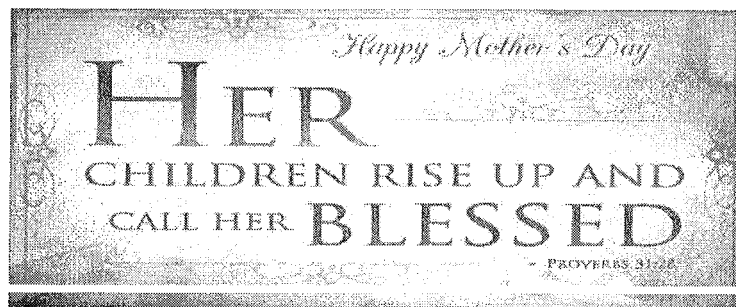
Lord we pray for all
MOTHERS

Beautiful and wonderful they fill the earth
Gracious in Your call they carry life
In a bond of love they bring forth a child.

We ask You to bless all
MOTHERS today

May they feel the joys of motherhood everyday
In all their struggles giving us a livelihood
May Your LOVE and COMPASSION
be with them for good.

May every MOTHER feel today
The pride and beauty of a family they bear
Through all pain and sorrow Lord
deliver them
In Your STRENGTH and GRACE
may they always stay.
AMEN!



God took the fragrance of a flower,
 The majesty of a tree,
 The gentleness of morning dew,
 The calm of a quiet sea,
 The beauty of the twilight hours,
 The soul of a starry night...
 The laughter of a rippling brook,
 The grace of a bird in flight,
 The tender care of an angel,
 The faith of a mustard seed,
 The patience of eternity,
 The depth of a family's need...
 Then God fashioned from these things
 A creation like no other,
 And when his masterpiece was through

He simply called it - Mother.

A Mother's Love: a recipe inspired by mothers

Ingredients:

1 pound of unconditional love
 1 bunch of affection
 3 tablespoons of trust
 1 handful of timeless memories
 2 drops of examples to follow
 2 cups of patience
 1 pinch of laughter and tears
 1 dash of sleepless nights

Season with:

Creativity, intuition, tenderness and dedication

Scriptures about Mother's Love

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

Proverbs 31:26

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."

1 Corinthians 13:4

"Honor her for all that her hand have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

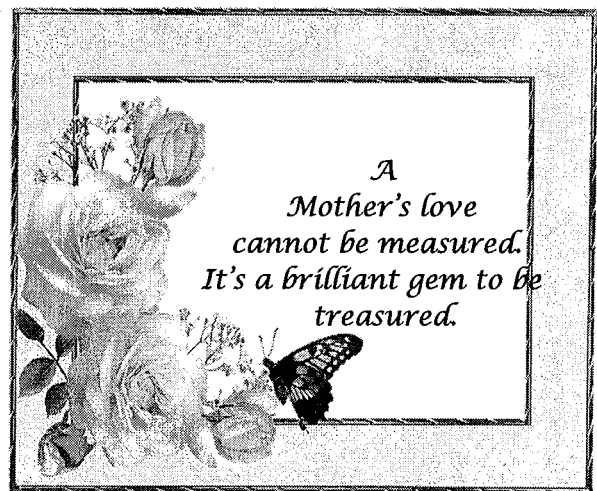
Proverbs 31:31

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

Proverbs 31:28

"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



The Journey Continues...

As I sit down to gather my thoughts for this month's *The Journey Continues*, it feels like there is a lot of uncertainty in the air. There always seems to be uncertainty on the world stage with ongoing wars and rumors of wars, and there is uncertainty in our country with rising violence, and there is uncertainty due to the weather. But these days, even our churches are facing uncertainty as they try to figure out what the "new normal" is after the pandemic. For fans of professional football (like me), there is uncertainty because the week I am writing these words is the week of the NFL Draft. By Saturday evening of this week, 259 players will be selected to play for one of the 32 teams in professional football. I usually keep an eye on the Draft to see which players the Steelers add to their team, but this year is the first year I know someone who is eligible (and likely) to be selected in the draft. Truth is, many of us know Chad Ryland. What we don't know is which team he will be playing for by the end of this week, which is why we (and especially the Ryland's) feel a level of uncertainty.

Like everything else in life, the NFL Draft is an inexact science. No one knows which players will go to what team, nor do they know how good (or how bad) a player is going to be after they are drafted. For months now, the "experts" have been offering their opinions, but the truth is, the "experts" aren't any better at guessing than we are. For example, the greatest NFL player of all time, Tom Brady, was the 199th player selected in 2000. Tom Brady ended up playing 22 seasons in the NFL and he won more Super Bowls than any player in history. But incredibly, 198 players were selected before him because no one saw (or believed) how good of a player he would be. On the other end of the spectrum, one of the worst draft picks in NFL history was the 1st player selected in 2007: JaMarcus Russell. The draft "experts" were unanimous in their assessment that JaMarcus Russell was going to be a great player. He was big, strong, and he had an arm like a cannon. But JaMarcus was such a disappointment as a player (he only won 9 games), he barely lasted 2 ½ years in the NFL.

But it's not just the NFL Draft where there is uncertainty. Life is so full of uncertainties, all we can do is focus our attention on what is right in front of us. Think about it this way (and I'll use Chad Ryland kicking a football as an example): imagine Chad is on the practice field kicking 50 yard field goals. There is no one else around. It's just Chad, the ball, and the uprights. Everything feels really good and he nails one kick after another. Now let's imagine Chad is playing in the Super Bowl. There are 4 seconds left in the game and Chad is lining up a 50 yard field goal to win the game. A kick to win the Super Bowl with millions of people watching is going to seem harder than kicking a field goal on the practice field in the off season. But why? The uprights haven't changed, the football looks the same, the distance is the same, everything is the same. But the difference is the atmosphere. The atmosphere changes everything and creates uncertainty, doesn't it?

Or, does it? Think about it. If everything but the atmosphere is the same, then what a Super Bowl winning kick comes down to Chad and the kicking motion he has practiced thousands of times before. Now Chad will probably feel nervous because this is a once in a lifetime moment, and he doesn't want anyone to be disappointed. I get that. I wouldn't want to disappoint people either. But whether Chad makes or misses the field goal to win the Super Bowl, he will always be a child of God, he will always be loved by God, he will always be loved by his parents, and he will always be supported by his church family. None of that is going to change. So he can go out there and kick that ball knowing that the truly important things in life are already firmly established.

The same goes for all of us and the uncertainty we face on our journey through life. We can be certain we will always have God's love in our lives. Nothing we do (or don't do) in this world is going to change that. I would imagine the vast majority of us will never have the opportunity to line up a kick that could win the Super Bowl, but we still face times when we feel overwhelmed by the circumstances of life. Know this: you are a child of God and you are unconditionally loved by God. So even when the uncertainties of life come at us, let them come. Because we can always be certain about God and God's love for us.

The Journey Continues.... *Pastor Dave*

What's Happening at St. Mark's

Did you know that there are several opportunities for Adult Christian Education at St. Mark's? There is a Sunday School Class each week from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This class is taught by Sam Brandt.

We, also, have weekly Bible Study on Wednesdays. There is a Bible study at 10:00 a.m. and another again at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Jones leads this study.

On Tuesday evenings, MJ Jones leads a Women's Study Group at 6:30 p.m. This class will be ending on May 9 and will resume in the fall.

All of these classes are held in Fellowship Hall. You may want to consider joining these groups.

Opportunities for Participation in the Life of St. Mark's

Many people are involved in the committees of our church but there is always opportunity for more members to join a committee or two.

Here is a listing of the committees. If you are interested in joining one of them, please see the Consistory Representative listed for each committee.

Thanks for considering joining us in helping to make our committees grow.

Altar Guild – Cindy Klahr

Christian Education – Deb Follett

Evangelism and Mission – Peg Scholl

Fellowship and Hospitality – Diane Vogel

Good Samaritan Fund – Carol Ruffner

Membership – Brenda Hummel

Music – Vickie Ristenbatt

Nominating – Diane Vogel

Pine Acres – Kathy Follett

Property – Todd Ryland

Stewardship – Ken Shultz

Social Media – Ken Shultz

Christians in Action – Diane Vogel

Report of the Consistory – April 2023

The consistory voted to continue the 10:00 am service time going forward. The Christian Education committee reported that new curriculum is being purchased for Children's Church. The Kids Kamp theme for this year is Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light. Kids Kamp will be held July 17-20, 2023, at Pine Acres. The Christians in Action (CIA) committee presented a mission statement for review and requested that they be added to the list of standing committees and no longer function on an ad hoc basis. This request was approved by the Consistory and Diane Vogel was appointed as the Consistory representative. A small gift will be presented to the mothers in attendance at the Mother's Day service on May 14, 2023. The Father's Day service will be held on June 18, 2023, at Pine Acres.

WE MISS YOU POSTCARDS

Remember to fill out a postcard that is in the pews, if you haven't seen a member in church lately. You can mail it or hand it in to the office and it will be mailed for you.

We want our members to know that they are missed when they aren't at church.

Thank you for helping and reaching out to our members.

CENTERVILLE DINER 2

Jeff Clouser, our Music Ministry Coordinator, has graciously signed up St. Mark's U.C.C. at the restaurant. This is the former Country Table Restaurant. When you eat at this restaurant, they will pay 10% of your bill to the church. Remember, to go and check this place out. Their address is: 704 East Main Street, Mt. Joy, PA

Canvass White Third Chief Engineer of the Union Canal

by Jim Schucker

Canvass White was born in Whilestown, New York in September 1790, just a year before Robert Morris and his group of investors received a charter to build the S & S Canal, later to become the Union Canal. He was described as a talented and inquisitive lad who enjoyed inventing and constructing necessities for his hometown. He was, however, prone to illness, and at the age of 21 set out on a seagoing voyage as a means of restoring his failing health. Upon returning three years later, White became a student at Fairfield Academy where he studied mathematics, science, and surveying.

Sometime during his schooling Canvass decided to participate in the assault on Fort Erie. During the event he was wounded by a gunshot. Lieutenant White pursued those responsible for his wounds and was successful in capturing most of them. Satisfied by success, White returned to his studies at Fairfield.

During this time, work was commenced on the Erie Canal. New York Governor DeWitt Clinton realized the need for civil engineers, especially those knowledgeable in the construction of canals. No such formal education in this field was offered in America at this time. Gov. Clinton recruited Canvass White, a new employee of the Erie Canal construction, to visit England in 1817 for the purpose of learning about the materials and tools used to construct canals, bridges, aqueducts, and culverts. After walking over 2000 miles examining canals, White returned home in 1818 with the latest surveying devices and knowledge of the construction of English canals. One primary feature of this construction was the use of natural or hydraulic cement, a material which hardens underwater.

The English cement would have been too expensive to be shipped from Europe, but White was able to locate rock suitable for the manufacturing of natural cement in north central New York. Within a few years this cement was being produced in several states including Pennsylvania. Canvass White and his brother Hugh were the first to begin commercial production in North America in 1819 and received a patent for this product a year later. Unfortunately others began production as well, and White was unable to protect his patent rights and finally sold them to the State of New York in 1825 for \$10,000.

In 1823, White left the employment of the Erie Canal and assumed the responsibility for completion of the Union Canal which had been under the direction of Loamini Baldwin until his dismissal a year before. With him came three assistant engineers, George Olmstead, Sylvester Welsh, and one Simeon Guilford.

With White's guidance the construction took several new turns. The original canal was to run from the Tulpehocken through the Summit and on through Lebanon to the Swatara. These two creeks were to be dredged and improved so that navigation would be in these two channels as they moved east and west. White suggestion was that the canal continue parallel to these two creeks until they reached Reading on the east and Middletown on the west. As the canal crossed the Summit (Lebanon), it was to be within the Quittapahilla. The problem White wanted to avoid was the closing of the ten mills which derived their power from this stream. The canal company would then have to assume the damages for the closing of these mills.

It must be remembered that the first engineer, William Weston, had changed the route from the Quitty to run north of Maple Street and Tunnel Hill Road. Loamini Baldwin brought the

route back to the Quittapahilla. Now with the guidance of Simeon Guilford, his assistant engineer, the path of the canal was to run south of Maple Street, tunnel through Gravel Hill (on which Tunnel Hill Rd. runs), and head for the Swatara. White angled the canal line slightly south into Avon then northwest to meet Baldwin's cut before moving westward. Their hope for a more northern route rather than the Quitty was also to catch the southern edge of a shale formation that extends all the way to the Blue Mountains. Had they followed Weston's route their objective of having a less porous shale base would have been more successful. Did they wish to be more accessible to the developing community of Lebanon and thus chose the southern route through the Borough of North Lebanon? Their reasoning has as yet been undiscovered.

With White came his hydraulic cement shipped from his operations in New York State. This supply continued until Simeon Guilford located a natural supply locally saving the canal company the cost of transportation. To show their gratitude, the managers of the Union Canal Company presented Mr. Guilford with a set of encyclopedias.

Under White's direction the Union Canal had a width of 36 feet at the waterline with the bottom of the prism being 24 feet. The tow path was situated 18 inches above the waterline, and all trees and roots were removed to a distance of 45 feet from the center of the canal. He also saw to it that the ditch under the seat of each bank was puddled 36 inches wide and 12 inches deep, and lined with clay.

The chief engineer became ill in 1826 and was forced to resign from his active duties. Although he recovered and was able to work a few more years, he was told by his physician to move south in the autumn of 1834. He sailed to St. Augustine, Florida but passed away less than a month after his arrival. He now rests in a churchyard in Princeton, New Jersey.

James Worrall, the engineer who would later enlarge White's canal, summed up the life of Canvass White in this one sentence: "In his day, he stood at the head of American Canal engineering, and his strength lay in his cool practical judgment...a gentleman of very quiet manner, equal temper, and kind disposition."

And so after 36 years of financial struggle and with the direction of three chief engineers, the Union Canal was finally completed in 1827 and opened officially a year later. With the cost of the enlargement which followed in the 1850's the Union Canal Company invested over six million dollars in this new transportation system. Was it worth the expense? Not financially, for those who invested in the company never realized much return on their dollar and their stock in the end was almost worthless. Did this community and the state gain from the venture? Most certainly. Lebanon's north side grew up along the canal, industry flourished with a cheap transportation system, the Colemans expanded their industrial empire. The interior of Pennsylvania was opened to the markets of the Philadelphia area. The coal industry of Schuylkill County was able to fire the industrial revolution. A pathway to the West was forged. Our new nation grew on its way to becoming a world power.

It's now our responsibility to preserve the foot prints of this small but important waterway for future generations to appreciate. It's our responsibility to share its importance to the history of the Lebanon Valley. Thank you for being part of this effort.

KID'S KORNER



Look carefully at this picture and
find 18 hidden objects.

ITALIAN BEEF & NOODLES

2 LBS OF BEEF STEW MEAT
PACKET OF ITALIAN SEASONING
(GOOD SEASONINGS)
1 STICK OF BUTTER
16 OZ OF WIDE NOODLES OR YOUR CHOICE

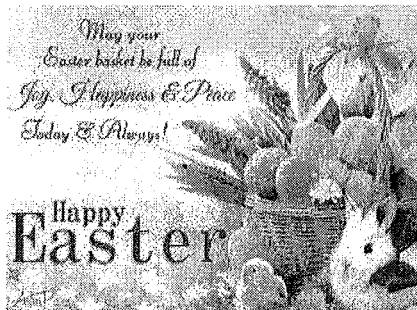
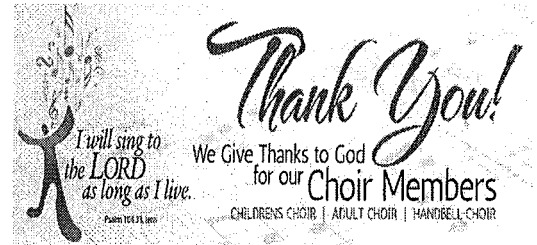
ADD THE STEW MEAT, ITALIAN SEASONING, AND A STICK OF BUTTER TO THE
CROCKPOT,
COOK FOR 6-8 HOURS ON LOW AND DO NOT LIFT THE LID.
WHEN IT'S ALMOST FINISHED, PREPARE THE NOODLES.
POUR THE NOODLES IN THE CROCKPOT AND MIX THE NOODLES WITH THE MEAT.

SERVE WITH A SIDE SALAD



May Make A Note of It...

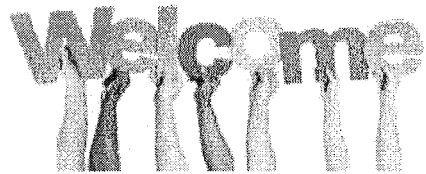
Thank you to all those who participate in the music ministry and assist in enhancing worship at St. Mark's. Your efforts are welcomed and appreciated. A special thank you to our church family for your continued encouragement and support of the church's musical endeavors.



An additional thank you to all those who helped make Lent, Holy Week, and Easter a blessed time for St. Mark's and our community. May the resurrection hope of the empty tomb be with you now and forever. Amen.

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 Special Music Volunteers! Time to reserve your date for Summer Melodies. Three dates remain! Seeking volunteers to provide special music during worship throughout the summer while the music ensembles are on vacation. Look for the sign-up sheet on the music bulletin board in the narthex and choose your Sunday to offer a vocal/instrumental solo or duet. The available Sundays include July 30, August 6, and August 27. **Only one musical selection is necessary.** Thank you.

Be sure to worship with St. Mark's on Sunday, May 21 as we observe **Music Appreciation Sunday!** Come rejoice with all the church choirs and praise the Lord in song!



Resurrection Light

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us
may your dawn beckon.

When fear paralyses us
may your touch release us.

When grief torments us
may your peace enfold us.

When memories haunt us
may your presence heal us.

When justice fails us
may your anger ignite us.

When apathy stagnates us
may your challenge renew us.

When courage leaves us
may your spirit inspire us.

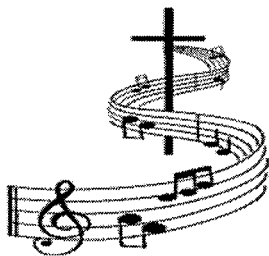
When despair grips us
may your hope restore us.

And when death threatens us
may your resurrection light lead us.

Amen.

By Annabel Shilson-Thomas

Attention All Music Ensembles (choir/bells): Here is the Spring 2023 rehearsal schedule for choir and bells (subject to changes):



Choir:

We rehearse every Sunday morning before church starting at 8:30am. See musical offering schedule below.

Bell Choir:

Rehearse 7:30pm Thurs. April 20
Rehearse 7:30pm Thurs. May 4 & May 18
See musical offering schedule below.



Children's Choir:

We rehearse at children's church Sunday mornings during worship. See musical offering schedule below.

2023 Choir Spring Musical Offering Schedule:

May 7 (Men's Ensemble) – *Who Will Be A Witness* by Donald Moore - <https://www.alfred-music.com/player/AlfredChoralDesigns2007/27098/player.html?osCsid=9e7f7055432bc68af2431ccc57619347>

May 14 (Mother's Day) – *If You Love Me* by Joel Raney - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A72SJftFgSY>

May 21 (Music Appreciation Sunday) – *Wonderful Words of Life* by Philip Bliss and Greg Gilpin - <https://www.jwpepper.com/sheet-music/media-player.jsp?&productID=11416805&type=audio> and *Be The Church* w/congregation by Scott Siciliano - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKU2lQGUiC0>

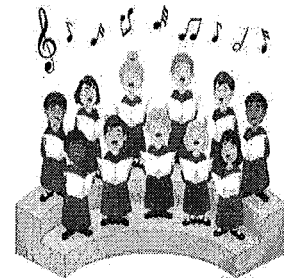
June 4 (Trinity Sunday)- *You Are The One* by Herbert Brokering and Thomas Keesecker - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MmesjDAab8>

2023 Bell Choir Spring Musical Offering Schedule:

Sextet - May 21 (Music Appreciation Sunday) -- *Jesus Shall Reign* w/piano arr. by Sandra Eithun - <https://www.chimeworks.com/products/bells-and-keys%E2%80%A6more-or-less/> Click on audio sample to hear song.

2023 Children/Youth Choir Spring Musical Offering Schedule:

May 21 (Music Appreciation Sunday) - *This Little Light of Mine*
traditional spiritual

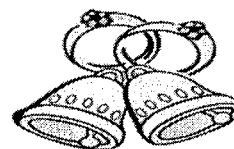


Music Committee

A reminder for the Music Committee members Vickie, Cindy, Ken, Pastor Dave, and Faye. We will meet after bell rehearsal at 8pm on Thursday, May 18th. Thank you.

With every best wish,

Jeffrey Clouser,
Music Ministry Coordinator



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday

| | |
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| May 1 | Stephanie Andreozzi |
| May 2 | Rosy Gonzalez |
| May 3 | Jennifer Collins |
| May 6 | Thomas Strohm |
| May 7 | Jennifer Trovinger |
| May 8 | Shirley Shaak |
| | Noah Koehler |
| May 12 | Brent Weaver |
| May 13 | Samuel Scholl |
| May 16 | Sierra Moyer |
| | Thomas Strohm |
| May 23 | Bonita Ressler |
| May 25 | Jeff Sidella |
| May 28 | Kristen Strohm |
| May 29 | W. James Schucker |
| May 30 | Casey Bossler |
| May 31 | Nancy Freed |

Anniversary

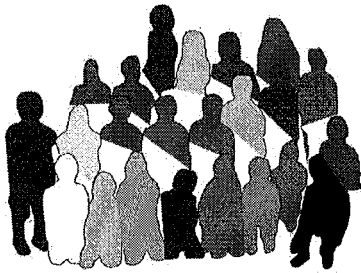
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| May 9 | Tom and Lisa Strohm |
| May 12 | Jonathan & Le Tonya Raiger |
| May 17 | John & Linda Bering |

SENIOR CORNER

Jeanette Heim
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Blanche Hummel
Cornwall Manor
Corson Hall, Room 205
PO Box 125
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717-272-7494

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



CHRISTIANS IN ACTION COMMITTEE (CIA)

The mission of the Christians In Action (CIA) Committee is to reach out to members of St. Mark's UCC who are unable to attend church because they are homebound or they reside in a nursing facility.

The goal of the committee is to bridge the separation between our members who are unable to attend, and those who are able to participate in church activities.

We will seek to achieve this goal by using multiple levels of communication, such as: personal visits, phone calls, and notes or cards sent by snail mail. The committee shall work in cooperation with the Pastor to achieve this goal.

We are pleased to announce that after several months of planning the CIA Committee has become an official committee at St. Marks. There are currently 10 members who have (since March) been establishing contact with our homebound and skilled nursing facility church members. We would love to have you join us on this journey to bridge the gap between our members.

Please contact Diane Vogel – 717-269-9431 for any additional questions. Our next meeting will be May 19, 2023. We would welcome your participation.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS
are being accepted in this shopping cart

UPDATED Current Wish List:

- *Ketchup*
- *Vegetable oil*
- *Sugar*
- *Jelly (squeeze bottles)*
- *Instant mashed potatoes*
- *Canned pasta (such as Chef Boyardee)*
- *Spam*
- *Canned veggies*
- MOST Needed - carrots and
mixed vegetables*
- *Pasta sauce*
- *Instant coffee*
- *Beans (navy, pinto, chili, kidney)*
- *Diapers (size 3,4,5)*
- *Baby wipes*

MAY

PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| | 1 Ken & Charlotte Wengert | 2 Candace & Stephen Wentzel | 3 Melvin & Marion Werner Bible Study - 10 AM & 6:30 PM | 4 Nancy White Bell Rehearsal - 7:30 PM | 5 Paul, Jennifer, Logan & Olivia Whitman | 6 Earl & Heather Whorley |
| 7 Gail Winters Choir Rehearsal 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM | 8 Dale & Barbara Wise | 9 Doreen Wise Women's Study Group - 6:30 PM | 10 Steven Wise Bible Study - 10 AM & 6:30 PM | 11 John Witter Spiritual Council - 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg. 7:00 PM | 12 Karl Wolf | 13 Peter & Theresa Wolf TPA Event - 9 - 4 PM - Fellowship Hall |
| 14 Priscilla (Bish) Wolf Choir Rehearsal 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM Mother's Day | 15 Stephanie Andreozzi | 16 Gary & Kathy Andrews Primary Election - 7 AM - 8 PM | 17 Norma & Bradley Arnold Bible Study - 10 AM & 6:30 PM | 18 Bettie Aurentz Bell Rehearsal - 7:30 PM Music Committee Meeting - 8 PM Ascension Day | 19 Jeff & Colette Aurentz CIA Meeting - 10 AM - Conference Room | 20 David & Lynn Balmer Community Dinner - 5 - 5:45 PM |
| 21 Kimberly Balmer Choir Rehearsal 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM Music Appreciation Sunday | 22 Betty Bartal Vision Meeting - 7 PM | 23 Keith Bartal | 24 Nancy Basselgia Bible Study - 10 AM & 6:30 PM | 25 Bob & Kelly Bell | 26 Nathaniel Bell Nominating Committee Meeting - 10:30 AM | 27 Zachary Bell |
| 28 Karen & Edward Bennett Choir Rehearsal 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM | 29 Linda & John Bering Memorial Day | 30 Sarah & Dylan Blauch | 31 Judy Blouch Bible Study - 10 AM | | | |
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