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THANKSGIVING PRAYER

We are thankful for all Your blessings, goodness and mercy on us.

We are thankful for all the people in our lives who make our life meaningful and beautiful.

Thank you for Your grace and faithfulness throughout the year.

Thank you for all that you are and all that you do for us.

We pray for your guidance, please light our path and teach us to do the right thing.

Give us good health and strength and fill our hearts with joy and love.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

Gratitude is choosing
to remember no matter
what you're going
through –
God is still good!!



MY THANKSGIVING WEEK TO DO LIST...

- Count my blessings
- Let go of what I can't control
- Practice kindness
- Listen to my heart
- Be thankful for what God has given me
- Just breathe

*Be kind. Be thoughtful. Be
genuine. But most of all...*

Be thankful.



THANKSGIVING QUOTES

Thanksgiving is a time to give, a time to love, and a time to reflect on the things that matter most in life. Make today count by counting your Blessings.

Gratitude expands the soul, softens the heart and brings joy to life.

Gratitude is one of the healing emotions we can feel. It elevates our moods and fills us with JOY.

Gratitude is one of the sweet shortcuts to finding peace of mind and happiness inside.

Gratitude is the spark that lights a fire of joy in your soul.

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

Scriptures for Thanksgiving

*"Thanks to God for His indescribable gift."
2 Corinthians 9:15*

*"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with
praise."
Psalms 100:4*

*"And now we thank you, our God, and praise your
glorious name."
1 Chronicles 29:13*

*"Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, sing praises to our
God."
Psalms 147:7*

*"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations."
Psalms 100:5*



HOPE EVERYONE HAS A VERY BLESSED
THANKSGIVING

The Journey Continues...

October 19th, 2016, was my first day as the pastor of St. Mark's UCC. It's hard to imagine, but that was nine years ago. I don't remember much from my first day on the job, with the exception of a bag of Shuey's pretzels that were a welcoming gift from Gayle Olden. A few weeks later, on November 10th, I attended my first Consistory meeting. That particular meeting was similar to other Consistory meetings I've attended over the years...we approved the minutes from the previous meeting, we reviewed the Treasurer's report, and we heard reports from the various committees of the church. Similar to my first day in the office, I don't remember much from that first meeting, with the exception of one thing.

The one thing I remember from my first Consistory meeting was the report of the Property Committee. The reporter informed us the roofing company had been called out to fix some leaks on the flat rubber roof over the education wing. They also reported, that due to the age of the roof and the frequency of repairs, the roofing company was recommending we replace the flat rubber roof at an estimated cost of \$50,000. Ouch. There were several gasps emitted by those at the meeting when the estimated cost of the repairs were announced.

That was nine years ago. For the past nine years, the replacement of the rubber roof - while desperately needed - had remained on the back burner. However, I am pleased to announce, that by the time you read these words, the work to replace the rubber roof over the education wing will soon be completed. I can't tell you how thankful I am this work has been done. I am thankful for every single dollar that has been donated towards the roof. I am thankful for the people who organized the work of the project. In addition, I am thankful there are plans in place to replace the shingle roof over the office. These are no small feats and I am thankful.

But there is more I am thankful for than just a repaired roof. I am also thankful MJ and I can share Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter dinners with our church family. I am thankful for Shuey's pretzels, Lebanon Bologna, and opera fudge that are found in the Lebanon area. I am thankful for the relationships I've been able to develop with people less than 1 year old, to people over 100 years old. I am thankful for the skills and talents we have at St. Mark's: we have teachers, nurses, architects, musicians, carpenters, electricians, artists, administrators, and technology whizzes along with veterans and first responders. We even have a professional athlete of a major sport. Is that awesome or what? I've never been the pastor of a congregation with a professional athlete of a major sport as a member. So for all of our members (whether you're an athlete or not), and all those who attend who are not members, I am thankful you are here!

At the beginning of October, I was given a T-shirt that states, "*This pastor has an awesome congregation. And yes, they gave me this shirt.*" It's a funny statement for a shirt, but it's also a statement I believe is true. I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve St. Mark's UCC, and I'm looking forward to seeing what the future holds for me and my awesome congregation. So I thank you! Thank you for sharing this journey with me!

The Journey Continues...

Pastor Dave

We have a couple of opportunities for congregational involvement here at St. Marks. After many years of leading the decorating of the church and sanctuary for the Christmas season, Kathy and Ron Follett have decided to step aside and let someone else lead that initiative. We thank Kathy and Ron for their many years of decorating the church. We are now looking for someone to lead that initiative. If having the church and sanctuary looking festive for the Advent season and Christmas is important to you, please consider stepping up and leading that effort. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Klahr or Todd Ryland.

Consistory has received a request to re-start a church safety committee. If safety in the church is something that you are passionate about and if you are willing to serve on this committee, please contact Cindy Klahr or Todd Ryland.

Finally, consistory has received a letter of resignation from Ken Shultz as choir director effective December 31, 2025. We approved Ken's resignation with regret, and we thank Ken for his service in leading our choirs. At this time the personnel committee is working on the search for a new choir director. If you are interested or if you know someone who may be interested in the choir director position, please contact Meredith Myers, Kathy Andrews, or Skip Wolfe.

Regards,

Todd Ryland

Report of the Consistory - October 2025

The event held at Hoss's on September 28, 2025, raised \$146.21. Kathy and Ronald Follett submitted a letter of resignation from decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. Kenneth Shultz submitted a letter of resignation from the position of choir director effective December 31, 2025. Kenneth's resignation was accepted with regret and understanding. A service will be held on Thanksgiving Eve at 7:30 pm. The Internet has been installed for the day care and the music therapy group. The Bridge Committee met with all three rental groups. to discuss any issues or concerns. All are happy with their current arrangements. The candy sale will begin October 19, 2025. The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, immediately following the worship service. Due to safety concerns, the tower doors and the magnet will be locked during the prelude and unlocked at the end of the service. The rubber roofing project will begin in mid-October. The organ repairs for Phase II have been completed and Phase III is scheduled for late summer 2026.

Kid's Team/Youth/Young Adults Corner

Kid's Team

Kid's Team will be celebrating the holidays with an activity Friday December 19th. Stay tuned for exact details and time in December carillon and flyers.

Look for details about roller skating coming in 2026.

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:

Fall Retreat – November 14th-16th in Cassville, PA

Christmas Cookie Baking – Friday December 19th

Game Night – Date TBD

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

Asheville Mission Trip

Stay tuned for more details in future carillons

Non-Mission Trip Mission News

The Community dinners

We are planning a community dinner and a picnic in 2026. Stay tuned for dates and ways to help.

Dinner at the Rescue Mission

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

We have two Sundays in 2026 reserved on the Rescue Mission calendar and also are planning a grill night. Stay tuned for those dates.

October – We will once again be doing an outreach to our neighborhoods on Friday October 31st as we participate in the county wide trick or treat night. A bin for candy donations is in the narthex.

Jigsaw Evangelism

Last year, we tried something new and that was making jigsaw puzzles to get out of the house in those cold/snowy months of January, February and March. In 2026, we will again be gathering for jigsaw evangelism.

All dates are a Saturday. We will meet anytime after 9:00 with a short fellowship time before we get started at 9:30. We end somewhere between 11:00-11:30. Signup sheets will be in the narthex in December so we know who to look for on those Saturdays. Enter through the Fellowship Hall door. If elevator access is needed, just let us know you're coming.

Save the dates:

January – January 3 and 17

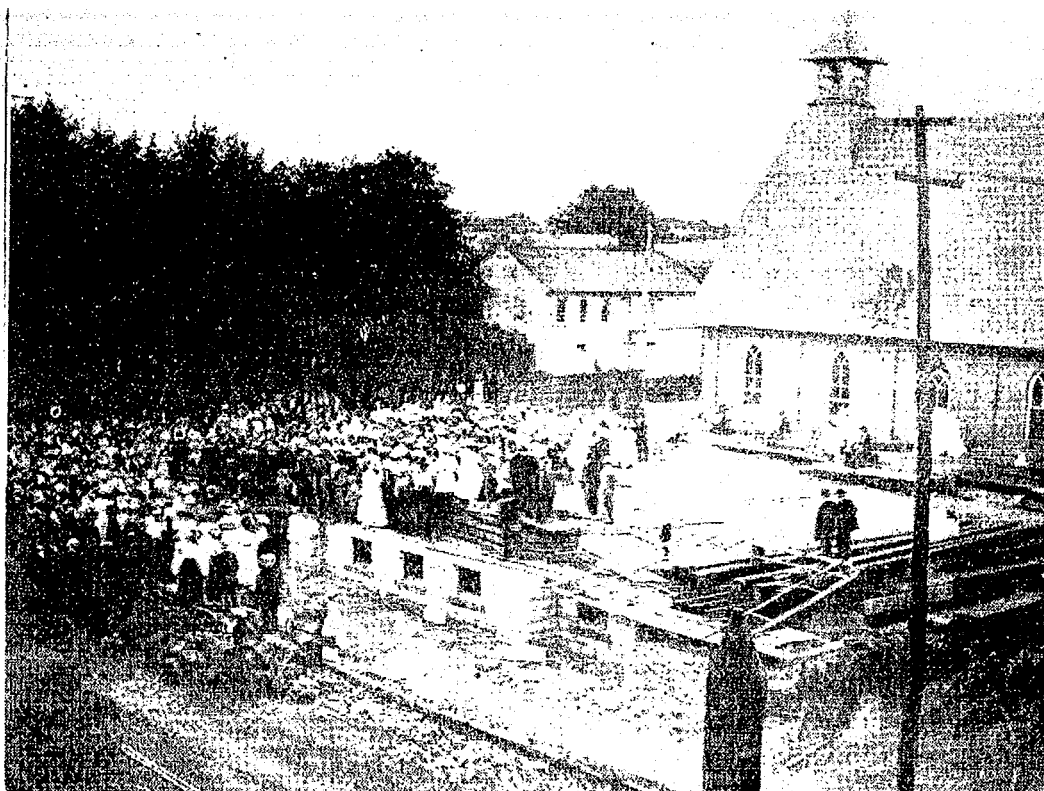
February – February 7 and 21

March – March 7 and 21. The 21st is if needed as we also are planning a community dinner that day.

A New Sanctuary

During the construction, the Chapel was also renovated which necessitated services be held elsewhere. The Senior School met at the Sons of America Hall on Cumberland Street (now the site of HAAC) for 4 months while the Primary Department was only displaced one week. By November 4, 1900, the Chapel was completed and dedicated.

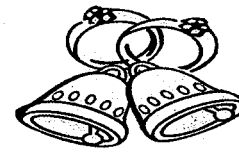
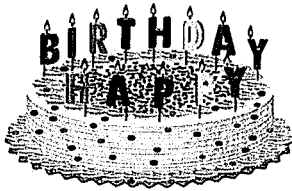
Meanwhile the work on the sanctuary progressed rapidly delayed only by a defective large column. An observation in ***St. Mark's Observer*** noted: "The raising of the 4 large trusses was watched with a great deal of interest. Everyone agreed that J.W. Sherman, the foreman, understands his business."



On Sunday, June 19, 1901, dedication of the new structure finally took place. Services were held throughout the day, and a freewill offering netted the church \$2,042 for the mortgage. On Monday Interdenominational night was observed with speakers from Seventh Street Lutheran, the Moravian Church, Memorial U.B., First Baptist, Emanuel Evangelical Church, Centenary M.E. Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church - quite a gathering! On Tuesday evening, Lebanon Classis night was celebrated with the other Reformed Churches of Lebanon County.

(*Did you know that Mifflin Street is named after Samuel Mifflin, president of the Union Canal Co. when it opened for traffic in 1828? Mifflin also speculated in land and owned many properties south of the canal and north of Lehman Street.)

Jim Schucker



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

| | Birthday | | Anniversary |
|----------|--|----------|---------------------------|
| 11/1/25 | David Balmer | 11/11/25 | Jennifer & Patrick Knight |
| 11/2/25 | Melvin Werner | 11/12/25 | Lindsey & Jay Reynolds |
| 11/3/25 | Ruth Clark | 11/14/25 | Paul & Kay Peiffer |
| 11/4/25 | LeTonya Raiger Jason Wengert | | |
| 11/5/25 | Owen Fox Kathleen Stroh | | |
| 11/6/25 | Dawn Shultz Jaxson Tilley Priscilla Wolf | | |
| 11/10/25 | Lee Gensler | | |
| 11/11/25 | Kim Lehman Charles Warfel | | |
| 11/13/25 | Sharon Warfel Steven Wise | | |
| 11/14/25 | Keith Bartal | | |
| 11/15/25 | Lisa Trovinger | | |
| 11/16/25 | Ian Myers | | |
| 11/19/25 | Pastor David Jones Kira Mills | | |
| 11/20/25 | Lisa Strohm | | |
| 11/21/25 | Heather Noll Gloria Simmers | | |
| 11/22/25 | Beulah Kline | | |
| 11/23/25 | Gary Andrews Chad Thomas | | |
| 11/24/25 | Matthew Chernich Deb Ellis | | |
| 11/25/25 | Megan Tilley | | |
| 11/30/25 | Linda Bering Janet Lehman | | |

SENIOR CORNER

Gloria Simmers
2000 Walnut St.
Lebanon, PA 17042
717-272-3313

Robert Trautman
C/O Terry Trautman
112 Lexington Drive
Annville, PA 17003

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

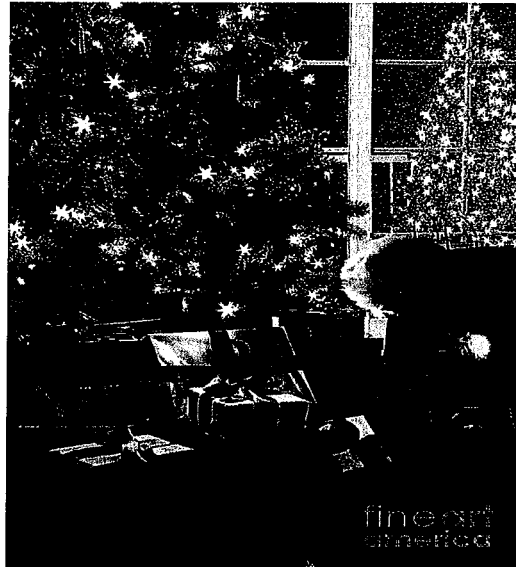
COMMITTEE NEWS

The Good Samaritan Committee will be sponsoring two projects for the holiday season. We will be filling gift boxes for the children at the **Agape Family Shelter** and also putting out the Angel Tree for gifts that will go to **Cedar Haven** residents. Check out the page in this newsletter for information. Let's spread Christmas cheer to our community.

The Fellowship and Hospitality Committee is selling **Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards**. They are on sale until November 2nd. Cards will be delivered on Sunday, November 23rd. The committee is also making **candy** on November 10, 11 and 12th. They will be making peanut butter balls, dark and light raisin clusters, and dark and light peanut clusters. The cost is \$12.00 per box. Candy orders need to be in by November 6th and will be delivered by November 16th.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 14th which is **St. Mark's Christmas Family Day**. Our morning worship will include a program of music, readings, etc. given by our own members. We will recognize our staff members. After the service, we will have a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We will have raffle baskets and a special visit from Santa. Plan on joining us for this Christmas gathering.





GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER!

This holiday season the Good Samaritan Committee will be spreading Christmas cheer to both the young and old by collecting for Agape Shelter and Cedar Haven. Below are listed the ages of children at the Agape shelter. We will supply a gift box and the member can buy the suggested items:

washable markers, crayons, colored pencils, coloring Christmas books, prayer books, note pads, pencil sharpener, gloves, hats and triangle crayons for young children (washable). Small toy, stuffed animals and fruit snacks.

For the older children (6 and over) – you can also include bead sets and legos. It was requested – no play doh!! Gifts needed by December 14, 2025.

Boxes can be picked up on Sunday, November 16th with name tags inside box. **Please see Cindy in the office for a box. Please sign your name on the sheet when you take a box.**

List of children's name and age:

Angelo - Boy – age 9
Loretta – Girl – age 4
Corey – Boy – age 3
Azaria – Boy – age 3
Celeste – Baby Girl

Cedar Haven has several residents who do not receive visitors and would enjoy knowing that someone is thinking about them. For these individuals, we will make an angel tree. Each angel will represent a resident and will include their sex, and suggestions for gifts they may enjoy or need. Please take an angel from the tree and fill a box/bag with some holiday cheer. The tree will be in the narthex starting November 23rd. Please put the angel back on the gift so we will know which resident is to receive that gift.

Final day for donations is December 21st.





CHRISTMAS FAMILY DAY

DECEMBER 14, 2025

10:00 AM

ST. MARK'S U.C.C.

- Koffee Klatsch in the Narthex
- Christmas Program by Members of St. Mark's Family
- Recognition of Staff Members
- Covered Dish Luncheon – Fellowship Hall
- Raffle Baskets
- Special Visit from Santa



CORNWALL MANOR – 1 Boyd Street, PO Box 125
Cornwall, PA 17016

Robert Trautman – c/o Terry Trautman
Health Center 112 Lexington Drive,
Room 117 Annville, PA 17003
*April 23

Ken & Charlotte Wengert – Cornwall Manor,
1 Boyd Street,
* Ken – Jan. 11 PO Box 125,
Health Center, N. View 2 Bradley Hall, Apt. 109
* Charlotte – June 28 Cornwall, PA 17016

Lowell Sherman *January 20
Health Center – Northview 2
Room 213

CEDAR HAVEN – 590 S. 5th Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042

Sue Kline – Room #415 * April 24
Betty Showalter – #3C, Room #12 * Sept. 11

LONDONDERRY VILLAGE

Nancy Basselgia *July 2
100 Cottage Drive, #202
Palmyra, PA 17078

Stoneridge Retirement Living

Janet Lehman *Nov. 30
440 East Lincoln Ave., #330
Myerstown, PA 17067

Colette Aurentz *Oct. 28
440 East Lincoln Ave., #363
Myerstown, PA 17067
717-866-3446

KINDRED PLACE – One Kindred Place
Annville, PA 17003

Nancy Freed * May 31
38 Kindred Place, Annville, PA 17003
717-867-8538

Karen Bennett * October 10
72 Kindred Place, Annville, PA 17003
717-269-6166

LEBANON VALLEY HOME – 550 E. Main St.
Annville, PA 17003

Betty Bartal * Dec. 14
Ruth Boyer
Juanita Fuhrman – *January 26 - 24B, F Wing
Jeanette Heim * Jan. 22

LuAnn Schneider * January 3
St. Anne's Retirement Community
Room PC123L
3952 Columbia Avenue
West Hempfield Twp.,
Columbia, PA 17512
717-285-6141

ALPINE VALLEY HEALTHCARE–
945 Duke Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

Jeanine Keefer – Room 214 (No flowers)
* January 25 484-561-9709
Paul & Kay Peiffer – Room 127
*Paul – April 18
*Kay – July 3 717-644-9279

Tremont Health & Rehab.

Gayle & Ed Olden
44 Donaldson Road
Tremont, PA 17981

*Gayle – Dec. 8
*Ed – April 2

Please send notes or cards to our Shut-in and Homebound members of St. Marks. Let's show everyone that we haven't forgotten about them and brighten up their days. Thank you.

* Birthday

ST. MARK'S SHUT-IN/HOMEBOUND LIST
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Jake Brewer * April 3
913 Tulpehocken Rd.
Richland, PA 17087
717-866-2825

Ginny Gruber * July 18
306 S. 5th St.
Lebanon, PA 17042
717-272-2020

Eva Miller * June 21
845 Mt. Zion Rd.
Lebanon, PA 17046
717-272-4973

Shirley Runkel
732 Soliday Court
Lebanon, PA 17046
717-272-8618

Lois Shuey * Sept. 18
594 Doris Drive
Lebanon, PA 17046
717-273-5996

Gloria Simmers
2000 Walnut Street
Lebanon, PA 17042 * Nov. 21
717-272-3313

Linda Waldron * October 24
1725 Grace Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17046
717-865-7245

Melvin Werner * Nov. 2
134 Hearthstone Lane
Lebanon, PA 17042
717-273-4470

* Birthday

NOVEMBER

PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | 1 Andrew & Penny Scholl All Saints Day |
| 2 Jonathan Scholl Choir Rehearsal - 8:30 AM Worship - 10 AM Christian Ed Meeting | 3 Matthew Scholl | 4 Russell Scholl Bell Rehearsal - 6:30 PM | 5 Samuel Scholl Bible Study - 10 AM | 6 Timothy Scholl | 7 Jim Schucker | 8 June Seik |
| 9 Andrea Shearer Choir Rehearsal - 8:30 AM Worship - 10 AM | 10 Andrew & Kim Shearer Candy Making - 1 to 5 PM Evan. & Mission Mtg - 6:30 PM | 11 Kristina Shearer Candy Making - 1 to 5 PM Bell Rehearsal - 6:30 PM | 12 Lowell Sherman Bible Study - 10 AM Candy Making - 6 to 9 PM | 13 Michael Shott Spiritual Council - 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg. 7:00 PM | 14 Betty Showalter Youth/Young Adult Retreat | 15 Lois Shuey Painting Party Youth/Young Adult Retreat |
| 16 Ken & Dawn Shultz Worship - 10 AM Youth/Young Adult Retreat | 17 Melissa, Jeffrey, Parker & Cameron Sidella | 18 Gloria Simmers | 19 Michael & Lois Smith Bible Study - 10 AM | 20 Steve Snyder Halcyon Center Dinner | 21 Kathleen Stroh | 22 Thomas & Lisa Strohm |
| 23 Cynthia Sullivan Choir Rehearsal - 8:30 AM Worship - 10 AM | 24 Rick & Kim Sullivan | 25 Alicia & Chad Thomas | 26 Paxton Thomas Bible Study - 10 AM Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:30 PM | 27 Megan, Matthew, Jaxson & Ava Tilley Thanksgiving Dinner - 4:00 PM | 28 Jack & Barbara Tobias | 29 Robert Trautman |
| 30 Bill & Lisa Trovinger Worship - 10 AM | | | | | | |