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PRAYERS FOR OUR PASTOR

In you, God gave a guide
who would lead us in His ways.

In you, He gave a teacher
who would remind us of His truth.

In you, He gave a servant
who would share with us His love.

Wisdom, guidance, loving concern and
encouragement mean so much.

Our prayer for you, dear pastor,
is God's ever refreshing touch.

May God's Blessings be upon you always! Amen!

Pastor

Matthew 25: 21

*A pastor devoted to
giving so much.
God only knows
all the souls
that you touch.
Committed to serve
when you answered
God's call,
you prove it by being
a servant to all.*



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

**Thank you, Pastor Dave, for your tireless service,
your infectious enthusiasm, and your boundless
love.**

**Thank you for having the heart of a servant
leader and for teaching us as we grow in
relationship with Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.**

PASTOR

**God needed someone to care for His flock
and so He created a Pastor.**

Scriptures for Our Pastor

*"I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall
feed you with knowledge and understanding."*

Jeremiah 3: 15

*"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season;
correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and
careful instruction."*

2 Timothy 4:2

*"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in
humility count others more significant than yourselves."*

Philippians 2:3

*"But those who wait on the Lord, shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run
and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."*

Isaiah 40:31

A pastor never gets to say "I'm off duty".
Never get to punch out at 5. Never gets to have a
normal schedule. We don't know how many
sleepless nights they spend on their knees praying
for their church. How much opposition they face.
How many family opportunities they miss to meet
with hurting people. We can't carry their burden
for them but we can do what the Bible tells us to:
Pray for them. Encourage them. Support them.
By blessing them we will only be blessed in return.

REMEMBER THIS SEASON THAT LOVING JESUS IS LIKE BEING A PUMPKIN

God picks you from the patch & brings you in
He washes all the dirt off of you
He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky
stuff - He removes the seeds of doubt, fear,
hate & greed

He carves you a new smiling face
He puts His light inside of you to shine for all the
world to see!



The Journey Continues...

Over the past few months, I've been enjoying the different sermon series we've been working through during our worship services. We've had four different series so far: the first was on God's Creation, then we had a series on the Disciple Peter, and then we had a series on the Lord's Prayer. By the time you read these words, we'll be wrapping up a series on creating a Christian Community and we'll share a potluck luncheon after our service to celebrate the community we have. We'll get back to sermons about the life and teachings of Jesus soon, but the topics of the sermon series we've heard from has been needed in the life of our church. Especially the latest series on Creating a Christian Community. The inspiration for this series evolved from discussions we've had at the Vision Committee over the past year. Way back in September of 2022, I invited the current members of Consistory to attend a "Church Vitality Workshop" through the Penn Central Conference. A small but mighty group of people accepted that invitation and we began a journey together starting with The Church Vitality Workshop. The Workshop gave us the opportunity to talk about the issues that were holding us back at St. Mark's, along with providing us with the tools we need to address those issues and move forward.

The people who attended the initial workshop saw the work we needed to do, so we formed a committee called The Vision Committee to continue discussing the issues we are facing at St. Mark's. Over the months we've had a lot of good discussions and we've made a lot of progress. Eventually, the committee came to realize we needed to change our name to better reflect the work we are doing. The true purpose of a Vision Committee is casting a vision about where the congregation is heading over the next 3, 5, or 10 years. Those are important conversations to have. As a church, we need to figure out where we want to go, so that we can figure out the steps we need to take to get there. But as our committee got deeper into discussions about where we want to go, we came to understand how many obstacles that are preventing us from fulfilling the vision we have. One of our biggest hurdles holding us back is fear. We are afraid of making people mad, we are afraid of confrontation, we are afraid of people leaving, we are afraid for the future, etc.

As we dug deeper to find the root cause of our fears, we realized our issues were internal. Now when I say our issues are internal, I'm not saying we have bad people at St. Mark's. Quite the opposite. We are blessed with many great people at our church. But the problem we have are the unhealthy behaviors and attitudes that cause people to be afraid in the first place. Those are the issues that are holding us back.

Case in point, at the September Consistory meeting, we heard objections people have in regard to Cindy's new desk. To provide some background: Cindy's old desk was in bad shape. First of all, it wasn't really a desk. It was three separate sections that were pushed together to make a workstation. One of those sections was a piece of plywood that was laying on top of a metal stand. And no, I'm not kidding: the plywood was laying – not bolted, screwed, nailed, or even taped – on the frame that was holding it up. If you accidentally leaned on that section, the unattached piece of wood tilted up and you could easily fall on the floor. Another problem with the old desk was the artificial lamination that separated and was peeling up. The separation caused sharp edges that snagged Cindy's clothes and tore holes in her outfits. On top of that, the drawers were bent and were difficult to slide in and out. I could go on, but the point is this: Cindy's old desk was making her job harder than it needed to be and it was affecting her morale as an employee of the church.

At Cindy's employee review last year, she showed the folks on the Personnel committee the condition of the old desk. The Personnel committee agreed the old desk was making Cindy's working conditions harder than they needed to be. When Cindy found the desk that is currently in the office, she talked to me about it, and she talked to President Faye Fox. Both Faye and I were in agreement that Cindy should pursue the new desk.

Now there are some things I need to share about Cindy's new desk. First of all, Cindy's new desk is not "new". The desk was purchased for \$100 on Facebook Marketplace from an insurance

company that was no longer using their office space because their employees work from home. Secondly, a bill for the desk has **not** been submitted to St. Mark's, so the desk has not cost the church one penny. For me, Cindy holding onto the bill is not right, but I completely understand why she doesn't seek to get reimbursed. Cindy has not turned in the bill for the desk because she knew people would complain and she is tired of hearing the negativity. But despite her efforts, we heard the negativity anyway as the Consistory heard people were complaining about a free desk in the office. If that sounds silly, it should. Because it is silly.

At the September Consistory meeting, our Treasurer Ron Follett mentioned that someone had approached him with complaints about the desk. Ron didn't divulge the name of the person who complained, but that is OK. The person who complained wishes to remain anonymous and that is a choice we will respect.

But the complainer needs to know that if they choose to remain anonymous, their complaint will not be addressed. However, what we are going to do is address the unhealthy behavior that is on display. So why is this unhealthy behavior such a problem? First of all, the person with the complaint is barking up the wrong tree. The Treasurer at St. Mark's doesn't make the decisions about what bills get paid; the Consistory makes those decisions. There is a process we follow at St. Mark's so someone venting their frustrations at Ron is an unhealthy and unhelpful thing to do. Besides, a bill was never submitted anyway, so the complaint is irrelevant. The second problem is the desire the complainer has to remain anonymous. If someone has a complaint – whether the complaint is about Cindy's desk or anything else in the life of the church – then how can we address that issue if we don't know who has the problem?

Here me when I say this: No one is mad at Ron for not sharing the name of the person who complained. Ron just happened to be the person the complainer went to, and he shared their concerns at the Consistory meeting. But here me when I say this as well: We will not allow anonymous people to control the decisions we make. When there is a problem or an issue in our church, if the person with the issue chooses to remain nameless, then they are also choosing to remain voiceless. It's as simple as that. Naming the person does not mean we are seeking to ostracize or embarrass anyone. Naming those people gives us the opportunity to sit down and talk about the issue as brothers and sisters in Christ. But I am serious about this: we cannot give voice to anonymous people and we will not allow anonymous people to have the authority to control our church.

Once we address these unhealthy behaviors and harmful attitudes, then we can start doing the work a Vision Committee should be doing. And the reason why we need to address the unhealthy behavior first is simple: If we can't get beyond a desk that hasn't cost the church a single penny, then how in the world are we going to cast a vision for where we want our church to go in 3 years, 5 years, or 10 years?

We've been going down this path for a long time now. We have survived this behavior because we have a lot of good people in our congregation. But it is time for us to turn the page from the old habits that are holding us back so that we can learn some newer and healthier habits. There is a lot of hard work to be done, but in order for us to build a church that will outlive us, we have to become healthy from the inside out. I thank you for your efforts in helping us achieve that goal, and I look forward to sharing this journey with you for many years to come.

The Journey Continues...

Pastor Dave

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. MARKS

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? Here at St. Mark's we are fortunate to have Pastor Dave Jones as our leader.

In Thessalonians 5, church members are asked "to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work." Pastors are God's gift and deserve to be recognized for their service to the church.

Our church needs both the great pastor that we have and also the great lay people. We are a partnership working together to spread the Word of God. In doing so, we build each other up and become an even stronger church. We have done many wonderful things here at St. Mark's and it is a blessing to see how we all work together to better our church and our community.

Please join me in thanking Pastor Dave for everything he does here at St. Mark's.

Our Pastor

You *lead* our congregation by opening
God's Word, and then you *live*
your life reflecting all we've heard.

You *care* for others deeply
and lift them up in *prayer*,
and when we face misfortune,
we know that you'll be there.

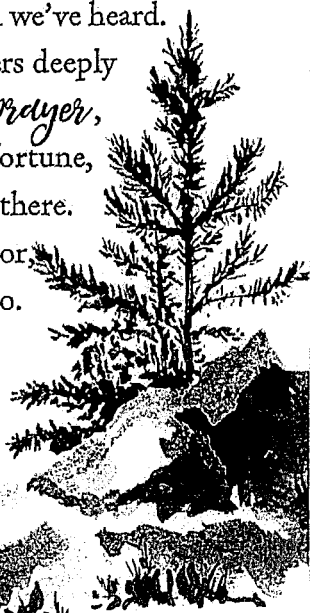
We really love you, Pastor,
for *everything* you do.

And we thank God

for giving us a

Pastor like you.

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Also, a huge thank you to the 5 members of our congregation who spent a week in North Carolina doing mission work. We are grateful for their willingness to serve others. Please plan to join us on October 29 at our church service to hear all about the trip and all the help they were able to provide to the WARM program in North Carolina.

Report of the Consistory - September 2023

The annual donation of \$500 to Lebanon County Christian Ministries was made and was funded by a member. Worldwide Communion will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023. The service will be followed by a potluck luncheon so that members can enjoy some fellowship. Blanket Sunday will also be held on the same Sunday. Special giving envelopes will be in the bulletin. The money collected will be used by Church World Service to provide blankets for those in need. The Pine Acres committee applied for a \$5000 grant from the conference to remove the unsafe trees from the property and to replace the piece of playground equipment that has been damaged by carpenter bees. One of the small brass crosses will be given to the Lebanon Valley Home to be used in their chapel. The income that is received quarterly from the Trust Fund will be increased from 4% to 6% and will be used to cover the increased insurance costs.

Mission Corner

Mission Trip – thanks to those that sent prayers of support for this year's mission trip. Hopefully you were able to follow us on Facebook with the pictures we shared and/or on the blog that was uploaded to the website each day.

On Sunday October 29th, we have designated Mission Sunday. We will be sharing some of our experiences that were shared with us before and during the service. Look for additional information in upcoming bulletins.

The question was asked, where were the slips for the non perishable items. We made the decision to not put them out because of all we have asked of the congregation in a very short period of time. As a result, at their last meeting, the Evangelism and Mission Committee tried to put together a 2024 calendar that spreads the events out over the year versus bunching them into 3 months.

And finally, you have heard Rosy share in Sunday's September 17th service, going on this year's trip was the best decision she made. We are recruiting early for next year's trip, so look for the organizational meeting where we'll decide if we're going in August or September in 2024.

November 11th - Community Dinner. We will again be hosting a community dinner that will be held Saturday November 11th. It will be drive thru. More information will be coming through signup sheets and bulletin announcements of help needed for this dinner.

We realize LCCM and the Lebanon Rescue Mission have moved their meals to be onsite meals only, no takeouts. Both changed to onsite meals only, no takeout, because they were serving between 250-300 meals per day. That was not sustainable in the long run. We will take this into consideration for 2024 and the meals that we have planned.

“How Shall We Enlarge the Summit?”

by Jim Schucker

The construction of the Union Canal and its predecessor, the Schuylkill and Susquehanna Canal, was always plagued by a shortage of capital. It began with a pledged investment of \$400,000 although many investors never completed their pledges and by 1795, just 3 years after the initial work began, the company was out of funds. By this time ten miles of canal had been dug and five locks constructed of brick. As work approached the area of Calcite Quarry (across the road from the new Salvation Army outlet store on Rt. 422), a ridge of very hard limestone was encountered which slowed the progress of moving west and driving up the cost of digging. Later when this section of the canal was completed, the company chose to make only a narrow cut through this rock creating oneway traffic through this section of the canal. It was known as “The Narrows” from which Narrows Drive gets its name today.

Thirty years later when the canal was completed, money was still a problem, and the officers of the company chose to limit the size of the locks and tunnel. Supposedly they did not base their decision on costs, but rather on the calculation that smaller boats were more economical to operate. A boat of 75 feet carrying 25 ton, could be pulled by one mule and needed only a small crew to operate. Their estimate may have been correct, but the surrounding canals were larger, had larger locks, and their boats of 75 or 80 ton could not pass through the Lebanon Valley. The smaller Union Canal limited traffic with larger boats seeking alternate routes on other canals.

The mistake in limiting the size of the canal was realized shortly before the Union Canal went into operation in 1828. Engineers were already examining the route of an enlarged canal by the 1830's, and by the 1840's lobbying was well underway to raise money for an expansion. James Worrall was appointed Chief Engineer in 1850 with the responsibility of evaluating the various recommendations for enlargement which had been offered over the years.

The Western Division and the Branch Canal were the first sections to be enlarged. Locks went from 8 1/2' X 75' to 17' X 90'; the canal prism itself became 43' at the top by 28" at the bottom. Originally it had been 32' top and 24" at the bottom. The depth of the water increased by about half a foot.

A question which arose at this point was, “How shall we enlarge the Summit?” A committee was formed to evaluate the possibilities. Chief Engineer James Worrall was joined by E.A. Douglas, engineer of the Lehigh Navigation Co. and James F. Smith, engineer on the Schuylkill Navigaton Co. Their responsibility was to recommend a route through the summit which took into consideration the fact that the summit was the hardest area of the canal in which to maintain an adequate supply of water for navigation.

Worrall outlined the possible routes as follows:

Plan 1. From Ley's spring on Tulpehocken Manor Plantation, which is the source of the Tulephocken Creek, begin a deep cut through the limestone ridge (now Calcite Quarry) till reaching the source of the Quittapahilla Creek near the present Walnut Street extension near Cumberland Street. The cut would have to be an average of 28 1/2 feet deep through the solid rock, and as deep as 49 feet as it went through the limestone ridge. From here the canal would follow the Quittapahilla through Lebanon and on into North Annville Township where it empties into the Swatara. The canal would then follow the Swatara as it was originally constructed. The reasoning for this route is that the location of the Quittapahilla is a natural water shed and should not be susceptible to leakage. It would eliminate several locks at each end of the summit and no pumping would

probably be necessary from the Water Works. If it was, the feeder pipe could be extended to meet the new route.

The basic ideas for this plan were not new ones since the original plans for the S & S Canal called for the canal to follow the Quitty to its mouth. Loamini Baldwin, an engineer who had been hired by the canal company in 1821 wanted to follow this route as well. He also wanted to make a deep cut through the limestone ridge, as deep as 40 feet which was then estimated to cost \$375,000. Baldwin also insisted the locks be at least 12 feet wide to accommodate boat of 50 to 60 tons. At that time the costs of these suggestions frightened the stockholders, and by 1823 Baldwin was dismissed by the company. By 1852 this plan was estimated to cost \$1,409,212.98.

Worrall favored this plan over the others which will be discussed, even though the navigable route from Pine Grove to Lebanon would increase by 16 miles.

Plan 2. This plan was the same as the one above except that instead of following the Quittapahilla west to its mouth, the canal would turn north and go through the tunnel. Instead of taking rock off the ceiling of the tunnel as was later done, this plan would have necessitated removing rock from the floor of the tunnel so that some of the locks on the way to the Water Works could be eliminated. If needed, water could still be pumped from the Water Works via the old canal and run back through the old tunnel. The estimated costs for this construction was \$1,414,804.92.

Plan 3. Under Plan 3 the Summit itself would be extended in length with inclined planes constructed at both ends to lift the boats to the summit level and down again. Steam power would be the source of energy. Instead of gears or cogs, "merely a drum with an engine attached to a crank at each end, and a wire rope to wind around the drum of at least 3 times the strength required to haul up the load" would be used. Such an arrangement should be able to pull boats with freight of at least 100 tons. The estimated time to pass through an inclined plane was 25 minutes.

With this plan 26 locks would become unnecessary, 7 to the east and 19 to the west. Both time and water would be saved using this construction. The cost was estimated to be \$1,094,461.11.

Worrall had several objections to this plan. The first was a scientific one. It is easier to raise water than solids. Thus it is easier to lift a boat with locks than by pulling it up a hill. Inclined planes are also more susceptible to accidents caused by human error. Accidents and equipment failures cause delays for busy boatmen. Worrall finally states that boats are simply not built for land travel.

Plan 4. The original route of the canal could be maintained, and the locks through "the high ground" enlarged. Pumping water from the Swatara Creek would continue. This plan would cost the company \$749,733.17, the cheapest of all the plans.

As was stated before, Worrall recommended Plan 1, making a deep cut through the limestone ridge east of Lebanon and then following the Quitty. The other two engineers, however, recommended the use of inclined planes, and thus the Board of Directors of the Union Canal Co. were presented a split decision. What should they do? Well, call in another engineer for another opinion.

Charles B. Fisk, a former engineer of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, was hired to review the subject. Mr. Fisk proceeded to analyze the merits of each plan and add his suggestions to each facet should any of them be adopted. Several of his suggestions are as follows:

1. If a deep cut is used as in plan one and two, the cut could be moved farther down the field and not interfere with the operation of the canal which would cause a loss of revenue.

2. Purchase the waters of Clark's Run as it leaves town and flows to the Swatara. This would cause two mills near Heilmandale to be closed. The water would then be brought into the canal near Lock 1W. (This was later done.)

3. Make the lift of the locks more standard. Those with lifts of 4 1/2 feet would be increased approximately a foot while the larger locks would be reduced in size.

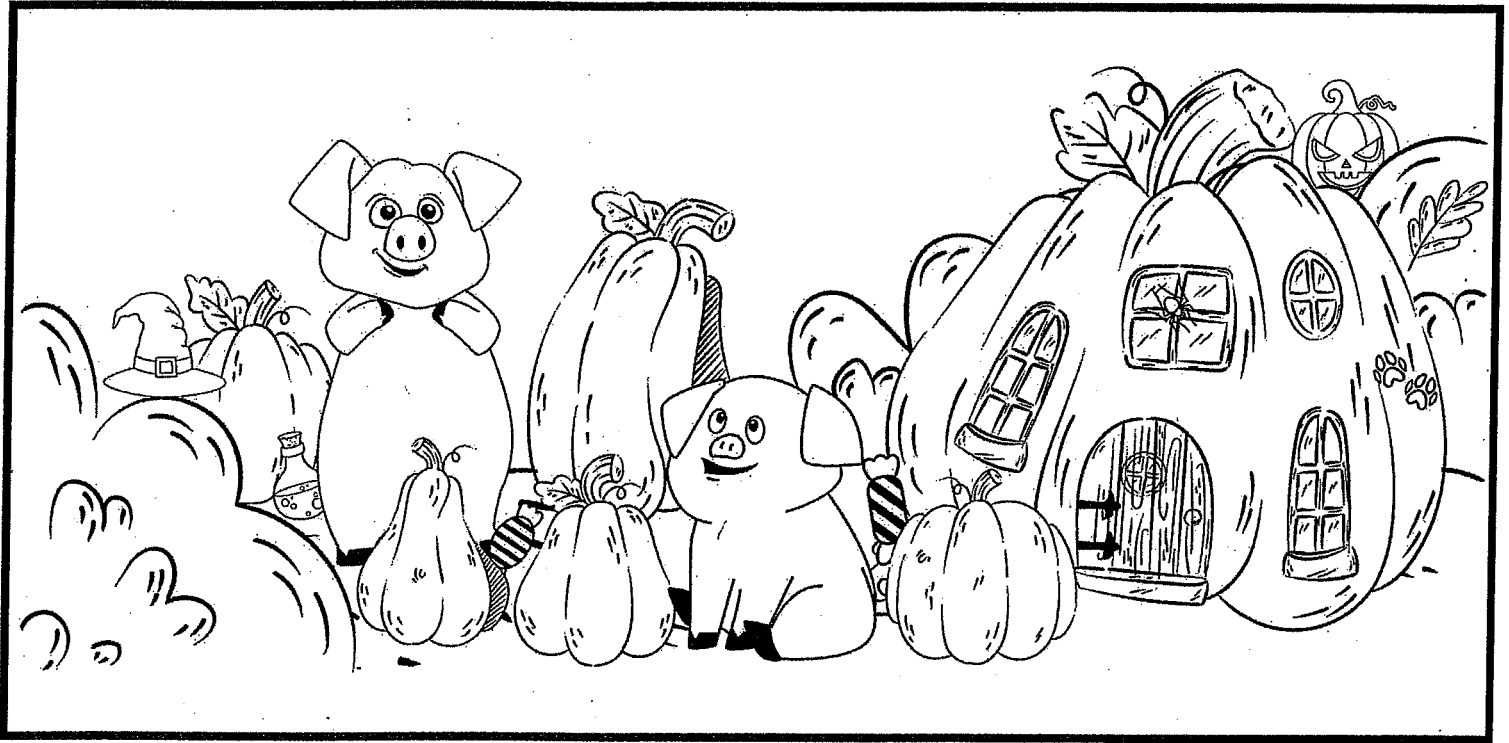
In concluding his report Fisk ranks the merits of each plan. His least favorite was Plan 3, the use of inclined planes. His preference was to have the canal at a lower level to eliminate locks. This eliminated Plan 4, the enlargement of the original canal (the canal route as we now know it.). Fisk preferred the deep cut and a lower canal along the Quitty. His only indecision was as to Plan 1 or 2 - using a deep cut and following the Quittapahilla to its mouth or to run through the tunnel and head for the Water Works. Fisk concluded his report by asking for a further study of the two lower routes before he was willing to offer his final opinion.

So what was the final recommendation made to the officers and the governing body? That question is still unanswered. In the Annual Report of the Union Canal Co. of 1852 it was stated that the Board of Directors would have liked to have had Fisk's final report for the enlargement by their meeting date in November, but the study was still in progress. The Annual report for the year 1853 makes no reference to the decision made. What that final report concluded, and why the company chose the high route instead of the Quitty route, remains but speculation. The original route, Plan 4, was cheaper to accomplish, and with the poor financial footing of the company, this route was probably the most attractive.



***Homestead of John Heilman located along the Union Canal
in Heilmandale. Wooden bridge crossing the canal is
Emma Road just off of Russell Road.***

PIGGY PUMPKIN PATCH HIDDEN PICTURE



CRANBERRY PUMPKIN MUFFINS

Ingredients

2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
½ tsp salt
2 large eggs

2 cups sugar
1 cup canned pumpkin
½ cup canola oil
1 cup fresh or frozen
cranberries, chopped

Directions

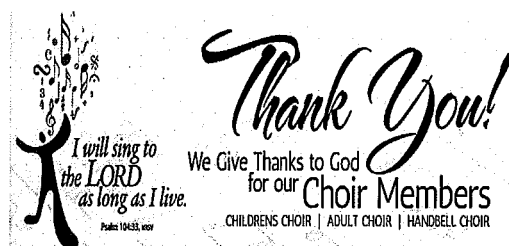
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a bowl, combine the first 4 ingredients. In a bowl, beat the eggs and sugar; add the pumpkin and oil and mix well. Stir into the dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in the cranberries.

2. Fill foil or paper-lined muffin cups three-fourths full. Bake at 400 degrees for 18-22 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.



October Make A Note of It...

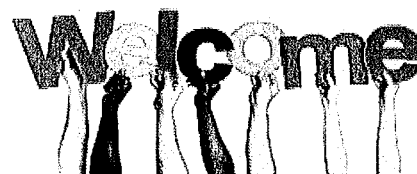
Thank you to all those who participate in the music ministry and assist in enhancing worship at St. Mark's. Your efforts are welcomed and appreciated. A special thank you to our church family for your continued encouragement and support of the church's musical endeavors. Thank you also to Ken Shultz,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



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



A reminder to all those who sign up for special music:

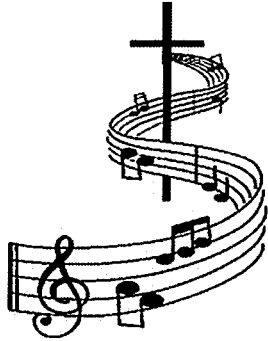
Please remember to contact the office with the title of your song, the composer and/or arranger, the date it was published and who published the song. This is needed for the bulletin and for license reporting purposes. Handing a copy of your music into the office would be the ideal way to handle this. If at all possible try to choose music that ties into the theme of the service based on the scripture lessons which can be found in the revised common lectionary or by asking Pastor Dave or Cindy Klahr. And as always thank you for offering your gift of music to the church when the music ensembles are not providing a musical selection. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated by the congregation and music staff.



Attention All Music Ensembles (choirs/bells): Here is the *Fall 2023 & First of the year 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.



Oct. 1st (World Communion) – Adult Choir
Oct. 29th (Reformation) – Adult Choir
Nov. 5th (All Saints) – Adult Choir
Nov. 26th – Men's (Lower Voices) Ensemble - (United Black Christians Anniversary)
Dec. 3rd (Advent Begins) – Adult Choir
Dec. 10th – Women's (High Voices) Ensemble
Dec. 24th – (Evening Service) – Adult Choir
Jan. 6th – (Saturday) – Music Ensembles Epiphany Party & Adult Choir Rehearsal
Jan. 7th – (Communion) – Adult Choir
Jan. 14th – (Epiphany) – Adult Choir



Children's Choir:

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

Oct. 8th – Children's Choir
Nov. 12th – Children's Choir
Dec. 17th – (Family Christmas) – Children's Choir
Dec. 24th – (Evening Service) – Children's Choir
Jan 6th – (Saturday) - Music Ensembles Epiphany Party



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.

Sept. 24th – Bell Quartet
Oct. 22nd – Bell Choir
Nov. 19th (Harvest Home) – Bell Choir
Dec. 24th – (Morning Service) – Bell Choir
Dec. 24th – (Evening Service) – Bell Quartet
Jan 6th – (Saturday) - Music Ensembles Epiphany Party

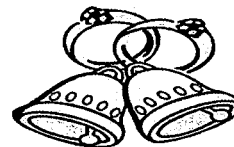
A word from your Music Ministry Coordinator:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers, cards, and emails as I continue to recoup and recover from my illness. Although you may see me in church trying to do what I love I am in no way back to 100% health so I appreciate the continued kindness, grace, and support shown by the church and congregation and thank Ken, Peg, and Heidi for stepping in. I know it's not easy to comprehend how this unfolded, understand why it happened, or know when it will finally be fixed for me but I'll definitely be a cheerleader for mental health from now on. The brain/mind is a very challenging organ to say the least as it controls our whole body. Pray that my team of doctors and therapists continue to provide the correct guidance and care needed to restore my health. Pray that each med change will find the one that finally works and that my out-patient therapy is successful. Please know I'm trying my best to overcome this as it is a daunting daily task.



With every best wish,

Jeffrey Clouser,
Music Ministry Coordinator



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday

October 2	Dale Wise
October 4	Mario Luciotti
October 7	Timothy Scholl
October 8	Shirley Sherman
October 10	Karen Bennett
October 13	Marjorie Hummel
October 15	Chad Ryland
October 16	Nancy Gutwalt
October 17	Kelly Bell
October 23	Austin Lightner
October 24	Linda Waldron
October 26	Joshua Manbeck
October 28	Lillian Schieber

Anniversary

October 8	Barry & Cathy Bossler
October 13	Lucinda & Michael Klahr
October 17	Gayle & Ed Olden
October 17	Jen & Scott Trovinger
October 23	Kim & Andrew Shearer

Please Note: Chad Ryland's new address, if you want to send him a birthday card:
1 Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA 02035

SENIOR CORNER

Lois Shuey
594 Doris Drive
Lebanon, PA 17046
717-273-5996

Gloria Simmers
2000 Walnut St.
Lebanon, PA 17042

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



“SENIOR FAIR”

(SPONSOR: GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE)

WHEN: OCT. 27, 2023 10:00 AM-12 PM

WHERE: ST. MARK'S FELLOWSHIP HALL

ADVISOR: FAYE FOX

TOPIC: ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD-2023

MEDICARE HEALTHCARE PLANS AND

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS

REGISTER:

- SIGN-UP SHEETS IN CHURCH NARTHEX
(Available in the Narthex Oct. 2, 2023)
- CALL ST. MARK'S OFFICE 717-273-0151

Tues. thru Fri. 9:30am – 1:30pm

Speak with Cindy Klahr – Church Secretary

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Lebanon Rescue Mission Food Drive

October thru December

**Bring your non-perishable food items to
the DONATIONS door at
1223 Bittner Blvd.**

**All food collected will fill our pantry for
the year and provide emergency support
for other local agencies.**

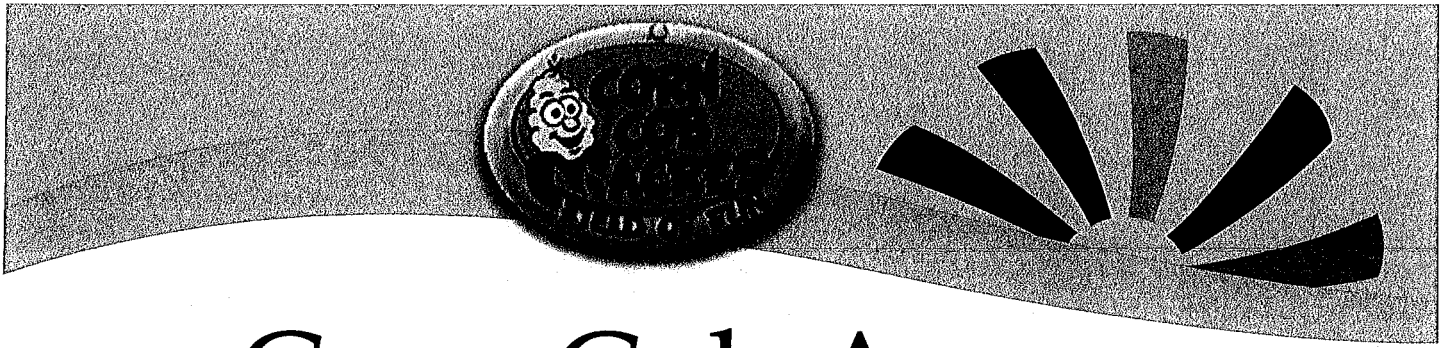
*For more information contact Heather at
hthompson@lebanonrescuemission.org or
call 717-273-2301*

Food Drive



Suggested Donations

Pasta, Stuffing, Rice, Soup, Juice, Canned Fruits, Veggies, Beans, Spaghetti Sauce & Canned Tomato Products, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Oatmeal Packets, Crackers, Condiments, Salad Dressings, Sugar, Powdered Creamer, Coffee and Hot Chocolate



Corn Cob Acres

Kid's Team head to Corn Cob Acres in
Mountville

Date: October 15th(Sunday)

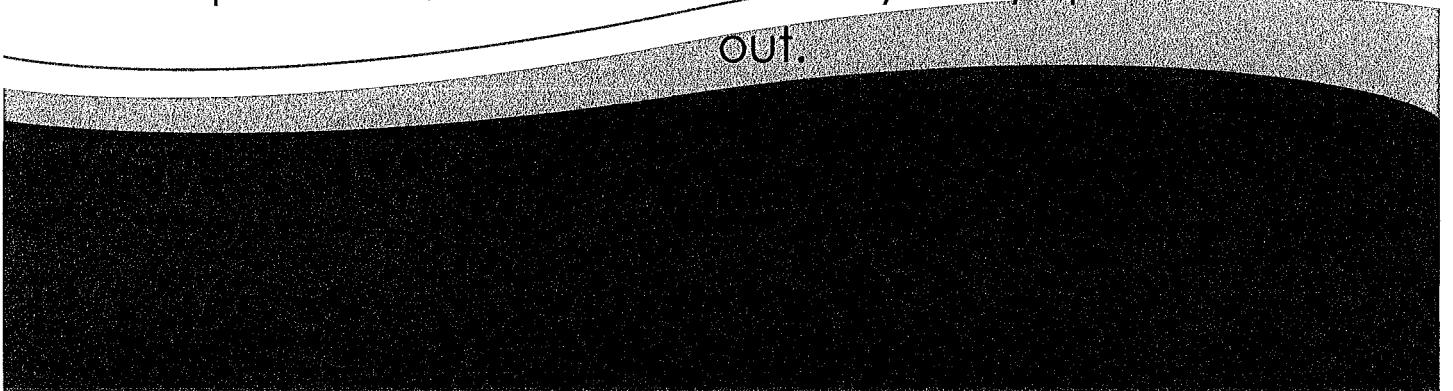


11:30 (Lunch at Church)

Cost \$15.00 (3 and over)

Please respond to Kathy through email at klfollett@juno.com or through texting 717-364-0114 if you plan to go and how many. The above cost is if you respond by Saturday October 14th as that allows for the online discount. In case of rain potential, the decision will be made Sunday morning.

If your Kid's Team member wants to go and needs transportation, check in with Kathy. Any questions, reach out.



Dear Friend of St. Marks UCC:

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location(s) listed below on 10/8/2023 to aid us in raising money to benefit St. Marks UCC.

Print this email and present it on **10/8/2023** at Hoss's in **Annvile**

Hoss's will then donate 20%* or 25%** of your total check paid to **St. Marks UCC**

*To qualify for the 20% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

**To qualify for the 25% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$1,200.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

This applies to a one-day, single location, pre-scheduled event. The purchase of gift cards is not included as part of your organization's community fundraising totals.

DISTRIBUTING INVITATIONS ON HOSS'S PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL DISQUALIFY OUR ORGANIZATION! Thank you for your cooperation!

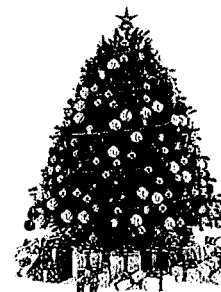
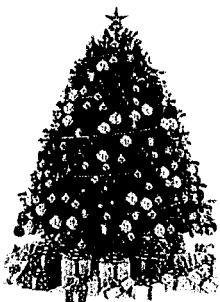
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GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE SPREADING SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER!

This holiday season the Good Samaritan Committee will be spreading Christmas cheer again to both young and old by collecting for both nursing homes and the Agape shelter. We will be collecting items for Gift Boxes for children at the Agape shelter and displaying an Angel Tree for residents at Cedar Haven.

Watch for the November Carillon for more detailed information.



OCTOBER

PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Allen & Peg Scholl Choir Prac. 8:30 AM World Communion - 10 Potluck Lunch Blanket Sunday	2 Andrew & Penny Scholl Good Samaritan Comm. Mtg. - 6:30 PM	3 Jonathan Scholl	4 Matthew Scholl Bible Study - 10 AM (No Evening Bible Study)	5 Russell Scholl	6 Samuel Scholl	7 Timothy Scholl
8 Jim Schucker Choir Practice - 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM Hoss's Day	9 June Seik Evan. & Mission Meeting - 7 PM	10 Shirley Shaak Women's Study Group - 6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice - 7:30 PM	11 Andrea Shearer Bible Study - 10 AM & 6:30 PM	12 Andrew & Kim Shearer Spiritual Council - 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg. 7:00 PM	13 Kristina Shearer	14 Lowell & Shirley Sherman
15 Michael Shott Choir Practice - 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM	16 Betty Showalter	17 Lois Shuey Bell Choir Practice - 7:30 PM	18 Ken & Dawn Shultz Friends Helping Friends - Boscovs Bible Study - 10 AM & 6:30 PM	19 Melissa, Jeffrey, Parker, Cameron Sidella	20 Gloria Simmers Nominating Committee Meeting - 10:30 AM	21 Michael & Lois Smith
22 Steve Snyder Choir Practice - 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM	23 Barbara Soliday	24 Kathleen Stroh Women's Study Group - 6:30 PM	25 Helen Strohm Bible Study - 10 AM & 6:30 PM	26 Kristen Strohm	27 Thomas & Lisa Strohm Senior Fair 10 AM-12 PM (Annual Medicare/Drug Changes 2023)	28 Cynthia Sullivan
29 Joann & Patrick Sullivan Reformation Sunday Choir Practice - 8:30 AM Worship-10 AM Mission Team Breakfast - 8:30 AM	30 Rick & Kim, Austin & Aiden Sullivan	31 Alicia & Chad Thomas Trick or Treat Night - 6 - 8 PM				