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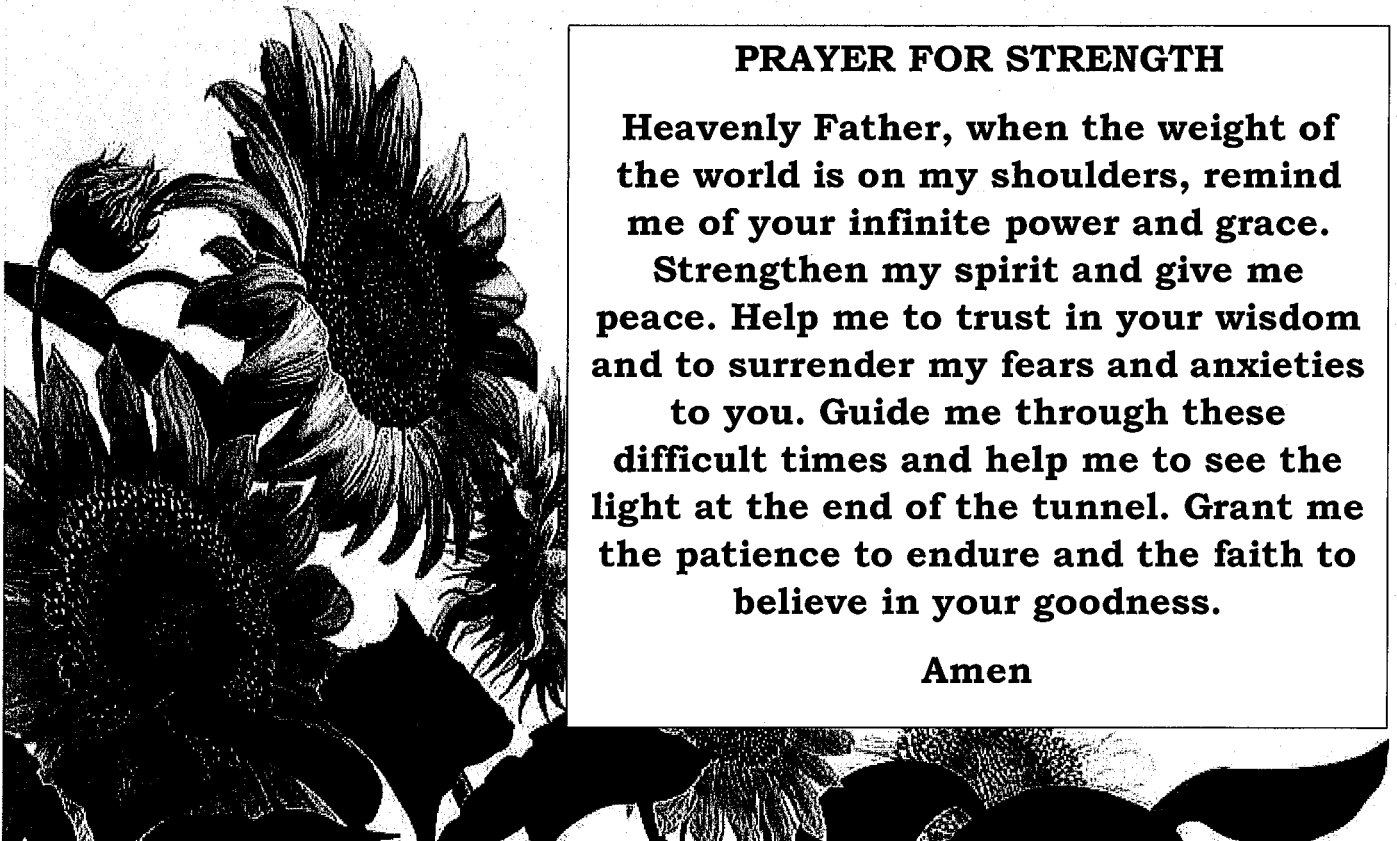
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PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

Heavenly Father, when the weight of the world is on my shoulders, remind me of your infinite power and grace.

Strengthen my spirit and give me peace. Help me to trust in your wisdom and to surrender my fears and anxieties to you. Guide me through these difficult times and help me to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Grant me the patience to endure and the faith to believe in your goodness.

Amen





Parable of the Sunflower

A Sunflower always turns its face to the sun. By evening the sunflower faces the setting sun.

We need to turn our face to the son, Jesus Christ and follow His example.



TODAY IS A GOOD DAY TO HAVE A GREAT DAY

**TO SMILE MORE
WORRY LESS**

TO BE THE VERY BEST VERSION OF **YOU**

TO DO MORE OF WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

EVERY DAY

TO BE POSITIVE

AND REGRET NOTHING

TO BE HUMBLE AND WORK HARD
EVERY DAY MAY NOT BE GOOD BUT

FIND SOMETHING

GOOD IN EVERY DAY

LAUGH, LOVE, LIVE

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

BELIEVE IN

YOURSELF

AND REMEMBER TO BE

AWESOME!

Scriptures for Strength

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

"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

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

"The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." Exodus 15:2

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Today in church the Pastor said this:

If you can trust a puzzle company to make sure every piece is in the box to complete the puzzle, than why can't you trust God that every piece of your life is there for a reason.



The Journey Continues...

To say July 2024 was just a typical month would be a major understatement. I, for one, will never forget it. Truth is, I'm still trying to process two of the events of the past month and how we've come to the place where we are. For instance, think back to Sunday, July 21st when we heard the news that one of our two presidential candidates made the decision to step down and no longer seek a second term. The last time a sitting president decided not to run for reelection was in 1968 and that announcement was made four months earlier in March. We were in the month of July with about 100 days until the election when this announcement was made. No matter what you think of the current president, I think you'll agree: this is an unprecedented and historic event in our nation and our lifetimes. But wait...there's more.

Only eight days before one candidate announced he was no longer seeking reelection, on Saturday July 13th, a young man with an AR-15 tried to end the life of another presidential candidate. The shooter managed to wound his intended target but failed in his attempt to end his target's life. Sadly, one person was killed, and two others were wounded when they were struck by stray bullets. There has been a lot of blame and finger pointing directed at the Secret Service and local law enforcement, and I'm sure there will be more to come.

As expected, many political pundits and commentators began advising folks to "turn down the heat" of the political discourse in our country. And they are right, we do need to turn down the heat. Think about it: the political divisions in our country run so deep, I need to be very intentional to avoid mentioning the names of the two presidential candidates I mentioned earlier for fear that someone will get mad. But that is where we are today. So, yes. We *do* need to turn down the heat in our country. With the advent of violent responses – like the shooting on July 13th and the attack on the US Capital on January 6th, 2021 – it feels like our entire democracy is hanging in the balance.

I'm not saying we have to agree on everything when it comes to politics. We'll never agree on everything, nor should we. But the first step to "turning down the heat" is to keep our disagreements about the issues at hand. Have you noticed that we don't really talk about the issues anymore? Instead, we blame candidates or political parties and launch personal attacks against someone else's character because we disagree with their stance on the economy, or taxes, or the border, or foreign policy. When our differences devolve into personal insults instead of finding solutions, we will inevitably arrive at a place of division and violence.

There are statistics that back up the theory that we spend too much of our time tearing each other down instead of finding solutions to our problems. The Pew Research Center recently conducted a survey that discovered 86% of people believe Republicans and Democrats are more focused on fighting each other than on solving problems. That is almost 9 out of every 10 people!! Isn't it ironic, that we agree on how much we disagree? So how do we change things for the better? Funny you should ask, because I believe there is a way.

The Republican Governor from the State of Utah, Spencer Cox, launched an initiative about three years ago that he calls "Disagree Better". I saw Governor Cox talk about this initiative during a recent interview on TV. The governor was being interviewed because his "Disagree Better" initiative has been so successful in Utah, that he is sharing (and teaching) the idea to other elected officials in our country.

What I think makes the "Disagree Better" initiative so successful, is that it's more than a "be nice" initiative. During the interview, Governor Cox noted that, "Politics has always been a fight, but *how* we fight matters." And the quote that I liked the most was, "You can actually get elected by telling the truth and by treating one another with dignity and respect." Wow. Read that

last quote again and let it settle into your thoughts. Aren't those words that should inspire us to be better and to do better as a nation?

But it's more than just words. During the interview, Governor Cox showed a television commercial he made with his Democrat opponent in the final days of the campaign. In the commercial, Governor Cox and his opponent stood together on an empty stage, and they admitted they had vast differences in policy and solutions to the challenges the state of Utah was facing. But they both acknowledged their opponent's love for Utah and for our country mattered more than their differences. Isn't that a refreshing change of tone from the typical political commercials we are bombarded with every day? If you would like to see the commercial for yourself, look up "Governor Spencer Cox One Nation Commercial" on YouTube. It is well worth the 60 seconds of time the video takes to watch.

Now if that campaign commercial and the "Disagree Better" initiative doesn't convince us that we can do better, I have one final point to make. And it is the most convincing point of all. We are Christians first and foremost. We are Christians before we are citizens of a country, and we are Christians LONG before we became attached to a political party or a political ideology. Besides, there hasn't been a president (or former president), or any other elected official who has done for us what our savior has done for us. Jesus died and was resurrected for every candidate running for public office, just like Jesus died and was resurrected for you and me. Let us remember that. Let us live into that. And let us never forget our savior didn't give into temptation to call people names when they called him names. He didn't give into the temptation to make threats when others were threatening him. He didn't see those who were harming him as people who needed to be destroyed. Truth is, everywhere he looked he saw people that needed to be forgiven, and lives that needed to be transformed through the love of God.

Now when we see our favorite candidate lie, as Christians we have a responsibility to call them out because our savior wants us to put truth above party loyalty. When we see people within our preferred political party stoke the fires of division, as Christians we should strive to tear down those divisive walls and build bridges instead. And when we feel tempted to jump on the bandwagon to complain about candidates, as Christians we should turn the other cheek and walk the other way. Don't forget, the most popular thing a long time ago was to yell "Crucify him" because everyone was doing it. But the popular thing isn't always the right thing. Nor is the popular thing able to be reconciled with the grace, mercy, and love we have received in our lives, and we are called to share with our neighbors as followers of Jesus.

We will never change the minds of those we disagree with by listing reasons we feel another candidate is stupid, incompetent, or uncaring about the challenges we are facing these days. But we *will* begin to change the minds of those we disagree with when we treat them as if they are children of God...just like we are. And if they are children of God, too, then God loves them as well. So let us embrace the love God has given to us. Let us live into the fullness of God's love in our lives, and may we share the abundance of God's love everywhere we go.

The Journey Continues...

Pastor Dave

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. MARK'S

AUGUST, 2024

WOW! The summer is just flying by. I don't know how you are feeling, but I'm feeling like we just started summer vacation time and now it will soon be over. Time really does fly by!

Here at church time is moving along quickly also. At the beginning of August the Gibson Organ Company will begin work on restoring our organ. This will be the first step in the restoration process. During that time we will only have the piano to use. As I stated before, this work is being done with money that has been donated to the church specifically for organ use. No money from the General Fund is going toward this project.

Also in August our mission team will once again be traveling to North Carolina to work with the WARM Program. Please keep the mission team in your prayers as they travel to help others.

Don't forget our church picnic on Sunday, August 18 at Pine Acres. We will begin the day with morning worship at 10:00 a.m. This will be followed by lunch, bingo, rock painting, and other fun activities. Please think about joining us for a day of fun and fellowship in the great outdoors.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE WILLING TO PLAY THE PIANO FOR OUR CHURCH SERVICES? IF YOU DO, PLEASE CONTACT KATHY FOLLETT OR FAYE FOX FOR MORE DETAILS. THANK YOU.

“Kids Kamp 2024”

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believed in him may not be lost but have eternal life.” John 3:16

This year’s memory verse at Kids Kamp was the longest one for the Kampers in 34 years! And most of the Kampers were able to accomplish the goal.

Our Kampers totaled 21. Out of the 21, six are members of St. Mark’s showing a definite outreach ministry. Three of the 21 Kampers made their annual travel north across the Mason-Dixon Line from Waldorf and Hagerstown, Maryland. Throughout the week we had nine Junior Counselors which are worth their weight in gold to help us manage the week in many roles.

Daily opening worship offering totaled over \$300.00. To continue an outreach ministry, school supplies were purchased and given to Lebanon County United Way project, “Stuff the Bus”.

Music is usually a driving force when selecting our KK theme which lead to “SCUBA – diving into friendship with GOD”. If you had an opportunity to watch the program on Facebook Thursday, you witnessed the Kampers demonstrate their energy doing choreography to the songs they learned, “Thanks God”, “One Big Family”, “I Have a Friend” and an oldie but goodie, “Count Your Blessings”.

Science projects and activities encompassed the theme as well as Kampers learned team work. Red Creek Wildlife Reserve presented an educational program bringing four residents from their rehab program. They included an Opossum named June Bug, Red Tailed Hawk, Screech Owl and a Black Vulcher. They all had clever names as well, but sadly can’t recall them.

Too many **“THANK YOUS”** to recognize individuals but you all know who you are and each one of you are appreciated beyond words!

So now that Kids Kamp 2024 is in the books, look out 2025 for our 35th Anniversary!!!!

Report of the Consistory - July 2024

A presentation was made to replace the current commercial refrigerator in the church kitchen. The current refrigerator is unplugged since it has not been cooling. Almost \$900 in repairs have been completed and it is getting more difficult to get parts. The consistory voted to replace the refrigerator and reduce the size from 54" wide to 39.5". The total cost is approximately \$3,000. Half the cost will be paid by the Evangelism and Mission committee with another smaller amount being pledged by the Fellowship and Hospitality committee. Other monies have been pledged, leaving approximately \$500 that needs to be funded. The treasurer will explore monies from the Memorial Fund to cover the remaining cost. The work on the organ will begin in early August and the organ will not be in use for six weeks. Timothy Brown has given notice that his last day to serve as substitute organist will be August 11, 2024. A search for another substitute organist/pianist will be conducted. The August Consistory meeting has been moved to the third Thursday to accommodate those members who will be traveling on the mission trip during the week where the meeting would normally be scheduled. The next Hoss's fundraiser date is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2024.

ST. MARK'S SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this month shines on Carol Jean Houser who, for the past 30+years, has volunteered to manage coffee hour every Sunday morning.

The Hospitality Committee was formed post COVID-19 and Carol, as part of the team, continued to volunteer at the Koffee-Klatsch the first Sunday of every month.

Carol has recently "Retired" from the committee to spend more time with family.

Our heartfelt gratitude to her for generously volunteering her time and energy to coffee hour for all these years. You are greatly appreciated!!!

Great Job!

Kid's Team/Youth/Young Adults Corner

Kid's Team

With Kid's Kamp in our rear view mirror, Kid's Team will take a short break to enjoy the rest of the summer. We will be back at it in September. Stay tuned for updates.

If you aren't sure the age for Kid's Team and have a child or grandchild that might be looking to join, most Kid's Team activities are planned for ages K-4 through 6th grade. If you aren't already receiving Kid's Team announcements, please check in with Kathy Follett or Meredith Myers.

Youth/Young Adults

Here are the upcoming activities for the Youth/Young Adults for the next few months of 2024:

September/October – attending a Cedar Crest and Northern Lebanon football game to support Wyatt and Matt. Stay tuned for details.

Nov 8th-10th – the youth/young adults will be heading again to Cassville, PA for a weekend of respite and retreat. Who knows, there might even be a murder mystery to solve.

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

This year's mission trip will be returning to Wilmington NC to work for WARM. The week is **August 3rd to August 10th**. We have 10 participants for the trip. After having breakfast at church (thanks to those taking care of providing and cleanup), we will be departing on Saturday August 3rd for our 11–12-hour drive. We will then worship with Little Chapel both as part of their morning beach service and then as part of their traditional service later Sunday morning. Our return trip will have us stop with friends in Woodstock VA for a Friday overnight stay at an AirBnb before arriving back home on Saturday Aug 10th.

With the increase in participants, we are asking for the congregation's assistance. First, in prayer for the group. Prayers for Destiny, Matt, Kathy, Heidi, Owen, Pastor Dave, Vickie, Al, Peg and Russ are appreciated. Second, thanks to all those that have provided nonperishable foods and donations for the trip.

And finally, support of the team at the commissioning service to be held Sunday July 28th during morning worship. During the week of the mission, look for updates in pictures via Facebook and through the blog updates on the home page of our website. We will try to have both updated by 10:30 each night.

August 25th kicks off the school year with the blessing of the backpacks. Kid's Team and Youth, please bring your backpacks to church this day for part of the blessing. There will be items ready for you to place in your backpacks to help get the school year started.

Future dates to reserve are:

September – Due to changes at the American House, we have cancelled this year's grill night there. Stay tuned if we do anything in September.

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

Child Abuse Required Training

As many of you have done, our insurance company requires us to have current child abuse background checks on file when working with our young people. In addition to background checks, we are required to do annual training. After reviewing many options of how to do the training, the Christian Ed committee is inviting all those that have active background checks to join us at this year's training class.

On Sundays September 29th and October 6th, we will be sharing the class on "Preventing Bullying". You only need to attend ONE of the Sundays. The class will be after church in Fellowship Hall. Pizza will be provided for all participants. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Why Bullying? Did you know that 1 out of every 4 kids is bullied every year. The long-term effects that bullying causes is mind boggling.

If you have taken training through another path (i.e. school, hospital, etc), then you just need to share that certificate, so we know you are exempt from needing to attend the training that we are providing. However, you may attend if you so choose. Each video that is provided to us through Praesidium Academy are between 20-30 minutes. In addition to the video, there are discussion items for us to review (i.e. did you know we have a policy outlining bullying).

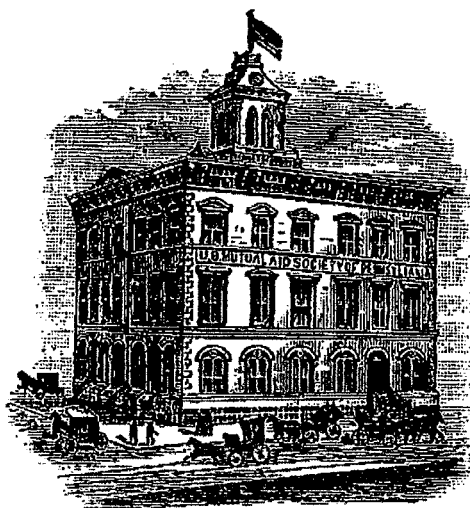
If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, that doesn't mean you can pass on the training. We will be reaching out to everyone in August that is required to attend to provide more details. Please see Kathy Follett for more information on what you need to do.

Please reserve either September 29th or October 6th.

The Northern Reformed Movement

The first public discussion of a northern Reformed movement came as early as 1877 at the annual congregational meeting of Tabor. Nothing was initiated at this time, but the idea was planted to mature a few years later with the expansion of the iron industry and migration to the northern part of town between 1880 and 1885.

There were rumors during this period to the effect that other denominations of this part of the city were reaping a harvest of Reformed people. And while the Lebanon Classis, today the Lebanon Association of the U.C.C., did not believe the rumors, they did, however, refer the matter to the Reconstruction Committee at its annual meeting June 1881, held in Mahanoy City. This committee resolved that Dr. F. W. Kramer, pastor of Tabor, and Dr. T. S. Johnson were to organize a mission school "without delay".



At a congregational meeting on January 1, 1879, Tabor had voted in favor of a mission Sunday School. \$50 was authorized for renting a suitable hall and 25 cents a week for a janitor. A year later it was noted that no action had been taken on the authorization because of "the stringency of the times".

Nothing developed until 1884 when the Reformed people of this area began to agitate for a Sunday School. And so the consistory of Tabor passed the following resolution which was approved by the congregation on January 1, 1885:

"Whereas, Lebanon Classis has at different times directed this congregation to open a Mission Sunday School in the northern part of this Borough looking toward the organization of a Third Reformed Church and,

Whereas, the Consistory is convinced that the time has come when such Mission School should be established, therefore,

Resolved, that with the approval of the congregation, we as a consistory, will open such a school in the ensuing Spring, if possible."

With this pronouncement the residents of North Lebanon enthusiastically entered the movement. Instead of waiting for a new edifice, a room was rented in the United Brethren Mutual Aid Society Building, later City Hall, on North Ninth and Scull Streets (NE corner). The room was on the second floor, northeast corner, and measured 28 by 30 feet. For this a rent of about \$1.00 a week was paid. To impress the landlord three month's rent or \$12.50 was paid in advance. With modest furnishings and \$22.45 for supplies, the school was ready to open.

KID'S KORNER



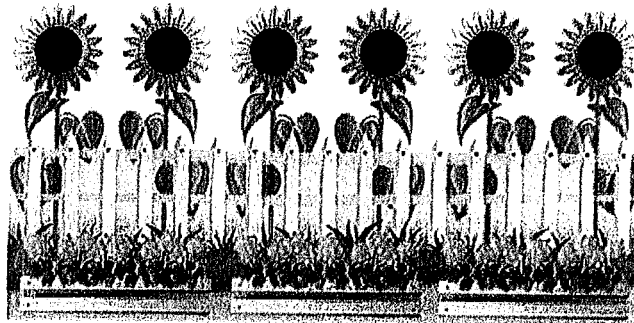
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



INTRIGUE CAKE

Grease and flour tube pan.

Ingredients:

1 c. margarine
2 c. sugar
3 eggs
1 ½ tsp. vanilla extract
1 c. milk

3 c. flour
2 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp salt
1 c. Hershey's syrup

Cream margarine; add sugar. Add eggs one at a time. Beat well after each. Add vanilla. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk. Pour $\frac{3}{4}$ batter into tube pan. Add syrup to remaining batter and mix with spoon. Pour over white batter. (chocolate goes down as it bakes.) Do not remove from pan until completely cooled. Sprinkle with confectioners sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or more.

This recipe is in the St. Mark's U.C.C. Mothers Class Recipe Book (1985) and is from Helen M. Strohm.



August 2024 Make A Note of It...

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



Thank You!
We Give Thanks to God
for our **Choir Members**
CHILDRENS CHOIR | ADULT CHOIR | HANDBELL CHOIR



Prayers for our organist/accompanist Cindy as she recovers from her carpal tunnel surgeries. May relief come to her successfully, completely, and comfortably without complications. **Thank you to Pastor Dave, Kathy, and Tim** who will be assisting with worship/music as Cindy takes the time needed to heal and recover.

Seeking volunteers to provide special music this summer August 4th through September 15th. Look for the sign-up sheet on the music bulletin board in the narthex and please sign up. Please remember to contact the office with the title of your song, the composer and/or arranger, the date it was published and who published the song. This is needed for the bulletin and for license reporting purposes. Only one musical selection relating to worship theme is necessary. Thank you.



Seeking Special Music Volunteers for Fall 2024! Seeking volunteers to provide special music during worship throughout the fall season – **Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving Eve) & Dec. 29.** 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. **Only one musical selection is necessary.** Thank you.



Choir Rehearsals Resume

It's almost that time of year again to resume music making. Hopefully you all had an enjoyable and restful summer and are looking forward to another great season of proclaiming the church's faith through song. Lord willing the musical ensembles will resume rehearsals as follows:

Bell Choir & Quartet – Tues. Sept. 3rd – 6:30pm or 7:30pm (time varies depending on Ken's work schedule)

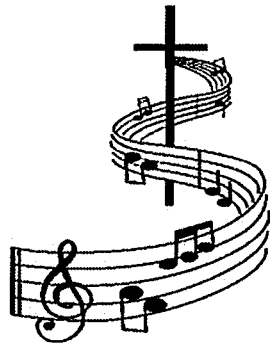
Adult Choir: Sun. Sept. 8th – 8:30am

Children's Choir: Sun. Sept. 8th – during children's church Sunday mornings

Attention All Music Ensembles (choirs/bells): Here is the *Fall 2024 & First of the year 2025* rehearsal/musical offering schedule for choirs and bells (subject to changes):

Adult Choir:

We rehearse every Sunday morning before church starting at 8:30am with assistance from Ken Shultz. See musical offering schedule below.



Sept. 29th

Oct. 6th - (World Communion)

Oct. 27th - (Reformation)

Nov. 3rd - (All Saints)

Nov. 24th - (Harvest Home)

Dec. 1st - (Advent Begins)

Dec. 8th

Dec. 22nd

Dec. 24th - (Christmas Eve Service)

Jan. 4th - (Saturday) – Music Ensembles Epiphany Party & Adult Choir Rehearsal - TENTATIVE

Jan. 5th - (Communion)



Children's Choir:

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

Oct. 13th

Nov. 10th

Dec. 15th - (Family Christmas Sunday)

Dec. 24th - (Christmas Eve Service)

Jan 4th - (Saturday) - Music Ensembles Epiphany Party - TENTATIVE



Bell Choir/Quartet:

We rehearse Tuesdays at 6:30pm or 7:30pm with assistance from Ken Shultz. (time varies depending on Ken's work schedule). See musical offering schedule below.

Sept. 22nd - Bell Quartet

Oct. 20th - Bell Choir

Nov. 17th - Bell Choir

Dec. 15th - (Family Christmas Sunday) - Bell Choir

Dec. 24th - (Christmas Eve Service) - Bell Quartet

Jan 4th - (Saturday) - Music Ensembles Epiphany Party -

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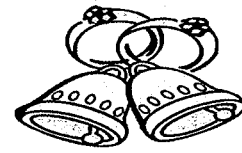
An Update from your Music Ministry Coordinator:



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers, cards, and emails as I continue my leave of absence to recoup and recover from my illness. I appreciate the continued kindness, grace, and support shown by the church, congregation, Personnel Committee and Consistory and thank Ken, Peg, Heidi, Kathy, Tim, and Cindy for stepping in as needed.

I'm also thankful for the accommodations that have been made so I can continue to contribute to the music ministry. I miss making music with my church family and attending church. At the time of this writing I am off the Lexapro and on Prozac. This has been a very uncomfortable wean for me making it difficult to do life's activities right now. Still determining the correct dosage and effectiveness of the Prozac which can take weeks. It's very challenging to push through severe anxiety/ocd as it likes to push back and keep me from doing things. Anxiety/ocd creates physiological symptoms that can be debilitating and difficult to overlook. Unfortunately medication can only do so much but it would be nice if I could find something that provided better relief. I am super sensitive to any sensation I feel in my body. I have to figure out how to overcome that and live through and lean into the distress which is really hard to do. Exposure therapy to retrain the brain is tough work. It can cause me to be laid up for days after one exposure. I'm hoping I will soon feel well enough after this med change to start attending church most likely on a modified schedule. My therapist and I really want me to try to make the effort. Please keep in mind though that my visits may be brief and require minimal interaction with others at first. It will require me to build up stamina and confidence as it will be an exhausting process. There is still much to learn about long covid so doctors do not know how long recovery can take thus I don't know when I will be well enough to work full and part time again especially when other symptoms keep popping up. The trauma I experienced over a year ago triggered my current health crisis so it's going to take a much longer time to heal. I am currently on disability. I try to remain hopeful but I'm sure you can see how this can be a challenge at times like these. Your continued prayers for good days and complete healing are appreciated as my recovery continues.

With every best wish,
Jeffrey Clouser,
Music Ministry Coordinator



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

| Birthdays | Anniversary |
|---|-------------|
| August 1 Robert Ressler | None |
| August 3 Gerald Collins Susan Fisher Barbara Wise | |
| August 6 George Heckard | |
| August 7 Olivia Whitman | |
| August 8 Jeffrey Aurentz Samuel Brandt | |
| August 9 Vickie Ristenbatt | |
| August 10 Glenn Kline | |
| August 11 Karl Wolf | |
| August 13 Michael Collins | |
| August 15 Emily King | |
| August 17 Holly Brandt | |
| August 18 Robert Eby | |
| August 19 Carey Eggert | |
| August 20 Richard Trompeter | |
| August 21 Debra Ryland | |
| August 22 Kimberly Edmondson Jordan Reynolds Aidan Sullivan | |
| August 23 Michael Reich | |
| August 24 Kathy Follett | |
| August 25 Heather Daub Holly Lightner | |
| August 27 Tony Furman Ed Gundrum | |
| August 29 Kenneth Shultz Patrick Sullivan | |

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

INFORMATION FROM MEMBER -

When the Vietnamese were housed at the Gap in 1975, St. Mark's took an interest and sponsored a family of a widow and 3 teenagers and 1 young child and 2 single men who became the widow's boarders. A committee of about ten people became involved. Each member was in charge of one responsibility: they taught them banking, how to pay their bills, one saw that the children were enrolled in school, another helped with homework, one showed them how to shop for groceries, another took them for job interviews, another got the children introduced to youth activities at church.

One young man later went on his own and lived on the third floor of the church apartments. This was Ngoc. He later married, had a family of his own and got a good job near Bensalem, near Philadelphia. He still stays in touch. He calls me about every 6 weeks to see how I am doing. He frequently asks about people at St. Mark's. There are only a few committee people still living, but he always mentions how much he appreciates all that St. Mark's did for him when he arrived in Lebanon.

Bish Wolf



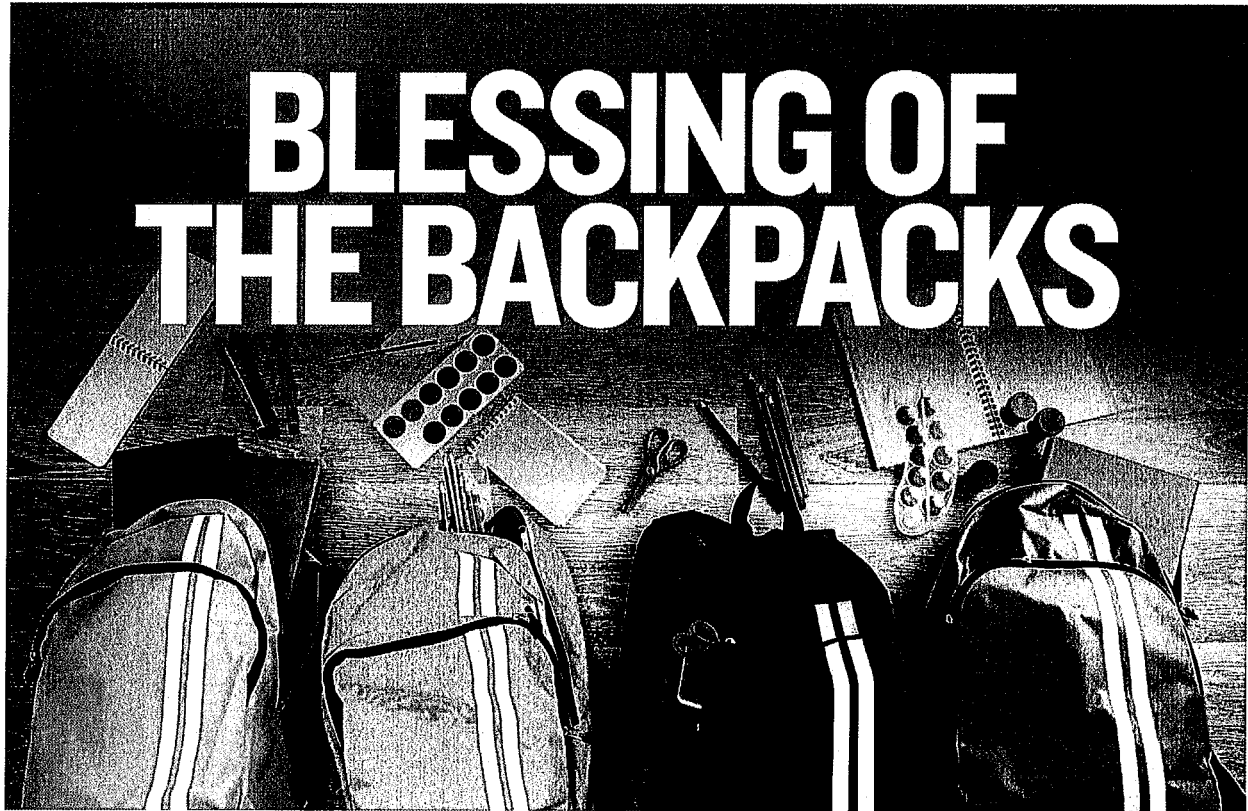
I would like to thank everyone for all of your prayers for my cousin, Trudy Carmany and also for my nephew, Andrew Scholl. They are both doing much better. God Bless you.

Becky Colban

We would like to thank everyone for the Happy Anniversary cards we received.

Jeffrey Clouser and Brent Weaver

Sunday, August 25, 2024



Bring your backpack to church on Sunday, August 25th, for a special blessing from Pastor Dave before returning to school for the new term.

This is open to all students from pre-school to high school.

Each student will be presented with a small gift of school supplies from the Evangelism and Mission committee.



**Saturday, September 7,
2024**

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

**The Remarkable
Women of the
Bible and Their
Message for You**

Please join us for the fall retreat - we will be meeting under the trees at Pine Acres!

Breakfast muffins, fruit and juice will be available at 8:30 am - please bring your own coffee, tea or soda.

Bottled water will be provided.

The retreat begins at 9:00 am with the secret sister reveal. If you cannot attend, please contact Dawn Shultz if you have a gift that needs to be picked up for the reveal.

Bring your Bible, a packed lunch and your lawn chair - friends are welcome, too!

Our service project will benefit the personal care items bank at Lebanon County Christian Ministries - toilet paper, deodorant (ladies and men), 2-in-1 shampoo/conditioner, children's toothpaste, children's toothbrushes, tampons, sanitary/period pads and adult incontinence products are needed. Buy one or two and bring them with you or donate money and someone will do the shopping for you!

If the weather is inclement, we will meet in Fellowship Hall at the church. Notification will be made on Facebook and via email.

LCCM FOOD BANK DONATIONS

UPDATED Current Wish List (7/01/24)

FOOD ITEMS

Non-Perishable Food Items are always welcome but these are the current needs:

- 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),
- Keurig Coffee & Tea Pods, small boxes (approx. 10 pods)
- Salad Dressing
- Olive Oil
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- 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, Men's & Women's, all sizes

Please use the shopping cart in the Narthex to drop off your donations – thank you! ☺

AUGUST

PRAYER AND EVENTS CALENDAR

2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|---|
| | | | | 1 Ron & Deborah Follett | 2 Faye Fox and Natalie | 3 Heidi Fox Mission Team Leave |
| 4 Owen Fox Worship-10 AM | 5 Wyatt Fox | 6 Nancy Freed | 7 Juanita Fuhrman Bible Study - 10 AM | 8 Melissa & Luther Furman | 9 Tony Furman | 10 Lee & Diane Gensler Mission Team Home |
| 11 Gladys Gettle Worship - 10 AM | 12 Rosy Gonzalez and Cadence | 13 Ashley Gruber | 14 Ginny Gruber Bible Study - 10 AM | 15 Keith Gruber Spiritual Council - 6:30 PM Consistory Mtg. 7:00 PM | 16 Nicole Gruber and Annie | 17 Mary Anne Gutwalt |
| 18 Nancy Gutwalt Annual Church Picnic - 10 AM - Pine Acres Luncheon | 19 Betty Hackman | 20 Sandra Hanley | 21 George Heckard Bible Study - 10 AM | 22 Debra Heilman | 23 Jeanette Heim | 24 John & Carole Hoffman |
| 25 Robert Hoffman Worship -10 AM Back Pack Sunday | 26 Larry & Carol Houser | 27 Blaine Hummel | 28 Blanche Hummel Bible Study - 10 AM Christian Ed. Meeting - 6:30 PM (Deb Follett's Home) | 29 Brenda Hummel | 30 Doug & Marjorie Hummel | 31 Seth Hummel |