

The ReMarker

OCTOBER 2023

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
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St Mark Lutheran Church Mechanicsburg

"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"

OCTOBER IS PASTOR
APPRECIATION MONTH



Thank you,
Pastor Marleen Griffith-Stull!!!

Pastor's Message

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Just as the summer is coming to an end and most of our flowers are dying, our family has a volunteer gourd plant. Apparently, one of last year's decorations seeded itself. It has been heartwarming to have some new life where many plants were dying. Daily we see blooms of yellow-orange flowers and new gourds growing.

The plant reminds me that when we look at the world around us, we can focus on death and decay, or we can look for new life. Fall is a time when it is easy to focus on what things are coming to an end but there are lots of good things that begin in the fall and go through the winter. In the life of the church, there are many signs of new life and growth that are coming up just like our gourds.

St. Mark Lutheran Church is intentionally reaching out to community members with intellectual and mental disabilities with our new worship service on the first Sunday of the month. We are working toward having a bell choir again. For the first time in many years, we have active Evangelism and Stewardship committees. You can learn something new at our talent day in October. There are also many "volunteer" seedlings of faith in many of our members and in our relationships with our neighbors near the church. Not to mention the normal beginnings of the fall: Choir is back! Sunday School has started! Social Ministry has lots of activities again this fall!

Even as we struggle with changes in our church life, especially the change of service time, we continue to see new life all around us. Sometimes it is hard to see it. The leaves on our gourd plant hide many of the fruits. The everyday concerns and worries in life hide many of the good things that happen around us.

Look carefully for the gourds growing and try not to focus on the dead flowers. Trust that the flowers will grow again too!

May your eyes be open to new life in Christ!

Pastor Marleen

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Pet Blessing SERVICE



BLESSING OUR FURRY FRIENDS

Many of us have pets who are part of our families. Once a year we have an opportunity to publicly give thanks for our pets and to bless them. Join us on

Sunday, October 1 (or October 8 if the weather is bad on the 1st) at 1:00 pm in the church's backyard for our Blessing of the Pets. Bring your pet in a crate/cage or on a leash for a brief service of blessing. Invite friends or family who have pets to join us too. If your pet is too anxious to come out in a group, contact Pastor Marleen for a visit and private blessing.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

All ages join us to learn about the Reformation during Sunday School on **October 29** in Fellowship Hall.



AUGUST 2023 ATTENDANCE



Service Date	8:00 am Outdoor	9:30 am In-Person	9:30 am Zoom	YouTube Service
August 6	13	38	7	21
August 13	12	61	6	39
August 20	12	44	8	18
August 27	16	46	4	34

THE TREASURER'S REPORT



CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2023

In reference to any financial questions, congregation members should contact Barb Yost, Finance Chairperson and Treasurer, or send an email to: byost@stmarkmburg.com.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet on **October 11, at 1:00 pm.**

NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!

The Noisy Sunday collection for August was \$73.90. The total received year to date is \$579.09. The next Noisy Sunday will be held on **October 22. THANK YOU!**



INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT AUGUST 31, 2023

INCOME	
40000 - Income	\$ 13,815.05
40165 - Misc. Income	\$ 284.23
40300 - Youth Activity Account	\$ 160.00
40600 - Building & Property Income (Columbarium)	\$ 400.00
40601 - Each Child Matters Utility Reimbursement	\$ -
40700 - Capital Expenditure Account (Line of Credit)	\$ 1,465.00
40999 - Designated Gifts/Memorial Fund	\$ 1,445.13
Total Income	\$ 17,569.41
EXPENSES	
50200 - Our Ministry to Others	\$ 651.00
50400 - Work Within our Congregation	\$ 10,251.01
50492 - Fellowship Activities	\$ 52.58
50500 - Worship & Music	\$ 3,436.15
50600 - Education & YFM	\$ 41.92
50700 - Designated Gifts/Memorial Fund	\$ 3,634.80
51000 - Administration	\$ 6,722.21
60100 - Building & Property	\$ 3,265.07
Total Expense	\$ 28,054.74
NET INCOME	\$ (10,485.33)
2023 vs 2022 COMPARISON:	
YTD Deposits through 8/31/23	\$ 166,662.34
YTD Deposits through 8/31/22	\$ 155,615.29
<i>Difference</i>	<u>\$ 11,047.05</u>
YTD Expenses through 8/31/23	\$ 170,553.02
YTD Expenses through 8/31/22	\$ 135,311.25
<i>Difference</i>	<u>\$ 35,241.77</u>
Line of Credit Payment:	
Balance	\$ 13,856.28
Principal Paid	\$ 2,601.73
Interest Paid	\$ 98.27
NEW BALANCE	<u>\$ 11,254.55</u>

Reminder!

Special Church Service for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Why: Regular church services can be hard to get to, hard to sit through, and hard to understand.

What: St. Mark now has a service that is later in the day, short and simple, and interactive.

How: The service (during which participants are welcome to sit, stand, or wander) will consist of inclusive activities such as sing-alongs, a simple interactive message, snacks, and sometimes a craft/activity.

When: 2:00 pm on the 1st Sunday of each month, beginning September 3, 2023

Where: St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg, Fellowship Hall, 117 W. Keller St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Contact Pastor Marleen or the church office at 717-766-4482 or revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com:

- for details.
- to let us know we can expect you, so we are prepared with plenty of seating, materials, and snacks. *If you don't get a chance to let us know ahead of time, please come anyway!*
- to let us know if you'd like to help out.



ENJOY THE MUSIC

From the Choir Loft—

VOCAL AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

The bell choir will gather at **6:00 pm** on **Wednesdays** for rehearsal in the Parlor. The adult choir will rehearse at **7:00 pm** on the same evening. There is still time to join either choir. We would love for you to sing and/or ring with us. Questions should be directed to Brad Hull, Director of Music, (Cell Phone: 202-738-2795) or Email: bradleyjhull@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir resumed last month, and we are excited to share some special music. We're always accepting new members. Please call or email me if you have any questions. My email is denisehirm@hotmail.com and my phone number is 717-802-1064. Sincerely, *Miss Denise*

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The next Worship and Music Committee will be held on **October 18**, at **1:00 pm**.



A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

CONSIDER 'PERCENTAGE GIVING'

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.” -Malachi 3:10

Again and again the Bible lifts up tithing - giving a tenth of our income—as a benchmark for faithful giving. The prophet Malachi goes so far as to say God promises to rain down abundant blessings upon those who tithe. Yet most Christians fall quite short of tithing, generally giving less than 3 percent to the church?

Why? One reason is that in calculating how much to give, most people use the fixed-rate method. They first take stock of how much *they are able* to give, and then how much *they want* to give. Weighing these two factors, they then decide how much *they will* give.

There’s nothing particularly bad about this method, but it has limitations. While giving folks an offering amount they can live with, the fixed-rate method doesn’t necessarily put them on the path toward tithing.

A better method is percentage giving, that is, determining your offering as a percentage of income. Here’s how:

Using a calculator, divide your weekly (or monthly, or yearly) church offering by your take-home pay for the same period (week, month or year). Then multiply that figure by 100. This gives you the percentage of your giving. For example, if your weekly offering is \$30 and your weekly take-home pay is \$500, your percentage of giving is 6 percent ($30 \div 500 = 0.06$, then $0.06 \times 100 = 6$).

Can *everyone* afford to tithe? Of course not. But many of us, maybe most of us, could afford to give more than we do now.

The important thing is to be prayerful about your offering, be as generous as you are able, and keep tithing in mind, perhaps as a goal.

Keeping track of your giving as a percentage of income provides you with information to gauge your offering and perhaps build up to a tithe. You can make it a goal gradually, over time, to increase the percentage until you reach a tithe - 10 percent. One simple way would be to increase your giving by one half of a percentage point per year.

As Malachi promises, God will bless you richly for your tithing, and not only that, your church will be blessed, too. Switching from fixed-rate giving to percentage giving is a good start.

--Rob Blezard

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Pastor Blezard serves part-time as web editor for the Stewardship of Life Institute and full-time as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, MD.

WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE - WinGS

Due to the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade being held on October 10, the WinGS group will meet on **Tuesday, October 3, at 6:30 pm.** Sandy Brown will be instructing everyone in making Christmas cards for our homebound individuals. All women are invited to attend.



CAMP NAWAKWA ADULT BOOK STUDY RETREAT

Attention avid readers!
Join friends and family
**October 3 through
October 5** at Camp
Nawakwa. The cost of

the event is \$170.00 which includes all meals served at the Dining Hall. This mid-week retreat begins Tuesday morning and ends with lunch on Thursday. Lodging in Zinn-Tozer Lodge. The Retreat will be led by Sister Marianne Brock.

BOOKS FOR 2023:

- *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*—Helen Simonson
- *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*—Rachel Joyce

ADDITIONAL READING:

- *A Man Called Ove*—Fredrik Backman
- *I Capture the Castle*—Dodie Smith

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/adult-study-retreat-2023/>



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please contact Karen in the church office at 717-766-4482 or kfisher@stmarkmburg.com if you would like to obtain a prayer shawl, blanket, or prayer square to give as a blessing to someone or if you would like to join our wonderful team of crocheters, knitters, seamstresses, or crafters.

“THE QUILTING CONNECTION”

WANTED: Clean cotton fabric - please place in receptacles at rear entrance of the church.

WANTED: Clean flat sheets (any size).

Please place in receptacles at rear entrance of the church.

WANTED: Contributions toward the purchase of cotton fabric, thread, etc.

Please contact Nancy Kapp at 717-796-1862

with any questions or if you are interested in helping.



BLANKETS, HATS, SOCKS, AND GLOVES FOR THE HOMELESS

Bethesda folks advised us that the most needed item, in addition to warm blankets, is **NEW SOCKS**. So, watch for the sales, and fill the bin at the rear entrance of the church with lots of new socks.

TALENT DAY

Come to our backyard and learn something new! St. Mark members are sharing their talents with members and the community. On **Saturday, October 7 (rain date Oct 14) from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm**, all are welcome to share a talent or to learn from others. If you have a talent to share, let us know. Volunteers needed to set up and put away tables. We can also use some pop-up tents/awnings for our talented members to sit/stand under.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

SOUP ON THE SIDEWALK—MECHANICSBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE

Plan to visit St. Mark Lutheran Church the night of the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade on **Tuesday, October 10, beginning at 6:00 pm**. St. Mark is on the parade route, so bring a lawn chair to reserve your spot. The Fellowship Committee and volunteers will be serving delicious homemade soup outside on Keller St.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children and Families are invited to join us for a Halloween Party on Sunday, **October 15, from 12:00-1:30**. We'll have lunch, a themed devotion, and games! Come in costume ready for some fun! Watch for more detailed information coming soon!





PUT ON YOUR COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN
AT THE

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
Halloween Party

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023
12:00-1:30 P.M.



117 W. KELLER STREET
MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050

PIZZA, DEVOTIONS, AND GAMES
AGES PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE

R.S.V.P. to revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com by October 13th



LADIES NIGHT OUT

As promised, our next Ladies Night Out will be held, Thursday, **October 26, 6:00 pm**, at **Pizza Grille on Old Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill**. Please RSVP to Karen via email at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com or by phone at 717-580-7507. Hoping to see all of you there.



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS EXPRESS

It is hard to believe that it is the time of the year when we are starting to plan for the upcoming holiday season. **New Hope Ministries** has advised us that they will accept unwrapped gifts anytime through their deadline of **December 8**. So—our Christmas Blessings Express tree will be placed in the Narthex toward the end of October, and we will be collecting unwrapped gifts through Sunday,

December 5. In the meantime, copies of the New Hope Ministries Wish List will be made available at entrances to the church in order that you can take advantage of early sales, online shopping, Amazon Prime Days, etc.

The Social Ministry Committee would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity in helping all of those in need.
Karen Fisher, Chairman, Social Ministry

Matthew 25:40

⁴⁰The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Social Ministry Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Social Ministry Office at 1:00 pm. Come join in the fellowship as we explore and plan ways to “reach out” and serve the church and the community.



NEW HOPE MINISTRIES—HELPING THOSE IN NEED

The Social Ministry Committee designates one Sunday per month to bring items in support of New Hope Ministries. Thanks to everyone who donated in September. We collected 147 pounds of baby supplies. Below are the items for October, November, and December:

October 8 - Harvest Home including canned Meat and Fish.

November 5 - Thanksgiving Food Items

Turkey, Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Yams, Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Aluminum Roaster pan, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Boxed Stuffing, Dry Beans, or anything you would like to give.

December 3 - Christmas Food Items

Turkey or Ham, Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Yams, Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Aluminum Roaster pan, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Boxed Stuffing, Dry Beans, or anything you would like to give.

COMMUNITY AID DONATIONS TO BENEFIT WinGS

The Women in God's Service continue to benefit from your donations of clothing, shoes, etc. to Community Aid. Just a reminder that when you **take your items directly to Community Aid**, please remember to use our partnership number: **10053** when making your donations. Please do not bring items to St. Mark. Thank you.



OCTOBER 2023 - PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH
8:30 AM - Blended Worship Svc.; 11:00 AM- Quiet Service
9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>1 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 11:00 am-Quiet Svc. 1:00 pm-Pet Blessing 2:00 pm-Special Service-Individuals w/Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities</p>	<p>2 2:00 pm-8:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>3 6:30 pm-WinGS</p>
<p>8 19th Sunday after Pentecost HARVEST HOME (<i>Items for New Hope Ministries</i>) 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 11:00 am-Quiet Svc.</p>	<p>9 2:00 pm-8:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>10 6:00 pm-Soup on the Sidewalk 7:00-Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade</p>
<p>15 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 11:00 am-Quiet Svc. 12:00 Noon-Halloween Party</p>	<p>16 8:30 am-Garden Club 2:00 pm-8:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>22 21st Sunday after Pentecost NOISY SUNDAY OFFEERING CROP WALK 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc. 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 11:00 am-Quiet Svc. 1:00 pm-CROP Walk Registration</p>	<p>23 2:00 pm-8:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>24 1:00 pm-Social Ministry 6:30 pm-Fellowship</p>
<p>29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:30 am-Blended In-Person & Zoom Worship Svc.-Comm. 9:45 am-Intergenerational SS 11:00 am-Quiet Svc.-Comm.</p>	<p>30 2:00 pm-8:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p>31 GHOSTS & GOBLINS 6:00 pm-Borough of Mechanicsburg Trick or Treat</p>

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	5 (Karen vacation day) 6:30 pm-Youth & Family Ministry	6 3:30-7:00 pm-Violin Lessons	7 3:00 pm-Talent Day
11 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Finance 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	12 7:00 pm-Property Committee	13 REMARKER DEADLINE 3:30-7:00 pm-Violin Lessons	14
18 11:00 am-Bible Study 1:00 pm-Worship & Music 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	19 6:45 pm-Church Council	20 3:30-7:00 pm-Violin Lessons	21
25 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	26 6:00 pm-Ladies Night Out at Pizza Grille	27 3:30 pm-7:00 pm-Violin Lessons	28
NOVEMBER 1 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	2	3 3:30 pm-7:00 pm-Violin Lessons	4 TURN CLOCKS BACK BEFORE GOING TO BED

the joy of



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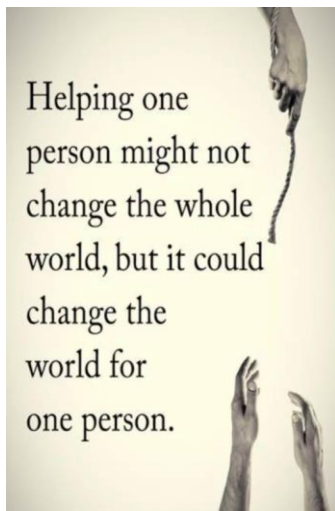
BE A SANTA TO UNDERPRIVILEGED ADULTS—CONTRIBUTIONS AND SHOPPERS NEEDED

Over the past 10 years, we have purchased and delivered Christmas gifts to residents of the American House Apartments and Brethren House Apartments located in the Borough of Mechanicsburg. These facilities are designated for underprivileged individuals who are 62 years of age or older or individuals who are disabled. These residents are on a limited income; many with no or estranged families, and most of the residents do not own or drive a car.

In addition, we plan on providing a luncheon. We would like to continue providing Christmas to these individuals. The smiles of joy on the residents' faces when "St. Mark Santa" and his helpers visit and share the love of Christ is priceless.

Again, this year, we are requesting "wish lists" from the residents. The last few years we have been blessed with a wonderful group of shoppers and a wonderful group of individuals who donated and helped with the shopping.

If you are interested in making a financial contribution to help defray the expenses, please mark it "Social Ministry-Christmas" no later than Sunday, November 19. If you would like to help with the shopping, please contact Karen Fisher.



ANNUAL QUILT AUCTION-NOVEMBER 5, 2023, AT NAWAKWA

Join us for this year's annual Quilt & Craft Auction, November 5, at Nawakwa. This fun-filled day of bidding raises money for the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities.

Oct 28 - Nov 2 - Online Bidding - High bids will become starting bids on Nov 5

2:00 - Silent Auction of Handmade Craft Items

3:00 - Live Auction of Quilts

Dinner following Live Auction

Please help us make this year's event a success by attending and bidding on one or more items in November.

Donate an item: Download the [Donation Form](#)

RSVP HERE:

[RSVP to attend the auction on November 5!](#)



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

CONGREGATION MEETING

A congregation meeting will be held **Sunday, November 19, at 10:00 a.m.** The agenda will include approval of the 2024 Budget and election of council members for 2024. Refreshments will be served. Please be sure to attend.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

The Social Ministry Committee along with lots of help from St. Mark church members participated in God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. We prepared and assembled **74 dinners** which included spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, applesauce, bread, and cookies for homebound individuals, group homes, and individuals who participated in our service projects. **A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who came to help prepare, assemble, and deliver the meals and to everyone who participated in any of the service projects. St. Mark is the BEST!**

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SERVICE PROJECTS:

- To date, 131 School Kits have been assembled for Lutheran World Relief.



- Made 6 fleece tied blankets for Sperenza Animal Rescue.



- Tied 5 quilts for a final total of 49 quilts for Lutheran World Relief and 14 for Bethesda Mission.



- Made Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Everyday cards for homebound individuals.



- Made cards and put together door hangers to deliver to our church neighborhood outlining upcoming events at St. Mark.





To Friends at St. Mark Lutheran Church
Thank you for the wonderful spaghetti dinner and beautiful flowers.

God Bless, Charlene Albert

Dear Friends of St. Mark Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the beautiful cards, phone calls, and messages for my birthday. They were very much appreciated.

Sara Jane Miller

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$25.00 to Lutheran World Relief through the Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA. When you love your neighbors it transforms their lives. Thank you for your generosity.

Warm Regards, Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhart, President & CEO - Lutheran World Relief

Dear Social Ministry Outreach Committee,

Thank you so much for the wonderful gift bag! It had everything I use or need. It was so sweet and thoughtful of all of you. Know it is really appreciated and really meant a lot!

Love, Andi Sassaman

To everyone who participated in any way on September 10 with the God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday projects----

THANK YOU!

Social Ministry Outreach Committee



♥ October ♥
Birthday Month!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary to be printed in the ReMarker, please call the church office (766-4482) or email the office at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com with your name and birthday/ anniversary. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

3	Mark Fake	24	Charlotte Miller
7	Ian Clelan	25	Beverly Weaver
24	Willow Yorlets	25	Heather Weed

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Scott & Lori Clelan



Hi, I Just Wanted
To Send You A
Little Note To Let
You Know That I Was
Thinking Of You!

If you would like to request a card shower for someone, please provide the information to Karen in the Church Office, and we will be happy to accommodate your request. It's just a simple way of reaching out and sharing God's love. Thanks so much.

ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST

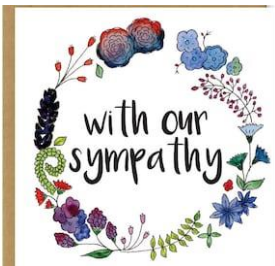
DURING WORSHIP SERVICES, due to security issues, we will pray out loud the first names only of individuals who have been placed on the prayer list. The full name of the individual will be printed in our newsletter, The ReMarker, (see below) and in the Announcements section of the weekly bulletin. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact Karen in the church office at **717-766-4482** or email at kfisher@stmarkmburg.com. Thank you.



Charlene Albert, Gabriel Albert, Ed Aldridge, Alissa Atticks, Jim Atticks, Eleanora Beam, Doris Berger, Pat Berkheimer, Fred Bottini, Marlin Brown, Bob Curll, Susan Ditmer, James Dobbs, Carol Fencil, Ed Fencil, Diann Foltz, George Fromm, Steve Gardner, Ken Getz, Rosie Guarino, Mike Hatz, Brett Hirn, Doug Hopkins, Rick Hopkins, Duryea Hummer, Chris Jonas, Jones Family, Marta, Micki Kautz, Jim Lake, Pearl Lehmer, Bartok Lewczuk, Mandi, Braydon Mattern, Nina McElwain, Charlotte Miller, Mary Mumma, Steve Nelson, Alice Park, Angel Poboy, Mollie Randolph, Nancy Rambo, Misty Rice, Dolores Ruth, Ez Sassaman, Edie Sheibley, John Shumberger, Brian Smee, Al Smeriglio, Peggy Smeriglio, Carol Stolz, Lisa Tavernia, Donald Thomas, Jim Thurber, Sheri Thurber, Don Trott, Ruth Trott, Cheryl Ward, Michael Ward, Courtney Welk, Bryan Williams, Garry Zeigler, Kelly Zimmerman, Brayleigh

PRAYER CIRCLE

The names are not automatically placed on the prayer circle and the prayer list. To add a name to the *Prayer Circle*, please contact Bev Reihart at **717-432-3148**.




PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers go with Bob and Betty Curll and the Curll family on the death of Bob's brother, Ben, who passed away on August 1.

<https://www.lifecelebration.com/obituary/walter-curll>

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

USHERS	
1 Tyson Murphy, Joan Murphy	
8 Shannon Weaver	
15 Cindy Hoover, Greg Hoover	
22 Shannon Weaver, Barb Weaver	
29 Gene Shaner, Terry Shaner	
LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
1 Terri Hopkins	1 Denise Hirn
8 Tina Freidhof	8 Barb Yost
15 Sara Jane Miller	15 Joan Murphy
22 Dave Harnish	22 Sean Gimbel
29 Werner Jonas	29 Phyllis Mihalich
ACOLYTE	ALTAR GUILD
1 Joan Murphy	1 Sara Jane Miller, Andrea Sassaman
8 Katie Stull	8 Connie Kuntz, Joan Murphy
15 Joan Murphy	15 Michele Connor, Cindy Larkin
22 Alma Gimbel	22 Bev Reihart, Sandy Brown
29 Phyllis Mihalich	29 Phyllis Mihalich, Muretta Yentzer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for ushers, lay readers, acolytes, assisting ministers, and altar guild.

Please contact the following to volunteer for:

Ushers:	Shannon Weaver 717-691-1618
Lay Readers:	Karen Fisher 717-580-7507
Assisting Ministers:	Phyllis Mihalich 717-697-0227
Acolytes:	Joan Murphy 717-737-5214
Altar Guild:	Phyllis Mihalich 717-697-0227

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS A THING*

October 1	Blessing of the Animals
October 8	Rain Date Blessing of the Animals
October 7	Talent Day
October 14	Rain Date Talent Day
October 10	Soup on the Sidewalk Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 15	Children's Halloween Party
October 22	Annual CROP Walk at Memorial Park
October 26	Ladies Night Out - Pizza Grille
October 28	Dinner, Movie, & Bandit Bingo
October 29	Intergenerational Sunday School
November 5	Quilt Auction at Nawakwa
November 17	Parents' Night Out
November 19	Congregation Meeting
November 23	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
December 24	Christmas Eve Services

*Events will be added/updated when identified.



NOVEMBER 2023 REMARKER DEADLINE

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the November 2023 ReMarker to the church office **no later than Friday, October 13, 2023**. Thank you so much.



OCTOBER ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

- October 1 In loving memory of Ida and Gene Shaner, Sr. by Terry and Gene Shaner.
- October 8 In memory of husband, Ernie Kreiser, by Darlene Kreiser.
In memory of Elaine Tarasi by Bev Weaver.
- October 15 In memory of Faye Drawbaugh by Phyllis Mihalich.
In memory of Mitzi Imbo by Ez and Andi Sassaman.
- October 22 In honor of the marriage of Willow Yorlets and Joel Warner by Nina McElwain. Willow is the daughter of Gary and Beth Yorlets and the granddaughter of Nina McElwain. Joel is the son of Joel and Laura Warner.
- October 29 In honor of the October wedding anniversaries of my daughter and son-in-law (Kelley and Tom Weist); my son and daughter-in-law (Tim and Natalie Thomas); my grandson (Cody and his wife, Tessa); my grandson (Timothy and his wife, Megan); and my granddaughter (Shania and her hubby, Cody) by Karen Fisher.

PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR THE CROP WALK

This year's walk will be held on **Sunday, October 22, 2023**, in Mechanicsburg Memorial Park. Please contact Karen Fisher if you are planning on walking this year or if you need help registering. We hope to have a large team of walkers from St. Mark.

Our Team Name: St. Mark Keller Street Walkers

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/st-mark-keller-street-walkers>



Sun., Oct. 22, 2023, 2PM
Mechanicsburg/West Shore
CROP Walk

5K or 1.5-mile Fun Run/Walk
Rain/Shine!

Memorial Park, 1 Memorial Park Dr
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Park in the Gravel Lot at the end of N. Washington St.

1:00PM Check-In and New Registrations

1:30PM Team Pictures

2:00PM Walk Begins

Fanny Packs to all Walkers ☒ Leashed dogs welcome ☒ Live DJ

Walkers are invited to generously sponsor themselves and to solicit sponsors. Make checks payable to **CWS/CROP**.

Use the link or QR code to register as an individual and/or form a team or register on walk day.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/mechanicsburgpa>

100% of proceeds benefit **New Hope Ministries, Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels** and the global relief efforts of **Church World Service**.

Find us on **Facebook**: CROP Hunger Walk – Mechanicsburg/West Shore



For more info, contact **Ulli Klemm**, Volunteer Coordinator
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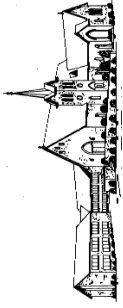
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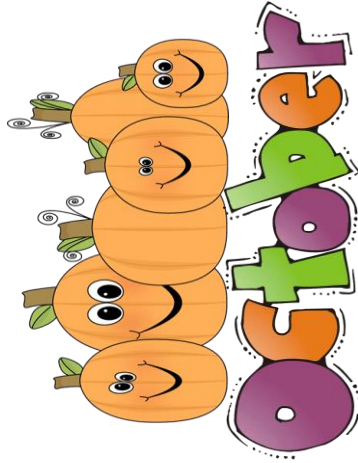
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