



St. Mark Bell

September 2022

St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street
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Worship

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday School Classes

Following Worship

Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am – 12noon

Bible Study

Fridays 11:00am – 12noon

Bells Rehearsal (Resuming 9/11)

Following Sunday Worship

Preschool:

M/W/F (4's) 9:00-11:45am &
12:30-3:15pm

M/W & T/Th (3's) 9:00-11:15am

Meetings & Activities

Sep 1 -3pm Evangelism Mtg

Sep 4 -Fellowship Time Following
Worship

Sep 5 -*Labor Day*

-OFFICE CLOSED-

Sep 6 -10am Preschool Orient.– 3s
-6pm St. Mark Eats @
Eisenhower Diner

Sep 7 -1pm Preschool Orient. – 4s
-Preschool 2022/23 Begins

Sep 11 -Sunday School Resumes
-Care Kit Assembly

Sep 14 -Preschool Regular Classes
Resume
-*Holy Cross Day*

Sep 17 -*Constitution Day*

Sep 19 -7pm Finance Mtg.

Sep 20 -1pm Garden Club Mtg.

Sep 22 -*First Day of Autumn*

Sep 25 -Laity Sunday as we
worship using *Land and
Seasons Folk Service*
-PAL Team 3

Oct. 8 – 2pm Pet Blessing Worship

“So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.” Acts 11:26b



Dear Faithful:

According to St. Luke, it was at Antioch of Syria that the followers of the Way were first named Christians. Now almost two thousand years later, that name still designates us as the faithful of Jesus, the Christ. We believe in the one who is God's "Anointed One" (which translates as Christ in Greek or Messiah in Hebrew). Since many of us have been Christians our entire lives, as well as our parents and grandparents before us, what does it mean when we say we are Christians?

First, a Christian is to be a believing disciple of Jesus. The first followers of Jesus spent time with him listening to his teachings, learning how to pray, and praising God in worship. Likewise, we are to be about the same practice of being students of God. We can be inspired daily by spending time hearing the Word of God through scripture reading, bible study, and worship, hearing God speak. Through prayer and worship, we are spiritually and physically coming into the presence of the Lord, offering our thanksgiving and praise. At worship we receive his blessings of sacrament, being made holy at his table of mercy. We remember to lift up our praise of thanksgiving and glory to the one who gives life, while at the same time petitioning for help and strength for others and ourselves. To worship, speak, and listen to God persistently helps us grow as his believing disciples.

Second, a Christian is to be a witness of Jesus. Another word for this is to be an evangelist, active in living and speaking to others of our faith by how we lead our life. Even while we were in sin, God has shown us love and mercy, so in return we are to show that same love and mercy, not only to friends but to strangers and enemies alike. We can share our understanding of faith, simply by offering a word of prayer, a helping hand, a word of scripture, a voice of compassion. To be an evangelist of Jesus is to be living our faith not just one hour on Saturday night or Sunday morning, but each moment of the week.

Thirdly, a Christian is to be a steward of the blessings of the Lord. Everything we have, our goods and money, our abilities and life, our land and homes, our air that we breathe, and the sky that covers us, all are given by the grace of God. How we spend our energy, use our time, express our thanks to God, is an expression of our faith. That is being good stewards.

May we always remember to be Jesus' active faithful disciples, witnesses, and stewards, so that all may see our faith and know we are rightly called Christians.

In the peace and grace of God,

Pastor Kirk Griffin

Happenings and News in our Congregation:

Council Happenings

- Council began with prayer and lifting up blessings and concerns. The Blessings lifted up were the COVID care improvement, celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries, the wonderful staff that keeps the office running and the facilities looking so good. A concern was raised as to the encroachment of the bushes on the Elm Street side of the church, noting that it is hard to see when pulling out at the stops.
- Council received thank you notes for the continued support of the church membership towards Olivia's House, Roots for Boots, ELCA, HACC, and card showers of thanks.
- Minutes and weekly attendance were reviewed and approved.
- Council voted to receive Shirley Noel into the membership of St. Mark.
- President Mike Merlo commended the church on moving forward and staying positive as a family of close knit members.
- Pastor Kirk Griffin gave his statistical report and brought up other issues needing addressed.
1) It was decided to seek more information from Brenda Cunningham concerning usage of fellowship hall for her art therapy business. 2) It was commended that another church is trying to start a basketball/bible study group but, over concern of liability, Council decided at this time not to allow them usage of our fellowship hall. 3) At the request of a member regarding having the option for an online donation service at the church, council decided to investigate different options and seek Finance committee input before moving forward. 4) Council approved UPMC community blood drive to use our fellowship hall again this fall. 5) Pastor raised issues of opening/closing and worship coverage during vacations.
- Christian Education committee reported that, at a meeting on August 17, the fall schedule of Sunday school and teachers was reviewed and planned out. We give thanks to our teachers who continue to serve and guide our youth.
- Evangelism Committee highlighted the Fall Bazaar that is planned for Saturday, Nov. 5. Sign-ups will be posted to seek volunteers for the soup making, the pie donors, grannie's treasure table, and other needs. It was noted that we are offering tables for crafters to rent and display their wares. There was thought of offering door prizes, which will be discussed further.
- Fellowship Committee hasn't met but continues to plan the St. Mark Eats night outs.
- Property Committee noted the continued work around the building, including Wally and Bob's work on repainting the music room, the sanctuary A/C repairs, the installation of the new electric door planned for Thursday, August 25, the replacement or removal of dying bushes along Elm Street, removal of dying tree over Allegheny Ave., the need to highlight steps at parking light in some fashion, along with other needs.
- Worship and Music Committee, during last meeting, discussed the Summer season and the plan to return to pouring chalice communion on and after September 11th. The committee meets again Sunday, August 28, to discuss the Fall season.
- Preschool Board reviewed their financial situation and decided to seek Little Tikes playground equipment rather than the more expensive inground options, replace a few preschool rugs, purchase another iPad to help in the 2nd class, increase teacher and assistant salaries to keep us competitive with community levels, and update COVID guidelines. They also reviewed the 2022/2023 calendar.
- Under new business, it was decided to seek the \$250 "Seed" money from Thrivent for our Fall Bazaar. An action team of Thrivent members will be needed. Evangelism will review.

July Treasurer's Report

While income is more than last year due to a healthy beginning of the year in investments, the average expenses have increased, dropping us into a deficit of nearly \$10,500 through July. As we move forward into the Fall, this deficit will need observed and addressed.

Happy Birthday To Our **SEPTEMBER Birthdays!**

Sept. 2 Nate Ormond
 Sept. 7 Michael Lobaugh
 Sept. 12 Jeff Kindschuh
 Joan Reigle
 Sept. 15 Martha Lippy
 Sept. 16 Debbie Folmer
 Sept. 17 Pat Brooks
 Sept. 19 Joanne Reifsnider



Sept. 20 Vicki George
 Wayne Lippy
 Abbi-Lynn Washington
 Sept. 22 Donna Jones
 Sept. 26 Christopher Greening
 Barb Wentz
 Sept. 30 Shellene Griffin
 Linda Kuhn
 Jennie Tome

**If you ever see that we miss a birthday or name – please contact the office at 717-637-8904.*



Prayer List: We ask that you keep all our shut-ins and those needing special help in your daily prayers. We will keep the shut-ins on the list indefinitely, and those needing extra prayers will be removed after one month unless hearing otherwise. To add a name to the prayer list, please write it on the list on the narthex brass stand or call the office. This month keep in your prayers:

Nancy Bittinger, Larry Bolin, Katherine Borsella, Allen Bowersox, Wilma Crawford, Jada Crow, Irene DeMart, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Vickie Gouker, Tom Greenholt, Carol Ann Haines, Mike Hnatkowicz, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, Family & Friends of Hayes Kemper, JoAnn Kirkpatrick, Norma Kreidler, Robert Krick, Allen Kuhns, John Kuhns, David Kunkel, Ted LeGore, Ricky Mai, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Family & Friends of Deb Mumma, Merle Mummert, Tammy Mummert, Marian Noble, Carolyn Neumyer, Sylvia Plank, Stef Reid, Mary Riley, Tony Schuman, Leroy Shive, Pr. Jerry Smith, Beverly Snyder, Ken Sterner, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, Anna Turvin, Lois VandenHeuvel, Barb Watson, Paul and Naomi Warren, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Family & Friends of Dave Wiltrout, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Sam Young, Anita Zeigler

St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs, which are pre-determined by our council each year. During September our designated need will be the Sweet Charities Cancer Patient Fund. The Cancer Patient Fund was established in 2005 to make a difference in the lives of individuals suffering from cancer and their families. When in need beyond medical treatment or hospital bills, families can turn to this fund to pay for daily living expenses, such as rent or mortgage, food, utility bills and other essentials. Administered by Hanover Hospital's Social Work Department, the fund is there to help be a steady rock for patients.

To contribute to this, please mail your donations to our office or place them in our weekend collection plates by specifying Sweet Charities Cancer Patient Fund on your check or the other line of any of our weekly offering envelopes. Whenever a donation is made on the "other" line that does not have a written designation, it will automatically be given to the ministry fund designated for that month. Thank you for your support

DID YOU KNOW? Did you know that there are books in the Parlor on the Bell tower table that are available to be borrowed? Just sign them out in the black notebook and return them when you're finished. New Christian books can also be donated to our library for others to share. Check them out today.





-To All Members at St. Mark's: *I would like to personally thank everyone that participated in the card shower for my mother, Wilma Crawford's, 90th Birthday. It was a huge success. Every day brought a huge smile to her face. Thanks again and God bless you all. – From Karen Crawford*

-To the Congregation of St. Mark's: *Special thanks for helping to make my 90th birthday a special day and beyond. Another "special thanks" to the quilters for a beautiful birthday quilt. It was really a surprise. And thank you for your prayers and concerns for the family of Vicki Lynn Bailey. Our youngest sister passed away just before my birthday. – From Wilma Crawford*

-To St. Mark Evangelical Congregation: *Thank you for your generous donation of \$60.00 to the mission of Olivia's House. We are forever grateful for support from members of the civic community who faithfully provide for our programs. Be assured that healing will occur for many grieving children as a result of your generosity! We look forward to continuing our work together to serve our community. Bless you! – From Olivia's House, K. C. Delp, Executive Director*

- To St. Mark: *Thank you for blessing us with your donation of \$2015.00 which will be applied as requested to the Hanover Area Council of Churches. \$1000 – 2022 Annual Contribution (Fair Share), \$100 – General Fund, \$835 – Provide-A-Lunch, \$80 – Ruth's Harvest. Our work will never end and thanks to you we will make sure that we continue to be there ready and able to help our Hanover community. – From Hanover Area Council of Churches, Mirna Wildasin, Executive Director*

-To All Who Donated to the Preschool: *Thank you to everyone who brought in supplies for the preschool as they prepare for the new school year. Your support is greatly appreciated..*

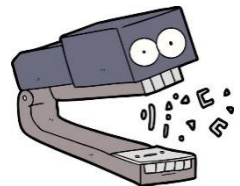
- Thanks to Evangelism for Making the Snack Town Festival Booth a Success: *Our booth at the Snack Town Street Fair in July was a wonderful outreach to the community! Thank you to the volunteers who staffed the table throughout the day – Linda Bolin, Shellene Griffin, and Martha and Wayne Lippy. We were able to interact with many, many people and handed out prayer squares, wooden crosses, water bottles, and several different booklets – all with St. Mark's name and address. We hope to do it again next year!*



Look a Bazaar! How Bizarre! Okay, that was silly, but it got your attention 😊. The Evangelism Committee is planning a Fall Bazaar on **November 5th** in the Fellowship Hall (8:00am – 2:00pm). We're going to need lots of help – cooks, bakers, crafters, and anyone willing to lend a hand in setup and tear down – plus donations for the "treasures" table. So watch for signup sheets on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. And spread the word: we'll have food, crafts, and more!

The Doors Are Here! Our new electric doors should be installed by the time you receive this newsletter, making the Willow Street side of our church fully handicap accessible at both the office/sanctuary entrance and the fellowship hall entrance. The installation is scheduled for **August 25th**. Thank you to all who made this happen.

Folding and Stapling Help Requested: We'll soon be replacing our pew bulletins for fall. If you're able to help Joni fold and staple on **September 9th** around 10:00am, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact her in the church office: offcoor129@gmail.com or 717-637-8904.



Join the New Bible Study: We are taking a break in mid-September as we have ended our study of St. Luke and are preparing to begin a new Study looking at 1st and 2nd Peter. This new class is open to all (no experience or biblical expertise required). We can even supply the Bibles. Join us starting Friday, **October 7th** at 11:00am for our new study!

Quilt Help: If you can cut with scissors, tie knots, or operate a sewing machine, then you're welcome to join in with the Thursday morning group. They also appreciate donations of clean flat sheets to produce more quilts for the hospital and other area agencies. Please drop them off on Thursday mornings.



NEEDED: Sunday Morning Communion Assistants: As we plan to return to pouring chalices for communion starting **September 11th**, we will need an Altar Guild and at least two Communion Assistants each Sunday. Please sign up in the narthex.

Join the TrebleBells: The regular bells rehearsal season begins **September 11th**. If you're interested in joining, see a member of the TrebleBells or email Melinda Elnaggar at MelindaElnaggar@gmail.com for more information.

Voices Needed: If you enjoy singing, we'd love to have you in our choir. Please contact a choir member or Melinda to find out how to join!



Host a Fellowship Time: Many of us have enjoyed the Fellowship coffee times after church this summer. We would like to continue to offer it on the first Sunday of each month. If you are willing to host by setting up coffee and donuts (provided by the church), please sign up on the hallway bulletin board. Dates open through the rest of the year are **October 2nd**, **November 6th**, and **December 4th**.

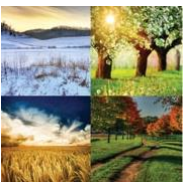
Flat Sheets Needed: Our sewing group makes quilts that give comfort to the dying and mourning at the hospital. This ministry is such a wonderful gift. Please consider helping by donating flat colored sheets that are the basis for every quilt. If you can donate sheets, it would help the group produce more quilts requested by the hospital and other area agencies. Please drop them off on Thursday mornings or during church office hours (9:00am to 12noon). Additionally, the ladies would always appreciate new helpers — no sewing experience needed!



St. Mark Eats:

On Tuesday, **September 6th**, at 6:00pm we will be dining at the Eisenhower Diner in Hanover. Then on Tuesday, **October 4th**, we'll have dinner at Hoss's in Hanover. All are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and food. Please sign up on the narthex bulleting board or call 717-637-8904, so we can make reservations. Upcoming *Eats*: we hope to be at Perkins on **November 8th** and Railside Diner on **December 6th**. Look for more signups soon.

Sunday Lectors: If you can read this newsletter, then you can be a lector in church. The signup for each Sunday is available on the narthex bulletin board. We have lots of available weeks to fill this fall. Allow the Holy Spirit to move you to answer the call and take the time to pick a date on the signup in the narthex. We can always use readers. Check out the signup the next time you are in worship.



Land and Seasons Folk Worship & Laity Sunday:

September 25th will be our Fall *Land and Seasons* special worship. Also on that Sunday, we will be led through this NON-COMMUNION special service by our lay leaders of St. Mark. Be sure to mark your calendars and be here for this special Sunday morning worship service.

September Altar Vases



- September 4:** Altar Vase: *Given by Sue O'Brien in Memory of Her Mother, Dorothy Swartz*
- Altar Vase: *Given by Kate Klunk and Jared Laird in Memory of James P. Kunkel*
- September 11:** Altar Vases: *Both altar vases are available for dedication*
- September 18:** Altar Vases: *Given in Memory of Austin Ruth by his family.*
- September 25:** Altar Vase: *Given by Kate Klunk and Jared Laird in Memory of Janice R. Kunkel*
- Altar Vase: *One altar vase is available for dedication*

Dedicate a Vase: Sign up to dedicate an altar vase (or both) in the Altar Flower notebook on the wall in the narthex. Or call the office at 717-637-8904. There are several dates in **October** and **November**, and one on **December 4th** still available to sponsor at \$17.00 per vase. By covering the cost of our weekly vases, you can honor a loved one and help St. Mark continue the tradition of beautiful fresh flowers on the altar each Sunday.

September Sunday Worship Helpers

September Altar Care: *Need a Volunteer*

September 4th

CPIC: Penelope Highlands
Lector: Mike Merlo

September 18th

CPIC: Karen Feeser
Lector: Hollis Long
Communion Assts: Hollis Long &
Need Volunteer

September 11th

CPIC: Kathy Gates
Lector: Karen Feeser
Communion Assts: Karen Feeser &
Susan O'Brien



September 25th

CPIC: Pat Keefer
Lector: Kathy Gates
No Communion Sunday

We Give Thanks for Our Worship Helpers: But could still use a couple more Altar Care Volunteers. Each month, a person or two makes sure the flowers get distributed correctly and help in any other way cleaning up after worship. As noted above, we still need someone for the **month of SEPTEMBER** and also December. Please see the sign up in the narthex or call the church office during office hours to find out more.

Future Task Force Group Update: Results are in from our Future Task Force Group survey. We had a lot of input from our congregation on what they like about St. Mark, as well as where we can improve. Be sure to check out the results we've included (two pages) near the end of this newsletter. The Task Force will be meeting again in October to decide the next steps that need taken.

Mark Your Calendars: The Annual Pet Blessing worship will be outside in front of the sanctuary on Saturday, **October 8th** at 2:00pm. Be sure to bring your dog and cat, or horses and birds, or giraffes and platypuses. We celebrate all creation and all animals that our Lord has blessed us with as part of this life. Join us for a good afternoon.



Thank You to All Who Supported the Blood Drive: The UPMC community blood drive held in our fellowship hall on **August 11th** collected enough blood to positively impact 159 lives. We'll be scheduling another blood drive at St. Mark this October or early November, so keep an eye out for more info. Thanks to all who donated!

Happenings and Ministry to our Community:

Ruth's Harvest Donations Sought: As the school year begins, Hanover Council of Churches is getting ready for another year of Ruth's Harvest. Individual packs of fruit, vegetables, snacks, and tuna/chicken pouches make great donations to the support the children's program. These bags are made up each week and given to qualifying children in local elementary schools. The bin to donate is located on the floor by the church office.

School Has Begun: Local public schools are now open. Be sure to watch out for children walking to bus stops and remember to stop for those big yellow busses with the flashing red lights. It takes everyone to care for our children.



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Where did the summer go? It seems like it was only a week ago that we were celebrating the preschool's Class of 2022. Now, we are ready to open our doors once again to a new group of students. This year the 4-year-old class will continue to be taught by Idonia Klunk and Mandy Wasserman, and Lauren Hammersla will be assisting. Allison Wentz will continue to teach the 3-year-old class, and Heather Gorczynski and Karen Amoss will be assisting. All our classes are full, and we are excited to get things started.

The Preschool Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations to our preschool over the summer. The supplies you provided will help keep our preschool running smoothly. Thanks again for all your support – *Idonia Klunk and Allison Wentz*



Vacation Bible School 2022

We are so grateful for the members of St. Mark who made our "Houses of God" VBS a HUGE success! Pastor Kirk greeted the children each morning as they arrived and offered prayers. Pennie Highlands, Linda Kuhn, and Kate Klunk were our shepherds, leading the children to each activity and helping the leaders as needed. The children made crafts, listened to stories, and sang songs. They played lots of fun games, overseen by Karen Feeser with some help from Hollis Long. Take-home snacks were provided by Linda Kuhn each day.

Be sure to check out the bulletin board in the hallway to see pictures of all the fun!



Flood Relief: Parts of the south were recently devastated by severe flash flooding. Many are in great need. Lutheran Disaster Response is working to start the process of rebuilding. To help by donating, please call 800-638-3522 or send donations to: Lutheran Disaster Response; P.O. Box 1809; Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 with "U.S. Flooding" noted on the check memo line.



WALK-A-THON



afflicted by this disease. Please support Pat's goal by donating to her in person or through <https://act.alz.org/site/TR> (Pat Keefer/Wayne's Walkers). Thank you for joining and supporting the fight against Alzheimer's!

Help Fight Alzheimer's Disease: Pat Keefer is attending the Walk to End Alzheimer's again this year on September 17th in Gettysburg in memory of her husband, Wayne Keefer and brother-in-law John Hull, who were both

York/Adams Heart Walk Sponsors Requested: Cara Lynn Clabaugh, a member at St. Mark who still volunteers at our church despite moving away, is requesting sponsors for the York/Adams Heart Walk. She's walking 125 miles and trying to raise \$250. You can pledge donations at <https://bndfr.com/h3zc9>. Thank you for supporting Cara Lynn's goal and helping to save lives!

Hanover Crop Hunger Walk: St. Mark will once again be participating in the Hanover Crop Hunger Walk around Codorus on Sunday, **October 16th**. Linda Bolin has agreed to represent us in the planning sessions at HACC as our Team Leader. Watch the midweek announcements and Sunday handouts for more information as we learn more.

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 11th:

This year we will be collecting and making Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief on **September 11th**.

These kits are sent to places of disasters and to people in need here in the U.S. and all around the world. Each kit needs the following items: **Bath Towels** – light-weight and dark colored (52"x27" maximum size); **Soap Bars** – bath size in package;

Toothbrushes – adult size in package; **Combs** – sturdy wide-toothed type; **Nail Clippers** – metal, with or without attached nail file. Please place donations in the Narthex bins.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Our Teams Serve at Provide-A-Lunch (PAL):

Team #3 will be serving at HACC on September 25th: Our team members include: Barb Baublitz, Linda Bolin, Dale Dull, and Shirley Hippensteel. **Want to join a team?** PAL team volunteers sought to maintain our three teams. Any help is appreciated. Call or just come to one of our serving events at HACC on Carlisle.

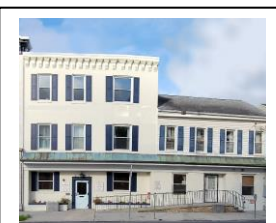
HACC NEWS & NEEDS:

Thrift Shop Reopening: HACC has reopened its Clothing Bank thrift shop after some renovations. Check out the newly-freshened space at 136 Carlisle Street!

SPECIAL NEEDS THIS MONTH AT HACC

PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program: Canned whole potatoes, single-serve fruit cups, cans of mixed vegetables, sugar, bottled water **Shelter:** Women's underwear, disposable gloves medium/large, cleaning supplies, T-shirts medium/large/extra-large, Lysol spray, Clorox wipes.

Clothing Bank: Toiletries/body wash, low cut socks for adults. The clothing bank can also use newspaper as wrappings for household goods and nice handled bags for packing clothes. **Meals on Wheels:** Coloring books, pencils **Ruth's Harvest:** individual foods for kids. **All Donations can be placed** in the bins by the office on the corner table at end of hall.



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Future Task Force Survey Results

Bill VandenHeuvel, Penelope Highlands, Jeff Kindschuh, Kate Klunk, Jo Kuhns, Gary Laabs, Martha Lippy, Hollis Long, Alex Spalding, and Pastor Kirk Griffin have met on regular basis to discuss the future needs of St. Mark. Their first action was to attempt a survey of the membership list of the congregation. This is a difficult task with a long list of active and inactive contacts to sort.

As many members as possible were contacted by a mailed survey or phone call. If you were not contacted, we apologize and still value your input. Please feel free to contact any of the task force members with comments or suggestions to any of the questions below.

Results were summarized into types and some similar answers were combined as marked with an asterisk (*).

1. How would you characterize your relationship with St. Mark Church?

Active (members that are active in worship, financial support and volunteering)

Member *	Active and attend as much as possible	Wonderful experience for the many
Member for many years, lifetime member*	Left another church to come to St. Mark	years I have attended
Baptized on Carlisle St.	Always loved the church	Regularly attends Saturday Night service*
Children were baptized here*	St. Mark is my outlet, helps in a stressful world	Has helped me through tough times*
Attend regularly*		
My safe place	Newer member and felt welcomed	

Perhaps Active (members that may worship, financially support or consider themselves members)

Trying to get back from surgery	I contribute	Don't come due to health *
Active member although am homebound	I consider myself a member but due to health haven't attended	

Non-Members (members who have moved, died, or transferred)

Goes to another church now

2. What do you enjoy about St. Mark Church?

Worship/Leadership (pertaining to worship and staff)

Traditional service *	Music *	Like getting children involved in service
The Pastor *	Learning through the service	Communion every week
Pastor's humor*	Pastor should call people	Love what we do for Christmas
Preaches from the Bible *	Choir should sit in loft or up front	It is a steadfast place & I know it will be there for me *
Saturday service*	Music Sunday	
Sermons are wonderful *	The Organ *	
Bible study is good	Organist	

Fellowship/Outreach (pertaining to members fellowship or outreach ministries)

People friendly*	Soup dinners	A very giving church, we go well above and beyond for our size
Really happy with St. Mark	St. Mark eats*	Got lots of cards from St Mark
Sewing group	Social activities	

Building/Grounds (pertaining to the physical aspects of St. Mark)

Beautiful building	Modern and comfortable	Children's service
Flowers	My grandfather built the annex 1912	Classrooms
Physical issues being addressed with building	Not only is it the prettiest church, it is a great location near hospital.	Stage

3. What would you like to see improved at St. Mark Church?

More People (suggestions to attract more people)

Ask people how we can help	Nametags should be used	Wish more people would help where they can and are comfortable
Bring more people in*	Ask pertinent questions, such as have you been in a church, are you afraid to go?	Have visitors go to those in nursing homes *
Make things relevant to them		
Miss having assistant minister		
Give new things a try	Communion the way it was *	

Assistance at communion for those with physical issues
 Don't make me move my seat
 Use music well and appropriately
 Recognize our potential

Use gloves with pita bread
 Need positive actions as result of survey*
 Don't be complacent, OK is not good enough

Those in positions within the church should be approachable
 Didn't like shaking hands, peace be with you *
 Don't say, "That's not how we do it."

More Programs (suggestions to increase groups)

Plays to get people together
 Talent shows or activities for young people
 More music and contact with those who provide it
 Crafting groups

Potlucks
 Sunday service too early for me*
 Modern day music
 Activities *
 Teen groups
 Picnic

Handicap Accessible bathroom
 More children's music activities
 Youth minister/counselor
 Don't wait until we have families to begin family programs

More Community Accessibility (suggestions to have St. Mark open to community)

Community singing
 Day care
 Welcome youth

Sponsor community meal/suppers
 Be a community partner
 Use the building more

How can we support Seniors, Elder day program
 Ghost kitchen

Unknown

Can't think of anything *

4. What are the skills /interests you are currently sharing or willing to share as part of St. Mark Ministry?

Worship Involvement (help in particular to worship in church)

Help with services, on Saturday
 Help with altar care *
 Music, choir
 Music, bells
 Committee membership

Participate on the Worship and Music
 I read a lot
 Help with communion
 Bell Ringer

Sang in choir but can't go up and down steps
 Usher
 Would love to sing
 Knowledge

Ministry Involvement (help in various ministries of the church life)

Was very dedicated to job
 Serves as committee secretary
 Taught bible school
 Nursery helper
 Evangelism
 Sewing group

Has helped with roof, painting, etc
 Coffee time
 Council *
 Has served as treasurer
 Ruth's Harvest
 Covers altar vase cans

Quilt
 Coloring group
 Property Committee member
 Counted
 Help where I can

Membership Awareness (help in sharing amongst members)

Can do calling group
 Tell stories

Would do prayer chain *
 How about a member spotlight?

Card showers
 In nursing home now, can't help *

5. What can St. Mark do for you?

Spirituality (ways to help in faith matters)

Would like visitors, including pastors*

Have my funeral bury us*
 Transportation for older people

Prayer for my loved one and me*

Fellowship (ways to help in socializing)

Miss ladies group
 More fellowship

More contact, some people don't know others' names












Keep me informed so I may help

Unknown

Nothing I can think of *

As we consider our next steps, we have begun to address some of these suggestions: We have offered a Community Blood Drive. We are planning a Fall Bazaar. We have increased communications with "Did you know?" We are seeking volunteers to write the monthly "member highlight newsletter article," develop a prayer chair, increase sign-up openings.

Please Consider helping us out
 Share the Faith! Share the News! Share Ideas!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Quilting Group</p> <p>3:00pm Evangelism Mtg</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p>
<p>4</p> <p>13th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship</p> <p>Fellowship Following Worship</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>10:00am Preschool Orientation – 3's</p> <p>6:00pm St. Mark Eats @ Eisenhower Diner</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>1:00pm Preschool Orientation – 4's</p> <p>2022/2023 Preschool Begins</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Quilting Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p>
<p>11</p> <p>14th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship</p> <p>10:20am Sunday School Begins</p> <p>Care Kit Assembly</p>  <p>Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p>	<p>14*</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Quilting Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>15th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship</p> <p>10:20am Sunday School</p> <p>Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm Finance Mtg.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>1:00pm Garden Club</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Quilting Group</p> <p>First Day of Autumn</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p>
<p>25</p> <p>16th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00am Worship</p> <p>10:20am Sunday School</p>  <p>Land & Seasons Folk Worship</p> <p>PAL Team 3</p> <p>Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Quilting Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am – 12noon Office Open</p>	

*NOTE: Beginning September 14, St. Mark Preschool classes are in regular session MONDAY through FRIDAY each week between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm.
Please see the preschool calendar for more information.

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