

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS/UPDATES
May 24, 2023

From DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2017: Written by Julia Attaway

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. – COLOSSIANS 4:2

This week we received thrilling news: Mary has been accepted into the conservatory program at a ballet company! The one drawback: my daughter will be leaving home this fall.

Mary knows how to cook and do laundry; she gets her schoolwork done; she balances ballet and babysitting and spending time with friends. She's responsible and does what needs to be done with competence, common sense, and faith. Still...she's only sixteen.

I consider inquiring, "God, why do You ask this of me?" But it's not a serious question. Mary is determined to dance and, heaven help me, I am surely the last person to stand in her way. Still...she's only sixteen.

Over the years I've learned that when my mind veers off into whatever-could-go-wrong territory, I need to steer it back to the ways God has been good. I focus on being thankful for the gifts God has given my daughter, for the gift of being her mom, and for the opportunity Mary has been given to do what she loves.

Yet because Mary is sixteen, sometimes I get a bit weepy. In a way this makes me smile and thank God too. For I am absolutely certain that one reason He made the day twenty-four hours long is so that mothers have 2:00 a.m. in which to cry, alone.

*Jesus, take my tears and water the souls of those I love
so that they may grow in wisdom and faith. – JULIA ATTAWAY*

Prayer: *Let us pray: God Almighty, you have shown great love to all your creation and continue to sustain us with your blessings. Yet, in my human failings, I still doubt and fear. Guide your Holy Spirit to guide my mind towards full trust and reliance on your blessings. Help me see the good gifts that you have given me and live in the use of those talents each and every day. I pray all these things relying on you as the Lord Almighty, and the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ in whose name I pray. Amen.*

Weekly Schedule:

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00am-12:00noon

Preschool: On Summer Break

Wednesday, May 24 8:30am to 8:00pm – Longwood Garden Bus Trip

Thursday, May 25 9:00am to 12noon – Quilters Group

Friday, May 26 11:00am to 12noon – Bible Study

Saturday, May 27 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – *Weekend of Pentecost*

Sunday, May 28 9:00am – Traditional Worship – *Day of Pentecost* **WEAR RED**

Rite of Confirmation

PAL Team 3 Serves at HACC

Progressive Dinner Signup Deadline

Bells Rehearsal

Monday, May 29 *Memorial Day*

- OFFICE CLOSED -

Thursday, June 1 9:00am to 12noon – Quilters Group

3:00pm – Evangelism Meeting

5:00pm – St. Mark *Eats* at Dutch Country

Friday, June 2 11:00am to 12noon – Bible Study

Sunday Worship Leaders

CPIC: Karen Feeser

Lector: Kathy Gates

Comm. Assts: Kathy Gates | *Need Volunteer*

Acolyte: Abby Shermeyer

Greeters: *Need 2 Volunteers*

Altar Care: Shellene Griffin



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 week keep in your prayers: *Carolyn Anderson, Barb Baublitz, Nancy Bittinger, Larry Bolin, Katherine Borsella, Allen Bowersox, Pat Brooks, Family & Friends of Roland Carbaugh, Wilma Crawford, Jada Crow, Irene DeMart, Lisa Dickensheets, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Gwenyeth Eyler, Julia Eyler, Family of Jeff Eyler, Nancy Fridinger, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Carol Ann Haines, Carrie Hernden, Shirley Hippensteel, Ginny Holmberg, Jean Huskin, Donna Jones, Craig King, JoAnn Kirkpatrick, Norma Kreidler, Family & Friends of Robert Krick, Mary Lou Krummeck, Allen Kuhns, David Kunkel, Naura Luqman, Ricky Mai, Dave & Denise Martin, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Tammy Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Family & Friends of Colleen Reese, Sis Rhodes, Mary Riley, Charles Rupp, Tony Schuman, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Luanne Slusser, Pr. Jerry Smith, Beverly Snyder, Sally Soule, Alex Spalding, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, Family & Friends of Anna Turvin, Lois VandenHeuvel, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Family & Friends of Bradley Wiseman, Rebecca Wisotzkey.*

St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs. During May we are given the opportunity to contribute to **HACC PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program** which serves a free hot, nutritious cooked lunch *seven* days a week, prepared by churches in the Hanover area.

To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail your donations to our office or place them in our weekend collection plates by specifying "HACC PAL" or May Designated Giving 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 be given to the ministry fund designated for that month. Thank you for your support!

It Is with Deep Regret that we announce the passing of one of our beloved members, Roland Carbaugh. On Saturday, May 20th, he entered into the everlasting promise of Jesus Christ and the resurrection. A white rose will be placed in the chancel this weekend in his memory. A private graveside service is planned. Please keep Roland's family and friends in your prayers.

Last Call for Graduates! We'll be congratulating recent graduates in our June newsletter which is being **finalized today, May 24th**. If you'd like to share the news of your family member's graduation, please contact the church office ASAP at 637-8904 or email Joni at offcoor129@gmail.com.

Altar Care Needed: The job of altar care entails cleaning up and storing the communion ware, placing flowers on the office hallway table, and making sure the linens are properly set aside for washing. We **NEED** volunteer(s) for most of 2023. A signup sheet is in the narthex (next to the Flower Book). Please sign up for this important job of tidying up after service and putting away the communion ware.

Confirmation Sunday: Please join us this coming Sunday, **May 28th**, the Day of Pentecost, for Morgana Lobaugh's and Noah Shermeyer's special day of confirmation. And remember to **wear red!**

Dedicated Flowers Help Us Keep the Altar Beautiful: Thank you to all who've volunteered to fill our May vases. We still have almost all of June, July, and August open, so if you'd like to dedicate flowers to a loved one or their memory, please sign up in the Altar Flower book.

Directory Update Coming: We'll be updating the congregational directory, with the new version available the first week of July. If you have any updates you'd like us to include, please contact offcoor129@gmail.com or call 637-8904.

Dress Up Your Pet for Prizes: Mt. Olivet is hosting their first annual "Pets Honor Mom & Dad Day" on Sunday, **June 4th**, at 2:00pm in their Pet Memorial Gardens. This includes a costume contest for your pet! For more information, call 637-5294.

Follow Us on Facebook: And invite your friends to follow us, too! @129charlesstreet.

Fresh Produce Vouchers for Seniors: Did you know that eligible seniors can receive FREE \$50 vouchers for the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables grown in PA? The program runs **June 1st through November 30th** of this year. Contact the York County Area Agency on Aging at 717-852-4902, extension 1062 for more information.

Greeters Needed: Please volunteer to be a greeter for morning worship on Sundays. We need two people to cover both side doors and distribute handouts or bulletins as needed. If you're willing to welcome people into worship, then please sign up for a week or two on the narthex bulletin board.

Lectors Needed: Many dates are open – please choose a Sunday and sign up!

Need Daily Inspiration? Take home an envelope full of free daily inspirations for yourself (found near the narthex shelf) – and take some to share with friends. June envelopes are available now!

PAL Team Help: Provide-A-Lunch members prepare and package lunch at HACC on the **4th Sunday** of each month, and a staff member hands them out. Our teams rotate, so **each team only serves once every three months**. We'd love to have you on one of our teams. If you'd like to try it, contact our office.

Hallway Photo Displays: Please enjoy the display of photos of mothers and mother figures in the church office hallway during the month of May. Thank you to Pennie Highlands for setting this up! We're planning to do a similar display of fathers in June, veterans in July, and back-to-school photos in August. You can drop off those photos anytime or email to offcoor129@gmail.com

Progressive Dinner Signup Deadline Coming Soon: If you'd like to join us for the progressive dinner (Mt. Carmel Lutheran to St. Paul on Broadway and to St. Mark for dessert) on **June 11th** at 3:00pm, be sure to sign up this week. The deadline is Sunday so we can have a head count on who's attending.

Quilt Help: The Thursday morning quilting group can always use more help to fulfil their ministry of providing quilts to those in palliative care. If you can help, they need quilting assistance and people to deliver quilts to local nursing homes. They are also looking for large flat sheets in new condition.

Snack Town Street Fair: The annual fair in downtown Hanover will be held on **July 15th** this year. If you're interested in being a part of St. Mark's booth, contact a member of the Evangelism Committee or call the church office. You could also have your own booth by going to snacktownstreetfair.com for more information.

St. Mark Eats: We're looking forward to dinner at Dutch Country on **Thursday, June 1st at 5:00 pm**. Please note that June's dinner will be on Thursday since they aren't open on Tuesdays. Please sign up on the narthex board so we can make reservations.

Sunday Fellowship Hosts Needed: Thank you to those who have signed up to be hosts. We still need one host for August, and then the summer will be covered. The job entails setting up coffee and putting out doughnuts (provided by the church), and then cleaning up after. Please help us keep this "1st Sunday" tradition going by signing up on the church hallway bulletin board.

Virtual Bible Study: If you're interested in joining our Friday morning Bible Study but haven't been able to physically make it to the church, you're in luck! You can now listen in and make comments verbally over your cellphone or computer by joining us online. Just go to <https://teams.live.com/join/9318150962243>. This link is good until **June 30th**, at which time we'll publish a new link. We'll also link to this on our website, stmarkhanover.org, on the Spiritual Growth Mission page (<https://stmarkhanover.org/spiritual-growth/>). At this time, we have no camera connection so it is just listening and commenting verbally. If interested, we are in the midst of comparing the 3 Creeds of the Church and their respective Biblical stances. Link in and join us.