

St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street Hanover PA 17331 717-637-8904 stmarkhanover.org

Worship

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am

Sunday School on Summer Break

Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am-12noon

Bible Study

Fridays 11:00am-12noon

Bells Rehearsal

Please See Music Director for Schedule

Quilting Group

Thursdays 9:00am-12noon

Preschool

On Summer Break

Meetings & Activities

June 2 – Fellowship Time Following Worship

- Worship & Music Mtg

June 4 – 6pm St. Mark *Eats* @ C&D Bar & Grill

June 6 -D-Day 80th Anniversary

- 3pm Evangelism Mtg

June 10 – OFFICE CLOSED

June 11 – 9:30am Property Mtg

June 13 – UPMC Blood Drive @ St. Mark

June 14 – Flag Day

June 16 – Father's Day

June 18 – 4pm Future Task Force Group Mtg

June 19 – Juneteenth

June 23 – PAL Team 1

June 25 – NO COUNCIL MTG

June 27 – 6pm Fellowship Mtg @ Railside Diner

St. Mark Bell

June 2024

"...camp, each under their standards and holding the banners of their family." Numbers 2:2b



Dear St. Markian Christians:

Having been raised in Maryland, I was forced to visit Ft. McHenry at least a half dozen times. It seemed like the go-to place for our elementary school and cub scout field trips. In addition, each trip started off the same – you met as a group and watched the film play out in the visitor's center. Then as the film concluded and the Star-Spangled Banner was played, the right curtain of the room would pull back, revealing a beautiful broadside view of the fort with the American flag flying clearly above. It was meant to be awe-inspiring, profound, and emotionally moving. And I suppose it worked, because I have that image of the historical fort with our country's flag burned into my brain and give thanks that I live in this land of the free.

In the middle of June we celebrate Flag Day, a little-known commemoration set by President Woodrow Wilson in 1917, just two months after the U.S. entered World War I. He chose June 14th because it was the day in 1777 that the Continental Congress acted to adopt the flag as our nation's flag. Since that time, the flag has stood for our country's unity, strength, honor and purpose as one nation.

But did you know that there is a Christian Flag also that is designated to stand for our faith in unity, strength, honor, and purpose as one Christian faith? This ecumenical flag was developed in the late 19th century during a Sunday School lecture. When the guest speaker did not arrive to lead the discussion, the teacher filled the time by pondering with the students what symbols should be included on a Christian Flag that all denominations could agree on. What resulted was a flag of pure white to represent the righteous sanctity of Christ, our Lord and God. On that white field stands a corner of blue that represents the unity God gives to all of us through the waters of baptism when he makes us brothers and sisters in his one holy family. And finally on that blue square is a red cross that represents the blood of Christ who died as a sacrifice to save all of humanity from sin and death. This flag stands as our unifying faith.

So this month as you come to worship and notice the two flags in the front of the church, remember to give thanks to God for the right to live in a land of freedom and to assemble in worship as God's one church family. Give thanks.

In the peace and grace of God,

Pastor Kirk Griffin

Happenings and News in Our Congregation

Council Meeting Happenings: May 28th, 2024

- Council opened in prayer.
- On behalf of the congregation, Council received thank you's from Olivia's House and HACC and from our Lower Susquehanna Lutheran Synod office for surpassing our yearly benevolence goal in 2023.
- A few blessings of good news were shared before getting into the rest of the meeting. The Special Music Sunday on Mother's Day was lifted up for its beautiful music and appreciation. It was noted that the East Berlin Community Singers concert was a great success with many in attendance. The fact that the congregation is opening up to more community wide activities like the concert, the Heroes Celebration event, the blood drives, and the election day polling are all viewed as very positive steps in getting people aware of St. Mark and our ministry. Some graduation news and birthday celebrations were shared as well.
- Past minutes, attendance, and the addition of our newest baptismal child member were reviewed and accepted by Council.
- In his report, President Mike Merlo reiterated the need to give thanks to the entire church community and our members who continue to volunteer and give support.
- Pastor gave his statistical report.
- Evangelism Committee gave their written report and noted the debate and research as to whether the Fall Bazaar should move from the first Saturday of November to an earlier date in October. The Council voted to recommend keeping it the first Saturday of November.
- Preschool Board gave a report that Shawn Klunk and Wally Rodenhaber were able to replace the four AC window units in the two preschool rooms. At the recommendation of our Electrician Tim Hagarman, it was thought best to get two units that were 110 voltage and 2 units that had 230 voltage in keeping with the current electrical setup of the room and electrical circuit box.
- Future Task Force gave their report. It was mentioned that the Honoring our Heroes event on July 14th is coming together and will be wonderful community wide event. The group also discussed the potential for recording and posting more online opportunities of segments of worship like the sermons and such.
- The Treasurer report for April was presented. While contributions are lower this year compared to the same time last year, the investments are helping offset some of the negativity. Finally, it was noted that growing expenses need to be monitored.
- Council reviewed old business and discussed the need for June or July meetings. It was voted to have our next regularly scheduled meeting set for August 27th at 4:00pm unless a special need arises that calls for an emergency meeting.

April's Treasurer's Report				



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: *Dora, Grayson, Alvan Allison,*

Donald Becker, Nancy Bender, Larry Bolin, Jessica (Feeser) Boone, Katherine Borsella, Allen Bowersox, Frances Claybaugh, Ann Clingan, Family & Friends of Eric Coleman, Lisa Dickensheets, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Dennis Fahey, Betty Fury, Nancy Fridinger, Nancy Gill, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Carol Ann Haines, Sandra Haymaker, Carrie Hernden, Drew Highlands, Martha Howells, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, Craig King, Kelly Koontz, Norma Kreidler, Mary Lou Krummeck, Allen Kuhns, David Kunkel, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Dave & Denise Martin, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Sandy Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Glenn Mummert, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Kelly Perdue, Mary Riley, Lucus Schneider, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Bob Shue, Luanne Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Beverly Snyder, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Lois VandenHeuvel, Daniel & Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Kathy Wildasin, Edward Wiltrout, Scott Wisner, Rebecca Wisotzkey.

St. Mark's Designated Fund for the Month of JUNE



Each month we focus on a fund that meets a specific need in our community and in the world. In June, that designated fund is:

The Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of Hanover and Spring Grove. The VNA is a hospice program that provides services at home and in nursing homes for people who are at the end of life.

For Us, It's Personal

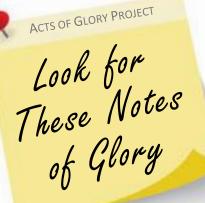
To support June's designated fund, write "VNA" or "June Fund" on your check or on your offering envelope on the line marked

"Other." Amounts written in on the "Other" line with no other fund specified will automatically be attributed to that month's designated fund.

Glory Project Update: Thank you to all who recently donated supplies. We appreciate it! Thank you also for helping us work toward our goal of 2024 acts of glory for the year. If you'd like to anonymously share a kind act, donation of time or money to a good cause, a prayer, devotion, or inspiration, fill out one of the index

PLANT KINDNESS
GROW LOVE

cards in the sanctuary or email a note to offcoor129@gmail.com.



Notes of Glory: We were inspired by one such card that mentioned tucking away inspirational notes around the house and decided to tuck notes around this newsletter for you to find.

So be sure to look for the little bits of inspiration, kindness, and glory as you read!

~ In Appreciation ~



-St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church: Your generous donation of \$664 means everything to us. Because of this gift, our families know that their community is behind them...In a world where everything comes at a price, your donation has ensured that healing does not...God Bless you all! This gift will go a long way toward healing grieving hearts. Blessings. – *K. C. Delp, Executive Director, Olivia's House*

-St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church: Thank you for blessing us with your donations of \$555 to Changing Lives Shelter and \$160 to Ruth's Harvest...It is so wonderful knowing that together and with God's blessings, many lives have been turned around and changed for the better. Our work is endless and thanks to your support, we will be able to ensure that we van continue providing assistance to our Hanover community. Once again, please accept our many thanks. – *Mirna Wildasin, Executive Director, Hanover Area Council of Churches*.

-Pastor and Congregation: Thank you for the opportunity for the East Berlin Community Singers to sing in your lovely sanctuary this past Friday night. We appreciate your letting us

rehearse on Thursday and sing for a full house on Friday! We hope all enjoyed the concert! Blessings to you. – *Julia Maker, Secretary, East Berlin Community Singers*

-Linda Bolin and Gil Bishop: Thank you for doing a beautiful job planting our Pentecost geraniums and for weeding the entrance garden while you were at it! – *The Church Office*





Welcome, Child of God: On Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, we rejoiced with the Wildasin/Long Family as Josie Jordan Wildasin was baptized into the body of Christ. Through the water of Baptism and by God's Word, she joins with us as a sister in the eternal Kingdom of God. Welcome to the newest member of St. Mark!



Concert at St. Mark: Thanks to all who came out to support our first post-COVID concert at St. Mark. On May 17th, we hosted the East Berlin Community Singers. We had a great turnout and collected lots of food for HACC's food bank as we enjoyed beautiful music by this

50+ member choral group.

Stopped and talked to a veteran in a store to thank him for his service



Happy Birthday To Our JUNE Birthdays!

June 2 Heather Yeager

June 3 Robert Richter

June 4 Kate Klunk

June 6 Kara Jones Michele Smith

June 7

Wendy Bish-McGrew

June 10 Marian Noble Jon Wallen

June 11 Linda Gouker Owen Reese

June 12 Pr. Kirk Griffin

June 15 Carl Sandruck



June 17 Braydon Bailey

June 19 Camryn Farley

June 20 Erik Long

Carla Stabley

June 21 JoAnn Berwager

June 24 Martha Howells

June 26 Elsie Wildasin

June 28 Benjamin Shaw

June 29 Jadyn Long

June 30 Daniel Keeney

Carole Miller

If we've missed anyone, please let us know at 717-637-8904.



Did You Know...that St. Mark has been blessed with a great pipe organ and we are given the responsibility to be stewards of that great instrument? That entails managing careful fine-tunings and maintenance to keep it sounding beautiful. There is an organ fund that you can donate towards simply by writing an amount on the "Other" line of your offering envelope and making sure to include that amount in the envelope.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **July 29th through August 2nd**. This year's theme is "The Bible Olympics." The Christian Education Committee appreciates any help you can provide to help guide youth from St. Mark and the community. If you can assist in any way, please talk with Karen Feeser. To register, go to our co-host, St. Paul's, <u>VBS page (stpaulsyorkst.org/community-vbs)</u> and look for the <u>registration</u> link on the lower right. We hope to have more details coming soon in our weekly announcements!



Please Help Out! Martha Lippy has requested volunteers to man (or woman) St. Mark's booth at the Snack Town Street Fair this year on **July 13th**. If you can help hand out some St. Mark swag, please contact Martha or sign up in the church hallway across from the office.





Flat Sheets Needed: The Sewing Ladies are thankful for all previous donations and now have a need for additional full or queen flat sheets in new condition. They appreciate any colors but specifically request white, pastel colors, or even subtle prints. They use the sheets for the backing of the quilts they produce for the hospital and local nursing homes. Thank you for your support of their mission!

Free Sheetz Gift Card: The next blood drive will be on **June 13th** and all donors will receive Bruster's ice cream vouchers and \$5 gift cards to Sheetz! To donate, go to <u>717giveblood.org</u> and look for "UPMC" in the Donate Now dropdown menu.





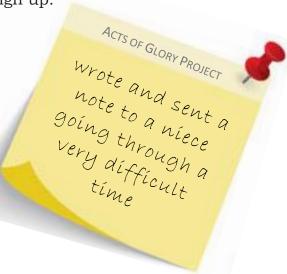
Come Paint with Us! The Fellowship Committee is hosting St. Mark's first ever **Paint Event**. On Sunday, **August 4**th in the Fellowship Hall at 12noon, we'll enjoy refreshments followed by two hours of step-by-step painting. Supplies to create a 16x20 canvas of "A Beach Day in August" (shown here) are included with the \$35.00 cost. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Please see the link below for registration, or contact a member of the Fellowship Committee to sign up.

https://www.thecolormixer.com/product-page/stmarks



Altar Flower Dedications: We still have lots of vases open this summer – if the birthday of a loved one or perhaps an anniversary is coming up, this is a great time to honor a

loved one or their memory. Just fill out the altar flower book (now found on a stand next to the narthex shelf) or contact Joni in the church office. Thank you for helping us keep fresh flowers on the altar!





St. Mark Eats: Now that it stays light enough for us all to drive home safely, our gatherings will soon be moving to the evenings. Please plan to join us for fellowship and good food at these upcoming St. Mark Eats events!

TUESDAY, June 4th - Dinner at C&D Bar & Grill at 6:00pm

THURSDAY, July 11th - Dinner at Dutch Country at 6:00pm

SATURDAY, August 17th - Inside Potluck Picnic Following 5:30pm

Worship (More info below)



Celebrating Community Heroes: Our second Honoring Our Heroes event is coming up soon. It begins at 5:00pm on **July 14**th, with fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, a tour of the nurses' garden at UPMC, military and veteran support groups, face painting, stickers, ice cream, and root beer floats! Stay for the concert at 7:00pm, featuring a color guard as well as The Barbershoppers, LAMB, readings, and a sing-a-long. Be sure to share the word!

Upcoming Medical Mission Trip:

Gary Laabs will once again be embarking on a mission trip aboard the MMI (Medical Ministry International) boat on the Amazon River on **June 22nd**. Since the trip is coming up very soon, he won't be able to collect medications this time but would welcome your prayers.



Then on **September 28th**, he will be

making a second week-long trip on the Amazon with MMI. For that trip, he will be collecting medication donations. He asks that you please start saving anything you think he may need – especially non-gummy vitamins. More details and a list of needs to come in the near future!



Perfectly Pleasing Pentecost Pie Sunday

We all greatly enjoyed many varieties of pie on Pentecost Pie Sunday, including black raspberry pie, blueberry crumble, butterscotch pie, cherry pie, apple pear cheddar pie, apple caramel pie, cheesecake pie, strawberry pie, pumpkin pie, cherry almond pie, shoo-fly pie, pecan pie, key lime pie bars, and others. In fact, we enjoyed this special fellowship time so much, we may even make it an annual tradition. Thank you to all the bakers (and shoppers) who shared sweet treats with your fellow St. Markians!













Worship and INDOOR Congregational Potluck Picnic

Please join us for a fellowship picnic on Saturday, **August 17**th in the <u>air-conditioned</u> fellowship hall! Worship starts at **5:30pm** with dinner to follow. Please bring a dish to share. Signups will be in the church hallway in early July. Hope you can join us!!



Acts of GLORY PROJECT

I helped my
neighbor when
neighbor flat tire. I
he had a flat tire. I
he had a him a jack,
loaned him a





Congratulations to Grads and Their Proud St. Mark Families!

Andrew Rockafellow, grandson of Janet & Doug Rockafellow, graduated May 12th from the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University with a B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering.

Erin Elizabeth Sterner, granddaughter of Linda & Bill Sterner, graduated from Saint Joseph's University with a Master of Occupational Therapy.

Cayden Jones, grandson of Melanie Brady, great-grandson of Carl & Nancy Sandruck, graduated on May 30th from Hanover High School.

Nicholas Shaw, son of Hunter and Tara Shaw, graduated as Valedictorian, Summa Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Arts from Susquehanna University on May 18th.

CONGRATULATIONS to our graduates! Our prayers for your future as you continue your education or join the working world.



Congratulations to Audra Freil! This year the St. Mark Scholarship Committee reviewed three applications for selection of the Slagle Scholarship. The 2024 recipient is Audra Freil. Audra graduates from South Western High School at the end of May. She will study nursing at Geneva College. This year's award is \$1,000.

Serving on the committee from St. Mark to make the selection this year were Tom Long, Susan Miller, and Pastor Kirk Griffin. Thank you to all committee members.

- Martha Lippy, Chairman, Scholarship Committee

Sent restaurant gift cards to someone undergoing cancer treatment

ACTS OF GLORY PROJECT

Took a bicycle that needed repairs to Trinity Church for them to fix. Then they give it to someone in need.



Directory Update Coming Soon: A new directory is coming out in July. **We ask that you check the current directory to make sure it's correct, and if you have any updates** to help us keep our contact information as accurate as possible, please call 637-8904 or contact Joni at offcoor129@gmail.com.



JUNE Altar Vases

June 2nd

Altar Vase: Given in Honor of Kate Klunk's Birthday - by Jared, Grace, and

Claire Laird

Altar Vase: Given in Honor of Our Anniversary – by Glenn & Nancy Mummert

June 9th

Altar Vases: Given in Loving Memory of My Parents, George & Edith McDermitt,

Married June 10th, 1941 - by Carol McDermitt-Humes

June 16th

Altar Vase: Given in Honor of My Grandchildren – by Susan Miller

Altar Vase: Given in Memory of Lester & Nancy Sandruck, Our Parents – by

Carl and Alan Sandruck

June 23rd

Altar Vases: *Open for Dedication. Please contact Joni to sponsor a vase at \$17.00 each*

June 30th

Altar Vases: Open for Dedication. Please contact Joni to sponsor a vase at \$17.00 each

JUNE

Sunday Worship Helpers

June Altar Care: Need Volunteer(s)

June 2nd

CPIC: Hollis Long **Lector:** Karen Feeser

Comm. Assts: Hollis Long | Karen Feeser

Greeter: Bill Leppo

June 9th

CPIC: Gail Merlo

Lector: Need Volunteer

Comm. Assts: Gail Merlo | Need Volunteer

Greeter: Bill Leppo



June 16th

CPIC: Tom Long

Lector: Need Volunteer

Comm. Assts: Tom Long | McHenze Wildasin **Greeters:** Bill Leppo | The Wildasin Family

June 23rd

CPIC: Hollis Long **Lector:** Karen Feeser

Comm. Assts: Hollis Long | Karen Feeser

Greeter: Bill Leppo

June 30th

CPIC: Martha Lippy

Lector: Need Volunteer

Comm. Assts: Martha Lippy | Need Volunteer

Greeter: Bill Leppo

News and Happenings in Our Community

Provide-A-Lunch Team #1 will be serving at HACC on June 23rd: Our primary team members include: Melanie Brady, Dale Dull, and Nancy Sandruck.

PAL is an important program hosted by HACC to make sure local people in need get at least one hot meal per day, 365 days a year. To maintain our three teams, we can use more PAL volunteers. Each team only serves once every three months, so it's not a huge time



commitment. Any help is appreciated. Call or just come to one of our serving events at HACC on Carlisle Street.



HACC NEWS AND SPECIAL NEEDS THIS MONTH

PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program: Cans of Mixed Vegetables, Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Bags of Potatoes and Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable Oil, Olive Oil, Spray Oil, Butter, Sugar, Salt, Milk, Snacks, Tea Bags or Iced Tea Bags, Grocery Bags, Shopping Bags

Ruth's Harvest: Single-Serve Fruit Cups, Single-Serve Cereals, Single-Serve Granola Bars

Meals On Wheels: Handkerchiefs, No-Rinse Bathing Wipes, Bath Gloves, No-Slip Socks, Puzzles (No Mini Pieces, Max 300-500 Pieces)

Clothing Bank: Newsprint for Wrapping Delicate Household Goods, Children and Teen Clothing (All Sizes), Men's Jeans Waist Sizes 30-34, Shoes/Sneakers (All Sizes), Grocery Bags, Shopping Bags, Reusable Bags, White Garbage Bags (13-Gallon Size)

Shelter: Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Body Wash, Clorox Wipes, Kitchen Trash Bags, Ziploc Bags (Sandwich and Gallon Sizes)

Please place donations in the bins by the office on the corner table at end of hall.



Learn About Our History

The Hanover Area Historical Society has the following events planned for June:

- On **June 13th**, HAHS Museum Co-Chair and local historian, Ken Wiler, brings back the popular presentation of the Sporty 1921 "Roadster" Spoke Wheel Model at the HAHS Museum. Due to very limited capacity, reservations are required. Please contact the HAHS at office@hanoverpahistory.org or see Mike Noble for more information.
- HISTORY
- On Saturday, **June 15th**, you can "Venture Back in Time" at noon at the Neas House with Jeff Leister, Tinsmith.
- Then on **June 29th**, there will be a 10:00am walking tour, describing areas of interest from the Battle of Hanover. Please see <u>mainstreethanover.org</u> for more information on the walking tour.

Butterflies! The VNA of Hanover & Spring Grove is holding their 16th annual Butterfly Release, rain or shine, on Sunday, **June 9th**, at 3:00pm at their facility in Hanover, 440 N. Madison Street.



Be on Acts of Glory PROJECT

Be for the friends

Help from the York County Department of Aging

Medicare 101: The York County Department of Aging is offering an introductory class on Medicare to anyone approaching 65 years of age. The class is **July 25th**, 6:00pm to 8:30pm at 2401 Pleasant Valley Road, Room 214, York, PA. For more information call 717-771-9008, 800-632-9073, or email aging@yorkcountypa.gov.

Health & Wellness Classes: York County presents two health and wellness classes geared toward seniors:

Fall Prevention: For important information on preventing falls that can do serious harm, there is a fall prevention class. Call Lindsey at 717-487-2752 for more information.

Chronic Pain Management: They also offer a class on chronic pain self-management on Thursdays in July and August. For that class, contact Megan at 717-855-0437.

Go to <u>yorkcountypa.gov/181/Health-Wellness</u> for more information on both wellness classes.

Free Lift Chairs: St. David's UCC has several lift chairs free of charge. Contact Wendy Noel at St. David's for more information – 717-637-2299. You must be able to arrange for your own pickup and delivery.



Meals-On-Wheels Drivers Still Needed at HACC: The Hanover Area Council of Churches is still looking for help delivering meals. Even if you can only commit to a day or two, they can use your help. Please contact HACC at adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.com.

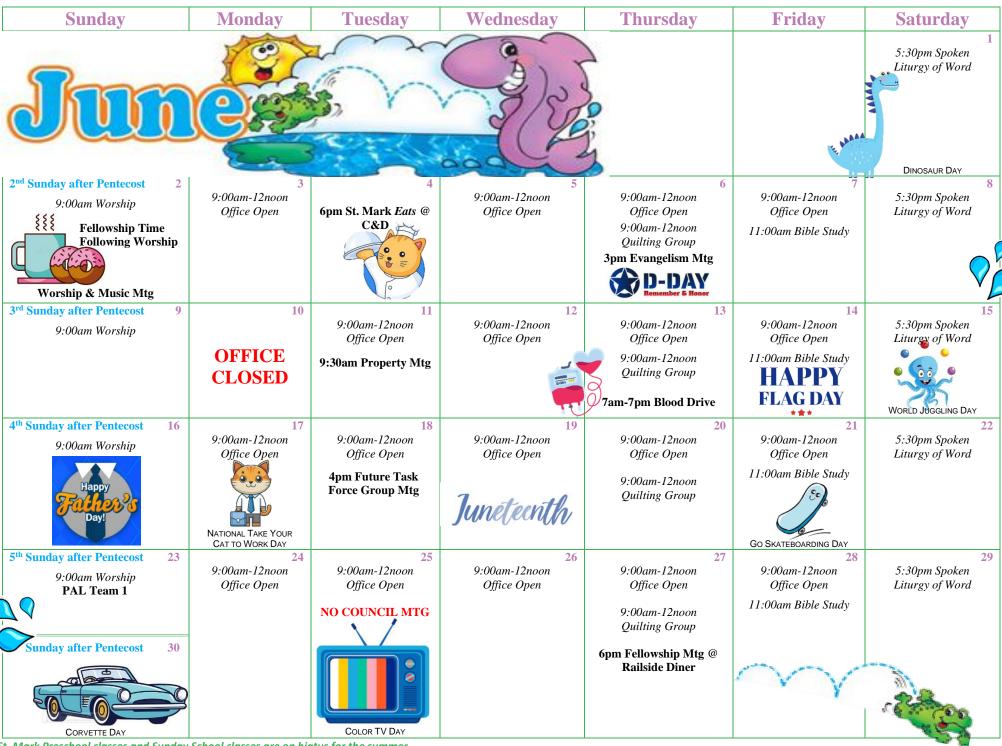
JUNE Preschool News



A Fond Farewell to Another Awesome Year:

The preschoolers ended the amazing year with fun-filled carnivals and the 4/5-year-old Graduation Celebration! We were blessed with a wonderful year, and we look forward to the upcoming school year ahead.





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ST. MARK BELL NEWSLETTER

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Organist: Martha Lobaugh **Sexton:** Wally Rodenhaber

Housekeeper: Danielle Miskimon

Preschool Co-Directors: Allison Wentz 717-451-4803/Idonia Klunk 717-476-2149

2024 Congregation Council: Kathy Gates, Penelope Highlands, Martha Lippy, Hollis Long, Tom Long, Gail

Merlo, Michael Merlo, Hunter Shaw, and Alexander Spalding