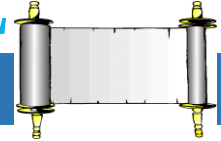




ST. MARK BELL

Pastor's Ponderings



St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street
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Worship

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday School Following Worship

Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am-12noon

Bible Study

Fridays 11:00am-12noon

Bells Rehearsal

Most Sundays Following Worship

Quilting Group

Thursdays 9:00am-12noon

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

Jan 5 - Worship & Music Mtg

- No Bells Rehearsal

Jan 6 - Epiphany

Jan 7 - 1pm St. Mark Eats @ Primanti

Jan 8 - 5:45pm Council Dinner @
Cross Keys

Jan 9 - 6pm Choir Practice

Jan 12 - Baptism of Our Lord

- Confirmation Class

Jan 14 - 9:30am Property Mtg

Jan 20 - Inauguration Day

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 21 - 1pm Garden Club

Jan 23 - 6pm Choir Practice

Jan 26 - Confirmation Class

- PAL Team A

Jan 28 - 4pm Council Mtg

Jan 30 - 6pm Choir Practice

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you; and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through the fire
you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God..."
Isaiah 43:1b-3a

Dear The Named of God:

Do you know your name?
Probably all of you would be
able to answer that question.
At least I think that I could
safely assume that everyone
reading this month's
"Pastor's Ponderings" is able
to identify his or her own
name. After all, it happens

frequently in our lives, perhaps while in a crowd – someone you may know calls out to you. In that moment, your ears hear the vocalization of the familiar sound, your mind translates the vocalization as a personal call to you, and physically you turn your head or body towards that call. This is just our automatic reaction that has been ingrained in us from our youngest years. We hear, we recognize, and we turn to listen. This is the same way God speaks with us every day, if we just open our ears, recognize the Lord's voice, and turn and listen.

Isaiah prophesies in the above quote that God has told him that he knows us and that we are his own. In fact, he declares that God is calling us by our name and is with us each day even when we pass through the waters and through the fires of life. To his listeners in Judah, in the 8th century B.C., these words would conjure images of a time before they were a nation, back during the times of Moses. God had called his children from captivity in Egypt and led them by the pillar of smoke through the waters of the Red Sea and by the pillar of fire through the wilderness to the promised land, a place that became their nation. Now centuries later, Isaiah is reminding the people of Judah that God will do it again. That despite the fires and floods, the turmoil, and problems of the world, God is still calling them to follow. All they have to do is open their ears, recognize the Lord, and turn back and listen to him, and they will be restored.

As we begin a new year, we have that same message coming to us through the centuries from long ago. A message that still gives life and restores us everlasting in hope. In this new year, be moved by Isaiah's words to open your ears to God, recognizing the voice of God that is all around you and turn and listen seeking that assurance and peace in your life now and forever.

In the peace and grace of God, *Pastor Kirk Griffin*

HAPPENINGS AND NEWS IN OUR CONGREGATION

Council News

Council did not meet in December but will meet **January 8th** for a gathering.

Notes from Congregational Budget/Election Meeting December 1st, 2024

- The meeting was opened with an opening prayer dialogue lead by Pastor Kirk Griffin.
- The agenda was moved and seconded, and all were in favor of its adoption.
- The minutes of the last meeting on February 11th, 2024 were presented and approved.
- Elections were held with nominees taken from the committee and from the floor at the meeting:
 - Kate Klunk, Martha Lippy, Hunter Shaw all accepted to serve a term on Council.
 - Pennie Highlands accepted to serve a term on the Audit Committee.
 - Hollis Long and Gail Merlo accepted to serve on the 2025 Nominating Committee along with the outgoing council members.
 - Shellene Griffin accepted to represent the church as the female delegate to the 2025 Synod Assembly. Mike Noble was nominated to serve as the male delegate to the 2025 Synod Assembly.
- The 2025 proposed budget was presented, noting one correction to the 2024 Mutual Ministry committee totals. The budget was moved and seconded, and all were in favor of its adoption.
- President Mike Merlo presented the Sanctuary Air Conditioning Task Force findings.
 - Several companies that were contacted were not interested in bidding or it was beyond their capacity to handle.
 - One company gave a bid of over \$230,000 to replace the unit and bring it up to modern freon codes and equipment.
 - Another company gave a verbal response that it would be well over \$200,000 if interested in getting bid.
 - Walton & Company was contacted on recommendation of Baird Heating and Cooling (our usual local A/C techs). Walton examined our system and verbally told us it would be easily over \$200,000 to replace. They proposed fixing the current system at the cost of \$26,008 plus any new refrigerant costs. This would entail a new outside compressor, one fan motor and blade, and the installation of an ICM 3 phase monitor. The current refrigerant would be cleansed with new refrigerant added as needed.

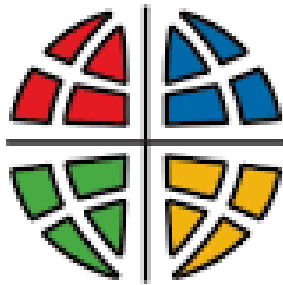
The Congregation moved and seconded to approve the proposal to fix the A/C unit, accepting the Walton & Company proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Congregational meeting was adjourned and the dismissal and postlude followed.

November'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, Daniel Ard, Gary Arruda, Jessica (Feeser) Boone, Katherine Borsella, Patrick Brady, Family & Friends of Delores Brillhart, Frances Claybaugh, Tom Cowan, Oscar Crow, Lisa Dickensheets, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Carol Fadenrecht & Family, Dennis Fahey, Family & Friends of Betty Fury, Nancy Fridinger, Nancy Gill, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Bob Groft, John Hagerman, Carol Ann Haines, Chase Henry & Family, Carrie Hernden, Peg Hippensteel, Mary Hnatkowitz, Michael Humes, Martha Howells, Donna Jones, Debbie Kellenbenz, Craig King, Shawn Klunk, Kelly Koontz, Norma Kreidler, Mary Lou Krummeck, Allen Kuhns, Jo Kuhns, David Kunkel, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Dave & Denise Martin, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Carol Miller, Merita Moore, Ed Moran, Emily Moul, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Rose Poist, Mary Riley, Carl Sandruck, David Sandruck, Lucus Schneider, Jim Schuman, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Bob Shue, Dawn Slate, Luanne Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Samuel Smith, Sarah Smith, Family & Friends of Beverly Snyder, Jody Spellman, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Ed Wagaman, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Ron Wentz, Family & Friends of Brad Weiss, Kathy Wildasin, Edward Wiltrout, Scott Wisner, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Those dealing with the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.*



St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs pre-determined by our council each year. January's offering benefits Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) to "bring God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world."

To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Lutheran Disaster Response" or "January Designated Giving" on your check or the *Other* line of your offering envelope. Donations made on the *Other* line that have no written designation will automatically be given to that month's ministry fund. Thanks for your support.



Winter Is Here!! Remember, if weather causes services to be canceled, we will do our best to get the word out via WGAL radio and WGAL.com. We'll also get a message on the church website (stmarkhanover.org) and send emails if at all possible. **Due to technical difficulties, please**

don't rely on our voicemail system to inform you of closings. If you're not sure whether we'll be worshipping on our normal schedule, please check before braving the weather. And if you're worried at all about ice or other unsafe conditions, please stay home and stay safe!

Annual Congregational Meeting: Our annual Year-in-Review Congregational Meeting will be held on **February 2nd** (with a makeup date of **February 9th**). We will need to publish the Annual Report the week before the meeting, so we're asking committee leads to please submit your reports on time – by **January 19th** at the latest. Thank you in advance!



-St. Mark Quilting Group: *I was so very blessed to join Hospital Chaplain, Pastor Stenman, for grief support in recent months. As a special thank you and in appreciation, I am donating to your quilt fund. He shared that you place special quilts on the beds of those nearing the end of life's journey. Thank you for your caring service. – Sincerely, Ruth Meckley.*

-Dear Friends: *Thank you for your generous gift of \$625 to YWCA Hanover Safe Home programs. We are thrilled to have your support and thank you for joining the fight to help end domestic violence and human trafficking...Thank you for your support! – Respectfully Yours, Jody Shaffer, CEO*

-St. Mark Lutheran Church: *On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your generous donations of \$40 to our Provide-A-Lunch Ministry fund and \$120 to our Ruth's Harvest fund, enabling us to address the most pressing needs within our community. Once again, thank you for your kindness and support. Together, we are making a lasting difference. – With heartfelt gratitude, Erika Gonzalez, Interim Executive Director, HACC*

-To St. Mark Congregation: *UPMC Hanover hosted an Employee and Community Blood drive in St. Mark's fellowship hall on December 12th. A total of 65 donors presented with 47 units of blood successfully collected. According to CPBB these donations impact approximately 141 lives. Thank you to all those who donated!*

-A Big Thanks *for all the well wishes, Christmas blessings, and gifts. Your support and continued dedication are such a gift. Thank you so much – Pastor Kirk and Shellene*

-To Those Who Provided Toys for Local Children: *Thank you to all who brought in toy donations for JJ's Toy Shoppe. Thanks to you, many children had gifts under their trees on Christmas morning. And thank you to Kate Klunk for delivering them to HACC!*

-To Those Who Sponsored Christmas Stars: *Thank you to all who dedicated stars to the memory and honor of family, friends, and loved ones this Christmas season. A total of \$225 was raised to fight world hunger. And a posthumous thank you to the late Diana Weaver for lovingly crafting the beautiful stars that support this cause.*

-To Everyone Who Helped Prepare the Church: *Thank you to all who helped ready the church and grounds for Advent and Christmas by donating Christmas decorations, putting up trees, sponsoring wreaths, poinsettias, and star ornaments, placing ornaments, adorning pews and windows, arranging candles and flowers, hanging outside wreaths, assembling bulletins, placing paraments, filling/lighting candles, ringing bells, and leading us in song. Thank you to everyone who shared their talents and gifts of time this Christmas season!*

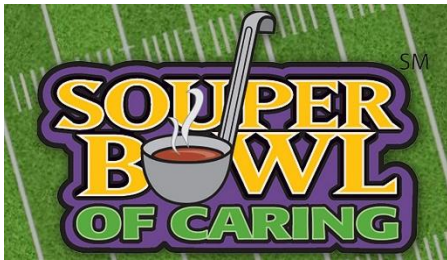
-To SWHS Football Players: *A special thank you to football players from South Western Senior High for coming in on a Saturday morning and setting up the big tree in the sanctuary and putting up garlands!*

-Harvest Home Weekend Thank You: *Thank you to all who brought in food for our Harvest Home drive to feed locals in need. And a BIG thank you to Amy, Abby, & Noah Shermeyer, Martha, Marcus, & Morgana Lobaugh, Linda Bolin, Gail Merlo, Jo Kuhns, and Dave Gates for helping to clean up after Harvest Home Weekend by moving quilts, collecting Give Thanks tags, putting the tree back in the narthex, collecting bulletins, and taking the food we collected to the vestibule, as well as gathering quilts to be picked up by Pastor Stenman. We appreciate all of you!*

Farewell and Thank You to Dale Dull: In December, we said goodbye to Dale Dull when he moved back to his hometown. In thanks and recognition for the many, many things Dale has done for us behind the scenes (waxing floors, shoveling snow, leading all three PAL teams, organizing the storage rooms, routinely checking the boilers, transporting donations to HACC, helping to clean up/lock up after Saturday worship, setting up remote Bible Study access, helping to prep for Christmas each year, plus so many other things most didn't even know about), we gifted him with a roof slate etched with an image of St. Mark during Bible Study on December 6th. Best wishes in your new home, Dale – we will miss you!



Updated Directory: An updated directory is now available. Printed copies are in the bell tower room. If you'd like a copy emailed to you, please contact the church office at offcoor129@gmail.com.



Souper Bowl of Caring:

Once again, St. Mark is joining with over 300,000 churches to turn Super Bowl Sunday into the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please plan to bring non-perishable food donations and/or monetary donations to help us fight hunger in our community by stocking the HACC food bank with our contributions. We'll be

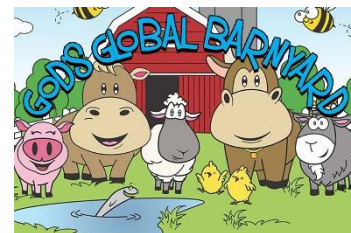


collecting the weekend of **February 9th**, to help our local food bank meet the needs of our hungry neighbors.



Acts of Glory Update: In November, we received **12** cards (and as a correction to our December newsletter, we received **28** cards in October). Thank you to all who shared their Acts of Glory in 2024 – we hope you continue to look for ways to act in God's glory in the new year!

Piggie Bank Project: Piggie banks will be available soon to pick up and fill with loose change over the next few months **up until Easter**. Please help us collect money to provide animals and other items to help families and individuals sustain and grow their lives and communities. Our gifts can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. We hope that everyone at St. Mark (children, youth, and adults) will help with this project. Look for the banks in the narthex soon. Take one and start saving your coins to make a difference. **THANK YOU!**



Inspirational Back Issues: The Evangelism Committee now offers an order form for past issues of the monthly Inspiration envelopes. Choose from past topics like "Love" or "Hope." Order forms can be found in the narthex Inspirations box. If you'd like a copy of previous inspirations, simply complete the form and submit it to the church office.

Host a Fellowship Time: We're always looking for more hosts to keep our 1st Sunday Fellowship Time going. Hosting involves setting out our breakfast treats and coffee and straightening up after. Please sign up in the office hallway to host one of these monthly events in 2025. And don't forget – our annual Cookie-Sharing Fellowship was in December, so our first official 2025 Sunday Fellowship Time will be on **February 2nd**.



UPCOMING CHURCH WORSHIP FESTIVALS

to take note of as we begin the New Year:



Monday, January 6th is Epiphany:

The day that marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany closes out Christmas as the day the magi visit the holy family, declaring Jesus King and Lord.

Sunday, January 12th is the Baptism of our Lord Sunday:

With the end of Christmas, we begin Jesus' ministry towards Jerusalem. And it all starts at His baptism when the heavens are opened and God declares Him His Son. In this day we recall our own baptisms and God's adoption of us as His children.

Season of Epiphany: This year we will have eight weeks of Epiphany, a time to discover and declare the glory of Jesus. This season ends on Ash Wednesday, **March 5th** as we go into Lent.

Happy Birthday To Our **JANUARY Birthdays!**

Jan. 3 Scott Miller
Jan. 4 Ken Wagner
Jan. 5 McHenze Naill
Jan. 6 Carol Greening
 Leonard Stambaugh
 Claire Laird
Jan. 7 Cayden Jones
Jan. 9 Hollis Long
Jan. 10 Melanie Brady
 Brooklyn Hull
Jan. 11 Kelly Dube
Jan. 12 Carly Miller-Carbaugh
Jan. 14 Kaitlyn Naill
Jan. 15 Allison Hardin
Jan. 16 Penelope Highlands
 Daniel Weber



Jan. 18 Jody Boyers
 Bill Reese
Jan. 19 Cara Lynn Clabaugh
Jan. 20 Glenn Mummert
 Abby Shermeyer
 Pat Wagner
Jan. 22 Sandra Haymaker
Jan. 24 Emerie Wildasin
 LeeAnn McDermitt
Jan. 28 Anna Cromer
 Joseph Wildasin
Jan. 29 David Gates
 Ashley Teal
Jan. 31 Evelyn Barnhart

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

St. Mark Eats: Please plan to join us for fellowship and good food at these upcoming St. Mark Eats events!

TUESDAY, February 4th – Lunch at the Starlight Diner at **1:00pm**

TUESDAY, March 4th – Lunch at Divino's at **1:00pm**

TUESDAY, April 1st – Lunch at Chili's at **1:00pm**

TUESDAY, May 6th – Lunch at the Railside Restaurant at **1:30pm**



Did You Know: Each week, one or two individuals help extinguish candles, clean up the communion ware, remove the vases of flowers, and tidy up after worship. We greatly appreciate their help, but we could always use another hand or two. If you don't mind carrying items up and down the steps, washing dishes, or putting out candles, then you would fit in perfectly.

Please consider joining the altar care volunteers by coming up front after worship any Saturday or Sunday to lend a hand! No need to sign up – just join in our housekeeping efforts after each service is over.



JANUARY Altar Vases January 5th



Altar Vase: Given in Memory of Frank and Ruth Willheim, Sr., in Honor and Celebration of their January 4th Wedding Anniversary – by Gail and Mike Merlo

Altar Vase: Given in Honor of Our Florida Family – by Gary and Eileen Laabs

January 12th

Altar Vases: Given in Memory of Austin Ruth – by Pat Ormond and Julie Ruth and Families

January 19th

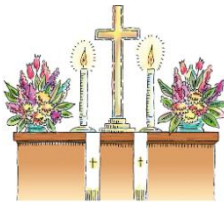
Altar Vase: Given in Memory of Jennifer Allison – by Al Allison and Family

Altar Vase: Given in Honor of Jim Schuman – by Mike Noble

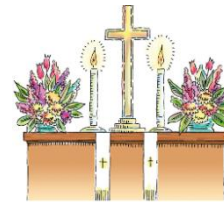
January 26th

Altar Vase: Given in Honor of Joseph M. Wildasin's Birthday on January 28th – by Thomas and Hollis Long

Altar Vase: Given in Honor of Emerie Jae Wildasin's 5th Birthday on January 24th – by Thomas and Hollis Long



JANUARY Sunday Worship Helpers



January 5th

CPIC: Hollis Long
Lector: Hollis Long
Comm. Assts: Hollis Long | Alex Spalding
Greeter: Bill Leppo

January 12th

CPIC: Kathy Gates
Lector: Grace Groft
Comm. Assts: Kathy Gates | Alex Spalding
Greeter: Bill Leppo

January 19th

CPIC: Martha Lippy
Lector: Kathy Gates
Comm. Assts: Martha Lippy | Kathy Gates
Greeter: Bill Leppo

January 26th

CPIC: Gail Merlo
Lector: Karen Feeser
Comm. Assts: Gail Merlo | Karen Feeser
Greeter: Bill Leppo

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Our newly organized Provide-A-Lunch Team A will be serving at HACC on January 26th: Our primary team members include: **Nancy Beimler, Linda Bolin, Melanie Brady, Braelyn Jones, 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 two teams, we can use more PAL volunteers. Each team only serves **one time every other month**, 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 & SPECIAL NEEDS THIS MONTH:

PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program: Canned Vegetables, Sugar, Ziploc Bags (Sandwich- and Gallon-Sizes), Grocery Bags, Shopping Bags

Ruth's Harvest: Single-Serve Fruit Cups, Single-Serve Cereals, Macaroni & Cheese Cups, Canned Vegetables

Meals On Wheels: Thermal Socks, NO-Slip Slippers, Sugar-Free Candy/Snacks, Throw Blankets, Journal Books, Colored Pencils

Clothing Bank: Men's Jeans Waist Sizes 30-34, Shoes/Sneakers (All Sizes), Grocery Bags, Shopping Bags, Reuseable Bags, Dryer Sheets, Winter Wear Items

Shelter: Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothbrushes, Bar Soap, Scent-Free/Bleach-Free Laundry Pods, Men's Boxers (M/L/XL), Women's Underwear (M/L/XL) New Twin Sheet Sets, Twin Blankets, New Pillows

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



Meals on Wheels Help Still Needed: To keep the program going, HACC really needs drivers and runners to deliver meals to shut-ins in our community. Please contact HACC at adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org or 717-633-6353 if you can help out.

HACC Clothing Bank: The Clothing Bank at 136 Carlisle Street in Hanover is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am to 12noon, as well as the first and third Saturday each month from 9:00am to 4:00pm. These hours make it possible for clients of all walks of life to enjoy the benefits of low prices to fulfill their clothing needs. Donations can be left in our church office hallway or dropped off at the back door at HACC. For questions, call 717-633-6353.

Free Grocery Kits: If you or someone you know is in need of some help with groceries, St. Paul's Lutheran on York Street offers fruit, potatoes, and pantry items **every Saturday** from 10:00am to 11:00am. Contact St. Paul's at 637-5941 for more information. And, as always, HACC has food every day from 11:30am-12:30pm.

Help Feed Kids on the Weekends: HACC's Ruth's Harvest program was established to make sure kids on the free-lunch program at school are also fed on weekends and holidays. To keep this program going and make sure kids don't go hungry when schools are closed, they need single-serve packages of nutritious food to hand out to kids on Fridays. Please place donations in the HACC shelter bin near the Church Office.



PRESCHOOL UPDATES

The 3's and 4's classes were spreading lots of joy for the season at their **Christmas Programs**. They all did such a great job singing and dancing for their families. We are super proud of them!

Our **Santa Fundraiser** did well and the children that received letters were super excited. Thank you to all that donated to this magical fundraiser.



Preschool Open House

We will have our **Preschool Open House** on **February 3rd** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. If you'd like to learn more about the preschool, come on out!

Registration Information for 2025-2026

(Please share with anyone that may be interested in signing their child up for preschool this upcoming school year).

If you have a child that has already attended St. Mark Preschool or family members that attend St. Mark Lutheran Church, you may register starting **January 1st**.

Beginning **February 1st**, families new to St. Mark Preschool may begin registering.

For a registration form and/or more information about our preschool program, please visit: stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com (St. Mark Preschool's website)

stmarkhanover.org (St. Mark Church's website)

The registration form and \$45 fee may be mailed in or dropped off to the church office between 9:00am and 12:00pm Monday through Friday.

Registrations will be processed in the order they arrive. You will be notified that we received your form and if your child will be in the class you requested. If you are interested in signing your child up for the upcoming preschool year, please register ASAP, as spots usually fill up quickly!

Any questions about 2025-2026 Registration or if you would like to set up a tour of our preschool, please contact Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803.





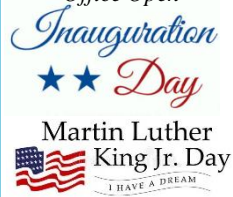
We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and we're looking forward to the New Year ahead.

– Idonia Klunk and Allison Wentz, Preschool Co-Directors



*A Look Back at December
and the Wonder of Christmas...*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>January</h1>			-OFFICE CLOSED- 	9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group 6pm Choir Practice	9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study	5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
2nd Sunday of Christmas 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Worship & Music Mtg No Bells Rehearsal	9:00am-12noon Office Open 	9:00am-12noon Office Open 1pm St. Mark Eats @ Primanti Bros.	9:00am-12noon Office Open 5:45pm Council Dinner @ Cross Keys Village	9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group 6pm Choir Practice	9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study	5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
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*NOTE: 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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Sexton: Wally Rodenhaber

Housekeeper: Danielle Miskimon

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