



The colorful flower cross at Easter was highlighted in the sanctuary.

Property Spring Cleanup Date Set:

The Trustees have set Saturday, May 12th at 9am as the date for the annual property cleanup and planting. If you are able to help, contact Rob or just come and join the fun. Work gloves, garden tools and hand tools will be needed as we plant flowers, rake out and spread fresh mulch.

The Children's Class Room - #106 (next to the choir room) is in need of painting. Prep work has been completed. Contact [Rob](#) for more information if you are able to assist.

If you have skills in any area of property maintenance: painting, plumbing, drop ceiling, electrical, etc. and would be willing to help out from time to time working as part of a team or individually, to assist in maintaining God's house, please let us know.

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Members of St. Mark's United Methodist Church,

Recently, while flipping through the television channels, I found myself watching championship golf. It was noted that many of the tournaments are played at "exclusive" country clubs around the country. Usually these country clubs have "Members Only" signs at their entrances. One must be a "member" to be admitted. If we are not careful our churches can feel that same way, off limits.

This prompts the question, "What do we need to do at our church so that people know they are welcome?" Thousands of people drive past our church on a daily basis.

Later this month we will celebrate Pentecost, which is referred to as the birthday of the church. The believers were waiting and praying inside a house when the Holy Spirit dramatically descended upon them. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the believers went out into the street. They began speaking in other known languages and announcing God's plan of salvation for all people.

By God's design, there were people from all over the world meeting in Jerusalem that day. The second chapter of Acts lists the home countries of those present. Each person heard in his own language "about God's deeds of power." At first those present were confused and unsure what was going on. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, stood up to address the crowd that had gathered there. He explained what the arrival of the Holy Spirit meant by citing the Old Testament prophet Joel. He concluded his message by teaching that Jesus was crucified and that "God raised him up, having freed him from death". At the end of Paul's message is the verse, "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart..." That day "about three thousand persons were added," and the church was born.

What would it take to attract people to St. Mark's church? What message will we present so that our guests are "cut to the heart"? May each one of us ponder those two questions as together we strive to be the church of Jesus Christ in our community.

Everyone is always welcome at our St. Mark's! We invite our friends and neighbors to our church. When we see first time guests in our church we must personally welcome them.

See you in church,
Pastor Tim

James Labala to Visit on May 6

Sunday, May 6, James Labala, District Superintendent of the Gompa District, will be sharing a message with St. Mark's for both services. Come and see how our support is making a change in his community in Liberia Africa.

Vacation Bible School is June 24-27, and YOU can help!

- PRAY for our ministry that we may reach kids in our community with the love of Jesus!
- VOLUNTEER to serve. Contact Lindsay Kitchen if you would like to help with our program (lekitchen28@gmail.com). Contact Janet Lehman if you would like to help support our VBS dinner ministry (lehmanfamily@comcast.net).
- DONATE funds to support our ministry and help us provide Bibles to children without one.
- INVITE a child and a family to participate in VBS!

Contact Laura Ligo if you have any questions about Vacation Bible School at Laura@ConnectStMarks.com



Help Keep Mount Joy Looking Good

St. Mark's Young Family Small Group is spearheading an Adopt-A-Highway clean-up on Sunday May 6. (weather permitting) We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 2:15pm and go as a group to "our highway, Donegal Springs Road, between Musser Road west to Colebrook Road.

Everyone is invited to join us for this event, however the minimum age is 8.

2018's 50 Year Members

**Scott Albert
Linda Grissinger
Steven Hoover
Anne Zimmerman**

**Congratulations and
Thank You for being part
of St. Mark's!**

Looking for a good book?

Check out our library!

The deadline for the next
newsletter is

JUNE 15

The deadline for the enote, weekly bulletin and video announcements is two weeks before the publication date. Announcements normally run no more than two/three weeks.

717.653.5493

Men's Ministry

All men are invited to attend Men's Ministry on Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm at Aspire. The guys will also meet on Saturday, May 26 at 8 am for breakfast and fellowship. Contact [Jeff Selph](mailto:Jeff.Selph@connectstmarks.com) at (717) 928-4545 for more information.

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"FOR WE ARE GOD'S HANDIWORK,
CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS TO DO
GOOD WORKS,
WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR
US TO DO."
EPHESIANS 2:10



SATURDAY, MAY 19TH, 9AM-12PM
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
37 E. Main St, Mount Joy, PA 17552

All women are invited to this morning of affirmation, encouragement and worship by and for women in different seasons of life. What should you expect?

- A time of praise and worship and four encouraging messages from women of different generations
- Refreshments and time of fellowship
- Gift bags for all guests and gift basket raffle
- Childcare available with pre-registraion (MUST pre-register and make note of childcare needed)

RSVP at www.eventbrite.com/e/daughters-of-the-king-generations-tickets-45175665632 Questions? musicbycolleen88@gmail.com.

"For we are God's Handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

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May Dinners

STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

St Mark's Sunday Dinner Team will be cooking and serving a stuffed chicken breast dinner on Sunday, **May 6**, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. In addition to the chicken with supreme sauce, the meal will feature oven roasted red potatoes, a vegetable, applesauce, rolls & butter, beverages, and lots of homemade desserts.

Cost of the meal is \$10 for adults, \$3 for children 4 – 11, and free for children 3 and under. Reservations are not necessary but if bringing a group of 6 or more, you are encouraged to call Janet at 717-653-4189 so that the team can better serve you and your group.

CHICKEN POT PIE

A free chicken pot pie dinner will be served at St. Mark's Church on Sunday, **May 20**, from 4 - 5PM. A vegetable, dessert, and beverage are also included. Please call the church office (717-653-5493) by 3:30 PM Thursday, May 17, to make your reservations. If you would like to volunteer to help or donate a dessert, please contact Janet at 717 - 653-4189 or email her at lehmanfamily@comcast.net.

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FAITH FACTORY NEWS

Happy May from Faith Factory!

It is hard to believe our school year is winding down already! Thank you for your support for our RACE for EDUCATION! The donation totals are still coming in, so I will share our total next month! We are so appreciative of your encouragement as always. It is wonderful to have our church family behind us in these fun endeavors! As we look toward the end of the school year, I want to wish our preschool "graduates" a big congratulations; the teachers and I are very proud of you! Kindergarten teachers will be so happy to have you. We will be sending 65 children to kindergarten! We have 5 sixth grade graduates that will be leaving us. Best wishes to those who have spent many years with us, growing and becoming such awesome learners! Watch out 7th grade, here they come!



Plant sale reminder: If you purchased a hanging basket or geranium from Faith Factory, please remember to pick up your flowers on May 11th, from 11-6 at the church carport. You will get to pick your flowers when you arrive! Thank you for your purchase!

There are a few more openings for our traditional preschool for 3 year olds and our kindergarten class. Please pass this along if you know of any interested families!

4 Enjoy this special season! For more information about Faith Factory, contact Patti Shearer at (717) 653-8201.

May 13 is Children, Youth & Young Adult Worship

Come and celebrate Mother's Day with our St. Mark's children, youth and young adults on Sunday, May 13 at both services. Our ministries are combining to create a meaningful worship service that we pray will encourage you. Children's Ministry will be preparing musical offerings by our Kid's Choir and Kid's Handbell Choir. Our youth will be assisting with the service, preparing testimonies, and sharing about the upcoming mission trip this summer. The youth and young adults are coming together to create a worship band to lead you in song.

Join us at church that day as our children, youth and young adults come together to lead worship and we celebrate all the "mothers" in our lives.

Graduate Recognition

Attention parents and family of graduating high school and college students! St. Mark's would love to join your family in this exciting time by sharing the news of your student's accomplishments in the June newsletter.

If you have a student graduating from high school, please let us know what their plans are post-graduation. Are they planning on going off to a traditional college? If so, where are they going and what are they planning to study? If they are headed off to a trade school, what school are they going to attend and what trade interests them? If they are entering the work force, what field are they looking to work within?

If your student is graduating college, we would like to know what their degree is and their future plans. We would love to share a recent photo of your student as well!

This is an exciting time for seniors, and St. Mark's is proud to recognize their accomplishment! Please send in the information above to jlaw@connectstmarks.com by June 8th!

Mission of the Month

Reach – Youth Mission Trip

Please consider donating to support our Youth as they look forward to their mission trip to New Castle, PA! Visit www.connectstmarks.com/online-giving.

Recycling of Cans

This year we have earned \$54.15 for the General Fund from recycling aluminum cans. Keep those cans coming! Aluminum cans can be placed in the garbage cans beside the dumpster in the parking lot.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lois Ream
Judy Kozma
- 3 Ruth Westerman
Carolyn Wohlfeil
JoAnn Barton
Mikaela Schell
- 4 Cara Crippen
- 6 Judy Ray
Pat Gingrich
Bill Baker
Craig Gainer
- 7 Barry Etsell
- 8 Adam Kitchen
- 9 Sherry Williams
Beverly Hower
- 10 Janice Johnson
- 11 Joan Barnes
Jeff Aldinger
Jennifer Duralja
Kelly Allen
- 12 Megan Witmer
- 14 Chris Brandt
- 15 Ron Horton
- 16 Kenneth Good
David Fuhrman
Denny Brandt
Bobby Wehner
- 17 Annette Drohan
- 18 Robert Funk
- 19 William Bower
- 22 Janet Eby
Laurie Haines
- 22 Shane Eshleman
- 23 David Schell
- 24 Elaine Kuhn
- 25 Joyce Aston
- 26 Ralph Secrest
- 27 Rupe Taylor
- 28 Mary Jane Schneider
Glenn Williams
Elaine Brady
- 29 Jeff Orner
- 30 Betty Wolgemuth
Ken Gephart
Jeff Patzer
- 31 Eric Shenk

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SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

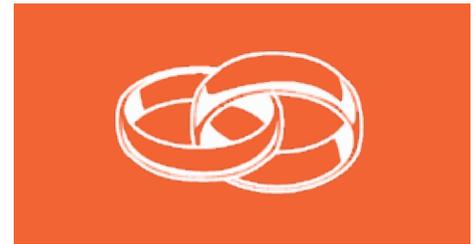
- 70 Glenn Williams
- 75 Bill Baker
- 95 Ralph Secrest



We would like to thank everyone for their support in buying Easter candy again this year.

Thank you also to everyone who helped make the candy. We have fun and great fellowship in doing it. This year we made about \$1,800 for the church's general fund.

Thanks you,
Deb Rupp & Shirley Good



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Charles & June Gilbert
Russell & Elaine Kuhn
Douglas & Jamie Pietsch
- 4 Dale & Bonnie Boyer
- 7 Denny & Mary Brandt
- 8 Randy & Sally Rissinger
- 10 David & Cara Crippen
- 13 Craig & Susan Gainer
Ken & Janice Lutz
James & Jean Rajnic
- 15 Eric & Donna Shenk
- 16 Franklin & Rebecca Spence
- 20 Matthew & Katie Gephart
- 21 Jere & Ruth Thome
- 22 Ron & Marilyn Kennard

CAFÉ SCHEDULE AND SETUP



SETUP/CLEANUP	FOOD DONATIONS	DONUT PICKUP
6 Judy Libhart	Donuts	Ken Gephart
13 Scott Libhart	Maria Tait, Dottie Allen	Ken Gephart
20 Sylvia Stark	Sylvia Stark, Jestena Yeagley	Ken Gephart
27 Scott Libhart	Ann Reuter, Janice Schell	Ken Gephart



A different view of St. Mark's - one of the drone images taken in preparation for the work to be done on the bell tower.

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MAY EVENTS



Memorial Day

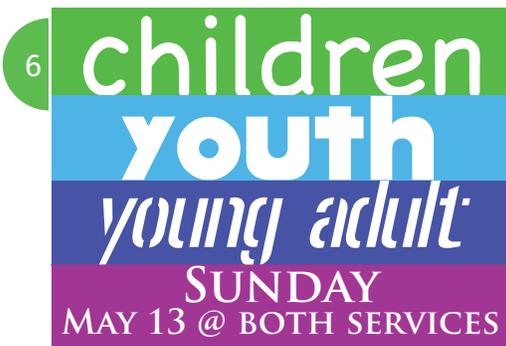
This year we will remember anyone's family or friends who died or were wounded while serving in the Armed Forces. We will also include emergency and law enforcement personnel. **Please bring a picture to the office by Sunday, May 20, or just call the office with the name.**

We will place the pictures on a table at the back of the sanctuary for Memorial Sunday, May 27.



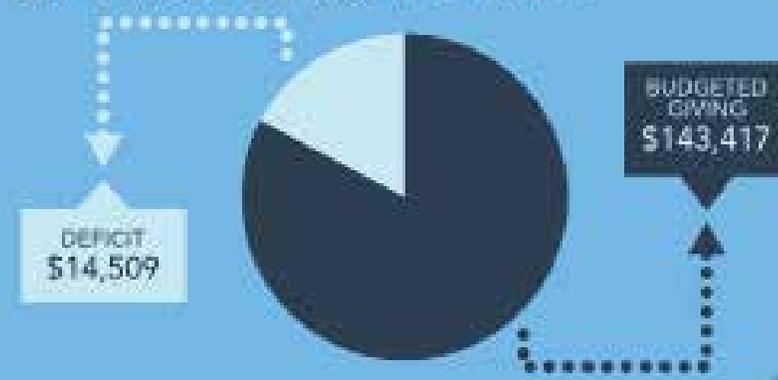
REACH Memorial Day Parade Food Stand

It's beginning to look a lot like summer, everywhere you look! What better way to kick off the warm summer months than to support Reach Student Ministry's Memorial Day Parade Food Stand! This is an awesome fundraiser that takes place on the front porch of the Ministry Center for the youth as they work towards raising money for their summer mission trip with Christian Endeavor to New Castle, PA. Enjoy the festivities of Memorial Day with some hotdogs, hamburgers, a sweet treat, and an ice cold soda!



FINANCE UPDATE

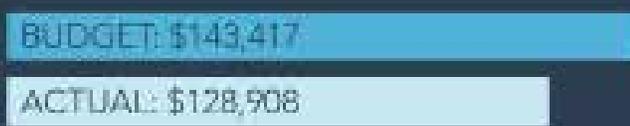
GIVING FOR JAN-MAR



Thank you for your gifts to St. Mark's Church.

We could not do what we without your support.

GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE



AVERAGE BUDGETED MONTHLY GIVING **\$48k**

GIVING BY MONTH JAN - DEC 2018



AVERAGE ACTUAL MONTHLY GIVING **\$43k**

AVERAGE MONTHLY SHORTFALL **\$5k**

OTHER GIVING (YTD)



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From April 22 through Heritage Sunday, May 20, the UMC will mark 50 years since its birth at the Uniting Conference in 1968.

Also, be sure to read Bishop Peggy Johnson's compelling essay "*Rejoice in our United Methodist heritage*" (<https://bishoppeggyjohnson.blogspot.com/2018/04/let-us-rejoice-in-our-united-methodist.html>) She recounts our transformational history of divisions to dubious mergers to new birth, and how we finally got it right--more or less.

"We are 50 years old as a denomination this year, and we have made much progress, she writes. "But there is much more to be done. I pray that our life expectancy, our arc in history, is long, with no end in sight, and that it will forever bend toward justice, in James Russell Lowell's famous words." The Bishop resonates with the vision cast by the Rev. Dr. Albert C. Outler, the prominent theologian who addressed the 1968 Uniting Conference, who called for "a church repentant in order to be a church redemptive."

"Indeed, for the next month, from April 22 through May 20, and for months and years to come, let us really rejoice and be glad in this faithful, though not faultless, heritage we share as United Methodists," urges Bishop Johnson. "Let us clothe ourselves in love, seeking always to be transformed as those redeemed through grace. And let us be glad for our unity in a Christ who 'binds everything together in perfect harmony'" (Colossians 3:14).

