



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindors

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### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

I know it seems like we just congratulated graduates. It seems like you just finished up this past year in college. Summer has just begun, but you need to put school back to the forefront. It's Scholarship Application time! If you are planning to continue your education, please contact the church office for an application. Our Endowment Fund Scholarship Committee will be meeting to determine scholarship funds available. Your application will need to be submitted by July 18, 2021.

Please note that in order for your application to be considered, you must be an **“active”** member of St. Mark's. Active means that you have a current record of contribution to our church and that you have a record of communing.

### CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Are you interested in learning and participating in discussion of the myriad matters that come before Church Council? Projects, maintenance, community, worship, stewardship, finance, direction, and the list goes on. There's something for every interest!

We are a friendly, supportive group just wanting the best for St. Mark's. You are St. Mark's! Church Council has openings which need to be filled. Please consider contacting a current Council member or call the church office (215-679-9015) We would love to speak with you!

### HOMETOWN HEROS

Our list of St. Mark's Hometown Heroes is growing!

Thomas W. Hallman, Sr. is on a banner at 820 Main Street in Red Hill. You can find Thomas W. Hallman, Jr. on his banner at 808 Main Street, Red Hill.

Meryl Markley is on a banner on Main Street in Pennsburg. It's across the street from where the old Pennsburg Hotel used to be. Be sure to look for it!

Did you see the banner right across the road from church? It's Harold Schultz back when he was in the Navy.

The banner for Harriett Rapine's husband, Ellsworth, is at 135 Main Street, East Greenville. The banner for her brother, Harold Moffett, is in the 800 block in Red Hill.

Do we have any more St. Mark's members hanging around Main Street? Let me know so I can list the location. We want to see all of them!

A bit of Hometown Hero and St. Mark's history was sent in by Becky Putera. Some of you may remember. I enjoyed reading it:

*My grandfather's banner (Thomas Kochenderfer) had been placed in Red Hill across from the Turkey Hill in front of Gehringer Tree service from 2018-2020. It's no longer up, but I thought you might want to include something about it in the next newsletter because he was very active in our church until his death in 1972. This is my maternal grandfather (Blake Stauffer's dad). Many of the older members would know him*

*Becky*

*Dr Thomas T Kochenderfer was a pediatrician in Norristown and served as Chief of Staff at both Montgomery and Sacred Heart hospitals in Norristown. He and my grandmother (Anne) had a farm on Kutztown Rd and used to come out to the farm on the weekends. They joined St Marks in the early 1950's (at the same time they bought their farm). My maternal grandparents got to know my paternal grandparents (Warren & Minnie Stauffer) at St Marks. This is how my parents met- through their parents' friendship at St Marks. Sadly, my grandfather (Dr Thomas T Kochenderfer) died in 1972 of cancer. He had just turned 62. His son, the retired Pastor Emeritus Thomas T Kochenderfer (my uncle) has preached at St Marks many times over the years.*

- **Dr Thomas T Kochenderfer**
- *Member of St Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg PA for the last (almost) 20 years of his life.*
  - *He taught the Adult Sunday school classes at St Marks for many years.*
  - *1950's-1960's- He also was a regular teacher of the Adult Sunday schools "young couples class" which met every Sunday morning. There were 3 regular teachers of this class; the other 2 were Warren R Stauffer (the future father-in-law of his daughter Blake), and Harold Hieter.*
  - *During the fund-raising campaign to add the Sunday school wing on to St Marks in the late 1950's, he is listed as The Pastor's Council to the building fund organization.*

## CALLING ALL COOKS

Caring Ministries continues to organize meals for Charlie and his brother Tom. They are enjoying the delicious dinners you are providing! If you would like to contribute a meal, please contact Harriet Rapine at [hmrp11@gmail.com](mailto:hmrp11@gmail.com) or call her at 215-679-8844. From what I hear, the menu is wide open! They like all kinds of food! Charlie is beginning another round of chemotherapy, so your meals are a tremendous help.

## GRAB & GO SUMMER MEALS

The Open Link is again providing Grab & Go Meals this summer. The program runs from June 14 to August 20. It's for all kids 18 and under – the meals are **free**, no registration or ID required. The food will be available at 5 locations:

Mondays & Thursdays: Treichler's Mill Park, Hereford @ 11:30 – 12 Noon  
Bieler Park, East Greenville @ 12:15 – 12:45 PM

Tuesdays & Fridays: Pennsburg Commons, Pennsburg @ 11:30 – 11:55AM  
Hope Valley Church, Red Hill @ 12 Noon – 12:25 PM  
Isaac Smith Park, Green Lane @ 12:30 – 1 PM

Each child gets 2 breakfasts + 2 lunch meals each time. Service is available as either drive-thru or walk-up. Last summer Open Link served over 5,000 meals!

## IN OTHER NEWS

Charlene is now continuing care at Lehigh Center, 1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062. I'm sure she would love to receive a card or note.

Elsie Antonio has moved into Pennsburg Manor.

The Dock Academy sent an email stating they have an opening for a Pre-K Teacher beginning August 2021. For more information, you can contact Jenn Crissman at [jcrissman@dock.org](mailto:jcrissman@dock.org)

The Thursday evening Al-Anon group is continuing to meet at 80 Main Street (right across the street from St. Mark's). The meetings begin at 7 PM.

The July/August/September Word In Season is available. You can pick up a copy in the narthex or call the church office to have one sent to you.

## **LIFELINE SCREENING**

Life Line Screening is returning to St. Mark's on July 21<sup>st</sup>. They offer five preventive health screenings. You can choose just one or all of them.

They use ultra-sound screening to test for carotid artery plaque build-up, abdominal aneurysm risk, and osteoporosis risk assessment.

A quick, easy EKG with electrodes placed on arms and legs screens for irregular heartbeat. They also offer peripheral arterial disease screening.

There are flyers in the narthex explaining the services they provide. It also includes information on registering for the tests. Call: 1-888-653-6450 to register or go to: [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners). The date is Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. It is held in our social room. All safety and well-being guidelines are followed.

## **PRAYER LIST**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Buddy Allen, Elsie Antonio, Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Marilyn Donis, Randy Dotter, Andrew Erb, Charlie Greulich, Marie Grubb, John Gruver, David Haines, Harold Hieter, Lisa Krause, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Steve Law, Barbara Lehmann, Pat Matthews, Kenneth Miller, Deb Mullen, Barbara Opachinski, Lenny Rafalko June Reigner, Mary Jane Schaeffer, Patsy Wampole and Charlene Wilson.

Please call the church office (215-679-9015) with any changes/additions.