



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMinders

November 4, 2021

OUTREACH



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- Dec.1 (9am-11am)** Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Kohl's, local eateries)
- Dec.2 (6pm-8pm)** Baby items – Diapers of all sizes, Baby Wipes, Formula
- Dec.3 (2pm-4pm)** Scarves, Hats, Gloves, and Socks (new)
- Dec.4 (9am-11am)** Toiletries (travel size and regular size)
- Dec.5 (10am-12pm)** Laundry Items (Regular sizes)
- Dec.6 (6pm-8pm)** Coats/Jackets (new and gently used, please no other clothing)
- Dec.7 (2pm-4pm)** Feminine products
- Dec.8 (9am-11am)** Coffee, Creamer, Sugar
- Dec.9 (6pm-8pm)** Sanitizer, Sanitizing Wipes, Tissues, Cough Drops
- Dec.10 (2pm-4pm)** \$5 gifts cards from Target, Dunkin Donuts, CVS
- Dec.11 (9am-11am)** Cereal (hot/cold cereals, nonperishable breakfast items)
- Dec.12 (10am-12pm)** Pajamas (all sizes, new and gently used)



*There are many people/families in need this year. Please help if you can.*

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The Twelve Days of Holiday Donations was such a great success last year, We decided to do this again! We received such a great giving response. The organizations we donated these items to were delighted!

If you can find time in your schedule to jump in to one of the above collection times, please go to the link below (or call the church office)

Sign Up Genius link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0845acac28a4f85-twelve>

Your help will be greatly appreciated!

**NEEDED: FRUIT BASKET SPONSORS!** Once again our Outreach Committee will bless some very special people with a Holiday Fruit Basket. Some are seniors, some are grieving, others are sick, but all could use a gift of love from St Marks. We will be ordering them pre-made from Redner's to be distributed at the beginning of December. If you would like to assist with the cost of the more than 60 fruit baskets, place your donation of any size in the Sunday offering, or mail it to church, and mark it "Fruit Baskets." Thank you for sharing God's love!

**The November collection** will be focused on the PJ Project. Think of how comforting it will be for a child to snuggle into some new, warm pajamas on a cold wintry night. Pajamas in sizes 10/12, 14/16 and all adult sizes for the older children are being requested. We are also using the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in November (coming up is November 21<sup>st</sup>) as a **Noisy Offering** Sunday. The noisy offering will help buy pajamas. The plan is for these pajamas to go into Elf Bags which will also contain a small game or deck of cards, a packet of hot chocolate mix, a book. The Elf Bags will be distributed to families in need.

### **YOUTH OUTREACH**

Youth Outreach will be writing Christmas cards to go along with the fruit baskets. They are also organizing Christmas caroling for December 12<sup>th</sup>. We did this last year and it was a great experience. The warm thanks we received just shook off the chilly air. Everyone meets in the social room at 6PM. So bring a flashlight, put on a warm hat and go singing through the streets! Mark your calendar – December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Hope to see you!

### **CEMETERY REQUEST**

Please remove all Fall flowers from the cemetery by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. After that, your Christmas flowers / decorations can be placed. Thanks!

## THE OPEN LINK

The Food Pantry is in need of the following for Thanksgiving:

\$10 or \$20 gift cards from Weis or Redner's for turkey or ham	
Mashed Potatoes	Canned Green Beans
Stuffing	Cranberry Sauce
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Mixed Fruit in Juice
Canned Pumpkin	Muffin or Cake Mix

These items can be brought to The Open Link at 452 Penn Street in Pennsburg during their office hours (Monday – Friday 8AM to 4PM). You can also drop them off here at church – use the shopping cart in the hallway.

## THINGS TO KNOW

October's toiletry collection yielded 116 items that were split between The Open Link and The Well.

The following note was received from the Harris family:

*Thank you to everyone who sent cards, flowers and attended my mother's service. Your support helped at a very difficult time. Fondly, Dawn, Ron, Ryan & Ethan.*

Harold Hieter was recently hospitalized and is now at Phoebe. His daughter Sue said he would love to receive notes from you! His address is: 2320 Hieter Road, Quakertown, PA 18951 Sue will see that he gets them.

The Thrift Shop on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Pennsburg is in need of volunteers. Stop in or call Fred at 215-679-6555 if you can help with moving items, pricing, etc.

WELCA recently completed a service project. They wiped down all the pews in the sanctuary.

Dottie came in and displayed books for Thanksgiving in the main library. There are also many puzzles just waiting for you to try. Whether a book or a puzzle, come in and take one home – when you are done, just bring it back and choose another.

A Snazzy Jazzy Christmas at Christ Lutheran Church, 2211 Mainland Road in Harleysville. The concert is on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. It's a benefit for Sanctuary Village. For more information: [www.tinyhousecommunity.org](http://www.tinyhousecommunity.org)

**COUNCIL IS TALKING CHRISTMAS ALREADY!!**

**Church Council approved the change in our Christmas Eve and Sunday after Christmas worship services** as recommended by our Worship Committee. The new schedule is as follows:

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Family Service will begin at 4:00 PM

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Candelight Service will begin at 8:00 PM

December 26<sup>th</sup> – One service at 10:15 AM. No Sunday School.

**POINSETTIAS**

We have an early deadline for ordering poinsettias for Christmas. The orders must be in by Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The cost for each of those beautiful plants is only \$13.00. Please use the form below and include the amount. The plants can be taken home after the Christmas Eve services. You can give your order to Joan Brunner, Diane Mohr or to the church office.

**POINSETTA ORDER**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of  
\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 each Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include payment with order.**

**Orders are due December 5<sup>th</sup>**

## FRUIT BASKET DONATIONS

The list of people who will be getting a fruit basket is quite extensive. If you would like to help us bring some holiday cheer to some of our very special church family members, please consider donating towards the purchase of these baskets.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount you are donating: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CALENDAR NOTES

Sunday, Nov 14	Youth Outreach – 6PM
Wed., Nov 17	Al-Anon 1PM
	Finance Committee – 7PM
Friday, Nov 19	Youth Outreach Overnight

## ST. MARK'S NEED YOU!

There are so many ways to get involved – as much or as little as your schedule allows. So many ways to share your ideas, your talents, your thoughts. **You are St. Mark's!** Please use the form below to find out more!

**Yes! I would like to find out more about:**

Joining Church Council \_\_\_\_\_ Joining the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

Being an Assisting Minister \_\_\_\_\_ Being an Usher \_\_\_\_\_

Being a Greeter \_\_\_\_\_ Leading a children's sermon \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Good time or day to call \_\_\_\_\_ OR instead

Email me at \_\_\_\_\_

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PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Elsie Antonio, Ed Bieler, Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Barbara Diehl, Marilyn Donis, Andrew Erb, Marie Grubb, John Gruver, David Haines, Peggy Haines, Harold Hieter, Lucy Kern, Lisa Krause, Mitchell Kulp, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Barbara Lehmann, Pat Matthews, Kenneth Miller, Kenny Mohr, Thomas Mohr, Sylvie Moll-Peugh, 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.