



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

ReMarks and ReMindrs

December 10, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This Sunday – December 12th – we are holding a congregational meeting immediately following the 10:15AM service. The meeting is being held to approve the budget for 2022, to approve the revisions in the constitution and to announce nominations for Church Council. The meeting will be conducted in the sanctuary. We hope you will stay and be part of the business direction of our – your – church.

YOUTH OUTREACH CAROLING

Youth Outreach has organized Christmas caroling for Sunday, December 12th. We did this last year and it was a great experience. The warm thanks we received just shook off the chilly air. Youth Outreach has decided to do the caroling at Red Hill Estates this year. Kids will meet at 6:00 PM in the church parking lot to carpool to Red Hill Estates with the Youth Outreach leaders. They would love to have you join them. Just meet them near the clubhouse at Red Hill Estates. Caroling will begin at 6:30 PM. Wear a warm hat, bring a flashlight; come and enjoy spreading Christmas cheer!

ANGEL TREE

All the ornament wishes have been fulfilled. Thank you to all who helped to make Christmas bright for some families right here in the Valley.

WELCA

On December 14th there will be a WELCA meeting here in our social room. The meeting begins at 11:30AM with a BYO Lunch followed by a short Christmas program and a cookie swap.

THINGS TO KNOW

The Handbell Choir is planning to have two pieces to play at the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve service. They began practicing this week. It will be so good to hear them once again!

We are receiving many calls and cards thanking us for the fruit baskets.

Heartfelt thanks expressing how much your thoughtfulness meant to them. Thank you to all who made this possible – from your donations to the people who delivered the baskets last Saturday – you have made the holidays bright and cheery!

Harold Hieter has moved to Phoebe Richland – Meadow Glen Room 232, 108 South Main Street, Richlandtown, PA 18955. His daughter, Sue, said he will be there for the foreseeable future. Harold's new phone # is 267-371-4972. He would love to hear from you!

The Thrift Shop on 4th 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

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 24th – Family Service will begin at 4:00 PM

December 24th – Candelight Service will begin at 8:00 PM

December 26th – One service at 10:15 AM. No Sunday School.

A Christmas letter has been sent out to all members of our church family. Enclosed with the letter is a Christmas offering envelope. As we have done in the past, one-half of the donations received in this envelope, up to a maximum of \$2,500, will go to local charities.

The engineering drawings for the infrastructure to support St. Mark's Bell have been completed. The Bell itself is in the process of being inspected and readied for installation once the steeple work is completed. Things are moving towards the day when St. Mark's Bell will ring once again.

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 _____

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, Lisa Krause, Mitchell Kulp, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Barbara Lehmann, Pat Matthews, Kenneth Miller, 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.