



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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### A FEW WORDS FROM OUR TREASURER

Just a quick update, from your Treasurer, on how St. Mark's is doing financially, during the COVID environment we now live in. Overall, we are doing OK. This is a result of many factors. Our offerings are \$40K less than the budget accounted for. Having a limited attendance capacity is affecting our weekly contributions. Last year, we collected \$21K in loose plate offerings, this has all but disappeared without guests attending our services. St. Mark's did apply and receive a PPP loan from the stimulus package the Government offered. This allowed us to pay our employees for 12 weeks at no cost to us. Our expenses are also down, due to the limited access to our building and the fact that we currently are not paying a full time Pastor. When everything is factored in, we are remarkably close to being on target for our budget. St. Mark's is extremely fortunate to be in this position but still needs the continued support of our members. Christmas season is coming and that is usually when we collect the greatest amount of donations. Please keep St. Mark's in your thoughts and hopefully we will finish the year fiscally strong.

### COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive is being hosted by the Upper Perk Rotary on Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is being held at the East Greenville Fire Company from 2PM to 7PM. It is being conducted by the Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Appointments are required. Please call 1-800-B A Donor (800-223-6667) or visit [www.GIVEaPINT.org](http://www.GIVEaPINT.org) and use sponsor code 8633.

### WHEN YOU SHOP

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church (that's us!) is listed on the AmazonSmile donation list. So, when you are shopping, please look first at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

Simply go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1857012](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1857012) to shop and part of your purchase will be donated to St. Mark's! There is no cost to you. With all the shopping happening this time of year, it might be pretty good for St. Mark's.

### NEEDED: FRUIT BASKET SPONSORS!

This year St. Mark's congregation has more members who are 'home' than ever before....members who don't get out at all, or very little. The Outreach Committee would love to reach all of these members with our traditional Holiday Fruit Basket. This year we will be ordering them pre-made from Redner's (to keep things safe for all).

If you would like to "sponsor" a fruit basket (\$14 per basket), please contact Connie Taglieber ([gettycivil@yahoo.com](mailto:gettycivil@yahoo.com)) OR 267-372-6734). When you contact Connie, let her know how many baskets you would like to sponsor, if you want to deliver your basket yourself (you don't have to), and what area you are able to deliver in. If you would like to sponsor a basket, please contact Connie by November 30.

Thanks so much for reaching out to our Church Family!

### TWELVE DAYS OF HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Outreach is also holding this 12 days of giving program. On the times listed for each date, you can drop off the corresponding donation (or all of them at once if you prefer) right here in the St. Mark's parking lot. On the Noisy Offering weekend days, bring your change! All items will be donated to The Open Link, The Welcome Church, or the PJ Project. This is so much easier than bringing a partridge, or a turtle dove, or golden rings – and so much more practical!! I put the whole list here, but I will mention the dates and items as we go along.

Dec.1 (9am-11am)--Open Link Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Kohls and local eateries)

Dec. 2(6pm-8pm)- Socks all kinds

Dec. 3(6pm-8pm- Scarves, hats and gloves (new or gently used)

Dec. 4-(5pm-7pm) Toiletries travel size for the shelter. Regular size for the Open Link

Dec. 5(2pm-4pm)- Laundry items. Compact and light if possible. NOISY OFFERING!!

Dec. 6(10am-12pm)- Coats/Jackets NOISY OFFERING!

Dec 7 (2pm-4pm)- Food donations (non perishable) for Open Link

Dec. 8(9am-11am)- Items such as coffee, creamer and sugar for the homeless shelter outdoor worship time

Dec.9(6pm-8pm)- Sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, Tissues( regular and purse packs) and cough drops

Dec.10(6pm-8pm)- \$5.00 Gift Cards from Target, Dunkin Donuts and CVS for the homeless shelter

Dec. 11(5pm-7pm)- Cereal Day (Hot/cold cereals, non perishable breakfast items)

Dec. 12(2pm-4pm) – PJ Project ( new or gently used pajamas and/or Christmas book for children in need at women’s shelters) **NOISY OFFERING!!!**

### POINSETTAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Yes, we will be having poinsettias on the altar for Christmas! The plants will be \$13.00 each and must be ordered by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, this year. You can place your order in the offering or mail it to church. Plants will be available to take home after the Christmas Eve services (please maintain social distancing when retrieving your plants) or later during the week in the multi-purpose room.

### **CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS**

To provide festive decoration, you can sponsor one or more poinsettia plants to be placed in the church for Christmas. The cost of each multiple bloomed plant is \$13.00. Please fill out this form, including the amount due, and place it in the offering, the church office, or give it to Diane Mohr **no later than Sunday, December 6th.**

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

Check one:

( ) In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

( ) In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

Use after service:

( ) Family will take ordered plant(s) # of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Church is to deliver plant to shut-in

### BULLETINS

Some of you have sponsored bulletins for a certain week, or a specific occasion, or for a special person every year. Now that we are back holding in-person worship, bulletins are being provided again. However, not all of you can be here – for many different reasons. I do have our regular bulletins here at church, but I also have an on-line version placed on our website. So if you wish to have bulletins presented in your name for a particular date, please either email me at [stmarks@stmarkspennsburg.com](mailto:stmarks@stmarkspennsburg.com) or call the church officie (215-679-9015)

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Harold Hieter will be 90 years old on November 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Day! If you can, please send him birthday wishes to help celebrate this milestone day! His address is:

Harold Hieter  
2320 Hieter Road  
Quakertown, PA 18951

### LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will be returning to St. Mark's on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. They will offer ultrasound screening to identify five risk factors: Carotid Artery – plaque build up which can lead to stroke.. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm – risk of ruptured aorta. Peripheral Arterial Disease – hardening of arteries in the legs. Heart Rhythm Screening – an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation (irregular heartbeat). Osteoporosis Risk Assessment.

Life Line will be adhering to strict safety protocols. If you wish to register for one or more of these screenings, please go to: [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or you can call: 1-800-679-5609. Check the tables in the narthex and hallway for information about Life Line.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study class invites you to join us for a Zoom discussion on Sundays at 8:30 AM. We are continuing 13 week unit called “The Many Faces of Wisdom”. No Bible knowledge needed, just a willingness to listen, learn and share. No long term commitment – each week's lesson is separate. If you are

interested, please contact Deb Long at [debra.reed588@comcast.net](mailto:debra.reed588@comcast.net) A Zoom link will be sent to you for the class. Added bonus: you get to see and talk with other members of St. Mark's!

### CHURCH WEBSITE

Our website address is: [www.stmarkspennsburg.com](http://www.stmarkspennsburg.com) If you visit the website, you will find links to click on for a Sunday bulletin, a newsletter (Remarks & Reminders), a recording of our Sunday service, and a children's message.

### PROTOCOLS

Perhaps not your favorite word, but necessary so we all know what to do, what to expect. The protocols were sent out in the letter from Church Council. I will summarize a few of them here for you.

- **Reservations are required** – please call or email the church office
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home and view the service on the website which will be available later on Sunday.
- **Masks are required.** There are some disposable ones available if needed.
- Enter through the side door facing gazebo only (office/Sunday School)

### PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Marilyn Donis, Randy Dotter, Andrew Erb, Renae Fosbenner, Marie Grubb, Catherine Gruber, David Haines, Paul Hausmann, Harold Hieter, Marie Jones, Dennis Laubach, Merle Leh, Barbara Lehmann, Kenneth Miller, Deb Mullen, Barbara Opachinski and Lenny Rafalko.

Please call or email me with any changes or additions. The church office phone is 215-679-9015. Email address is: [stmarks@stmarkspennsburg.com](mailto:stmarks@stmarkspennsburg.com)