

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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## **Upcoming Events**

Sat., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – “December to Remember” –  
5:00 p.m. - Christmas Parade in Cobleskill;  
live nativity at fairgrounds until 9:00 p.m.

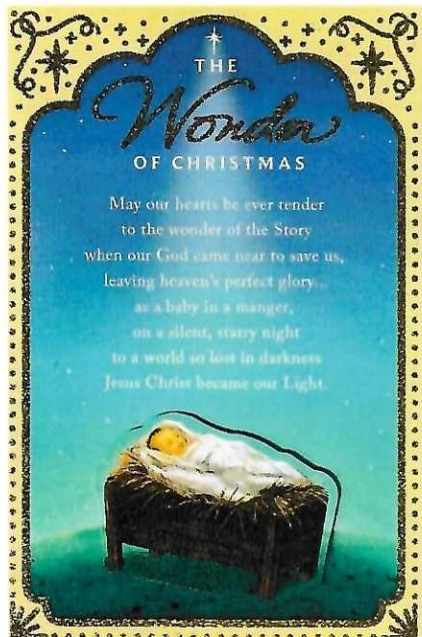
Wed., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – Net Dinner at  
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

Sun., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council  
Meeting

Sun., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Contata  
at Pilgrim Holiness Church

Wed., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:00 p.m. – Net Dinner at  
St. Mark's Church.

**Fri., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. –  
Candle Light Christmas Eve Service**



## **Prayer Chain Requests In November**

Family of Art Wargo  
Family of Lisa Heiser  
Family of William Bartholomew  
Family of Jymmie Jacobson  
Family of Jeff Blood  
Family of Val Ciupek  
Family of Larry Sharpe  
Family of Randy Edwards  
Family of Peter Rossi  
Family of Paul Williams

Ed Vandrwande  
Jeff Benjamin  
Jay Gurbey  
Gabby Capone  
Samantha Koenig  
Robert Thivierge, Jr.  
Andreanna Blesser  
Father Tom  
Wayne Wainwright  
Nicole Kingsbury  
Norwood Tompkins

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## **Thought for the Day:**

**"Be a biscuit. Rise tall. Be warm  
and buttery on the inside. Be  
open to anyone's jam."**

- Carrie Morey

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## Christmas Card "Postal Crate"

Getting mail that shares good news is always exciting. Getting Christmas cards from people whom we know and love is even more exciting. Once again, St. Mark's is delivering good news through Christmas cards in their very own "Postal Crate".

If you wish to extend a Christmas greeting to your St. Mark's brothers and sisters in Christ, please consider placing their card in our "postal crate". You will find the postal crate in the back of our sanctuary. And please don't forget to pick up any cards being sent to you.



## Toys for "Christmas for Kids"

Joshua Project is sponsoring an outreach program called "Christmas for Kids!" Last year this program was scaled back due to COVID. However, this year they are hoping to provide for the usual fun where parents select toys, pajamas, wrapping paper, stocking stuffers, etc. for their children. Needed are unwrapped new toys (any age from infant-12years old) or warm winter pajamas for any age. Children ages 13-18 will be given a \$50 gift card.

When you are shopping for family and friends, please remember the children in our communities whose Christmas you are making possible through your gifts. There is a table located in the front of the church where we will be collecting them until **December 13th**. Thank you for your generosity.



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**Total Needed for Basement  
Repair - \$28,000**

**Our Basement Fundraiser Goal  
- \$15,000**

**Year-to-date Donations  
- \$7,408**



## BASKETS NEEDED

Our special ladies, Janet Abrams and Gloria Falcone, are looking for **medium size baskets** they can use to create our encouragement baskets. If you have any you would like to donate, please bring them to church on any Sunday morning. Thank you!



## Pocket Change

Are you a bucket filler  
or a bucket dipper?



Please help us fill St. Mark's bucket  
with your pocket change for our  
basement repair



Happy Customers  
at our Spaghetti Dinner



# THANK YOU!!!



First and foremost, our thanks and praise are being lifted to our God. He gave us the idea for our fundraiser; He provided what we needed to make it happen; He richly blessed us through our fellowship. Knowing that this was a new endeavor for us, God guided us through it all.

Many people were very generous with donations, including their prayers, their time, their commitment, sometimes their patience ☺, and their finances. As a result, there were no expenses incurred by St. Mark's and we now have an additional \$1,568 for our basement repair project.

Thank you to all who so willingly and selflessly helped make our dinner a success. May God bless you!





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## Phoebes are "On the Road Again" ....

The sewing and the blind stitching completed, the knotting done, the pictures taken...and our quilts are "on the road again". In November our quilts traveled to Camp Swamp Methodist Church in Loris, SC. Pastor Vaughn Chichester and his congregation are making Christmas baskets for residents of a local nursing home and are happy to be able to include some of our quilts as part of the blessing. Thank you, Phoebes (and "Phoebers"), for being so dedicated to this ministry.

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## Blessings Abound from St. Mark's Congregation

What a blessing our congregation is! When a need was expressed, our congregation rallied and the need was met!

Thank you to all who so generously donated 104 cake mixes for Joshua Project's Thanksgiving dinners and filled 26 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

May your hearts be filled with joy knowing that others' holidays are a little happier thanks to you.



**Joshua Project Cake Mixes  
and  
Operation Christmas Child  
Shoeboxes**



**Operation Christmas Child  
Shoebox Recipients**

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## Servers for Dec.

### Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Peggi  
Ushers – Greg/Dennis F. (For Communion)  
Prayer – Cheryl  
Counter – Diane

### Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Georgia  
Prayer – Georgia  
Counter – Carrie

### Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Nannette  
Prayer – Carolyn  
Counter – Deb P.

### Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>:

TBD  
Counter – Diane

### Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>:

Reader – Edna  
Prayer – Ron  
Counter – Carrie

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## Dec. Birthdays:

Terry Minton	Dec. 1
Bessie Korth	Dec. 2
Jim Nattress	Dec. 3
Edna Lower	Dec. 5
Debbie Palmatier	Dec. 11
Niles McCoy	Dec. 13
Gregory Davidson	Dec. 15
Holly Pierce	Dec. 16
Ellen Langenbahn	Dec. 18
Todd Bartholomew	Dec. 31

## Dec. Anniversaries:

Pat / Skip Becker	Dec. 17
Bonnie / Bill Morton	Dec. 28
Sharon / Harry Amendola	Dec. 31

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**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!**