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New website

Our new webpage is up and running. Check it out. It is awesome! Thank you Angela. The address is www.stmarkslutheranmiddleburgh.com

Looking for new members!

If you would like to become a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church please speak with Pastor Rodney.

Ongoing bottle and can drive. Please leave **clean** bottles and cans by the garage door. Proceeds will be used for the mortgage.

Prayer Ministry

You are invited to participate in a new prayer ministry. We meet on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in St. Mark's sanctuary. If you are unable to attend and have a prayer request you would like lifted, please contact the church office or feel free to place your written request in the prayer box located in the narthex.

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up in prayer:

Pastor Rodney as he begins a new ministry
Ted and Betty
Scott
Gwen
Joe
Mark
Diane
Chris
John
Teresa
Jerry
Kathy
Gary
Lori
Nicholas

Upcoming Events

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Upcoming Events:

March 7th – 9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

March 10th – 6:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

March 20th – 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.– Youth Group Spring Dance

March 25th – 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – NET Dinner

March 27th – 7:00 p.m. – Creative Women's Ministry

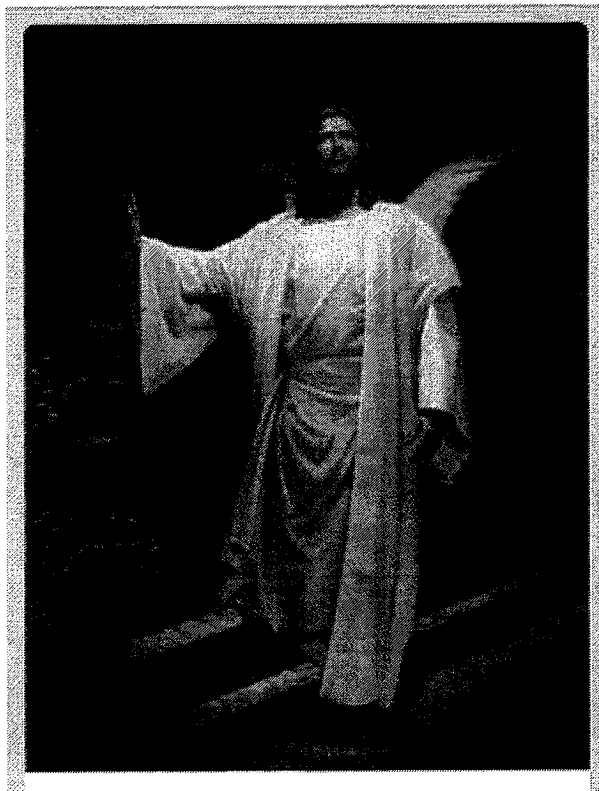
Every Thursday – 5:30 p.m. – Prayer meeting in sanctuary

Holy Week Worship Services

March 29th – 10:30 a.m. – Palm Sunday

April 3rd – 8:00 p.m. – Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Middleburgh Reformed Church

April 5th – 10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday



Christ is risen! Alleluia!



Singers Wanted

for ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Choir rehearsals will be held at the
Middleburgh Reformed Church
at 2:00 p.m.
on the following dates:

March 1st

March 8th

March 15th

March 22nd

March 29th

**All who want to make a joyful noise to the
Lord are welcome to sing!**



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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: March

March 1 - Carrie Foland
March 3 - Teena Przychodny
March 13 - Jill Hanley
March 14 - Jim Brigadier and Dylan
 Hillicoss and Mary
 Chichester
March 17 - Nicholas Wilsey
March 19 - Cheryl Cater
March 22 - Dean Roney and William
 Cronin
March 27 - Virginia Tinney

Anniversaries: March

March 15 - John and Heather
 Palmatier

**Did you know St. Mark's offers
the following opportunities for
you and your family to
participate?**

Phoebes - every Monday from 9-2
PM

Youth Sunday School - Sundays from
9:15 - 10 AM

Adult Sunday School - Sundays from
9:15 - 10 AM

Prayer Ministry - every Thursday
night beginning at 5:30 PM

After School Program - every day
from 3 - 5:30 PM

**For those of you that
were unable to stay
for the annual
meeting (you missed
some delicious food!)
copies of the
committee reports
will be in the next
few newsletters for
your information.**

Zumba classes are being held
on Wednesdays and Fridays
from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the
fellowship hall.

**Reminder to keep all the doors
open to the sanctuary and the
offices for the winter.**



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Servers for March

March 1:

Acolyte - Dylan
Ushers - Diane/Dennis
Reader - Ted
Greeter - Pat
Prayer - Ted
Counter - Deb

March 8:

Acolyte - Brianna
Ushers - Jeremy/Kobe
Reader - John C.
Greeter - Janet
Prayer - Beth
Counter - Diane

March 15:

Acolyte - Morgan/Madison
Ushers - Maurice/Ginny
Reader - Nannette
Greeter - Deb
Prayer - Gene
Counter - Carrie

March 22:

Acolyte - Jenna
Ushers - Bill/Bonnie
Reader - Ethel
Greeter - Deb
Prayer - Chris
Counter - Deb

March 29:

Acolyte - Logan
Ushers - Denise/Kaleb
Reader - Sharon
Greeter - Ginny
Prayer - Georgia
Counter - Diane

Just a reminder that
confirmation classes
will continue after
Pastor Rodney is
gone. Worship
attendance will be
required along with
sermon notes.

PHOEBE CIRCLE – 2014 REPORT

Here it is the beginning of 2015 and God is still busy showing the Phoebe's that giving is so rewarding and fulfilling. The more we give, the more God provides in the donations and support we get from everyone. We, as a ministry, are blessed in so many ways and joyfully go on to bless others.

Our outreach activities in 2014 include:

- 24 encouragement baskets were made and delivered
- Hats and mittens from our mitten tree were given to our After School Program, Wings as Eagles Ministry, Middleburgh Elementary School, Schoharie Central School, Gilboa-Conesville Central School, Office of the Aging and Catholic Charities
- 48 quilts delivered to Capital City Mission, Wings as Eagles Ministries, Albany Medical Center and the VA Hospital
- 20 quilts were made for Haiti; Pastor Rodney has made plans for delivery
- 5 fleece blankets were also given to Wings as Eagles Ministry
- 7 quilts were given out locally

The Phoebe's sponsored two dinners to help with the monthly mortgage payment. We were very blessed with the support we received for both. As a thank you for that support, we gave away several quilts as door prizes. At the chicken parmesan dinner, a quilt was given to Edward Johnson and at the chicken and biscuit, three quilts were given to Willie Palmer, Logan Bartholomew and Willie Cater being the recipients.

The Phoebe's held several fundraisers and we say a thank you to all who supported our efforts. Delicious strawberry jam as well as crafts were made and sold to help defray the cost of supplies for our quilts. Our annual pie sale was again a great success.

A new venture was embarked upon this year by the Phoebe's as we participated in the Miracle on Main Street. We offered hot coffee, tea and chocolate with brownies (for a monetary donation) and we had many crafts items for sale. These included our snap purses, cozy microwave bowls and necktie purses plus other handmade items. God blessed this event and we made enough money to almost cover another mortgage payment.

Fabric was purchased for new pew covers that were made by several members of the Phoebe's. Thank you to Gloria Falcone and her son-in-law for helping us select and purchase the fabric. They really enhance the look of our sanctuary.

We also hosted a reception for our friend and supporter, Ted Palmatier, memorial service.

2014 was a time of growth for the Phoebe's as we have had two more volunteers join our Circle. One of the highlights of our Monday lunch time is our Bible study. This has been a great time of learning and discussion. We are still studying "100 Women of the Bible" and has been very educational. Please feel free to visit or join us any Monday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We will definitely find a project for you to do and the fellowship and devotion time is wonderful.

Our mission is and always has been to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. God is so good all the time and He has richly blessed us in all of our endeavors to bless others.

Thank you to all who have prayerfully supported our endeavors to serve the Lord.

God bless you,

Sharon A. Nesbitt

Worship and Music

"Come, now is the time to worship;
Come now is the time to give your heart;
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God, come."

Praise, worship, prayer, singing ... what a wonderful way to honor and glorify our God, who has truly blessed us with a beautiful house of worship.

As we look at 2014, we discover it was a busy year filled with many opportunities to worship God. Here are some of the special services and events:

Ash Wednesday Service at St. Mark's
Maundy Thursday Service at St. Mark's
Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Reformed Church
Middleburgh Churches Historical Series – Topic was our Psaltery Ministry
Baccalaureate for Middleburgh Central School
Ecumenical Community Worship Service at Methodist Church
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service at Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Service at St. Mark's
Two handbell concerts at St. Mark's (Spring and Winter)

God has blessed us with eleven choir members who are dedicated to sharing their musical talents with us every Sunday morning from the months of September through May. A heartfelt thank you goes to them for faithfully serving our God as well as to Cheryl Cater and Sharon Amendola for leading and providing the accompaniment.

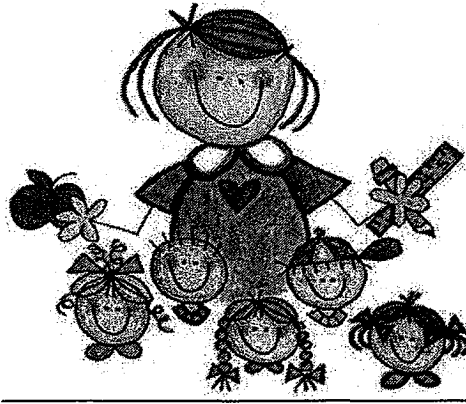
We also want to thank Marie Whittaker and Bonnie and Bill Morton for their accompaniment on our praise songs. The beat they keep on their drums and tambourines keep your toes tapping. ☺

May God surround you with His Holy presence as you praise and glorify Him!

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Wyckoff
Cheryl Cater

St. Mark's Christian Care After-School Program - 2014



We are now into our fourth year of sponsoring St. Mark's Christian After-School Program . We had some minor adjustments to make to keep the program going and are able to continue doing one of God's missions here at St. Mark's.

We have 19 children registered and this year most of them are coming everyday so it can be challenging some days but so rewarding being with them and interacting with them. Ton of thanks and appreciation is given to those staff helpers who work in the homework room. We could not do it without you with all the new standards of learning required.

We retained the same staff from last year which consisted of Patti Bowman, Jessica Miller, Melissa Sniffen, Maureen Sniffen, Sharon Nesbitt and Cheryl Cater working full time. This year along with Bonnie Morton volunteering one day a week, Dennis Foland and Deb Palmatier took on the challenge to help us out and Carolyn Wyckoff is always willing to substitute when needed. Thanks goes to a great team and to God for selecting them!

We meet from 3:00 until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our daily schedule includes taking attendance, letting them share what is important to them that day, reading a Bible story which is followed by a prayer given by one of the youths and then snack time. After that, we focus on homework time and play time.

As always, you are always welcome to come and share time with the children, do a craft, do a program or just bring a snack.

In Christ,

Cheryl Cater / Carolyn Wyckoff
ASP Coordinators