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Upcoming Events

**Nov. 9th – 9:00 a.m. – Men's
Breakfast**

**Nov. 13th – 5:00 p.m. – NET
Dinner at the Catholic Church**

**Nov. 18th – 6:00 p.m. - Council
Meeting**

**Nov. 27th – 7:00 p.m. – Ecumenical
Service at Our Lady of the Valley
Church**

**NO NET Dinners at St. Mark's
for November and December**

Council Members:

President – Diane France
Vice President – Georgia VanDyke
Secretary - Lori Roney
Treasurer - Debbie Palmatier
Members - Jim Brigadier, Dennis
Foland and Lisa Bartholomew.

Council has adopted a policy for anyone that wishes to use the fellowship hall for an event. All requests are to be sent to Lisa Bartholomew. She can be reached at 231-9494. She will handle all the arrangements, scheduling, paperwork and payments. This will allow for a one point person contact rather than having too many people involved.

Prayers Concerns

Please lift the following people up
in prayer:

Family of Doris Blake
Family of Cheryl Engle
Deb Brigadier
Irene Fancher
Harry Amendola
Gloria Falcone
Matthew (Ron/Edna's Nephew)
Lori Roney
Jen Brown
Russ Ryan
Rex Smith
Gary McCoy
Betty DeAngelo
Arlene Vroman



Canned Fruit / Manwich
Rice or Noodle Side Dishes
Diced Tomatoes

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Happy Days !!!!!

Birthdays: November

Karen Berkheimer	Nov. 2
Deb Roberts	Nov. 11
Karen VanDyke	Nov. 12
Bonnie Morton	Nov. 13
Taylor Cater	Nov. 14
Ryan Whittaker	Nov. 20
Heather Palmatier	Nov. 25
Sydney Shoemaker	Nov. 28
Ron Lower	Nov. 28
Ethel Cater	Nov. 29

Anniversaries: November

Ellen / Ted Langenbahn	Nov. 10
Barb / Russ Elder	Nov. 23

"THANK YOU"

Many thanks to all who were able to bless "Coats for Kids and Adults" with new and gently used coats. Special Kudos to Janet Abrams, Kathy Kauffmann, Helen Thomas and Dennis Foland for their helpful hands.

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 - Held during the worship service message

Bible Study - Sundays from 9:15 - 10 AM

Council Mtgs. - Third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals - Every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast - second Saturday of each month



Birth of a Nation and Birth of Salvation

I know, I know...you may be wondering what's up with pastor? Has he got his holidays mixed up? I was wondering if the celebration that we know and honor as Thanksgiving Day is actually the birth of a nation. People coming together, in community, to give thanks for who they are and where they are. Understanding that what was gathered there on that table, though brought there by their collective labors, was a gift from the divine from whom all blessings flow; that in the sharing of those provisions and the giving of thanks, they were forming a community. A community which, through great pangs, was birthing what would become a new nation. Some may feel the nation was born when we decided it was through the drafting and signing of the declaration that establishes its title and acknowledges its existence. Maybe that was its confirmation so to speak.

When it comes down to it, we were all created by the divine who had a dream, a vision. A desire to create a place of perfection, a paradise, an Eden, and to entrust it to those He created in His image according to His likeness. They were told to be fruitful and multiply and have dominion over that which God had created. A community was created, the people of God. This creation, this community, continued to increase and divide and separate and form their own communities, then to make these communities into their own nations with their own thoughts of what was best for every aspect of their existence. They learned to challenge one another and even try to overthrow one another. They had forgotten how important it was to come together and give thanks for who they were, where they had originated, and what they had been entrusted and charged with by their Creator.

These people were greatly in need of a leader. Not of their own creation or design. Not a leader that catered to their own understanding and wisdom. A leader that shared the dream, the vision of the Creator. One who will lead the people back to the table, back to the community where peace and love may reign in their hearts again. So a leader was begotten, brought to the people in an unexpected and miraculous way. A leader who would encourage them to accept the power of their free will to return to the vision, the dream of Eden, the paradise where they were intended to exist so that they could praise their creator for the wisdom and love that He had for them. Yes, love came down at Christmas and a Savior was born. A leader who could take God's people from their wandering in the wilderness of self-righteousness. A leader who offered them the road to redemption and salvation, the path to restore them in their relationship with their creator. To bring peace on earth and good will to all once again.

Yes, we have much to be thankful for. Thankful for the relationships we have with our families and our communities. Thankful for the opportunity to restore the sense of community among the nations we have divided ourselves into. To rely on the wisdom and direction of the Creator instead of our own limited understanding. To follow the One given to us who can lead us to eternal salvation. I pray that this holiday season our tables may all overflow with gratitude and sharing, with community and caring. May we truly rejoice again for Emmanuel has come to you, oh people of the creation of God.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas
In God We Trust / Love and Prayers, Pastor Dave and Melody

Willing Workers Win

“W” – there are plenty of words we could think of for the letter “W”. Weather, wonder, worry, and on and on.

A very important word in this this group is “*Willing*”. What does it mean to be willing? Willingness to duty; being able to say, “yes I will help with that”.

Willing... concentrating your thought on it, then make the thought an actuality.

The next word is “*workers*”. There are many kinds of workers. We all have a duty to perform, but at times we find there are those who sit idly by and have someone else do the work for them. The world has had many workers who have devoted their time and energy towards the accomplishments of some great thing and worked for the good of others.

The next word is “*Win*”. To win means to come to the realization of their efforts and time. They have had a manifestation of their thought and the accomplishment makes them win.

The three “W” words are very important but without the next two “P” words, we may not reach our goals. Those two words are “*Practice*” and “*Patience*”. Through practice, good things come about with repetition and careful attention and with patience we do things well. I am still working on this one!

However, here is another “P” word to consider... “*Perseverance*”. We must keep at our task until we have accomplished it, until our work is made perfect.

When we take all these words and write them together, we have a very forceful sentence:

- *Willing workers win when they practice patience and perseverance.*

So...if we all are willing workers and help when and where needed, we all shall surely be winners.

Blessed are the Meek,
Rev. Peggi Muenier

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Servers for Nov.

November 3rd:

Candle Lighter – Mason
Ushers – Dennis Foland / Pat
Reader – Deb B.
Greeter – Pat
Prayer – Deb B.
Counter – Diane

November 10th:

Candle Lighter – Dylan
Ushers – Bob / Peggi
Reader – Bob
Greeter – Maurice
Prayer – Georgia
Counter – Carrie

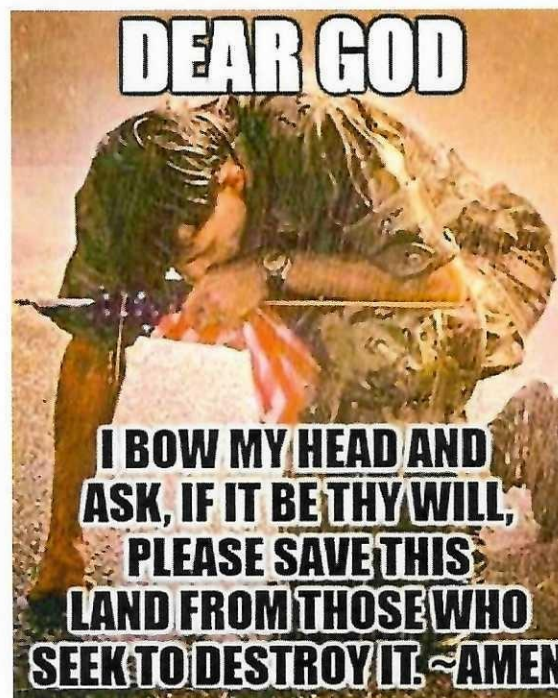
November 17th:

Candle Lighter – Mason
Ushers – Georgia / Deb P.
Reader – Deb P.
Greeter – Deb P.
Prayer – Ron
Counter – Deb P.

November 24th:

Candle Lighter – Dylan
Ushers – Jim / Deb B.
Reader – Edna
Greeter – Janet
Prayer – Jim
Counter – Diane

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



JOSHUA PROJECT THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Date October 18, 2019

Request for food donations

As part of are annual Joshua Project Thanksgiving baskets program we are asking for your help in supplying non perishable goods. The items we are looking for are:

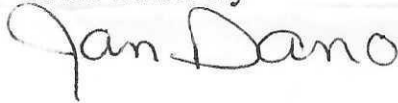
Instant potatoes
Cranberry sauce
Applesauce
Can gravy
Can vegetables
Box stuffing
Can yams

Monetary donations also accepted.

We will be picking up these items on Tuesday November 19,2019 or you may call 518-763-5800 and we will make arrangements with you.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely



Jan Dano

Committee chairman



As in the past, we would like to bless children throughout the world through Operation Christmas Child's shoebox project. Shoeboxes are available at St. Mark's so please stop by to pick up one to fill and return to St. Mark's no later than Sunday, November 10th.



We would also like to bless the Native American children of the Wings As Eagles Ministries through the purchase of Walmart gift cards. Cards may be purchased in any monetary denomination. Please place them in the special box located at St. Mark's sanctuary no later than Sunday, December 1st.

Shoebox Gift Suggestions

Visit samaritanspurse.org/occ to learn how to pack a shoebox, get the latest resources, and receive Follow Your Box labels.



Girls Age 2-4

A "Wow" Item

- Doll
- Soccer ball *(Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)*
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument *(such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)*

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap *(packaged and/or in a container)*
- Adhesive bandages *(Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)*
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils *(Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)*
- Blanket

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress *(loose-fitting sundress)*
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets *(woven with yarn or embroidery thread)*

Crafts and Activities

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Crayons
- Markers
- Pens
- Coloring pads
- Coloring books
- Picture book
- Notebooks
- Glue stick *(Do not include liquid glue.)*
- Small adhesive tape
- Watercolor set *[Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper]*
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Playdough *(Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.)*
- Stickers
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball *(Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)*
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Etch A Sketch
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise *(include extra batteries)*



Boys Age 2-4

A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball *(Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)*
- Stuffed animal
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- Small musical instrument *(such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)*

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap *(packaged and/or in a container)*
- Adhesive bandages *(Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)*
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils *(Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)*
- Blanket

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses

Crafts and Activities

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Coloring pads
- Coloring books
- Picture book
- Notebooks
- Glue stick *(Do not include liquid glue.)*
- Small adhesive tape
- Watercolor set *[Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper]*
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Building blocks
- Playdough *(Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.)*
- Stickers

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball *(Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)*
- Tennis ball
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Etch A Sketch
- Play cars/trucks/boats
- Plastic tools
- Plastic dinosaurs
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise *(include extra batteries)*



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Girls Age 5-9

A "Wow" Item

- Doll *(Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.)*
- Soccer ball *(Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)*
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument *(such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)*
- Backpack

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap *(packaged and/or in a container)*
- Adhesive bandages *(Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)*
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils *(Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)*
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight *(solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed)*

School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick *(Do not include liquid glue.)*
- Small adhesive tape

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress *(loose-fitting sundress)*
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets *(woven with yarn or embroidery thread)*

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Boys Age 5-9

A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball *(Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)*
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument *(such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)*
- Backpack

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap *(packaged and/or in a container)*
- Adhesive bandages *(Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)*
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils *(Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)*
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight *(solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed)*

School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick *(Do not include liquid glue.)*
- Small adhesive tape

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Wrist watch
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses



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Girls Age 5-9

Crafts and Activities

- Coloring Books
- Watercolor Set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Puzzles
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Costume items to play dress-up, such as crowns and costume jewelry
- Plastic toys and toy figures
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch



Boys Age 5-9

Crafts and Activities

- Coloring Books
- Watercolor Set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Puzzles
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Building blocks
- Tool set

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Plastic dinosaurs, animals, action figures (*nothing war-related*)
- Toy cars
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch
- Hacky sack



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Girls Age 10-14

A "Wow" Item

- Doll *(Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.)*
- Soccer ball *(Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)*
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument *(such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)*
- Backpack

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap *(packaged and/or in a container)*
- Adhesive bandages *(Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)*
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils *(Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)*
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight *(solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed)*
- Compact mirror
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant
- Washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads

School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick *(Do not include liquid glue.)*
- Small adhesive tape

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Boys Age 10-14

A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball/football *(Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)*
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument *(such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)*
- Backpack

Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap *(packaged and/or in a container)*
- Adhesive bandages *(Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)*
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils *(Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)*
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight *(solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed)*
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant

School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick *(Do not include liquid glue.)*
- Small adhesive tape

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Wrist watch
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Bandana

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Girls Age 10-14

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (*loose-fitting sundress*)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Decorative hat
- Wrist watch
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Bead jewelry/bead kit
- Hair accessories
(*hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.*)

Crafts and Activities

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Sewing kit, fabric (*7-2 yards*), and ribbon
- Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool
(*Do not include gardening seeds.*)
- Playing cards
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch
- Kaleidoscope
- Marbles



Boys Age 10-14

Crafts and Activities

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Tool set with work gloves
- Fishing kit
- Brightly colored rope or twine
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel (*no seeds*)
- Magnets
- Kaleidoscope
- Skipping rope/Jump rope
- Playing cards
- Marbles

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Hacky sack
- Toy cars

