

# THE LINK@STMARKS



**Sunday,  
September 5**

**Worship at the church:**

**8:30 am Traditional  
Service**

**10 am Contemporary  
Service**

**Church Picnic @ Little  
Chiques (Sico) Park  
follows with food served  
@ 12 Noon**

Lunch will be served at the park at 12 Noon. Roast pork, baked potatoes, drinks, and all paper products will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share and please RSVP to the church office by using the Connection Card in Sunday's bulletin, calling the office at 717-653-5493 or by email at [info@stmarksmtjoy.com](mailto:info@stmarksmtjoy.com).



**Tuesday, Sept. 7**

**Men's Ministry**

All men are invited to attend the Men's Ministry Meeting held at 7 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact person is Rob Stoner at (717) 653-5493, ext. 244.

**Thursday, Sept. 9 @ 1 pm**

**Dorcas Society**

The Dorcas Society will meet at the home of Pauline Fisher. For more information about the Dorcas Society, please contact Arlene Zerphay at (717) 653-2289.

**Sunday, Sept. 19 @ 4-6 pm**

**Free Community Dinner**

Everyone is invited to enjoy a free lasagna dinner in Fellowship Hall! Come for teh great food and company too! Contact Jessica Schell at (717) 653-9471.

**Saturday, Sept. 25 @ 7 pm**

**Saturday Evening Worship**

This service, held in the sanctuary, has the theme: "God's Love and Redemption" and will feature a message from Tim Bistline and a solo dance by Dyan Branstetter.

**Monday, Sept. 27**

**Pie with the Pastor**

Held in the Ministry Center Parlor from 6:30-9 pm, this class is for anyone wishing to learn more about "the heartbeat of St. Mark's" or has decided to become a partner in the ministries here. See the article to the left for more details.

**Pie with the Pastor**

If you have been attending St. Mark's and would like to learn more about the "heartbeat of St. Mark's," or if you would like to make a decision to become a Partner in our ministries here, mark your calendar now for our next "Pie with the Pastor" new member class.

"Pie with the Pastor" will be held on Monday evening, September 27 from 6:30-9 pm in the Ministry Center Parlor. If interested in attending this informative evening, please RSVP by contacting our church office at 717-653-5493 or at [info@stmarksmtjoy.com](mailto:info@stmarksmtjoy.com). Please let us know also if you need childcare as well.

**Announcements**

To facilitate a better flow of our Sunday morning services, and to aid in the overall worship experience, verbal announcements will now be limited.

We will be redesigning a new mid-week email to share announcements, and announcements will still be placed in the weekly bulletin. To share your announcement, please send a brief paragraph with information about your announcement to Pam Herman at 653-5493 or at [info@stmarksmtjoy.com](mailto:info@stmarksmtjoy.com) no later than Wednesday at 1 pm the week prior to the Sunday the announcement should run.

**From Dr. Dave Pierce**

- Thought for the Day: "We do not pray in a vacuum. God's spirit is always with us and available. Trust God with every fear, doubt, and worry."
- The anniversary items sold are all guaranteed, should you encounter any defects. Contact the office if you have ordered and not received any items. Inform us of mistakes in the history book.
- Warren and Elsie Bentzel are the members of St. Mark's being highlighted on September 19. Check the history display case at the back of the sanctuary.
- *Upper Rooms* for September-October are in the Welcome Center.
- The list of Home-Bound persons is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Pray for, call, and visit these persons as they miss contacts from their church friends. Birthday cards and notes would brighten their day.
- Come by the church library for books, DVD's, and video-tapes. Let us know if we do not have what you seek.



**Lost & Found**

The lost and found will be moving to the church office

on September 1. If you are looking for a lost item, please call the office (653-5493) or stop by during office hours.

All unclaimed items will be donated to the Mount Joy Gift & Thrift quarterly (January, April, July, & October).



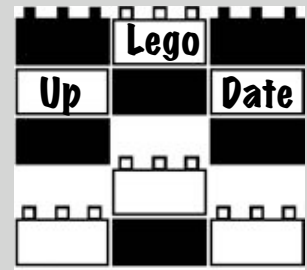
**New York City Bus Trip**

See a show, enjoy the Christmas displays, visit a museum, go shopping or sightseeing!

The Friendship Class will sponsor a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 4, 2010. The bus will leave St. Mark's parking lot at 6:30 am and will return at approximately 10 pm. The bus will drop off near Times Square and you will be able to spend the day as you wish, shopping, visiting a museum, seeing a show, etc. The cost will be \$45.00.

Seats will be available on a first come, first paid basis. If you are interested, please contact Bill or Kathy Bower (665-9141), or a member of the Friendship Sunday School class to receive a form. Payment will be required to reserve your seat.

The profit from the trip will go to help James Labala with his work in Africa.



A report on the Building debt since my last report of August 5th shows an additional \$2,353 has been received. This brings the challenge total to \$56,005 - 31.06% as of Monday, August 16th and our year to date total to \$73,742.

The blocks have not necessarily been removed to reflect the giving (people are giving without taking blocks) so on the 5th I removed the blocks necessary to make the table reflect the activity. Now we will double check and make sure that the appropriate numbers/values have been removed to reflect this latest value.

In doing so we will have \$124,295 remaining on the table.

It has again been suggested that we break down some of the block values to more manageable values. In response we have developed a series of numbers \$5 to \$100 in \$5 increments to accomplish that task. Each set of 20 blocks reflects a total value of \$1,050. We are planning to set up 8 such sets. Removing some of the larger face value blocks to represent the value being placed. (\$8,400 in face value to be removed to be replaced with the 160 smaller face value blocks = \$8,400.)

**Saturday Evening Worship**

The next Saturday evening worship service will be held on Saturday, September 25 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

The theme for this service is "God's Love and Redemption" and will feature a message from Tim Bistline and a solo dance by Dyan Branstetter.



To make these smaller denomination blocks easier to locate we will separate the double stack blocks and place values on each block, this will also help with making up the 160 blocks needed for the 8 sets, as we only have 72 previously unused blocks available.

- Rob Stoner



**Greetings from Sunshine Alley Children's Ministries!**

St. Mark's Children's Ministry Lead Team has been working hard over the summer

preparing for the fall! We are excited about the following updates to share with you, as we partner with families to help children SHINE for the Son!

Our Summer SLAM has been a fun learning experience for the children and staff of Sunshine Alley Children's Ministries! We'll conclude our summer schedule on Sunday, Sept. 5th, before the church picnic.

**Tuesday, Sept. 7th**, our children's worship team, CLAP, begins. (See related article in box below.)

**Sunday, Sept. 12** will be a family worship Sunday & celebrate going back to school. Children are invited to bring their backpacks to school for a special backpack blessing. "Step-Up Day" when children entering 2nd grade receive Bibles and all children move to their next age group, will occur in children's ministries on our kick-off day, Sun., Sept. 19th.

Children who are entering 6th grade will transition into youth on Sun., Sept. 12th. We will definitely miss them in Sunshine Alley Children's Ministries, but we look forward to seeing them continue to grow in their faith as they transition to student ministries.

**Sunday, Sept. 19th** will begin our regular schedule:

For the 9:15 service, Sunshine Alley Small Groups, children will all go to the Children's Wing to check-in, then begin in the Children's Worship room before transitioning to their classes for small groups. We will all return to the Children's Worship room for check-out at the end of the 9:15 service.

For the 10:45 service, SHINE Worship, children will participate in large group worship and teaching time, then have a shorter small group time. SHINE Worship will conclude with children writing in their journals about how they are growing in their faith or what they have learned this week.

PRESCHOOLERS will engage in activity-based learning that will enable them to learn Bible stories through many different experiences!

**The Sunshine Alley Children's Ministry 10 for Fall 1010 Challenge** – The lead team decided to adopt a "10 for 10" challenge. We want to be

prepared to have 10 children in each age group each Sunday. You'll hear about some special challenges for the children – to attend church regularly and bring friends, so that their grade level can meet the "10 for 10" challenge. The first age group to have 10 kids attend Sunshine Alley Small Groups for 10 weeks will be treated to a pizza party!



**See You at the Pole**

**Wednesday, Sept. 22nd --- See You At the Pole** – This is a powerful time when children gather together before school at their school flagpole to pray for their school, teachers, and classmates. Does your child's school hold a "See You At the Pole?" If not, check out the See You At the Pole website for information about holding this special event. Two years ago, four 3rd graders led an event at their school, Mill Road Elem., in Elizabethtown, and we're looking forward to doing this again this year! Hope you'll join us at your schools throughout Lancaster County! See You at the Pole events will occur this year on Sept. 22nd at elementary & high schools throughout the world!

I'm looking forward to another wonderful school year of growing closer to God and learning new and fun ways to live our lives for Him!

Blessings,  
Andrea Lown, Children's Pastor

**CLAP Team**

**Children Leading Artistic Praise or CLAP** Team is open to children entering Kindergarten-5th grade. Practices will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 7 from 6:30-7:45 pm.



Practices will be broken down into three sections including choir practice, drama practice and devotional. Children may participate in either choir, drama or both components of CLAP. The individual groups will each have a half hour practice with an overlapping 15 minutes for a CLAP devotional time. During that time, we pray and learn about ways to get closer to God and share the Good News with others. The schedule will look like this:

6:30-7:15 – Choir practice (30 minutes) and Devotional (15 minutes); 7:00-7:45 – Devotional (15 minutes) and Drama practice (30 minutes)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing you then.

In His Grip,  
Colleen DeNune

## September Anniversaries & Birthdays

### Anniversaries

9/1-George & Lois Ream  
 9/2-Bill & Irma Wealand  
     Ivan & Betty Wolgemuth  
 9/6-Gilbert & Jean Stout  
 9/7-Doug & Janet Conroy  
     Leroy & Sherry Williams  
 9/8-Rev. Samuel & Alice Stoner  
 9/11-Steve & Pam Hoover  
 9/13-Wayne & Linda Zimmerman  
 9/14-Bill & Judy Baker  
 9/18-Jerry & Dawn Dochterman  
 9/20-Jack & Joi Garner  
 9/22-Dave & Lisa Bostdorf  
     Rob & Cindy Stoner  
 9/23-Brett & Jennifer Hallacher  
 9/25-Chris & Jennifer Ruch  
 9/26-Donald & Faye Zechman  
 9/28-James & Effie Brandt  
 9/30-Christopher & Laurie Haines

### Birthdays

9/1-Joshua Bower  
     Gerald Erb  
 9/2-Joseph Coover  
     Elijah Schlaybach  
     Susan West  
 9/4-Brian Hill  
     Peggy Luft  
     Paul Shearer  
 9/5-June Gilbert  
 9/7-Danine Bitting  
     Tracey Keller  
     Marilyn Kennard  
 9/8-Brett Albert  
     Gail Hawthorne  
 9/10-Patrick West  
 9/11-James Brandt  
     Cody Eshleman  
     Matthew Overmoyer  
     Dennis Wolgemuth  
 9/12-Amanda Allen  
     Patti Shearer  
     Jordan Stark  
 9/13-Kote Kern  
     Elaine Pierce  
 9/14-Donald Musser



### Celebrating a Milestone?

Please notify the church office at (717) 653-5493 or by email at [info@stmarksmtjoy.com](mailto:info@stmarksmtjoy.com) to include the milestone in an upcoming issue of [thelink@stmarks!](mailto:thelink@stmarks!)

9/15-Ty Eshleman  
     Cora Lynn Gingrich  
     Jamie Pietsch  
 9/16-Davin Zimmerman  
 9/17-Matt Blasick  
     Mary McGallicher  
 9/18-Richard Hoover  
     Brendan Kerlin  
 9/19-Alyssa Yeagley  
 9/20-Kim Beach  
 9/22-Richard Merchant  
 9/23-Barry Acker  
     Daniel Lenz  
     Jennifer Overmoyer  
 9/24-Hayden Faust  
     Zodee Shearer  
 9/25-Feseha Weldeyes  
 9/26-Al Brenes  
     Steve Rempala  
     Leonard Smith  
 9/27-Mack Hall  
     Geraldine Wagner  
 9/28-Rachel Lenz  
     Shirley Sagerer  
     Mason Spence  
     Angie Yealy  
 9/29-Sam Lazowski  
     Gary Luft  
 9/30-Clinton Albert  
     Ethan Duralja  
     Alexis Hoover

### Celebrating 25 years of marriage on September 7:

Doug & Janet Conroy  
 936 West Bainbridge Street  
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022



*Happy Anniversary!*

**Heart & Hand House Mission Trip Update**

Meet Lanette. Lanette is a “miracle lady” who has had many physical challenges in the past 10 years. In 2002 Lanette had her 4<sup>th</sup> brain surgery. At this time, an aneurism was found. In February 2003, Lanette became the 3<sup>rd</sup> person to have the aneurism glued at the end of the brainstem. She was given a 5% chance of survival! She survived and then learned all over again how to talk and walk. Lanette loves to share her story and tell how God has been so GOOD to her!

Thanks to everyone who supported this summer’s Heart and Hand mission team that made repairs to Lanette’s house. It was a long, busy week, but at 7 pm Friday Lanette’s house had a handicap accessible bathroom, a new back deck with a ramp, and siding on the entire house. A special thanks to all of our team

members for their hard work!

In spite of completing all this work, Lanette’s house needs to have all 15 windows replaced, as well as some work on her front porch. Therefore, we have committed to return to West Virginia next summer to complete this work. If you have thought about participating in a short-term mission project, please prayerfully consider being a part of 2011’s mission team to West Virginia. Next year will be St. Mark’s 15<sup>th</sup> year of traveling to Philippi, West Virginia to help with home repairs through the Heart and Hand House Ministry. If you



have any questions, please contact the Lehmans at 653-4189 or [lehmanfamily@comcast.net](mailto:lehmanfamily@comcast.net).

If you would like to see pictures from this summer’s work at Lanette’s, please go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) (Janet Lehman).

**Worship Assistants:**



September

**Altar Flowers:**

- 9/5-Mary Ellen Kohler
- 9/12-Still Available
- 9/19-Anonymous
- 9/26-Still Available

To sponsor the altar flowers for \$35 each week call Marge Yeich at (717) 492-0606.

**September Usher Captain:**

Darryl Wittle (717) 285-3174

**Church Checkers:**

- 9/5-Pat West
- 9/12-Russ Shirk
- 9/19-Bob Miller
- 9/26-Jack Garner

**Cafe:**

**Food Providers:**

- 9/5-Church Picnic
- 9/12-Diana Blace & Dyan Branstetter
- 9/19-Gail Hawthorne, Kelly Hoover, & Elaine Pierce
- 9/26-Georgianne McCue, Jen Overmoyer, & Lois Ream

**Set-up:**

- 9/5-Picnic
- 9/12-Bev Hower
- 9/19-Judy Libhart
- 9/26-Jolene Pietsch

**Pick-Up Doughnuts:**

Darryl Wittle



**The Mission of the Month for September is Rainbows End Youth Services or REYS.**

REYS exists for the purpose of reaching local youth in Christian love, to encourage, develop and equip them to experience Godly wholeness and success by:

- praying
- sharing Christ
- teaching God's word
- offering a supervised recreation through partnerships with churches, businesses, and individuals.

Programs include mentoring, homework clubs, Bible studies, and more. These programs provide the chance to make a major investment in the lives of young people.

Please use the envelopes provided in your envelope packets to support Rainbows End Youth Services in September.

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**The Mission Commission will meet next on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30 pm in the Friendship Sunday School Classroom.**

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On July 18, the following served supper at Water Street Rescue Mission: Mike Fritz, Jean Ann Harter, Robert Miller, Otis & Wendy Moore, Robert Neill, and Margaret Shank.

**The next date to serve supper at Water Street Rescue Mission will be Sunday, September 19.** Arrival time at the church is 3:45 pm and the group should return back to the church by 6:30 pm. If you would like to serve supper at Water Street, please contact Bob Miller at (717) 653-2471.

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Cornwall Manor Society's Annual Fall Festival & Open House will be held on Saturday, October 2 from 9 am-2 pm.

**Notes:**

Dear St. Mark's Congregation:



Hot Dogs from Jesus is over and God did many exciting and wonderful things during this month of July. I want to thank St. Mark's for your prayers and financial support during this project and for helping us to reach out to the community around Crystal Park. A special thank you to Bobby, Sherrie, Kim, & Susan for coming out and helping. May God bless you for your participation in this project. Thanks again!

Amanda Hipple  
Founder XOC

Dear St. Mark's members,

Thank you kindly for all the thoughts, prayers and meals you provided during my recent hospital stays and recovery. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Dr. Pierce for his visits and prayers.

Don Germer

Dear St. Mark's Family,

Ron & I wish to thank you for your cards, calls, and caring wishes for

Ron's recovery from surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Dave and Sylvia Stark for their visit and prayers. Also, a special thanks to the church choir for the beautiful flowers. Ron gets so much pleasure singing with the choir. On June 23, Don & Judy Scanlin delivered a beautiful prayer shawl made by Judy. This ministry is most wonderful and we appreciate the love and prayers that go into it. Ron continues to recuperate at home and is looking forward to returning to his normal activities, which includes worship! Blessings!

Ron & Gail Hawthorne

To St. Mark's,

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards, for your visits, flowers, and most importantly, your prayers. I am truly grateful to be so remembered.

Sherrie Gilbert

Heartfelt Congratulations-Good things should come to good people like you. Congratulations on your 150th anniversary.

The staff of Trinity Lutheran Church

**Austria Mission Trip**

The missions trip to Austria was a life changing experience. We ran an English Day Camp for 20 Austrian children in grades 1-7. After English class, the children rotate through centers-puppets, stamping, and singing and square dancing. The theme for the week was "Rodeo Ranch." In the afternoon, we went to the field to play games. On Friday, we had a closing program for the parents - the children did a great job!

The goal of the English Day Camp was to reach people from the community, draw them into the

church and reach them with the Gospel. Every child had at least one parent at the closing program and several families attended church the Sunday after camp. One lady asked to speak with Shirley H. about spiritual matters.

I would like to thank the congregation for their prayer support while I was in Austria.

Donna Sheaffer,  
Shepherd's Flock Staff

### Recycling of Cans

We earned \$119.36 from recycling aluminum cans. This money was donated to sponsor children for Vacation Bible School.

Keep those cans coming!

Janice Schell



### Giving Online!

Have you checked out E-giving yet? Now is a great time to sign up! You can schedule your tithe to come right out of

your checking or savings account.

Log onto [www.stmarksmtjoy.com](http://www.stmarksmtjoy.com) and click on the link for E-Giving or use the insert and fill out the E-Giving Authorization Form and return it to the Church Office in a sealed envelope to the attention of Janice Schell and we can set up your recurring transaction for you.

Have other questions? Contact Janice at the Church Office 653-5493, extension 225.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**



### Thinking about Labor Day

The Bible affirms the importance of work. Adam was put in the garden "to till and keep it."

In the fourth commandment we are told to "Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy." Then we read: "Six days you shall labor and do all your work" (Exodus 20:8-9 NRSV).

Work is important for us. It allows us to use our talent, our minds and our strength to create and bring forth the "fruits" of our labor. Work satisfies an inner need to make a positive contribution to the world. Work helps to bring satisfaction and fulfillment to us as we use our lives for good and uplifting purposes. It is a way of exercising good stewardship of the personal gifts God has given to us: our brain power, our physical strength, our special talents.

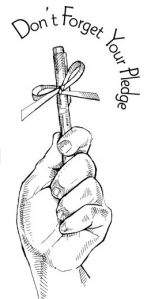
Since we have the privilege of being "workers together with God" it seems fitting that we set aside one day a year to think about the goodness and dignity of work.

Therefore, let us joyfully celebrate Labor Day.

This is a reminder to remember your pledge as the Finance Team has noticed that expenses are beginning to creep up on income.

Is your pledge up to date? Can you help us meet our budget goals?

For an up to date look at financial giving, go to our website and log on. Select Groups, then Files, and select Weekly Financial Report.

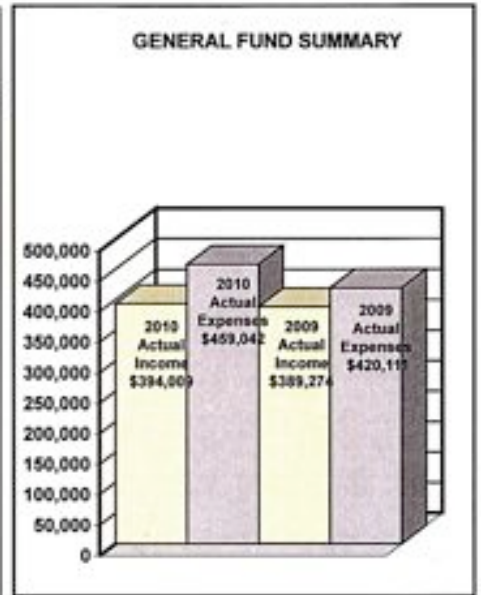


## Financial Giving Report



YEAR 2010 GIVING REPORT	
January 1 - July 31, 2010	
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Y.T.D.</b>
Actual Income	\$ 394,009 *
Budget Needed	\$ 511,810
Actual Expenses	\$ 459,042
<b>Building Fund (Renovation Loan)</b>	
Actual Income	\$ 72,421
Budget Needed	\$ 40,833
Loan Balance = 125,391	
<b>Mission Giving</b>	
Mission of the Month-Habitat	\$ 787
Commitment of Month	\$ 700
Mission of the Month-Dial	554
Commitment of Month	1,000
Total Mission Giving	\$ 22,775
<b>St. Mark's Emergency Fund</b>	
Actual Income	\$ 11,472
Actual Expenses	\$ 9,277
<b>Special Offerings</b>	
Actual Income	\$ 12,360
<b>TOTAL GIVING 2010</b>	<b>\$ 513,037</b>
<b>TOTAL GIVING 2009</b>	<b>\$ 506,478</b>

\* e-Giving = 18 participants



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