

June/July 2017

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Discover Jesus' miraculous power this summer at Vacation Bible School June 25-28!



All children ages 3 years - 6th grade are invited to attend Power Lab 2017 VBS - four days packed with crafts, skits, science, games, Bible time, and tons of fun! Jesus and the ten lepers, Jesus healing the blind man and Peter walking on water are some of the stories that will be included.

On Wednesday, June 28 there will be a family "Science Fair" and closing concert. Parents are encouraged to come and participate with their children.

In addition, each evening starting at 5:30 pm, kid-friendly meals will be served. The menu is:

Sunday: spaghetti, bread, salad, and dessert

Monday: chicken nuggets, french fries, salad, and dessert

Tuesday: pizza, chips, celery & carrot sticks, salad, and dessert

Wednesday: hot dogs, mac & cheese, salad, and dessert

You can register for VBS online at connectstmarks.com/events/vbs/! When registering, please be sure to indicate which evenings you will be joining us for dinner.

"Love is patient, love is kind." 1 Cor. 13:4 **Happy Father's Day - June 18**


Reach Student Ministry Mission Trip

This July, Reach is heading down to North Carolina to serve alongside Christian Endeavor. They will work with local people in Brunswick County to help rebuild homes damaged during natural disasters. Our team of 12 students and 6 adults look forward to serving God's people in this way.

The group will be leaving bright and early Sunday, July 23 and will return home the following Saturday, July 29. These students and volunteers have worked hard to raise the funds needed to make this mission trip possible and want to thank all those who supported their trip financially. If you are still interested in helping support this great group of students and volunteers, please contact [Jimmy Law](#). Please keep Reach in your prayers as they embark on this trip to serve as the hands and feet of Christ.



**Pray for the
youth
mission trip
July 23 - 29**



Saturday, June 17 • 10am-1pm • \$8.00
to benefit Reach Student Ministry
*Includes: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, apple sauce,
 roll & butter, and drink*
Pre-purchase tickets by Sunday, June 11.
 Thank you for helping them reach their goal of selling 500 tickets!

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Vacation Bible School Volunteers Still Needed

Interested in lending a helping hand at VBS? We still need helpers at our Science Fair on Wednesday, June 28 from 6 - 7 pm. We need adult helpers to conduct an experiment, facilitate a craft, tell a story, or do an activity. Please contact [Laura Ligo](mailto:laura@connectstmarks.com) for more information at (717) 653-5493. Volunteers are also needed to help serve meals Sunday through Wednesday. Contact [Janet Lehman](mailto:janet@connectstmarks.com) at (717) 653-4189 to help in the kitchen. Thanks!

Congratulations Graduate

Jacquelyn Hoover, daughter of Doug & Kelly Hoover, granddaughter of Jack & Diana Blace, graduated from Nyack College, NY and has moved to Massachusetts to coach women's lacrosse at the collegiate level.

New Employee

Jeremy Laukhauf resigned his part-time custodial position to accept full-time employment. We welcome Mark Laukhauf, who has been hired to perform some part-time custodial responsibilities.



2 Congregational Survey

The "Pulse of the Congregation" survey was released via email on May 26. If you did not receive the email, please check your Junk/Spam folder. If you don't find it, contact [Sarah](mailto:sarah@connectstmarks.com) or [Kim](mailto:kim@connectstmarks.com) to make sure we have your correct email address or access it directly through this [survey link](#).

Paper copies are available for those who do not have email. Place your completed paper survey in an envelope and mail or drop it off at the church – attention Sarah. She will enter the information on your behalf, keeping your identity private.

The survey requires you to provide your name - so that we know who has responded and who we need to connect with. Your identity will not be tied to your answers. The committee of Dan Bosse, Janessa Rempala, Jim White, Cindi Selph, Adam Kitchen and Diana Blace will be making phone calls to those who did not respond encouraging their participation. Please be totally candid in your responses. Using this survey tool will create a consolidated report that will be shared with the congregation upon completion.

Senior Ministry News

We had a wonderful time at Gretna Glen for the Spring Fling! Great food and wonderful entertainment were provided. We look forward to going back in the Fall.

All seniors are invited to join us in fellowship and fun during our June & July programs:

- June 14 at 12:00 pm: Join us for a Potluck Luncheon at The Orchards clubhouse. Bring your favorite dish and help us celebrate Flag Day. A sign up sheet is located in back of the Sanctuary or contact Liz Sarbaugh at (717) 653-5321.
- July 12 at 1:00 pm: Joanne Warwick and her dogs will present a program titled "A Merry Heart Doeth Good, Like a Medicine" at The Orchards Clubhouse. Contact [Cindi Selph](#) at (717) 928-4545 for more information or for directions.

Capital Campaign Update

We are at the midpoint of the 3-year campaign with \$409,000 of the \$743,000 pledged or (55%) being received. Youth area renovations are near completion with anticipation of being \$6,000-\$8,000 under budget.

Pending for 2017:

- Aspire – façade
- Audio & video enhancements for worship
- Presentation of the plans for the Welcome Center renovations for your approval (by Fall) with work to begin following that approval.

Based on the campaign budget and the funds on-hand, those projects can be completed with minimal additional funds. The \$334,000 balance of pledges would be most representative of the funds required to acquire the property if we would move forward with the expansion of our church facilities.

Those of you who either pledged or who have donated to the campaign were sent a Capital Campaign statement reflecting your giving history. Within that letter there is an opportunity for you to consider redesignating any balance of your pledge to the General Fund, as well as a card and envelope for you to make that desire known. If you choose to do so, the value of that redirected gift to the General Fund will still be credited to your pledge obligation. This opportunity is not one to remove your pledge because the funds are not needed, but rather to suggest that a more pressing need exists to support the General Fund.

If you have any further questions, contact [Rob Stoner](#) or [Janice Schell](#) at (717) 653-5493 to discuss your specific pledge scenario with you.

Ham Loaf Dinner

St. Mark's will be serving a ham loaf dinner on Sunday, June 11 from 11 am - 12:30 pm.

Dinner will include ham loaf, au-gratin potatoes, green beans, applesauce, bread and butter, dessert, ice cream, and beverage. Many of this month's servers will be our youth and their parents with the proceeds benefiting their summer mission trip. Be sure to check out the centerpieces on the tables featuring information about Reach Student Ministry and photos of our youth and their leaders on the 2016 mission trip.



Sunday Dinner Meeting

Are you interested in helping with the Sunday Fellowship Dinners? Please join us on June 18 immediately after the 9 am worship service or contact [Janet Lehman](#) at (717) 653-5493 for information about becoming part of this ministry.

Free Community Meal

We are inviting the community to a free picnic meal featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad, baked beans, chips, beverages, and dessert on Sunday, June 18 from 5 - 6 pm on the church lawn (rain location: fellowship hall). In addition to the good food, there will be games and fellowship. Attendees are asked to make reservations by Thursday, June 15 by calling the church office at (717) 653-5493.

FAITH FACTORY NEWS

It is hard to believe that the school year has come to a close; where did the time go? The children have had a wonderful year making friends and learning more about God and school! We had 3 graduations and a lot of little ones going on to kindergarten - 65 to be exact! We also have a few 6th graders who will be leaving after many years of hanging out with us before and after school! What great relationships have been formed over the years. It is hard to see them leave.

Summer will be filled with field trips to Tiny Town, Turkey Hill Experience, Clearview Bowling Alley, Chris Ivey will visit, woodworking with staff from Home Depot, Zoo America and a fun trip to the movies! Trips to the pool will be a cool treat for the children! Some of the classes will be exploring different parts of the world as their themes, so it promises to be a summer with lots of learning and experiences.

I would like to highlight our school age group, children aged K - 6th grade. We have approximately 55 children in this group. There are many teachers who work with these children and provide a safe and fun environment for them. A big thank you to these teachers: Tammy Ober, Richard List, Brittany Hess, Elma Umholtz, Jody Truett, Trish Templin, Rodney Hess, Sarah Marty, Colleen DeNune and Barb Williams. You can also see Dave Schell with this group quite often, as he likes to rile them up!!



Tammy and Elma teach Bible time to the primary group and Richard and Colleen teach Bible to the intermediate students. Both groups have grown so much in their faith, leadership and discipleship this year. It truly is amazing and gives you goose bumps to see these children worshipping and praising God before they head off to school!

Looking for summer employment? Faith Factory has some summer positions available.

We hope you are having a wonderful spring! For more information about Faith Factory, contact Patti Shearer at (717) 653-8201.

Prayer Ministries

Join a group of Mount Joy residents lifting community concerns in prayer June 7 and July 5 at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center.

Members of St. Mark's are invited to gather the second Tuesday of each month for prayer. Feel free to join in on June 13 and July 11 at 9 am in the Prayer Room.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites you to attend meetings on Thursday, June 15 and July, 20 at 6:30 pm. Contact [Myrl Sherk](mailto:Myrl.Sherk) at (717) 653-5133 for more information.

Men's Fellowship

All men are invited to attend Men's Ministry meetings on Tuesday, June 6 and July 11 at 6:30 pm at Aspire.

Stop by Gus's Restaurant on the third Saturday at 8 am for breakfast and fellowship. Contact [Jeff Selph](mailto:Jeff.Selph) at (717) 928-4545 for more information.

June Mission Focus

Children's Ministry Outreach is the Mission of the Month in June. This is an opportunity to provide funds for Vacation Bible School supplies, as well as the free VBS meals to the community. Last year's VBS had 100 children participate! You can support this ministry by marking your donation for 'VBS', or text 'help4kids' to 30131, or visit www.connectstmarks.com/online-giving.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ralph Lutz
Colin McDonald
- 2 Laurel Carter
- 4 Warren Greenawalt
- 5 Linda Shepler
- 6 Dale Boyer
Jere Thome
Marion Young
Mike Kohler
Elvin Yeagley
Jennifer Aston
- 7 Brandon Meyers
- 8 Jennifer Anderson
- 9 Judy Scanlin
John Carter
Emily Stuck
Addison Meyers
- 10 Amanda Ruch
- 11 Pam Watts
Adam Fink
Meghan Brenneman
Dalton Kennedy
Sophie Kitchen
- 12 Effie Brandt
Becky Peifer
Carole Dull
- 13 John Patton
Mackenzie Bosse
Oliver Carter
- 14 Karen Miller
- 15 Linda Serrano
Greg Arntz
Matthew Kelley
Jillian Lawson
Hannah Bucher
- 16 Mary Ann Funk
Matt Miller
- 17 Curtis Lehman
- 18 Ashley Zell
- 19 Todd Allen
Zachary Patches

- 21 Sarah Keiser
James Metzler
Charlene Taylor
- 22 Isabella Brandt
Erin Fullenlove
- 23 Alicia Miller
- 24 Janice Lutz
Kira Weaver
- 26 Andrea Lown
- 27 Erin Cramer
Nora Marinaro
- 28 Emily Kassab
Lauren Clark
- 30 Ken Newcomer
Colton Boyer

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

- Linda Shepler - 65
- Carole Dull - 70
- James Metzler - 70
- Judy Scanlin - 75
- Jere Thome - 80
- Effie Brandt - 85
- Warren Greenawalt - 92
- Ralph Lutz - 94

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

- George & Joanne Warrick - 30
- Jim & Jean Hogue - 30
- Leon & Martha Bixler - 50
- Richard & Sarah Martin - 65

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers, please sign-up in the back of the Sanctuary. The cost is \$35. Contact [Marge](#) at (717) 492-0606.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Barry & Marilyn Etsell
Richard & Sarah Martin
- 2 John & Kristel Carter
Jeff & Amanda Reed
- 4 Todd & Kelly Allen
Paul & Jen Anderson
- 7 Nathaniel & Brittany Lenz
Mark & Marion Young
- 8 Dwight & Pat Bomberger
Robert & Gail Huff
- 10 Feseha & Emebet Weldeyes
- 12 James & Doris Wickenheiser
- 13 Brian & Leann Pavelik
- 16 Matt & Tina Miller
- 17 Leon & Martha Bixler
- 18 Jeff & Dana Aldinger
- 19 Kenny & Alyssa Ott
- 20 George & Joanne Warrick
- 21 Brian & Karen Miller
- 22 Al & Freida Brenes
Steve & EvAnn Rempala
Don & Marge Rineer
- 23 Steve & Susan Fiorello
- 24 Gary & Peggy Luft
Mike & Krista Wee
- 25 Bob & Wanda Richie
- 26 Rupe & Charlene Taylor
- 27 Jim Hogue & Jean Heisey
- 29 Mark & Patti Shearer
- 30 Robert & Donna Brubaker
John & Pam Watts



CAFÉ SCHEDULE AND SETUP

June Schedule

- 4 Judy Baker, Judy Libhart
- 11 Coffee and donuts
- 18 Krista Wee, Gail Hawthorne
- 25 Cindy Stoner, Kim Wargo

Donuts - Darryl Wittle

Setup

- Judy Libhart
- Judy Libhart
- Mary Ann Rupp
- Deb Rupp



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Michael Duralja
- 2 Sandra Gingrich
Donna Shenk
Landon Fitzsimmons
- 3 Robert Bedford
- 4 Jerry Dochterman
Jeff McDonald
- 5 Brian Courtright
- 6 Jack Blace
Kathy Derr
- 7 Dawn Kelley
Jimmy Law
Erika Schell
- 9 Bruce Lambie
Doug Pietsch
- 10 Rebecca Spence
- 11 Eva Kauffman
Rebecca DeNune
Hailey Bomberger
- 12 Michael Deck
- 13 Marge Hower
- 14 Sherri Yeagley
- 15 Mary Ellen Kohler
Marcia Landis
Marilyn Etsell
Matt Keller
- 16 James Wickenheiser
Anne Zimmerman
Bobbi Thompson
Noah Bosse
- 17 Gary Aston
James Engle
- 19 Kaleb Williams
- 20 MacKenzie Hill
- 21 John Paules
Jean Heisey
Joshua Lawson
- 22 Carole Musser
- 23 Shirley Yingst
- 24 Miranda Beach
- 25 Glenn Wolgemuth
Sandy Fatta
Matthew Gephart

- 25 James Rajnic
- 26 Valerie McEwen
Donal Newcomer
Greg Obetz
- 27 Riley Brandt
Doris Smith
Jean Stout
- 28 Mike Boring
- 29 Sherrie Gilbert
Shirley Good
- 30 Pat Bomberger
Charles Ricedorf
Judy Baker
Janessa Rempala
- 31 Nathaniel Lenz
Leon Bixler
Sam Clark
Summer Fitzsimmons

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

- Kathy Derr - 65
- Gary Aston - 65
- Anne Zimmerman - 80
- Jerry Dochterman - 80
- Doris Smith - 91
- Donal Newcomer - 94



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Frank & Diane Kerlin
Jeff & Susan Patzer
- 7 Charles & Beverly Hower
- 9 Marlin & Betty Ruhl
- 10 Bob & Judy Kozma
- 17 Jeff & Diane Mowery
- 18 Jack & Diana Blace
Jeff & Randeon Orner
- 21 Greg & Cindy Arntz
- 23 Bob & Sue Kerlin
- 24 Eric & Michelle Kennedy
Jenna & Ryan Ross
- 29 Glenn & Rosie Williams
- 30 Jeff & Kim Reese

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

- Bob & Sue Kerlin - 35



CAFÉ SCHEDULE AND SETUP

July Schedule

- 2 Marge Yeich, Judy Libhart
- 9 Lois Ream, Ann Reuter
- 16 Mryl Sherk, Mary Ann Rupp
- 23 Irma Wealand, Deb Rupp
- 30 Ice Cream Social

Donuts - Ken Gephart

Setup

- Judy Libhart
- Judy Libhart
- Mary Ann Rupp
- Deb Rupp

July Mission of the Month

Aspire Community Center is the July mission focus. Aspire is designed to be a bridge to faith and St. Mark's by employing "soft touch" evangelism via the artwork, books, videos, magazines and other materials present. By supporting this community space, you will help cover costs for internet/wifi, provide supplies, as well as other upkeep-related expenses. Donate to Aspire by using a specially-marked giving envelope, texting 'Aspire' to 30131, or visiting www.connectstmarks.com/onling-giving.

Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 30

Join us on July's fifth Sunday for an Ice Cream Social in between the two worship services. Sundaes on Sunday ... yum!

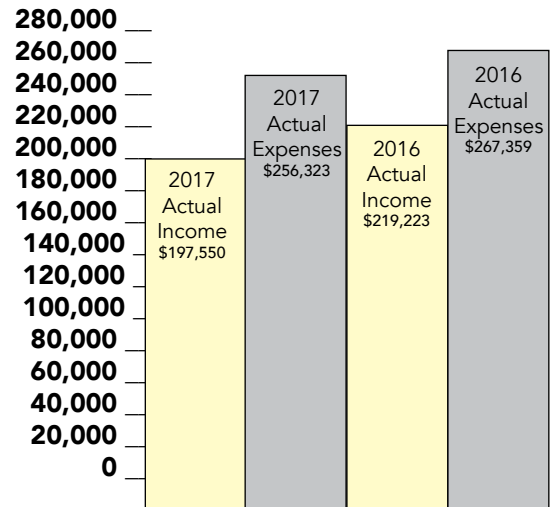
GIVING REPORT

YEAR 2017 GIVING REPORT

January 1 - April 30, 2017 Last Year

General Fund	Y.T.D.	Y.T.D.
Actual Income	\$ 197,550	\$ 219,223
Budget Needed	\$ 259,391	\$ 268,478
Actual Expenses	\$ 256,323	\$ 267,359
Building Fund (45 E Main/Trustee Projects Loan)		
Actual Income	\$ 5,485	\$ 6,494
Budget Needed	\$ 4,715	\$ 4,715
<i>Loan Balance = 103,338</i>		
Capital Campaign		
Actual Giving	\$ 49,967	\$ 47,315
Capital Campaign		
Actual Deferred	\$ 1,540	\$ 0
Mission Giving		
April Mission of the Month -		
Camp Scholarships	\$ 948	\$ 0
Total Mission Giving	\$ 11,102	\$ 9,173
St. Mark's Emergency Fund		
Actual Income	\$ 6,860	\$ 8,638
Actual Expenses	\$ 3,943	\$ 912
Special Offerings		
Actual Income	\$ 4,367	\$ 2,619
TOTAL GIVING	\$275,331	\$293,462

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY



Summer Online Giving

Summer giving almost always decreases while people are away on vacation. Online giving makes it easy to continue your financial support of our ministries. As a church, we have a lot of exciting ideas we want to accomplish this summer, but they require money and resources. That's why your decision to give while you are away is so important.

Log onto www.connectstmarks.com and click on About Us, Giving, then Online Giving. Log in or Give as a Guest. If you have any questions, contact Janice Schell at (717) 653-5493 ext. 225 or finance@connectstmarks.com.

Thank you so much for your faith in this area and for supporting this church! We are grateful for all the ministries your gifts allow us to do!

Recycling of Aluminum Cans

On April 30 we earned \$32.20 from recycling aluminum cans. This money was donated to the General Fund. Keep those cans coming! Aluminum cans can be placed in the garbage cans beside the dumpster in the parking lot.

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The deadline for the next
newsletter is

JULY 14

The deadline for the E-note,
weekly bulletin and video
announcements is two weeks
before the publication date.
Announcements normally run no
more than two/three weeks.

**Happy
Independence Day!**
The office will be closed.

**SAVE THE DATE:
Church picnic - Sept. 10
at Hempfield Fire. Co.**

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