

# The ReMarker

MARCH 2026

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of Mechanicsburg

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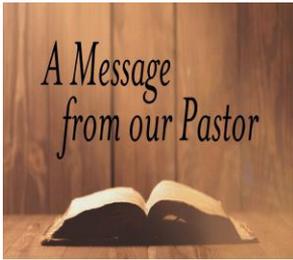
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*"To Know Christ and To Make Him Known"*



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Lent is a good time for reflection and confession. So, as a pastor I have a confession concerning Lenten reflection. Lent gets so busy that I never seem to have enough time for reflection. Prior to Lent, I spend a lot of

time reflecting on my own spiritual growth and reflecting on what might be helpful for our community to study together during Lent. Other times of the year, I do try to make extra time for reflecting on what God is trying to teach me. But during Lent, this reflective season, I never seem to get around to extra devotional or mediative times.

Every Lent, I start off trying to have a different experience. I try to add extra devotional time. I try to get all of my Midweek Lent Lessons done early so that I can focus on being in Lent. But as I write this on Ash Wednesday, I am painfully aware that not only is this newsletter article late, but I also still need to write down all of the lesson plans that are in my head for the Midweek Lenten program this year. As much as I rebel against prepackaged programs for Lent, I do understand why many pastors embrace them! Even with a purchased program, there is still more prep than we often feel like we have time to do. So, I really do not believe that I am in the minority when I feel a bit overwhelmed during Lent.

Because I never get all the time I really need for Lenten reflection, I am thankful that we have Holy Week services. Since I cannot personally spend enough time reflecting on the passion of Christ, I look forward to corporately commemorating the final events of Jesus' earthly life annually. If you are like me and never quite get enough time during Lent to sit at the foot of the cross, come and join us for all our Holy Week Services. I know that the world does not stop to make time for Holy Week, but we can stop and spend the time during the most important week of our year.

Make Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday a priority this year! Come and join us as we together reflect on the passion of Christ and prepare to celebrate the resurrection.

Hope to see you many times this Lent and Holy Week!

*Pastor Marleen*

Pastor Marleen

**JANUARY 2026 ATTENDANCE**



Service Date	8:30 am In-Person	8:30 am Zoom	11:00 am In-Person	YouTube Service
January 4	57	5	0	29
January 6-Epiphany	52	1		50
January 11	53	6		21
January 18	28	6		22
January 25 Snowstorm	4	25		29

**EMAIL ADDRESSES**

If you would like to receive the weekly bulletins, announcements, and monthly newsletter via email, please forward your current email address to Karen in the church office at:

[kfisher@stmarksburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarksburg.com)



**APRIL 2026 REMARKER DEADLINE**

Please deliver or email your information and articles for the **April 2026 ReMarker** to the church office **no later than Friday, March 13.**

## HOLY WEEK



## SCHEDULE

### **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

Begin Holy Week by gathering to process with palms and celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will gather that Sunday at 8:30 AM for our traditional service.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

There will be a noon service of Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar. In the evening, we will gather for the Seder Meal at 5:30 PM. This is a Christian version of the Passover Meal that Jewish families celebrate annually but remembering the Last Supper that Jesus shared with the first disciples as well. It is a light meal including roasted chicken, unleavened bread, Charoset, and hard-boiled eggs. During supper, we will celebrate Holy Communion. Then we will move to the sanctuary for a brief time of worship and the stripping of the altar. The worship portion will begin at 6:15 PM.

If you are planning on coming for dinner, please sign up. The sign-up sheets can be found on the bulletin board by the parking lot, on the table in the Narthex or contact the Church Office.

### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

The community will gather in various locations at **11:00 AM** to begin walking and covering our community in prayer. Pastor Marleen will be leading a prayer group from St. Mark that day. All of the groups will end in the center of town and conclude with a brief time of worship together. Our congregation will gather for a traditional Good Friday worship service to remember the death of Christ and hear the passion narrative according to John's gospel at 7:00 PM. You won't want to miss the nailing of our names to the cross at the conclusion of the service.

### **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—SUNRISE SERVICE, POTLUCK BREAKFAST, AND EASTER SERVICE, APRIL 5**

We gather to celebrate the first Sunday of Easter. We will gather at 6:30 AM for the Sunrise service, 7:15 AM Easter Potluck breakfast, at 8:30 AM for our traditional worship, and 11:00 AM for our simpler worship service.

# THE TREASURER'S REPORT



## CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026

• General Operating Fund	\$ 10,264.63
• Capital Expenditures Fund	\$ 7.92
• Designated Gifts	
Memorial Fund-Undesignated	\$ 18,663.33
Fellowship	\$ 276.43
Social Ministry	\$ 4,036.59
Quilting Connection	\$ 116.23
Youth Fund	\$ 796.51
Music Memorial	\$ 943.00
Columbarium	\$ 2,669.01
Noisy Sunday	\$ .50
• Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,253.29
• Investment Account	\$ 352,240.66
• WinGS Account	\$ 238.92
• Altar Guild Account	\$ 1,608.13

In reference to any financial questions, congregation members should contact Barb Yost, Finance Chairperson and Treasurer, or send an email to: [byost@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:byost@stmarkmburg.com).

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance Committee WILL NOT MEET IN MARCH. Next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 1:00 pm in the Finance Office.

### NOISY SUNDAY—MAKE SOME NOISE!

Noisy Sundays occur on the last Sunday of each month. The March Noisy Sunday offering will be held on **March 29, 2026**.

# Income & Expense Report

## GENERAL FUND INFORMATION

YTD 2026 Income	\$ 11,757.38
YTD 2026 Expenses	\$ 22,729.95
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b>\$ (10,972.57)</b>

***NOTE - THERE WAS ONLY ONE DEPOSIT MADE IN JANUARY***

## 2026 vs 2025 COMPARISON (All Accounts \*)

YTD Deposits through 1/31/26	\$ 11,757.38
YTD Deposits through 1/31/25	\$ 25,695.15
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b>\$ (13,937.77)</b>
YTD Expenses through 1/31/26	\$ 22,729.95
YTD Expenses through 1/31/25	\$ 24,827.58
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b>\$ (2,097.63)</b>

***\* Includes General, Pastor's, Designated Gifts and Capital Appreciation Funds***

## LAWN TRACTOR

During the last few years, it has become more apparent that we need to upgrade our current lawn mower. Property Committee, with Council's approval, has been searching for a lawn tractor that can mow as well as help with snow removal.

Property has found a lawn tractor to cut grass and also has an attachment to blow snow. The cost for the tractor with snow blower attachment is **\$7,410** and will hopefully arrive by the end of April.

We will need to pay for the tractor when we pick it up so any outstanding balance will need to be funded by a line of credit loan from the bank.

If you would like to help pay for the tractor, please use one of the "Special Offering" lines on your offering envelope and mark it "mower."

## BREAD AND BROTH AND LENTEN SERVICES

Come share a soup meal at St. Mark every **Wednesday evening at 5:30 PM** during Lent (February 25-March 25) followed by Lenten service/study time at **6:15 PM** in the Sanctuary.



## SOUP SCHEDULE FOR BREAD AND BROTH MEALS

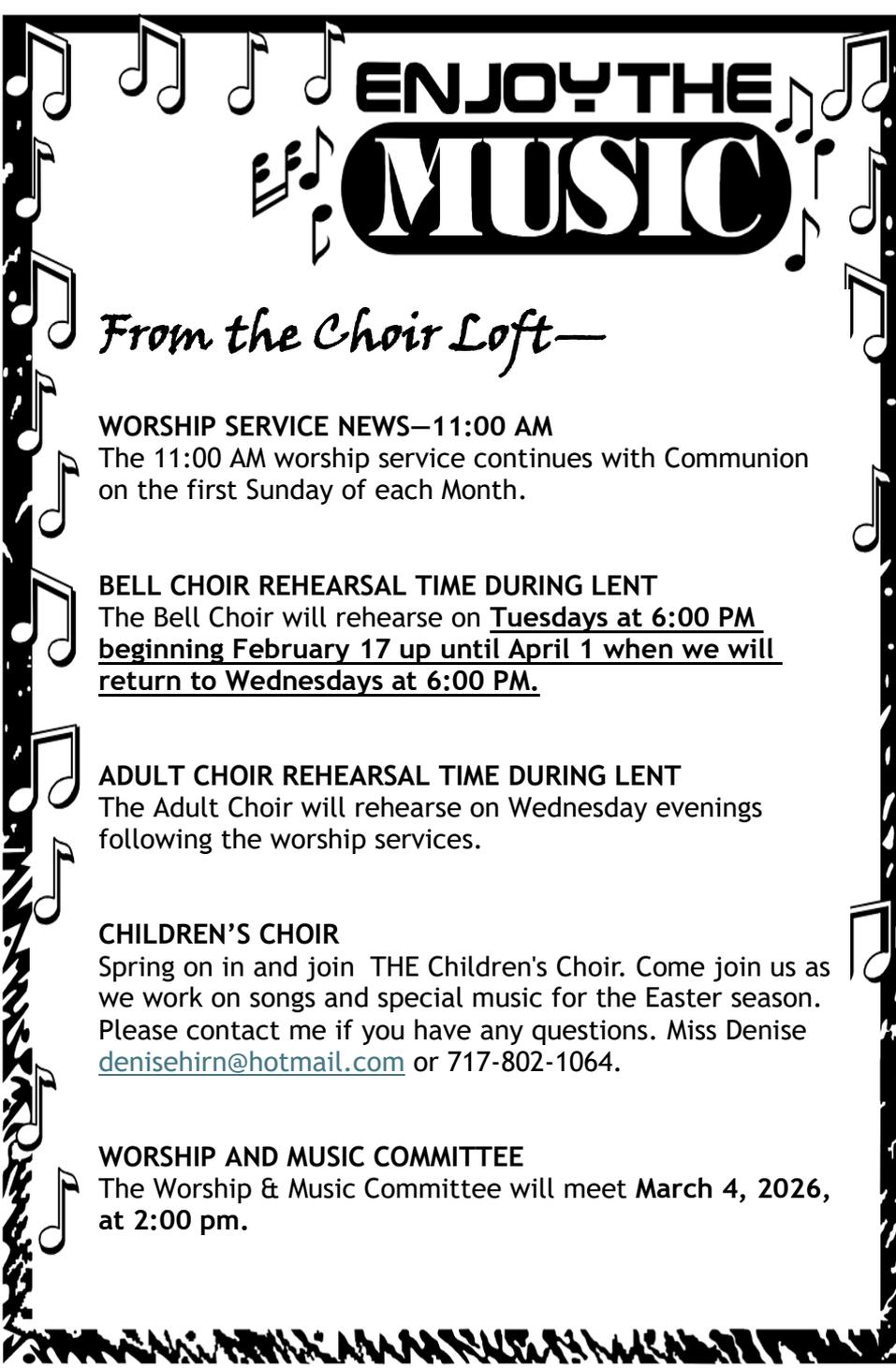
March 4	*Open Donations
March 11	Church Council
March 18	*Open Donations
March 25	Worship & Music (including choirs)

**When your group is providing soup, keep in mind that we will need 6 to 7 pots of soup.** Everyone will have a chance to sign up to bring in soup on \*Open Donation nights. Sign-up sheets will be posted at entrances to the church for soup donations and/or to assist with cleanup after the dinner. As a reminder, if you are coming for the meal and are not providing soup that week, please bring a salad, bread, or a dessert to share. To further assist us with cleanup, we ask that you pack up any of your leftovers at the end of the dinner. Or if you desire, take out containers will be available to share your leftovers with others. If you have any questions about the dinner, please contact Marlin Brown, Fellowship Liaison or Phyllis Mihalich, Fellowship Chair.

## RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBER

An outgoing council member was honored at the Annual Congregation Meeting on February 22, 2026. Sincere thanks to Denise Hirn for her tireless work, time, and commitment serving on Church Council and as Chair of the Youth and Family Ministry Committee. Job well done outgoing council member!





# ENJOY THE MUSIC

## *From the Choir Loft—*

### **WORSHIP SERVICE NEWS—11:00 AM**

The 11:00 AM worship service continues with Communion on the first Sunday of each Month.

### **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL TIME DURING LENT**

The Bell Choir will rehearse on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM beginning February 17 up until April 1 when we will return to Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

### **ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL TIME DURING LENT**

The Adult Choir will rehearse on Wednesday evenings following the worship services.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Spring on in and join THE Children's Choir. Come join us as we work on songs and special music for the Easter season. Please contact me if you have any questions. Miss Denise [denisehirn@hotmail.com](mailto:denisehirn@hotmail.com) or 717-802-1064.

### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

The Worship & Music Committee will meet March 4, 2026, at 2:00 pm.



## A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

### THE GIFT OF TIME

Time is one of God's most precious gifts to us. During Lent, consider how you can commit more of your time to prayer and service. This could involve setting aside a specific time each day for prayer and reflection, attending daily Mass, or participating in additional religious activities such as Stations of the Cross or adoration. By dedicating more of your time to God during Lent, you deepen your connection with Him and grow in your understanding of what it means to be a steward of the gift of time.

When it comes to talent, each of us possesses unique skills, and these gifts are to be used for the greater good. Lent is an excellent time to reflect on how you can commit your talents to serve others and glorify God. Consider volunteering at our parish or a local charitable organization, sharing your skills with those in need, or using your talents to enhance our church community. This act of giving not only benefits those you serve, but also strengthens your own sense of purpose and connection to your faith.

Stewardship of treasure is also an integral part of living a faithful life. Lent provides an opportunity to evaluate how you use your financial resources and make commitments to give generously. You might choose to increase your contributions to our parish or donate to a charitable cause that aligns with your values. Also, consider making financial sacrifices during Lent, such as giving up a luxury or non-essential expense, and redirecting those funds towards acts of charity and kindness. These financial commitments reflect your understanding that all your material wealth is a gift from God, and you are called to use it responsibly and generously.

As you make these Lenten commitments of time, talent, and treasure during Lent, it's crucial to incorporate prayer and reflection into your journey. Spend time in prayer, asking God for guidance and strength to fulfill your commitments. Reflect on your progress, celebrate your successes, and acknowledge areas where you can improve. This self-examination is a

fundamental aspect of [Christian] stewardship and is an integral part of the Lenten experience.

Lent is traditionally a season of sacrifice, symbolizing the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. By committing your time, talent, and treasure, you are making a conscious choice to embrace sacrifice as a path to renewal. The sacrifices you make during this season help you grow closer to God, and in the process, you experience a spiritual rebirth that prepares you for the celebration of Easter.

Acts of mercy and kindness are a tangible expression of your commitments during Lent. By giving your time in prayer, sharing your talents with others, and sharing your treasure with the parish and those in need, you embody the love and compassion of Christ. Your actions become a testament to the principles of stewardship, and they have a positive impact on your community and the world at large.

By focusing on stewardship with your commitments of time, talent, and treasure, you can fully embrace the spirit of Lent and grow in your faith. This approach transforms the season into a time of deeper self-examination, spiritual growth, and a genuine connection to God's gifts. It is a reminder that living as a faithful steward is not a one-time commitment, but a way of life – one that extends far beyond the Lenten season.

*St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church Kailua-Kona, HI*

### **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT—DINNER AND BANDIT BINGO**

Over 70 individuals attended the successful fun event on Friday, February 13. Mark Fake and family made and served a delicious meal. Kyle Fake called the Bingo games. Plenty of “stealing” going on. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL! Thanks to congregation members for the delicious desserts. Special thanks to Social Ministry Committee members Sandy Brown, Karen Heath, Bev Weaver, Sara Jane Miller, and Karen Fisher for making and donating bingo prizes. We are planning on a Trivia Night in the near future along with another Dinner and Bandit Bingo.



## WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE - WinGS

The WinGS group will meet on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 PM in the parlor.



### WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE (WINGS)—BIRTHDAY IN A PAN SERVICE PROJECT

The WinGS are doing a service project of providing a *birthday in a pan* to be donated to New Hope Ministries. We are asking the congregation to help with the collection of the items needed.

The items we are collecting are cake mix, frosting, candles, balloons, 8x10 pans with high lid (will be used to package the items), and ribbon to make them pretty. We are requesting the items to be donated no later than **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**. Thank you for your help with our service project.

### SOUP-ER BOWL REPORT

#### SHANNON'S SUPER DUPER TOMATO SOUP-ERS

#### UPSET KAREN'S CHICN'S. *New Hope Ministries*

*loaded close to 600 cans of soup on Friday, February 20. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED SOUP—WHETHER Tomato or Chicken Noodle. The real winners are the clients of New Hope Ministries who benefit from your donations.*



March 15

Juice and Juice Boxes

April 19

Peanut Butter and Jelly

May 24

Ketchup and Mustard

*Ladies  
Night Out!*  
Join Us for  
Food, Fun,  
and Frivolity!

### LADIES AND FRIENDS NIGHT OUT

The Ladies and Friends will be dining at Red Lobster on April 23 at 6:15 PM. Please RSVP to Karen Fisher at 717-580-7507 if you plan on attending.

# MARCH 2026

8:30 AM - Worship Svc.; 11:00 AM- Worship 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month  
9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p><b>1 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 8:30 am-In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 11:00 am-Simple Svc.-Comm. 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros</p>	<p><b>2</b> 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Club 7:00 pm-CROP Walk Mtg.</p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:00 pm-Bell Choir</p>
<p><b>8 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 8:30 am-In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 10:45 am-Youth &amp; Family Ministry 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros</p>	<p><b>9</b> 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Club</p>	<p><b>10</b> 1:00 pm-Fellowship 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 6:30 pm-WinGS</p>
<p><b>15 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 8:30 am-In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros</p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:00 am-Garden Club 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Club</p>	<p><b>17 St. Patrick's Day</b> 6:00 pm-Bell Choir</p>
<p><b>22 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday inn Lent Crackers &amp; Peanut Butter Sunday</b> 8:30 am-In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Congregation Meeting 9:45 am-Children's Choir 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros</p>	<p><b>23</b> 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p><b>24</b> 1:00 pm-Social Ministry 6:00 pm-Bell Choir</p>
<p><b>29 PALM SUNDAY NOISY SUNDAY</b> 8:30 am-In-Person &amp; Zoom Worship Svc.-Communion 9:45 am-Sunday Church School 9:45 am-Children's Choir 12:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros</p>	<p><b>30</b> 2:00 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-German Group</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>

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**8:30 AM - Worship Svc.; 11:00 AM- Worship 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month  
9:45 AM Sunday Church School and Children's Choir**

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>4</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 12:30 pm-Evangelism 2:00 pm-Worship & Music 3:30 pm-Worship Planning 5:30 pm-Bread & Broth 6:15 pm-Worship/Bible Study Following Worship--Adult Choir	<b>5</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>6</b> 11:00 am-Mary Jane Erby Memorial 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>7</b> <b>TURN CLOCKS AHEAD BEFORE GOING TO BED!</b> 1:00 pm-Celebration of Life for Velma Mumper 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con
<b>11</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Bread & Broth 6:15 pm-Worship/Bible Study Following Worship--Adult Choir	<b>12</b> 9:00 am-Property Committee 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>13 REMARKER DEADLINE</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
<b>18</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Bread & Broth 6:15 pm-Worship/Bible Study Following Worship--Adult Choir	<b>19</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 6:30 pm-Church Council 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>20</b> 1:00 pm-Book Club Read 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
<b>25</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 5:30 pm-Bread & Broth 6:15 pm-Worship/Bible Study Following Worship--Adult Choir	<b>26</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros	<b>27</b> 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm-Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
<b>APRIL 1</b> 11:00 am-Bible Study 6:00 pm-Bell Choir 7:00 pm-Adult Choir	<b>2 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 12:00 pm-Noon Svc. 5:30 pm-Seder Meal 6:15 pm-Worship Svc	<b>3 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 11:00 am-Prayer Walk 2:30 pm-Violin Lessons 7:00 pm-Good Friday Svc.	<b>4</b>

An Invitation—

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
for  
VELMA MUMPER  
March 4, 1923—October 25, 2025**

St. Mark members are welcome to attend a  
Celebration of Life for Velma Mumper.

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

Fellowship Hall from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.  
Light refreshments provided.

**ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

**The hunt! Join the fun!**

Our annual Easter egg hunt will again be the Saturday after Easter. All children are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 AM** for an Easter lesson and to hunt for treat-filled plastic eggs.

**Preparations! How you can help**

There will be bags of empty eggs available to take home and fill **beginning on March 15**. All candy must be pre-wrapped. The kids also enjoy little toys or eraser type treats.



Please return filled eggs to the Upper Room or to a member of the Youth and Family Ministry Committee no later than Easter Sunday (April 5, 2026). If you would like to help out on the day of the hunt, please contact Pastor Marleen or Amy Gimbel (YFM Chair).



## SUMMER CAMP

Brochures for Summer Camp at either Camp Nawakwa or Camp Kirchenwald are available at the church office, or you can contact our camp person, Connie Kuntz, at 717-503-5244. You can also register or find additional information online at [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org).

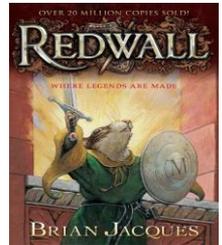
Our congregation will provide half the basic camp fee, and scholarship money is available if needed.

Both camps will again hold **OPEN HOUSE** on **March 15 and April 12 from 2:00 PM-4:30 PM**. Remember to get the camp person discount and if you register with your full payment before April 4, you are eligible for the full payment discount. The congregation will be billed later for half the basic fee. **Remember there are camps available for all ages with family camps and elder camp.**

The Bible study theme this year is ***Wear Love***. The theme verse is: *“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.”* Colossians 3:12.

## BOOK CLUB READ

The Evangelism Committee is hosting a Book Club Read on **Friday, March 20, at 1:00 PM**, in the parlor. The ***REDWALL***, by Brian Jacques, is **One of *TIME* Magazine’s 100 best fantasy books of all time**. It is the book that inspired a legend—the first novel in the beloved, bestselling Redwall saga.



*“Welcome to Mossflower Wood, where the gentle mice have gathered to celebrate a year of peace and abundance. All is well...until a sinister shadow falls across the ancient stone abbey of Redwall. It is rumored that Cluny is coming—Cluny, the terrible one-eyed rat and his savage horde—Cluny, who has vowed to conquer Redwall Abbey! The only hope for the besieged mice lies in the lost sword of the legendary Martin the Warrior. And so begins the epic quest of a bumbling young apprentice—a courageous mouse who would rise up, fight back...and become a legend himself.”* The book is available through the library, e-bay, Amazon, etc.

## MECHANICSBURG AREA MEALS ON WHEELS BAKERS

Our wonderful bakers made and donated a total of 36 dozen cookies in February. Thank you, Sara Jane Miller and Donna Shur, for coordinating this monthly program. Special thanks to all of our bakers. You are AMAZING!



## KEN SHUR COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT TO RUN ONE MORE BOSTON MARATHON

Ken Shur just couldn't stay away from running the Boston Marathon—one—more—time!

He has put his sneakers back on and is training to run in his 12<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon on **Monday, April 20, 2026**, on behalf of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

As he has done in previous years, Ken would like to honor cancer survivors, those fighting cancer, and those who lost the battle by wearing the names of those individuals on his t-shirt. Let's provide Ken with as many names as possible to adorn his shirt on his final (we will see) Boston Marathon run. It means so much to him and Donna. Please submit the names of cancer survivors, those fighting cancer, or those who lost the battle to Karen Fisher in the church office **no later than Wednesday, April 1.** If you would like to sponsor him, please contact Ken at 717-462-1549.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please contact Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777 or Karen in the church office at 717-766-4482 if you would like to obtain a prayer shawl, blanket, or prayer square to give as a blessing to someone or if you would like to join our wonderful team of crocheters and knitters. We gave 1 prayer square and 1 blanket in February.

## **PURSE PROJECT**

Again, this spring and summer, the Social Ministry Outreach Committee will be collecting items for their *Purse Project*. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Our Purse Project is aimed at supplying women with some of the little things they need to get back on their feet.



According to data from the National Alliance to End Homelessness, roughly 29% of all people experiencing homelessness are women, and the transition out of homelessness can be difficult without support.

Here are some items to consider when donating:

### **Large purses or totes (preferably new or gently used)**

<b>Full size bottle of shampoo</b>	<b>Mints</b>
<b>Wash cloth</b>	<b>Deodorant</b>
<b>Bar of soap</b>	<b>Comb</b>
<b>Body wash</b>	<b>Razor</b>
<b>Toothpaste</b>	<b>Scarf</b>
<b>Toothbrush</b>	<b>Hat</b>
<b>Any hygiene product</b>	<b>Gloves</b>
<b>Make-up</b>	<b>Small first aid kit</b>
<b>Hand wipes</b>	<b>Thermal socks</b>
<b>Bottled Water</b>	<b>Chapstick</b>
<b>Hand sanitizer</b>	<b>Facial Wipes</b>
<b>Hand lotion</b>	<b>Trail Mix</b>
<b>Beef jerky</b>	<b>Gum</b>
<b>Applesauce</b>	<b>Other appropriate items</b>

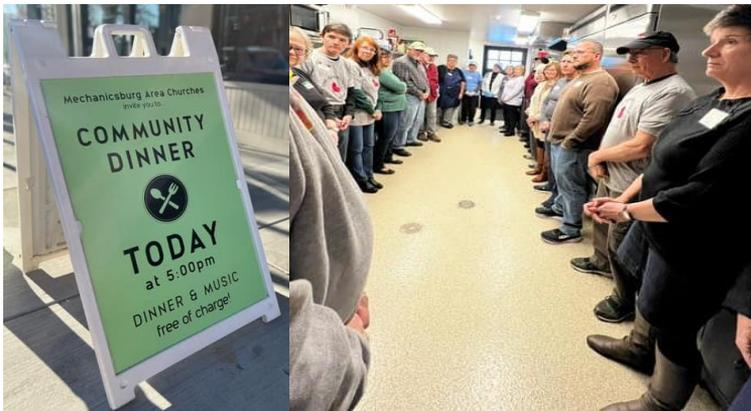
Containers will be placed at the back entrance of St. Mark for your donations. Please contact Karen Fisher, Chair, Social Ministry Committee with questions.

*And the King will answer them, truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40*



To everyone who helped send care packages to our college students, the Youth and Family Ministries Committee thanks you: for donating goodies, sharing addresses, helping to package and ship, and donating funds towards shipping costs. We could not have given this meaningful gift to those away from home without all you have done. We are giving 12 students a very happy treat from home this year. Thank you again for making this possible!  
*St. Mark Youth & Family Ministries Committee*

## COMMUNITY DINNER THANK YOU



The winter dinner took place on February 15 at Buhrig's Gathering Place. St. Mark supplied the salad and all the fixings. Thanks to Gene and Terry Shaner, Sara Jane Miller, Bev Weaver, Barb Lehman, and Karen Heath for volunteering to help the needy.



## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

5	Hanna Hoover	23	Terri Hopkins
9	Julia Barley	23	Darlene Kreiser
11	Stephen Barley	28	Barb Yost
12	Alex Tennis		

## **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

20 Charles & Carolyn Irvin

**---IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT---**

### **BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SHARING**

In the future, we will discontinue sharing birthdays and anniversaries in the ReMarker. Unfortunately, we have accidentally overlooked members in the past and have included people who no longer wished to be included on our list. Putting together a monthly ReMarker is already a very time-consuming process and trying to keep an ongoing record of who wants to share this information and who does not is more than any office manager should be responsible for. We apologize to the families who we have hurt because of our mistakes of inclusion or exclusion—none of those were intentional. But to save time and future hurt, we will no longer share this information. Instead, we will put our time and energy into other ministries. If at any time you wish to have a card shower for one of your loved ones (members or not!), just let the church office know. This is a ministry that we know shares the love of Christ with many as they celebrate milestones in their lives.

**If you have questions about this, please contact me directly. (It is a pastoral decision, not a Church Council or Office Manager decision.)**

*Pastor Marleen*

**ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST (LIST WILL BE CLEARED END OF APRIL)**  
 DURING WORSHIP SERVICES, due to security issues, we pray out loud the **first names only** of individuals who have been placed on the prayer list. **The full name of the individual is printed in our newsletter, The ReMarker, (see below) and in our weekly bulletins.** If you would like to add OR remove a name on the prayer list, please contact Karen in the church office at **717-766-4482** or e-mail at [kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com). Thank you.

Charlene	Ed	Lori	Kriss	Dolores
Jackson	Diann	Duryea	Ryan	Carol
Eleanor	Connie	Chuck	Barb	Ken
Randy	Rev. Gale	Clairene	Ron	Jennifer
Sergei	Rosie o	Kathy	Steve	Ronetta
Billy	Alba	Judy	Rachel	Mitzi
Lori	Joan	John	Alice	Kellie
Bob	Barb	Bartok	Karen	June
Alice	Denise	Dorota	Jenni	Garry
Derwood	Doug	Regan	Dolores	
Carol	Rick s	Amanda	Ez	

**PRAYER CIRCLE**

The names are not automatically placed on the prayer circle and the prayer list. To add a name to the *Prayer Circle*, please contact Beverly Reihart at **717-432-3148**.

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Heartfelt prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Mary Jane Erby who passed away on February 22. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Mark on March 6, 11:00 AM.





## WORSHIP HELPERS

LAY READER	ASSISTING MINISTER
1 Sara Jane Miller	1 Barb Yost
8 Beverly Reihart	8 Karen Heath
15 Connie Kuntz	15 Denise Hirn
22 Amy Gimbel	22 Tina Freidhof
29 Matt Yost	29 Sean Gimbel
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	
1 Joan Murphy	1 Gene Shaner, Terry Shaner
8 Katie Stull	8 Keith Hensel, Frankie Hensel
15 Brett Hirn	15 Tyson Murphy, Joan Murphy
22 Audrey Johnston	22 Marlin Brown, Sandy Brown
29 Caroline Stull	29 Scott Kreiger, Deb Kreiger
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	
1 Sara Jane Miller, Andrea Sassaman	
8 Terry Shaner, Bev Reihart	
15 Phyllis Mihalich, Cindy Larkin	
22 Sandy Brown, Michele Connor	
29 Connie Kuntz, Joan Murphy, Barb Lehman	
<b>MARCH COUNCIL MONEY DUTY</b>	
Marlin Brown, Karen Fisher	

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to assist, read, acolyte, usher, or become a member of the altar guild, please contact the following individuals:

Assistant Minister:  
 Acolyte:  
 Altar Guild:  
 Lay Reader:  
 Usher:

Phyllis Mihalich  
 Joan Murphy  
 Connie Kuntz  
 Karen Fisher  
 Shannon Weaver



- March 1                      In memory of Naomi Kuntz by John and Connie Kuntz.
- March 8                      In honor of Isabella, Brannon, Wyatt, and Aiden by Maha and Baha Shaner.
- March 15                     In loving memory of Juanita Reda by Muretta Yentzer.
- In honor of my granddaughter, Shania Moyer's March 13 birthday and my son-in-law, Tom Weist's March 16 birthday, by Karen Fisher.
- March 22                     In memory of Mary Dobbs by Frankie Hensel.

**LILY SPONSORS NEEDED**

We are in need of lily sponsors for Easter. Please complete a form located in the back of the bulletins or the ReMarker no later than March 22. Please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244 with any questions. Thank you.

**IT'S A BOY!!!!**

CONGRATULATIONS to proud parents Amber and Zack Troutman on the birth of their son, Jacob Eli Troutman, born on February 8, 2026. Jacob is the grandson of Mark and Karen Fake and Scott and Carissa Troutman and is the great-grandson of Walt Fake.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6	Memorial Service for Mary Jane Erby
March 7	Celebration of Life for Velma Mumper
March 20	Book Club Read—Redwall
April 2	Maundy Thursday Svc. - Noon
April 2	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal - 5:30 PM
April 2	Maundy Thursday Svc. - 6:15 PM
April 3	Good Friday Prayer Walk - 11:00 AM
April 3	Good Friday Worship Svc. - 7:00 PM
April 5	Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 AM
April 5	Potluck Easter Breakfast - 7:15 AM
April 5	Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day
April 11	Easter Egg Hunt
April 12	Holy Humor Sunday
April 20	Ken Shur-Boston Marathon
April 23	Ladies & Friends Night Out at Red Lobster
May 9	Community Yard Sale
May 16	Spreading of tan bark
August (TBA)	St. Mark Day Camp
September (TBA)	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
October (TBA)	Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 18	55 <sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Walk



If you would like to sponsor a lily to be placed in the Chancel for Easter or donate money to Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels, please complete the form below. **The cost is \$13.00 for each lily.** Place the form with your payment in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

**The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22  
Please be prompt with your orders.**

**Make checks payable to “St. Mark” and note  
“Altar Guild” on the memo line.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX**

**LILIES**                                       **MEALS ON WHEELS**

- In honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- To the Glory of God

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Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

- Deliver to Shut-in
- Pick up after the 8:30 AM or 11:00 AM Easter Worship service

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of lilies ordered

Amount of Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244 with any questions.