



ST. MARK'S NEWSLETTER

THE REMINDER

December 5, 2018

Please Join Us for Holiday Parties & Worship!

Our Mission

To Proclaim the Gospel

To Make Disciples

To Embody God's Love

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Worship Schedule

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Sunday Mornings

8:15 am Contemporary
9:20 am Sunday Brew
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional

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December 9

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 16

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 23

4th Sunday of Advent
One Service at 10am

December 24

Christmas Eve
Service at 4pm
Service at 10:30pm

December 31

1 Christmas
Lessons & Carols

Christmas Party & Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 9 at 5pm

Covered Dish Dinner at 5pm (Family Life Center)
Children's Program at 6:15pm (Sanctuary)

The Children's Program this year is "A Tree Lot Christmas: Joining Jesus' Family Tree." Director is Judy Carpenter. Please contact her with questions or to volunteer (828-459-7870). The Children's Program will be performed on Sunday, December 9 at 6:15pm. Prior to the performance, the congregation is invited to a Covered Dish Dinner in the Family Life Center at 5pm. Dress Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 8 at 10am.



St. Mark's Women of the ELCA Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16 at 2:30pm

The party will be held at the lake home of Denise Arndt (828-459-7297), 5957 Pleasant View Ln, Catawba. Christmas refreshments will be served. Please bring a \$5 ornament for the Ornament Exchange. Those who wish to carpool, need to be at the church at 2:15pm. If you need a ride from your home, please call Tamarah Hefner (828-446-8728).

Donations will be received and delivered to the Family Guidance Center for distribution to a women's shelter. Suggested donations include: hot chocolate mix & flavored creamers; shampoo & conditioner; lotion & body wash; toilet paper & towels; batteries & flashlights; underclothing, socks, and tights for women and children; adult coloring books and colored pencils; journals & pens.

One Worship Service

Sunday, December 23, 10:0am



Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 24

4pm & 10:30pm



Calendar Highlights

Please check monthly/weekly calendars for times

December

- City of Claremont Seniors Dinner **(Dec 8)**
- Christmas Party & Children's Christmas Program **(Dec 9)**
- Witness Team Meeting **(Dec 10)**
- Support Team Meeting **(Dec 10)**
- Lunch served at Corner Table **(Dec 11)**
- Quilt Mission **(Dec 11, 18)**
- Congregation Care Meeting **(Dec 13)**
- Women of the ELCA Christmas Party **(Dec 16)**
- Christmas Caroling **(Dec 16)**
- Donations for Food Pantries **(Dec 16)**
- Congregation Council Meeting **(Dec 17)**
- One Worship Service at 10am **(Dec 23)**
- Christmas Eve Services at 4pm & 10:30pm **(Dec 24)**
- Office closed for Christmas **(Dec 25)**
- Lessons & Carols at both worship services **(Dec 30)**
- Installation of Altar Guild **(Dec 30)**
- Last day to submit contributions for 2018 **(Dec 31)**

January

- Office closed for New Year's Day **(Jan 1)**
- Annual Team Reports due **(Jan 13)**
- "One"derful Wednesdays begin **(Jan 16)**



Volunteers are Needed to Serve Lunch at Corner Table on Tuesday, December 11

Volunteers are needed to help prepare lunch beginning at 9am. Those who wish to serve lunch may come at 11am. Please contact Linda Hewitt if you are available (828-459-0244). The address is 122 N. Main Avenue in Newton.

Bring Food Donations on December 16 for ECCCM and St. Mark's Pantry

The third Sunday of the month (December 16) is the designated Sunday when St. Mark's asks for non-perishable donations for the food pantries. Please place donations in the bin at the Parish Hall entrance to the sanctuary.



Congregation Care

Please Remember Families In Prayer

We remember and pray for all those who are grieving the loss of someone during the holidays. Please hold the families of those listed below in prayer as they experience their first Christmas without loved ones.

The families of:

Charles Pope	(+03/13/18)
Mavis Bumgarner	(+03/22/18)
Rita Busbee	(+04/01/18)
Ernestine Morrow	(+04/10/18)
Dale Herman	(+04/17/18)
Gary Wayne Arndt	(+07/02/18)
Mabel Butler	(+07/02/18)
Mary Frances Busbee	(+10/09/18)
Ronald Cox	(+10/19/18)

Annual Yearbook Reports Due by January 13

Annual Ministry Team Yearbook reports are due January 13. A vital part of the yearbook is the Ministry Team Reports. Please email reports (lisa@smarklc.org). Call the church office (828-459-2161) if you have questions.

Senior Ministry Update

At the Senior Lunch in November, input was gathered from the group regarding their needs and interests. A Senior Ministry team is now being formed. Of the six needed, we have three volunteers: Nick Setzer, Celia Hollar, Marlene Epps. The team will plan activities for seniors throughout the year. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office or Pastor Gary. The team will meet in January and the next scheduled event is Friday, February 15.

Preparing for Christmas



Special thanks to Pete Sink and Ken Isenhour for putting up the Nativity scene in front of the church. Thanks also, to those who helped with the Christmas tree and decorations around the church: George Setzer, Michael Korn, Kelly, Kerri, & Korbin Nash, Dale Sherrill, Don Herman, Glenn Morrison, Blake Sigmon, Bobby Catoe, Stan Sigmon, Trey Sawyer, Terry & Tamarah Hefner, Kyle Sigmon.

Finance

Worship Attendance

November 25: 103

December 2: 123

Memorials to St. Mark's

In Memory of Mary Frances Busbee by Barbie Laney

In Memory of Ron Cox by Gina Null

Ministry Financial Update

<u>Reported as of</u>	<u>Oct 31</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$31,214.63	\$266,785.84
Expenses (<i>including payables</i>)	\$30,555.78	\$277,979.43

All bills are paid.

Please note that the last day to turn in donations for 2018 Giving Statements is Monday, December 31.

Personnel

Church Sexton Position Change

Mike Baker resigned his position as Church Sexton due to health reasons on November 19. Many thanks to Mike for his service over the last two years. We pray for healing and wholeness.

Currently, we are getting temporary help from Mark Oakley, Bunker Hill High School Custodian, to keep our facility clean.

A search is underway for a new Sexton for the church. If you know of someone interested in this position, please ask them to email a resume to the church office (lisa@smarklc.org). Dale Sherrill, Personnel team leader, is reviewing and contacting candidates.

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Congregation Council


2018	2019	2020
Terry Hefner	Kerri Nash	Barry Bumgarner
Scott Ramsey	Edie Connor	Tiffany Caudill
Carol Schaefer	Gigi Sigmon	Marcheta Campbell
Nicky Setzer	Tanya Stephenson	David Tucker


Congregation Council meets on December 17 at 6pm.
Next newsletter mailing will be December 19.

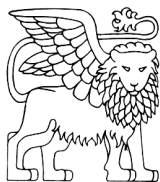
Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am—4pm; Friday, 8:30am—12:30pm

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