

St. Mark's Lutheran Church News Notes

November-December 2023

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

All Saints Sunday

Nov. 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.

We will celebrate the lives of those of our St. Mark's family who have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year:

- Hilda Cartee
- Herbert Baker Jr.
- Grace Smith
- David Harshman

We hope you can be with us to celebrate with all the saints during this service of remembrance.

St. Mark's ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Nov. 19

(following worship service)

The meeting will include:

- Committee reports
- Voting on 2024 budget
- Electing new Council members
- Old and new business

Please plan on attending.

November Birthdays

2 – Charlotte Cristler

7 – Judy Routzahn

Jamie Thomas

8 – Regina Harshman

9 – Diana Lewis

10 – Dennis Grove

Breonah Lawyer

11 – Kristen Herr

16 – Lisa Lewis

20 – Kristen Chen

22 – Alex Njiomouo

23 – Chuck Brandenburg

November Anniversaries

1 – Brad and Lisa Burtner

13 – Jim and Janice Saul

18 – Floyd and Bonnie Cline

WOLFSVILLE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wed., Nov. 22, 2023

7:00 p.m.

**Grossnickle Church of the
Brethren**

11301 Meeting House Rd.

Everyone is invited to join in this time of thanking God for our many blessings.

When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in.

Kristin Armstrong, U.S. Cyclist

BOOK CLUB

Fri., Nov. 10
5:30 p.m.

This month's selection:
Where the Light Fell
by Philip Yancey

It's Shoebox Time!

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has brought joy to millions of boys and girls around the world through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. We will be collecting filled boxes and donated items through **Sunday, Nov. 19.**

Suggested Donations

Toys
Hygiene items
School supplies
\$ towards shipping

Please do NOT include: candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, food, liquids or lotions, breakable items

For box labels and more information, check out the brochures in the Sunday School area.

WOLFSVILLE COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP

(Gr. 5-12 plus younger siblings)

Meeting **Sun., Nov. 19**
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
St. Mark's

Pizza and drinks
Game
Scripture lesson
Future plans

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Middletown Valley People Helping People (MVPHP) is organizing an adopt-a-family program for families living in the Middletown School feeder area. Last year they were able to bring joy to 65 families.

Suggested donations:

- Gift cards –Walmart, Amazon
- Gift cards – Safeway, Weis
- For younger children – small toy

Please give donations to Lois by **Sun., Nov. 19** and she will deliver them to MVPHP.

December Birthdays

- 1** – Linda Buhrman
- 2** – Aaden Coblentz
- 3** – Sharon (Moser) Emmett
- 5** – Gerald Kunde
- 6** – Molly (Burtner) Yarrington
Melissa Rollison
- 7** – Joshua Wolf
- 12** – Kevin Gaver
- 13** – Joyce Erwin
- 14** -- Darla (Cartee) Benedum
- 18** – Jennifer Brandenburg
- 20** – Mary St. John
- 25** – Kate O'Leary
- 26** – Ryker Wolf
- 29** – Brent Michael
Sharon Grove

December Anniversaries

- 1** – David and Debbie Axline
Frank and Joyce Erwin
- 5** – Delphin and Betty Frushour
- 9** – Nelson and Chrissy Michael
- 11** – Paul and Darlene Spangler
- 22** – Jordan and Ali Horst
- 26** – Gail and Joyce Guyton
- 27** – Ken and Ann Frushour

COUNTRY CHURCHES TOUR

Sat., Dec. 16

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

(Snow date: Dec. 17)

St. Mark's will participate, along with many churches in the Myersville and Wolfsville areas. This has become a fun annual event and a chance to share our church and its rich history with many visitors.

Sponsor: Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society



St. Mark's Bible Study Thursdays

through December

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Completing the book of Exodus

All are welcome.

(Note: No class Nov. 23)

Christmas Services

Sun., Dec. 17

10:30 a.m.

Children's Program during worship service

Sun., Dec. 17

7:00 p.m.

ON A NIGHT OF WONDER

A Christmas Concert of Worship and Praise

Special music by St. Mark's choir and handbell ringers and soloists, plus many congregational carols

Please join us as we lift our voices in song and celebration. Christ is born!

St. Mark's Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sun., Dec. 24

7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.



Scenes from Trunk or Treat
Oct. 27, 2023



Some of our costumed characters: Ben Moser, Donna Blickenstaff, Alex Moser, Jenny Harris, Vicki Gregory, and Robin Specht