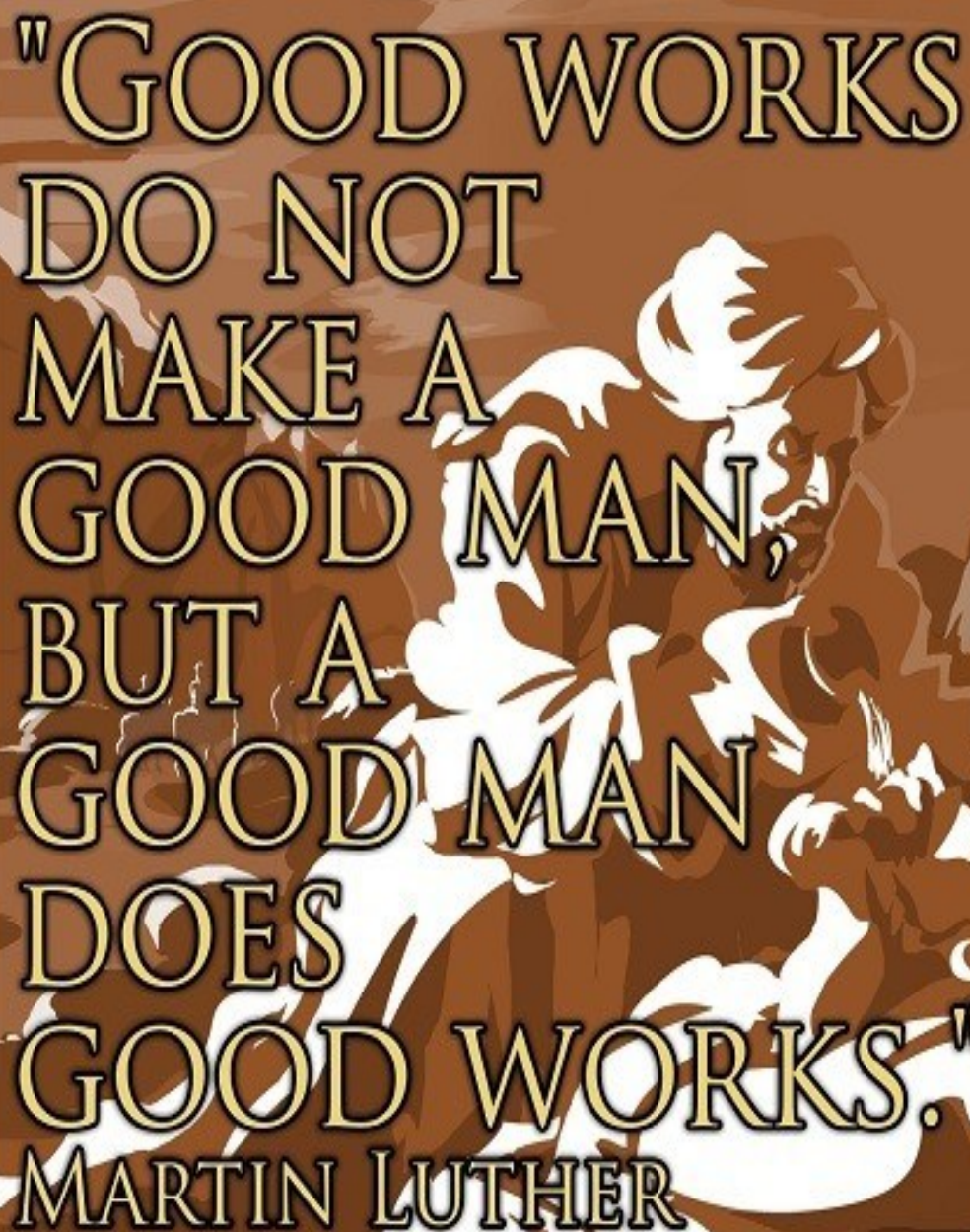


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"GOOD WORKS
DO NOT
MAKE A
GOOD MAN,
BUT A
GOOD MAN
DOES
GOOD WORKS."
MARTIN LUTHER



Thoughts from the Pastor:

Dear People of St. Mark's,

Despite the historic cold and even snow, St. Mark's members remain faithful at worship. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took down and put away the Christmas decorations—your hard work is much appreciated. So many people do so many things to make our congregation work!

****Gratitude for Leadership and Service****

I want to extend my deep gratitude to Jim Ebersole for his many years of service as our president. He has assured me that he isn't going anywhere, and I give thanks for his ongoing dedication to St. Mark's.

Our council recently met and elected new officers. I am pleased to announce our leadership team:

- ****President:**** Amy Cygan
- ****Vice President:**** Alison Bittner
- ****Secretary:**** Dawn Seyfried
- ****Financial Secretary:**** Cheryl Gill

I am grateful for their willingness to serve in these important roles. My style is to work as "executive director." This will be different, and I hope I can lead effectively and efficiently.

We are working to empower responsibility groups by delegating decision-making to those who gather facts and implement their recommendations. These decisions will be reviewed by our board when reports are read, refined, and approved. This collaborative approach strengthens our church's governance and ensures effective action.

Together with our excellent council members—John McAtee, Pete Kish, Dana Deacon, Jen Porter, and Lynne Berger—we are committed to leading St. Mark's into the future. While it is a challenging task, we embrace it with faith and determination.

****Engaging Sunday School Sessions****

I am thoroughly enjoying teaching our Adult Sunday School most Sundays following worship. Recently, we explored early heresies, and we will soon turn our attention to the Nicene Creed. Each class is designed as a standalone experience, so you can join us whenever your schedule allows. I encourage everyone to come and participate in these enriching discussions.

****If You Need Me****

I often get lost in my own world, and I know that I am often "out there." I might not notice things other people do. Please: I need and will take advice from anyone. If you see something I am not giving my attention to, please take the time to contact me. "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." I need everyone's help so that I may do the work as your pastor.

****Supporting St. Mark's Together****

Please make worship a priority whenever you are able and remember that your offerings are vital to supporting our operations. Together, we are St. Mark's!

Best regards.



Stay connected through your giving: Continue to be active in the ministry of Christ's church at St. Mark's by taking advantage of our various giving opportunities. Give via our website, mail, or through the Give+ mobile app. Each of these giving opportunities provide secure ways to ensure your contributions are safely handled.

www.stmarksbethlehem.com/give

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Bethlehem, PA 18020

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Now introducing: text to give!

Text any amount to 833-756-0334

[Click here for details and instructions for using text-to-give services.](#)



Internet Resources

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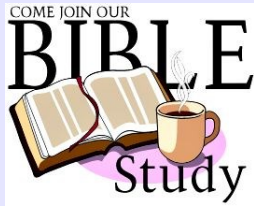
Change of Address?

Please alert the church office of any changes to your address, telephone number, or email address. You may use the pew cards/envelopes, put a note on the office door, phone the office at 610-694-0212, or email the secretary at :

office@stmarksbethlehem.com.



WORSHIP SERVICES: In– Person services are held and will continue indoors in the sanctuary. We will continue to live stream on Facebook every **Sunday at 9:30 AM.**



BIBLE STUDY: Begins immediately following services (approx. 10:45am) every Sunday. Led by Pastor Kleist in the fellowship hall.

Pastor John D. Kleist contact information:



Email: pastor@stmarksbethlehem.com

Phone: 610-216-2970

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

You're invited to a prayer/fellowship and devotional discussion:

Date: Thursday, February 20th 2025

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Place: 3228 Reeve Dr. West, Apt.18
Bethlehem, PA 18020 610-653-7527

Hosts: Donna & Bill Carter





St. Andrew's Food Bank

There were volunteers helping at the St. Andrew's Food Bank on Wednesday, January 15th from St. Mark's .

Thank you all for your help!- Mark Huston & Ron Ritchie

Thank You for your many donations of food, etc. – we are always in need of paper products [TP, Tissues, Towels & Napkins] – if you are able and willing – please place the donations in the tub that is in the Narthex.

THANK YOU ALL for your continuing contributions of ALL food & paper products. The next time St. Marks has duty at the Food Bank will be on **Wednesday, February 19th ,2025 from 5pm to 8pm.** Please contact Ron Richie if you are willing and able to help out.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your FATHER jn heaven" - Matthew 5:16



February Birthdays

02/03 - Alfred Tullock, Jr.

02/12 - Christen Borso

02/18 - Sharon Frankenfield

02/20 - Sharon Seaman

2/23 - Donna Kish

02/27 - Amber Seaman



February Anniversaries

None in February

Servants of God for February 2025

Note to all

“Servants of God”:

Please note the date you have been scheduled to serve; kindly find a replacement if you are unable to serve on your scheduled date and notify the church office. Contact the coordinator if you are unable to find someone to serve in your place. Sign up sheets are found in the narthex.

ASSIGNMENTS ARE FOR THE **9:30AM** SERVICE.

WORSHIP LEADER

REV. JOHN D. KLEIST

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

02/02-Alison Bittner
02/09-Amy Cygan
02/16-John McAtee
02/23-Alison Bittner

MONTHLY USHERS

Peter & Donna Kish

Greeters

02/02-Donna & Peter Kish
02/09-Bill & Donna Carter
02/16-Kathy Grube
02/23-Donna & Peter Kish

PRAY-ERS

02/02-Donna Carter & Dawn Seyfried

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

02/02-Dawn Seyfried

LECTORS

02/02-Lynne Berger
02/09-Kari Ebersole
02/16-Lynne Berger
02/23-Donna Carter

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TO SPONSOR THE ITEMS THAT FOLLOW:

ALTAR FLOWERS

02/02-Open
02/09-Al & Carol Tullock, Jr.
02/16-Open
02/23-Open

BULLETINS

02/02-Open
02/09-Open
02/16-Open
02/23-Open

“WORD IN SEASON”

DEVOTIONAL

1ST QUARTER

DONNA & BILL CARTER

2ND QUARTER

JOHN & NANCY MCATEE

3RD QUARTER

OPEN

4TH QUARTER

DONNA & BILL CARTER

SANCTUARY MEMORIAL CANDLE FOR FEBRUARY

Donna & Bill Carter

[Please use the Sponsor envelopes found next to the sign-up book to remit your payment for any sponsored items.](#)



IN OUR PRAYERS



Partners in Ministry

Rev. Christopher deForest, Bishop, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America

St. Mark's Disciples

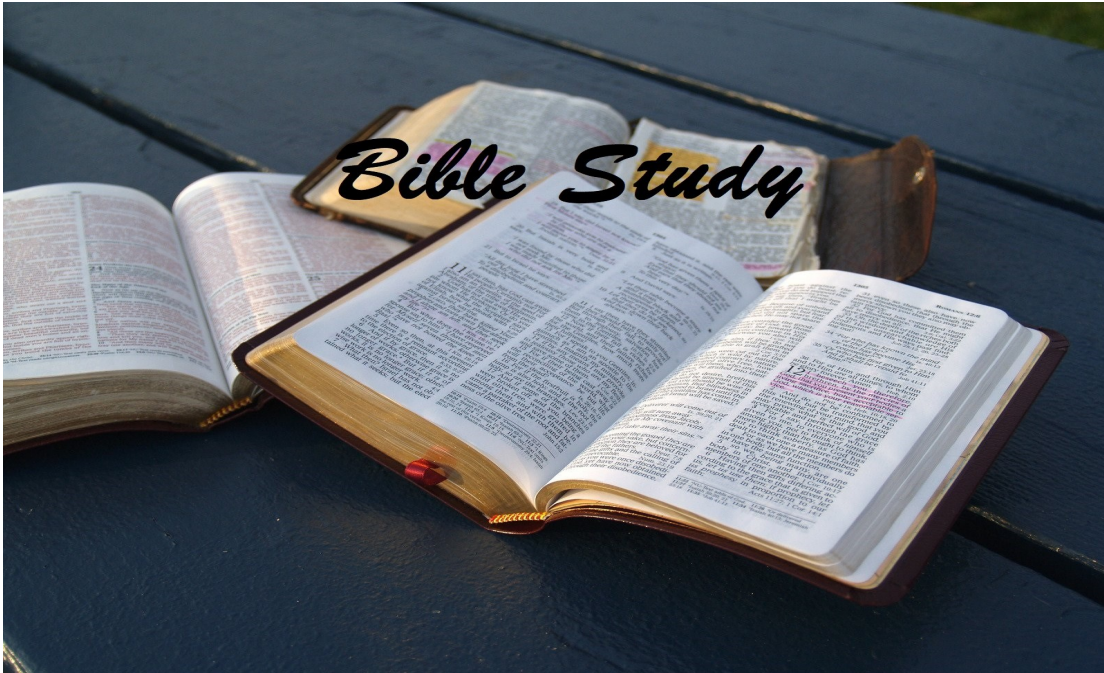
Vic Berger
Ray Haring
William Beaver
Pat Ritchie
The family of Pat Koehler on her passing on 12/25
Ron Ritchie
Carl Willever
Lee Koehler
Cheryl Coulter
Tom Walters
Bea Craig
Maria Szabo
Fran Ramson
Martha Bean

Friends & Families of St. Mark's

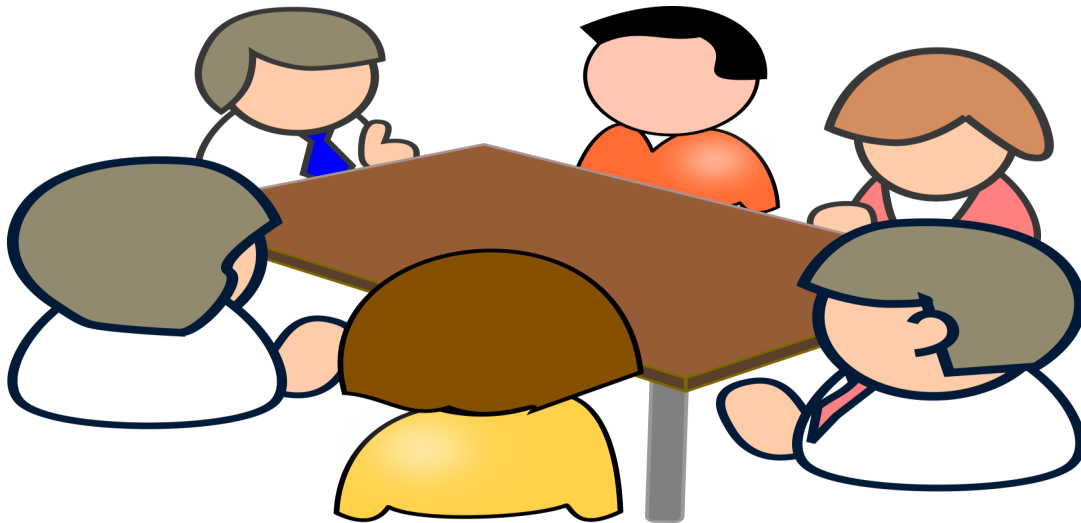
Rick (Pat Ritchie's brother)



We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church. If you can help see Jim Ebersole, Pastor Kleist, Tom Walters or Mark. Thank you!



Bible Study continues following worship at 10:45 AM
Bible Study, 10:45 AM Right after Worship!



Council Meetings are now the third Sunday of the month at following worship. (No Sunday School those days.)

This month's is February 16th
Please mark your calendars!

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