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# *March*

## *2022 NEWSLETTER*

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### **From the Pastor's Desk:**

#### ***Back to the Basics***

*Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. – 2 Timothy 1: 13*

Most of the careers of my life have involved some level of ongoing training. For example, when I was a teacher, I was expected to participate in in-service days, where the students got the day off while the teachers participated in various workshops. When I worked at Lycoming College, I attended the annual conference of the National Association of College and University Chaplains, and often attended workshops held on campus as well. And, of course, as a pastor, I occasionally take part in various continuing education opportunities offered by the Synod, the national church, or even ecumenical organizations.

For all three jobs, the goal of such training would sometimes be to provide new information or to learn new practices, such as to introduce a new teaching technique, or to learn about the trends of the current generation of college students. Other times, the focus would simply be to reinforce knowledge and practices that may have grown dull over time, like a workshop on boundary training or a refresher on church policy.

These sorts of things could, of course, vary in quality, with the worst of them being tremendous wastes of time. But when done well, and when focused on an actual need, they could be very beneficial, even refreshing.

It seems to me that our faith can similarly benefit from occasional times of refocusing. Perhaps we could learn from seeing a familiar scripture with new eyes. Or, maybe we just need to sometimes remind ourselves of our dependence on (and the reliability of) the grace of God.

With that in mind, I would like to invite you to consider the upcoming season of Lent as an opportunity for “going back to the basics”.

"Coffee and Catechism" (see details elsewhere in this newsletter) will be an opportunity for such a time of training and refreshing as we return to some of the foundational texts and concepts of our faith. This will be no mere exercise in memorization, however, as we will look to explore the ways that these foundational elements of our faith connect with our daily lives. I hope you'll be able to join us!



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**INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT** may be found by checking the church website ([stlukeweb.com](http://stlukeweb.com)), and our FACEBOOK page.

**Shrove Tuesday Event: March 1<sup>st</sup>** The members of St. Luke are invited to observe Shrove Tuesday with St Mark Church! We will observe the eve of the season of Lent with Donut Fellowship, a Burning of Palms (in the courtyard), and a Burying the Alleluia. **Gather at 6:30 pm in St. Mark's Fellowship Hall.**



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** Join us in the nave **March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm** for an in-person service offering communion and Ashes.

Pastor Jeff is offering communion and Ashes after the in-person service for those who chose to continue with online worship. Please contact Pastor Jeff or Sarah Young at the church office by 3 pm Tuesday, if this accommodation is needed. Thank you.



### **Midweek Lenten Study: Coffee and Catechism**

Following the success of our Advent Bible study, we will once again be offering midweek studies during Lent. As with the Lenten study, we'll have two-time options: **1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays during Lent (beginning March 9 and ending April 6).** We will go through Luther's small catechism as a refresher (or perhaps for some, and introduction) to the basics of Lutheran faith. Join us this Lenten season!

**ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING, II** is **March 6, 2022**, with the 13<sup>th</sup> as a snow date. Reports are available for pick up at the back of the nave, and at the church office.

**COFFEE HOURS** are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, after the late service, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the early service in Bell Hall. Please see the sign-up board in the West Hall. Come join us on March 6<sup>th</sup>!

**SEW FINE QUILTER'S** next workday is **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** in Bell Hall, from **9:00 am -3:00 pm**. Come join the fun! Lunch provided.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on **Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**, in Bell Hall.

**SHAWL MINISTRY** meets for knitting and crocheting on **Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** from **9:30 am-12noon, in the Chapel**. All are welcome!



**NEWSLETTER UPDATED** Please note that the deadline for the Church Newsletter has changed! **The new deadline is now the 15<sup>th</sup> for each month.** Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the Annual Pre-School at St. Luke Yard Sale, **June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>!**

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#### **RICHARD E. SWARTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Applications are available for pickup at the church office. Applications are also located outside the office, in the glass foyer.

#### **THE ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP**

**Online Scholarship Application** - Applications will be available on **March 1, 2022**. Complete eligibility requirements and the online application at [thriventcharitable.com/grants/scholarships](https://thriventcharitable.com/grants/scholarships). All applications and necessary documents must be received by Thrivent Charitable no later than **April 29, 2022**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

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#### **Personnel Committee Update**

In February our very active committee discussed a number of issues relative to helping all staff members perform their job requirements at an optimum level. Annual reviews have been conducted with each employee, and the committee has received a number of excellent suggestions which could assist our St Luke Church mission and the congregation at large. In some cases, direction for improved goals and job clarifications from Church Council is

needed. Some staff suggestions are clearly under the purview of other formal committees and will be reported to Executive and Church Council meetings. Additionally, the Personnel Committee will review all present and formal job descriptions during the coming months.

It is the feeling of our committee that during the trying times of the last two years the dedication of our staff has been exemplary. As always, kind and positive feedback is warranted in all congregational interactions with staff.

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**Shepherd of the Streets**  
**Rev. Mark Brumbach**  
**570-322-6538**  
**shepherd@uclc.org**

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! It is my joy to report that through your faithfulness in giving, the Shepherd of the Streets ministry has ended 2021 well and is positioned to minister to our current and future clients into 2022. We cannot do what we do without your support. Throughout the past year your support has been incredible! When we have needed hygiene items you have arrived with boxes and bags full to meet the need. Your financial giving has stabilized and strengthened our ability to care for the prescription drug, medical travel, and vision needs of our clients. Your support of our newest offering in the form of our food “blessing table” has also been tremendous. I must give a special shout out to the college students from Lycoming College who have blessed us three times through their food collections. Thank you for all that you do to ensure our ongoing ministry to the needs of our clients.

Allow me to share some “Shepherd Statistics” with you as we close out 2021 and move into 2022. In 2021 we experienced **1,910** client visits to our office. We provided prescription medication assistance **968** times. We funded **174** requests for medical travel assistance. We purchased **55** pairs of glasses and paid for numerous eye examinations. We helped **12** clients to receive needed oral surgeries. We provided baby diapers **155** times and adult diapers **95** times. Finally, we assembled and distributed **805** hygiene kits throughout the year. None of this assistance would be possible without generous contributions from individuals, local churches, the Plankenhorn Foundation, and the United Way. Again, THANK YOU!

As you can see our monthly hygiene kits are extremely popular. We rely upon your donations of specific items for the kits. Our clients can request a kit every 30 days. Why do we provide these kits? Hopefully, the kits enable those who

receive them to free up a bit of money in their monthly household budgets. Each item we provide is an item that they do not need to purchase. **Listed below are items that are currently needed. It is amazing how our shelves fill up and then quickly empty.**

- Bath Towels
- Body Lotion
- Hand Cream
- Kleenex
- Laundry pods (small packs)
- Men's and Women's Shampoo
- Men's and Women's Conditioner
- Men's and Women's Body Wash
- Men's and Women's Deodorant
- Paper Towels
- Q-Tips (small packs)
- Shave Cream

Monetary gifts are always on our list of needs. The Shepherd of the Streets ministry receives no government funding. It is through the faithfulness of many individuals and local congregations and through our faithful stewardship that the needs of many in our community continue to be met.

Please be mindful of our mailing address as you support the Shepherd ministry through your financial gifts. **Please send all correspondence to our P. O. Box at:**

**Shepherd of the Streets  
P. O. Box 2184  
Williamsport, PA 17703**

Please do not mail anything to our Park Ave. address or our former address on Center St. because it will be marked as undeliverable.

If you would like to visit us or contact us via telephone our physical address is 320 Park Ave., Williamsport, PA. and our telephone number is (570) 322-6538.

*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

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**Food Pantry**  
**Mona Rundio, Coordinator**  
**570-322-1657**  
**UCFPDirector@outlook.com**

The month of sharing love with others is upon us. At United Churches of Lycoming County's Food Pantry, we are active in sharing the love by giving out food, conversation, and caring hearts to those in need during a difficult time(s). Once a family has registered with us, they can receive food once a month to help them get through.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8 - *"Give what you have decided to give without any reluctance or compulsion, but with a cheerful heart; for God loves a cheerful giver!!"*

By our deeds and words, we are able to continue helping the weak as "It is more blessed to give than to receive," (Acts: 20:35). We appreciate and are very **THANKFUL** to **ALL** the giving **HEARTS** that fill the Food Pantry of United Churches of Lycoming County. Such a loving and giving heart can help shine the light of the Lord to those that are hurt or lost in their life. Continue the **LOVE** during this month of **LOVE**! The pantry is in need of these items:

- **Pop-open canned items especially meats**
  - **Lasagna noodles**
  - **Side dish foods**
- **Condiments (ketchup, mustard, pickles, etc.)**
  - **Shelf stable milk/powdered milk**
- **Gift cards/monetary donations to purchase fresh food**

**We are NOT in need of snacks, beans, mac/cheese, or Ramen noodles....we have an abundance of these items at this time.**

**Location and Hours:**

- 202 E. Third St., Williamsport at the side/rear entrance.
- Monday: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. for donations and stocking
- Tuesday: 10:15 a.m. - noon for Clients
- Thursday: 10:15 a.m. - noon for Clients

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## Sojourner Truth Ministries

### **You are invited to a Weekly Wednesday Lenten Prayer Feast!**

- WHO? You...and You...and You...
- WHAT? Concentrated prayer...whatever is on your heart.
- WHEN? Wednesdays beginning **March 2nd from 8:00-9:00 a.m.** or 12:00-1:00 p.m. 8:05 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. the end of the conversations – and prayer begins!
- WHERE? Sojourner Truth Ministries at 501 High Street, Williamsport – Use the front door. Come right in!
- WHY? To feast on prayers to Almighty God amidst brothers and sisters in Christ.

\*Feel free to quietly slip in and out as your schedule allows. There will be time for conversation and connections at 9 and 1 o'clock. Come in person as you are able or join your heart with ours offsite. You can email a short prayer request or praise to [carrie4stm@gmail.com](mailto:carrie4stm@gmail.com). If the Williamsport School District is closed, we will not meet. Be aware that our walks are seldom shoveled before the volunteers come in after 10 o'clock. Call with questions or to leave a message: 570-323-1797.



*\* information is from the UCLC Newsletter.*

# United Campus Ministry



## Soup Sale

Donation: \$8.00 per quart

**(Checks payable to “United Churches Campus Ministry”)**

All soup is freshly homemade then frozen.

## Order Form

| Type                                         | Quantity |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Beef and Barley_____                         |          |
| Broccoli and Cheddar_____                    |          |
| Chicken Corn Chowder_____                    |          |
| Chicken and Wild Rice_____                   |          |
| Chili_____                                   |          |
| Ham and Bean_____                            |          |
| Hot Sausage and Shrimp Gumbo_____            |          |
| Italian Wedding_____                         |          |
| Pasta Fagioli_____                           |          |
| Potato with Chicken and Rivals_____          |          |
| Spinach, Sausage, and Tomato Tortellini_____ |          |
| Vegetable Beef Soup_____                     |          |

Total # of Quarts ordered: \_\_\_\_ x \$8.00\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_



- \* Orders are needed by **March 17th**.
- \* Quantities are limited to first ordered, first served.
- \* Delivery will be between **March 24th – 31st**.
- \* Soup will be delivered frozen.
- \* All proceeds go to our campus ministry.

Please circle one option:

•**pick-up (at UCLC office)**

**OR**

•**delivery**

- \* Shelley Litz will contact you for arrangements.

Mail check and order form to:

**United Churches of Lycoming County**  
**c/o Pastor Tammey Aichner**  
**202 East Third Street**  
**Williamsport, PA 17701**



**EASTER FLOWERS**

*We are offering Easter flowers this year on a per-order basis. You will be able to choose between lilies and tulips. So we can get our requests to the florist, we need your **orders** to the office by **Sunday, March 13th.***

*You may take your plant with you after the  
10:30 AM Service on Easter Sunday.*

*Please **pay** with the coupon below and return it to us by **Sunday, March 13th.***

**PLEASE PRINT**

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*Given in memory of:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*or*  
*Given in honor of:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*By*\_\_\_\_\_

Lilies and tulip flowers are \$10each

I would like to place at the altar:

\_\_\_\_\_ lily (4-6 bloom) white

\_\_\_\_\_ tulip (6-8 bulbs)

1<sup>st</sup> color choice: \_\_\_\_\_red \_\_\_\_\_ purple \_\_\_\_\_ pink \_\_\_\_\_ orange \_\_\_\_\_ yellow

2<sup>nd</sup> color choice: \_\_\_\_\_red \_\_\_\_\_ purple \_\_\_\_\_ pink \_\_\_\_\_ orange \_\_\_\_\_ yellow

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will take my flower with me after the 10:30 am Easter Service.

\_\_\_\_\_No, I will leave for the church.

**\*(Your 2<sup>nd</sup> color choice will only be placed if the greenhouse is out of 1<sup>st</sup> choice or poor flower quality.)**



## ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....***

Robert Larson	March 03
Alexandra Seyler	March 04
Lois Smith	March 06
Hailey Beck	March 10
Janet Yoas	March 10
James Martin	March 15
Mac Harris	March 16
John McNassor	March 21
Cameron Sims	March 26
Samuel Mahler	March 29
Daniel Lamade	March 31
Daniel Wolfe	March 31

## ***Happy Anniversary.....***

Duchman, Jr., Charles & Susan	March 03
Shenberger, Keith & Pamela	March 03
Seyler, Scott & Alexandra	March 04
Collins, Judith & Harry	March 05

*(We're sorry if we missed anyone. If we did, please contact the office so we can add you to our records.)*

