

The Grapevine
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



October 2011

Be Thankful
Unto him,
And bless his name.
For the Lord is good.

Wishing you the Blessings of
this Thanksgiving Holiday



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Priest: Rev. Martin Wright

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The Vestry:

Senior Warden: Pamela Hysong

Junior Warden: Todd Wagner

2012

Greg Lilly
Todd Wagner
Lucie Whittle
Lorraine Zitnay

2013

Richard Burkert
Cynthia Greig
Jack Herbein
Pam Hysong

2014

Lisa Bell-Loncella
Jay Follansbee
Bill Horner
Pam Mayer

*Please remember
St. Mark's Church in your will.*



2011 Weekly Altar Flowers & Monthly Altar Candles

Donation price is \$30 a Sunday for flowers and \$8 a month for candles. Please contact Joanne in the Parish Office or Doris Horner with your requests.

We have openings for the following dates:

11/6 (1), 11/13 (1), 12/4 (1),
12/11(1), 12/18 (2),



Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Ethel Arthur, Allie Ireland, Brett, Joe, & Baby Gocella, June & Travis Kania, Tres Kelly & Scott, Jane Medsger, and the Lisa Kellerhouse Family.

Family and Friends Serving Our Country:

Jason Medsger, Clint Cable, Bill Pulliam, Justin Erdley, Chad McLaren, Michael Custer, Jeff Bright, Dan Kell, Valerie Hantke, Ryan Bracken, Gary Hogman, Joseph Wright and Adam Wright.

Please Continue To Remember In Your Personal Prayers: Lois Bender, Liz Hysong, Joy Brehm, Dorthy Veale, Jack & Carroll Green, Regina Hoover, Cindy Leap, John Michyna, Bernice Ketterer, Ed & Marjorie Ajay, Gloria Coulson, Betty McGrath, Louis Hoffer, Sue Kelly, Polly Sledd, Maggie Lesosky, Deneen & Blanche Brant, Stanley Gimza, James Hargreaves, John Fry, Mary Hider, Vivian Marple, Joan & Bill Berresford, Phyllis Miller, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Catherine Woods, Joy Howard, Dave Maxwell, Linda Russell, Msgr. Orbanek, Jeff Gates, Hal Trevenen, Connie Derzack, Helen Leap, Carole Caroff, Tim Whitford, Bob Armstrong, Keith Barkley, Peter Keitsock, Jeff Nelson, Bill Eidenire, Kelly Plowchin, Frankie Weaver, Agnes Swarney, Shawn McKinley, Ignacio Panebianco, the McKiersan Family, Donna Herndon.





Happy November Anniversary!

*Susan & Craig Campbell
November 25, 1982*

Happy November Birthday



<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Olivia Bragdon</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Mary Martin</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Cynthia Greig</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Donald Batrus</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>George Zitnay</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Mitchel Boyden</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Grant Kelly</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Hazel Gunnlaugson</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Carly Campbell</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Tres Kelly</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Kim Balamuta</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>Randy Whittle III</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Sue Kelly</i>	<i>12</i>		

If we have forgotten your Birthday or Anniversary, please let us know. Call the office with your Information (535-6797) or e mail us at stmarks@atlanticbbn.net.

Thanks, Joanne



**ECW
November**

UPCOMING EVENTS

-United Way Breakfast, Thursday, November 17th at 8:00 am.

Finance Meeting

**Second Wednesday of the Month
November 8th
5:30 pm**

Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, November 20th
After the 10:00 am Service**

Youth Ministry Band

The extra collection for the Second Sunday of the month will benefit the needs of the newly formed Youth Ministry Band.

Fuel & Snow Removal

During the winter months, we are faced with high heating bills as well as costs for snow removal. The extra collection for the Third Sunday of the month (Nov. 20th) will go towards those costs.

Pastoral Care

All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar on the fourth Sunday of each month (Nov. 27th) for our Pastoral Care. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Pastoral Care.



IN Search of ALL VETERANS:

Inquiring minds want to know....

If you or a member of your family are a veteran, please let Pam Mayer know. We want to acknowledge that service on the Sunday after Veterans Day.

Please provide the name of the veteran and dates and branch of service, whether the veteran had combat service or was a POW, and what awards the veteran received as well as their rank at discharge. And, of course, any other interesting tidbits or photos - you can email the information to pjmlaw@atlanticbb.net, mail it to Pam Mayer at 243 Adams Street, Johnstown, PA 15901 or give it to Pam in church on a Sunday. We can't do this without your help. Of course, we also want to include all our active duty military, too.

Please don't be shy, your service is important and valued and we want to recognize and thank you. Please if you don't tell me, someone else probably will!



ANIMAL WELFARE MINISTRY

Bake Sale

Our First Bake Sale for the Animal Welfare Ministry was a huge Success. The weather wasn't cooperating but the crowd was fantastic. In just a few hours we earned \$250.00 towards helping our four legged friends.

Many, many thanks to those who volunteered their time to bake cookies, cakes, donations of money, and to those who were able to help at WalMart.

We still have Candy Bars to sell, (just in time for those little Trick Or Treaters). They will be available in the Church Hall.

Also: During the month of October we were able to reach out to the Humane Society with donations of much needed dry food for their "Kittens."

Many Thanks, Steve Hoover



Soup & Study
at the home of John & Annis Rogers
6 – 8 pm

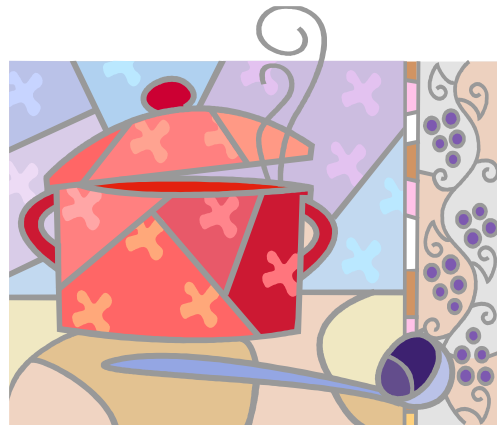
Tuesday November 1, 2011
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Tuesday November 29, 2011

Join us for an evening of delicious homemade soup or other light fare and lively discussion in our home. We usually read two chapters and meet every other week to talk about what we've read. We take turns providing a simple meal.

We recently finished a study of *This Far By Grace* by J. Neil Alexander. We highly recommend this book for anyone who is concerned about the direction of the Episcopal Church.

Our current readings are from *The Wisdom of Jesus, Transforming Heart and Mind – A New Perspective on Christ and His Message* by Cynthia Bourgeault.

Contact Annis Rogers 539 – 2295
shaman@atlanticbb.net





Hi everyone and blessings from Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, Northern Cambria

As you know Coal Country Hangout holds an annual Overnight Teen event (LOCK-IN).

Last year several teens 12-18 from our region 4 attended.

Please help get the word out for this event. . . .

WHEN: November 11, 2011

WHERE: Coal Country Hangout Youth Center, Northern Cambria

TIME: 7 pm Friday, November 11 until 7am, Saturday, November 12th

Breakfast will be served around 6:30 am on Saturday before pick-up. Volleyball, basketball, theater, movies, games, etc.

LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS SOON.

PLEASE RSVP AND LET US KNOW HOW MANY OF YOUR TEENS WILL ATTEND. This way we can have enough food and drink.

Don't forget to remind them to bring a sleeping bag or blankets.

It is really important that we have good participation so thanks in advance for getting the word out. :-)

Brother Chris

CBaumann@francis.edu



Pastoral Care Clothing Ministry

The winter season brings a difficult time for many individuals and families in our area. As the temperature drops we see more requests for warm clothing, food and financial assistance toward meeting heating costs and utilities. Many seasonal workers lose their source of income. St. Mark's will gladly accept your donations of new or clean gently used warm clothing this season – especially coats, warm hats and gloves. There is a box in the parish hall for these items. Many thanks for helping our neighbors stay warm this winter.

Thank you for continuing to support St. Mark's Food Pantry with your monthly donation of non-perishable food items. You are making a difference in the lives of many individuals in the downtown area by filling the shelves. As quickly as your donations come in, they are distributed to those in need. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will use that to purchase food items for the hungry. Thank you!

Gift cards in any denomination to Randy's BiLo, Ideal Market, Giant Eagle or Dollar General are always welcome.

In cooperation with the Salvation Army in November and December, we will be collecting donations of new toys, warm hats and gloves for children in our area. Your donations will bring blessings at Christmas to children in need.

Amy Whitlow

BIBLE STUDY



When: Every Tuesday
Time: 9:00 AM
Where: Sorella-Sorella Espresso
828 Diamond Boulevard

(across from the Westmont Middle School)

Our Bible Study has moved to a new date, time, and location. Each week we study the upcoming Gospel Lesson.

Please take time from your busy schedule to join us.

For more information, please contact Lucie Whittle, 535-6601

St. Mark's Breakfast Club



Don't forget, join us at our Breakfast Club on Sunday, November 6th at 8:30 am.

So what is breakfast club? A small breakfast with a speaker, usually someone involved in Christian Ministry in one way or another.

What does it cost? Nothing, It is free, but donations are always accepted to cover the food.

And a donation may be taken to help support the speakers ministry.

Why 8:30? So those from early service can join us as well as those involved in Choir.

Kenn & Cindy Leap

RAC AGAINST HUNGER UPDATE

The RAC Against Hunger Competition between District 4 & 2 against Districts 1 & 3 began in July and will continue through October 31st.

Pastoral Care Funds	\$636.00		636 points
Food Items	414	Food Items*	414 points
Volunteer Hours	20	Volunteer Hours	200 points
Bulletin Inserts	40	1 per month	34 points

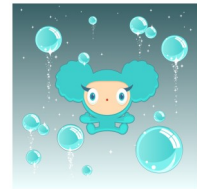
*71 Items received from Angelfood Ministry

SATURDAY'S KITCHEN

Joan Boast of Saturday's Kitchen, has asked our Church to donate 100 Bottles of Shampoo for their gift bags for the homeless which will be given to them at their Christmas Party.

They also need medium and large gift bags.

You can buy large size bottles of shampoo at the Dollar Store.



A box labeled Saturday's Kitchen will be in the Church Hall.

This is a worthy cause, so please be generous and help us meet our quota. Deadline for donations is December 2nd.

Angie Herbein