

ST. MARK'S MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Thoughts from the Pastor:

Dear Disciples of St. Mark's,

I trust this message finds you well and filled with the joy and hope of Easter's promise.

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the beautiful Easter celebration we shared. It was truly a special time for me, and I cherished the opportunity to worship alongside each and every one of you. The music—which is always wonderful—was especially joyous this year!

One of the highlights for me was seeing the five children come forward for the children's sermon. What a joy it is to witness the faith we hold so dearly being passed on to the next generation.

As we continue our journey through the Easter season, we will explore the meaning of the resurrection and its significance for our lives today. In the weeks ahead, our sermons will follow the lectionary readings:

- **May 4 (Easter 3):** *Revelation 5 - The Lamb Slain before the foundation of the world.*
- **May 11 (Easter 4 / Good Shepherd Sunday / Mother's Day):** *John 10 - The Good Shepherd.* If all goes well, a dear friend of mine will sing *The Sheep May Safely Graze*.
- **May 18 (Easter 5):** *Revelation 21 - The New Heaven and the New Earth.*
- **May 25 (Easter 6 / Memorial Day Weekend):** *John 5 - The Healing at Bethesda.*

Please keep in mind:

- On the **first Sunday of each month**, we gather for fellowship after worship. On the **second and fourth Sundays**, we offer **Adult Sunday School** in the fellowship hall. We explore a wide range of topics and always welcome your ideas—if there's something you'd like to study, just let me know. Coffee and snacks are part of our time together, too.

On a more personal note, I want to say how much I enjoy being part of our church's mowing team! It's good to get outside, break a sweat, and accomplish something tangible. Caring for our church grounds is more than just upkeep—it's an act of love for our shared space and one another.

As we walk together in faith, may we remain mindful of God's presence and guidance in our lives. Let's continue to cherish each moment of worship, fellowship, and growth, knowing we are united in love and purpose as members of the body of Christ. Never forget the treasure that St. Mark's is for those who love one another there!

If you ever need to reach me, please don't hesitate to email me at pas-tor@stmarksbethlehem.com—it comes directly to my phone. Or call me at 610-216-2970. I'm always here for you.

With warmest regards,
Pastor Kleist



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www.stmarksbethlehem.com/give

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Internet Resources

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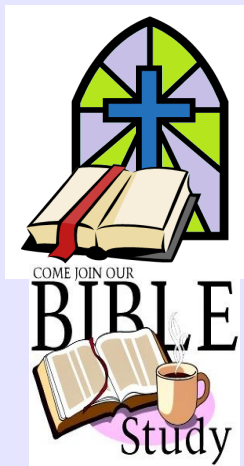
Choir email: music@stmarksbethlehem.com

Facebook & Instagram & Twitter:: [@stmarksbeth](#)

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) on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Led by Pastor Kleist in the fellowship hall.



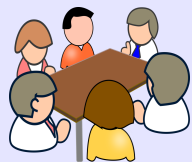
COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP TIME: The first Sunday of each month we will have coffee/snacks and fellowship time following worship service. Sign up sheet in narthex.



Pastor John D. Kleist contact information:

Email: pastor@stmarksbethlehem.com

Phone: 610-216-2970



Monthly Council Meetings: The third Sunday of every month is the council meeting following worship service. (Unless otherwise noted.)



PRAYER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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

Date: Thursday, May 15th 2025

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Place: 3228 Reeve Drive Apt. 18 Bethlehem, PA 18020

Hosts: Donna & Bill Carter 610-653-7527



St. Mark's is again hosting election day on **Tuesday May 20th from 7:00am-8:00pm**

A great big thank you goes out to all who volunteered to help "watch" the building!



St. Andrew's Food Bank

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, May 21st, 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

Volunteers to help cut & trim the grass needed!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to cut & trim the church grass - we are looking to make up 4 grass cutting teams to cut the grass - we have the riding mowers for you - we will show/teach you how they operate -please contact Tom Walters [610-868-5324] or Pete Kish [610-360-3416] We will start to cut grass approx. mid-April.



May Birthdays

05/03-Dawn Seyfried

05/04-Stacie Ickes

05/05-Bill Carter

05/06-Sandra Bruder

05/14-Frances Ramson
-Pat Ritchie

05/19-Lauren Miller

05/20-Andrew Keyock

05/26-David Seaman
-Chris Ebersole

05/28-John McAtee

05/30- Kathy Grube
-Peter Kish
-Sierra Kalamar



05/17/1996

Paul & Diana
Docteroff



05/19/1990

Amy & Joseph Cygan

Servants of God for MAY 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

05/04- Alison Bittner
05/11- Amy Cygan
05/18- John McAtee
05/25- John Szabo

MONTHLY USHERS

John & Nancy McAtee

Greeters for the Month

Donna & Peter Kish

PRAY-ERS

05/04- Donna Carter &
Stephanie Trovato

COMMUNION ASSISTANT FOR THE MONTH

Lisa Mantz

LECTORS

05/04-Alison Bittner
05/11-Alice Walters
05/18-Lynne Berger
05/25-Donna Carter

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

05/04-Cheryl Gill
05/11-Mark Huston
05/18-Open
05/25-Peter & Donna
Kish

BULLETINS

05/04-Donna Carter
05/11-Ron&Pat Ritchie
05/18-Open
05/25-Open

“WORD IN SEASON”

DEVOTIONAL

2ND QUARTER

JOHN & NANCY McATEE

SANCTUARY MEMORIAL

CANDLE FOR MAY

John & Nancy McAtee

*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

Chris Seaman

Pam Capuano

Carl Willever

Lee Koehler

Cheryl Coulter

Tom Walters

Maria Szabo

Fran Ramsom

Martha Bean

Friends and Family

Micheil Koblisch

Melanie

Kenny

Janice

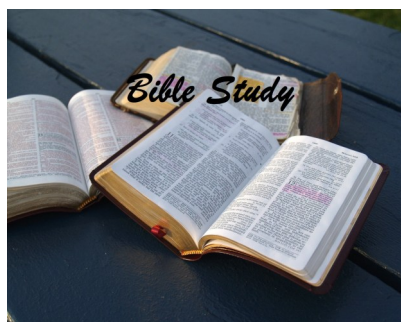
Dolores

Joe

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 on May 11th & 25th
Bible Study, 10:45 AM Right after Worship!



Council Meetings are now the third Sunday of the month following worship. (No Sunday School those days.)
This month's is May 18th
Please mark your calendars!
Thank you!

Monthly Fellowship Gatherings



On the first Sunday of each month we will gather in the fellowship hall immediately following worship for a time of fellowship with one another and coffee and yummy treats! Sign up sheet on bulletin board for each month. Hope to see you !
Next gathering is Sunday, May 4th.

PENTECOST GERANIUMS



WE WILL AGAIN BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO
SPONSOR GERANIUMS IN CELEBRATION OF
PENTECOST ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH!

THERE ARE **2** SIZES AVAILABLE THIS YEAR:

4 ½” Pot – Cost is \$7.00
(This is what we had last year.)

7 ½ “ Pot- Cost is \$16.50

THE ENVELOPES ARE OUT IN THE NARTHEX TO
FILL OUT AND PUT IN OFFERING PLATE TO ORDER.

THE DEADLINE IS MAY 18TH.

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