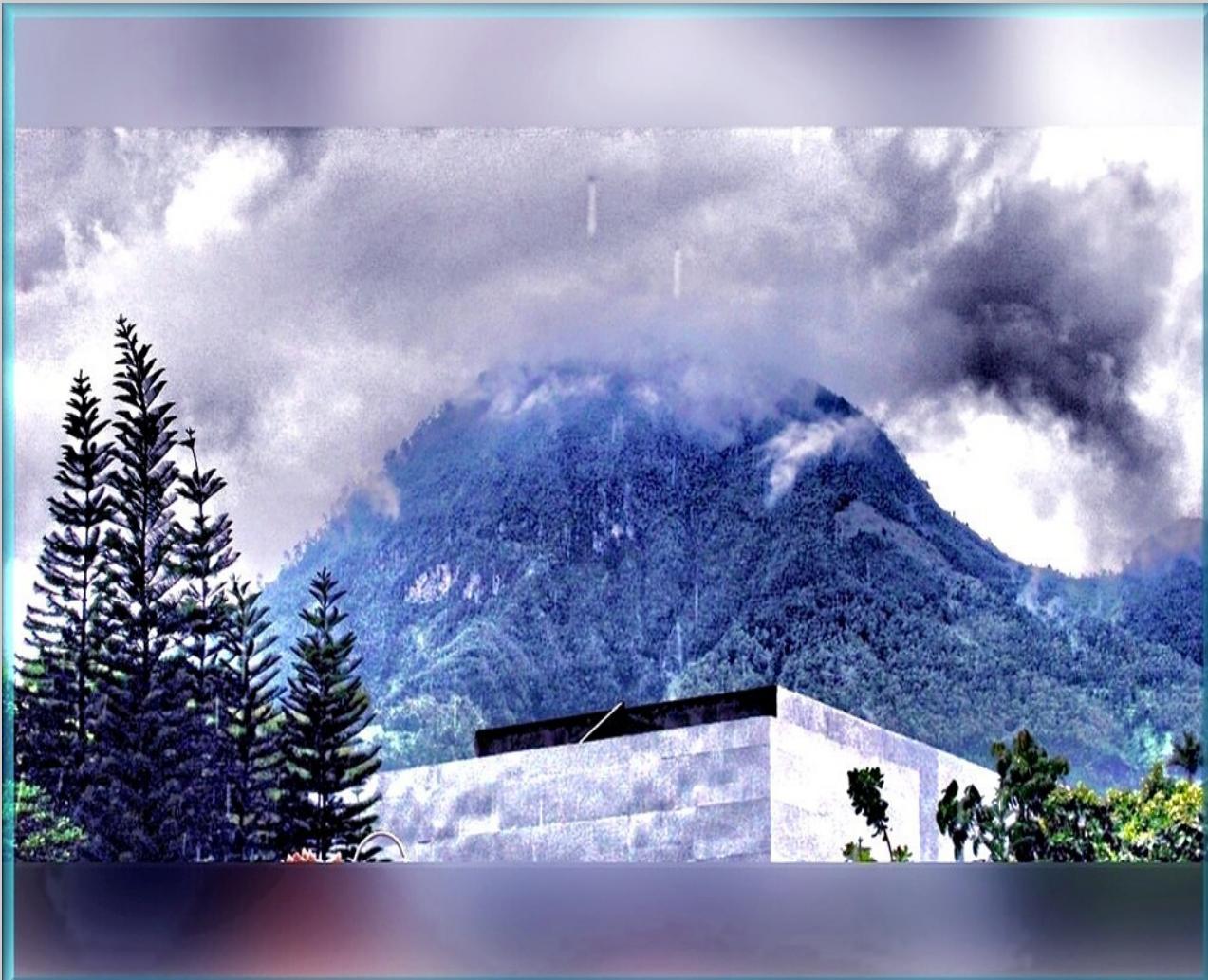


# ST. MARK'S JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

James 5:13-18 (KJV)

## Thoughts from the Pastor:

Dear Members and Friends,

As I write this letter to you I am recovering from the flu. It makes me think how unexpected events can change everything very quickly. I always feel embarrassed when I am sick because I think it reveals an inner weakness. That weakness is always present but when I am feeling well I can somehow ignore it by taking solace in what I am able to do.

As we begin 2026 I am hopeful that together we can continue to work together to keep our community of faith going because it provides so much meaning to our lives. Sitting home last Sunday made me realize how seeing all of you each week, looking at your faith, makes me stronger.

Best wishes for a happy new year,

Pastor Kleist



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**Phone: 610-216-2970**



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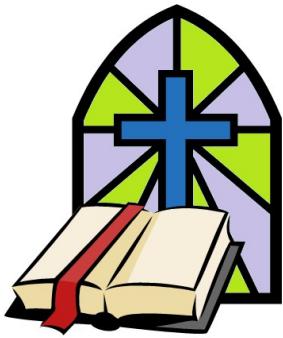
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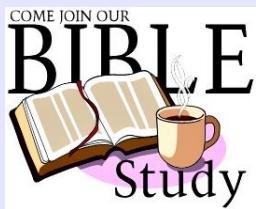
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#### Change of Address?

**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](mailto:office@stmarksbethlehem.com).



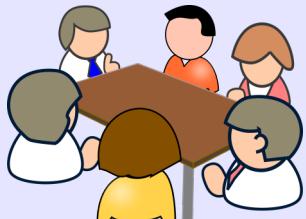
**WORSHIP SERVICES:** In-Person services are held and will continue indoors in the sanctuary. We will continue to live stream on Facebook every **Sunday at 9:30 AM.**



**BIBLE STUDY:** Begins immediately following services (approx. 10:45am) every 2nd & 4th Sunday Unless noted differently. Led by Pastor Kleist in the fellowship hall.



**FELLOWSHIP TIME WITH COFFEE/DONUTS:**  
1ST Sunday of every month unless noted differently. Come join us in fellowship hall following worship for some yummy treats and fellowship time together!



**MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING:**  
3rd Sunday of every month following worship service, unless otherwise noted. Meets in fellowship hall.

## **PRAYER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

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

**Date:** Thursday, January 15th 2026

**Time:** 6:30-8:00 PM

**Place:** 3228 Reeve Dr. West, Apt. 18  
Bethlehem, PA 18020

**Hosts:** Donna & Bill Carter  
610-653-7527





## St. Andrew's Food Bank

The volunteers helping at the St. Andrew's Food Bank on Wednesday, November 20th were from St. Mark's (Dawn Seyfried, Jen Porter, and myself), St. Andrew's, Notre Dame of Bethlehem, and 8 Girl Scouts representing 2 Troops. The team served 71 families. Thank you all for your help!- Mark Huston

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, January 21st, 2026 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 in heaven" - Matthew 5:16*



## January Birthdays

01/03-Carol Tullock

01/08-Hlim Capauno-Wakin

01/09-Jim Ebersole

01/09-Lori Chulik

01/12-Angalyse Keyock

01/18-Diane Rodenbough

01/20-Ava Graessel

01/23- Glenn Roth

01/26-Andrew Hanchick

01/26-Kevin Hanchick

01/30-Deborah Stauffer



## January Anniversaries

None in January

# Servants of God for January 2026

## 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

01/04-Amy Cygan  
01/11-Amy Cygan  
01/18-John McAtee  
01/25-John Szabo

### MONTHLY USHERS

Open

### Greeters

01/04-Peter & Donna Kish  
01/11-Peter & Donna Kish  
01/18-Peter & Donna Kish  
01/25-Peter & Donna Kish

### PRAY-ERS

01/04-Donna Carter & Dawn Seyfried

### COMMUNION

#### ASSISTANT

Open

### LECTORS

01/04-Donna Carter  
01/11-Kari Ebersole  
01/18-Alice Walters  
01/25-Al Tullock, Jr.

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

### ALTAR FLOWERS

01/04-Dawn Seyfried  
01/11-Open  
01/18-Open  
01/25-Open

### BULLETINS

01/04-Open  
01/11-Open  
01/18-Open  
01/25-John & Nancy McAtee

### “WORD IN SEASON”

#### DEVOTIONAL

#### 1ST QUARTER

JOHN & NANCY McATEE

#### 2ND QUARTER

OPEN

#### 3RD QUARTER

JOHN SZABO

#### 4TH QUARTER

DONNA & BILL CARTER

### SANCTUARY MEMORIAL

#### CANDLE FOR JANUARY

Open

*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. Yehiel Curry Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### St. Mark's Disciples

Kristy Williams

Tom Walters

Maria Szabo

Fran Ramson

Martha Bean

### Friends & Family

Ruth Ebersole

Jon Brannan

Micheil Koblisch

Melanie



## **January 2026 Newsletter** **Treasurer's Report**

The church did not incur any unusual expenses in November.

The financial information shared below represents income and expenses through November 30, 2025.

November Contributions/Income: \$4,298.77 (Excluding Investment Acct Interest)

November Expenses: \$3,406.33

YTD Contributions/Income: \$67,201.57 (Excluding Investment Account Interest)

YTD Expenses: \$70,282.27

Please feel free to ask me about any expenses.  
Thank you.  
Dana Deacon

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