

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

Sun., Jun. 2nd – 7:00 p.m. – Middleburgh
Church Community Concert at Reformed
Church

Sat., June 8th – 9:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

Sun., Jun. 9th – 7:00 p.m. – Baccalaureate at
St. Mark's

Sun., June 16th – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council
Meeting

Sun., Jun. 23rd - Joint Worship Service with
Christian Community Church at Gobbler's
Knob

Fri., June 28th – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. –
4th Friday

July 29th – Aug. 2nd – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon -
Creation Care Camp for children at
Reformed Church

Save the Date

Sat., July 20th – 5:00 p.m. – Movie Night

Fri., July 26th – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. –
4th Friday

Sat., July 27th – Phoebe Annual Pie Sale

Sun., July 28th – 11:00 a.m. - Ecumenical
Service – Timothy Murphy Park

Prayers and Concerns for May

Family of Brenda Varella
Ellie Spencer
Marion Lynes
Linda Zaqzouq

Tom / Sharon Nesbitt
Gloria Falcone
Alexander Martin
John Motta
Gregg Duswalt

Bible Verse for July:

*Trust in the Lord, the Lord
himself, is the Rock eternal.*

Isaiah 26:4

Thought for the Day:

*We have to pray with our eyes
on God, not on the difficulties.*

- Oswald Chambers



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Servers for June

June 2nd:

Reader – Alyssa
Prayer – Cheryl
Ushers – Lori / Dean
Counter – Diane

June 9th:

Reader – Ted
Prayer – Ron
Ushers – Ted / Ellen
Counter – Carrie

June 16th:

Reader – Eric
Prayer – Carolyn
Ushers – Dennis / Diane
Counter – Deb P.

June 23rd:

11:00 a.m. - Joint Worship Service
at Gobbler's Knob w/Christian
Community Church of Fatih

June 30th:

Reader – Marie
Prayer – Ron
Ushers – Dylan / Bill M.
Counter – Diane



June Birthdays:

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| Melody Houck | June 5 |
| Aaron Coons | June 8 |
| Jodi Barnes | June 8 |
| Bill Pierce | June 9 |
| Peggi Meunier | June 11 |
| Tracy Perce | June 20 |
| Denise Minton | June 25 |
| Richard Wood | June 26 |
| Nannette Amendola | June 30 |

June Anniversaries:

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| Frank / Lynn Herodes | June 11 |
| Aaron / Allison Coons | June 28 |

St. Mark's Income vs Expenses

Here is the summary of income
and expenses for April 2024:

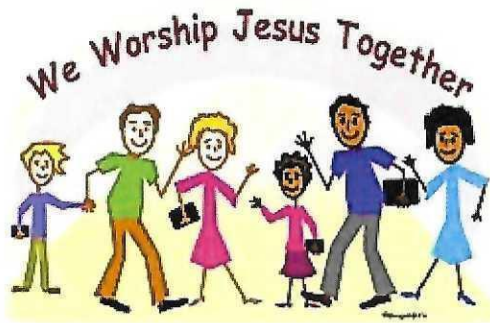
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| Income | \$ 9,216.36 |
| Expenses | 5,591.91 |
| Balance | \$3,624.45 |

Humorous Church Announcements

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

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Our annual joint worship service and picnic with **Christian Community Church of Faith** will be held on **Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Gobbler's Knob**. Please bring a side dish to pass; meat will be provided.

Come and join our brothers and sisters in Christ as we praise and worship our God together!



This year St. Mark's is hosting the **Middleburgh Central School Class of 2024 Baccalaureate Service** on **Sunday, June 9th, at 7:00 p.m.**

Please join us in giving thanks to God and honoring our graduates.

4th Friday

On a hot and sunny May 24th, Middleburgh held its first 4th Friday of the summer. Hot dogs, water and chips were sold on the front lawn. Like we did last year, we were selling them for a donation to cover the shipping of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

To all who helped setting up, serving and taking down... thank you! Our next 4th Friday event will be on **June 28th** from **5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Help is always needed and appreciated.



Pastor Dave and Melody checking out the chips (don't let Cheryl see you eating her chips 😊)



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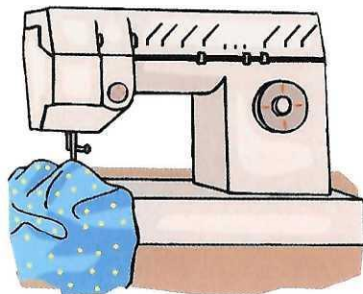
HELP WANTED!

One of St. Mark's Outreach Programs is the blessing of others through quilts that are made by our Phoebe group. As you may recall, we include quilts with our encouragement baskets and have shared them with other ministries both locally and in other states.

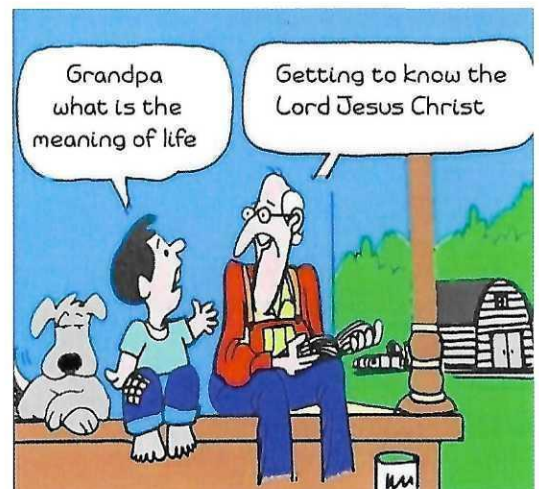
Due to health issues and other personal situations, the number of members of our Phoebe group is slowly diminishing! If you can sew (it only requires sewing in a straight line), like to be creative, or can tie a knot... then we have a job for you!

We meet in the **Phoebe room** on **Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. Unlike a paying job which requires you to work specific hours, you come when you can and leave when you have to. 😊

Please prayerfully consider joining our Phoebe team. Remember...when we give of ourselves to bless others, we also receive a blessing.



Steve Kircher, who was in Middleburgh visiting his family, blessed our congregation with special music on Sunday, May 5th. Thank you for sharing your God-given talent with us!



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Happy 80th Birthday, Sharon Nesbitt!!!

May 22nd, Sharon Nesbitt turned 80 years young and on Saturday, May 25th, Sharon became princess for a day at a party in her honor. Many family members and friends filled our fellowship hall to overflowing to celebrate this milestone in her life with her. Happy Birthday!



Our Guest of Honor - Sharon



Operation Christmas Child

OCC Boxes --- Empty!!! Oh, No!!!

We are starting to collect WOW gifts for our OCC shoeboxes. These are the special love gifts that children can keep, snuggle with and feel they are loved.

Suggestions are:

- stuffed animals
- art or education supplies
- soccer balls
- small fuzzy blankets for smaller children.

Remember, it's quality and love, not quantity.

We will have a packing party later in the year or if you prefer, please feel free to fill a box of your own. Please contact Ruth on 910-849-5252 if you have any questions.

WHAT IS A "QUALITY SHOE BOX"?

Try to include:

- Essentials—a few school supplies and hygiene items
- A WOW gift—something the child will immediately fall in love with
- A few small toys
- A few accessories
- Add a personal note

This is only a suggestion.

Here are many more ideas

You should always listen to the Lord's leading, and pack accordingly.

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NET Dinner

St. Mark's hosted their last NET dinner of the season on Wednesday, May 22nd. We served "make your own" sandwiches, a variety of salads, chips (what a surprise 😊) and a variety of desserts. Several attendees spoke of how much they will miss the NET dinners but were assured we are planning to resume them in October. Thank you to all who so selflessly and diligently served our Lord to make the NET dinners a success.



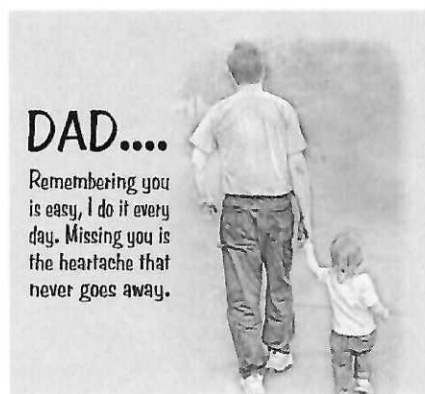
Have a blessed and
safe summer!
See you in October!

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Please keep our armed forces, our country and our government leaders in your prayers. Pray that our country stands on the Word of God and for unity in Christ.



For those whose fathers are now living in heaven with our Lord....



"Elvis" at St. Mark's

On May 26th, our own Bill Morton surprised the congregation with his Elvis impersonation as he sang one of Elvis' more popular songs "An American Trilogy". Thank you, Bill!



For the Beauty of the Earth...

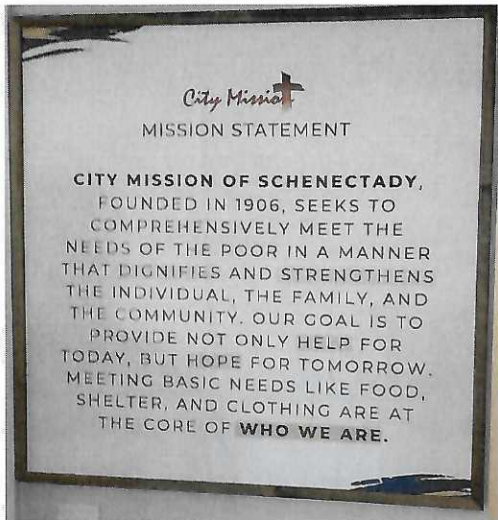


Recognize these men?? Dennis France and Dennis Foland have worked tirelessly to create some beautiful landscaping around St. Mark's. Thank you, Den and Den, for all your hard work!

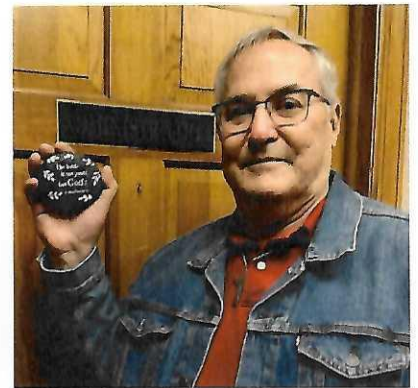


City Mission Visit

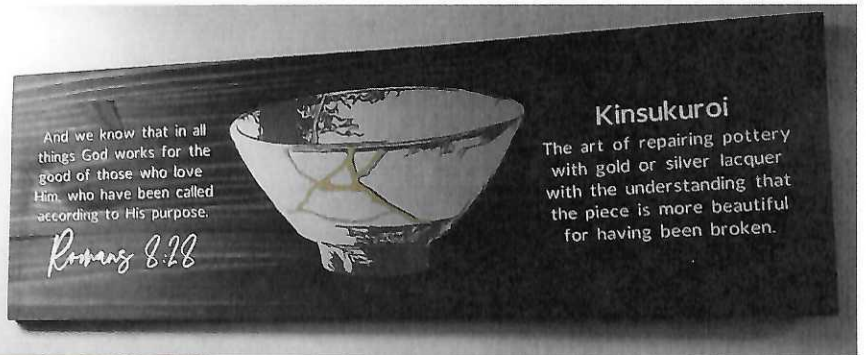
On May 9th, Pastor Dave, Cheryl, Dylan, Doug and Carolyn delivered many bags of clothing to Schenectady City Mission. While there, Mike Saccocio gave them a tour of the City Mission facility. We are happy to show you pictures what we were blessed to see and learn about the Mission and the ways they are sharing the love of Jesus.



Worship Center



"The battle is not yours, but God's!"



Dining on their homegrown lettuce / salad in the cafeteria



Women have cooking classes in shelter



These pretty smiles greet people as they come into the shelter

Mike with Staff Members

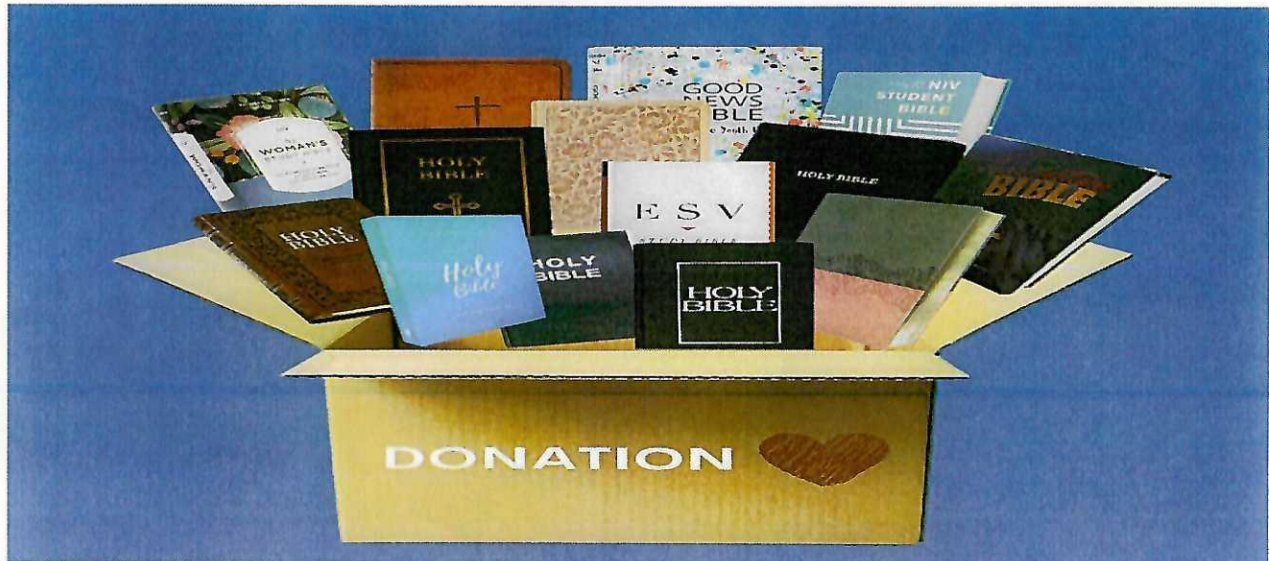


Café built by residents

Mike sharing a laugh with residents



**SCHOHARIE VALLEY COMMUNITY CAMP
SERVICE PROJECT
JUNE 1ST-JULY 19TH, 2024**



BIBLE DRIVE

Urgent Need for English Bibles.
Accepting Bibles in any translation in
any condition.

Bibles will be hand-delivered to faithful followers of Jesus where believers outnumber Bibles 300 to 1.

Help us reach our goal of 800 Bibles! Look through your bookshelves at home, or stop by a library, bookstore, or thrift center (anywhere where books are donated) in search of Bibles. Drop them off at either Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Schoharie NY, Schoharie Reformed Church, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Middleburgh NY, or the Schoharie United Presbyterian Church. Bibles that are donated will be transported in shipping containers and local Bible runners will deliver the Bibles in either: Cambodia, Cameroon, DRC, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, India, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tanzania, UAE, Uganda, USA, Venezuela & Zambia.

Follow our progress on the Schoharie Valley Community Camp Facebook page!