

St. Mark's Messenger

August 2025

FATHER JOHN'S REFLECTIONS

July had many highlights. On July 12 Bishop Audrey confirmed five people, received one, and reaffirmed five. It's very rare that we have a Saturday service, but this one was incredibly special. Our parish is materially stronger because these dear souls have committed themselves to ministry with us. The next day was vastly different: our sanctuary rocked to the music of the Frank Sinatra era. About sixty people enjoyed the music from the "golden years" – and we also had a free will offering for the summer program at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.



With the arrival of a new piano AND pew cushions, we are set for a wonderful concert of classical music on August 3 at 2PM. Wanli Wang, a doctoral student in piano at Penn State, will play a recital of both classical and modern pieces. Please invite a friend – and stay for the ice cream social, too.

We have been blessed to have Carolyn Barr with us this summer while Joanne Yang has been on vacation with her family in Taiwan. Her last Sunday will be August 10, please join us then in thanking her for her musical gifts. Father John+

Pianist Wanli Wang

Spend an Afternoon

Enjoying Sparkling Piano

Sunday, August 3rd
2 - 3 pm

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
21 South Main Street,
Lewistown, PA

After the concert there will be refreshments in the Parish House. We will take up a collection to benefit our community food bank.

Questions?
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THE
Episcopal
CHURCH



Welcomes you



A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Since classes begin on August 25, we pray for our schools. "Dear Lord, we trust in You to keep our children safe throughout this school year. We pray that they will enjoy and excel in their education. We pray for the protection of every child and teacher. In this school year, we release them to You and ask that You watch over them in the name of Jesus. Amen."

At our July meeting, the vestry voted to give \$250 to the Children and Youth Services



Music at St. Mark's

All concerts on Sundays at 2PM
followed by refreshments

July 13

Frank Sinatra Festival

August 3

Wanli Wang
Piano

September 7

Naomi Seidman and Jon Dexter
Flute and Cello

October 5

Conrad Fisher
Country/Western

Please invite a Friend!

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department to purchase backpacks and school supplies for needy children.

ST. MARK'S SUMMER PICNIC



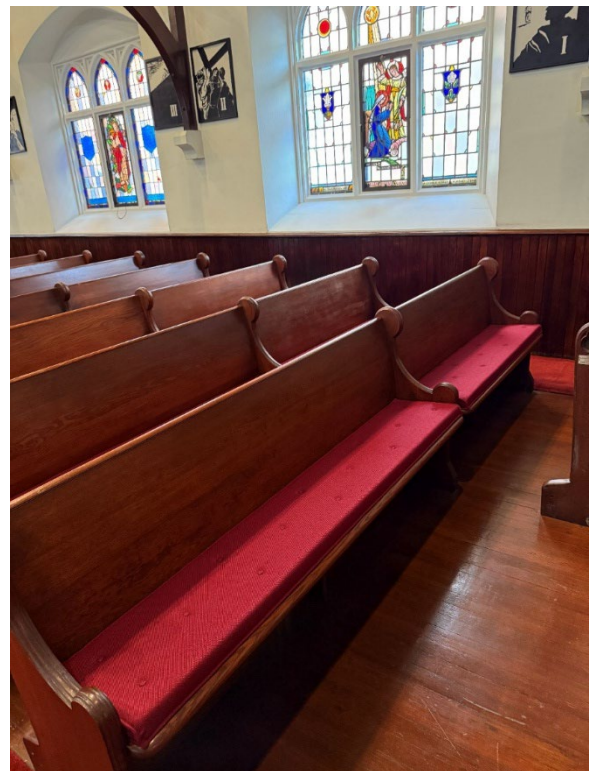
Please join us for a picnic following our service on August 10. Depending on the weather, we may eat outside in the backyard of the church OR in the parish house. Feel free to bring a covered dish (we'll have a sign-up sheet in the kitchen), but this isn't required. The church will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and all of the fixings as well as a variety of desserts. The most important thing is that you come and enjoy a time of fellowship.

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD AND BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

We continue to serve a high number of clients (531 in June), including many new families. We started a new summer program to replace meals missed while school is out.

We will continue to give these supplemental groceries until school begins. We have received many donations to support this program, including one for \$4,000 from a foundation.

PROPERTY UPDATE



We are delighted that the pew cushions arrived and were installed by the company. We want to thank everyone who contributed to this project! We have also installed a new hand rail on the steps leading from the church to the parish house. Finally, you will soon see a new, attractive curtain on the stage in the parish

house. We thank our Property Committee for great work!!

PRAYER LIST

We pray for Myra Bannon, Judy Clare, Shirley Mancino, Tony Hatfield-Nicholson, Doris McKee, Deacon Carole Mease, Paula Saylor, Lynn Stricker, Patty Wagner, and Evelyn Wilson.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

4: JEFF AND ROBIN WILSON (#41) 7: ALEXIS KUHNS 8: BENJAMIN HARWOOD 15: MARK REMY	O GOD, OUR TIMES ARE IN YOUR HAND: LOOK WITH FAVOR, WE PRAY, ON YOUR SERVANT <i>N.</i> AS (S) <i>HE</i> BEGINS ANOTHER YEAR. GRANT THAT (S) <i>HE</i> MAY GROW IN WISDOM AND GRACE, AND STRENGTHEN OUR TRUST IN YOUR GOODNESS ; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. <i>AMEN.</i>
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