

Announcements and Upcoming Events

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us, ourselves our time and our possessions.

"Unified Fund Summary (the Unified Fund is the checking account from which all routine operating expenses are paid; e.g. payroll, utilities, supplies, etc.)"	
Beginning Bal. November 18, 2024	\$2,611.33
Sunday Offering	\$8,612.68
Online Giving	\$725.00
Subtotal	\$11,949.01
Payments	(\$7,974.15)
Ending Bal. November 18, 2024	\$3,974.86
Beginning Bal. November 25, 2024	\$3,974.86
Sunday Offering	\$3,106.00
Learning Place Monthly Contribution	\$1,500.00
Online Giving	\$760.00
Subtotal	\$9,340.86
Payments	(\$9,067.00)
Ending Bal. November 25, 2024	\$273.86
Unified/Temporary Restricted (Designated) Fund Offerings November 24, 2024	
Altar Flowers	\$40.00
Building/Renovation	\$50.00
Member Emergency Fund	\$55.00
Poinsettias	\$97.75
Worship attendance for November 24 th 8:00AM-58 & 10:30AM-61 for a total of 119.	

Mission Statement

"Glorify God, Share the Love of Jesus, Do Good works through Service"

END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

The final deposit of the year will be made on **Monday, December 30th** for the 2024 contribution statements.

Any contributions received after that will be recorded on the 2025 statements.

December 1, 2024

Pastor Mark's Schedule Week of December 1-7

Sunday 12/1	1 st Sunday in Advent Sunday Morning Worship
Monday 12/2	Working from the parsonage
Tuesday 12/3	Office Hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM Bible Time with The Learning Place Visitation in the afternoon
Wednesday 12/4	Office Hours, 9:00AM-11:30PM Somerset Area Ministerium Mid-week Advent Worship, 12:00PM-1:30PM Visitation in the afternoon
Thursday 12/5	Office Hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM Visitation in the afternoon
Friday 12/6	Office Hours, 9:00AM-1:30PM

Pastor Mark is always available by phone or email at any time of the day or night if you need him for pastoral care.
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LIVE WREATHS WITH BOW FOR SALE

THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

**AT THE CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL SOCIETY SWANK HOUSE**

\$25.00/EACH

**9:00AM UNTIL WE ARE
SOLD OUT!**



The Learning Place board is looking for 2 board members to join the team. Meetings are held once a month and last about an hour. Please see any one of the current board members below if you are interested.

**ST. DAVID'S LEARNING PLACE
BOARD MEMBERS**

Jerrold Cannistraci* Rachel Kimmel
Cathy Lilly* Cindy Liska* Angie McKool
Patty Rullo* Linda Shrader



School Year Learning Place Staff

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Jennifer Percinsky, Director
Brianna Bray, Preschool 4 lead teacher
Felica Beglin: Asst. Group Supervisor
Pam Carhart: Asst. Group Supervisor
Niki Cable: Asst. Group Supervisor
Janet Lord: Asst. Group Supervisor
Brianna Mohle: Asst. Group Supervisor
Stacie Opett: Asst. Group Supervisor
Gina Yacynych: Preschool 3 lead teacher



The *St. David's Lutheran Church Service Team* will be helping with desserts for the Somerset County Meals on Wheels. **Desserts will be collected SUNDAY, December 8th** in the narthex

between the hours of 8:00-11:00AM. **Desserts can be baked, or store bought.**

- + Cakes – no icing, but chips and sprinkles are acceptable.
- + Cookies – 2 dozen minimum
- + Brownies – no icing
- + Breads – (Banana, Zucchini, Blueberry)

ALL DESSERTS MUST BE IN DISPOSABLE CONTAINERS. Thank you.



We will hang the Christmas greens on Sunday December 22nd after the 10:30 service. A soup & sandwich

lunch will be provided prior to decorating.

We are looking for volunteers to decorate and carry decorations from the garage to the church. If you are interested, please sign up in the Narthex. It's fun and good fellowship!



The Children & Youth Team once again will be having the Sunday school classes complete Advent activities. One activity will be the

Backpack Project. The Backpack Project benefits students in Conemaugh Township Elementary school. The donation tree with the items needed for the project are in the narthex. The Children & Youth Team kindly asks the congregation to donate the needed items so we can help students at Conemaugh Township Elementary school who are less fortunate this holiday season. All donations are due by **NEXT SUNDAY, December 8, 2024.** Thank you!



Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult. The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had. The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of

ill health, the pain of isolation - all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern; we need to know that we are not alone. Our spirits sink, as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us. For these reasons, St. David's will offer a special "Longest Night" service on **Saturday, December 21st at 6:30PM.** Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome. The service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.



Make plans to join us Christmas Eve at 4:30PM & 7:30PM. Special music will begin a half hour prior to each service.



Order your Christmas Poinsettias by using the envelopes found in the back of the church with the bulletins. Indicate your Memorial or Honor preference. The cost is \$8.75 per poinsettia. (You may pick up your Poinsettia after the late service on Christmas Eve.) The deadline for ordering is TODAY, Sunday, December 1st NO EXTRA POINSETTIAS WILL BE ORDERED. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO HAVE YOUR ORDER IN BY THE DEADLINE.

ADVENT MAIN EVENTS!

FAMILIES, PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FIRST THREE SUNDAYS!

 SUNDAY, DEC 1 9:00AM-10:15AM	 SUN, DEC 8 9:00AM-10:15AM	 SUN, DEC 15 9:00AM-10:15AM	 SUN, DEC 22 9:00AM-10:15AM	 TUE, DEC 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
<p>**Families welcome!**</p> <p>Please bring the whole fam to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • learn about the Jesse Tree • make heirloom ornaments • knot blankets for shut-ins • enjoy fellowship, community, and refreshments!! <p>9am start to enjoy the hot chocolate/apple cider bar and treats!</p>	<p>**Families welcome!**</p> <p>Older children will continue knotting blankets for shut-ins.</p> <p>Younger children will create clay ornaments.</p>	<p>**Families welcome!**</p> <p>We will organize the Backpack Project donations and have them ready for delivery.</p> <p>CAROLING 1pm All are welcome to carol at Country Manor!</p>	<p>Pageant Rehearsal 9:00am-10:15am</p> <p>PAGEANT!!! 10:30am service</p> 	<p>4:30pm Service</p> <p>7:30pm Service</p> 

CHILDREN & YOUTH TEAM

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Sunday 12/1:	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	1:00 PM	Confirmation Class #2 (FH9)



The secretary's office hours for the week of December 2-6 will be Monday-Office Closed; Tuesday-Friday 9AM-3PM. **Any changes to hours will be noted on the church calendar on the website.**
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Monday 12/2:	Church Office is Closed	
	9:00AM	YOGA (FH9)
	4:30 PM	Gril Scouts (CR2)
	6:00 PM	Bible Study (21A-C)
Tuesday 12/3:	5:00 PM	Sage Herbalists Christmas Party (FH9)
Wednesday 12/4:	6:00 PM	Adult Choir
	7:30 PM	Bell Choir
Thursday 12/5:	5:30 PM	Daisy Tropp Meeting (C19)
	6:00 PM	Adult Sunday School Christmas Party (FH9)
Friday 12/6:	5:00 PM	St. Francis Sharing & Caring (FH9)
Sunday 12/8:	8:00-11:00 AM	Meals on Wheels Collection (N)
	8:00 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	9:15 AM	Sunday School/Catechism
	10:30 AM	Worship/Communion Service
	5:00 PM	E. O'Donnell (FH9)

December 1 (Communion) *

8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolytes- Need Volunteer	Acolytes- Rachel Pile
Altar- Ronna Marisa	Altar- Lois Tessari
Cantor- Mary Jane McCready	Cantor- Choir
Communion Assts- Doug & Linda Shrader	Communion Assts- Wendy Figard & Nick Hunsberger
Lector- Linda Shrader	Lector- Wendy Figard
Ushers- Joe & Sue Risch	Ushers- Nick & Beth Hunsberger
Counters- Bill & Sherri Andrews, Sonya Andrews	

If you would like to commune but are unable for any reason to go forward to the altar, please let an usher know so communion can be brought to you.

* December 8* (Intinction) *

8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Acolytes- Need Volunteer	Acolytes- Need Volunteer
Altar- Kathy Naugle	Altar- Pam Sleek
Cantor- Judy Brotz	Cantor- Choir
Communion Assts- Mike & Melissa Grose	Communion Assts- Patty Rullo & Mary Jane McCready
Lector- Albert Meehleib	Lector- Patty Rullo
Ushers- Leo & Ronna Marisa	Ushers- Dave & Sis Barabas
Counters- Doug & Linda Shrader, Dave & Sis Barabas	