

St. Mark Bell

June 2022

"Shall a faultfinder contend With the Almighty"

Job 40:2a

The other day I prayed I want answers,

when I hear of yet another shooting.

I want answers,

when innocent lives are lost in a school, a grocery store, a church, an office building.

I want answers.

when missiles devastate homes and businesses, leveling hospitals and schools.

Pastor's

Pondering

I want answers,

when starving children go hungry every day struggling in the worst of life to simply survive.

I want answers,

when leaders make promises to help and protect and in all the rhetoric nothing changes.

I want answers.

seeking God's intervention.

But then I realized,

God gave us paradise,

and we turned away.

The Law was given to show us how to love and respect, and we broke each one.

His words of wisdom were spoken by the prophets, and we ignored, rejected and imprisoned them.

Then God came himself, in the flesh, to mend and save us. and we nailed him to the cross.

How can I demand answers.

when I don't always walk in the path of the Lord? God shows the way,

to love our neighbor,

to put an end to violence,

to feed the hungry,

to clothe the naked,

to house the homeless,

to speak against injustice,

to honor promises,

and strive for a better day as one family of creation.

The other day I prayed,

Lord, help me and all people listen and do your will.

In the peace and grace of God, Pastor Kirk Griffin

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Worship

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday School Classes on Break

Friday 11:00am Bible Study

Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am-12:00noon

Bible Study

Fridays 11:00am-12noon

Quilting Group

Thursdays 9:00am-12noon

Preschool:

Preschool on Summer Break

Meetings & Activities

June 2 3pm Evangelism Mtg

June 5 Day of Pentecost

(Wear Red)

10:15am Worship & Music

June 7 6pm St. Mark Eats @ C&D

June 14 9:30am Property Mtg 7pm Future Task Force Meeting Flag Day

June 18 Outdoor Spoken Liturgy of Word, Followed by Outdoor Potluck Picnic

June 19 Father's Day

June 20 7pm Finance Mtg

June 21 1st Day of Summer!

June 26 PAL Team 3 Hosts Lunch at HACC

June 28 Council Meeting

CANCELED

(UNLESS NEEDED)







Council Happenings

Council met on May 24, 2022

- After opening the meeting in prayer, a special blessing was shared concerning the voting day response of appreciation from our neighbors. Another blessing was shared noting that Cross Keys will be honoring Frank and Ruth Willheim's memory by continuing to plant and tend the wonderful flowerbeds that they grew near their cottage at the entrance to the Faith Circle Drive. A concern was also raised that when special recognitions are mentioned in worship and fellowship time, that a time of appreciation with those individuals would be appreciated.
- Thank you notes were shared from members who received Easter cards from the Sunday school nursery class. Additionally, Olivia's House, TenderCare, and HACC sent thank you notes for our recent St. Mark donations.
- Attendance was reviewed and noted as a bit more than last year at the same time.
- President Mike Merlo mentioned his appreciation for the unity, peace and joy that St. Mark exhibits in a world filled with division and violence.
- Pastor gave his statistical report. He mentioned that new computers have been bought to replace the 14-year-old office computers and will be set up around June 1st.
- Christian Ed. is set to begin planning for VBS during the last week of July.
- Evangelism Committee reviewed the Easter season and egg hunt. They also are planning to have a St. Mark-hosted booth at the Snack Town Festival day on July 16 and will need members to volunteer to hand out flyers and bottles of water.
- Property Committee reported that the hole beside the sidewalk at the handicap semicircle has been filled in with dirt. Also the tree over Allegheny Ave. is in need of dead wood trimming, especially since many of the dead branches hang out over the road.
- The Finance report is on hold since the Finance Computer hard drive corrupted and needed replaced. The last backup of files will be installed on the new computer, and the last two months of transactions will be updated to allow for a report at a future date
- Under old business, it was noted that we are so thankful for our recent hires and how Joni Gonzales and Tammy Wiseman have carried on the jobs they do so well.
- Also under old business, we noted that the Church clock that sits in the Archives room cannot go to the Hanover Historical Society since they have no room to house and display it. However the National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia, PA, may be interested in displaying our clocks. We would have to check to see if this can be done on a loan basis, so we still keep ownership of the clocks. Council wanted to think about this possibility and seek feedback and ideas from members before acting on this plan.
- As new business, council voted to combine the summer council meetings into one and meet again on August 23rd at 5:00pm unless a special need arises. Also the September and October meeting will be combined and they will meet on October 11th at 5:00pm.



St. Mark Clock -Exhibited?

As noted above: The Council is seeking feedback from members as to the destination and display of the two St. Mark Town Clock mechanisms that we have stored in the archives room. There is a possibility that the National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia, PA, would exhibit them for people to view if we were to loan them to them for display. Council would like thoughts, alternative ideas and suggestions before making a decision. Please speak with a council person with feedback and any suggestions.



-To the Sunday School: Thank you very much for the Easter card from Grace. It was very dear and creative! – Vivian Cullison

-To the Sunday School: I would like to say thank you to the two very thoughtful young people for the Easter and Get Well cards. They really brightened the day. So thank you, Jace and Grace. – Wilma Crawford

-From Hanover Area Council of Churches: Thank you for blessing us with your donation of \$1,141 which will be applied as requested. \$681 to the

Changing Lives Shelter, \$260 to PAL, and \$200 to Ruth's Harvest here at Hanover Area Council of Churches...Thanks to you we will make sure that we continue to be there ready and able to help our Hanover community. – Mirna Wildasin, Executive Director

- From Tender Care: Thank you so much for the donation of diapers. Our clients will be blessed with your generosity. God Bless, Tender Care
- From Olivia's House: Thank you for your generous donation of \$513.50 to the mission of Olivia's House. We are forever grateful for support from members of the civic community who faithfully provide for our programs. Be assured that healing will occur for many grieving children as a result of your generosity! We look forward to continuing our work together to serve our community. God Bless You! Thank you for helping us to heal grieving hearts. K.C. Delp, Executive Director



Prayer List: We ask that you keep all our shut-ins and those needing special help in your daily prayers. We will keep the shut-ins on the list indefinitely, and those needing extra prayers will be removed after one month unless hearing otherwise. To add a name to the prayer list, please write it on the list on the narthex brass stand or call the office. This month keep in your prayers: *Barb Baublitz, Family & Friends*

of Charles Bittinger, Family & Friends of Nadine Bittinger, Larry Bolin, Katherine Borsella, Wilma Crawford, Irene DeMart, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Vickie Gouker, Tom Greenholt, Pat Hagarman, Carol Ann Haines, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, Pat Keefer, Family and Friends of Vern Keeler, JoAnn Kirkpatrick, Norma Kreidler, Robert Krick, Allen Kuhns, Richard Kuhns, David Kunkel, Ricky Mai, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Tammy Mummert, Marian Noble, Carolyn Neumyer, Stef Reid, David Reese, Bob Rhoten, Mary Riley, Family & Friends of Ronald Ruggles, Tony Schuman, Leroy Shive, Pr. Jerry Smith, Family and Friends of Raul Alejandro Smith, Beverly Snyder, Family & Friends of Vance Stabley, Kim Sterner, Phyllis Tasto, Nancy Thurtell, her medical team, and the Ukrainian refugees they are serving, Jennie Tome, Anna Turvin, Lois VandenHeuvel, Family & Friends of Blake Wagaman, Barb Watson, Paul and Naomi Warren, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Sam Young, Anita Zeigler, Steve Zinn.

St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs. During June we are given the opportunity to contribute to the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) of Hanover and Spring Grove Hospice program that provides services at home and in nursing homes for people who are at the end of life.



To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail your donations to our office or place them in our weekend collection plates by specifying "VNA" or June Designated Giving on your check or the

"other" line of any of our weekly offering envelopes. Whenever a donation is made on the "other" line that does not have a written designation, it will be given to the ministry fund designated for that month. Thank you for your support!

Happy Birthday To Our June Birthdays!

June 1	Wilma Crawford
June 2	Heather Yeager
June 3	Robert Richter
June 6	Kara Jones
	Michele Smith
June 7	Wendy Bish-McGrew
June 10	Marian Noble
	Jon Wallen
June 11	Linda Gouker
	Owen Reese
June 12	Pr. Kirk Griffin
June 15	Carl Sandruck



June 17	Braydon Bailey				
June 19	Camryn Farley				
June 20	Erik Long				
	Carla Stabley				
June 21	JoAnn Berwager				
June 23	Maria Martin				
June 24	Martha Howells				
June 25	Bob Martin				
June 26	Elsie Wildasin				
June 28	Benjamin Shaw				
June 29	Jadyn Long				
June 30	Daniel Keeney				
	Carole Miller				

*If you ever see that we miss a birthday or name – please contact the office at 717-637-8904.



St. Mark Eats:

On Tuesday, **June 7th**, at 6:00pm we will be dining at C&D Bar and Grill in New Oxford. So come out and join us in fellowship and good food. Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board or call 717-637-8904, so we can make reservations.

Upcoming "Eats" will be:

Green Horizon Grill, Abbottstown **7/5**Pizza Garden, New Oxford **8/3**^NOTE: AUGUST 3RD IS A WEDNESDAY^
Eisenhower Diner, Hanover **9/6**Hoss's Restaurant, Hanover **10/4**

God's Global Barnyard Collection

St. Mark's Sunday School collected \$1,453.69 for God's Global Barnyard!! Through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Barnyard, distribution goes to families and individuals around the world in need of help to sustain life and grow out of poverty. Our Sunday school kids decided to purchase the following:

30 chicks, 8 goats, 3 piglets w/manure, 1 vegetable garden, 1 beehive, uniforms + school fees for 2 children, 2



kits of soap & sanitation supplies, seeds & gardening tools, a fruit tree orchard, 6 individual mosquito nets and 1 case of individual mosquito nets for a small village. We're sure this bounty will be much appreciated by those in need. Thank you to all who donated!

Flat Sheets Needed: Our sewing group makes quilts that give comfort to the dying and mourning at the hospital. This ministry is such a wonderful gift. Please



mourning at the hospital. This ministry is such a wonderful gift. Please consider helping by donating flat colored sheets that are the basis for every quilt. If you can donate sheets, it would help the group produce more quilts for the hospital and other area agencies. Please drop them off on Thursday mornings or during church office hours (9:00am to 12noon). Additionally, the ladies would always appreciate new helpers — no sewing experience needed!

Congratulations to our Graduates:



Taylor Lynn Brooks, granddaughter of Pat Brooks, graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering. She will be starting a new job in August.

Nathan Burley, grandson of David & Kathy Gates, graduated from Dansville High in Dansville, New York, and will be majoring in Physical Therapy at Finger Lakes College in New York State.

Trevor Gates, grandson of David & Kathy Gates, graduated from Sherando High in Winchester, Virginia and will be majoring in Radiology at Old Dominion University in Virginia Beach.

Braeden Gonzales, son of Joni & Scott Gonzales, graduated from Bloomsburg University with a Master of Science degree in Biology.

He is now keeping busy teaching ecology onboard ship out of the Boy Scout Sea Base on Islamorada of the Florida Keys.

Alex Setliff, son of Hunter & Tara Shaw, graduated from New Oxford High School and will be majoring in Liberal Arts at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Anna Setliff, daughter of Hunter & Tara Shaw, graduated from New Oxford High School and will be attending Polimoda Fashion & Design School in Florence, Italy.

Ben Shaw, son of Hunter & Tara Shaw, graduated from West Chester University with a Bachelor's degree in Finance. He will be pursuing his Master's Degree in the fall.

Abby Sullivan, foster daughter of Hunter and Tara Shaw, graduated from New Oxford High School and will be majoring in French at Loyola University.

Mikayla Weaver, granddaughter of David & Kathy Gates, graduated from James Madison University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Science & Disorders.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our graduates!

Our prayers will be with you as you pursue your futures by way of employment or continuing higher education.

Security Help: When security alarms go off at the church, we need a person close by to respond. With recent changes of members, our usual go-to people are no longer sufficient. If you live nearby and are willing to help out – please talk with Pastor at 717-637-8904.

<u>Vacation Bible School:</u> The plan has been made to host the St. Mark / St. Paul (York St.) co-hosted VBS here at St. Mark during the morning hours of **July 25**th - **29**th. VBS is open to all children from nursery to 5th grade (nursery age must have an accompanying adult). Older children are invited to be helpers and guides. If you are interested in finding out more, please talk with Karen Feeser.

Voting Day Success: We want to thank the members who welcomed our neighbors to the polls: Nancy Sandruck, David and Kathy Gates, Karen Feeser, Pat Hagarman, Carol Reese, Martha Lippy, Linda Bolin, Penelope Highlands, and Shellene Griffin. Many voters gave thanks and appreciation for us opening up our fellowship hall for this use. On this one day, we had over 730 people come through our doors. What a great feeling to know our church can actively serve and be a part of our community – way to go St. Mark!





<u>Outdoor Worship and Picnic</u>: Come join us for a potluck dinner following our outside Worship on Saturday, **June 18th**. We will be having this event rain or shine (out on front lawn or fellowship hall if raining). Everyone is invited – bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Worship starts at 5:30pm with dinner to follow shortly after worship is over.

<u>Host a Fellowship Time:</u> Many of us have enjoyed the Fellowship coffee times after church this spring. We would like to continue to offer it on the first Sunday of each month. If you are willing to host by setting up coffee and doughnuts (provided by the church), please sign up on the hallway bulletin board. Dates open through the rest of the year are **Sept. 4**, **Oct. 2**, **Nov. 6**, **Dec. 4**.





Scholarship Amount Increased: The Robert Slagle and Ann Sell Slagle Scholarship will not be awarded this school year. The committee reviewed only one application. Good news, as next year (2023) the scholarship award will be raised to \$1,000. Serving on the scholarship committee were Tom Long, Susan Miller, Don Seidenstricker, Bill Sterner, and Pastor Kirk Griffin. Thank you to all committee members! – *Martha Lippy, Chairman*

<u>Snack Town Street Fair:</u> Saturday, **July 16**th from 8am to 4pm. The Evangelism Committee has decided this year to host a both at the annual Hanover Street Fair. We will need volunteers who can help greet, hand out pamphlets or bottles of water, or perhaps even offer prayers. If you are willing to help at any time during the day please talk with a member of the Evangelism committee (Linda Bolin, Karen Feeser, or Martha Lippy). What better way is there to get the Word out about the Lord's grace than this day when thousands visit our community? Please consider helping out.



June Altar Vases

June 5: Altar Vase - Given by Glenn & Nancy Mummert in Honor of their 60th

Anniversary

Altar Vase - Given by Gilbert W. Bishop in Honor of his mother,

Mae

June 12: Altar Vases - Given by Sam Wise in Memory of Marie Wise

June 19: Altar Vases - Given by David & Kathy Gates in Honor of their

grandchildren's graduation: Mikavla from College,

Trevor & Nathan from High School

June 26: Altar Vases - Given by Glenn & Nancy Mummert in Honor and Memory of all the

church members that have turned their eyes to Jesus and followed

faithfully as servants of God.

Please Note: Altar flower dedications are \$17.00 a vase. Contact us at 717-637-8904 if interested.

June Sunday Worship Helpers

June Altar Care: Glenn and Nancy Mummert

June 4/5 June 18/19

CPIC: Penelope Highlands/Karen Feeser CPIC: Karen Feeser

Lector: Mike Merlo Lector: NEED VOLUNTEER

Acolytes: Noah Shermeyer & Morgana Lobaugh

June 11/12 June 25/26

CPIC: Kathy Gates

CPIC: Penelope Highlands

Lector: NEED VOLUNTEER

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Altar Care: We give thanks for our altar care people who make sure the flowers get distributed correctly and help in any other way cleaning up after worship. We could always use some other helpers to assist or fill in one of the empty months. If you can help, call the office or sign up on the bulletin board by the flower book.



Sunday Lectors: if you can read this newsletter, then you can be a lector in church. The signup for each Sunday is available on the narthex bulletin board. And as you can see above we could use some more volunteers this summer. So please sign up soon.

Bus Trip: Bailey Bus and Linda Bolin want to pick up you and your friend on Wednesday, **July 20**th at 1:00pm to leave for "**David**" at Sight N Sound. We'll be going to the 3:00pm show and afterwards to Bob Evans for supper. The cost for bus and show is \$100.00. Let Linda know of your reservation by **July 1**st - 717-633-6426 or lbolin508@comcast.net.







Registration for 2022-2023

Currently the 3-year-old and the Mon/Wed/Fri morning 4-year-old classes are all **FULL.**We have TWO remaining spots left in the Mon/Wed/Fri afternoon 4-year-old class.

PreSchoOl News

If you know any families that might be interested in St Mark Preschool, they may contact Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803 or, for more information and registration forms, go to our websites at:

<u>www.stmarkhanover.org</u> (church website) or <u>www.stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com</u> (preschool website)

MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY:

Our Teams Serve at Provide-A-Lunch (PAL):

<u>Team #3 will be serving at HACC on June 26th:</u> Our team members include: Barb Baublitz, Linda Bolin, Dale Dull, and Shirley Hippensteel. The team could use another two helpers if you are available to fill in. Please contact the office if willing to join a team.

<u>Correction to last month's newsletter:</u> Team #1 includes Sharon Bish, Jason Brady, Desiree Brady, Melanie Brady, Dale Dull, Pat Hagarman, Nancy Sandruck, and Emily Brodbeck.

<u>Can you please help?</u>: PAL team volunteers sought in order to maintain our three teams! Recipe prep and mixing starts at 9:00am. Baking time usually is at 10:00am. Dishing out the food into takeout containers starts at 11:00am. Clean-up starts at 12:00noon. Current operations are limited to just the PAL team in the kitchen alone, with an employee of HACC distributing the food to the clients outside in the dining area.



Any help is appreciated. Simply contact the church office if you are willing to help out.

Hanover Area Council of Churches (HACC) NEWS & NEEDS:

SPECIAL NEEDS THIS MONTH AT HACC

PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program: can of white potatoes, sandwich baggies, sugar, bottled water. Large black trash bags and white kitchen trash bags.

Shelter: Bars of soap, shampoo, men's boxers any size, Lysol spray; Clorox wipes, adult-sized diapers.

Clothing Bank: Men's & women's ankle socks; XL/2X men's underwear and white t-shirts; women's size 7 underwear; women's plus 1X, 2X, 3X underwear; diapers sized 5 & 6.

The clothing bank can also use newspaper as wrappings for household goods and nice handled bags for packing clothes.

Ruth's Harvest: Is in summer hiatus. Donations begin again in August.

All Donations can be placed in the bins by the office on the corner table at end of hall.

Rebuilding the Partnership: HACC's new Executive Director, Mirna Wildasin, and Community Aid's CEO, Steve Sullivan, have

once again begun discussions around being



in partnership to best help the Hanover area. The Clothing Bank at HACC is already working hand-in-hand with the Community Aid store to help shift needs and supplies back and forth to best serve both of our client bases. Additionally, Community Aid has offered to support financially some ministry actions of HACC, along with some educational opportunities. Since St. Mark no longer has a partner number with Community Aid, we are suggesting using HACC names and #20011 if you are dropping off donations at the store. A small percentage will be sent back to HACC for ministry needs.



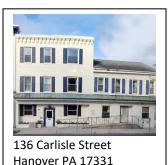
Do You Like to Sing?: The Hanover Barbershop Chorus will be hosting special Guest Nights at Hanover Church of the Brethren (601 Wilson Ave.) on **June 6th**, **13th**, **20th**, **and 27th** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Everyone is invited to join them for any and/or all of those nights to learn a song and sing with the group.

<u>Butterfly Release:</u> On Sunday, **June 12**th at 3:00pm, the Visiting Nurse Association is hosting a butterfly release at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Grandview Road. Contact the VNA at 717-637-1227 for more information.



Free Concert: St. Matthew's will be hosting the King's Brass in concert on Sunday, June 12th at 4:00pm. Free tickets can be ordered by sending a note with the quantity requested along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to "June Concert" St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 W. Chestnut St, Hanover, PA 17331.

<u>Ladies' Golf Outing:</u> On Tuesday, **June 28**th at 5:30pm, there will be a golf fundraiser at Hanover Country Club to benefit the Farley Family Fund helping UPMC Hanover cancer programs and patient services. For more information, email <u>pn_foundation@upmc.edu</u> or call 717-231-8080.



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St. Mark Lutheran Church

129 Charles Street Hanover, PA 17331

By the grace of God in and through Jesus Christ, the mission of the people of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hanover, Pennsylvania, is to hear and share the Good News of Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament ministry. Since our founding in 1864 it has been the mission of the people of St. Mark to testify in word and deed that no one is outside God's mercy in Jesus Christ.

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Pastor: Rev. Kirk Griffin prkirk129@gmail.com

Office Coordinator: Joni Gonzales Director of Music: Melinda Elnaggar

Organist: Martha Lobaugh Sexton: Wally Rodenhaber Housekeeper: Tammy Wiseman

Preschool Co-Directors: Allison Wentz/Idonia Klunk

<u>2022 Congregation Council</u>: President Michael Merlo, Vice President Karen Feeser, Secretary Linda Bolin, Treasurer Penelope Highlands, Kathy Gates, Pat Keefer, Martha Lippy, Tom Long and Hunter Shaw

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