

St. Mark Bell

St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street Hanover PA 17331 717-637-8904 stmarkhanover.org

<u>Worship</u>

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am Sunday School Classes Following Worship

Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am-12noon Bible Study Fridays 11:00am-12noon

Bells Rehearsal

Following Sunday Worship

Quilting Group

Thursdays 9:00am-12noon

Preschool:

M/W/F (4's) 9:00-11:45am &

12:30-3:15pm

M/W & T/Th (3's) 9:00-11:15am

Meetings & Activities

- Feb 1 6pm-8pm Preschool Open House
- **Feb 2** *Groundhog Day* – 7am-7pm UPMC Blood
 - Drive
 - 3pm Evangelism Mtg
- Feb 5 Congregational Meeting – Fellowship Time
- Feb 7 1pm St. Mark *Eats* @ Olive Garden
- Feb 12 Congregational Mtg Make-Up Date

- Confirmation Class

- Souper Bowl of Caring
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 19 Transfiguration of Our Lord
- Feb 20 President's Day
 - 7pm Finance Mtg
- **Feb 21** Fastnacht Day/Mardi Gras – 1pm Garden Club
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins – 7pm Ash Wednesday Service
- **Feb 26** Confirmation Class
 - PAL Team 3
- Feb 28 5pm Council Mtg

February 2023

Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives..." John 14:27a

Dear Members:

"It was so nice, listening and sharing with others." That is one of the comments made to me after our Community Building: Member-to-Member event held on January 15th. On that Sunday morning a small group of St. Mark members came together to share their time getting to know each other in a new, deeper way. So often before or after worship, we fall into the practice of simply greeting each other with our complimentary "hellos" and "how's the weather" discussions. We rarely share or listen intently to discern the other person's feelings or thoughts.

But on that Sunday, we followed a regulated method that was gleaned from another organization and put it into practice here for the morning. The method included everyone breaking into groups of two (preferably with someone they didn't know well). Then they had a moment to introduce themselves and pick a topic from a list of over 75 thought-provoking discussion starters. Each person of the twosome got to talk for a couple of minutes, sharing their thoughts based on that topic while the other person attempted to actively listen (which means no rebuttal, no questioning, just listening intently). Similarly, the other person then got their two minutes to share their views while the first person actively listened. Of course, there was a short time of clarification involved so that both truly understood each other. Finally at the end, the twosome had a few minutes to come to a conclusion on that chosen topic and find some agreement that could end the discussion in peace. Some of the topics discussed ranged from mixed-gender sports to reverse racism, from illegal immigration to defunding the police, from worship styles in churches to who will win the Super Bowl.

The topics could really be anything, they were just launching points used to begin discussions so that two people who have worshipped together for years could perhaps engage in a deeper connection as brothers and sisters in community. For those who attended this event, they were blessed with a closer realization of their worship neighbor and a bond of respect for another's views. For those who missed it, there is the possibility that we can plan another similar event in the near future.

So often our world is filled with people talking at each other and not taking the time to listen, to hear, to care for each other. We are the people of God, moved to live in his peace, to take that time to listen, to hear, to find agreement, to be the brothers and sisters of peace. In this month ahead, try sharing by listening in peace and love, not as the world does, but in the way of the Lord.

> In the peace and grace of God, Pastor Kirk Griffin



Happenings and News in our Congregation

January 24, 2023

- The first order of business, after opening prayer, was to elect council officers for the new year. By written ballot the following were elected and accepted: Mike Merlo, President; Penelope Highlands, Vice President; Martha Lippy, Secretary; Kathy Gates, Treasurer. We thank them and those who served in the past year for their dedication.
- It was noted by a couple of council members that the Community Building: Member-to-Member event was well-received, fun, and a great way to learn more about each other.
- Many thank you notes were reviewed by council including from Sweet Charities, HACC, Medical Ministry International, Safe Home, and a couple from church members.
- Minutes and attendance of the past two months were reviewed.
- President Mike Merlo thanked the council for their dedication and commented on the great dedication of all our members and suggested that we have a good basis to begin sharing and inviting others to come and be a part of our church.
- Pastor gave his statistical report and reminded the council that we still need a female delegate to attend the Annual Synod Assembly along with Mike Noble. More details of times and locations will be shared when it is posted by the synod.
- Christian Ed. Committee reported on the plans for the Spring Sunday school classes and the end of the year events.
- Evangelism Committee reviewed their bazaar and the "give thanks" tree, discussing new ideas to invite and welcome people into the church.
- Social Ministry still has not met because of the lack of a chair person to help the planning of the church's outreach efforts.
- Worship and Music will be meeting January 29th to discuss the Lenten and Easter Seasons.
- St. Mark Preschool noted that they have begun registrations for next year and that one four-year-old class is already full. Registrations open to all people on Feb. 1st.
- Treasurer's Report for December (end of the year) was reviewed and discussed. It was noted that we ended the year in the red and as we enter 2023 we may need to re-examine expenses.
- Under New Business, the September Designated Fund will become an appeal for local Habitat for Humanity, while the rest of the monthly designations will remain the same as last year. Council also reviewed the Council-Person-In-Charge responsibilities. And committee designations for council liaisons were picked with Karen and Hollis on Christian Ed.; Martha, Karen, Linda on Evangelism; Hunter on Fellowship; Hollis on Property; Mike and Kathy on Finance; Karen, Penelope, Alex on Worship and Music; Kathy and Martha on Preschool board.

December's Treasurer's Report

While we ended the year in the negative, we give thanks to all those who continue to support our ministry and are dedicated to worshiping our Lord. We also share that we surpassed our goal for Benevolence.



<u>Annual Congregational Meeting</u>: Our annual Year-in-Review Congregational Meeting will be held on **February 5th** (with a makeup date of **February 12th**).

Winter Is Upon Us!! As we write this newsletter, the church grounds are lightly covered by a thin blanket of snow. Yes, it's that time of year! Remember, if weather causes services to be canceled, we will do our best to get the word out via WGAL radio and WGAL.com. We'll also



add a message to the church website (<u>stmarkhanover.org</u>) and the phone's voicemail (637-8904), as well as send emails if possible. If you're worried at all about ice or other unsafe conditions, please stay home and stay safe!

St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs which are pre-determined



by our council each year. February's offering benefits the **Hanover Area Council of Churches Changing Lives Shelter**—a year-round facility providing for the needs of singles and families in desperate need of housing. They provide housing, structure, life skills, case management and other assistance in developing a successful productive transition into an independent lifestyle.

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 "HACC Changing Lives Shelter" or February 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 automatically be given to the ministry fund designated for that month. Thank you for your support.





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: *Carolyn Anderson, Barb Baublitz,*

Nancy Bittinger, Larry Bolin, Katherine Borsella, Bob Bortner, Allen Bowersox, Alice Button, Wilma Crawford, Jada Crow, Irene DeMart, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Gwenyeth Eyler, Julia Eyler, Family of Jeff Eyler, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Family & Friends of Ron Hagarman, Carol Ann Haines, Shirley Hippensteel, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, Pat Keefer, JoAnn Kirkpatrick, Norma Kreidler, Robert Krick, Mary Lou Krummeck, Allen Kuhns, John Kuhns, David Kunkel, Gardy Lawrence, Naura Luqman, Ricky Mai, Dave & Denise Martin, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Tammy Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Family & Friends of Stef Reid, Mary Riley, Tony Schuman, Robert Sell, Family & Friends of Dorothy Shaffer, Luanne Slusser, Pr. Jerry Smith, Beverly Snyder, Mary Stahl, Kady Storm, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, Anna Turvin, Lois VandenHeuvel, Naomi Warren, Family & Friends of Paul Warren (Melinda Elnaggar's Father), Barb Watson, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Shannon Yoeman.

Happy Birthday To Our FEBRUARY Birthdays!

- Feb. 6 Jason Brady William Leppo
 Feb. 7 Sarah Kindschuh Florence Little
 Feb. 10 Morgana Lobaugh

Feb. 12	Jeremy Long				
	Nicholas Shaw				
Feb. 20	Merle Mummert				
Feb. 23	Tom Becker				
	Kaila Smeach				
Feb. 24	Jennifer Carter				

If we've missed anyone, please let us know at 717-637-8904.

God's Global Barnyard Project: Please pick up a barn or piggie bank to collect your loose change now until Easter. Help the Sunday School raise money to provide animals to aid families so they can sustain and grow their lives and communities. Our gifts can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good. We hope that everyone at St. Mark will take part and help us make a difference. THANK YOU!





-To St. Mark Congregation: Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$600 to Safe Home. Your support helps us continue to provide often-life-saving resources such as emergency shelter and transportation to survivors of domestic violence. We are so grateful! Wishing you the best in the new year! – From the YWCA Hanover Safe Home Team

-To St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church: Thank you for blessing us with your donation of \$80 which will be applied to Ruth's Harvest Ministry

and \$40 to the greatest needs here at Hanover Area Council of Churches. We are able to serve the Hanover community with the various ministries here such as Provide-A-Lunch, Meals-On-Wheels...and Ruth's Harvest to name a few. It is so wonderful knowing that together and with God's blessings many lives have been turned around and changed for the better...Once again, please accept our many thanks. – From Mirna Wildasin, Executive Director, HACC

-To St. Mark's: We gratefully acknowledge receiving your very generous donation in the amount of \$621. Your contribution will support the Mission and work of Roots for Boots. Your generosity will help Roots for Boots to provide support for the current needs of our military heroes and their families. You are truly making a difference for our local servicemen and women. Roots for Boots aims to provide an outlet for members of the community to use their gifts, talents, and resources to serve their country. Again, thank you for your commitment to supporting our troops and serving your country in this way. We greatly appreciate your support of all we do! God bless ~ With much gratitude.... – From Christy Lucas, CEO, Roots for Boots.

Did You Know: That our Worship and Music Committee meets after church occasionally to review and plan for upcoming worship services and festivals, discuss music and liturgy, and plan for chancel and altar needs? If you would like to have a voice in the worship life of the church, please come to the next meeting.





Host a Fellowship Time: If you enjoy our fellowship time on the first Sunday of every month, please help us keep it going. The church provides the donuts – we just need someone to help with setting everything out and cleaning up afterward. All of 2023 is open – please sign up to help so we can continue to gather, talk, and enjoy a sweet treat and coffee each month.



Souper Bowl of Caring:

Once again, we are collecting food and/or cash donations to support our local food banks during the Souper Bowl of Caring event on Super Bowl weekend – **February 11th and 12th**. Let's

fill the big, empty soup pots in the narthex with canned and dry goods, which we'll then drop off to the Hanover Area Council

of Churches food bank. If you'd prefer to drop your donations off ahead of time, the church is open every weekday from 9:00am to 12noon – just bring them by when it's convenient for you. Please help us meet the needs of our local community!

Flat Sheets and Helpers Needed: The St. Mark sewing group meets on Thursday mornings to work together, creating quilts for those in palliative care at the hospital and local nursing homes. There is a great need for their work, with the hospital calling regularly to ask for more. Their mission brings comfort to people who need it, and the group members enjoy each other's company while providing for this need.





If you're looking for a way to give back or simply a way to connect with

fellow church members, we invite you to stop by and see if this is for you. No sewing experience necessary! Donations of flat sheets are also welcome.



St. Mark Eats: Feeling all cooped up this winter? Looking for fun, fellowship, and most important, food? Join us for lunch each month as we take a group culinary journey, sampling all the cuisine that our local area has to offer. We'll explore hidden delights you may not have discovered on your own such as Perkins, Olive Garden, and Chili's – all those secret, one-of-a-kind eateries tucked away throughout Hanover and our surrounding towns.

Please sign up so we can include you in our reservations. Future *Eats* will take place on:

Feb. 7th 1:00pm Olive Garden | March 7th 1:00pm Starlight Diner | April 4th 1:00pm Chili's

2023 St. Mark Directory Now Available: Our church directory of active members has been updated for 2023. Copies are now available on the table in the bell tower room. If you would like a copy sent to you by email or snail mail, please email the church office at offcoor129@gmail.com or call Joni at 717-637-8904.





FEBRUARY Altar Vases

FEBRUARY 5TH

Altar Vase:Given by Kate Klunk and Jared Laird in Memory of Warren KlunkAltar Vase:Given by Bob and Jane Bish in Memory of Annabelle Bortner

FEBRUARY 12TH

Altar Vase: Given by Carol and Bill Reese in Memory of Delores WallenAltar Vase: Given by Pat Ormond and Julie Ruth and Families in Memory of Austin Ruth

FEBRUARY 19TH

Altar Vase: Given by Lynn Gross in Memory of My Husband, GeorgeAltar Vase: Given by Lynn Gross in Honor of My Children, Kim Lizambri and Scott Gross

Lent Begins February 22nd: Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a 7:00pm service on **February 22nd**. Please join us.

Break Bread, Eat Soup, and Study With Us: We will then kick off our weekly Wednesday Lenten Soup Dinners on **March 1st** at **6:00pm** and continue through **March 29th**. We will travel the Biblical hills at our dinners. If you're able to bring soup and/or bread, or would just like to join us, please look for the sign-ups in the narthex.



Lenten Prayer Discussions:

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday Service of Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion **March 1st** – *2nd Wednesday of Lent* (1st Lenten Soup Dinner) Mt. Moriah – The Test of Faith March 8th – 3rd Wednesday of Lent (2nd Lenten Soup Dinner) Mt. Sinai - The Gift of Law March 15th – 4th Wednesday of Lent (3rd Lenten Soup Dinner) Mt. Carmel -1 vs 850 **March 22nd** – 5th Wednesday of Lent (4th Lenten Soup Dinner) Mt. of Beatitudes – Blessed Are the Happy **March 29**th – 6th Wednesday of Lent (Final Lenten Soup Dinner) Mt. Zion – God's Holy Temple April 2nd – Palm Sunday Celebration to Receive the King of Glory April 6th – Maundy Thursday (7:00pm Service) Mt. Olivet – Prayer and Betraval April 7th – Good Friday (7:00pm Service) Mt. Calvary – Sacrifice and Death April 9th – Easter Sunday/Resurrection of our Lord Celebration of the Risen Lord, the Grave Is Empty!

FEBRUARY Sunday Worship Helpers

February Altar Care: Linda Bolin

February 5th

CPIC: Kathy Gates **Lector:** Hollis Long **Comm. Assts:** Hollis Long / Need Volunteer

February 12th

CPIC: Martha Lippy **Lector:** Sami Slusser **Comm. Assts:** Sue O'Brien / *Need Volunteer*

February 19th

CPIC: Penelope Highlands **Lector:** Pat Keefer **Comm. Assts:** *Need Volunteers*

February 22nd (Ash Wednesday)

CPIC: Karen Feeser **Lector:** Alex Spalding **Comm. Assts:** Need Volunteers

February 26th

CPIC: Kathy Gates **Lector:** Hollis Long **Comm. Assts:** Need Volunteers



<u>Please Help Us Worship on Sundays</u>: Lectors, Communion Assistants, and the Altar Guild are all necessary to make our Sunday services run smoothly. If you can help by volunteering for one of these Sunday worship positions, please sign up in the narthex.

Easter Flowers: Spring is coming! It's time to order flowers for our Easter Sunday service. To dedicate spring flowers or origami doves to a loved one, please use the form below or contact the church office. Dedications will be listed in a handout on Easter Sunday, and flowers can be picked up after services that day.

EASTER FLOWE DEADLINE: Mar	R ORDER FORM ch 19 th	Y Y	
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In Memory Of:			
In Honor Of:			
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Office Use Only: L H T

Contact: Joni @ offcoor129@gmail.com | 717-637-8904 | Mail: St. Mark, 129 Charles Street, Hanover, PA 17331



News and Happenings in Our Community



Slagle Scholarship: In 2023, the Slagle Scholarship Committee will award \$1,000 to a graduating senior of Hanover or SWHS who plans to enter the nursing profession, the ministry or other religious work, or attend a vocational school. If you know anyone who fits the bill, please have them contact Martha Lippy at 717-637-8891. Completed applications must be **received by the church office on or before** <u>March 31, 2023</u>.

<u>Provide-A-Lunch Team #3 will be serving at HACC on February 26th</u>: Our team members include: Barb Baublitz, Linda Bolin, Dale Dull, Shirley Hippensteel, and Nancy Beimler. To maintain our three teams, we can use more PAL volunteers. Each team only serves **once every three months**, so it's not a huge time commitment. Any help is appreciated. Call or just come to one of our serving events at HACC on Carlisle Street.

HACC NEWS & SPECIAL NEEDS THIS MONTH:

PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program: Singleserve fruit cups, cans of mixed vegetables, sugar, egg noodles, scalloped potatoes, and plastic cutlery sets with knives, spoons, napkins, salt and pepper.

Shelter: Disposable gloves M/L, Comet, bathroom cleaner, Clorox wipes, and disinfectant spray.

Clothing Bank: Gently used clothes, men's and women's sweatpants, and men's and women's sweatshirts.

Meals on Wheels: Adult coloring books, pencils, pencil sharpeners, and word search books.

Ruth's Harvest: Single-serve fruit cups, single-serve entrées, and single-serve cereal.

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



It's Registration Time! St. Mark Preschool is accepting 2023-2024 Registrations for the upcoming school year. For more information about our preschool program and registration form please visit: <u>stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com</u> (Preschool Website) <u>stmarkhanover.org</u> (Church Website)

You may mail in your child's registration form and \$35 fee or drop it off at the church office (Willow Street entrance) any weekday between

9:00am and 12noon. Registrations will be processed in the order they arrive. You will be notified that we received the form and whether your child will be in the class you requested. If you are interested in signing your child up for the upcoming preschool year please register ASAP, as **spots fill up quickly**!

At this time we have openings in the following classes:

- 4-Year-Old PM Class (Monday, Wednesday & Friday) from 12:30pm-3:15pm
- 3-Year-Old Monday/Wednesday Class from 9:00am-11:15am
- 3-Year-Old Tuesday/Thursday Class from 9:00am-11:15am

4-Year-Old AM Class is FULL.

Any questions about 2023-2024 Registration or if you'd like to set up a tour of our preschool, please contact Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb			1 9:00am-12noon Office Open 6pm-8pm Preschool Open House	2 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group 7am-7pm UPMC Blood Drive 3pm Evangelism	3 9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study	4 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
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St. Mark Preschool classes are usually in session MONDAY through FRIDAY each week between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm

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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.

February 2023 ST. MARK BELL NEWSLETTER

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Church Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Kirk Griffin 717-808-1986; 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

2023 Congregation Council: Michael Merlo, Karen Feeser, Linda Bolin, Penelope Highlands, Kathy Gates, Martha Lippy, Hunter Shaw, Alex Spalding, and Hollis Long