



# St. Mark Bell

## January 2023



### St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street  
Hanover PA 17331  
717-637-8904  
[stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org)

#### Worship

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

- Jan 1 – New Year's Worship  
Name of Jesus Sunday  
Followed by Cookie Sharing  
Fellowship Time  
– **NO BELL REHEARSAL**
- Jan 3 – 1pm St. Mark Eats @ El Rodeo  
Restaurant
- Jan 5 – 3pm Evangelism Mtg
- Jan 6 – **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- Jan 8 – Baptism of Our Lord Sunday  
– Confirmation Class  
– Worship & Music Mtg
- Jan 12 – 6pm Fellowship Mtg
- Jan 15 – Community-Building Event &  
Potluck Lunch  
Following Worship
- Jan 16 – MLK Jr Day Observed  
– 7pm Finance Mtg
- Jan 17 – 12:30 Garden Club Mtg  
– 6pm Christian Ed Mtg
- Jan 18 – 7pm Future Task Force Mtg
- Jan 22 – Confirmation Class  
– PAL Team 1 Serves at HACC  
(corrected date)
- Jan 24 – 5pm Council Mtg
- Jan 29 – ~~PAL Team 1 Serves at HACC~~

*Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4*

Dear New in Christ:

Nostalgia always seems to creep into my thoughts around this time of year. As we move into yet another year, I ponder how could it possibly already be the year 2023. It seems like just yesterday that we moved into the new millennium. What happened to the 90's or 80's or even those 70's? Time just will not stand still, everything keeps changing, and fond memories slip into the past with hope for new ones still to come. I am sure, at this time of the year, you too share in those moments of nostalgia that make us look back with joy and perhaps just a bit of melancholy.

It's hard not to think of those times that have slipped by into the past: those beloved family members and friends that we miss so much; the traditions that we used to celebrate; the joys of events that happened long ago. As the new year begins, we ponder all these past thoughts, and yet in Christ we are given the opportunity to look with joy into the future of what is yet to be fulfilled. While we may have one foot in this world and the remembrances of times that have happened, we already have one foot into the new creation, where Christ is calling us to live with him forever.

Each year, one of the first holidays after the twelve days of Christmas is the Baptism of our Lord Sunday. On that day, we hear the story of the heaven's opening, the spirit descending, and the voice of God declaring that this is His Son. In that moment, the new age of the coming Kingdom of God begins. Jesus comes to open the heavens, offering salvation to all and declaring that we are God's children now and forever. Paul says in Romans that in Christ our old sinful self dies with Christ in our baptism so that we may rise a new creation. We no longer are simply people looking back at the past, but now we are given salvation to foresee the coming new life with Christ in his Kingdom. As Paul says, Christ raises us to walk in His newness of life.

Even as we look back at the past year, twenty years, or fifty years, we can, as Christians, still look ahead to the new creation that is coming. Christ was baptized into a death to take away our sins so that we may be raised with him to new life. By that baptism, by our baptisms, we are given this promise, that the best of life is yet to come in his promised resurrection. As baptized children of God, may we look forward to that great day with anticipation and joy, celebrating all that has past, but joyful in our new life in Christ. Be made new this day and seek that joy that is yet being fulfilled.

In the peace and grace of God,  
Pastor Kirk Griffin

# Happenings and News in our Congregation

## Congregational Election/Budget Meeting

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Meeting opened with responsive reading and prayer.
- President Mike Merlo asked for nominations:
  - Council Nominees: Hollis Long, Alex Spalding accepted
  - Audit Committee Nominee: Tom Long accepted
  - 2023 Nominating Committee Nominees: Susan Miller and Penelope Highlands accepted
  - Synod Assembly Delegates: Mike Noble accepted.
- Nominations were closed and the slate was cast with all approval.
- 2023 congregation budget was presented for discussion. It was approved as presented.
- Meeting ended with dismissal and postlude.

### November's Treasurer's Report

Category	Year To Date	Budget	% YTD
Contributions	\$ 151,768.68	\$ 229,913.60	66%
Investment	\$ 39,167.83	\$ 34,200.00	115%
Memorials	\$ 1,225.00	N/A	N/A
Mission Support	\$ 11,713.50	\$ 12,000.00	98%
<b>Year to Date Status</b>			
Income	\$ 190,936.51	\$ 264,113.60	72%
Expenses	\$ 215,768.95	\$ 264,113.60	82%
Difference	\$ (24,832.44)		



**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Our annual Year in Review Congregational Meeting will be held on **February 5<sup>th</sup>** (with a makeup date of **February 12<sup>th</sup>**). Please submit annual committee/auxiliary group reports to the church office by **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** so they can be included in the meeting.

**Winter Is Upon Us!!** Our recent cold snap has left no doubt that winter is upon us. 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 get a message on the church website ([stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org)) and the phone's voicemail (637-8904), as well as send emails if at all possible. If you're not sure whether we'll be worshipping on our normal schedule, please check before braving the weather. And if you're worried at all about ice or other unsafe conditions, please stay home and stay safe!

**INCLEMENT  
WEATHER  
INFORMATION**





**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, 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, Wayne Noel, Marian Noble, Sylvia Plank, Family & Friends of Margaret Reese, Stef Reid, Mary Riley, Tony Schuman, Robert Sell, Luanne Slusser, Pr. Jerry Smith, Beverly Snyder, Ken Sterner, 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, Sam Young.*

## Happy Birthday To Our **JANUARY Birthdays!**

**Jan. 3** Scott Miller  
**Jan. 4** Ken Wagner  
**Jan. 5** McHenze Naill  
**Jan. 6** Carol Greening  
           Leonard Stambaugh  
**Jan. 7** Cayden Jones  
**Jan. 9** Hollis Long  
**Jan. 10** Melanie Brady  
           Brooklyn Hull  
**Jan. 11** Kelly Dube  
**Jan. 12** Carly Miller-Carbaugh  
**Jan. 14** Kaitlyn Naill  
**Jan. 15** Allison Hardin  
**Jan. 16** Penelope Highlands  
           Daniel Weber  
**Jan. 17** Rick Pado



**Jan. 18** Jody Boyers  
           Bill Reese  
**Jan. 19** Cara Lynn Clabaugh  
**Jan. 20** Glenn Mummert  
           Abby Shermeyer  
           Pat Wagner  
**Jan. 22** Sandra Haymaker  
**Jan. 24** Emerie Wildasin  
           LeeAnn McDermitt  
**Jan. 25** Irene DeMart  
**Jan. 28** Anna Cromer  
**Jan. 29** Mary Berry  
           David Gates  
           Ashley Teal  
**Jan. 31** Evelyn Barnhart

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

**Post-Christmas Help Requested:** At Christmas time the Church is so beautiful. But sadly, it will soon be time to remove all the festive decor. Wally will begin taking down Christmas decorations on Tuesday, **January 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 8:00am. He could really use some help with this overwhelming task. If you're willing to assist, please call or email the church office and let us know what time you're available. Thank you in advance for your help!







**-To Our St. Mark Family:** *Shellene and I would like to thank everyone who sent Christmas greetings and gifts of support during this Christmas season. We appreciate your ongoing care and love. May God bless you through this New Year and always. – From Pastor Kirk and Shellene Griffin.*

**-To Those Who Sponsored Christmas Stars:** *Thank you to all who dedicated stars to the memory and honor of family, friends, and loved ones this Christmas season. A total of \$220 was raised to fight world hunger.*

*And, again, thank you to Diana Weaver for lovingly crafting the stars that support this cause.*

**-To Emmie Wildasin:** *Merry Christmas Emmie, Thank you so much for the card. It really made my day happy! – Wilma Crawford*

**-To Wilma Crawford:** *Thank you for reminding us to give thanks for all the kids who made Christmas Cards this year for our shut-ins and others. – The Church Office*

**-To St. Mark Family:** *Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, and lovely flowers. – Sincerely, Jane Bish.*

**-To St. Mark:** *Thank you for blessing us with your donation of \$40 to Ruth's Harvest and \$546 for our 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, Changing Lives Homeless Shelter, the clothing bank, 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. Our work will never end and thanks to you we will make sure that we continue to be there ready and able to help our Hanover community. Once again, please accept our many thanks. – Mirna Wildasin, Executive Director, Hanover Area Council of Churches*

**-To St. Mark's Lutheran Church:** *Special remarks to St. Mark's Lutheran Church for the toys and gift cards...Heartfelt thanks to all who donated and supported this worthy cause to give others a Merry Christmas. God bless all! – From the Hanover Area Council of Churches December 2022 Newsletter*

**-To St. Mark Church:** *Thank you for providing compassionate health care to those in need around the world. Your gift enables children like Angelo from the Philippines to receive the care he needed when he broke his arm. – Medical Ministry International*

**-To Everyone Who Helped Prepare for Advent and Christmas:** *There were so many people that helped to get St. Mark ready in Advent for Christmas: those who helped by bringing, making, or buying the Christmas decorations and trees; those who put them up and decorated the church by hanging ornaments and greens and by placing candles and flowers; those who made bulletins and advent bookmarks; those who sponsored and dedicated the wonderful poinsettias, stars, and wreaths; those who helped prepare for worship by placing paraments, filling and lighting candles, ringing bells, and leading the singing. What a wonderful gift everyone has given by sharing their skills, gifts, and talents. Thank you all for another great year.*



**Upcoming Church Worship Festivals** to take note of as we begin the New Year:

**Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** is the Name of Jesus Sunday:

The 8<sup>th</sup> day after Christmas and, according to Jewish laws, it would have been the day that Jesus was dedicated and named.

**Thursday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** is Epiphany:

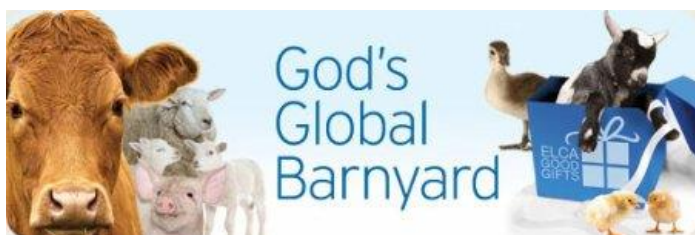
The day that marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas. Epiphany closes out Christmas as the day the magi visit the holy family, declaring him King and Lord.

**Sunday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>** is the Baptism of our Lord Sunday:

With the end of Christmas, we begin Jesus' ministry towards Jerusalem. And it all starts at his baptism when the heavens are opened and God declares him his Son. In this day we recall our own baptisms and God's adoption of us as his children.

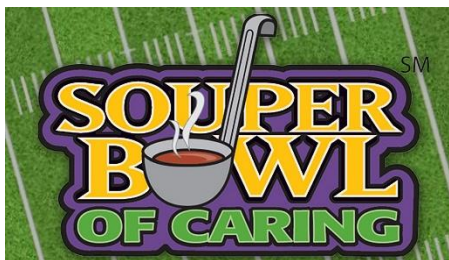
**Season of Epiphany:** This year we will have seven weeks of Epiphany, a time to discover and declare the glory of Jesus. This season ends on Ash Wednesday, **February 22<sup>nd</sup>** as we go into Lent.

## Worship Notes



**Piggie Bank Project:** Please pick up a barn or Piggie bank and then, over the next couple months, fill it with your loose change. This year we are starting early and going until Easter. Help us collect money to provide animals and other items that will help families

and individuals 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 (children, youth, and adults) will help with this project. Look for the banks in the narthex soon. Take one and start saving your coins to make a difference. THANK YOU!



### **Souper Bowl of Caring:**

Thirty-three years ago, it was one South Carolina church youth group that decided to collect food on Super Bowl Sunday in order to donate to their food bank. They were trying to overcome the hunger that they saw in their community as the world spends billions on that one football game. The next year, a handful of youth groups got together and worked together in that same town to do the food drive. Since 1990, over \$175 million worth of canned goods and cash have been donated by over 305,000 churches and organizations around the country to help fight hunger in their own communities. This year we will rejoin this effort and collect food or cash donations to highlight this day of the year and help the HACC food bank at the same time. Please plan to bring your donations of boxed/canned/bagged food items or donations of money on Super Bowl Sunday weekend, **February 12<sup>th</sup>**, to help our community foodbank meet the needs of our hungry neighbors.



**Host a Fellowship Time:** We're always looking for more hosts to keep our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship Time going. Hosting involves setting out our breakfast treats and coffee and straightening up after. Please sign up in the office hallway to host one of these monthly events in 2023. And don't forget – the first Sunday of 2023 will include a special Cookie-Sharing Fellowship. So, on New Year's Day bring in your Christmas cookies to share and usher in 2023 with a wonderful treat.



**St. Mark Eats:** This winter, our St. Mark *Eats* will be meeting for lunch instead of dinner due to earlier sunsets. Join us each month, usually on the first Tuesday, for food and fun. Future *Eats* will take place on:

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **1:00pm** at El Rodeo

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00pm** at Olive Garden

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00pm** at Starlight Diner

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00pm** at Chili's on Eisenhower



Please sign up in the narthex to join us so we can make sure there are plenty of seats available!



**Did You Know:** That St. Mark has been blessed with a great pipe organ and we are given the responsibility to be stewards of that grand instrument? That means managing careful fine-tunings and maintenance to keep it sounding beautiful. There is a fund that you can donate towards simply by noting "Organ Fund" and an amount on the *Other* line of your offering envelope and making sure to include that amount in the envelope.



**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. January's offering benefits **Lutheran Disaster Response** (LDR) to "bring God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world."

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 "Lutheran Disaster Response" or January 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. Thanks for your support.

**Community-Building Event:** Sunday, **January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Church-member-to-church-member event. Through the congregation survey, the Future Task Force group learned that members would like the opportunity to get to know each other better. As a church we already know there is too much division and angst in the world and we need to improve neighbor-to-neighbor common respect. One process of getting to know and honor your neighbor is to listen to them so that you can understand their perspective and story. So, on **January 15<sup>th</sup>**, the Task Force group will be hosting a special time to share your stories and listen to others to improve our connection as one community. This will be followed by a potluck lunch. Look for a sign-up in the narthex for those who want to take part.



**Flat Sheets and Helpers Needed:** Looking for weekly fellowship? The sewing group welcomes new members! Their mission brings comfort to those in palliative care, and they could really use more help in their weekly work group meeting those needs. Donations of flat sheets are also welcome.



## JANUARY Altar Vases



### JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>

**Altar Vases:** Given by Dave and Kathy Gates in Honor of Our Church Family

### JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>

**Altar Vase:** Given by Kate Klunk and Jared Laird in Honor of Claire Laird's 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

**Altar Vase:** *One vase is available for dedication.*

### JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

**Altar Vase:** Given by Sue O'Brien in Memory of Her Father, George Swartz

**Altar Vase:** Given by Kate Klunk, Jared Laird, and Family in Memory of Janice Kunkel

### JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

**Altar Vases:** *Both vases are available for dedication.*

### JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>

**Altar Vases:** *Both vases are available for dedication.*

**Altar Vase Dedications:** As you can see, we have many vases open. To dedicate a vase to a loved one's memory or to honor a family member or friend, please contact the church office or fill out a page in the flower book found in the narthex. Vases are \$17.00 each. Sponsoring a vase allows St. Mark's to continue our tradition of fresh flowers on the altar each week.



## JANUARY Sunday Worship Helpers

**January Altar Care:** *Need Volunteer*

### January 1<sup>st</sup>

**CPIC:** Martha Lippy

**Lector:** Mike Merlo

**Communion Assts:** Kathy Gates  
Sue O'Brien

### January 8<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Kathy Gates

**Lector:** Kate Klunk

**Communion Assts:** Kathy Gates  
*Need Volunteer*

### January 15<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Karen Feeser

**Lector:** Hollis Long

**Communion Assts:** Hollis Long  
*Need Volunteer*

### January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**CPIC:** Penelope Highlands

**Lector:** Sami Slusser

**Communion Assts:** Sue O'Brien  
*Need Volunteer*

### January 29<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** To Be Determined by Council

**Lector:** Kathy Gates

**Communion Assts:** *Need Volunteer*  
*Need Volunteer*



**Please Help Us Worship on Sundays:** 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.

## News and Happenings in Our Community

**Ruth's Harvest:** HACC's Ruth's Harvest program feeds kids who otherwise may not eat on weekends. To keep this program going and make sure kids don't go hungry when schools are closed, they need single-serve packages of nutritious food to hand out to kids on Fridays. Please place donations in the HACC shelter bin near the Church Office.



**Christmas Celebrations:** The month of December was such a wonderful time as the children filled our hallways and classrooms with Christmas songs, crafts, and cheer. Special events included a visit with Pastor Kirk to hear the wonderful story of the Birth of Jesus and a Christmas Program for each class to perform songs and fingerplays for their families. The staff and students are excited and looking forward to the second half of the school year.

### **Preschool Registration Information:**

We are also starting to think about 2023-2024 school year.

**Priority Registration:** If any of your children have previously attended St. Mark Preschool or if someone in your family is a member of St. Mark Lutheran church, you may register during the priority registration period of **January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please be sure to send in your registration as early as possible as openings fill up quickly.

**Open Registration:** Then, beginning **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, registration will open to everyone else. If your child is new to St. Mark Preschool or doesn't otherwise qualify for priority registration as mentioned above, ***you may still send in your registration form in January.*** It will be held until Open Registration begins on **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, and you'll be notified if there is a spot left for your child after that time.

***Openings for our preschool go quickly, so please send in your registration forms as soon as possible.***

To register, please complete the 2023-2024 registration form (downloadable from the [stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org) site or the preschool website [stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com](http://stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com)) and make sure you have the required \$35 registration fee.

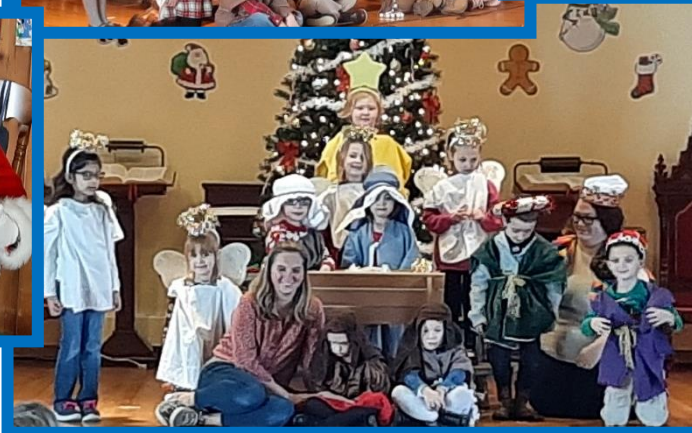
Registration form and fee may be mailed to: St Mark Preschool, 129 Charles Street, Hanover, PA 17331 or dropped off at the church office Monday through Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Any questions please feel free to contact Idonia Klunk at 717-476-2149 | 717-451-4803 or email at [stmarkpreschoolhanoverpa@aol.com](mailto:stmarkpreschoolhanoverpa@aol.com).

***Thank you all for your continued support, and the St Mark Preschool Staff would like to personally wish you all a very happy and blessed new year! – Idonia Klunk and Allison Wentz, Preschool Directors***

***Enjoy the great pictures we would like to share from our four classes and their Preschool Christmas Programs***







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

**Team #1 will be serving at HACC on January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Our team members include: Jason & Desiree Brady, Melanie Brady, Dale Dull, Pat Hagarman, Nancy Sandruck, and Emily Brodbeck. 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:** Single-serve 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.



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**UPMC Blood Drive Date Set:** On Thursday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, UPMC will once again be collecting blood in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00am to 7:00pm. It will be Groundhog's Day, so get up early, look for your shadow, and bring it along to donate. Walk-ins are welcome, but it will be quicker for you if you pre-register online <https://donate.717giveblood.org/> or call 1-800-771-0059.

**Human Trafficking Awareness Event:** The YWCA Safe Home is hosting a Red Sand Project event on **January 27<sup>th</sup>**, 1:00pm, at 23 West Chestnut Street to raise awareness for human trafficking victims and survivors who "fall through the cracks of our social, economic, and political systems, or those of our personal consciousness." To join in this event, contact Rachel Wonder at 717-637-2125 or [rwonder@ywcahanover.org](mailto:rwonder@ywcahanover.org).










JANUARY  
**HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING**  
PREVENTION MONTH



**Music in the Morning Children's Program:** The YWCA is offering a FREE program to children ages 4-9 on Saturday, **March 25<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am to 11:00am. Registration is required – please see the Hanover YWCA website for details.

**Save the Date:** Emmanuel United Church of Christ continues its 2022-2023 Community Concert Series with a performance by the Hershey Handbell Ensemble. If you'd like to see this 15-member group on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00pm, mark your calendar now!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Name of Jesus Sunday</b> 1 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School Special Cookie Fellowship Time after Worship  <b>- NO BELLS REHEARSAL -</b>	2 9:00am-12noon Office Open	3 9:00am-12noon Office Open 1pm St. Mark Eats @ El Rodeo 	4 9:00am-12noon Office Open	5 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group 3pm Evangelism	6 9:00am-12noon Office Open <b>- NO BIBLE STUDY -</b> 	7 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
<b>Baptism of Our Lord</b> 8 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School Confirmation Class Worship & Music Mtg Bells Rehearsal	9 9:00am-12noon Office Open	10 9:00am-12noon Office Open	11 9:00am-12noon Office Open	12 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group 6pm Fellowship Mtg	13 9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study	14 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
<b>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 15 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School  Community-Building Fellowship Time & Potluck Lunch Bells Rehearsal	16 9:00am-12noon Office Open 7pm Finance Mtg  MLK JR DAY OBSERVED	17 9:00am-12noon Office Open 12:30 Garden Club 6pm Christian Ed Mtg	18 9:00am-12noon Office Open 7pm Future Task Force MLK JR DAY OFFICIAL	19 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	20 9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study  NATIONAL CHEESE LOVERS' DAY	21 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
<b>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</b> 22 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School Confirmation Class PAL Team 1 (corrected date) Bells Rehearsal	23 9:00am-12noon Office Open	24 9:00am-12noon Office Open 5pm Council Mtg	25 9:00am-12noon Office Open	26 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	27 9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study	28 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
<b>4th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 29 9:00am Worship 10:20am Sunday School PAL Team 1 Bells Rehearsal	30 9:00am-12noon Office Open  NATIONAL DRAW-A-DINOSAUR DAY	31 9:00am-12noon Office Open 				

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.*

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