



# St. Mark Bell

## February 2024



### 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 Following Worship

#### Church Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am-12noon

#### Bible Study

Fridays 11:00am-12noon

#### Bells Rehearsal

Most Sundays Following 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** – 3pm Evangelism Mtg

**Feb 2** – *Presentation of Our Lord*  
– Groundhog Day

**Feb 4** – Fellowship Time following  
Worship  
– Worship & Music Mtg

**Feb 6** – 1pm St. Mark Eats @  
Divino's

**Feb 9** – 5:30pm Messy Church Event

**Feb 11** – Congregational Meeting  
– Confirmation Class  
– Souper Bowl Sunday

**Feb 13** – *Fasnacht Day/Mardi Gras*  
– 9:30am Property Mtg  
– 7pm Future Task Force Mtg

**Feb 14** –  *Ash Wednesday*  
– *Valentine's Day*  
– **7pm Ash Wednesday Service**

**Feb 18** – Congregational Mtg Makeup

**Feb 19** – *President's Day*

**Feb 20** – 1pm Garden Club Mtg

**Feb 21** – 6pm Lenten Soup Dinner

**Feb 25** – Confirmation Class  
– PAL Team 2 @ HACC

**Feb 26** – **Easter Flower Deadline**

**Feb 27** – **4pm** Council Mtg

**Feb 28** – 6pm Lenten Soup Dinner

**Feb 29** – *Leap Day*



*"Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night."  
Psalm 1:1-2*

Dear Lenten Praying Faithful:

Another Lenten season is about to come upon us. Yes, I know it seems like we just got through Advent and Christmas, but Lent, in fact, does begin early this year on February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will mark that day with our usual Ash Wednesday worship service with Holy Communion and imposition of Ashes. But Lent is more than one day; it is forty days set aside for a time of reflection and preparation. It is a time to pray, read the Word of God, and contemplate on your dedication to the faith.

Early in 1535, Peter Beskendorf, a long time barber and friend of Martin Luther, was contemplating his own spiritual life and so asked Luther how one goes about praying. Luther responded with a letter to his friend encouraging him to pray using the foundations of our faith and, as the psalmist says, *pray often, day and night*. This is the goal of all Christians, but so often we fall short in our prayer life. Luther himself admits that it is hard to sustain a meaningful prayer life in this world filled with distractions, temptations, and so many mundane tasks. And yet, he still was encouraged to seek those times of prayer no matter where his life led him. He used and suggested a four-step method to prayer: instruction, thanksgiving, confession, and requests. First, begin with listening to the instructions of what God has taught us in the commandments and creeds. Then remember to give thanks for all the blessings God has given you. Third, confess your faults, sins, and weaknesses so that you may finally end with requests for guidance, help, health, strength, and needs for others. This simple four-step prayer life can be done by all.

In Lent we are given a time to make a new start, to turn and begin with a simple plan of forty days of prayer: committing ourselves to growing our spiritual life and seeking to spend time talking and listening to God. Prayer is one of the disciplines of Lent that anyone can do, even a barber, even us. This Lenten Season, join us as we use Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray" letter as our basis for the Wednesday night Soup and Study discussions. If you can't join us on Wednesday nights, try your best to follow this method and make a resolve to pray often.

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

# Happenings and News in our Congregation

## Council Meeting Happenings: January 23, 2024

- The Council met with prayer and blessings. This past Advent and Christmas Season was mentioned as a blessing, giving thanks to all those who participated, decorated, worshipped, and took part in making it a wonderful season of the year. Council also gave thanks to our snow-shoveling people who have done great keeping our walks and parking lot open in the last two weeks.
- Elections for Council Officers were held. Mike Merlo accepted President, Penelope Highlands accepted Vice President, Martha Lippy accepted Secretary, and Kathy Gates accepted the Treasurer position. Thanks were given for their willingness to serve another year in these positions.
- Minutes, attendance, membership changes were noted and reviewed by Council.
- Council selected representatives to the various committees: Christian Ed – Hollis Long; Evangelism – Martha Lippy; Fellowship – Hunter Shaw; Finance – Mike and Gail Merlo; Preschool – Martha Lippy and Kathy Gates; Property – Gail Merlo; Social Ministry – still vacant; Worship and Music – Penelope Highlands and Alex Spalding.
- President Mike Merlo gave his beginning-of-the-year inspirational speech, reminding the council that we are the church together and with God's help we will continue to tackle new ministries and continue our traditions.
- Pastor gave his statistical report reminding the council of their previous approvals of new members and baptisms during the Council Christmas dinner. Pastor also noted that we still need a male delegate to Synod Assembly which now has been moved to St. Matthew's Lutheran in York on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Evangelism Committee gave its report, summing up the Fall Bazaar and advertising for the Christmas Season. Prayer cards were sent out but there is still a need to be informed of addresses by people placing the names on the prayer lists. Inspiration card envelopes will continue in the new year. And, finally, the committee is seeking new ways to advertise now that the Merchandiser is no longer published.
- Fellowship Committee reported on the upcoming St. Mark *Eats* events and Fellowship events for the first half of the year. The committee now meets for fellowship, dinner, and planning together and invites anyone to join them.
- Property Committee reported that the heat system needed a new little pump for Boiler 2 which has been installed, and, finally, the entire system seems to be running smoothly. Other items addressed: light box in parking lot was fixed, backpack vacuum was fixed, suppression unit alarm is working despite inspectors claim, spackling and painting needs finished in dishwasher room, and various ongoing other property needs.
- Future Task Force group reported that they are reviewing several ministry concepts and are beginning in February with the initial Messy Church idea to develop community awareness and fellowship.
- Preschool report was given showing the positive current financial picture of our preschool. Registrations are open, and the morning 4-year-old class is already full.
- Council approved the 2024 monthly Designated Funds list as the same as 2023.
- Council voted to have their next meeting at **4:00PM** on Tuesday, **February 27<sup>th</sup>**.



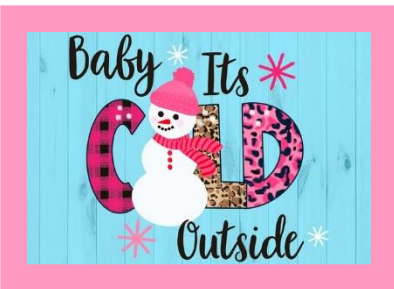
**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Our annual Year-in-Review Congregational Meeting will be held on **February 11<sup>th</sup>** (with a makeup date of **February 18<sup>th</sup>**).



**White Rose:** It is with deep regret we have to announce the passing of one of our members, Wilma Crawford, who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. In her memory, a white rose was placed in our chancel for the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.



**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: *Alvan Allison, Donald Becker, Larry Bolin, Jessica (Feaser) Boone, Katherine Borsella, Allen Bowersox, Family & Friends of Nancy Bowser, Frances Claybaugh, Family & Friends of Wilma Crawford, Deb Day, Pam DeWitt, Lisa Dickensheets, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Betty Fury, Nancy Fridinger, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Carol Ann Haines, Carrie Hernden, Shirley Hippensteel, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, Craig King, Norma Kreidler, Family & Friends of David Krick, Mary Lou Krummeck, Nancy Kuhn, Allen Kuhns, David Kunkel, Susie Laughman, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Dave & Denise Martin, Clara McBrayer, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Kathy Miller, Sandy Miller, Susan Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Tammy Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Kelly Perdue, Mary Riley, Family & Friends of Charles Rupp, Lucas Schneider, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Tara Shaw, Bob Shue, Luanne Slusser, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Beverly Snyder, Family & Friends of the Stranic Family, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Lois VandenHeuvel, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Scott Wisner, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Steve Zinn.*



**Sleet! Ice! Snow! Even Hurricanes & Tornadoes!!** 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)), 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! **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to technical difficulties, the church's voicemail message will not reflect closings as previously noted.

**Piggy Bank Project:** The card table barnyard is ready for you to choose your own personal piggy and fill his tummy with coins. From now until Easter, place your little cardboard piggy on your dresser at home where he can catch any of the loose change you bring home in your pockets and purse each day. The Sunday School will use what we collect to choose animals and other necessary household items to help families in underprivileged communities help themselves. Your gift can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty. Please help with this project so we can help others! THANK YOU!







**Welcome, Children of God:** On January 6<sup>th</sup>, we rejoiced with the Klunk/Laird Family as Grace and Claire were baptized into the body of Christ. Through the water of Baptism and by God's Word, they join with us as sisters in the eternal Kingdom of God. Welcome to the newest members of St. Mark!



**-To Our Epiphany Day Helpers:** *Thank you to all who came to the Epiphany Day Cleanup Brunch and helped us to take down our Christmas decorations. We enjoyed a morning of productivity, good food, and, most importantly, fellowship. Thank you to all!*

**-To Wayne Lippy:** *A long overdue thank you for picking up the donuts every month that we then have for fellowship time. We appreciate you!*

**-To Everyone Who Contributes "Inspirational" Supplies:** *The Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who has donated envelopes, cards, and decorations to help keep the Inspirations project going. An attempt is made to send a personal thank you for each donation. However, since we don't always know who brought in supplies, this is our all-out thank you to everyone who has contributed!*

**-To St. Mark Evangelical Church:** *Thank you for blessing us with your donation of \$80 (Greatest Needs) and \$80 (General Donation)...Our work is endless and thanks to your support, we will be able to ensure that we can continue to provide assistance to our Hanover community.*

– Mirna Wildasin, Executive Director, HACC

**-To St. Mark Evangelical Church:** *Adams County Habitat for Humanity received your donation of \$150.50. Thank you very much!...Your donation helps make it possible for us to fulfill Habitat's worldwide mission: "A world where everyone has a decent place to live." – Lori Wright, Board Secretary, Habitat*

**-To Friends at St. Mark's:** *We gratefully acknowledge receiving your generous donation in the amount of \$365...Your generosity will help Roots for Boots to provide support for the current needs of our military heroes and their families. God bless ~ With much gratitude...Happy New Year! – Christy Lucas, CEO, Roots for Boots*





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

From **January 28<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>**, St. Mark will be collecting non-perishable food to turn Super Bowl Sunday into the Souper Bowl of Caring. That Monday, we will deliver everything collected to help stock the HACC food bank. This is a trying time for many, and your donations mean our neighbors in need won't have to go to bed hungry. Thank you in advance for your help!



## **THE SEASON OF LENT BEGINS SOON**

**Lent Begins February 14<sup>th</sup>:** Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a 7:00pm service on **February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us.

**Break Bread, Eat Soup, and Study with Us:** We will then kick off our weekly Wednesday Lenten Soup Dinners on **February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm** and continue through **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. We will discuss Martin Luther's "A Simple Way to Pray." If you're able to bring soup and/or bread, or would just like to join us, please look for the signup in the church office hallway.



### **Lenten Prayer Discussions:**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday**

Service of Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion

**February 21<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Lent (1<sup>st</sup> Lenten Soup Dinner)**

Intro to Martin Luther's Letter to His Barber About How to Pray

**February 28<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Lent (2<sup>nd</sup> Lenten Soup Dinner)**

Praying on the Words of the Lord's Prayer

**March 6<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Lent (3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten Soup Dinner)**

Praying upon the First Five Commandments

**March 13<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Lent (4<sup>th</sup> Lenten Soup Dinner)**

Praying upon the Last Five Commandments

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Lent (Final Lenten Soup Dinner)**

Praying Contemplating the Apostles' Creed

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

Praying to Welcome the King of Glory into Our Lives

**March 28<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday (7:00pm Service)**

Praying through the Last Supper and Out to the Garden

**March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday (7:00pm Service)**

Prayer at Christ's Sacrifice and Death

**March 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday/Resurrection of our Lord**

Celebration of the Risen Lord, the Grave Is Empty!

**January 2024 Directory Update:** An updated directory is available for pickup in the bell tower room. If you'd like a copy emailed to you, please contact the church office at [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com).



**Easter Flowers:** Fingers crossed; spring is coming! It will soon be time for the church to place our flower order for the Easter Sunday service. **Please note the early deadline of February 26<sup>th</sup>.** 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 FLOWER ORDER FORM

**FLOWER DEADLINE: February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**DOVE DEADLINE: March 11<sup>th</sup>**



**If you are ordering more than one flower type, please specify which type is dedicated to whom.**

_____ Lily(ies) @ \$13.00 each	= _____
_____ Hyacinth(s) @ \$13.00 each	= _____
_____ Tulip(s) @ \$13.00 each	= _____
_____ World Hunger Dove(s) @ \$5.00 each	= _____
<b>TOTAL:</b>	= _____

*In Memory Of:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*In Honor Of:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Presented By:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**Contact:** Joni @ [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com) | 717-637-8904 **Mail:** St. Mark, 129 Charles Street, Hanover, PA 17331



**Host a Fellowship Time:** Who doesn't like donuts?!! And what's better than enjoying donuts with our friends and neighbors?

**First, we'd like to invite everyone to stay after church on the first Sunday of each month to share in these treats.**

And second, if you enjoy our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday tradition of sharing breakfast pastries and coffee, we're asking for help to keep it going by taking a turn as host. All that means is making the coffee, setting out the treats, and cleaning up after. The church provides the coffee, and the church provides the donuts (although the host is also welcome to bring in homemade goodies if they choose). Signup is the church office hallway, and our first Fellowship Time of the year, **February 4<sup>th</sup>**, is coming up soon!





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**Did You Know:** Lent is a perfect time to clean out your spiritual and physical closets. One way to do this is to begin each of the 40 days of Lent with a daily prayer, giving thanks for the abundance in your life. Then pick one item from your closet that you do not use, wear, or need anymore and place it in a large bag. At the end of the Lenten season, close the bag, pray that it may be a blessing to someone, then donate it either to HACC on Carlisle Street, Community Aid, or Goodwill.

*Try the 40 days of giving – a wonderful Lenten Discipline!*

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**Cold Winter/Warm Hearts:** We're happy to report that our Advent Knit Tree project provided many warm apparel items to those in need this winter. As you can see, we covered every reachable part of our Christmas tree with donations. We dropped off 95 hats, scarves, and pairs of gloves, mittens, and socks to the Changing Lives Shelter at HACC, and they are being used and MUCH appreciated – especially with the cold we've already experienced this winter.



**Get Inspired:** February will soon be here, which means new packets to keep you inspired. Be sure to pick up a packet of cards, not just for yourself, but also one or more to share! The Evangelism Committee appreciates supplies to keep this project going and, as noted above in the "Thank You" section, we are very thankful for all donations! Please contact Vivian Cullison for more information.





**A New, Fun COMMUNITY Event at St. Mark!** Please plan to join us for the first ever “Messy Church” at St. Mark on **February 9<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30pm. This is a **COMMUNITY event** to share what we have here at St. Mark with the Hanover community.

Gary Laabs, who recently returned from a December mission trip, will share a slide show presentation. He traveled on a medical boat on the Amazon River, bringing medical attention and supplies to indigenous people in Columbia, Peru, and Brazil, as well as sharing the Word of God. Gary’s show is sure to be interesting!

We’ll also have pizza and enjoy lots of fun activities and crafts. For more information, please contact Karen Feeser at 717-698-3535.

This event guarantees **fun for ALL AGES**, and we’d love for you to invite friends and neighbors. There are printed invites and flyers on the table in the church office hallway, or email Joni at [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com) for electronic copies to post online and/or print and hand out.

By the way, you can let Karen know if you’re coming to help her figure out the pizza order, but feel free to drop by at the last minute - **no signups required**. Again, this is an event for the Hanover community, so spread the word!



**St. Mark Eats:** Starting to feel some cabin fever??? If you need some social time this winter, don’t forget about St. Mark *Eats*. We’d love to have you join us for lunch! The next St. Mark *Eats* dates, times, and locations are:

**TUESDAY February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch at Divino’s at 1:00pm

**TUESDAY March 5<sup>th</sup>** – Lunch at Lu Hibachi at 1:00pm

**TUESDAY April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Lunch at Chili’s at 1:00pm

## 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  
**Feb. 24** Kaila Smeach  
Jennifer Carter

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





## FEBRUARY Altar Vases



### FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

**Altar Vase:** Given by Kate Klunk and Jared, Grace, and Claire Laird in Memory of Warren G. Klunk

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

**Chancel Basket:** Given by the Robert Bish Family in Memory of Annabelle Bortner

### FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>

**Altar Vase:** Given by Gil Bishop in Loving Memory of My Mother, Mae Louise Buchwald

**Altar Vase:** Given by Carol and Bill Reese in Memory of Delores Wallen

## FEBRUARY Sunday Worship Helpers

February Altar Care: *Need Volunteer(s)*

### February 4<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Hollis Long

**Lector:** Alexander Spalding

**Comm. Assts:** Hollis Long | *Need Volunteer*

**Greeters:** Bill Leppo | *Need Volunteer*

### February 11<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Gail Merlo

**Lector:** Hollis Long

**Comm. Assts:** Gail Merlo | *Need Volunteer*

**Greeters:** Bill Leppo | *Need Volunteer*

### February 14<sup>th</sup>

(Ash Wednesday)

**CPIC:** Tom Long

**Lector:** Alexander Spalding

**Comm. Assts:** Tom Long | *Need Volunteer*

**Greeters:** *Need Volunteers*

### February 18<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Penelope Highlands

**Lector:** *Need Volunteer*

**Comm. Assts:** Pennie Highlands | *Need Volunteer*

**Greeters:** Bill Leppo | *Need Volunteer*

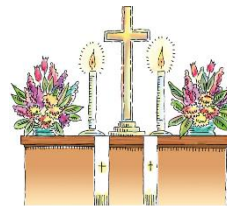
### February 25<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Martha Lippy

**Lector:** Kathy Gates

**Comm. Assts:** Martha Lippy | Kathy Gates

**Greeters:** Bill Leppo | *Need Volunteer*



*Worship Helpers*

## News and Happenings in Our Community

**Provide-A-Lunch Team #2 will be serving at HACC on February 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Our primary team members include: Joann Berwager, Dale Dull, Shellene Griffin, Lynn Gross, and Liz Robinson.

**PAL is an important program hosted by HACC to make sure local people in need get at least one hot meal per day, 365 days a year.** 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:** Cans of mixed vegetables, corn, green beans, potatoes, butter, sugar, milk, snacks, scalloped potatoes, fruit cups, peanut butter, grocery/shopping bags.

**Ruth's Harvest:** Single-serve entrees, single-serve fruit cups, single-serve cereals, single-serve granola bars.

**Clothing Bank:** Children/teen clothing (all sizes), men's jeans waist sizes 30-34, shoes/sneakers, grocery/shopping bags.

**Shelter:** Hygiene products and toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash), Clorox wipes, kitchen trash bags, and Ziploc bags (sandwich and gallon).

**Meals on Wheels:** Throw blankets, adult coloring books, colored pencils, word search books, compression socks, handkerchiefs, box tissues.

*Please place donations in the bins by the office on the corner table at end of hall.*



**Slagle Scholarship:** In 2024, 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 April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**Financial Assistance:** The Pink Out Women's Cancer Fund provides financial help to breast cancer patients for non-medical daily living expenses (rent, food, etc.). They can also help with wigs, prostheses, and other special patient needs not covered by insurance. For more information, contact Social Services at UPMC Hospital (717-316-6901) or email [pinkoutinc@gmail.com](mailto:pinkoutinc@gmail.com).



**Senior Workshops:** The Guthrie Memorial Library offers senior health and wellness workshops **every Tuesday** from 10:15am to 2:00pm for seniors 55 or older. Lunch is provided on the first two Tuesdays each month for those who register in advance. For more information, visit [YorkLibraries.org/Hanover-Guthrie](http://YorkLibraries.org/Hanover-Guthrie) or call 717-632-5183.

**Upcoming Blood Drives:** St. Mark will be hosting more Central Penn Blood Bank drives in 2024:

**March 14<sup>th</sup> | June 13<sup>th</sup> | August 15<sup>th</sup> | October 17<sup>th</sup> | December 12<sup>th</sup>**

More info to come as the drives get closer – in the meantime, save the dates!



**Pet Lost & Found:** The Hanover Borough temporarily houses stray pets found in the borough at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. If your pet is lost, call 717-633-6673 or check at the treatment plant at 300 O'Brien Lane in McSherrystown.



**Mail Tampering:** Our postman informed us that there has been a rash of mail-tampering in our area. Our mailbox is, of course, locked, but if you are sending in money for an offering or other purpose (cash or checks – checks can also be used for fraud), you may want to drop them off personally. Our mailbox is located next to the sliding office doors on Willow Street. To deposit an envelope, open the hinged door at the top and slide the envelope down the chute into the locked area marked “Incoming Mail,” being sure that it goes all the way down into the opening.

**Help Feed Kids on the Weekends!** HACC’s Ruth’s Harvest program was established to make sure kids on the free-lunch program at school are also fed on weekends and holidays. 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.



## February Preschool News

As of **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, St. Mark Preschool is now accepting 2024-2025 registrations for the upcoming school year. If you or anyone you know is interested in the program, we will be having an **Open House on February 1<sup>st</sup>** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, with classroom tours, artwork displays, and a meet-and-greet.

For more information about our preschool program and registration form you may visit:

[stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com](http://stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com) (St. Mark Preschool’s website)

[stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org) (St. Mark Church’s website)

The registration form and \$35 fee may be mailed in or dropped off to the church office between 9:00am and 12:00pm Monday through Friday or in the church mailbox anytime.

Registrations will be processed in the order they arrive. You will be notified that we received your form and if 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.

4-Year-Old PM Class (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) from 12:30pm to 3:15pm

3-Year-Old Class (Monday and Wednesday) from 9:00am to 11:15am

3-Year-Old Class (Tuesday and Thursday) from 9:00am to 11:15am

**~THE 4-YEAR-OLD AM CLASS IS ALREADY FULL~**

For questions about 2024-2025 Registration or if you would like to set up a tour of our preschool, please contact Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803.

**We hope everyone is keeping warm and enjoying the winter season as much as the preschool students are. Please enjoy photos of the kids on the next page!**

– ALLISON WENTZ AND IDONIA KLUNK, PRESCHOOL CO-DIRECTORS



# ARTS & CRAFTS





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February</h1> 				<p>1</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p> <p>3pm Evangelism Mtg</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD</p>  <p>GROUNDHOG DAY</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p> 
<p>4</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Fellowship Time Following Worship</p>  <p>Worship &amp; Music Mtg</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>  <p>NATIONAL PRIMROSE DAY</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>1pm St. Mark Eats @ Divino's</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p>  <p>NATIONAL KITE FLYING DAY</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm Messy Church Event!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Congregational Meeting Confirmation Class</p>   <p>Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:30am Property Mtg 7pm Future Task Force</p>  <p>FASNACHT DAY MARDI GRAS</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>7pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY &amp; VALENTINE'S DAY</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School Congregational Mtg Makeup Date</p> <p>Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>  <p>HAPPY Presidents Day</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>1pm Garden Club Mtg</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>6pm Lenten Soup Dinner</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p>  <p>NATIONAL TORTILLA CHIP DAY</p>
<p>25</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p> <p>PAL Team 2</p> <p>Bells Rehearsal</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>Easter Flower Deadline</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>4pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>6pm Lenten Soup Dinner</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p> 		

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Please see the preschool calendar for more information.

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