



## 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

**Sept 1** – Potluck Brunch Fellowship  
Following Worship

**Sept 2** – *Labor Day*

– **OFFICE CLOSED**

**Sept 5** – 3pm Evangelism Committee  
Mtg

– Preschool Orientation (3's)

**Sept 7** – 12pm Private Event in  
Fellowship Hall

**Sept 8** – “God’s work. Our hands.”  
Sunday

– 2024-25 Sunday School Year  
Kicks Off

**Sept 9** – Preschool 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day (4's)

**Sept 11** – *Patriot Day*

**Sept 12** – 6pm-7pm Choir Practice

**Sept 14** – *Holy Cross Day*

**Sept 15** – Sunday School Regular  
Classes Resume

**Sept 16** – Preschool 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day (3's)

**Sept 17** – 1pm Garden Club Mtg

**Sept 20** – **OFFICE CLOSED**

– **NO BIBLE STUDY**

**Sept 22** – *1<sup>st</sup> Day of Fall*

– PAL Team 1

**Sept 25** – Sub Sale Orders Due

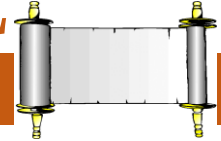
**Sept 26** – 6pm-7pm Choir Practice

**Sept 27** – **NO BIBLE STUDY**



# ST. MARK BELL

## Pastor's Ponderings



“I will put my law within them,  
and I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.”

JEREMIAH 31:33B

Dear St. Mark Readers:

For nearly 30 years I have written “Pastor’s Ponderings” each month in church newsletters. I have used these messages to discuss many

topics. Quite often I considered them informative, spiritual, challenging, or even sometimes uplifting. But this month as I opened this newsletter to begin writing, I noticed that the “Pastor’s Ponderings” clipart image I usually use, the scroll, was empty. The words of the title had shifted over to the side. The scroll stood empty – no words, no images, no spiritual value at all – just empty.

As I stared at the blank scroll’s empty space, I realized, in a way, it represents our faith. Without the Lord, we would be without hope, lost and empty. We would be simply blank, without promised salvation and the everlasting life in the Lord’s Kingdom. Without the Word of God written on our hearts, we would not know of His glory and the hoped-for redemption of our souls. We would be living a life like an unwritten scroll, slowly being rolled out to the end with no everlasting life to come.

But Jeremiah prophesied to the people of faith that God would not forget His people. Jeremiah was talking to a country which had been devastated by war, oppression, and dispersion. Many were in captivity, far from home, slaves to a foreign dictator. It was as if they had no lives of their own. But God comes to Jeremiah and tells him that He will remember His people and restore them. He is told that God will make his people like a well-watered garden and they will know sorrow no more (31:12). God will turn mourning into gladness and give comfort and joy instead of sorrow (31:13). God will write his law on their hearts and all shall know Him. Jeremiah promises our blank scroll will no longer be empty but filled full of the Good News of God.

Now in Jesus, the incarnate Lord, the very Word of God, this promise has been fulfilled. At one time we may have been lost, forsaken, living as if in a barren wilderness, but now we have Jesus, who comes to fulfill the Law and grant us God’s love. We are not simply an empty scroll, but now a named child of God. Our lives are written out by His grace and glory. This September, lift up the Word of God, read that Good News. Go and seek that promise, giving thanks that we have been written in the Lamb’s book of life. We are not empty but in His Word.

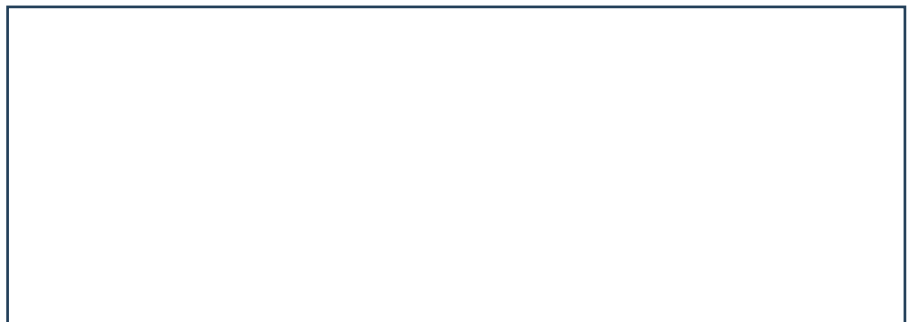
**In the peace and grace of God,  
Pastor Kirk Griffin**

# HAPPENINGS AND NEWS IN OUR CONGREGATION

## ST. MARK COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

- Council met August 27<sup>th</sup>, opening with prayer.
- Blessings were shared that we were still able come together in the fellowship hall for worship despite not having air conditioning in the sanctuary, and that everyone is sitting together and responding well. Another blessing was shared that both our VBS and Preschool programs are doing a great ministry to the community.
- Council received and reviewed thank you notes from Marian Noble, Pam Mummert, East Berlin Community Singers, HACC, VNA, and UPMC.
- Minutes, attendance and membership roll updates were reviewed and accepted.
- Council President Mike Merlo gave his report noting how blessed St. Mark is by God.
- Pastor gave his statistical report and mentioned a few other items of business which included the AC fund and upcoming vacations.
- Christian Education Committee didn't have a report but will be meeting Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, to finish up plans for the coming Sunday School year.
- Evangelism is continuing to plan for the upcoming community event, the Fall Bazaar, and sharing our faith in prayer cards, glory moments, and monthly devotionals.
- Property Committee listed various needs that are being addressed around the church grounds and building. Some of the pressing ones are the sanctuary air conditioning, the dying trees in the parking lot area, stage curtain needing re-roped, clogged drain in dishwasher room, and a need for new trimmer.
- Worship and Music Committee addressed once again the plants in the sanctuary and the broken flagon which both need work. Also discussed worship plans, new liturgy usage for Fall, copyright licensing, and 2025 budget.
- Preschool Board minutes were reviewed and all the scheduled plans for the new year noted. Council also noted the great job the teachers are all doing in the classes.
- Future Task Force gave their final recommendations to continue to work on our three priorities: hero community event, messy church event, and posting online worship.
- PAL teams plan to reorganize into two groups in the new year with a new schedule.
- Synod notified our congregation that the Synod Secretary position is vacant until our next synod assembly next June.
- Treasurer report was received and reviewed to keep track of higher expenses as we head into Fall. A new budget is being worked on, and Finance is seeking input from all committees.
- Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 4:00pm. All are welcome.

### July's Treasurer's Report





- Dora
- Grayson
- Daniel Ard
- Family & Friends of Donald Becker
- Nancy Bender
- Jessica (Feeser) Boone
- Katherine Borsella
- Family & Friends of Allen Bowersox
- Family and Friends of Bob Breighner
- Frances Claybaugh
- Tim Cowan
- Lisa Dickensheets
- Diane Duffy
- Robin Eline
- Tarek Elnaggar
- Jean Eshbach
- Dennis Fahey
- Betty Fury
- Nancy Fridinger
- Nancy Gill
- Vickie Gouker
- Dane Graham
- Tom Greenholt
- Carol Ann Haines
- Family & Friends of Justin Hartz
- Chase Henry & Family
- Carrie Hernden
- Drew Highlands
- Martha Howells
- Donna Jones
- Debbie Kellenbenz
- Craig King
- Shawn Klunk
- Kelly Koontz
- Norma Kreidler
- Mary Lou Krummeck
- Allen Kuhns
- David Kunkel
- Jean Lawrence
- Tom Lawrence
- Ronnie Lippy
- Naura Luqman
- Dave & Denise Martin
- Carol McDermitt-Humes
- Family & Friends of Mary Ellen Melhorn
- Carol Miller
- Sandy Miller
- Merita Moore
- Leah Moul
- Merle Mummert
- Pam Mummert
- Carolyn Neumyer
- Marian Noble
- Susan O'Brien
- Kelly Perdue
- Mary Riley
- Lucus Schneider
- Bob and Cecelia Sell
- Bob Shue
- Dawn Slate
- Luanne Slusser
- Denise Smith
- Pr. Jerry Smith
- JoAnn Smith
- Sarah Smith
- Beverly Snyder
- Phyllis Tasto
- Jennie Tome
- George Tracy
- Allison Trump
- Gloria Wagaman
- Jody Walter
- Naomi Warren
- Barb Watson
- Diana Weaver
- Ron Wentz
- Kathy Wildasin
- Edward Wiltrout
- Scott Wisner
- Rebecca Wisotzkey

*We ask that you keep all our shut-ins and those needing special help in your daily prayers. If you know of someone in need of prayer, please contact the church office or add them to the prayer list located on the brass stand in the narthex. If you know of a name that can be removed from the list, please let us know.*

**TUESDAY, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Lunch** at Plaza Azteca at **1:00pm**

**TUESDAY, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Lunch** at Hoss's at **1:00pm**

**TUESDAY, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lunch** at Perkins at **1:00pm**



**St. Mark Eats**

## Growing in Grace, Impacting the World

We want to give a big thanks to **Martha & Wayne Lippy** along with **Linda Bolin, David Gates, Joan Reigle,** and **Nancy Sandruck**, all of whom represented St. Mark



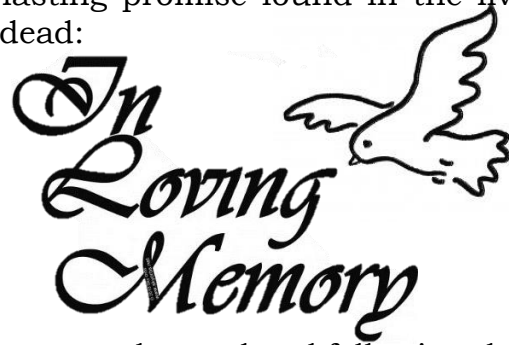
at the Snack Town Street Fair. They braved the extreme heat to share God and our church information with the Hanover community and beyond. Lots of people stopped by, and they gave away many, many crocheted prayer squares. And thanks also to the crocheters behind the scenes who provided the hundreds of prayer squares, as well as many more throughout the year – **Jo Kuhns, Judy Laughman,** and **Amy Shermeyer**. We appreciate you all!



## In Memorial

It is with deep regret we must announce the passing of several of our church members since our last newsletter, all of whom entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead:

**Patricia Hagarman** on July 6<sup>th</sup>;  
**Lois VandenHeuvel** on July 10<sup>th</sup>;  
**Mary Ellen Melhorn** on July 21<sup>st</sup>;  
**Allen Bowersox** on July 26<sup>th</sup>;  
and **Robert Breighner** on August 16<sup>th</sup>.



A white rose was placed in the chancel in their memory on the weekend following the passing of each beloved member. Please keep the families and friends of Pat, Lois, Mary Ellen, Allen, and Bob in your prayers.

## ST. MARK'S DESIGNATED FUND

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

During September our designated need will be the **Habitat for Humanity**. Habitat Humanity partners with people in the community and all over the world to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage.

To contribute to this month's need, please specify on your check or the *Other* line of your offering envelope: "**Habitat for Humanity**" (or "**September's Designated Need**"). Donations made on the *Other* line that have no written designation will automatically be given to that month's ministry fund. Thanks for your support.



## Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Bazaar Is Coming!



Once again, the Evangelism Committee is planning a Fall Bazaar on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Watch for signup sheets for cooks, bakers, crafters, and anyone else willing to lend a hand. Come to our next planning session during the Evangelism Committee meeting on **September 5<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00pm. Be sure to mark your calendars now and spread the word – we'll have food, crafts, and more! If you'd like to be a vendor, applications can be

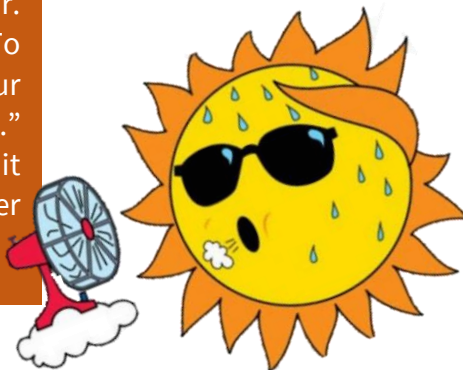
found at [stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org) – just click on the Fall Bazaar flyer to download one. Applications and payment are due by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**If you're able to post flyers or share a graphic on your social media, contact Joni at 637-8904 | [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com)**



## Did You Know?

The Sanctuary needs a new outside air conditioning unit. An AC task force will soon be researching replacement options and expenses involved in this new system. We've started a Sanctuary AC Fund to cover the replacement costs and appreciate the generous donations we've received thus far. However, we still have a long way to go. To help fund this campaign please mark your offering envelope's *Other* line with "AC Fund." With your help, we hope to have a new unit installed and running before we face another hot summer season!



## Blood Drive Follow-Up

Thank you to all who supported and/or participated in the August 15<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive. Central Penn Blood Bank collected 64 units of blood, potentially saving 192 local lives. Please mark your calendars for our next blood drive on **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## Vacation Bible School

This summer, our VBS students and teachers enjoyed the special St. Mark / St. Paul edition of the Olympic games – Bible-style! Fifty kids aged 4 to 11 joined us for crafts, games, and music, all while learning about the Bible. They helped to put together hundreds of health cards for Gary Laabs' upcoming MMI mission trip to the Amazon River, while also collecting 120 packages of medications and vitamins, as well as \$142.75 in cash for Gary to purchase additional supplies for the trip. Thank you to all who helped out, including **Karen Feeser, Linda Bolin, Linda Kuhn, Kate Klunk, Hollis Long, Martha Lippy, Matt Funke, Stacey DeLong, Pastor David DeLong, and Bill Leppo**, plus leaders from our co-hosts at St. Paul's. It was another great VBS week!



## Glory Project Update



In June and July, we performed **43 acts of glory**. If you'd like to share a kind act and help us meet our goal of

2,024 for the year, fill out one of the index cards in the sanctuary or email a note to [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com).



**To Those Who Helped with MMI's Missions:**

*Thank you to everyone who donated medications for Gary to take on his upcoming Amazon River mission trip. Thanks also to everyone who donated greeting cards and helped transform them into decorative health information cards. These cards will be distributed to the communities that MMI visits along the Amazon River to help educate the people in that area. And thank you all for the prayers and support of Gary's June mission trip, as well!*

**To St. Mark:**

*Thank you for blessing us with your donation[s] of \$160 to Ruth's Harvest and \$690 to PAL (Provide A Lunch) Ministry. With your contributions, we are able to serve the Hanover community within our various ministries here. 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.*

– Mirna Wildasin, Executive Director,

**To Pastor Kirk, Shellene, and Congregation:**

*Thank you so very much for all your prayers while I was so sick. Prayers helped me and I know I was in God's hands...It is slow going, but I am getting a little better and stronger each and every day.*

– GOD BLESS YOU! Pam Mummert

**Heroes Thank You:**

*Thank you to all who helped St. Mark celebrate our community heroes on July 14<sup>th</sup>, including Gary Laabs who organized the event and those who helped with vendors, set-up/tear-down, providing and serving refreshments, parking guests, performing, decorating, and spreading the word. We hope to hold this event again sometime next year. Thank you, everyone!*

***PS Look for photos elsewhere in this newsletter.***

**To the St. Mark Sewing Group:**

*Dear Friends, Thank you so much again for your wonderful gift of quilts to the hospital several times a year. The quilts are such an important part of the spiritual support the staff and I give to patients close to death, and their families. Thank you always.*

– Chaplain Eric Stenman, UPMC

**Dear St. Mark Lutheran Church Congregation:**

*Thank you for your generous donation of \$12.00 to the mission of Olivia's House...Be assured that healing will occur for many grieving children as a result of your generosity! – Bless your hearts! Thank you.*

– K.C. Delp, Executive Director

**St Mark ELC:**

*On behalf of the VNA, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$584 that you made in support of the VNA Hospice program...We truly appreciate your support of the Visiting Nurse Association of Hanover & Spring Grove's Hospice program.*

– Sincerely, Kevin C. Maloney,  
PT, President & CEO

## Save the Date

The Annual Pet Blessing worship will be outside in front of the sanctuary on Saturday, **October 4<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00pm. Be sure to bring your entire menagerie to receive their blessings. All pets are welcome. We celebrate all creation and all animals that our Lord has blessed us with as part of this life. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon!



## Alzheimer's Walk

Pat Keefer is once again walking to help end Alzheimer's on **October 5<sup>th</sup>** and appreciates your support. To join her or donate on behalf of her team, go to [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk) and search for Wayne's Walkers.



## "God's work. Our hands." Sunday

**On September 8<sup>th</sup>**, please join us after worship to assemble school kits for children in need here in the U.S. and around the world. We give thanks for all who have donated supplies. There's still time to donate school items the first week of September. Each kit needs:

- (4) **70-sheet spiral notebooks** (wide or college-ruled paper)
- (1) **30-centimeter ruler** (12 inches)
- (1) **pencil sharpener**
- (1) **pair of blunt kid's scissors**
- (5) **unsharpened #2 pencils** (with erasers)
- (5) **black or blue ballpoint pens**
- (1) **box 24 crayons**
- (1) **2-½" eraser**

We also appreciate financial donations to help pay for the sling sacks we're packaging them in, as well as to fill in incomplete kits. Please mark your envelope "School Kits."

## News from Our Music Director

### Trinity Choir

Choir season is upon us. During the months of COVID 19, the choir recorded their parts separately and I combined and edited them into a full anthem or liturgy response. Those individual lessons and rehearsals continue to this day. Now we are going to be "hybrid." Twice a month we will rehearse in person with online lessons and possibly some in-person lessons as well. This is where we start and build. We invite anyone from 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up to join us in this new venture. If you like to sing, want to learn how, or just appreciate the power of music to heal and transport as well as enhance the message during worship, please see me or anyone in the choir. Our first in-person rehearsals are **September 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

### TrebleBells

Bells rehearsals begin **September 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:20am to 11:30am**. Our rehearsals are Sundays after worship. All ages from 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to come to experience the world of handbells and chimes. There is plenty of room for anyone interested in learning. No need to read music. Come try it, you might like it. There are lots of opportunities for people of all abilities. You may speak to anyone in the TrebleBells or me for more information or just pop in.

— MELINDA ELNAGGAR,  
MUSIC DIRECTOR





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**To Our SEPTEMBER Birthdays!**

**Sept. 2** Nate Ormond  
**Sept. 7** Michael Lobaugh  
**Sept. 12** Jeff Kindschuh  
 Joan Reigle  
**Sept. 15** Martha Lippy  
**Sept. 16** Debbie Folmer  
**Sept. 19** Joanne Reifsnider



**Sept. 20** Vicki George  
 Wayne Lippy  
 Abbi-Lynn Washington  
 Jared Laird  
**Sept. 22** Donna Jones  
**Sept. 26** Christopher Greening  
 Barb Wentz  
**Sept. 30** Shellene Griffin  
 Linda Kuhn  
 Jennie Tome

*\*If you ever notice a missing birthday – please contact the office at 717-637-8904*

**SEPTEMBER**  
*Altar Vases*



**Sept. 1**

**Given in Memory of Loved Ones**

*By Vivian Cullison*

**Given in Memory and Honor of Our Family Members**

*By Gail & Michael Merlo*

**Sept. 8**

**Given in Memory of James P. Kunkel**

*By Kate Klunk & Jared, Grace, and Claire Laird*

*One Vase Open for Dedication\**

**Sept. 15**

*Both Vases Open for Dedication\**

**Sept. 22**

**Given in Celebration of Jared Laird's Birthday**

*By Kate Klunk and Grace and Claire Laird*

**Given in Honor of Pam & Randy's Anniversary**

*By Glenn & Nancy Mummert*

**Sept. 29**

**Both Vases Given in Memory of Austin Ruth**

*By Pat Ormond and Julie Ruth and Families*

**Chancel Basket Given in Memory of Janice Kunkel**

*By Kate Klunk & Jared, Grace, and Claire Laird*

*\*Please contact Joni to sponsor a vase at \$17.00 each*



# SEPTEMBER

## Sunday Worship Helpers

September Altar Care: *Need Volunteer(s)*

### September 1<sup>st</sup>

**CPIC:** Gail Merlo  
**Lector:** Alex Spalding  
**Comm. Assts:** Gail Merlo  
Pennie Highlands  
**Greeter:** Bill Leppo

### September 8<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Pennie Highlands  
**Lector:** Karen Feeser  
**Comm. Assts:** Pennie Highlands  
Karen Feeser  
**Greeter:** Bill Leppo

### September 15<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Kathy Gates  
**Lector:** Kathy Gates  
**Comm. Assts:** Kathy Gates  
*Need Volunteer*  
**Greeter:** Bill Leppo

### September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Guest Minister:** Pastor David DeLong  
**CPIC:** Martha Lippy  
**Lector:** Alex Spalding  
**Comm. Assts:** Stacey DeLong  
Karen Feeser  
**Greeter:** Bill Leppo

### September 29<sup>th</sup>

**Guest Minister:** Pastor David DeLong  
**CPIC:** Pennie Highlands  
**Lector:** Pennie Highlands  
**Comm. Assts:** Stacey DeLong  
Karen Feeser  
**Greeter:** Bill Leppo



## Some Photos from Our Heroes Celebration in July



## NEWS AND HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Provide-A-Lunch at Hanover Area Council of Churches

**Provide-A-Lunch Team #1 will be serving at HACC on September 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Our primary team members include: **Melanie Brady, Dale Dull, and Nancy Sandruck.**



**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 teams, we can use more PAL volunteers. Teams alternate monthly. Any help is appreciated. Call or just come to one of our serving events at HACC on Carlisle Street.

### HACC News and Special Needs

**PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program:** Cans of Mixed Vegetables, Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Carrots, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable Oil, Olive Oil, Spray Oil, Sugar, Ziploc Bags (Sandwich and Gallon Sizes)

**Ruth's Harvest:** Single-Serve Fruit Cups, Single-Serve Cereals, Macaroni & Cheese Cups, Canned Vegetables

**Meals On Wheels:** Handkerchiefs, Sugar-Free Candy/Snacks, Hand-Held Fans, NO-Slip Slippers, Journal Books

**Clothing Bank:** Men's Jeans Waist Sizes 30-34, Shoes/Sneakers (All Sizes), Grocery Bags, Shopping Bags, Reuseable Bags, White Garbage Bags (13-Gallon Size), Dryer Sheets, Laundry Detergent, Baggies (Snack-Size)

**Shelter:** Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Body Wash, Clorox Wipes, Kitchen Trash Bags, Ziploc Bags (Sandwich and Gallon Sizes), Razors (Men's and Women's), Toothbrushes

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



### Help Us Feed Hungry Kids

As the school year begins, Hanover Council of Churches is getting ready for another year of Ruth's Harvest. Individual packs of fruit, vegetables, snacks, and tuna / chicken pouches make great donations to support the children's program. These bags are made up each week and given to qualifying children in local elementary schools. The bin to donate is located on the floor by the church office.



### Shredding & License Plate Replacement

On Saturday, **September 28<sup>th</sup>**, Kate Klunk's office on Carlisle Street is hosting a shredding event from 9:00am to 12noon. Staff will also be on hand to help with license plate replacements.

### CROP Hunger Walk

The CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, **October 13<sup>th</sup>**. Walkers can choose 1-, 2-, or 3-mile walks. If you'd like to walk or sponsor a walker, contact the church office at 637-8904 or talk to Linda Bolin, Team Captain. Cash or checks made payable to "Church World Service" may be forwarded to St. Mark's office or given directly to the walkers.





## COMMUNITY FALL ACTIVITIES & MUSIC



### Mt. Carmel's Fall Fest

Mt. Carmel Church on Moulstown Road will offer vendors, games, crafts, food, and live music on Saturday, **October 19<sup>th</sup>**, from 11:00am to 4:00pm. For more information, call 717-632-2688.



### Fall Fest at Lehigh's Greenhouse

On Saturday, **September 21<sup>st</sup>**, from 10:00am to 3:00pm, Lehigh's is hosting a fall festival with hayrides, bounce houses, live music, face painting, balloon artist, animals, pumpkin painting, and a corn crib – all free of charge. In addition to the free activities, they'll also have vendors, grab bags, games, and food trucks. Lehigh's is at 2392 Grandview Road in Hanover. For more information, call Amy Lehigh at 717-465-4450.



### Season-Ending Lawn Concert at the Mansion

The Hanover Historical Society hosts The Generations Big Band at the Warehime-Myers Mansion in downtown Hanover on **September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Refreshments are available at 6:00pm, and the concert starts at 6:30pm.

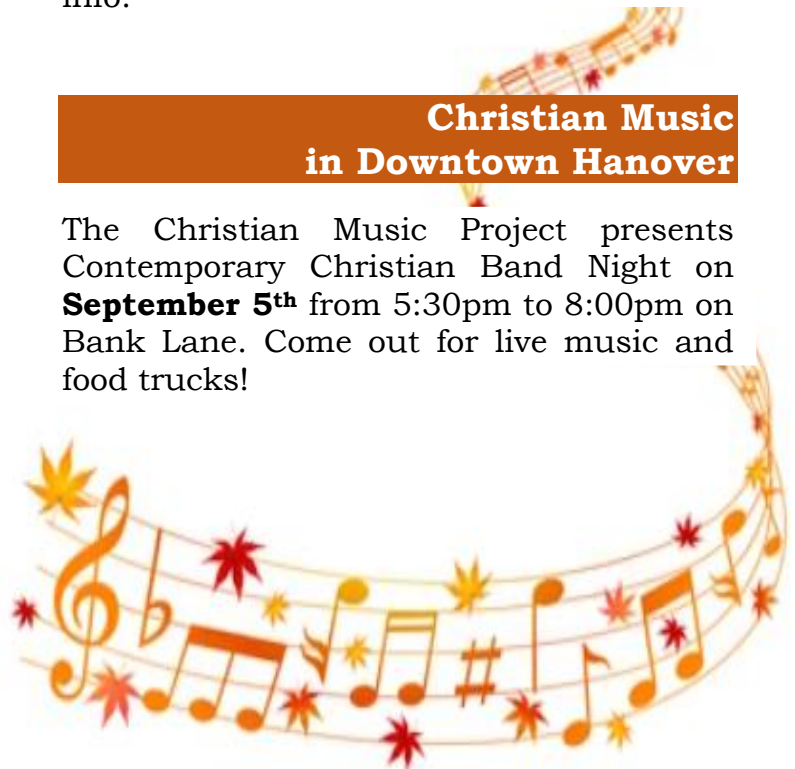


### Free Organ Concert

St. Matthew on Chestnut presents Dan Miller, world-renowned concert organist, for a show on Sunday, **October 6<sup>th</sup>**, at 4:00pm. Tickets are not required. Contact St. Matthew's at 717-637-7101 for more info.

### Christian Music in Downtown Hanover

The Christian Music Project presents Contemporary Christian Band Night on **September 5<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30pm to 8:00pm on Bank Lane. Come out for live music and food trucks!





## Getting Ready and Excited for the 2024-2025 School Year

Where did the summer go? It seems like it was only a week ago that we were celebrating the preschool's Class of 2024. Now, we are ready and excited to open our doors once again to a new group of students.



### Welcome Back!

This year the 4-year-old classes will continue to be taught by Idonia Klunk, and Mandy Wasserman and Lauren Hammersla will be assisting. Allison Wentz will continue to teach the 3-year-old classes, and Cheree O'Connor and Karen Amoss will be assisting.

### Room for One More

We have a recent opening available in the 4-year-old afternoon class. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the preschool at [stmarkpreschoolhanoverpa@aol.com](mailto:stmarkpreschoolhanoverpa@aol.com) or 717-451-4803.

### Sub Sale

On **September 4<sup>th</sup>**, we're kicking off our fall R & K Sub Sale Fundraiser. Order forms are available on the side table in the fellowship hall on weekends, and on the church hallway table during the week. Orders and payment are due **September 25<sup>th</sup>**, with pickup on Wednesday, **October 9<sup>th</sup>**, between 11:00am and 12:30pm in the fellowship hall.

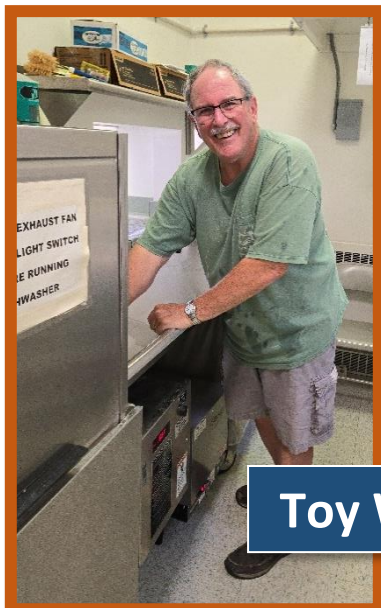
### Thank You!

The Preschool Committee and staff would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations to our preschool over the summer. The supplies you provided will help keep our preschool running smoothly.

We also want to thank everyone that came out to the Sweet Treat Fundraiser at Big Dippers. It was a wonderful turnout and Big Dippers was amazing. Fred and his staff at Big Dippers were hospitable and generous to us all.

Thanks again for all your continuous support.

– IDONIA KLUNK AND ALLISON WENTZ, PRESCHOOL CO-DIRECTORS



Toy Washing Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1 9:00am Worship <b>Special Potluck Brunch &amp; Fellowship Time after Worship</b> 	2  <b>-OFFICE CLOSED-</b>	3 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	4 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	5 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i> <b>3pm Evangelism Mtg</b> <b>Preschool Orientation</b> <b>(3's Class)</b> 	6 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 11:00am Bible Study	7 5:30pm Spoken <i>Liturgy of Word</i> <b>12noon-4pm Private Event in Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School <b>"God's work. Our hands." Sunday</b>  God's work. Our hands.	9 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> <b>Preschool 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day (4's Class)</b> 	10 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	11 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>  <b>9-11 PATRIOT DAY</b>	12 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i> <b>6pm-7pm Choir Practice</b>	13 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 11:00am Bible Study  NATIONAL BLAME SOMEONE ELSE DAY	14 5:30pm Spoken <i>Liturgy of Word</i> 
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 15 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School  <i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	16 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> <b>Preschool 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day (3's Class)</b>	17 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> <b>1pm Garden Club Mtg</b> 	18 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 	19 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i>	20 <b>-OFFICE CLOSED- -NO BIBLE STUDY-</b>	21 5:30pm Spoken <i>Liturgy of Word</i>  TELEGRAPH POLE APPRECIATION DAY
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 22 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Fall</b> <b>PAL Team 1</b>  <i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	23 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	24 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>	25 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> <b>Preschool Sub Sale Orders Due</b> 	26 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> 9:00am-12noon <i>Quilting Group</i> <b>6pm-7pm Choir Practice</b>	27 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i> <b>-NO BIBLE STUDY-</b>	28 5:30pm Spoken <i>Liturgy of Word</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 29 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School  <i>Bells Rehearsal</i>	30 9:00am-12noon <i>Office Open</i>  <b>Celebrate Ask a stupid question day</b>					

\*NOTE: Beginning **September 9<sup>th</sup>**, St. Mark Preschool classes are in regular session **MONDAY** through **FRIDAY** each week between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm. Please see the preschool calendar for more information.

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