

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS/UPDATES
September 25, 2024

From *DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2018: Roberta Messner*

*But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them,
“With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.” – MATTHEW 19:26*

I was retiring from my nursing job of thirty-eight years, embarking on the “second act” of my life. At long last, I'd get to do what I enjoy on my terms.

The only thing I needed was a more dependable vehicle. Make that a dependable vehicle on a limited budget. “Lord, please help me find a low-mileage car in great condition for a great price,” I prayed everyday as my retirement approached. “Something a little old lady has just driven to the post office.”

Then one Saturday morning, my sister suggested we drive to an estate sale in a town we'd never visited. The address sounded like it was way out in the country and would take forever to find. I plain didn't want to go. But armed with the GPS, we were on our way.

Word was that the woman who lived there had been diagnosed with early Alzheimer's disease and was now residing in a nursing home. The man conducting the sale said to me: “I know you're not looking for a car, Roberta, but if you were, I have an incredible deal out in the garage. And the price gets reduced \$1,000 in 10 minutes.” He then added words that sent a chill up my spine. “Hard to believe, but it only has 19,000 miles on it. The woman just drove that baby to the post office.”

Later, when I picked up the car, there was a golden placard hanging on the rearview mirror. On it were the words from Matthew 19:26: “With God, all things are possible.”

*Thank you, Lord, for incredible people who remember
You during difficult transitions. – ROBERTA MESSNER*

Prayer: *Let us pray, Almighty God, You know me, through and through, my thoughts, my feelings, my hopes and my needs. Help me to learn to trust in Your will, knowing that all works towards the good in You and Your kingdom. Send Your Spirit to guide me along my pathway of life, emblazon Your passion for Your Word into my heart, and fill me with the ability to do Your will in all I say and do, following in the ways of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray. Amen.*

Weekly Schedule:

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00am to 12:00noon

Preschool: Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm

Wednesday, September 25 Preschool Sub Sale Orders Due

Thursday, September 26 9:00am to 12noon – Quilters Group

6:00pm to 7:00pm – Choir Practice

Friday, September 27

NO BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, September 28 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – 19th Weekend After Pentecost

Sunday, September 29 9:00am – Traditional Worship – 19th Weekend After Pentecost

Sunday School Following Worship

Sanctuary AC Task Force Meeting in Finance Room Following Worship

Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 1

1:00pm – St. Mark *Eats* @ Plaza Azteca

6:00pm/7:00pm – Family Visitation/Funeral Service for Diana Weaver in
St. Mark Sanctuary

Thursday, October 3

9:00am to 12noon – Quilters Group

3:00pm – Evangelism Committee Meeting

Friday, October 4

11:00am to 12noon – Bible Study

Sunday Worship Leaders

Presiding Guest Pastor: Pastor David DeLong

Assisting Ministers: Stacey DeLong | Karen Feeser

CPIC: Pennie Highlands **Lector:** Pennie Highlands

Communion Assistants: Stacey DeLong | Karen Feeser

Greeters and Altar Care: Sunday Morning Volunteers



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 week keep in your prayers: *Dora, Grayson, Daniel Ard, Nancy Bender, Jessica (Feeser) Boone, Katherine Borsella, 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, Bob Groft, Carol Ann Haines, Family & Friends of Justin Hartz, Chase Henry & Family, Carrie Hernden, Peg Hippensteel, Martha Howells, Donna Jones, Debbie Kellenbenz, Craig King, Shawn Klunk, Kelly Koontz, Norma Kreidler, Mary Lou Krummeck, Allen Kuhns, Jo Kuhns, David Kunkel, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Dave & Denise Martin, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Carol Miller, Family & Friends of Kathryn Kindig Miller, Sandy Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Mary Riley, David Sandruck, 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, Family & Friends of Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Kathy Wildasin, Edward Wiltrout, Scott Wisner, Rebecca Wisotzkey.*

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. During September our designated need will be **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 designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Habitat" or "September Designated Giving" on your check or the *Other* line of your offering envelope. 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.

Altar Flowers: If you'd like to honor a loved one or their memory by sponsoring altar flower vases, please add your dedication to the altar flower book. We have three vases (1 on **December 8th**, 2 on **December 29th**) left for 2024. Thank you to all who help us keep fresh flowers on the altar!

Alzheimer's Walk: Pat Keefer is walking to help end Alzheimer's on **October 5th** and appreciates your support. To join her or donate on behalf of her team, go to alz.org/walk and search for Wayne's Walkers.

Blood Drive: We'll be holding another UPMC Blood Drive here at St. Mark on **October 17th**. To donate, go to donate.717giveblood.org, click on Donate Now, then UPMC Hanover. Or call 717-771-0059.

CROP Walk: The CROP Walk to raise funds against hunger is scheduled for Sunday, **October 13th**, at 1:00pm. 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.

Location Change: **PLEASE NOTE** the funeral service for Diana Weaver has been moved to the sanctuary here at St. Mark. The date (Tuesday, **October 1st**) and time (7:00pm / visitation at 6:00pm) remain the same.

Music Rehearsals: The Trinity adult choir has begun in-person rehearsals for fall, and the TrebleBells handbell choir is also back to a fall rehearsal schedule. For more information, contact Melinda Elnaggar.

Ruth's Harvest Donations Sought: This HACC program provides children with packages of food to get them through the weekends when they might not otherwise be regularly fed. Individual shelf-stable microwave meals, fruit, veggies, snacks, and tuna/chicken pouches can be placed in the floor bin next to the office.

Sanctuary AC Task Force: The task force to replace the sanctuary's air-conditioning will meet on Sunday, **September 29th**, following worship. If you want to be part of planning, please join us in the finance room.

R&K Sub Sale: Preschool sub sale orders are due today, **September 25th**. Pickup will be Wednesday, **October 9th**.

Save the Date: Our Annual Pet Blessing worship will be outside in front of the sanctuary on Saturday, **October 5th**, (**NOTE: CORRECTED DATE**) at 2:00pm. All pets are welcome!

St. Mark Eats: Please join us at Plaza Azteca on Tuesday, **October 1st**, for lunch and fellowship at 1:00pm. Then on Tuesday, **November 5th**, we'll be meeting at Hoss's at 1:00pm. Please sign up if you'd like to enjoy lunch with us at either or both events!

St. Mark's Fall Bazaar: Our 3rd Annual Fall Bazaar will be **November 2nd** from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Watch for signup sheets for anyone willing to lend a hand. 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 – just click on the Fall Bazaar flyer to download one. Applications and payment are due by **October 15th**. If you're able to post physical flyers or share a graphic on your social media, contact Joni at 637-8904 or offcoor129@gmail.com.

SUMMER WORSHIP: **We are continuing to meet in the fellowship hall for worship** through this weekend. Please enter through the parking lot door or the fellowship hall electric doors.

Free Concerts: This Sunday, **September 29th**, Hanover First Church of God at 600 Fairview Drive will host Canaan's Land Bluegrass for a 5:00pm concert. For more information, contact emma@hfcog.church or call 717-637-1100. St. Matthew on Chestnut presents Dan Miller, world-renowned concert organist, for a show on Sunday, **October 6th**, at 4:00pm. Tickets are not required. Contact St. Matthew Lutheran Church at 717-637-7101 for additional information.

Fun for Seniors: First Church of Hanover on Frederick Street offers fun senior activities on Thursdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Contact First Church at 717-637-1574 for more information.

Grief Support: First Church of God on Fairview Drive is holding a Grief Share support group on Mondays **September 9th through December 2nd**. The cost is \$20. Register at hfcog.church or call 717-637-1100.

Lighted Lantern Festival: UPMC and Wellspan present the "6th Annual Lanterns of Light" festival to benefit Pappus House end-of-life care. The event will be held at Cousler Park at 1060 Church Road in York on Sunday, **October 13th**, at 6:15pm with an introduction by Lori Burkholder of WGAL and a performance by the Dallastown Area High School Vocal Ensemble. Lanterns in memory of lost loved ones and beloved pets will be launched at sunset. If you'd like to sponsor a lantern for \$25, contact Pappus House at 717-893-5310 or info@pappushouse.org by **October 4th**. A limited number will also be available at the event for \$30. To personalize your lantern, please arrive by 5:30pm.

Mt. Carmel Fall Fest: There will be a fall festival at Mt. Carmel Church on Moulstown Road on **October 19th** from 11:00am to 4:00pm, with vendors, games, crafts, food, and live music. For info, call 717-632-2688.

Penn Township Brush & Limb Collection: Township residents may begin placing brush and limbs curbside Friday, **September 27th**. Pickup begins Monday, **October 7th**.

Senior Health & Wellness Workshops: Every Tuesday, the library hosts senior workshops at 10:15am. Anyone who registers in advance will also receive a free hot lunch. Call 717-632-5183.

Shredding/License Replacement: This Saturday, **September 28th**, from 9:00am to noon, Kate Klunk's office (118 Carlisle Street) is holding a document shredding event. Staff will also be available to help replace damaged license plates. For more information, call 717-630-8942.

URGENT NEED – Meals-On-Wheels Drivers Still Needed at HACC: If you can volunteer even one or two days, it's a very big help! Please contact HACC at adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org.

Diversity Festival at Wirt Park: This Saturday, **September 28th**, from 11:00am to 5:00pm, the Hanover Area Diversity Alliance presents the Hanover Diversity Festival. The event will include multicultural entertainment by Pasi3n Tropical (Latin dance music), The Wild Hymns (folk rock), Yong Han Lions Dance Troupe (Chinese lion dance), Delma Rivera (Puerto Rican cultural dance), Chucho el de la Rosita Barba (Latin/Reggaeton music), and John Protopapas (East Indian music), along with multi-ethnic foods, children's activities, and vendors. Admission is free. For more info, go to hanoverdiversity.org/diversity-festival.