

St. Mark Lutheran 129 Charles Street Hanover PA 17331 717-637-8904 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** – 1pm St. Mark Eats @ Plaza Oct 1 Azteca - 6pm Visitation/7pm Service for Diana Weaver Oct 3 - 3pm Evangelism Mtg Oct 5 - 2pm Pet Blessing - World Communion Sunday Oct 6 - Fellowship Time Following Worship - Worship & Music Mtg Oct 8 - 9:30am Property Mtg Oct 9 - 11am-12:30 Preschool Sub Sale Pickup **Oct 10** – 6pm-7pm Choir Practice **Oct 13** – Confirmation Class - 1pm CROP Walk **Oct 14** – Columbus Day - OFFICE CLOSED **Oct 15** – 1pm Garden Club Mg - 4pm Council Mtg Oct 17 – 7am-7pm UPMC Blood Drive - 6pm Fellowship Mtg @ Railside **Oct 19** – Private Event in Fellowship Hall Oct 22 – 6pm-8pm Hanover Trick-or-Treat **Oct 24** – 7:30pm Hanover Parade **Oct 27** – Reformation Sunday (WEAR RED) – Confirmation Class – PAL Team 3

Oct 31 – Happy Halloween!

– 6pm-7pm Choir Practice

St. Mark B^ÉLI

Pastor's Ponderings

"The people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy." EZRA 6:16 Dear Worshippers of God,

October 2024

At the end of July, the air conditioning condensing unit for St. Mark's sanctuary stopped working. So we went into exile, worshiping God our Lord down

the hall in the fellowship room. This was not our usual sacred location for worship. We didn't have the beautiful sanctuary with the flowing blue wall of baptismal reminder up behind the altar with the large cross towering over us. There were no comfortable pews that we are used to while sitting in all our usual spots. There were no melodious notes coming from the magnificent organ pipes to lead us in uplifting song and meditative anthems. But despite all this, even while in exile, we worshiped God, hearing the Word, sharing in the Lord's supper, and giving thanks in prayer.

The fellowship hall became our gathering place. Being previously blessed with the St Paul, McSherrystown, chancel furniture, we had a pulpit, altar and baptismal font and all the usual hymnals and communion-ware for our use. In this time away we were able to sit together, commune together, sing together, pray together, and hear the Word of God as one people of St. Mark. If anything, these last two months have shown us that we can be a church anywhere, because church is defined as the coming together of the people of God in worship.

Now as the calendar flips to October and, most likely, all hot days are behind us, we will be returning to the traditional worship space of the sanctuary starting this month. And just as the exiled people of Israel rejoiced at the dedication of the newly rebuilt temple of Jerusalem, we will rejoice and celebrate our return. We will begin worshipping, singing, praying, communing, and sitting together in the St. Mark sanctuary once again.

And just like those exiles who returned after 70 years in Babylonian captivity had to work to rebuild their temple and city, we have work to do to fully return our sanctuary to its full year-round use. We will need to seek donations, use funds, be willing to make sacrificial gifts, and decide on a new system before the days begin to get warm again next spring. While we return to the sanctuary, let us give thanks and rejoice in worship, remembering to keep praying, supporting, and seeking to make the needed repairs to our sanctuary.

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

HAPPENINGS AND NEWS IN OUR CONGREGATION

ST. MARK COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

- The Council's next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 15th, at 4:00pm. As always everyone is welcome to attend.
- The 2025 Church Budget is in the process of being proposed. If you are part of a committee, make sure your committee discusses the budget and gives feedback to the Finance Committee. Look for the final proposed version to the congregation in the December Newsletter.



Nominations Needed Soon

- 3 Congregation Council Members
- 1 Auditor for the Audit Committee
- 2 Non-Council Members for the Nomination Committee
- 2 Lay Delegates to the Synod Assembly in York, PA, June 2025

If interested in any of these positions, please talk with a member of the Nominating Committee:

> Pennie Highlands, Martha Lippy, Hunter Shaw, Linda Bolin, or Mike Noble

August Treasurer's Report

HAPPY BIRTHDAY To Our OCTOBER Birthdays!

Grace Groft Oct. 3 Carol Reese Adam Warehime Oct. 4 Michael Brown Donna Kuhn Gail Merlo Oct. 5 Donna Bell Hilda Pfaff Kimberly Zinn Oct. 9 Gary Laabs Oct. 10 Karen Crawford Sharon Glass Oct. 11 Ed Gouker, Jr. Oct. 15 Carol Pado



- Oct. 16 Jay Tome
- Oct. 17 Nancy Brady
- Oct. 18 Susan Potter
 - Pr. Jerry Smith
- Oct. 21 Amanda Alvarez
- Oct. 22 Joshua Leppo
- Oct. 23 Barb Smith
- Oct. 26 Rebecca Bingel Joan Frock McHenze Wildasin Josie Wildasin
- Oct. 29 Nancy Mummert
- Oct. 31 Nancy Fridinger



- Dora
- Grayson
- Daniel Ard
- Nancy Bender • Jessica (Feeser)
- Boone

- 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
- Katherine Borsella Carol Ann Haines
- Frances Claybaugh 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
- Marv Lou Krummeck
- Allen Kuhns
- Jo Kuhns
- David Kunkel
- Jean Lawrence
- Tom Lawrence
- Ronnie Lippy
- Naura Lugman • Dave & Denise
- Martin
 - Humes
 - Carol Miller
 - 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

add them to the prayer list located on the brass stand in the narthex.

If you know of someone in need of prayer, please contact the church office or

If you know of a name that can be removed from the list, please let us know.

We ask that you keep all our shut-ins and those needing special help in your daily prayers.

• Beverly Snyder

- Phyllis Tasto
- Jennie Tome

Prayer List for October

- 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

IN MEMORIAL

It is with deep regret we must announce the passing of one of our members, Diana Weaver, who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on September 7th. Please keep her loved ones in your prayers. In her memory, a white rose was placed on the altar table for the weekend of September 14th and 15th.

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 October, we are given the opportunity to contribute to the **YWCA Safe** Home. The foundation of the program is the strong belief that individuals have a right to control their lives and make decisions without fear of assault or degradation.



To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Safe Home" "October or 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.

- - - Family & Friends

• Carol McDermitt-



To St. Mark:

The Evangelism Committee thanks everyone who has contributed supplies to our Inspirations project, as well as supplies and completed glory cards to our Acts of Glory project. August's glory card count was 7. Keep 'em coming as we try to reach our 2024 goal!

Potluck Brunch:

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our special potluck brunch after worship on Sunday, September 1st, and to all who brought dishes to share. We enjoyed many wonderful brunch foods, including egg casserole, potatoes and potato casseroles, biscuits and gravy, muffins, fruit, applesauce, breads, mac and cheese, salads, and more. We had a great time sharing a meal and fellowship!



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday: Thank you to everyone who gave school supplies and monetary donations to our "God's work. Our hands." school kit drive. And thanks also to everyone who stayed after worship to assemble the kits. We were able to send 60 full backpacks of school supplies to LWR for kids in need!



Our Fall Bazaar Will Be Here Soon!

The Evangelism Committee will hold their 3rd Annual Fall Bazaar on **November 2nd** 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. To help plan, come to our Evangelism Committee meeting on **October 3rd** at 3:00pm. And 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 <u>stmarkhanover.org</u> – just click on the Fall Bazaar flyer to download one. Applications and payment are due by **October 15th**.

If you're able to post flyers or share a graphic on your social media, contact Joni at 637-8904 | <u>offcoor129@gmail.com</u>



TUESDAY, October 1st Lunch at Plaza Azteca at **1:00pm**

TUESDAY, November 5th Lunch at Hoss's at 1:00pm

TUESDAY, December 3rd Lunch at Perkins at 1:00pm





All Saints' Weekend

Join us on All Saints' Weekend, **November 2nd and 3rd**, as we celebrate the



lives of those of our members who have gone to their great reward this past year by displaying Saint banners and lighting candles. If you have lost a loved one this past year and would like him/her to be remembered at our All Saints' tribute, please contact the church office. We could also use a few volunteers to carry the banners in the Sunday processional.

Saving Lives

On August 15th, we helped the Central Blood Bank collect 64 units of blood. This is enough to save 192 lives. Our next UPMC blood drive is on **October 17th**. To register, go to <u>donate.717giveblood.org</u>.



This year's CROP Walk to fight hunger is on Sunday, **October 13th**, at 1:00pm. Walkers can choose a 1-, 2-, or 3-mile walk. For more information or to sponsor a walker, call Linda Bolin, Team Captain, at 717-633-6426, or contact the church office. Send cash or checks payable to "Church World Service" to the church office or give directly to a walker.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

And speaking of walking for a great cause, Pat Keefer is again participating in a walk to end Alzheimer's on **October 5th** in memory of her husband, Wayne Keefer. To join her or donate on behalf of her team, go to <u>alz.org/walk</u> and search for Wayne's Walkers.

Did You Know...

...you can bring in your old prescription eyeglasses and cases to donate to those who cannot afford glasses? There is a donation box on the floor beside the table in the bell tower room. The Lions Club of Hanover picks up the donations to distribute to people who have vision problems and can reuse them.



Fall Back!

Don't forget to turn back your clocks on Sunday **November 3rd** as daylight

savings time ends. Use that extra hour to catch up on sleep!



Back to the Sanctuary

On Saturday, **October 5th**, we'll return to our sanctuary. Thank you to everyone for your patience and assistance over the past several weeks as we took shelter from the summer heat by moving worship services to the fellowship hall. Please remember to park accordingly as we enter the building on the sanctuary side.

Help Us Chill Out



Next year, we hope to restore our main airconditioning units and worship in our sanctuary throughout the worst heat of summer. Please continue

to help us raise funds and/or join our Sanctuary AC Task Force.

New Bible Study Begins

We welcome you to join our weekly Bible study on Fridays at 11:00am. On **October 4**th, we begin a new study of the **Book of James**. Please join us – no experience needed. We can even provide the Bibles!

Just come out and share in this time of learning, study, and faith.



OCTOBER ALTAR VASES



Both Vases Given in Honor of My Wife, Grace Groft's, Birthday By Robert Groft

Given in Honor of Pastor David and Stacey DeLong's Wedding Anniversary By Robert and Grace Groft

October 20th





October 27th



Given in Honor of My Sister, Nancy Brady, and in Loving Memory of Patricia Hagarman, Both Born October 17th By Bill and Carol Reese

Given in Honor of McHenze Wildasin's Birthday on October 26th By Thomas and Hollis Long

Given in Honor of Josie Jordan Wildasin's 1st Birthday on October 26th By Thomas and Hollis Long

Chancel Basket Given in Loving Memory of Joseph Kuhns

By Jo Kuhns

Given in Loving Memory of My Husband, David Reigle By Joan Reigle

Given in Loving Memory of My Daughter, Sharon Noel By Joan Reigle

*Please contact the Church Office to sponsor a vase at \$17.00 each



October 6th

CPIC: Hollis Long Lector: Hollis Long Comm. Assts: Hollis Long Alex Spalding Greeter: Bill Leppo

October 13th

CPIC: Martha Lippy **Lector:** Grace Groft **Comm. Assts:** Martha Lippy Kathy Gates **Greeter:** Bill Leppo

October 20th

CPIC: Gail Merlo Lector: Alex Spalding Comm. Assts: Gail Merlo *Need Volunteer* Greeter: Bill Leppo

October 27th

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

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY Provide-A-Lunch at Hanover Area Council of Churches

Provide-A-Lunch Team #3 will be serving at HACC on October 27th. Our primary team members include: Nancy Beimler, Linda Bolin, Dale Dull, and Shirley Hippensteel.

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: Canned Vegetables, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable Oil, Olive Oil, Spray Oil, Sugar, Ziploc Bags (Sandwich- and Gallon-Sizes), Grocery Bags, Shopping Bags

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

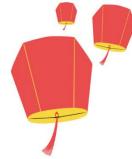
> Please place donations in the bins by the office on the corner table at end of hall.

COMMUNITY FALL ACTIVITIES

Lighted Lantern Festival

UPMC and Wellspan present the "6th Annual Lanterns of Light" festival to benefit Pappus House's 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.



Hanover Library Events

Guthrie Memorial Library is offering plenty of events and activities this fall. In addition to lots of regular children's activities (including Pokemon, Chess, Minecraft, etc), they also offer regular adult activities and special events for all ages:



For more information on any of these, contact Guthrie Memorial at 717-632-5183

Mt. Carmel's Fall Fest

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



Hanover Ghost Tour

Hanover Parks & Recreation is offering a Hanover Ghosts, History, & Folklore walking tour on **October 4**th, **25**th, **and**

30th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. The cost is \$15, and registration is required and limited. For more information on this and other Hanover events, go to:



ticketleap/events/hanoverparks-recreation

Classes in the Borough

Other Hanover Parks & Recreation events and classes include:

Herbal Tea Workshop

Sunday, October 6th, 1:00pm to 2:30pm Make Your Own Holiday Cards Saturday, October 19th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm Holiday Floral Arranging Saturday, November 23rd, at 1:00pm

For more information, including cost, go to <u>hanoverboroughpa.gov/198/Parks-</u><u>Recreation</u>



Wreaths Across America

December 14th is National Wreaths Across America Day. St. David's Cemetery will be placing wreaths on the graves of veterans.

If you'd like to sponsor a wreath for \$17.00, contact Wendy at St. David's church office (717-637-2299) before **October 23**rd.



Hanover's Christmas Kickoff

Mark your calendars for these Hanover Christmas events:

Santa's Parade will transport him to his house on the square on Friday, **November 29th**.

Then on Saturday, **November 30th**, Hanover's **Tree Lighting Ceremony** will begin at 6:00pm in the square.

Christmas Train Garden

The Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum's Train Garden will be open for visitors starting **November 29th** on the following schedule:

Fridays – 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturdays – 11:00am to 7:00pm

Sundays – 12noon to 5:00pm

Additional hours will be available between Christmas and New Year's Day.



"Golden Deeds" Award

The Exchange Club of Hanover is seeking nominations for the Robert J. Smith 72nd Annual "Golden Deeds" Award. If you would like to nominate someone who has shown self-sacrifice in making a significant contribution to the quality of life in the Hanover area, call 717-637-8790.

NEWS FROM ST. MARK PRESCHOOL

So Exciting! The start of 2024-2025 preschool is underway and the students are enjoying and adjusting to their classrooms, classmates, and teachers. We have a lot of fun-filled things planned for the students and are looking forward to an amazing school year ahead!

Bake Sale

Our **Preschool Bake Sale** is being held on **November 5th** (Election Day) to raise



money for the school. If you would like to help by donating homemade treats like fudge, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, Rice Krispie treats,

etc., the preschool would greatly appreciate it. Please drop off your items in the church office (by noon) or the kitchen (by 3:30pm) on Monday, **November 4th**, and have your items packaged for sale (i.e., 2-4 cookies in a bag, cupcakes individually wrapped).





Thank you to all who ordered from the R & K Subs Sale. You can pick up your orders in the Fellowship Hall **October 9**th from 11:00am to 12:30pm.



Thank you to everyone for your continuous support. – Idonia Klunk and Allison Wentz, Preschool Co-Directors

3-YEAR-OLD CLASSES

(Please enjoy photos of our 4-year-old classes on the next page)



4-YEAR-OLD CLASSES

















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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Bells Rehearsal NOTE: St. Mark Preschool classes are Please see the preschool calend			eek between the hours of 8:	30am and 4:00pm.	• • •	.••

NOTE: 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.

St. Mark Lutheran Church

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October 2024 ST. MARK BELL NEWSLETTER

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Church Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Kirk Griffin 717-808-1986; prkirk129@gmail.com Office Coordinator: Joni Gonzales 717-637-8904 Director of Music: Melinda Elnaggar Organist: Martha Lobaugh Sexton: Wally Rodenhaber Housekeeper: Danielle Miskimon Preschool Co-Directors: Allison Wentz /Idonia Klunk

2024 Congregation Council: Kathy Gates, Penelope Highlands, Martha Lippy, Hollis Long, Tom Long, Gail Merlo, Michael Merlo, Hunter Shaw, and Alexander Spalding