

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS/UPDATES
October 9, 2024

From *DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2018*: Ashley Kappel

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.” – ISAIAH 60:1

I love social media. You can share that gorgeous cake you decorated, snap a shot of your just-planted garden, or even send a quick video of your latest fun dinner out. But social media has also changed how we spend our downtime. Instead of grabbing a magazine or book or lingering over the sunset, we tend to reach for our phones and try to capture each moment or scroll it away as we idly browse updates.

While that can be harmless, it can also be disheartening. Social media is a highlight reel, one that slants toward winning moments.

This year, I decided to be more authentic. I shared the photos that showed my kitchen in a less-than-perfect state, talked about my miscarriages, and opened up to display my wonderfully, painfully imperfect life. In return, I received a wash of renewed, deepened connection. While we think we want to see perfection, we in fact strive to know the real us. Our online life is an ever-present ministry, one that is worth being authentic in daily.

*Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me in my shining moments and in my dark nights.
Life is beautiful and hard and oh so worth it! – ASHLEY KAPPEL*

Prayer: *Let us pray, Almighty and Loving God, I give thanks to You for the perfection of Your love and mercy in my good days and even in my weak moments of life. Each and every day, I know You are with me, knowing me through and through and claiming me as a child of Your eternal home. Give that peace and joy to me so that I may share it with others following in the footsteps 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, October 9 11:00am to 12:30pm – Preschool Sub Sale Pickup

Thursday, October 10 9:00am to 12noon – Quilters Group

6:00pm to 7:00pm – Choir Practice

Friday, October 11 11:00am to 12noon – Bible Study

Saturday, October 12 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – *21st Weekend After Pentecost*

Sunday, October 13 9:00am – Traditional Worship – *21st Weekend After Pentecost*

Sunday School Following Worship

Confirmation Class Following Worship

Bells Rehearsal

1:00pm – CROP Walk

Monday, October 14 Columbus Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, October 15 1:00pm – Garden Club Meeting

4:00pm – Council Meeting

Thursday, October 17 7:00am to 7:00pm – UPMC Blood Drive

6:00pm – Fellowship Committee Meeting at Railside Restaurant

Friday, October 18 11:00am to 12noon – Bible Study

Sunday Worship Leaders

CPIC: Martha Lippy **Lector:** Grace Groft

Communion Assistants: Martha Lippy | Kathy Gates

Greeter: Bill Leppo **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, Family & Friends of William Berry, Family & Friends of*

Sharon Bish, Jessica (Feeser) Boone, Katherine Borsella, Frances Claybaugh, Tim Cowan, Lisa Dickensheets, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Carol Fadenrecht & Family, Dennis Fahey, Betty Fury, Nancy Fridinger, Nancy Gill, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Bob Groft, John Hagerman, Carol Ann Haines, 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, Family & Friends of Caitlyn Riddle, 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, Jody Spellman, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Family & Friends of Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, West Manheim Elementary, Kathy Wildasin, Edward Wiltrout, Scott Wisner, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Those dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and those preparing for Hurricane Milton.

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, mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Safe Home" or "October Designated Giving" on your check or the *Other* line of your offering envelope. Donations made on the *Other* line with no written designation will automatically be given to that month's fund. Thanks for your support.

In Memorial: A white rose will be placed in the chancel this weekend in memory of a beloved church member. It is with deep regret we must announce the passing of one of our members, **Sharon Bish**, who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on October 3rd. Her burial service will be private. Please keep Sharon's family in your prayers.

We also regret to announce the passing of one of our past members, **William Berry**, who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on September 27th. Please keep Bill's family in your prayers, as well.

R&K Sub Sale: Please pick up your orders today from 11:00am and 12:30pm in the fellowship hall.

All Saints' Weekend: Join us **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 also need volunteers to carry the banners in the Sunday processional.

Blessing Our Faithful Companions: Thank you to all who came out for our Annual Pet Blessing worship.

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. To walk or sponsor a walker, contact Linda Bolin. Cash or checks made payable to "Church World Service" may be forwarded to St. Mark's office or given directly to the walkers.

Election Day Greeters Needed: With our fellowship hall as a polling place, it would be great if we can greet voters and welcome them to St. Mark. To volunteer, sign up in the narthex.

Trunk-or-Treat Events: **Hanover Church of the Brethren** on Wilson is hosting a trunk-or-treat on **October 22nd** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. **St. Vincent de Paul** on 3rd Street is hosting a similar event in the parking lot (or gym if raining) on **October 26th** from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. **St. Matthew's on Chestnut** is holding theirs from 5:30pm to 7:00pm on **October 28th** with a community meal starting at 5:30pm.

Bake Sale on Election Day: St. Mark Preschool is planning to raise funds for the school by holding a bake sale on Election Day. If you can help by donating treats (wrapped for sale), please bring them to the church office (by noon) or the fellowship hall kitchen (by 3:30pm) on Monday, **November 4th**.

New Bible Study: We welcome you to join our weekly Bible Study on Fridays at 11:00am. On **October 4th**, 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

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.

St. Mark Eats: On Tuesday, **November 5th**, we'll meet at Hoss's at 1:00pm. Then on **December 3rd** we'll enjoy a 1:00pm meal at Perkins. 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 sign-up 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.

Fellowship Hosts Needed: Please sign up in the narthex to host our monthly 1st Sunday coffee/donut fellowship hour. Help us keep this tradition going!

UPMC Health Fair Day: **November 9th**, 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the the St. Mark fellowship hall. Come out and learn more about community services and agencies that help in our times of need and ill health.

Hurricane Relief: With the immense devastation and loss of life caused by Helene, Lutheran Disaster Response is asking for your help. LDR will offer immediate and long-term aid to help victims rebuild. To contribute to this cause, please mark your giving envelope with "LDR" on the *Other* line.

More Hurricane Relief Efforts: The PA Preparedness Group is traveling to NC **October 12th through 19th** to assist with disaster relief. To join the team or offer other support, contact Pastor Brossman at Michael.Brossman@firstchurchhanover.org.

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 this 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. A limited number of lanterns will be available to sponsor at the event for \$30. To personalize your lantern, please arrive by 5:30pm.

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.

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.

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.

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.

All Hallows Eve Concert: St. Matthew on Chestnut is hosting this free concert featuring Ben Boellner and Friends on **October 27th** at 4:00pm. Tickets are not required. Contact St. Matthew for more information or go to stmatlutheran.org.

Church Yard Sale: Hanover Church of the Brethren's annual yard sale is inside this Saturday, **October 12th**, from 7:00am to 2:00pm, rain or shine. 601 Wilson Avenue, rear entrance.

Holiday Bazaar: St. Paul Lutheran on Broadway presents their Holiday Bazaar on **November 9th** from 8:00am to 2:00pm. For more info, call 717-637-0511