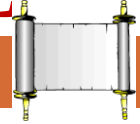




# ST. MARK BELL

## Pastor's Ponderings



### St. Mark Lutheran

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Jesus said to his followers:  
"Store up for yourselves  
treasures in heaven."

ST. MATTHEW 6:20A

Dear Harvesting Faithful,  
We have squirrels at church. My goodness, do we have squirrels at church! They are everywhere, darting here and there, climbing

across this branch or up that tree. Several times now, I have noticed one particular squirrel, cheeks full of acorns, running from the church yard directly across Willow Street. The squirrel then goes into a bush by the house at the corner of Allegheny and Willow. Then he comes right back, cheeks empty, looking for more nuts to gather. I know that squirrels get ready for winter by stocking up on nuts. It is in their nature to gather and store up for themselves what they will need, so when the wind turns cold and the frozen ground becomes hard, they are ready.

Now if you stop and think about it, we are just like that squirrel. In many ways, we spend a lifetime getting ready for something that is coming. It is in our nature. We know that today will not last and that tomorrow is right around the corner. Yet we cannot fully comprehend what tomorrow will bring, let alone the next hour. So we prepare ourselves, getting ready for the possibilities of what may come. We store up our food, our comforts, our finances, our friendships, our memories, and all kinds of stuff just to make sure we are ready for something that is coming but yet still unseen.

According to Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his followers not to work toward possessing things of this world but, rather, store up the treasures of heaven. All riches and worldly possessions cannot last. We know that eventually we cannot hold on to our earthly things, but there is one thing that we can possess forever, the final victory of the resurrection in Jesus Christ and his eternal home. This is the one certainty we know is coming soon by the grace of God for all of us who believe.

This is what we work toward and celebrate this All Saints', remembering loved ones who have received that promised victory of peace in God's presence. This is why we show our outpouring of gifts of time and talent by laying out the quilts in the sanctuary. This is why we give of our possessions by donating boxes and cans of food for those who are struggling in need.

Come to think of it, perhaps we are a bit different from the squirrel. It gathers only for tomorrow. We live always towards God, knowing that tomorrow is taken care of in the promise of Christ. Give thanks this month for all that you have been given

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



### 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

Nov 1 - All Saints' Day

- Bazaar Setup

Nov 2 - 8am-2pm Fall Bazaar

Nov 3 - All Saints' Sunday

- Daylight Savings Time Ends

- Fellowship Time After Worship

- Worship & Music Mtg

- No Bells Rehearsal

Nov 4 - Preschool Bake Sale Dropoff

Nov 5 - Election Day Polling at St. Mark

- 1pm St. Mark Eats @ Hoss's

- Preschool Bake Sale

Nov 7 - 3pm Evangelism Mtg

- 6pm-7pm Choir Rehearsal

Nov 9 - 1pm-3pm UPMC Health Fair

Nov 10 - Confirmation Class **CANCELED**

Nov 11 - Veterans Day

Nov 17 - Land & Seasons Worship

Nov 19 - 1pm Garden Club Mtg

- 4pm Council Mtg

Nov 21 - 6pm-7pm Choir Rehearsal

Nov 24 - Christ the King Sunday

- Harvest Home Weekend

- Quilt Blessing

- Confirmation Class

- Food Drive Ends

- PAL Team 2

Nov 25 - **POINSETTIA DEADLINE**

Nov 28 - Happy Thanksgiving!

- **OFFICE CLOSED**

- **NO ACTIVITIES**

Nov 29 - **OFFICE CLOSED**

- **NO ACTIVITIES**

Nov 30 - Offering Booklets Available

# HAPPENINGS AND NEWS IN OUR CONGREGATION



- Council met on Tuesday, **October 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 4:00pm, beginning with prayer.
- Council gave blessings for being back in the sanctuary after our two months in the fellowship hall. Noted that worship in the fellowship hall was very well-received because everyone sat together verbalizing well the liturgy and the hymns.
- Received a thank you letter from HACC regarding St. Mark donation to the Ruth's Harvest ministry.
- Council reviewed and approved the August Council meeting minutes and the attendance and membership roll changes.
- Council President Mike Merlo gave his report expressing a big thanks to the members who continue to support physically and financially the ministry of St. Mark in Hanover and beyond.
- Pastor gave his statistical report. He also noted that the Nomination Committee will need to begin assembling a slate of nominees for the December congregation meeting.
- Evangelism Committee reported on their last meeting, noting current prayer cards sent, advertising issued, Pet Blessing event, and plans for the Fall Bazaar on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00am to 2:00pm.
- Property Committee reported on continuing list of needed repairs and upcoming items that need addressed around the church grounds. It was noted also that the heating system had its fall service check and then had issues a week later. These loose pipes are being addressed and will be corrected soon.
- Worship and Music Committee reviewed previous worship events and needs. They made plans for upcoming special days: Reformation, All Saints', and Christ the King Sundays.
- HACC Board minutes and the agenda plans for the A/C Task Force were reviewed by Council.
- Treasurer's report was detailed noting the higher expenses as we finished the summer. The 2025 proposed budget will be sent digitally to each Council member for review ahead of their next meeting so it can be presented to the congregation in December.
- Council approved the request from the UPMC Auxiliary group to host another jewelry sale in the fellowship hall in the Spring of 2025.
- Next Council meeting will be **November 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 4:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

## **The Nominees Needed Include:**

- 3 or 4 Council Members**
- 1 Audit Committee Member**
- 2 Nomination Committee Members**
- 2 Delegates (1 Female & 1 Male) to 2025 Conference and Synod Assembly**

Pastor also shared two letters from the Synod:

- 1) Bishop Dunlop asks for prayer in calmness and peace in these conflicted times
- 2) Synod Treasurer reported that congregational filing and updates will only be available online from now on.





## Prayer List for November

- Dora
- Grayson
- Daniel Ard
- Nancy Bender
- Family & Friends of Sharon Bish
- Jessica (Feeser) Boone
- Katherine Borsella
- Patrick Brady
- Frances Claybaugh
- Tim Cowan
- Family & Friends of John Cromer
- 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
- Emily Moul
- Leah Moul
- Merle Mummert
- Pam Mummert
- Carolyn Neumyer
- Marian Noble
- Susan O'Brien
- Kelly Perdue
- Family & Friends of Caitlyn Riddle
- Mary Riley
- Carl Sandruck
- 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
- Ed Wagaman
- Gloria Wagaman
- Jody Walter
- Naomi Warren
- Barb Watson
- Ron Wentz
- West Manheim Elementary
- 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*

## In Memorial

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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep her loved ones in your prayers. In her memory, a white rose was placed on the altar table for the weekend of October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 November, we are given the opportunity to contribute to the **Roots for Boots** veterans aid group. The goal of Roots for Boots of New Oxford is to meet the current needs and future challenges of military families, predominantly in rural areas. Roots for Boots offers members of the community opportunities to use their skills, talents, and resources to engage, connect with, and support veterans, active duty military, and military families in more direct and local ways.

To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Roots for Boots" or "November 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.



**ROOTS FOR BOOTS**

*Your Way of Serving Your Country*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY To Our NOVEMBER Birthdays!

**Nov. 2** Lola Garman  
Susan Hardin  
Molly Kindschuh  
Leslie Miller  
Sally Soule

**Nov. 3** Barrett Boyers  
Robert Potter

**Nov. 5** Randy Mummert  
Janet Rockafellow

**Nov. 7** Mike Merlo  
Brittany Miller

**Nov. 9** Zachary Carter

**Nov. 10** *Martin Luther*



**Nov. 11** Brenna Yingling

**Nov. 13** Martha Lobaugh

**Nov. 15** Ricci Reber

**Nov. 17** Ashton Yeager

**Nov. 18** Pamela Garrett

**Nov. 21** Stacey DeLong  
Jace Wildasin

**Nov. 22** Don Feeser

**Nov. 24** Robert Bish  
Kathy Gates  
Andy Warehime

**Nov. 28** Jordyn Farley  
Ron Wentz

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

## SPECIAL WEEKENDS IN NOVEMBER

### November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND

Please join us as we display the Saint banners and celebrate the lives of those of our members who have gone to their great reward this past year.

### November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> CHRIST THE KING WEEKEND & HARVEST HOME WEEKEND

The weekend before Thanksgiving is **Christ the King Weekend**. We've traveled through the church year, from the prophecies of the coming Christ to His birth, to His baptism, and to His ministry. Now, at the end of the year, we celebrate His ultimate reign that lasts forever.



That weekend is also **Harvest Home Weekend**, and we will offer thanksgiving and prayers of blessing as we count our blessings and hang them on our Blessings Tree.



Harvest Home Weekend is also the **final weekend for our Food Collection**. Be sure to bring in canned, bagged, and/or boxed foods to place at our table of hunger. So many people are suffering from lack of good nutrition, even here in a community that has plenty. Please consider bringing in some food to donate. All the food will be given to the food bank and PAL lunch program at the Council of Churches on Carlisle Street.



## Hurricane Relief



With the immense devastation and loss of life caused by Helene and Milton, Lutheran Disaster Response can use 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.

**And be sure to visit our Fall Bazaar on  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, as all proceeds will benefit LDR**



## 2024 ALL SAINTS' LIST



### Our Beloved Members Who Have Entered God's Eternal Kingdom This Past Year

Patricia Brooks	11/11/2023
Amos Laughman	12/06/2023
Wilma Crawford	01/17/2024
Patricia Hagarman	07/06/2024
Lois VandenHeuvel	07/10/2024
Mary Ellen Melhorn	07/21/2024
Allen Bowersox	07/26/2024
Robert Breighner	08/16/2024
Diana Weaver	09/07/2024
Sharon Bish	10/03/2024

### Relatives and Friends Who We Also Lift Up in Loving Memory:

Carol Albin  
William Berry  
Larry Bolin  
Eric Coleman  
Jean Huskin  
John Kuhns  
Mary Ann Wentz



### Did You Know...

...that **all the proceeds from this year's Fall Bazaar will be donated to Lutheran World Relief** to help those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton? Please be sure to come by and have lunch with us and purchase some baked goods to enjoy yourself, to share with others, or to freeze for the holidays. And while you're at it, take a look through the many treasures for sale in our Grannie's Attic.

### Poinsettias, Wreaths, and Stars

To dedicate **poinsettias** and/or indoor **wreaths** to the memory of a loved one or to honor a friend or family member, please submit an order form to the church office by **Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**, or call 717-637-8904. Thank you for helping to beautify our Christmas Eve altar.

We're also again offering beautiful **star ornaments** for dedication to combat world hunger. These are \$5.00 each. The deadline to dedicate a star is **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Poinsettias and stars can be taken home once Christmas Eve services have ended.

### Summer Will Be Back...

...before we know it – and so will the heat! The Finance Committee has established a special designated fund to help replace our Sanctuary Air Conditioning. Just mark your donation on the *Other* line to go towards the A/C Fund. Then drop it in the offering plate on any given Sunday morning. Thank you!



**To dedicate poinsettias, wreaths, or stars, fill out the form found in the narthex or at the end of this newsletter.**



**To All Who Supported the CROP Hunger Walk:**

Thank you to all who supported me in the CROP Hunger Walk. With your help, I was able to raise \$190 to aid in the fight against hunger. It was a beautiful day. I walked the 2-mile stretch just like last year. I always find it very enjoyable. And all the folks were having a great time talking with everyone. I'm looking forward to next year. – *Linda Bolin*

**Supporters of the Alzheimer's Walk:**

I would like to thank everyone who has supported and/or provided donations toward the Alzheimer's Association. This is such a horrible disease, and much is needed to help find a cure. My team and I received donations of about \$1200. I was very pleased and want to thank each and every one of you. – *Pat Keefer*



**To Our Veterans and Their Families:**

Thank you for your service – for your sacrifices, your courage, your strength, and your dedication to defending our rights and keeping America safe!

**To St. Mark Church:**

Thank you for blessing us with your donation of \$425 for Ruth's Harvest. Our work is endless and thanks to your support, we will be able to ensure that we can continue providing assistance to our Hanover community. – *Erika Gonzalez, Acting Executive Director, HACC*



**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**

**TUESDAY, January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Lunch at Primanti Brothers at 1:00pm**

**St. Mark Eats**



**Fall Back!**

Another quick reminder – the first weekend of November is the one where we get more sleep! Don't forget to turn back your clocks on Sunday **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** as daylight savings time ends.



**UPMC Health Fair Day in St. Mark's Fellowship Hall**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm to 3:00pm**

Come out and learn more about community services and agencies that help in our times of need and ill health. There will be information stations for senior health, palliative care, and end-of-life planning. Speakers will also present material throughout the afternoon. Be sure to tell others and invite them to St. Mark for this community event.







On October 5<sup>th</sup>, a beautiful day to be outdoors in the sunshine, several dogs and one cat were blessed during our Pet Blessing Worship.



### Offering Booklets

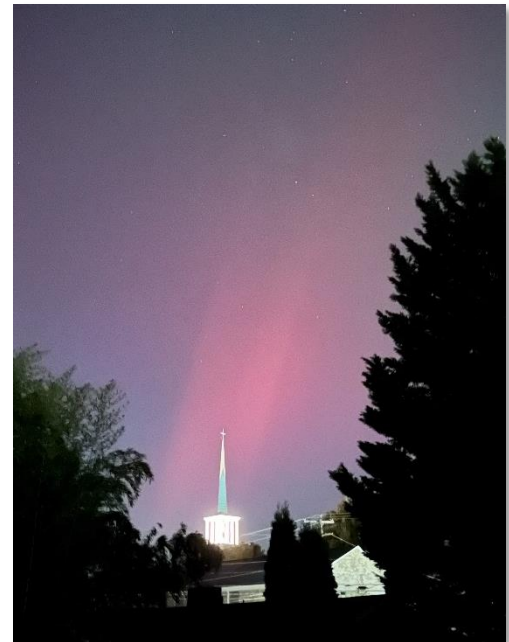
The 2025 offering booklets will be available for pickup on Thanksgiving weekend, beginning **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Booklets will be laid out on a table in the church hallway in alphabetical order.

Please pick up your book before/after worship or on any business day from 9:00am to 12:00noon. Thank you!



### Northern Lights

Speaking of God's Glory...please enjoy this beautiful photograph of October 10<sup>th</sup>'s light show over St. Mark's bell tower. Thank you to Jared Laird for capturing this glorious moment in time!



### Praising God's Glory

Our Acts of Glory ministry is still seeking those little notes of praise or thanksgiving. If you witness a Godly moment, write it down on one of the index cards found in the pews and share it with us by placing it in the offering plate. You can praise someone for a good deed, give thanks to God for a moment of joy, or share an experience of that epiphany glimmer in your life. In September, we received 10 cards. Please help us get closer to our goal of 2,024 for the year!

### Gary Laabs's Amazon Medical Mission

Thanks to all who supported Gary's September trip to the Amazon River to provide medical relief to that community.



# NOVEMBER ALTAR VASES

November 3<sup>rd</sup>



Given in Honor of Randy Mummert's Birthday

*By Glenn and Nancy Mummert*

Given in Loving Memory of All the Saints of God That Now Dwell in the Victory of the Resurrection in Jesus Christ

November 10<sup>th</sup>



Given in Honor of Our Nation's Veterans

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

Given in Honor of David C. Sandruck and Pete E. Soule

*By Carl and Nancy Sandruck*

November 17<sup>th</sup>



Given in Loving Memory of My Grandson, Patrick J. Kuhns's, 29<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*By Josephine Kuhns*

Given in Honor of Jace Marlyn Wildasin's 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday

*By Thomas and Hollis Long*

November 24<sup>th</sup>



Both Vases Given in Honor of Our 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

*By Gary and Eileen Laabs*

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



## NOVEMBER Sunday Worship Helpers



**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Assisting Minister:** Hollis Long  
**CPIC:** Hollis Long  
**Lector:** Hollis  
**Comm. Assts:** Hollis Long | Penelope Highlands  
**Processional:** Gail Merlo | Tom Long | Penelope Highlands | Hollis Long | Abby Shermeyer  
**Greeter:** Bill Leppo

**November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**CPIC:** Tom Long  
**Lector:** Pat Keefer  
**Comm. Assts:** Tom Long | *Need Volunteer*  
**Greeter:** Bill Leppo

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

**November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Assisting Minister:** Penelope Highlands  
**CPIC:** Penelope Highlands  
**Lector:** Penelope Highlands  
**Comm. Assts:** Penelope Highlands | *Need Volunteer*  
**Processional:** Gail Merlo | Tom Long | Nathan Keefer | Noah Shermeyer | Penelope Highlands  
**Greeter:** Bill Leppo





## CHRISTMAS SEASON AT ST. MARK

### Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve services this year will be held on **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**, at **3:00pm and 7:00pm** (special music begins at 6:30pm). Plan ahead, bring the family and friends, and celebrate Christ's birth with us.



### Christmas Tree Decorating Brunch

On Saturday, **December 21<sup>st</sup>**, at 8:00am, we'll be gathering to decorate our Christmas tree, followed by a potluck breakfast brunch. Please join us to enjoy fellowship and get ready for Christmas. Look for the signup in the narthex.



### Bringing Warmth to Others



Beginning **November 30<sup>th</sup>**, the Advent Knit Tree will welcome donations of warm clothing: mittens, hats, socks, gloves, scarves, etc. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

We'll be collecting these items through Advent and then taking them to HACC. Work gloves and socks are welcome, as well.

### Gift Tag Tree



Once again, St. Mark will support HACC's JJ's Toy Shoppe this Christmas. Our gift tag tree is in the narthex and ready for you to take a tag, shop, and then return unwrapped toys and gifts. The tag tree will be up through Sunday, **November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring gifts in by Sunday, **December 1<sup>st</sup>** so we can return them to HACC in time. Remember, the tags are just suggestions – feel free to purchase anything you'd like.

### Stars to Benefit World Hunger

Our World Hunger Star tree will also be up soon. To dedicate a beautiful star (lovingly handmade by the late Diana Weaver) in honor or memory of a loved one and to support the ELCA's fight against hunger, please fill out and submit the form found elsewhere in this newsletter and on the narthex shelf. Stars are \$5.00 each and will be listed in the Christmas Eve handout. Deadline for dedications is Monday, **December 9<sup>th</sup>**.



For unto us, a child is born



## NEWS AND HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

**Provide-A-Lunch Team #2 will be serving at HACC on November 24<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 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, 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:** NO-Slip Slippers, Sugar-Free Candy/Snacks, Journal Books

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

**Shelter:** Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothbrushes, Soap, Razors (Men's and Women's),

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



#### Ruth's Harvest Donations

Ruth's Harvest is a program that fills a gap left in the school lunch program – many elementary students who are eligible for free lunches are left hungry on weekends and holidays. The program provides bag lunches and is in need of individual packs of fruit, vegetables, snacks, and tuna/chicken pouches. The bin to donate is located on the floor by the church office.

#### Adopt-a-Child

HACC is seeking sponsors to adopt a child (or family) in need this Christmas.

Gift wish tags will be available at HACC from **November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup>**. Wrapped gifts should be dropped off by **November 27<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact HACC at 633-6353 for more information. **NOTE:** This program is in *addition to JJ's Toy Shoppe*, for which St. Mark will once again collect presents this Christmas (*see "Gift Tag Tree" section on previous page*).



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

### Holiday Greens Sale

The Hanover Garden Club will be holding their annual Greens Sale in our fellowship hall on Friday, **December 5<sup>th</sup>**, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, and Saturday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>**, from 8:00am to 1:00pm.



### Christmas Tree Tours

The Hanover Area Historical Society presents a mansion full of Christmas trees, each decorated by a group, organization, or individual in the Hanover community. Be sure to check out their displays by taking a tour. Tours run from **November 30<sup>th</sup> through January 11<sup>th</sup>**. Days and times vary, so be sure to contact HAHS at 717-632-3207 before going or for more information.



### Christmas Train Garden

The Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum's Train Garden will be open starting **November 29<sup>th</sup>** 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.



### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

**POINSETTIA/WREATH DEADLINE: November 25<sup>th</sup>**

**HUNGER STAR DEADLINE: December 9<sup>th</sup>**

	Poinsettia(s) @ <b>\$16.00</b> each	=	
	Wreath(s) @ <b>\$25.00</b> each	=	
	World Hunger Star(s) @ <b>\$5.00</b> each	=	
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	=	

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

*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





# NEWS FROM ST. MARK PRESCHOOL

## Fire Safety

We thank Hanover Area Fire & Rescue for visiting our preschool to teach us all about fire safety. The students enjoyed learning from the firefighters, seeing Helmet (the fire dog), and touring the fire truck.

## Fall Activities



October has been full of fun learning about the season of fall, leaves, parts of a pumpkin, and more.

The 4's classes got to take a field trip to Smysers Farm to enjoy lots of wonderful fall activities.

## Trick or Treat

Oh, and we can't forget our Fall Parties packed full of laughter and joy with songs, games, and trick-or-treating! We had so much fun and are super excited for all the activities and plans scheduled for November.

## Cookies!


The preschool is having a **Bake Sale** during the election on Tuesday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you'd like to donate baked goods (cookies, Rice Krispie treats, cupcakes, fudge, etc.) to help support the preschool, please drop off your items in the church office (by noon) or the big kitchen (by 3:30pm) on Monday, **November 4<sup>th</sup>**. We appreciate having your items packaged for sale.



*Thank you for all your help and support!*

IDONIA KLUNK AND ALLISON WENTZ, CO-DIRECTORS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<p>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost <sup>3</sup></p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School</p> <p><b>All Saints SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Fellowship Time after Worship Worship &amp; Music Mtg <b>Fall Back!</b></p>  <p>No Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>Preschool Bake Sale Dropoff (Call Church Office for Times)</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>1pm St. Mark Eats @ Hoss's</p>  <p>Preschool Bake Sale</p> 	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p> <p>3pm Evangelism Mtg</p> <p>6pm-7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p> <p><b>Bazaar Setup</b></p>  <p><b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b></p>	<p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p>  <p>8am-2pm Fall Bazaar</p> <p>ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND</p>
<p>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost <sup>10</sup></p> <p>9:00am Land &amp; Seasons Worship 10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>Land &amp; Seasons Worship</p> <p><b>Confirmation Class CANCELED</b></p> <p>Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p><b>VETERANS DAY</b></p> 	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p>
<p>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost <sup>17</sup></p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>1pm Garden Club Mtg 4pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p> <p>6pm-7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>  <p>FLOSSING DAY</p>	<p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p>
<p>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost <sup>24</sup></p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School</p> <p><b>Christ the King Sunday</b> Confirmation Class PAL Team 2</p> <p>Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon</p> <p><b>POINSETTIA DEADLINE</b></p> 	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p> <p><b>- OFFICE CLOSED -</b> <b>- NO ACTIVITIES -</b></p> <p><b>HAPPY</b> thanksgiving</p> 	<p>11:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p> <p>2025 Offering Envelopes Available for Pickup</p>

\*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.



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