

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS/UPDATES**  
**January 15, 2024**

From *DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2018*: Sharon Foster

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. – ROMANS 12:1*

During a visit to my parents' home in Maryland, I ran out to a local grocery store for a few items. As I pushed my cart, stopping periodically to grab things off the shelves, I noticed several stately young African American women who appeared to be near my own age. They laughed with each other, but there was something very dignified and, at the same time, familiar about them.

When I finished my shopping, I found myself in line behind them. Still mulling over how I knew them, I began to place my items on the checkout counter. As I did so, one of the women leaned over and placed her checkbook on the counter near my items. When she began to write, I noticed the last name printed on the check: Evers. I realized immediately who the women were: they were the daughters of slain civil rights leaders Medgar Evers and Dr Martin Luther King, Jr.

Not wanting to disturb their privacy, I did not introduce myself to them. I knew how much their fathers had sacrificed fighting for the rights of others. Both men knew the price of their efforts would likely be death. But until that moment, I had not thought about how much their spouses and children had surely sacrificed.

That extra something I noticed about the women, I think, was courage and determination. They had overcome heartbreak and carried on the legacies of their fathers.

*Lord, bless the lives of pastors, leaders, and their families who serve to make life better for everyone. Shower them with goodness and mercy. – SHARON FOSTER*

**Prayer:** *Let us pray: Almighty Lord, in You I have found strength and courage. You fill me with Your Spirit to sustain me and encourage me in the faith. I give thanks to You for this great gift and ask that You continue to inspire me to greater works, all towards Your glory. Help me walk in the ways of Your Son, who gave His life for me, so that I might have salvation. In His name I pray, Jesus, my Lord and Savior, Amen.*

**Weekly Schedule:**

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

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

**Wednesday, January 15**                      *Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday*

**Thursday, January 16**                      ~~9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group~~ – **CANCELED THIS WEEK**

**Friday, January 17**                              11:00am – Bible Study

**Saturday, January 18**                        5:30pm – Spoken Worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend after Epiphany

**Sunday, January 19**                         9:00am – Traditional Worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend after Epiphany

Sunday School Following Worship  
Bells Rehearsal

**Monday, January 20**                         *Inauguration Day*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed*

**Tuesday, January 21**                        1:00pm – Garden Club Meeting

**Thursday, January 23**                        9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

6:00pm to 7:00pm – Choir Practice

**Friday, January 24**                            11:00am – Bible Study

## Sunday Worship Leaders

**CPIC:** Martha Lippy    **Lector:** Kathy Gates

**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, Gary Arruda, Jessica (Feeser) Boone, Katherine Borsella, Patrick Brady, Family & Friends of Delores Brillhart, Frances Claybaugh, Kelly Cowan, Tom Cowan, Oscar Crow, Pastor David DeLong, Lisa Dickensheets, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Carol Fadenrecht & Family, Dennis Fahey, Family & Friends of Betty Fury, Nancy Fridinger, Nancy Gill, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Bob Groft, John Hagerman, Richard Hagarman, Carol Ann Haines, Chase Henry & Family, Carrie Hernden, Peg Hippensteel, Mary Hnatkowitz, Michael Humes, 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, Merita Moore, Ed Moran, Emily Moul, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Rose Poist, Mary Riley, Carl Sandruck, David Sandruck, Lucus Schneider, Jim Schuman, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Bob Shue, Dawn Slate, Luanne Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Samuel Smith, Sarah Smith, Family & Friends of Beverly Snyder, Jody Spellman, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Ed Wagaman, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Ron Wentz, Family & Friends of Brad Weiss, Kathy Wildasin, Edward Wiltout, 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 pre-determined by our council each year. January's offering benefits **Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)** to "bring God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world." To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Lutheran Disaster Response" or "January 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.

LDR, while still helping in the hurricane ravaged areas of the US, is now beginning to work with the Pacifica Lutheran Synod, the Southwest California Lutheran Synod, and other partners to bring aid and hope to the people affected by the many fires burning in California. Please consider helping with a donation.

**The Epiphany Star:** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." As we travel through the season of Epiphany, we look to the One who is the true light of the world. In that light we see the Christ, who calls all people to life with God. May we rejoice in worship, seeking to follow that light and walk in His gift of life everlasting.

**(Don't) Let it Snow!** If snow, ice, or other weather causes services to be canceled, we will do our best to get the word out via WGAL and WGAL.com. We'll also get a message on the church website ([stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org)) and send emails if at all possible. If you're not sure whether we'll be worshipping on our normal schedule, please check before braving the weather. And if you're worried at all about ice or other unsafe conditions, please stay home and stay safe!

**Annual Congregational Meeting & Reminder:** Our annual Year-in-Review Congregational Meeting will be held on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** (makeup date **February 9<sup>th</sup>**). We will need to publish the Annual Report by January 24<sup>th</sup>, so **please submit your reports on time** – by **January 19<sup>th</sup>** at the latest. Thank you in advance!

**Directory Available:** The January 2025 edition of the St. Mark Church Directory is available in the bell tower room. Please contact the church office if you'd like a copy sent to you via email.

**Sewing Group Canceled:** The Sewing Group meeting for Thursday, **January 16<sup>th</sup>**, is canceled. The next meeting will be on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 9:00am to 12noon.

**2025-2026 Preschool Registration:** Registration for the 2025-2026 school year began on **January 1<sup>st</sup>** for current students, families that have registered older children in the past, and members of St. Mark Church. Open registration to the public begins **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. Registration is based on a first-come-first-serve basis. Interested families can go to [stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com](http://stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com) or [stmarkhanover.org/st-mark-preschool](http://stmarkhanover.org/st-mark-preschool) for a registration form and more information.

**Preschool Open House:** If you'd like to learn more about the preschool program, they'll be holding an **Open House** on Monday, **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

**January Inspirations:** January inspirations are available in the narthex. Please feel free to take one for yourself and some to share, if you wish.

**Altar Flowers:** We have all of our January vases covered, but almost all of February is free. To dedicate a vase to a loved one or their memory Lent begins, please fill out the altar flower book or contact the church office.

**St. Mark Eats:** Join us **February 4<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm at **The Starlight Diner** – and bring family and friends! Then on **March 4<sup>th</sup>**, we'll have lunch at **Divino's** on Frederick Street. Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board so we can anticipate how many tables we may need.

**Host a Fellowship Time:** We're always looking for more hosts to keep our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Fellowship Time going. Hosting involves setting out our breakfast treats and coffee and straightening up after. Please sign up in the office hallway to host one of these monthly events in 2025.

**Slagle Scholarship - \$1,000:** The Slagle Scholarship Committee is awarding \$1,000 to a graduating senior of Hanover or South Western who plans to enter the nursing profession, the ministry or other religious work, or attend a vocational (technical) school. If you know anyone who fits the bill, please have them contact Martha Lippy at 717-637-8891 or come by the church office on weekdays between 9:00am and 12noon to pick up an application. **Completed applications must be received by the church office on or before noon on Friday, April 4, 2025.**

**Inspirational Back Issues:** We now offer an order form for past issues of the monthly Inspiration envelopes. Choose from past topics like "Love" or "Hope." Order forms can be found in the narthex Inspirations box. If you'd like a copy of previous inspirations, just complete the form and submit it to the church office.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** St. Mark is joining with over 300,000 churches to turn Super Bowl Sunday into the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please plan to bring non-perishable food donations and/or monetary donations to help us fight hunger in our community by stocking the HACC food bank with our contributions. We'll be collecting the weekend of **February 9<sup>th</sup>**, to help our local food bank meet the needs of our hungry neighbors.

**Ruth's Harvest:** 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.

**Bedding Needed:** HACC is asking for twin-size fitted sheets, pillowcases, and twin-size heavy, warm blankets for their cold weather shelter. Contact HACC at 717-633-6353 for more information.

**Hanover Library Events:** In addition to their youth programs and events, Guthrie Memorial Library has some adult offerings: On Tuesday, **January 21<sup>st</sup>**, at 6:00pm, the Cookbook Club will share dishes made at home and discuss recipes, ideas, and techniques centered around the theme "Life Is Like a Box of Chocolates." The following Tuesday, **January 28<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00pm, adults can compete in a Trivia Night. To register for the Cookbook Club or Trivia Night, call 717-632-5183.

**Meals-On-Wheels Help Needed:** If you can drive or be a food runner, contact HACC at 717-633-6353.

**Road Closures Around Church:** Columbia Gas will be replacing gas lines in the vicinity of the church in January. Be sure to plan for delays when coming to services or just traveling through the area!

**Scam Alerts:** If you receive a call from a bank employee asking you to confirm a code they just sent you, it's a scam. Most likely, they have your username and password and just need the code to finish logging into your account. For lots more tips like this one to protect yourself and others in this ever-changing world, go to <https://yorkcountypa.gov/1071/Fraud-Alerts>.

**Emmanuel UCC Free Concert:** Critically acclaimed trumpet and flugelhorn artist, John Maurer, will present a program of standards, jazz, and original compositions for trumpet and piano with pianist, Nate Petley on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at 3:00pm. For more information, call Emmanuel United Church of Christ on Broadway in Hanover at 717-632-8281 or go to [emmanuelucc.org](http://emmanuelucc.org).