

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS/UPDATES
May 7, 2025

From DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 1988: Shirley Pope Waite

Honor...thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.. – DEUTERONOMY 5:16

Did you know that the idea for Mother's Day was born in a small Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia?

It was 1876 and the nation still mourned the Civil War dead. While teaching a Memorial Day lesson, Mrs. Anna Reeves Jarvis thought of mothers who had lost their sons. She prayed that one day there could be a "memorial day for mothers." The prayer made a deep impression on one of Mrs. Jarvis's eleven children. Young Anna had seen her mother's efforts to hold the war-split community and church together. As she grew into adulthood, the younger woman kept Mrs. Jarvis's dream in her heart. On the day of her mother's death, Anna was determined to establish a Mother's Day in her honor.

On May 12, 1907, a local observance was held which later spread to Philadelphia. By 1909, Mother's Day was celebrated in forty-five states, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Canada, and Mexico. Elated, Miss Jarvis told her friend, "Where it will end must be left for the future to tell. That it will circle the globe now seems certain."

On May 8, 1914, President Wilson designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day "for displaying the American flag and for the public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of the country."

Today let's say a prayer of thanks for Anna Jarvis, who for thirty years kept her mother's dream alive. Then let us turn to the woman who gave us birth, and others whose mother love nurtured us through the years and find our own special way of expressing heartfelt thanks.

Dear God, on this day, bless mothers everywhere. – SHIRLEY POPE WAITE

Prayer: *Let us pray: Gracious Lord, You have blessed the world with family. This Mother's Day, help me give thanks for the wome in my life that are and were family. Bless those women who love(d), support(ed) and mother(ed) me. Help me continue in their tradition by showing that same care for others that I meet each day. Guide me to be a loving servant all to Your glory, through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen*

Weekly Schedule:

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 12:00noon

Preschool: Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm

Thursday, May 8 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

Friday, May 9 11:00am – Bible Study

12:30pm – Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

Saturday, May 10 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – 4th Weekend of Easter

Sunday, May 11 *Mother's Day | Music Sunday*

9:00am – Traditional Worship – 4th Weekend of Easter

Sunday School Following Worship

Confirmation Class

Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 13 9:30am – Property Committee Meeting

10:00am – St. Mark Coloring Group

Wednesday, May 14 Last Day for Preschool M/W 3-Year-Old Classes

Thursday, May 15 Last Day for Preschool T/TH 3-Year-Old Classes

9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

Friday, May 16 10:30am/2:00pm – Preschool Graduation

11:00am – Bible Study

Sunday Worship Leaders

CPIC: Kate Klunk

Lector: Kate Klunk

Comm. Assts: Kate Klunk | Jeff Kindschuh

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 we're told 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, Katherine Borsella, Patrick Brady, Susan Bucher-Laughman, Kath Campbell, Lucas Cherry, Frances Claybaugh, Tom Cowan, Oscar Crow, Lisa Dickensheets, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Landon Evans, Dennis Fahey, Nancy Fridinger, Nancy Gill, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Bob Groft, John Hagerman, Chase Henry & Family, Carrie Hernden, Peg Hippensteel, Michael Humes, Martha Howells, Donna Jones, Debbie Kellenbenz, Craig King, Shawn Klunk, Kelly Koontz, Norma Kreidler, Winchester Kuhn, Allen Kuhns, Jo Kuhns, David Kunkel, Russell Laughman, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Family & Friends of Bill Leppo, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Luqman, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Carol Miller, Merita Moore, Ed Moran, Emily Moul, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Wayne Noel, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Mary Riley, Family & Friends of Dennis Robert Rose, Carl Sandruck, David Sandruck, Lucus Schneider, Bob and Cecelia Sell, Bob Shue, Luanne Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Sarah Smith, Jody Spellman, Amanda Stuckey, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Erin Viozzi, Ed Wagaman, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Ron Wentz, Bill Whelan, Kathy Wildasin, Rebecca Wisotzkey.*

St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs. During May we are given the opportunity to contribute to **HACC PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program** which serves a free hot, nutritious home-cooked lunch *seven* days a week, prepared by churches in the Hanover area.

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

Help Us Buy Ingredients: HACC's Provide-A-Lunch program makes sure there is a hot meal for anyone in the Hanover area who needs one. St. Mark's two teams serve lunch each month and provide the ingredients for each meal. To help us continue this mission, please consider donating to our PAL Supply fund. To contribute **directly to St. Mark's PAL efforts**, please note "PAL **SUPPLIES**" (be sure to specify "supplies" so that your donation is directed to the right place) on the *Other* line of your offering envelope. Thank you!

2025-2026 Preschool Openings: There are still some spots left in the T/TH 3-year-old class. Please go to stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com or stmarkhanover.org/st-mark-preschool for more information.

Altar Vases: Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for altar flower sponsors! May is now full. We have one vase left on **June 15th** and two on **June 22nd**, as well as a couple left in July. If you can dedicate a vase to a loved one or their memory, please contact the church office or add your dedication to the Altar Flower book.

Geraniums: To dedicate Pentecost geraniums to a loved one, please submit a form found in the narthex or [April newsletter](#). The Day of Pentecost is June 8th, and the deadline to order is **May 18th**. As always, we'll be planting the geraniums to beautify the church gardens. If you can help with the planting during the week following Pentecost Sunday, please call the church office (717-637-8904).

Inspirations: May inspiration packets are now available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one for yourself and one or more to share!

St. Mark Representative Needed: Are you able to attend HACC's quarterly board meetings? We need a church member to represent St. Mark at meetings of the Hanover Area Council of Churches once per quarter, usually a Monday night from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Our former representative is no longer able to attend. If you're a member and able to take on this duty, please contact Pastor Kirk or the church office. Thank you for your help!

Honoring Our Heroes: This event is coming up soon! We hope and pray for another successful event on **May 18th**. Please join us for activities and displays at 5:00pm with a concert at 7:00pm, followed by root beer floats. All St. Mark activities are free of charge, and food trucks will be present to sell refreshments. Please spread the word to anyone who may want to attend or have a table display. Flyers are available on the office hallway table, so if you know of places to post them, please do so!

Mission Trip: Gary Laabs and his granddaughter will be going to the Dominican Republic with MMI **June 21st through the 28th**. A box has been set up in the narthex to begin receiving donated medications to send with him, especially vitamins (not prenatal) and OTC pain medication. Check the upcoming May newsletter for guidelines on medication they will accept. All medication donations must be brought in by **May 25th** in order for them to clear Customs in time for the trip.

Mother's Day & Music Sunday: This Sunday, **May 11th**, is Mother's Day and Music Sunday. We'll be celebrating our mothers, as well as those who mother us now and have mothered us in the past. We'll also recognize St. Mark's musicians and enjoy music by the St. Mark TrebleBells. Please join us!

New Coloring Group Here at St. Mark! If you're an adult who enjoys coloring, either on paper or on your iPad, grab your supplies and join us for our new coloring group here in a St. Mark classroom. The group meets monthly, usually on the second Tuesday, from 10:00am to 11:30am. May's meeting will be next Tuesday, **May 13th**. Call the church office or email offcoor129@gmail.com for the schedule or if you need more information. And if you know of anyone else who'd like to come, please let them know – flyers are on the office hallway table.

St. Mark Eats: We invite you to join us **THURSDAY, JUNE 5th**. We'll be taking advantage of our longer days by moving to dinnertime when we visit Dutch Country at 6:00pm. Please sign up!

St. Mark's Graduates: Calling all proud parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles: this is your time to share the wonderful news of upcoming graduates in your family! Once again, we'll take a Sunday in June to congratulate our graduates from high school, college, graduate school, and trade school. We want to make sure we don't miss anyone, so please contact the church office (717-637-8904, offcoor129@gmail.com) with names of any and all students we have graduating this year.

Sunday School: Classes will conclude this Sunday, **May 11th**. Please join us next Sunday, **May 18th**, as we celebrate the end of the year following morning worship.

VBS Planning Meeting: This Friday, **May 9th**, at 12:30pm we will meet at St. Mark to plan our garden-themed Vacation Bible School. VBS will be **July 28th through August 1st**. **We really need volunteers to sign up in the office hallway as soon as possible** – a timely response will allow us to better plan a program. So please sign up and, if you're interested in VBS, come to Friday's meeting. Without our volunteers, VBS will not be possible.

Cultural Celebration: The Hanover Area Diversity Alliance presents PeopleFest, a celebration of cultures, on **May 17th** from 10:00am to 5:00pm. The event takes place in the Codorus State Park Recreation Area and will include music, dancing, cultural displays/activities such as a native powwow, children's activities, and the "Highland Games." For more information, contact Aaron Zipp at 717-521-3764 or info@hanoverdiversity.org.

Mindfulness Sessions: Emmanuel United Church of Christ at 124 Broadway offers free mindfulness and stress reduction sessions the **1st & 3rd Saturdays** of each month, 6:00pm to 6:45pm, in person (courtyard entrance) and on Zoom. Contact Karen Jones at kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com for more information

Free Motown Concert: "Motown Get-Down," featuring music by NA'Chord, will take place at the Codorus State Park Recreation Area on **May 16th** from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with food trucks at 5:30pm. Contact the park for more information.

Volunteer Fiesta: HACC is recognizing volunteers with a Volunteer Fiesta that includes food, music, prizes, and fun on **May 31st** from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. The event will be held at St. Paul Dubs Church. RSVP by **May 16th** at 717-633-6353.