

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS/UPDATES**  
**June 24, 2025**

From DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 1988: Oscar Greene

*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men... – GALATIANS 6:10*

It was a blazing hot day in 1904 at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St Louis, Missouri – a celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana Territory from France. Charles Menches was there at his ice cream stand. Like other ice cream vendors, he sold his treat in dishes. But he was so busy that by mid-morning all his dishes were gone. Customers were turning away, and his ice cream was melting.

Charles glanced around. Nearby, Ernest Hamwi from Syria was selling a Middle Eastern delicacy called *zalabia*, a crisp, pastry-like delight eaten with syrup.

“Quick,” cried Menches, “give me some zalabia!” He curled the zalabia, scooped in the ice cream and handed each to a customer. They looked startled, tasted, then smiled. The ice cream was saved, and thus the ice cream cone was born!

What's the moral of this little story?

To me it's a reminder that problems and setbacks come to all of us. But God also gave us the qualities of imagination, originality and inventiveness. And who knows – perhaps He sometimes sends a challenging little setback just to make sure those qualities don't atrophy.

*Lord, when setbacks come, let me be a problem solver,  
using my gifts to turn challenges into opportunities. – OSCAR GREENE*

**Prayer:** *Let us pray: Merciful Lord, when plagued with the setbacks and hurdles of life, You grant me the strength and ability to overcome them. I give thanks for the Spirit that fills me and guides me through life and towards You in faith and devotion. Continue to help me see the opportunities of life rather than the hindrances, so that I may become more like Your Son, my Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray. Amen.*

**Weekly Schedule:**

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

**Preschool:** On Summer Break

**Thursday, June 26** 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

**Friday, June 27** 11:00am – Bible Study

**Saturday, June 28** 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – *St. Peter & St. Paul Festival Weekend*

**Sunday, June 29** 9:00am – Traditional Worship – *St. Peter & St. Paul Festival Weekend*

Brief Council Meeting Following Worship

**Tuesday, July 1** 6:00pm – St Mark Eats @ Starlight Diner

**Thursday, July 3** 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

**NO EVANGELISM MEETING**

**Friday, July 4** *Independence Day*

**OFFICE CLOSED DUE TO HOLIDAY**

## Sunday Worship Leaders

**CPIC:** Gail Merlo

**Lector:** Hollis Long

**Communion Assistants:** Gail Merlo | 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, 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, Pat Keefer, Debbie Kellenbenz, Craig King, Shawn Klunk, Kelly Koontz, Norma Kreidler, Winchester Kuhn, Allen Kuhns, Jo Kuhns, David Kunkel, Russell Laughman, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Ronnie Lippy, Naura Lugman, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Merita Moore, Family & Friends of Ed Moran, Emily Moul, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Wayne Noel, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Mary Riley, 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, Betty Tyson, Erin Viozzi, Ed Wagaman, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Ron Wentz, Bill Whelan, Kathy Wildasin, Family & Friends of Edward Wiltrout, Rebecca Wisotzkey, MMI Dominican Republic Mission Team including Gary Laabs and His Granddaughter, Victoria.*

**St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs** gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs. During June we are given the opportunity to contribute to the **Visiting Nurses Association (VNA)** of Hanover and Spring Grove, a hospice program that provides services at home and in nursing homes for people who are at the end of life. To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "VNA" or "June 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.

**Air-Conditioning Update:** Walton & Co., our air-conditioning contractor, was here at the church on Monday. They have gotten the new compressor working BUT found it can overheat because of two outside fan units (the original ones) seizing up and stopping. So, we are in the process of re-evaluating replacing those two fans to match the other new one and possibly get the AC working again. **We will send another email on Friday with the update as to where worship will be this coming weekend. Keep praying that we get the unit fixed.**

**Altar Vases:** Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for altar flower sponsors – June is now full! **We do still have two vases open on July 27<sup>th</sup>**, as well as **most of August**. 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.

**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!

**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. July's meeting will be **July 8<sup>th</sup>**. Call the church office or email [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Inspirations:** July inspiration packets are available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one for yourself and one or more to share. Additionally, if you have had a Glory moment in your life, share that also on the colored pew card and place it in the offering plate. Posting these Acts of Glory will inspire others to witness God.

**Next St. Mark Eats:** We invite you to join next Tuesday, **July 1<sup>st</sup>**, for dinner at the Starlight Diner at 6:00pm. Then on **August 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will meet at 6:00pm at C&D Bar and Grill in New Oxford. Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship!

**2026 Heroes Chair Needed:** After three successful years, I am stepping away from the role of “Honoring Our Heroes” Chairperson. **Do you want to see this event continue next year?** If this event is to continue, we need you to step up and do a part of the work needed to put this together. Melinda will continue to help with the concert, and I will share my resources, information, and ideas. Tell Pastor Kirk or myself what you are willing to do to keep “Honoring Our Heroes” at St. Mark. Thank you! – *Gary Laabs*

**Please Check Your Info:** The latest Church Directory will be published in July. Please be sure to check your information before then, **even if it hasn't changed lately**. Occasionally, we find that a phone number or address has been incorrect for years, and it doesn't come up until someone contacts the church office to try to find the information. Please look at a printed copy (found in the bell tower room) or contact Joni for an emailed copy to verify your info.

**St. Mark Representative Needed:** Are you able to attend HACC's board meetings four times each year? 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!

**Thank You to All Who Gave:** Last Thursday, we once again hosted the Central Penn Blood Drive. We give thanks to everyone who came out and supported the need. Out of 61 people registered, they were able to collect 46 units of blood, potentially saving 138 lives! The next blood drive here at St. Mark is scheduled for Thursday, **August 21<sup>st</sup>**, 7:00am to 7:00pm.

**VBS ALMOST FULL!** VBS will take place **July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>**. To register, go to [stpaulsyorkst.org/vbs-registration](http://stpaulsyorkst.org/vbs-registration) or click on the VBS flyer on our home page ([stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org)). **We also still really need a couple more volunteers** – please sign up in the narthex or call the office at 717-637-8904!

**Volunteers Needed:** And speaking of volunteers: St. Mark will once again participate in Hanover's Snack Town Street Fair to spread the Word and invite fairgoers to St. Mark. We can use some help making this happen. This year's fair is on Saturday, **July 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please sign up in the narthex – we appreciate anyone who can help out so we can continue this evangelizing effort!

**Free Weekly Outdoor Story Time:** The Guthrie Memorial Library offers free story time with Miss Kelly in Penn Township Community Park (Kids' Kingdom) this summer on Tuesdays from 10:00am to 10:45am. The program runs from **June 10<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>** and includes crafts, activities, and games. The park is located at 4601 Grandview Road in Hanover. Call the library at 717-632-5183 for more information.

**RC's Summer Movie Series:** \$1 Movies from **June 17<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>** every Tuesday & Wednesday at 10:00am, including sensory-friendly showings. For details visit: [rctheatres.com/summermovies2025](http://rctheatres.com/summermovies2025).

**Rent-a-Kid:** The York County Area Agency on aging once again offers a way to connect older adults with young people to help with yardwork, light household chores, etc. at affordable rates. Please contact YCAAA at 717-771-9103 or email [Aging@YorkCountyPA.gov](mailto:Aging@YorkCountyPA.gov).

**Summer Concert Series:** The Historical Society is hosting free lawn concerts this summer on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. On **July 2<sup>nd</sup>**, HSO Brass will perform a patriotic concert: *A Salute to America*. The rest of the schedule can be found at [hanoverpahistory.org](http://hanoverpahistory.org).

**Juneteenth Celebration:** This Saturday, **June 28<sup>th</sup>**, as part of the Heart of HanoverLand event, Guthrie Memorial Library will host a Juneteenth celebration in the Bare Center from 11:00am to 3:00pm. There will be food and vendors, door prizes, music by N A'Chord, Dance by Dwennimmen African Dance Community, a presentation featuring Samantha Dorm from Friends of Lebanon Cemetery, readings, and a roundtable featuring Hanover history experts Scott Mingus, James McClure, Dr. Marc Charisse, and Matthew Jackson. Admission is free. For more information, contact Guthrie Memorial Library.