

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS / UPDATES
August 20, 2025

From DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2009: Roberta Messner

And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. – HEBREWS 13:16

Last summer, on the hottest Saturday in August, I held a yard sale at my log cabin. I'd worked for weeks getting ready, and on the day of the sale, I got up at 5:00 a.m. to set up tables, display my merchandise and post signs throughout the neighborhood. By the time noon came, I was famished and I'd failed to plan anything for lunch.

About that time my friend Debbie stopped by to see how my sale was going. I'd met Debbie eight years before when she was my mother's hospice nurse. From the morning she happened by, just when I was having trouble managing Mother's pain, I noticed Debbie had a knack for knowing when her help was needed.

"I came to see what you want for lunch," she said. "What about a salad or a sandwich? I'll run down and pick it up for you."

Twenty minutes later Debbie returned with a turkey and provolone sandwich on whole wheat and a large soda. "When I heard you were having a sale," she said, "I thought back to the day I had mine. I wanted to do something to help you, and when I asked God about it, He seemed to say, 'nothing big, Debbie. Just take Roberta something to eat.'"

That refreshing lunch gave me a second wind for the afternoon. As I folded up tables after the sale in record speed, I knew that Debbie's kindness was something I wanted to emulate. Ever since, I've been trying to follow her example by looking for simple ways to help others. It's becoming a joy-filled way of living.

Lord, show me how to communicate caring in simple, loving ways. – ROBERTA MESSNER

Prayer: *Let us pray: Loving Lord, by Your Spirit, You have filled me with peace and wisdom, guiding me in all Your ways. Help me continue to follow in that path, sustained by Your Word and Spirit and empowered to be Your servant in all the ways needed for strangers and friends alike. Guide me in following the path of Your Son, Jesus, my Savior and Lord, in whose name I pray. Amen.*

Weekly Schedule:

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

Preschool: Regular Classes Resume in September

Thursday, August 21	7:00am to 7:00pm – UPMC Blood Drive 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group
Friday, August 22	11:00am – Bible Study
Saturday, August 23	5:30pm – Spoken Worship – <i>St. Bartholomew Festival Weekend</i>
Sunday, August 24	9:00am – Traditional Worship – <i>St. Bartholomew Festival Weekend</i> PAL Team B Serves at HACC Bells Rehearsal
Monday, August 25	8:30am – Preschool Toy Washing Day 12:00noon – Preschool Board meeting
Wednesday, August 27	10:00am – Preschool Orientation (4's Class)
Thursday, August 28	9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group
Friday, August 29	11:00am – Bible Study

Sunday Worship Leaders

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

Communion Assistants: Martha Lippy | *Need Volunteer*

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, Nancy Brady, Patrick Brady, Susan Bucher-Laughman, Lucas Cherry, Frances Claybaugh, Oscar Crow, Pastor David DeLong, 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, Sandy Hart, Debby Hartlaub, Chase Henry & Family, Carrie Hernden, Peg Hippensteel, Michael Humes, Martha Howells, Donna Jones, Kathy 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 Luqman, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Wayne Noel, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Bill Reese, Melinda Repass, 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, Family & Friends of Francis Thrift, Sr., 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, Texas Flooding Victims*

St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs. During August, we are given the opportunity to contribute to **Hanover Area Council of Churches – Ruth's Harvest**, the program which makes sure the elementary school kids that rely on daily meals at school also have some meals for the weekends. To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Ruth's Harvest" or "August 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.

St. Bartholomew Festival Weekend: August 24th on the church calendar is marked as St. Bartholomew Festival Day, a day to commemorate this early disciple's faith. Join us this weekend as we emulate his confession of faith in Jesus, "Son of God" and "King of Israel." Let us all come into Worship giving praise to our Lord and Savior.

The Bazaar Is Coming! Our 4th Annual Fall Bazaar will be on Saturday, **November 1st**, from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Sound far away? November will be here before we know it. Watch for signup sheets to be posted soon 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 now be found at stmarkhanover.org – just click on the Fall Bazaar flier to download one, or you can pick up on from the church office. Applications and payment are due by **October 15th**. If you're able to post physical fliers or share a graphic on your social media, contact Joni at 637-8904 or offcoor129@gmail.com.

Altar Vases: Thank you to everyone who is sponsoring vases to ensure we have fresh flowers every week. Most of August's vases have been filled – **we just have one left on August 31st**. We also have three vases available for September. If you'd like to dedicate a vase in September, be sure to fill out the book or contact the office by **August 27th** so we can include your dedication in September's newsletter. Thank you!

Blood Drive: The next UPMC blood drive will be here at St. Mark from 7:00am to 7:00pm this Thursday, **August 21st**. To register, go to 717giveblood.org, click Find a Blood Drive, and choose UPMC Hanover from the dropdown menu.

Glory & Inspirations: August's inspiration packets are available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one for yourself and one or more to share. **If you'd like a copy of the month's inspirations emailed to you at the beginning of each month**, please let Joni know at offcoor129@gmail.com. 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.

Save the Date: We give thanks to Amy and Abby Shermeyer who have come forward to help coordinate the 2026 Heroes Event here at St. Mark on **May 17th** of next year. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss this wonderful experience of festivities offering thanks, music, and good eats. Look for opportunities to volunteer and help support the event as we begin planning for next year.

Serving Lunch: Help Us Get Ingredients: This Sunday, one of our St. Mark PAL (Provide-A-Lunch) teams will cook and serve a hot lunch to about 100 people at HACC. Currently we provide the ingredients for each monthly meal they serve. Please consider donating to our “PAL Supplies” fund to help us buy the food we need to continue this. To contribute **directly to St. Mark’s PAL efforts**, please note “PAL **SUPPLIES**” (specify “supplies” so your donation is directed to the right place) on the *Other* line of your offering envelope. Thank you!

God’s Work Our Hands: We’ll be packing backpacks to send to those in need on Sunday, **September 7th** after worship. The specific supplies needed are: spiral notebooks (70-sheet, wide- or college-ruled), rulers (12-inch with centimeter measurements included), erasers (2-1/2 inch), safety scissors, pencils (unsharpened #2 with erasers), crayons (box of 24), pens (black or blue ballpoint), and mini pencil sharpeners. If you’re able to donate any of the above supplies, please bring them to the narthex or drop them off in the church office. This list is also in the latest newsletter and listed on the collection bins.

Next St. Mark Eats: We invite you to join us Tuesday, **September 2nd**, for dinner at 6:00pm at the Gateway Diner in Gettysburg. Please join us for a fun time!

Ruth’s Harvest: As mentioned above, 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. Francis Worship Service: St. Francis was known for his love of animals and stressing the importance of caring for all God’s creation. His commemoration day will fall on a weekend this year, so the Worship and Music Committee is proposing a special 9:00am worship service on Sunday, **October 5th**, to commemorate and give thanks for all creation, animals, and especially our pets. In September, we invite members to **bring in pictures of your past or present pets** to display in the narthex as we lift them up in our worship on that special Sunday. We will have our usual Pet Blessing Service at 2:00pm on Saturday, **October 4th**, as well.

St. Mark Adult Coloring Group: Grab your supplies and join us for our coloring group here in a St. Mark classroom. The group meets monthly, usually on the second Tuesday, from 10:00am to 11:30am. The next meeting is **September 9th**. Please spread the word! Fliers are on the office hallway table.

St. Mark Representative Needed: The next HACC board is meeting Monday, **August 25th**, at 7:00pm. St. Mark needs a delegate to represent us at the Board meeting. They generally meet 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!

Texas Flooding: Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with Southwestern Texas Synod to provide for urgent needs, emotional and spiritual care, and cleanup/long-term recovery for victims of the recent flash flooding in Texas. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please mark your offering “LDR – Texas Flooding” on the *Other* line of your envelope.

Document Shredding and Damaged License Plate Replacement: On Saturday, **September 27th**, from 9:00am to 12noon at Kate Klunk’s office, 118 Carlisle Street. RSVPs are required for the license plate replacement. Call 717-630-8942 or go to RepKlunk.com/Events.

Free Concert: As part of the summer’s lawn concert series, on Wednesday, **September 3rd**, Generations Big Band will perform *Singers and Swingers* at the Warehime-Myers mansion. Then on **October 1st**, there will be a Country Western Hoe Down and Line Dancing Event, *Bring It on Home*. For details, go to hanoverpahistory.org.

Free Diapers: Families in Bloom Diaper Bank at St. John’s Lutheran on 100 E. Water Street in Abbottstown distributes diapers to those in need. The next distribution dates are Thursday, **September 4th**, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm, and Saturday, **September 20th**, from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Hanover Against Hunger: St. Matthew is hosting another food packing event on **November 1st**. They’ve **contacted us again this week** asking for someone at St. Mark to set up a table before/after our worship to share details. If you’re interested in taking this on for St. Matthew, call our church office at 717-637-8904 for contact info.

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.