



## St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street  
Hanover PA 17331

717-637-8904 [stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org)

### 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

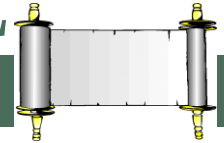
### Meetings & Activities

- Sept 1 – *Labor Day*  
– **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Sept 2 – 6pm St. Mark Eats @  
Gateway Diner
- Sept 4 – 3pm Evangelism Mtg  
– Preschool Orientation  
(3's Class)
- Sept 7 – Fellowship Time  
Following Worship  
– “God’s Work. Our Hands.”  
Backpack Assembly
- Sept 8 – Preschool 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day  
(4's Class)
- Sept 9 – 10am Coloring Group
- Sept 11 – *Patriot Day*
- Sept 13 – 12pm-4pm Private Event  
in Fellowship Hall
- Sept 14 – *Holy Cross Day*
- Sept 15 – Preschool 1<sup>st</sup> Full Day  
(3's Class)
- Sept 16 – 1pm Garden Club Mtg
- Sept 19 – **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- Sept 21 – *Festival of St Matthew*  
– Non-Communion Worship
- Sept 22 – *1<sup>st</sup> Day of Fall*
- Sept 26 – **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- Sept 28 – Non-Communion Worship  
– **NO PAL IN SEPTEMBER**
- Sept 29 – Preschool Fundraiser Due



# ST. MARK BELL

## Pastor's Ponderings



“Remember the Sabbath  
day and keep it holy.”  
– Exodus 20:8:33B

Dear Working St. Markians:

September 1<sup>st</sup> is Labor Day, the earliest date it possibly can be by law. The law that the first Monday of September would be Labor Day was signed in June of 1894 by President Grover Cleveland. Over a hundred and thirty years later, most people now consider this holiday as the unofficial end of summer. We tend to forget that it is a holiday to honor the contributions of all workers who helped build and continue to run this nation.

It all began with the Labor Reform Movement of the 1800's. At that time most people, especially the poor and immigrants, worked every day, twelve-hour days, often in unsafe and unsanitary conditions. Even children as young as five or six were put to work without a care for their wellbeing. As the Industrial Revolution grew, workers started to realize they held power when banded together. They began demanding better working conditions, limited hours for better pay, and benefits. Several deadly and violent protests resulted in more and more attention to the plight of the working class. On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers decided to take a day off without pay to parade through New York, from City Hall to Union Square, to celebrate the rights of workers. Twelve long years after that first parade, Labor Day became the national holiday of a day off to celebrate the workers of America.

But all of this is nothing new. God knew that creation needed time to rest and renew, not just one day a year, but once a week on the Sabbath day. Right from the beginning of scripture, we read about it in the creation story itself. For six days, the earth, land, sea, plants, animals, and humanity were going through the upheaval of creation, from chaos to order. Then on the seventh day, God rested, and creation rested – a day set apart to be calm, renew, reflect, refresh. Later, God had to remind his own people to honor this day. He commands in Exodus 20 that for “*six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female slave, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.*” God makes it clear that no one should be expected to work continually but, instead, to set apart that one day to be at rest and consecrate it to the Lord.

That's why, even as we celebrate Labor Day on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup>, we also remember that there is a day each week to celebrate God and the Lord's blessings given to us. On that one day each week, we come into worship honoring the Lord and giving thanks for the many and various gifts, which include all types of labor; working in public or private companies, or stores, or schools, or hospitals, or factories, or in homes – in all places. As we turn to the fall season this September, let us remember to honor God in Sabbath; to take that day of rest and renew in worship and praise for all the many gifts that bless us.

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

## HAPPENINGS AND NEWS IN OUR CONGREGATION

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

- A special congregational meeting was held to discuss two agenda items – a new door installation and tree issues around the property.
- Congregation discussed and voted to replace playground doors with a new electric sliding doorway installed by Susquehanna Door Company.

- Congregation discussed and voted to remove trees and grind stumps of four dying trees and two large ones with branches that are damaging roof over the office hallway.



### COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

- Following morning worship, the Congregation Council met for its regular meeting. The meeting began with prayer, review of minutes, circulations, and attendance rolls.
- Treasurer report was given as of the end of June. The accounts show a deficit that is less than last year at this time; however, that is due to the good investments that have come in this year, limiting our deficit.
- Council President requested continued prayers for the church, our community, and the world. In these times in which we live, we need God's truth and peace.
- Pastor gave his statistical report and reported on the assembly news of our new Bishops of the Lower Susquehanna Lutheran Synod and the entire ELCA. Pastor also requested Council's input on his upcoming vacation coverage. Council decided to have lay people lead non-communion Sundays for the weekends he is away. Several Council members volunteered to take part in the weekends, including opening and closing of building.
- Evangelism Committee gave their written report. A big thanks was given to Martha and Wayne Lippy and Linda Bolin for representing the church at the Snack Town festival.

- Preschool Board gave their written report, noting the full classes and upcoming full schedule for the new school year. It was noted that a potential replacement for Mrs. Idonia Klunk (current 4-Year-Old Teacher and Co-Director) will be a substitute this year.
- In old business, Council reviewed the usage of the donations given to help the building and grounds. Also, an update was reported on the repair of the air conditioning system. Finally, it was noted that Amy and Abby Shermeyer have come forward to coordinate the 2026 Hero Event with Gary Laabs' help. We gave thanks to all those who volunteer.
- In new business, Council discussed the Diana Weaver estate that was left to St. Mark. Council designated Jeff Kindschuh and Mike Merlo to act on behalf of the congregation in getting the funds transferred to the church accounts. It was also noted in new business for Council to think about ways we can use the 4 old chapel stones, instead of leaving them leaning against the wall outside.
- Due to Pastor's vacation, the next regular Council meeting will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, following worship.

### July's Treasurer's Report





## Prayer List for September

- |                         |                        |                         |                        |                                      |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| • Dora                  | • Landon Evans         | • Kathy Jones           | • Wayne Noel           | • Phyllis Tasto                      |
| • Grayson               | • Dennis Fahey         | • Pat Keefer            | • Carolyn Neumyer      | • Family & Friends of Francis Thrift |
| • Daniel Ard            | • Nancy Fridinger      | • Debbie Kellenbenz     | • Marian Noble         | • Sr.                                |
| • Katherine Borsella    | • Nancy Gill           | • Craig King            | • Susan O'Brien        | • Jennie Tome                        |
| • Nancy Brady           | • Vickie Gouker        | • Shawn Klunk           | • Kelly Perdue         | • George Tracy                       |
| • Patrick Brady         | • Dane Graham          | • Kelly Koontz          | • Bill Reese           | • Allison Trump                      |
| • Susan Bucher-Laughman | • Tom Greenholt        | • Norma Kreidler        | • Melinda Repass       | • Erin Viozzi                        |
| • Lucas Cherry          | • Bob Groft            | • Winchester Kuhn       | • Mary Riley           | • Ed Wagaman                         |
| • Frances Claybaugh     | • John Hagerman        | • Allen Kuhns           | • Carl Sandruck        | • Gloria Wagaman                     |
| • Oscar Crow            | • Sandy Hart           | • Jo Kuhns              | • David Sandruck       | • Jody Walter                        |
| • Pastor David DeLong   | • Debby Hartlaub       | • David Kunkel          | • Lucus Schneider      | • Naomi Warren                       |
| • Lisa Dickensheets     | • Chase Henry & Family | • Russell Laughman      | • Bob and Cecelia Sell | • Barb Watson                        |
| • Diane Duffy           | • Carrie Hernden       | • Jean Lawrence         | • Julie Sell-Smith     | • Ron Wentz                          |
| • Robin Eline           | • Peg Hippensteel      | • Tom Lawrence          | • Bob Shue             | • Bill Whelan                        |
| • Tarek Elnaggar        | • Michael Humes        | • Ronnie Lippy          | • Luanne Slusser       | • Kathy Wildasin                     |
| • Jean Eshbach          | • Martha Howells       | • Naura Luqman          | • Denise Smith         | • Rebecca Wisotzkey                  |
|                         | • Donna Jones          | • Carol McDermitt-Humes | • Pr. Jerry Smith      | • Texas Flooding Victims             |
|                         |                        | • Merita Moore          | • JoAnn Smith          |                                      |
|                         |                        | • Leah Moul             | • Sarah Smith          |                                      |
|                         |                        | • Merle Mummert         | • Jody Spellman        |                                      |
|                         |                        | • Pam Mummert           | • Amanda Stuckey       |                                      |

*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. If you know of a name that can be removed from the list, please let us know.*



**Welcome Back, Dennis & Kim Bartell!** Dennis and Kim have returned to St. Mark from St. John in Abbottstown. They rejoin us as active members. Please be sure to make them feel welcome!

### 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 September our designated need will be the **Habitat for Humanity**. Habitat Humanity partners with people in the community and all over the world to help them build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage.

To contribute to this month's need, please specify on your check or the *Other* line of your offering envelope: **"Habitat for Humanity"** (or **"September's Designated Need"**). 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.



**Habitat**  
for Humanity®



**TUESDAY, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dinner** at Gateway Diner at **6:00pm**

**TUESDAY, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Lunch** at Hoss's at **1:00pm**

**TUESDAY, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Lunch** at El Rodeo at **1:00pm**

## St. Mark Eats



### Blood Drive Follow-Up

Thank you to all who supported and/or participated in the August 21<sup>st</sup> Blood Drive. Central Penn Blood Bank collected **56 units** of blood, potentially saving **168 local lives**. Please mark your calendars for our next blood drive on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.



### Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Bazaar Is Coming!

Once again, the Evangelism Committee is planning a Fall Bazaar on **November 1<sup>st</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Watch for signup sheets for cooks, bakers, crafters, and anyone else willing to lend a hand. Come to our next planning session during the Evangelism

Committee meeting on **September 4<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00pm. 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 be found at [stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org) – just click on the Fall Bazaar flier to download one or contact the church office. Applications and payment are due by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**If you're able to post fliers or share a graphic on your social media, contact Joni at 637-8904 | [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com)**

### Save the Date

Mark your calendars now – our next Heroes Event will be **May 17<sup>th</sup>** of next year. Vendor applications are already available on [our website](#). Watch for volunteer opportunities as the date draws closer – we hope you can join us at the event!

### St. Mark Evangelists

Thank you to **Martha & Wayne Lippy** for spending a very long day from start-to-finish representing St. Mark at the Snack Town Street Fair. Thanks also to **Linda Bolin** for coming to help out for several hours during the day. They worked together to share the Word of God and our church information with the Hanover community and beyond. Lots of people stopped by, and they gave away many crocheted prayer squares and other materials with St. Mark's information attached. Additionally, thank you to the crocheters behind the scenes who provided the hundreds of prayer squares, as well as many more, throughout the year – **Jo Kuhns, Judy Laughman, and Amy Shermeyer**. We appreciate you all!



### "God's Work. Our Hands." Reminder & Request

Thank you to all who've brought in school supplies. We'll be collecting until **September 7<sup>th</sup>**, at which point we will pack the backpacks after worship. If you're able to stay that Sunday, we appreciate help assembling the backpacks and packing them to send to those in need.

If you'd like to donate supplies, please check the narthex, see our [last newsletter](#), or call the church office for a list of supplies needed.

– Thank you!

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

## Vacation Bible School



This summer, our VBS students and teachers enjoyed working in God's Garden – and by “working,” we mean playing, singing, and having fun! Over forty kids aged 4 to 11 joined us for crafts, games, and music, all while learning about the Bible. They raised **\$220.75** in donations, and, in keeping with our garden theme, the money was used to purchase fruit trees, seeds, and gardening tools for a farm family in a developing country.

Thank you to all who helped out this year, including **Linda Bolin, Stacey DeLong, Pastor David DeLong, Karen Feeser, Kate Klunk, Linda Kuhn, Hollis Long, Pam Mummert, Abby Shermeyer, Wally Rodenhauer, Danielle Miskimon, and Pastor Kirk Griffin**, plus leaders from our co-host, St. Paul's. It was another great VBS week! Be sure to check out photos in the church hallway.

## Celebrating Our Pets

The Annual Pet Blessing worship will be outside in front of the sanctuary on Saturday, **October 4<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00pm. Be sure to bring your entire menagerie to receive their blessings. All pets are welcome. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon!

Additionally, since the commemoration day of St. Francis falls on a weekend this year, we invite congregants to **bring in photos of their pets, past and present**, to that weekend's worship as we celebrate all creation and all animals that our Lord has blessed us with as part of this life.



*inspiration*

September's inspiration envelopes are now in the narthex. Be sure to pick up a packet of cards, not just for yourself, but also one or more to share!

## Did You Know...

...that the church calendar is based on a 3-year cycle? The coming church year, the year of Matthew, begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving as we enter the season of Advent. Then Advent, the season to prepare for the coming of Christ, is followed by the 12 days of the Christmas season. Next is Epiphany, during which we acknowledge Jesus as Lord. We then spend 40 days in repentance throughout Lent before we celebrate the Resurrection during Easter's 7 weeks. Finally, the year concludes with the many weeks of Pentecost as we hear of the mission of the church. Over a 3-year period, we study most of Matthew, Mark, and Luke with a little bit of John's Gospel thrown in here as we complete the full cycle of the church calendar.



## Alzheimer's Walk

I am doing the Alzheimer's Walk again this year in memory of my husband, Wayne Keefer, and brother-in-law, John Hull. They both passed away within the past eight years from this horrible disease. Please help support the Alzheimer Association so no one else goes through this disease as Wayne and John did. Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease. Thank you for joining and supporting the fight against Alzheimer's.

This year's walk is at the Gettysburg Rec Park on **September 13<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am.

—PAT KEEFER

## To Join Pat or to Donate

[http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=18857&pg=personal&px=13282304](http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=18857&pg=personal&px=13282304)



**DEAR ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*On behalf of the VNA, I would like thank you for your generous gift of \$530.00 that you made in support of the VNA Hospice program. As a nonprofit, community-based organization, the VNA Hospice program relies on gifts like yours to assist us in caring for terminally ill patients and their families, regardless of their ability to pay.*

*We truly appreciate your support of the Visiting Nurse Association of Hanover & Spring Grove's Hospice program because, For Us, It's Personal.*

– SINCERELY,  
KEVIN C. MALONEY, PT  
PRESIDENT & CEO

**DEAR FRIENDS AT ST. MARK  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your generous donation of \$120, allocated to Ruth's Harvest fund, and \$750, allocated to our PAL Provide-A-Lunch ministry fund, enabling us to address the most pressing needs within our community.*

*Thanks to your support, we were able to continue serving the Hanover community through various ministries, including Provide-A-Lunch, Meals-On-Wheels, Changing Lives Homeless Shelter, the Clothing Bank, and Ruth's Harvest. With God's blessings and your generosity, countless lives have been positively impacted and transformed.*

*Once again, thank you for your kindness and support. Together, we are making a lasting difference.*

– WITH HEARTFELT GRATITUDE,  
ERICA GONZALEZ  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

**DEAR ST MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Thank you for your generous gift of \$700 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts. Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed! Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives. Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.*

– WITH GRATITUDE,  
RACHEL WIND  
EXECUTIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT  
ELCA

**DEAR FRIENDS AT ST MARK**

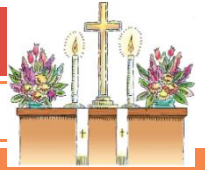
*Thank you so much to all of you who took the time to send birthday and anniversary wishes to Mom and Dad!! They were surprised at how many cards they received!! Thanks again for bringing extra joy to their lives!!*

– HUGS,  
MELANIE BRADY





# SEPTEMBER



## 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Worship Helpers

September 7<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Tom Long  
**Lector:** Penelope Highlands  
**Comm. Assts:** Tom Long | Penelope Highlands

September 14<sup>th</sup>

**CPIC:** Alex Spalding  
**Lector:** Grace Groft  
**Comm. Assts:** Alex Spalding | *Need Volunteer*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday/Sunday Lay Leaders

*We give thanks for these members of our congregation  
who have volunteered to fill in during Pastor's vacation*

Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

**Worship Service Leaders:** David Gates | Kathy Gates  
**Offering Collection/Attendance:** Deb Teal  
**Opening/Candles/Locking Up:** Kathy Gates

Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

**Worship Service Leaders:** Pastor David DeLong  
Stacey DeLong | Mike Noble | Hollis Long  
David Gates | Karen Feeser | Gary Laabs  
**CPIC:** Kathy Gates  
**Opening/Lighting Candles/Locking Up:** Jeff Kindschuh  
**Extinguishing Candles/Altar Care:** Janet Rockafellow | Sandy Haymaker | David Gates

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Worship Service Leaders:** Gary Laabs | Karen Feeser  
**Offering Collection/Attendance:** Deb Teal  
**Opening/Candles/Locking Up:** Karen Feeser

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

**Worship Service Leaders:** Mike Merlo | Gail Merlo  
Mike Noble | Kathy Gates | Karen Feeser  
Shermeyer Family | Alex Spalding  
Penelope Highlands  
**CPIC:** Kate Klunk  
**Opening/Lighting Candles/Locking Up:** Jeff Kindschuh  
**Extinguishing Candles/Altar Care:** Janet Rockafellow | Sandy Haymaker | David Gates

## SEPTEMBER Altar Vases

Given in Memory of James P. Kunkel

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

One Vase Open for Dedication

*Vases can be sponsored for \$17.00 – please contact the church office*

Given in Memory of My Husband, Bob Kerr

*By Barb Kerr*

Given in Memory of Our Dad, Bob Kerr

*By Lorraine & Darryl, Dan & Dee, Steve & Katie*

Given in Memory of Janice R. Kunkel

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

Given in Honor of  
Randy and Pam Mummert's 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

*By Glenn and Nancy Mummert*

Both Vases Given in Memory of Austin Ruth

*By Pat Ormond and Julie Ruth and Families*



September 7<sup>th</sup>



September 14<sup>th</sup>

September 21<sup>st</sup>



September 28<sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY To Our SEPTEMBER Birthdays!

**Sept. 2** Nate Ormond  
**Sept. 7** Michael Lobaugh  
**Sept. 12** Jeff Kindschuh  
           Joan Reigle  
**Sept. 15** Martha Lippy  
**Sept. 16** Debbie Folmer  
**Sept. 19** Joanne Reifsnider



**Sept. 20** Vicki George  
           Wayne Lippy  
           Abbi-Lynn Washington  
           Jared Laird  
**Sept. 22** Donna Jones  
**Sept. 26** Christopher Greening  
           Barb Wentz  
**Sept. 30** Shellene Griffin  
           Linda Kuhn  
           Jennie Tome

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

## NEWS AND HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

St. Mark's **Provide-A-Lunch Team A WILL NOT** be serving at HACC in September. **Team B** will resume the normal schedule in October.



## HACC News and Special Needs

**PAL (Provide-A-Lunch) Program:** Tuna Canned in Water, Beef Gravy, Turkey Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Reusable Plastic Grocery Bags, Hot Dog Rolls, Hamburger Rolls, 3-Compartment Clamshell Takeout Containers  
**Clothing Bank:** Dryer Sheets, Plastic Hangers, Men's Clothing (All Sizes), Children's Clothing (5T and Up)

**Meals-On-Wheels:** Volunteers to Pack Mondays and Fridays, Portable Fans, Word Search/Crossword Puzzle Books, Easy-Chew Snacks (Applesauce, Fruit Cups, Crackers)

**Ruth's Harvest:** Small Cans of Vegetables, Single-Serve Fruit Cups, Single-Serve Cereal, Single-Serve Mac and Cheese, Individual Non-Perishable Food Items

**Shelter:** New Sheets, New Blankets, Washcloths, Travel-Size Shampoo, Travel-Size Conditioner, Women's Underwear (S/M), Men's Underwear/Boxers (M/L), Bar Soap, Body Wash, Hairbrushes, Mouthwash (Non-Alcoholic)

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



## POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony

On **September 21<sup>st</sup>** at 2:00pm, the Hanover Area Allied Veterans Council will hold a ceremony to acknowledge the 83,000 military personnel unaccounted for, dating back to WWII. This one-hour ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial in Codorus State Park – all are welcome and encouraged to attend and honor our lost and imprisoned military heroes.



## Help Us Feed Hungry Kids

As the school year begins, Hanover Council of Churches is getting ready for another year of Ruth's Harvest. Individual packs of fruit, vegetables, snacks, and tuna / chicken pouches make great donations to support the children's program. These bags are made up each week and given to qualifying children in local elementary schools. The bin to donate is located on the floor by the church office.



## COMMUNITY FALL ACTIVITIES & MUSIC

### Shredding & License Plate Replacement

Saturday, **September 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am to 12noon

*Kate Klunk's Office* – 118 Carlisle Street

RSVPs Required

for License Plate Replacement

Call 717-630-8942 or go to:

[RepKlunk.com/Events](http://RepKlunk.com/Events)



### Fall Fest at Lehigh's Greenhouse

Saturday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am to 3:00pm

2392 Grandview Road in Hanover

#### Free Activities:

Hayrides | Bounce Houses | Live Music  
Face Painting | Balloon Artist | Animals  
Pumpkin Painting | Corn Crib  
and More!

#### Additional Activities:

Vendors | Grab Bags | Games  
Food Trucks

For More Info: 717-465-4450

### Free Diapers

**September 4<sup>th</sup>**, 2:30pm to 4:30pm

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30am to 11:30am

*Families in Bloom Diaper Bank*

@ St. John's Lutheran

100 E. Water Street, Abbottstown

### CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, **October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

If you'd like to walk or sponsor a walker, contact the church office at 637-8904 or talk to Linda Bolin, Team Captain. Cash or checks made payable to "Church World Service" may be forwarded to St. Mark's office or given directly to the walkers.



### Thrive Fundraiser

#### Dinner to Support

#### Survivors of Domestic Violence

Saturday, **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, 5:00pm

*HBIC* – 301 Maple Avenue

Tickets: \$30 each/\$200 for table of 8

717-640-2951 | [Juliet@ThrivePA.org](mailto:Juliet@ThrivePA.org)

### Young Marines Plant Sale

Orders/Payment Due: **September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Pickup and Limited Plants for Sale:

**September 13<sup>th</sup> at**

South Hanover Arby's

(Baltimore Street & Grandview Road)

Mums: \$13.00

Salvia, Yarrow, Hummingbird Mint: \$9.00

Contact:

[hanoverareaym@gmail.com](mailto:hanoverareaym@gmail.com) for

Order Forms and More  
Information.



# Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL

by Idonia Klunk, and Mandy Wasserman, and Lauren Hammersla will be assisting. Allison Wentz will continue to teach the 3-year-old classes, and Cheree O'Connor and Karen Amoss will be assisting.

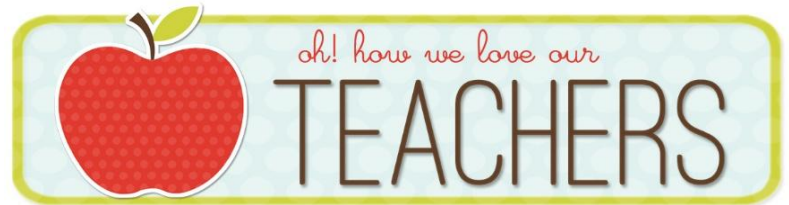
## The 2025-2026 Preschool Year Is Upon Us!

~ *Where did the summer go?* ~

It seems like it was only a week ago that we were celebrating the St Mark Preschool's Class of 2025. Now, we are ready and excited to open our doors once again to a new group of students.

### Welcome Back to Our Staff!

This year the 4-year-old classes will continue to be taught



### Designer Collection Fundraiser



The week of **September 8<sup>th</sup>**, we're kicking off our fall fundraiser offering a great selection of gifts and gift wrap from the *Magical Holidays Fall and Winter Gift Guide*. As soon as we receive order forms, they will be available on the hallway table by the office. Orders and payments will be due the week of **September 29<sup>th</sup>**, with pickup the first week of November. We will have more details in the upcoming days.

### Thank You!

The Preschool Committee and staff would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations to our preschool over the summer. The supplies you provided will help keep our preschool running smoothly.






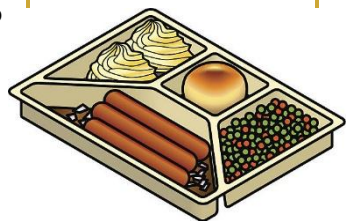







We also want to thank everyone who came out to the Sweet Treat Fundraiser at Big Dippers. It was a wonderful turnout and Big Dippers was amazing. Fred and his staff at Big Dippers were hospitable and generous to us all.



***Thanks again for all of your continuous support.***

— IDONIA KLUNK AND ALLISON WENTZ, PRESCHOOL CO-DIRECTORS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	2 9:00am-12noon Office Open  6pm St Mark Eats @ Gateway Diner	3 9:00am-12noon Office Open	4 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group  3pm Evangelism Mtg Preschool Orientation (3's Class) 	5 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study	6 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word  
13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 7 9:00am Worship Fellowship Following Worship Bells Rehearsal  God's work. Our hands. 10:15am Sunday School Packing Backpacks	8 9:00am-12noon Office Open  Preschool 1 <sup>st</sup> Full Day (4's Class) 	9 9:00am-12noon Office Open  10am Coloring Group	10 9:00am-12noon Office Open    TV DINNER DAY	11 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group   <b>9-11 PATRIOT DAY</b>	12 9:00am-12noon Office Open  11:00am Bible Study  	13 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word  12pm-4pm Fellowship Hall in Use – Private Function
14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 14 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School  Bells Rehearsal  HOLY CROSS DAY	15 9:00am-12noon Office Open  Preschool 1 <sup>st</sup> Full Day (3's Class)	16 9:00am-12noon Office Open  1pm Garden Club Mtg 	17 9:00am-12noon Office Open	18 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	19 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <del>11:00am Bible Study</del> <b>-NO BIBLE STUDY-</b>	20 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
Festival of St. Matthew 21 9:00am Non-Communion Worship 10:15am Sunday School  Bells Rehearsal  	22 9:00am-12noon Office Open  1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Fall	23 9:00am-12noon Office Open	24 9:00am-12noon Office Open	25 9:00am-12noon Office Open  9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	26 9:00am-12noon Office Open  <del>11:00am Bible Study</del> <b>-NO BIBLE STUDY-</b>	27 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 28 9:00am Non-Communion Worship 10:15am Sunday School  <b>NO PAL IN SEPTEMBER</b>  Bells Rehearsal	29 9:00am-12noon Office Open  Preschool Fundraiser Forms Due	30 9:00am-12noon Office Open				

\*NOTE: Beginning **September 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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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