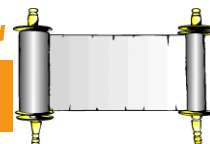




October 2025

ST. MARK BELL

Pastor's Ponderings



St. Mark Lutheran

129 Charles Street
Hanover PA 17331

717-637-8904 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

Oct 2 – 3pm Evangelism Mtg

Oct 4 – 2pm Pet Blessing

Oct 5 – *World Communion Day*

– Special Pet Celebration
Worship

– Fellowship Time

Following Worship

– Council Meeting

Oct 7 – 1pm St. Mark Eats @ Hoss's

Oct 12 – Worship & Music Meeting

– 1pm CROP Walk

Oct 13 – *Columbus Day*

Oct 14 – 9:30am Property Meeting

– 10am Adult Coloring Group

Oct 20 – **OFFICE CLOSED**

Oct 21 – 1pm Garden Club

Oct 23 – UPMC Blood Drive

Oct 25 – *Reformation Weekend*

– **WEAR RED**

Oct 26 – *Reformation Weekend*

– **WEAR RED**

– PAL Team B

Serves at HACC

Oct 28 – Hanover Trick-or-Treat

Oct 30 – Hanover Parade

Oct 31 – *Reformation Day*

– *Halloween*

– 3:30pm Fall Bazaar Setup

Nov 1 – 8am-2pm Fall Bazaar



"Now there was a woman who had been suffering...she had endured much...and she was no better, but rather grew worse."

MARK 5:25-26 (PARTIALLY)

Dear Healed Sinners:

His struggle felt real enough, at least to him. Most people he talked with just shrugged and said it's what happens when you get older. Most of the time he just felt lethargic, lazy, sluggish, without any energy to do what he used to enjoy. He couldn't remember the last time he went fishing or out to watch the races. Recently he started to have some pains and didn't even want to eat anymore. He knew something was wrong but just couldn't figure it out. His wife said he needed to get outside more, get some sun, do something. So, he tried that – he would get up and go out to the patio and sit in the sun but still felt awful. His children said he needed to get some vitamins and some good nutrients in him. So, he ordered some vitamin C, D, K, and a little iron, but none of it seemed to help.

Finally, knowing that something just wasn't right, he went to his doctor. He explained his condition and his pains while the doctor prodded and poked, checking all his vitals. A round of lab tests later, the doctor was certain the man had some disease with a long unrecognizable name. He was prescribed a drug with yet another unrecognizable and convoluted name that he started taking right away. But, after a while, he didn't feel any better. He figured his doctor got it wrong, so he booked an appointment with another doctor in another practice. Yet another round of tests was ordered, and a new prescription was given. But again, he didn't feel any better. So, he gave up on the doctors and went to an herbalist, figuring that if modern medicine couldn't help cure him, then perhaps there was an old school home remedy that could help. Yet nothing worked. He took all the foulest tasting medicines and mixes, and he wasn't getting any better, in fact he was getting worse. He felt like it was hopeless, nothing would help him, he couldn't find a cure.

This fictional story of a sick man describes the human condition that happens because of sin. Sin will attack us and pull us down; it makes us unfit. Even when we know we are not right and try to battle against it, we can be overwhelmed. We can listen to what others say, shrugging it off as normal. Or perhaps we get some pointers to control it. We may even follow the advice of experts who think they know the best ways to beat the troubles that sin and evil can cause. But really, there is nothing we are able to do, nothing we can ever achieve can free us totally from that broken, painful sentence of sin and death. We are helpless to do anything against it, in fact we just "grow worse."

Yet Jesus, the Lord and Savior, says, "...faith has healed you. Go in peace..." By the Spirit of God that instills belief in us to trust in the one who justifies, washes away our sins – by this faith we are made right. This is the teaching of the Lutheran Church, this is our assured hope, that as sinners without our own means to find the cure, we have one true salvation to trust in: our Savior and Lord. This Reformation month, let us give thanks to the one who gives us life.

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

HAPPENINGS AND NEWS IN OUR CONGREGATION

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 5TH

- The Council's next regular meeting will take place on Sunday, **October 5th**, following worship. Having no meeting in September, there are no minutes to summarize since last month's newsletter.
- On the agenda for the October meeting, Council will be examining the proposed 2026 Church Budget. If you are part of a committee, make sure your committee discusses the budget and gives feedback to the Finance Committee.
- All church members are welcome to attend any/all upcoming meetings.

Nominations Needed Soon

- 3 Congregation Council Members
- 1 Auditor for the Audit Committee
- 2 Non-Council Members for the 2026 Nomination Committee
- 2 Lay Delegates to the 2026 Synod Assembly

If interested in any of these positions, please talk with a member of the Nominating Committee.



August Treasurer's Report



HAPPY BIRTHDAY To Our OCTOBER Birthdays!

Oct. 3 Grace Groft
Carol Reese
Adam Warehime
Oct. 4 Michael Brown
Donna Kuhn
Gail Merlo
Oct. 5 Donna Bell
Hilda Pfaff
Kimberly Zinn
Oct. 9 Gary Laabs
Oct. 10 Karen Crawford
Sharon Glass
Oct. 11 Ed Gouker, Jr.
Oct. 15 Carol Pado



Oct. 16 Jay Tome
Oct. 17 Nancy Brady
Oct. 18 Susan Potter
Pr. Jerry Smith
Oct. 21 Amanda Alvarez
Oct. 22 Joshua Leppo
Oct. 23 Barb Smith
Oct. 25 Kim Bartell
Oct. 26 Rebecca Bingel
Joan Frock
McHenze Wildasin
Josie Wildasin
Oct. 29 Nancy Mummert
Oct. 31 Nancy Fridinger

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



Prayer List for October

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| • Dora | • Jean Eshbach | • Michael Humes | • Leah Moul | • Sarah Smith |
| • Grayson | • Landon Evans | • Martha Howells | • Merle Mummert | • Jody Spellman |
| • Daniel Ard | • Dennis Fahey | • Donna Jones | • Pam Mummert | • Phyllis Tasto |
| • Becky Bingel | • Nancy Fridinger | • Kathy Jones | • Wayne Noel | • Jennie Tome |
| • Katherine Borsella | • Nancy Gill | • Pat Keefer | • Marian Noble | • George Tracy |
| • Nancy Brady | • Vickie Gouker | • Debbie Kellenbenz | • Susan O'Brien | • Allison Trump |
| • Patrick Brady | • Dane Graham | • Craig King | • Kelly Perdue | • Ed Wagaman |
| • Susan Bucher-Laughman | • Tom Greenholt | • Shawn Klunk | • Bill Reese | • Gloria Wagaman |
| • Lucas Cherry | • Bob Groft | • Kelly Koontz | • Mary Riley | • Jody Walter |
| • Frances Claybaugh | • Family & Friends of John Hagerman | • Norma Kreidler | • Carl Sandruck | • Naomi Warren |
| • Oscar Crow | • Sandy Hart | • Winchester Kuhn | • David Sandruck | • Barb Watson |
| • Pastor David DeLong | • Debby Hartlaub | • Allen Kuhns | • Lucus Schneider | • Ron Wentz |
| • Lisa Dickensheets | • Carol Heiser | • Jo Kuhns | • Family & Friends of Bob Sell | • Bill Whelan |
| • Diane Duffy | • Chase Henry & Family | • Family & Friends of David Kunkel | • Cecelia Sell | • Family & Friends of Kathy Wildasin |
| • Robin Eline | • Carrie Hernden | • Russell Laughman | • Julie Sell-Smith | • Rebecca Wisotzkey |
| • Tarek Elnaggar | • Peg Hippensteel | • Jean Lawrence | • Bob Shue | • Victims and families affected by the September 17th police incident in North Codorus |
| | | • Tom Lawrence | • Family & Friends of Randy Shultz | |
| | | • Ronnie Lippy | • Luanne Slusser | |
| | | • Naura Luqman | • Denise Smith | |
| | | • Carol McDermitt-Humes | • Pr. Jerry Smith | |
| | | • Merita Moore | • JoAnn Smith | |

*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.*

IN MEMORIAL

It is with deep regret we must announce the passing of two of our beloved church members since our last newsletter, both of whom entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead:

Robert Sell on September 1st
and **David Kunkel** on September 18th

A white rose was placed in the chancel in memory of Robert on September 6th & 7th, and in memory of David on September 27th & 28th.

A brief service for David Kunkel will be held on Tuesday, **October 14th**, at 6:00pm at Kenworthy Funeral Home. Family visitation will begin at 4:30pm.



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.*

October's designated need is the **YWCA Safe Home**. The foundation of the program is the strong belief that individuals have a right to control their lives and make decisions without fear of assault or degradation.



To contribute to this month's need, specify "Safe Home" or "October Designated Giving" on your check or the *Other* line of your offering envelope. Undesignated donations made on the *Other* line will automatically be given to that month's ministry fund. Thanks for your support.

All Saints' Weekend

Join us on All Saints' Weekend, **November 1st and 2nd**, as we celebrate the lives of those of our members who have gone to their great reward this past year by displaying Saint banners and lighting candles. *If you have lost a loved one this past year and would like him/her to be remembered at our All Saints' tribute, please contact the church office.* We could also use a few volunteers to carry the banners in the Sunday processional.



TUESDAY, October 7th

Lunch at Hoss's at **1:00pm**

TUESDAY, November 4th

Lunch at El Rodeo at **1:00pm**

TUESDAY, December 2nd

Lunch at Perkins at **1:00pm**

St. Mark Eats



Fall Back!



Don't forget to turn back your clocks on Sunday **November 2nd** as daylight savings time ends. Use that extra hour to catch up on sleep!

And don't forget to test your **smoke alarms** and replace the batteries!

Saving Lives

Our next UPMC blood drive is on **October 23rd**. Go to donate.717giveblood.org to register.



Our Fall Bazaar Will Be Here Soon!



The Evangelism Committee will hold their 4th Annual Fall Bazaar on **November 1st** in the Fellowship Hall from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Signup sheets for cooks, bakers, crafters, and anyone else willing to lend a hand are in the church hallway. To help plan, come to our Evangelism Committee meeting on **October 2nd** at 3:00pm. And 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 – just click on the Fall Bazaar flier to download one. Applications and payment are due by **October 15th**.

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



Share Your Pets

We invite you to join us on **October 5th** at 9:00am for a special worship service in commemoration of St. Francis.

St. Francis was known for his love of animals and caring for all God's creation. We will give special thanks for all creation and animals with a spotlight on our pets.

Don't forget to bring a photo for our Pet Celebration Table to share your love for the special pets in your life, now and in the past. And be sure to put a post-it or other label on your photo so we know your pet's name and who they belong to!



Friends at St. Mark

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000. Your contribution has been allocated to our Greatest Needs fund, enabling us to address the most pressing needs within our community. Together, we are making a lasting difference.

– *With Heartfelt Gratitude,*
Erika Gonzales, Interim Executive Director, HACC

Dear Members of St. Mark

August is always a sad month because of Mark's death but you helped make it brighter with the delivery of a flower arrangement. The flowers are absolutely beautiful and they dress up my dining room table. Thank you so much for thinking of me. I miss you.

– *Love, Jennie Tome*

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Thank you to everyone who gave school supplies and monetary donations to our "God's work. Our hands." school kit drive. And thanks also to everyone who stayed after worship to assemble the kits. We were able to take 60 full backpacks of school supplies to LWR for kids in need!

St. Mark's Sewing Group

Thank you very much for the gift card. Just knowing that you appreciate all that fabric makes me very happy. It should help you make a lot of quilts. While I no longer sew, I'll remember the fun I had picking out the fabrics from Lancaster County whenever I look at your quilts this year. I especially would like to say a big Thank You to Tom and Hollis Long for all their help and the use of their truck to transport the fabric to you.

– *Joan Reigle*



Grannie's Attic Items Needed

Time to clean out your attic, basement, closets – everywhere!

We're looking for transportable items to sell in our Fall Bazaar rummage area. Bring them over to the church on a **weekday between 9:00am and 12:00pm**, and we'll make sure they find a good home!

While we appreciate all donations, furniture and very heavy or bulky sale items make it hard on our cleanup volunteers to take unsold items to Community Aid after the sale ends, so please limit donations to things that can be transported easily.

Thank you!!

Did You Know...

...that the Hanover Council of Churches (HACC) operates every day of the year?

- The Changing Lives Shelter offers short-term housing to as many as 36 people.
- Provide-A-Lunch serves about 100 meals every day of the year, all through volunteer churches and organizations.
- Ruth's Harvest provides food to qualifying children for weekends when they don't have access to the school meal program.
- The Clothing Bank is open several days a week to sell much-needed, low-cost clothing to families and jobseekers.

Additionally, HACC provides food boxes, utility help, rental guidance, and crucial support to low-income individuals of our community.

Did you know HACC does all this every day, thanks to your help and support?

Christmas Star Project

St. Mark's Sewing Group will be taking on the creation of wax star Christmas ornaments in memory of Diana Weaver.



Diana made these ornaments for St. Mark for many years. Each Christmas they are offered for dedication in

our Christmas bulletin with proceeds used to fight world hunger. **The Sewing Group welcomes anyone who would like to participate in the effort.**

If you're interested in helping, please contact **Jo Kuhns** at 717-476-2142 or

Josephine_kuhns@comcast.net.



GLORY PROJECT

- ♥ Has God blessed you this week? ♥
- ♥ Did you have an epiphany moment of glory strike you this past month? ♥
- ♥ Did you share the Lord with someone in word or action? ♥
- ♥ Did someone else share a moment of grace and blessing in your life? ♥

If you answered yes to any of these questions then *please* share your glory moment by writing it down on a colored pew card and placing it in the collection plate. We post these in the hallway so that



others may also learn and be inspired to share a Godly moment of Glory.

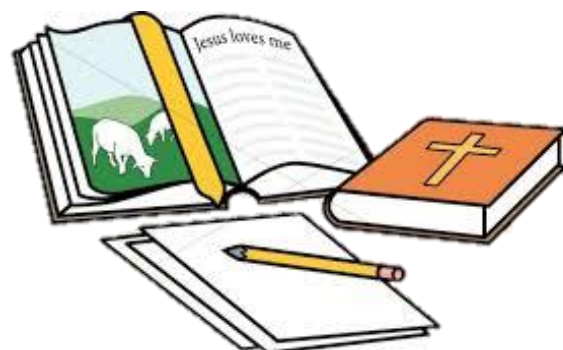
In the Beginning...

Starting Friday, **October 3rd**, our Friday morning Bible Study group will begin at the beginning:

~ Genesis ~

What better time will there be to start and join in the fellowship and learning as we travel through the stories of creation, the flood, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the twelve tribes of Israel?

Come discover our past in Bible Study, as we come together for an hour of learning **every Friday morning at 11:00am.**



OCTOBER ALTAR VASES



Vase Given in Honor of My Wife,
Grace Groft's, Birthday

By Robert Groft

Vase Given in Praise and Glory to God
for the Privilege of Being Named His Child

Chancel Basket Given in Honor and Memory
of All St. Mark's Beloved Pets

By Don and Karen Feeser



Both Vases Open for Dedication

Vases Available for \$17.00 Each

Both Vases Given in Memory of Pat Hagarman

By the St. Mark Sewing Group



Vase Given in Loving Memory of Dave Reigle,
Who Passed Away Nine Years Ago Today

By Joan Reigle

I Still Miss My Daughter, Sharon Noel,
Who Left This World Way Too Soon –
Hope You Are at Peace and Happy in God's World

By Joan Reigle

**Please contact the Church Office to sponsor a vase at \$17.00 each*



OCTOBER Sunday Worship Helpers



October 5th

CPIC: Martha Lippy
Lector: Grace Groft
Comm. Assts: Martha Lippy
Jeff Kindschuh

October 12th

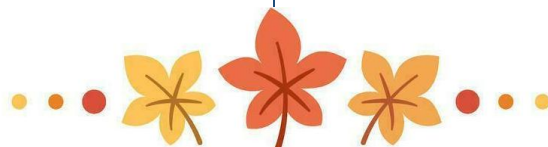
CPIC: Hollis Long
Lector: Karen Feeser
Comm. Assts: Hollis Long
Need Volunteer

October 19th

CPIC: Kathy Gates
Lector: Hollis Long
Comm. Assts: Kathy Gates
Jeff Kindschuh

October 26th

CPIC: Hollis Long
Lector: Kate Klunk
Comm. Assts: Hollis Long
Kate Klunk



NEWS AND HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Provide-A-Lunch at Hanover Area Council of Churches

Provide-A-Lunch Team B will be serving at HACC on October 26th. Our primary team members include: *Nancy Beimler, JoAnn Berwager, Pr. David DeLong, Stacey DeLong, Shellene Griffin, Lynn Gross, and Liz Robinson.*

PAL is an important program hosted by HACC to make sure local people in need get at least one hot meal per day, 365 days a year.

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 your offering envelope.

To maintain our teams, we can also use more PAL volunteers. Teams alternate monthly. Any help is appreciated. Call or just come to one of our serving events at HACC on Carlisle Street. Thank you!



HACC News and Special Needs

PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program: Tuna Canned in Water, Beef Gravy, Turkey Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Hot Dog Rolls, Hamburger Rolls

Ruth's Harvest: Single-Serve Fruit Cups, Single-Serve Cereals, Macaroni & Cheese Cups, Small Cans of Vegetables

Meals On Wheels: Thermal Socks, Word Search/Crossword Puzzle Books, Easy-Chew Snacks (Applesauce, Fruit Cups, Crackers)

Clothing Bank: Dryer Sheets, Plastic Hangers, Men's Clothing (All Sizes), Children's Clothing (5T and Up)

Shelter: Fleece Blankets, Twin-Size Fitted Sheets, Twin-Size Flat Sheets, Travel-Size Shampoo, Travel-Size Conditioner, Washcloths, Bar Soap, Body Wash, "Hot Hands" Hand Warmers

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



Help Feed the Hungry



Ruth's Harvest

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.

Hanover Against Hunger Packing Event

Saturday, **November 1st**

Three 2-Hour Packing Sessions

9:00am  **11:30am**  **2:00pm**

St. Matthew's on Chestnut Street



**Volunteer to Help Pack
and/or Donate**

hanoveragainsthunger.org/participation

COMMUNITY FALL ACTIVITIES



Wreaths Across America



December 13th is National Wreaths Across America Day. St. David's Cemetery will be placing wreaths on the graves of veterans.

To sponsor a wreath for \$17.00, contact St. David's church office (717-637-2299) or go to:

wreathsacrossamerica.org/PA0585P.

Free Lute Concert

**Grammy-Nominated
Lutenist, Ronn McFarlane**

Sunday, **October 5th**

3:00pm

Emmanuel UCC

124 Broadway

Renaissance music from England and Scotland on the lute, along with original compositions



Contact EUCC at 717-632-8281
for more information

Hanover Area Historical Society NEAS House Events

**World War Experience
from WWI to Vietnam**

with Vance Sheffer

October 4th & 18th

November 1st & 15th

12:00pm to 3:00pm

Wreath-Making Class

November 29th

10:00am to 12:00pm

Reservations: 717-632-3207

Hanover Library Event Schedule

In addition to lots of regular children's activities (including Pokémon, Chess, Minecraft, etc), Guthrie Memorial Library is also hosting these special events in the Bare Center:

**Edgar Allen Poe Impersonator,
Todd Loughry**

October 13th, 6:30pm to 7:45pm
(registration required)

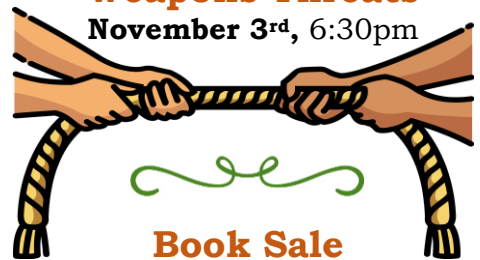


Guthrie Trivia Night

October 28th, 6:00pm to 7:30pm

**Guest Lecturer John Ricca:
The War in Ukraine:
USA, NATO, and Nuclear
Weapons Threats**

November 3rd, 6:30pm



Book Sale

November 7th & 8th, 10:00am to 4:00pm



*For more information on any of the
above events, contact
Guthrie Memorial Library
at 717-632-5183*

CROP Hunger Walk

This year's CROP Walk to fight hunger is on Sunday, **October 12th**, at 1:00pm. Walkers can choose a 1-, 2-, or 3-mile walk.



For more information or to sponsor a walker, call Linda Bolin, Team Captain, at 717-633-6426, or contact the church office. Send cash or checks payable to "Church World Service" to the church office or give directly to a walker.



NEWS FROM ST. MARK PRESCHOOL



So Exciting!

The start of 2025-2026 preschool is under way and the students are enjoying and adjusting to their classrooms, classmates, and teachers.

We have a lot of fun-filled things planned for the students and are looking forward to an amazing school year ahead!



Fundraiser Pickup

Thank you to all who ordered from the *Believe* Catalogue Fundraiser.

Pickup will be in the Fellowship Hall at some point during the **first week of November**. We will update you as soon as we know the exact day.



Bake Sale

Our **Preschool Bake Sale** is being held on **November 4th** (Election Day) to raise money for the school. If you would like to help by donating homemade baked goods like fudge, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, Rice Krispie treats, etc., the preschool would greatly appreciate it.



Please drop off your items in the church office (by noon) or the big kitchen (by 3:30pm) on Monday, **November 3rd**. Please have your items packaged for sale (i.e., 2-4 cookies in a bag, cupcakes individually wrapped).



Happy Fall!

– IDONIA KLUNK AND ALLISON WENTZ, PRESCHOOL CO-DIRECTORS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p> <p>3pm Evangelism Mtg</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p> <p>2pm Pet Blessing</p> 
<p>17th Sunday After Pentecost 5</p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>Special Pet Celebration Worship</p> <p>Fellowship Time Following Worship Council Meeting</p> <p>Bells Rehearsal</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>1pm St. Mark Eats @ Hoss's</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>  <p>NATIONAL PET OBESITY AWARENESS DAY</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p> 
<p>18th Sunday After Pentecost 12</p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>Worship & Music Mtg</p> <p>1pm CROP Walk</p>  <p>Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:30am Property Mtg 10am Coloring Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p>
<p>19th Sunday After Pentecost 19</p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>Bells Rehearsal</p> 	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>1pm Garden Club</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p> <p>7am-7pm Blood Drive</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p>  <p>NATIONAL NO BEARD DAY</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p> <p>Reformation Weekend WEAR RED</p>
<p>20th Sunday After Pentecost 26</p> <p>9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>Reformation Weekend WEAR RED</p> <p>PAL Team B</p> <p>Bells Rehearsal</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>6pm-8pm Hanover Trick or Treat</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Quilting Group</p> <p>7pm Hanover Parade</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00am-12noon Office Open</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study</p> <p>Reformation Day</p> <p>3:30pm Fall Bazaar Setup</p> 	<p>NOV. 1</p> <p>5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word</p> <p>8am-2pm Fall Bazaar</p>  <p>ALL SAINTS' WEEKEND</p>

NOTE: 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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Visit us online at stmarkhanover.org

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