

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS / UPDATES**  
**October 8, 2025**

From DAILY GUIDEPOSTS 2009: Marci Alborghetti

*“Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye,  
but do not notice the log in your own eye?” – LUKE 6:41*

While putting out snacks for the residents of a homeless shelter where my husband Charlie and I occasionally volunteer, I noticed a newcomer. Most of us dress casually for our shifts, but he wore dress slacks, a crisp shirt and sober tie. It was the end of the day, and his hair was perfectly combed and he was clean-shaven. I listened to him complain to another volunteer about the plunging housing market and high property taxes and rolled my eyes, wondering where he thought he was. After greeting him briefly, we began distributing food and greeting the residents.

A young woman tentatively approached us. I knew her; she spent her time at the shelter alone, talking to herself. I was about to hand her whatever food was closest when the new guy said, “Hello, Delilah. How are you this evening?”

*What? He knew her by name? I'd never even gotten her to meet my gaze.*

Delilah glanced quickly at him and smiled; I almost dropped my fruit cup. Then he said, “I know you like bologna sandwiches, so I put one aside for you. Do you want mustard or mayonnaise?” She pointed decisively at the mayonnaise, and after asking if she'd like him to fix it for her and receiving a nod, he spread on the mayo and handed her the sandwich.

After smiling at him yet again, she walked away, clutching her special sandwich, her head held higher than ever before. Mine, on the other hand, hung low.

*Lord, thank You for reminding me that when I smugly judge others,  
the joke's on me. – MARCI ALBORGHETTI*

**Prayer:** *Let us pray: Heavenly Father, I come to You in prayer asking for humbleness and wisdom. You know suffering and hardship. You came from heaven to be one with me and humbly sacrifice Your life on the cross to save me and all humanity. You are the one that has righteous judgement and yet you continue to show forgiveness and grace. Grant me the wisdom to live as a humble servant, turning away from judgement and prejudice to care and love as You have shown through Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray. Amen.*

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Office Hours:** Mon-Fri 9:00am to 12:00noon | **Preschool:** Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm

**Thursday, October 9** 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group – **SPECIAL STAR-MAKING SESSION!**

**Friday, October 10** 11:00am – Bible Study

**Saturday, October 11** 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – *18<sup>th</sup> Weekend of Pentecost*

**Sunday, October 12** 9:00am – Traditional Worship – *18<sup>th</sup> Weekend of Pentecost*

Sunday School Following Worship

Worship & Music Meeting

Bells Rehearsal Following Worship

CROP Walk

**Monday, October 13** *Columbus Day*

**Tuesday, October 14** 9:30am – Property Committee Meeting

10:00am to 11:30am – Adult Coloring Group

4:30pm – Family Visitation for David Kunkel at Kenworthy Funeral Home

6:00pm – Memorial Service for David Kunkel at Kenworthy Funeral Home

**Thursday, October 16** 9:00am to 12noon – Quilting Group

**Friday, October 17** 11:00am – Bible Study

## Sunday Worship Leaders

**CPIC:** Hollis Long    **Lector:** Karen Feeser

**Communion Assistants:** Hollis Long | *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, Becky Bingel, Robert Bingel, Katherine Borsella, Nancy Brady, Patrick Brady, Susan Bucher-Laughman, Lucas Cherry, Frances Claybaugh, Susan Coleman, 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, Family & Friends of John Hagerman, Sandy Hart, Debby Hartlaub, Chase Henry & Family, Carrie Hernden, Peg Hippensteel, Blaise Humes, 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, Family & Friends of David Kunkel, Russell Laughman, Jean Lawrence, Tom Lawrence, Ronnie Lippy, Hollis Long, Naura Luqman, Carol McDermitt-Humes, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Wayne Noel, Marian Noble, Susan O'Brien, Kelly Perdue, Jessica "Rose" Pulliano, Bill Reese, Mary Riley, Carl Sandruck, David Sandruck, Lucus Schneider, Cecelia Sell, Julie Sell-Smith, Bob Shue, Family & Friends of Randy Shultz, Luanne Slusser, Denise Smith, Pr. Jerry Smith, JoAnn Smith, Sarah Smith, Jody Spellman, Phyllis Tasto, Dawn Tice, Jennie Tome, George Tracy, Allison Trump, Ed Wagaman, Gloria Wagaman, Jody Walter, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Ron Wentz, Bill Whelan, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Victims and families affected by the September 17<sup>th</sup> police incident in North Codorus*

**St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs** gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs. During October, we are given the opportunity to contribute to 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 designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Safe Home" or "October 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.

**All Saints' Weekend:** Join us on All Saints' Weekend, **November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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.

**Processional Volunteers Needed:** If you can take part in any/all of the upcoming processions coming up as part of special worship services (Reformation, All Saints', Christ the King), please sign up in the narthex.

**Altar Vases:** Thank you to all of those who continue to help us keep fresh flowers on our altar. **We currently have one vase open for this weekend, October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.** If you're able to dedicate this vase, please contact 717-637-8904 / [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com) before Thursday at 12:00pm so that your dedication can be included in the weekend handout. Thank you!

**Begin at the Beginning – GENESIS:** Starting Friday, **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, our Friday morning Bible Study group began the study of Genesis. What better time is there than now 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? Discover our past in Bible Study, as we come together for an hour of learning **every Friday morning** at 11:00am.

**Flat Sheets Needed:** The Sewing Group is in need of full-size new or like-new flat cotton sheets.

**Invitation:** The Sewing Group will be making Moravian paper stars in memory of Diana Weaver tomorrow, Thursday, **October 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:00am. They invite everyone who's interested in helping. They are also looking for advice from anyone who may know how to fold stars, even if you can't make it tomorrow or help make them.

**Blood Drive:** Our next UPMC blood drive is on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Go to [donate.717giveblood.org](https://donate.717giveblood.org) to register.

**Bishop Installation:** Our synod is installing a new Bishop, Reverend Stephen Herr, on Saturday, **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00pm at St. Matthew's Lutheran, Hanover. All are invited to participate in this special synod celebration.

**CROP Walk:** This year's CROP Walk to fight hunger is this Sunday, **October 12<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm. For more information or to sponsor a walker, call Linda Bolin, Team Captain, at 717-633-6426, or contact the church office. To donate, please send cash or checks payable to "Church World Service" to the church or give directly to Linda.

**Fall Bazaar Preparations:** The bazaar will be on Saturday, **November 1<sup>st</sup>**, from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Be sure to mark your calendars and spread the word – we'll have food, crafts, and more. The Evangelism Committee appreciates food donations, help with prepping ahead, help with setup on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**, and workers the day of. **Sign up in the church hallway** if you can lend a hand!

**Vendor Deadline Approacheth!** And if you'd like to be a vendor at the bazaar or know of someone who might, applications can be found at [stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org) – just click on the Fall Bazaar flier to download one, or you can pick up one from the church office. Applications and payment are due by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com).

**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**.

**Inspirations:** October's inspiration packets are available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one or more to share with friends and family!

**Next St. Mark Eats:** We enjoyed our lunch at Hoss's yesterday and invite you to join us at 1:00pm on **November 4<sup>th</sup>** at El Rodeo for lunch and fellowship.

**Plethora of Pets:** Last Saturday, we had such a good time with the pack of dogs and their human friends for our annual Pet Blessing. We would like to thank the Evangelism Committee for hosting the event. Thanks also to all those who attended on Saturday and those who brought pictures on Sunday for such a celebration of all creation. Those who shared their pet photos can pick them up on the table in the office hallway.

**Preschool Fundraiser Bake Sale:** The preschool is holding an **Election Day Bake Sale**, **November 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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., they would greatly appreciate it. If you can help, please wrap the treats individually for sale and drop them off Monday, **November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, in the church office between 9:00am and 12noon or before 3:30pm in the big kitchen. Thank you in advance!

**Ruth's Harvest:** 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.

**Serving Lunch: Help Us Buy Ingredients:** Each month, one of our St. Mark PAL (Provide-A-Lunch) teams cooks and serves a hot lunch to about 100 people at HACC. 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. Thank you!

**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 this coming Tuesday, **October 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please spread the word! Fliers are on the office hallway table.

**Hanover Against Hunger:** St. Matthew is hosting another food packing event on Saturday, **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. To participate in this event, contact Doug West at St. Matthew's, 717-451-0394.

**Hanover Area Historical Society Events:** Vance Sheffer will present the *World War Experience from WWI to Vietnam* on **October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** and **November 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** from 12:00pm to 3:00pm.

**Hanover Library Events:** Edgar Allen Poe Impersonator, Todd Loughry will share Poe's works on **October 13<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30pm to 7:45pm (registration required); Guthrie Trivia Night will be **October 28<sup>th</sup>**, 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

**Outside Family Fun!** Join in the fun at Fall Foliage Day on **October 19<sup>th</sup>** from 1pm to 6pm at Camp Nawakwa in Biglerville. There will be pumpkin painting, hayrides, leaf peeping hikes, a picnic dinner, and more. Only \$15 a person. Register at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/fall-foliage-day-at-nawakwa/> or call 717-677-8211.