



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

Choir Practice

Most Thursdays 9:30am-11:00am

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

- Apr 1** - April Fools' Day
- Apr 2** - Maundy Thursday
 - 5:30pm Choir Practice
 - 6:15pm Bells Rehearsal
 - 7pm Worship Service
- Apr 3** - Good Friday
 - 7pm Worship Service
- Apr 4** - Easter Vigil
 - 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt
 - 5:30pm Worship Service
- Apr 5** - Resurrection of Our Lord
 - 9am Easter Worship Service
 - **NO ACTIVITIES**
- Apr 7** - 1pm St Mark Eats @ Fratelli's
- Apr 9** - 3pm Evangelism Mtg
- Apr 10** - 12pm Slagle Scholarship
 - Due to Church Office
- Apr 12** - Preschool Sunday
 - Fellowship Time
 - Following Worship
 - Worship & Music Mtg
- Apr 19** - Council Mtg
- Apr 22** - Earth Day
- Apr 23** - **NO CHOIR PRACTICE**
- Apr 24** - Arbor Day
- Apr 26** - PAL Team C at HACC
- Apr 30** - 7am-7pm Blood Drive
- May 2** - 8am-1pm Garden Club
 - Plant Sale
- May 4** - **GERANIUM DEDICATIONS DUE**



"And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised...' – MATTHEW 28:2-6A

Dear RISEN believers:

Great FEAR and JOY were present that day at the grave. These are two opposite responses from the witnesses who were at the grave early that Sunday morning. What would have been your reaction if the earth shook, an angel appeared, flashing like lightning and a grave was

unsealed with the dead man formerly inside gone? The guards respond with terror and fall away like dead men, but the women are overcome with great joy, running to tell the others the good news. – "Jesus is alive, death is overcome, the grave is empty" – this is Good News. But not everyone receives it that way.

The soldiers, who spent their lives enforcing the Roman way of life at the point of a sword, were scared of what had changed. They had been posted there by the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. Historically it is thought that these guards would have been a Roman quaternion of sixteen men (four on guard every six hours) with the one purpose of making sure nothing happens to the grave of the dead man. These are soldiers serving in an unstable area of the empire. They are trained to be unyielding and always vigilant, even suffering great punishment or execution if they fail at their post. Yet these hardened soldiers fainted in the face of the resurrection. Their beliefs and way of life suddenly changed, and they were scared to their core.

But to the women who came that first Sunday morning, this news from the angel was good news of great joy. The one they loved, a man that they had seen die, was no longer sealed in death but alive. They no longer had to hide away in fear, overcome with sadness and worry. They left the grave with great joy, going to tell the others what they had seen and what the angel had told them – that Jesus is alive, that he was indeed the resurrection and the life, just as he had promised and now fulfilled. Their lives were changed to the glory of God.

Two distinct groups of people witness the sudden earth-shattering resurrection, reacting in totally different ways. To some it may bring fear, to know the one they refused to accept in life is the Lord everlasting, the judge of the living and the dead. But to those who have set their mind on the Spirit, this Good News is life, hope, and peace. It is the proof that this world is not the end, that we have a Lord who calls us to rise up and join him forever in his kingdom.

This Easter Sunday and every day, may you look to that Good News, not with fear or trembling, but with joy and celebration, knowing that you have a Savior who overcomes even death to bring you to life with Him in the kingdom of God. Come and worship, giving thanks to the Lord, the Risen Christ.

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

HAPPENINGS AND NEWS IN OUR CONGREGATION

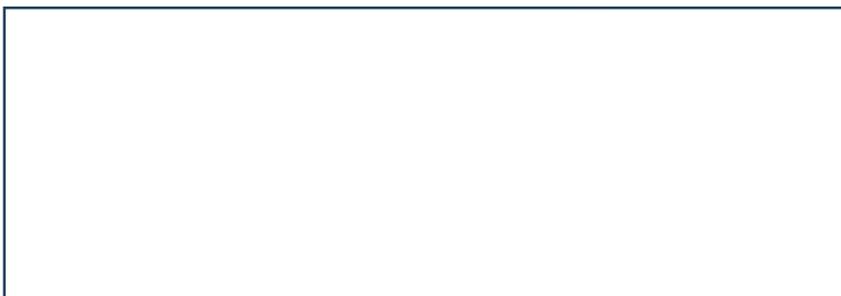
Congregational Meeting Update – March 15th

The St. Mark congregation met at a specially-called meeting to decide on a proposed constitutional change. The proposal was to eliminate the constitutional line in C12.02 where members are limited to serve only two consecutive terms on the Congregation Council. This would allow the congregation to vote to have members serve as many consecutive terms as they wish on Council. The congregation voted to make this change. As required by the Constitution, this amendment will be voted on again at the next regularly-called meeting of the congregation in December. If it passes again, it will then be sent to the Lower Susquehanna Synod for final approval before being put into effect permanently.

Congregational Council Happenings – March 15th

- Council met on Sunday, March 15th, following morning worship, opening with prayer.
- Council gave thanks for new members and their involvement in church. Additionally, they gave thanks for the recent special treats and music, along with welcome preschool teacher news.
- Council accepted the minutes, attendance, and rolls.
- The Feb. Treasurer report was presented. Expenses are ahead of budget, but they are offset by a good investment level of income from 4th quarter endowment. We gave thanks for all who continue to support the church.
- Thank you's from Ruth's Harvest and Roots for Boots were received.
- Council President Mike Merlo reiterated a message to listen to God and follow the Lord's will.
- Pastor gave his statistical report. He mentioned recent false alarm activations which were looked into. Possible better lighting or cameras might help and will be considered.
- Christian Education noted the excitement about the upcoming youth involvement in Preschool Sunday.
- Evangelism gave their report of getting the word out about St. Mark and possible interest in the Snacktown Festival.
- Property reviewed the current needs list and the ongoing projects. Snow removal was discussed and thanks given for the people who repaired the damage done during recent storms.
- Worship and Music gave their minutes noting Lenten/Holy Week/Easter events.
- Preschool Board gave thanks for recent support in their fundraisers. The wonderful job and reputation our preschool co-directors / teachers have in the community was also noted.
- Council received a copy of the ELCA statistical report, discussed finalizing monthly designated needs, and voted to recommend Janet Rockafellow as our female Delegate to Synod Assembly June.
- Council also voted to suspend the May meeting since Pastor will be away.

February's Treasurer's Report





Prayer List for April

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| • Dora | • Pastor David DeLong | • Debby Hartlaub | • Naura Luqman | • Julie Sell-Smith |
| • Bryce Adamson | • Lisa Dickensheets | • Chase Henry & Family | • Carol McDermitt-Humes | • Bob Shue |
| • Daniel Ard | • Diane Duffy | • Carrie Hernden | • Merita Moore | • Luanne Slusser |
| • Family & Friends of Heather Bare | • Robin Eline | • Peg Hippensteel | • Leah Moul | • Denise Smith |
| • Donna Bell | • Tarek Elnaggar | • Blaise Humes | • Linda Mummert | • Pr. Jerry Smith |
| • Becky Bingel | • Jean Eshbach | • Michael Humes | • Merle Mummert | • JoAnn Smith |
| • Robert Bingel | • Landon Evans | • Martha Howells | • Nancy Mummert | • Joyce Smith |
| • Judy Bolin | • Dennis Fahey | • Donna Jones | • Pam Mummert | • Ron Smith |
| • Katherine Borsella | • Nancy Fahey | • Kathy Jones | • James Murphy | • Sarah Smith |
| • Nancy Brady | • James Farver | • David Kaufman | • Wayne Noel | • Jody Spellman |
| • Patrick Brady | • Don Feeser | • Debbie Kellenbenz | • Susan O'Brien | • Phyllis Tasto |
| • Susan Bucher-Laughman | • Abigail Fett | • Craig King | • Kelly Perdue | • Matt Test |
| • Lucas Cherry | • Nancy Gill | • Shawn Klunk | • Jessica "Rose" Pulliano | • Dawn Tice |
| • Frances Claybaugh | • Vickie Gouker | • Kelly Koontz | • Bill Reese | • Jennie Tome |
| • Susan Coleman | • Dane Graham | • Norma Kreidler | • Bryanna Repass | • George Tracy |
| • Lois & George Cornell | • Tom Greenholt | • Winchester Kuhn | • Mary Riley | • Allison Trump |
| | • Bob Groft | • Allen Kuhns | • Carl Sandruck | • Ed Wagaman |
| | • Sandy Hart | • Jo Kuhns | • David Sandruck | • Gloria Wagaman |
| | | • Russell Laughman | • Lucus Schneider | • Jody Walter |
| | | • Jean Lawrence | • Cecelia Sell | • Naomi Warren |
| | | • Tom Lawrence | • Tim Sell | • Barb Watson |
| | | • Laurie Leppo | • Sue Sell | • Ron Wentz |
| | | • Ronnie Lippy | | • Rebecca Wisotzkey |

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



Welcome

A St. Mark Welcome to New Members, Tim & Loretta Race!

Tim and Loretta join us as active Saturday night members. They affirmed their faith and joined us in membership on Saturday, **February 28th**. Please be sure to make Tim and Loretta 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.*

April's offering benefits **Itete Hospital of the Konde Diocese**. Of the various partners who support Konde Diocese, through the work of our Konde Medical Needs Committee, we, as the Lower Susquehanna Synod, are the only partner providing ongoing support for the Itete Hospital. As the Itete Hospital in the Konde Diocese of Tanzania grows in its capacity to care for people as a District Designated Hospital, their needs grow.



To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "Itete Hospital" or "April 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.

Happy Birthday To Our APRIL Birthdays!

April 2 Bethany Zinn
April 4 Susan Rizer
April 7 Haley Luckabaugh
 Shirley Szwoyer
April 8 Dorothy Williams
April 9 Lynn Gross
April 10 Richard Mondorff
April 11 Louis Reifsnider
April 13 Carol McDermitt
April 14 Nancy Sandruck
April 15 Carter Brown
April 16 Tom Long



April 17 Chris Kindschuh
April 19 Susie Laughman
April 22 Matthew Funke
 Cecelia Sell
April 23 Brynn McNamara
 (née Seidenstricker)
April 26 Brian Wilson
April 27 Clay Brown
 Lynn Peterson
April 28 Morgan Brown
April 29 Mary Bowman
April 30 Peggy Sue Potter

If we've missed anyone, please let us know at 717-637-8904.

TUESDAY, April 7th

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

TUESDAY, May 5th

Lunch at **Susie's Mexican Grill** at **1:00pm**

TUESDAY, June 2nd

Dinner at **C&D** in New Oxford at **6:00pm**

St. Mark Eats



April Inspirations

April inspiration packets are now available. Be sure to pick up a packet of cards, not just for yourself, but also one or more to share! And don't forget, forms to order back issues are in the Inspirations box in the narthex – just fill out a form and turn it in to the church office.

inspiration

Did you know...



...that our religious denomination, the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) is nearly 40 years old? It was formed 39 years ago as a merger of three former denominations: the ALC (American Lutheran Church), LCA (Lutheran Church in America), and AELC (American Evangelical Lutheran Church). Our denomination is the largest of the nearly dozen Lutheran denominations found in the United States and considered generally the most liberal of all the Lutheran U.S. denominations. The ELCA national website recently was redesigned and can be viewed at www.elca.org



DON'T FORGET...

Upcoming dates to note – check out our March newsletter for details (found at stmarkhanover.org) or contact the office for more information.

April 4th – Our Easter Egg Hunt

If you signed up for St. Mark's Easter Egg Hunt, don't forget it's next Saturday, **April 4th** at 10:30am.



April 10th – Slagle Applications Due

The deadline for the Slagle Scholarship is Friday, **April 10th**. Applications need to be in the church office **by noon** that day. If you need an application or want to know more, contact Martha Lippy at 717-637-8891 or call the church office at 717-637-8904.

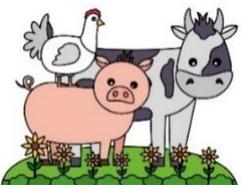
April 5th – Diaper Drive Ends

Thank you to all who have brought in the piles of diapers currently in our narthex. Just a reminder, the collection to benefit Tender Care ends on **April 5th**, Easter Sunday.



April 5th – God's Global Barnyard

Keep collecting loose change from **now until Easter Sunday** to fill your piggy banks for God's Global Barnyard. The Sunday School will put your coins to good use, helping international communities purchase animals and other necessities to build new lives and escape the cycle of poverty and hunger. Watch for the glass collection box soon. THANK YOU!



May 17th – Heroes Event

Don't forget to save the date for our **4th Annual Heroes Celebration** event to honor our community heroes: **May 17th** from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. For more information, go to stmarkhanover.org or contact Gary Laabs at laabs5479@gmail.com or 717-632-5479.

May 1st – Vendor Applications Due

If you know anyone who would like to have a table at our Heroes event mentioned above, make sure they send in their application by **May 1st**. Vendor applications can be found at stmarkhanover.org – just click on the Heroes graphic to download a .pdf. Or contact Gary Laabs at laabs5479@gmail.com or 717-632-5479.

Sharing Glory Moments

Glory moments are times that you experience the presence of God through your own actions or by witnessing it in others. Share your experience by putting it down on an index card in the pews and putting it in the offering plate.



Perhaps it will inspire others, as we hope this Glory Moment will inspire you!

“Paid for someone's coffee behind me in the drive-thru.”

Try it out yourself – Be the love of God.

Holy Week Worship Services

April 2nd – Maundy Thursday

7:00pm – Worship Service

April 3rd – Good Friday

7:00pm – Worship Service

April 4th – Easter Vigil

5:30pm – Worship Service

April 5th – Resurrection of Our Lord

9:00am – Easter Sunday Worship Service



Fellowship Hosts Needed

If you enjoy our donuts and coffee tradition on the first Sunday of each month, please consider signing up to set up/clean up the refreshments.

The church provides the coffee, donuts, and paper goods.

Please sign up in the narthex if you can help us keep this tradition going!



Preschool Sunday

Please join us for St. Mark's 4th Annual Preschool Sunday. On Sunday, **April 12th**, we will welcome St. Mark's preschoolers as our honored guests. They will add to our service by performing a song or two during Children's Time.

As you can see by the names on our Worship Helpers page, we will also celebrate this special day by having our Youth of St. Mark lead many parts of our morning worship. Then, after worship, please join us in the church hallway for some special Preschool Sunday fellowship treats!

Blood Drive

Our last blood drive collected enough units to impact over **165** local lives! The next UPMC Central Blood Bank drive is on Thursday, **April 30th**, in our fellowship hall. To schedule an appointment, go to 717giveblood.org and click on "Donate Now."

Easter Flower Pickup

If you dedicated Easter tulips, hyacinths, lilies, and/or doves to loved ones, you may take them home following services on Easter Sunday. If you aren't able to take them that Sunday, please feel free to come in on **Monday, April 6th**, or **Tuesday, April 7th**, during office hours (9:00am to 12noon). If you need to pick them up later in the week, please contact Joni at 637-8904 | offcoor129@gmail.com to make sure they are held for you.

I Like Pie!!



Calling all pie makers (and pie eaters)! We're planning a very special Fellowship Time on the Day of Pentecost. We hope you can join us for "Pie Sunday" for slices of delicious pie. Please bring a pie to share – homemade or storebought – and plan to enjoy this sweet treat on Sunday, **May 24th** following worship!

Pentecost Geraniums

To dedicate geraniums to a loved one, please use the form below or contact the church office. The deadline to submit dedications is **May 4th**. As always, we'll be planting the geraniums to beautify the church gardens following the service. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the planting, call the church office (717-637-8904).

ORDER FORM

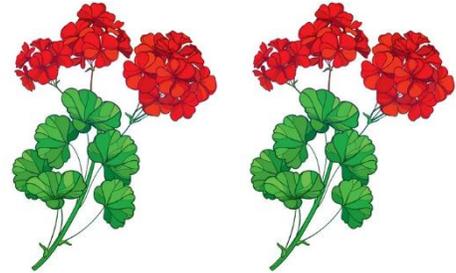
GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

The cost of each plant is **\$6.50**.

DEADLINE for ordering is Monday, May 4th

I would like to dedicate: _____ Geraniums @ **\$6.50** each

Total \$ _____



In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Presented By: _____

Contact: offcoor129@gmail.com | 717-637-8904 | **Mail:** St. Mark, 129 Charles Street, Hanover, PA 17331

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **July 27th-31st** from **9:30am to 12noon** each day. Our next planning meeting will be on **April 10th** at 12noon.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as leaders and helpers, as well as guides to escort the children. We must ask volunteers to have child protection clearances – if you need to obtain a clearance, forms are available in the church office or online. **Without volunteers, we won't be able to hold VBS**, so please, if you can help in any way, talk with Karen Feeser. We hope to have more details coming soon in our weekly announcements.



Spring Plant Sale

The Hanover Garden Club's Spring Plant Sale is set for Saturday, **May 2nd** from 8:00am to 1:00pm in our fellowship hall and parking lot. The Garden Club will be selling perennials from their own gardens. These are plants that are proven to grow successfully in our area and should flourish in your yards. Free gardening advice will also be available throughout the day. Be sure to stop by the church on the 2nd from 8:00am. to 1:00pm.



APRIL ALTAR VASES



April 5th

Both Vases Given in Honor of Our Risen Lord,
Jesus, the Son of God, Savior of the World.
He Is Risen and Alive Forevermore!



April 12th

Vase Given in Honor of Nancy Sandruck's 91st Birthday and
Carl & Nancy's 71st Wedding Anniversary, both on April
14th

By Their Children: Melanie, Sally, and David & Romi

Vase Open for Dedication

To sponsor a vase for \$17.00, please contact the church office



April 19th

Vase Given in Memory of James Kunkel

By Kate Klunk & Jared, Grace, and Claire Laird

Vase Given in Celebration of Tom's Birthday

By Hollis W. Long



April 26th

Vase Given in Honor of Linda's Aunt,
Mary Bowman's, 90th Birthday on April 29th

By Bill & Linda Sterner

Vase Open for Dedication

To sponsor a vase for \$17.00, please contact the church office

for St. Patrick's Day Treats:

Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for our special St. Patrick's Day themed fellowship time on March 15th. A special thanks to Shellene Griffin and Pat Keefer for providing homemade treats for all to share, as well as some fun decorations!



from Roots for Boots:

We gratefully acknowledge receiving your donation in the amount of \$20. Your generosity will help Roots for Boots to provide support for the current needs of our military heroes and their families.

With much gratitude,
Christy Lucas, CEO

APRIL Worship Helpers

April 2nd
(Maundy Thursday)

CPIC: Penelope Highlands
Wine Server: Penelope Highlands
Lectors: Karen Feeser, Tom Long, Pat Keefer,
Linda Bolin, Penelope Highlands, Hollis Long
Altar Helper: Mike Noble

April 3rd
(Good Friday)

CPIC: Kathy Gates
Acolyte: Shellene Griffin
Lectors: Linda Bolin, David Gates, Karen Feeser
Penelope Highlands, Kathy Gates, Hollis Long,
Tom Long, Pat Keefer

April 4th
(Easter Vigil)

Acolyte: Shellene Griffin

April 5th
(Easter Sunday)

Assisting Minister: Dcn. Jennifer Murphy
CPIC: Pat Keefer
Acolyte: Nathan Keefer
Comm. Assts: Dcn. Jennifer Murphy,
Jeff Kindschuh
Processional: Dcn. Jennifer Murphy,
Karen Feeser, Nathan Keefer

April 12th
(Preschool Sunday)

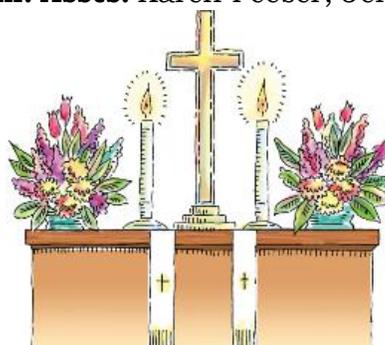
CPIC: Gail Merlo
Acolytes: Elsie Wildasin, Jace Wildasin
Readers: Owen Reese, Elsie Wildasin,
Jace Wildasin
Prayers: Morgana Lobaugh
Comm. Assts: Grace Laird & Claire Laird
(with Kate Klunk), Emerie Wildasin &
Josie Wildasin (with Joe & McHenze Wildasin),
Noah Shermeyer, Abby Shermeyer
Offering: Evelyn Reese (with Amanda Stuckey),
Nathan Keefer, Olivia Brodbeck
Greeters: Wildasin Family

April 19th

CPIC: Martha Lippy
Lector: Hollis Long
Comm. Assts: Martha Lippy, Hollis Long

April 26th

CPIC: Karen Feeser
Lector: *Need Volunteer*
Comm. Assts: Karen Feeser, Jeff Kindschuh



NEWS AND HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Provide-A-Lunch at Hanover Area Council of Churches

Provide-A-Lunch Team C will be serving at HACC on April 26th. Our primary team members in April include: **Linda Bolin, Sarah Foreman, Shellene Griffin, Lynn Gross, Amanda Reese-Stuckey, Andrew Reese, and Owen Reese.**

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. To maintain our teams, we can 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.



HACC NEWS AND SPECIAL NEEDS

PAL (Provide-A-Lunch) Program: White or Wheat Bread Loaves, Hot Dog/Hamburger Rolls, Coffee, Creamer, Artificial Sweeteners

Ruth's Harvest: Small Canned Vegetables, Single-Serve Fruit Cups, Single-Serve Cereal, Single-Serve Mac & Cheese, Individual Nonperishable Food Items

Meals On Wheels: Adult Wet Wipes, Dried Fruit Snacks (No Nuts Due to Allergies), Pudding Cups, Fruit Cups or Applesauce, Snack-Size Chips or Pretzels, Single-Serve Microwaveable Foods (ex. Mac-n-Cheese, Ravioli...)

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

Shelter: Individual Microwaveable Meals (Nonperishable), Individual Bags of Snacks and Drink Mixes, Personal Hygiene Items, Feminine Hygiene Products, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Hairbrushes, Body Wash

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

Ruth's Harvest



HACC's Ruth's Harvest program makes sure kids don't go hungry when schools are closed. They need single-serve packages of nutritious food to hand out to kids on Fridays. Please place donations in the HACC shelter bin near the Church Office.

Stolte Scholarship

HACC offers a scholarship for \$1,000 to any Hanoverian pursuing a career in ministry, missions, or humanitarian service. The deadline is **April 25th**. Contact HACC at 717-633-6353 for more information.

Spring Sale & Market

April 24th & 25th

St. David's UCC on Hobart Road
Spring Plants | Pottery | Linens
Jewelry Flea Market
Breakfast | Lunch | Bake Sale
For Times & Info: **717-637-2299**



Free Concert Alert!

John Samuell, 13-Year-Old Winner of the Rosalyn Tureck International Bach Competition

April 19th at 3:00pm

EUCC on Broadway

Pianist, Organist, And Harpsichordist, Performing Works by Mozart, Chopin, and Brahms.

Call **717-632-8281** for Tickets



Caregivers Seminar



Making a Difference in the Lives of People with Dementia

Spiritrust Lutheran in York

May 1st from 8:00am to 4:30pm

Call **717-843-1504** or email

makingadifferenceindementia@gmail.com

for Information and to Register

NEWS FROM ST. MARK PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL

Sunday

Our preschoolers will be extra special guests on **April 12th** at our 9:00am worship and will add to the service by performing two songs during Children's Time. This will be an enjoyable time for all!



PRESCHOOL

Registration

At this time, we have openings in the following classes:

3-YEAR-OLD CLASS (TUE/THU)
from 9:00am to 11:15am (4 spots open)

4-YEAR-OLD CLASS (M/W/F PM)
from 12:30pm to 3:15pm (2 spots open)

The MON/WED 3-year-old class and AM 4-year-old classes are full!

For more information about our preschool program
and to download a registration form, please visit:

stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com

(Preschool Website)

stmarkhanover.org

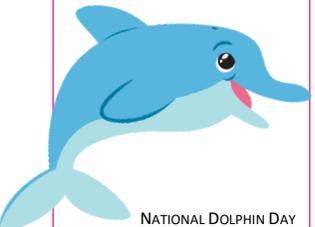
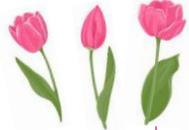
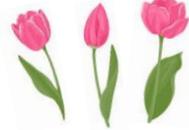
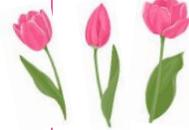
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For questions about 2026/2027 registration, or if you would like to set up a tour of our preschool, please contact Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803.

Wishing everyone a happy spring!

***– Idonia Klunk and Allison Wentz,
Preschool Co-Directors***



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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*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.

**Last Day for Geranium Dedications
Monday, May 4th** 

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