



# St. Mark Bell



## Pastor's Ponderings

### 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

#### Choir Practice

Most Thursdays 9:30am-11:00am

#### 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

- May 1** - *May Day*  
- **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- May 2** - 8am-1pm Spring Plant Sale
- May 3** - *Music Sunday*  
- Fellowship Time  
Following Worship
- May 4** - **GERANIUM DEADLINE**
- May 5** - 1pm St. Mark Eats @ Susie's
- May 8** - **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- May 9** - Non-Communion Worship
- May 10** - *Mother's Day*  
- Non-Communion Worship
- May 13** - Last Day of School 3's Class
- May 14** - *Ascension of Our Lord*  
- Last Day of School 3's Class
- May 15** - **NO BIBLE STUDY**  
- 10:30am/2pm  
Preschool Graduation
- May 16** - *Armed Forces Day*
- May 17** - Sunday School Last Day  
- 5pm Heroes Event
- May 19** - *Election Day*
- May 20** - 1pm Garden Club Mtg
- May 23** - Pentecost Weekend Saturday  
**WEAR RED**
- May 24** - Day of Pentecost  
**WEAR RED**  
- Sunday School Celebration  
- Special Pie-Sharing Fellowship  
- PAL Team A Serves at HACC
- May 25** - *Memorial Day*  
- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- May 31** - *Holy Trinity Sunday*



"We ponder your  
steadfast love,  
O God, in the midst  
of your temple"  
Psalm 48:8

Dear Pondering Christians:

This section of the newsletter is always reserved for the Pastor's Ponderings; thoughts, teachings, and theology that I try to share with you every month. But this month I want to share with you some other people's ponderings. These ponderings came to me from our Sunday school class, from our children five-to-eleven years old. Young theologians who are contemplating the meaning of faith, God, Jesus, and what it all means to them. They are asking questions and looking for answers. Just consider this month, some of their ponderings they submitted to me recently in writing:

If God made everything, who made God?

Was Jesus a good kid?

Did Jesus ever get hurt growing up?

In heaven do we have a life cycle?

Did Mary want to name him Jesus?

Was Jesus good for a reason?

Did Jesus ever have any pets?

Was Jesus allergic to anything?

Was Jesus color blind?

What was Jesus' favorite food?

Is Jesus married?

Why did Jesus always wear blue?

Did Jesus like to learn about things like we do in school?

Why do people go to jail if they believe in God?

Why do people go to jail for believing in God and Jesus?

Did Jesus make friends as a kid?

Now aren't those some inquisitive ponderings: all from the young minds of our church family? It's amazing as children, we learned so much by seeking answers, pondering questions, wondering about ideas. Why was it that as adults we simply seem to stop using that imaginative part of our brains and stop pondering? Perhaps we could be inspired this month to be more like our Sunday school children and let the Spirit move our hearts and minds to consider and discover new truths about God and our faith.

This month we celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. That Spirit that came to the faithful and opened their minds to the Word of God and gave them knowledge beyond their means. May you also be open to the Spirit this month, may you ponder and dwell with the Lord in ever new ways.

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

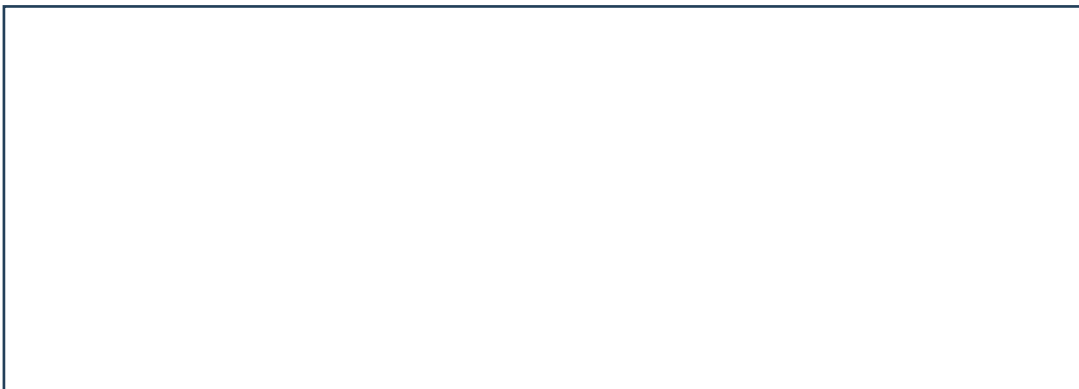
# HAPPENINGS AND NEWS IN OUR CONGREGATION

## Congregational Council Happenings – April 19<sup>th</sup>

- Council met on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, following morning worship, opening with prayer.
- Council commended everyone for being involved and lifting up worship in such wonderful ways during Easter and the Preschool/Youth Sunday. They also commended the recent fellowship times after worship with such great treats.
- Council accepted the minutes, attendance, and rolls.
- Thank you notes from Tender Care and from a member were reviewed.
- Council President Mike Merlo highlighted giving thanks to all our volunteers in the church who do so much in the ministry of God.
- Pastor gave his statistical report.
- Christian Education submitted a report reviewing Easter Egg hunt, Youth Sunday. Also mentioned the end of the Sunday School year and the upcoming VBS in July.
- Council reviewed Preschool Sunday and mentioned checking with the Preschool teachers about having more events that can combine the church and preschool families in ministry. Perhaps offering a “Messy Church” event again this fall for anyone wanting to attend.
- Sewing Group was commended for its continued work and dedication that each person puts in doing their own part, whether at home or on Thursday mornings in the sewing room.
- Under new business, the council voted to permit the UPMC Hospital Auxiliary to use the fellowship hall on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> for a fundraiser Jewelry Sale.
- Council decided to have Pastor and Council President update the CPIC (Council Person in Charge) guidelines and expectations. Once completed, all Council members should have a review of these updated guidelines.
- It was noted that the St. Mark Facebook page is being updated frequently and that church Facebook members are encouraged to visit and share those updates with as many as they can, to help share the ministries and news of St. Mark with our community.
- Due to Pastor’s vacation, Council will suspend the May meeting and meet again on June 21<sup>st</sup> following morning worship. All are welcome to attend.



## April’s Treasurer’s Report





## Prayer List for May

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

## In Memorial

It is with deep regret we must announce the passing of one of our members, **Phyllis Tasto**, who entered the everlasting promise found in the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her loved ones in your prayers. In her memory, a white rose was placed in our chancel for the weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.



## 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 May we are given the opportunity to contribute to **HACC PAL (Provide-a-Lunch) Program** which serves a free hot, nutritious home-cooked lunch seven days a week, prepared by churches in the Hanover area.

**Note:** Donations to this fund are sent to HACC, not used by St. Mark's PAL teams to purchase supplies. Please see our PAL notes in the community section if you'd like to help with ingredients for St. Mark's monthly lunches at HACC.



To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail in your donations or place them in our collection plates, specifying "PAL" or "May 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 **MAY** Birthdays!

**May 5** Tiffany Zeyn  
**May 6** Laurie Leppo  
**May 7** Lauren Seidenstricker  
 Steph Stonesifer  
**May 8** Alexis Hoke  
**May 10** Sue Bradshaw  
 Helen Hagarman  
 Evelyn Reese  
**May 11** Mike Noble  
**May 12** Loretta Race  
**May 14** Emma Kindschuh



**May 15** Ryan Hardin  
 Dustin Mummert  
**May 18** Levi Brown  
**May 20** Zachary Clabaugh  
**May 22** Amy Shermeyer  
**May 24** Linda Sanders  
**May 25** Mary Riley  
**May 26** Jonah Warehime  
**May 28** Tim Race  
**May 30** Sue Buck  
 Sue Sell  
**May 31** Patricia Ormond

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

### Diaper Drive Thank You

Thank you to all who donated baby care items to benefit Tender Care Pregnancy Center. Your generosity allowed us to take **1,237** diapers and **532** wipes (plus a box of baby powder) to help expectant mothers in the care of the center. Thank you!

*from TenderCare*

“Thank you all so much for the loads of diapers and wipes that were collected during Lent for our clients! Wow! Amazing! Our clients will be so blessed by your kindness and generosity.”

*– God Bless, TenderCare*

### Piggy Banks

Thanks to everyone’s generosity in our God’s Global Barnyard coin drive, we raised **\$920!** This money was used by the Sunday School to provide:

20 chicks	2 roosters
2 goats	2 pediatric clinic visits
2 honeybee hives	3 school supply kits
2 water filters	10 backpacks of food
2 blankets	5 Holy Bibles
1 orchard (15 trees)	3 piglets
1 community vegetable garden	

Thanks to all who contributed!

### to All Who Help to Make the Quilts

Thank you for the quilt you gave me when I was in the hospital. I am sure I will use it. Many thanks to all of you for your work.

*– Love, Judy Bolin*

### Easter Flowers and Doves

Thank you to everyone who dedicated Easter flowers and to those who arranged them, allowing us to create a beautiful altar on Easter Sunday. Thank you also to those who dedicated doves to help fight world hunger!

### Easter Egg Hunt Success!

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Egg hunt, from donating candy / snacks, to filling / hiding eggs. Thanks to Karen Feeser for leading the event, Tim & Loretta Race and Martha Lippy for setting up the morning of, and to Nancy Sandruck and Melanie Brady for donating snack bags. Be sure to check out photos at the end of this newsletter.

### to St. Mark Evangelism Committee

Thank you for the nice card you sent me when I was a patient in the hospital and then at home.

*– Love, Judy Bolin*



## Did you know...



...that in the church parlor there is a small library of books that members can borrow and read at their leisure? Books on all types of religious topics are located on both sides of the fireplace. Additionally, on the large bookcase along the side wall, we have the entire 55-volume collection of Luther's Works. Martin Luther, besides being a reformer and faith giant of his time, was a prolific writer. These English translations contain some of his sermons, commentaries on Biblical books, theological discussions, and life of a prayerful Christian.



*All of these books are available to be borrowed.*

### Pentecost Geraniums



The deadline to dedicate Pentecost geraniums is coming up **very soon**. Please contact Joni (637-8904, [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com)) or send in an order form by **Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Geraniums are \$6.50 and will be planted in the church garden the week after May 24<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate anyone who can help us plant them!

### Plant Sale

Just a reminder – the Hanover Garden Club is holding their annual sale in our Fellowship Hall and parking lot on Saturday, **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Stop by for your spring plantings and expert advice!



### 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!

**"I freed a little bird that got its foot stuck in a bird feeder sock. It was so happy to be free."**

*Try it out yourself – Be the love of God.*

### Sunday School Celebration

As we conclude another Sunday School year, we give thanks for our regular teachers, **Judy Laughman**, **Amanda Stuckey**, and **Andrew Reese**, as well as our substitute teacher, **Hollis Long**, and our chairperson, **Karen Feeser**. Our kids had fun learning important stories from the Bible! Classes will conclude on **May 17<sup>th</sup>**, and we'll celebrate the end of the year on **May 24<sup>th</sup>** following morning worship.



**THANK YOU TO OUR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TEACHERS**

**TUESDAY, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**TUESDAY, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**THURSDAY, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Dinner** at **Dutch Country** at **6:00pm**

**St. Mark Eats**





## Share Their Success!

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## Honoring Our Heroes



# Sunday, May 17th

### 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## A COMMUNITY HERO CELEBRATION

## Music! Music! Music!

Fire Trucks \* Ambulances \* Police Cars  
The Barbershoppers \* Bagpipers  
Military & Veterans Support Groups  
Singchronicity \* Face Painting  
Root Beer Floats and Much More!



## Save the Date

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **July 27<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup>**. This year's theme will be "Camping with God."

**We are looking for volunteers** to serve as leaders and helpers, as well as guides to escort the children. If you don't have a child protection 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**. Our next planning meeting is **June 17<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00pm. More details to come...



## Mother's Day

Please join us on **May 10<sup>th</sup>** as we celebrate our mothers, as well as those who mother us now and have mothered us in the past.

Calling all proud parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles: this is your time to share the wonderful news of upcoming graduates in your family!

Once again, we'll take a Sunday in June to congratulate our graduates from high school, college, graduate school, and trade school. We want to make sure we don't miss anyone, so please contact the church office with **names of any and all students we have graduating this year.**



## Music Sunday

*From Melinda Elnaggar, Music Director:*

"**May 3<sup>rd</sup>** is Music Sunday. Please help us celebrate music in our church and the choirs who lead the congregation each week in music, worship and fellowship. We hope to be an additional layer of the liturgy and scriptures for each week. We are not just window dressing, but an integral part of the spiritual life at St. Mark. We are St. Mark's choirs and leaders. Thank you for the comments and smiles. We are blessed to be able to present this program and welcome anyone interested in joining us. TrebleBells and Trinity Choir are always looking to grow our ranks. If you are interested, please let any of us know. Bells meet usually Sundays after Worship (also through the summer if available) and choir meets on Thursday mornings during the choir season (only one still works) but if you are not available in the morning we can talk. If you play an instrument, please let us know. We would like to have everyone involved in some way."



## MAY ALTAR VASES



Vase Given in Honor of Kathy & David's  
57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

By Dave Gates

Vase Given in Remembrance of  
My Mom, Mae Louise Bishop

By Gil Bishop

Both Vases Given to All the Mothers in the World

Robert & Grace Groft

Vase Given in Memory of Wayne Keefer

By the Keefers

Vase Given in Honor of Our Wedding Anniversary

By Kate Klunk & Jared Laird

Vase Given in Loving Memory of My Husband, Tony

By Melanie Brady

It Has Been 5 Years Today My Daughter, Sharon Noel,  
Passed Away. Love You, Sharon!

Joan Reigle

Both Vases Given in Loving Memory of  
Wilma Crawford on Her Birthday (June 1<sup>st</sup>)

By Karen Crawford

## MAY Worship Helpers

### May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Music Sunday)

**CPIC:** Kate Klunk  
**Lector:** Kathy Gates  
**Comm. Assts:** Kate Klunk | *Need Volunteer*

### May 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

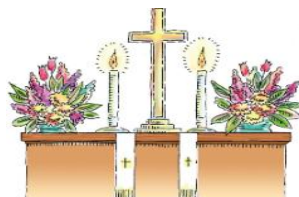
**Guest Minister:** Deacon Jennifer Murphy  
**Prayers/Creed:** Karen Feeser  
**Counter/Offering:** Deb Teal

### May 10<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day/Non-Communion)

**Guest Minister:** Deacon Jennifer Murphy  
**CPIC:** Karen Feeser  
**Lector:** Hollis Long  
**Prayers/Creed:** Karen Feeser

### May 16<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

**Guest Minister:** Deacon Jennifer Murphy  
**Salutation/Prayer of Day:** Carol Reese  
**Prayers/Creed:** Karen Feeser  
**Counter/Offering:** Deb Teal



### May 17<sup>th</sup> (Non-Communion)

**Guest Minister:** Deacon Jennifer Murphy  
**CPIC:** Martha Lippy  
**Prayer of Day:** Hunter Shaw  
**Lectors:** Jeff Kindschuh | Dave Gates | Gary Laabs  
**Prayers of Intercession:** Pat Keefer  
**Offering Presenter:** Wayne Lippy

### May 24<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost Sunday)

**Assisting Minister:** Hollis Long  
**CPIC:** Gail Merlo  
**Processional:** Hollis Long | Elsie Wildasin  
Gail Merlo  
**Acolyte:** Elsie Wildasin  
**Comm. Assts:** Gail Merlo | Hollis Long

### May 31<sup>st</sup> (Holy Trinity)

**Assisting Minister:** Karen Feeser  
**CPIC:** Martha Lippy  
**Processional:** Karen Feeser | *Acolyte (TBD)*  
**Acolyte:** *Need Volunteer*  
**Comm. Assts:** Martha Lippy | TBD

## NEWS AND HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

**Provide-A-Lunch Team A will be serving at HACC on May 24<sup>th</sup>.** Our primary team members in May include: **Melanie Brady, Tyson Brady, Shellene Griffin, Lynn Gross, Braelyn Jones, and Nancy Sandruck.**



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.

St. Mark's two teams serve lunch each month and provide the ingredients for each meal. To help us continue this mission, please consider donating to our PAL Supply fund. **To contribute directly to St. Mark's PAL efforts, please note "PAL SUPPLIES"** (be sure to specify "supplies" so that your donation is directed to the right place) on the *Other* line of your offering envelope. Thank you!

### HACC NEWS AND SPECIAL NEEDS

**PAL (Provide-A-Lunch) Program:** White or Wheat Bread Loaves, 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 Crackers, Granola Bars, Soft Chew Snack Items

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

**Shelter:** Men's Boxer Underwear (M/L/XL), Men's Colored T-Shirts (M/L/XL), Women's Underwear (S/M/L), Deodorant, Personal Hygiene Items, Feminine Hygiene Products, Shampoo, Conditioner, Hairbrushes, Body Wash, Toilet Paper

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

### Namaste

#### Mindfulness Sessions



Emmanuel United Church of Christ at 124 Broadway offers free mindfulness and stress reduction sessions the **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays** of each month, 6:00pm to 6:45pm, in person (courtyard entrance) and on Zoom.

Contact Karen Jones at [kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com](mailto:kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com) for more information

### Hanover Area Night Out

#### National Night Out 2026

Tuesday, **August 4<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm to 8:00pm

Emory H. Markle Middle School  
225 Bowman Road

Displays | Free Hot Dogs & Water  
Giveaways and Children's Bike Raffle

For more information, contact Office Bryan Wheeler of Penn Township Police at [bwheeler@pennpolice.com](mailto:bwheeler@pennpolice.com) or check out the "Penn Township Police, Hanover PA" Facebook page



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## Free Weekly Outdoor Story Time

*Library Along Lake Marburg*



**Every Wednesday**  
10:00am to 10:45am  
**June 10<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>**

*with Miss Kelly & Miss Renae  
from Hanover Library*

Codorus State Park Classroom Building  
Marina Drive in Codorus, Hanover  
Stories | Crafts | Activities | Games  
**Parents Must Attend with Children –  
No Drop-Offs**  
**Bring a Blanket and/or Camp Chair!**

Call Guthrie Memorial Library at  
717-632-5183 for more information



## Memorial Day Parade



**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30am

Downtown Hanover  
on Baltimore Street



## Save the Date – Jewelry Sale

Last year's \$5 Jewelry Sale held by the Hanover Hospital Auxiliary here at St. Mark was a success, so they're going to have another one here on **September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to save the date to come out and support the Hospital Auxiliary!



## Read-A-Thon

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00am to 2:00pm

**Glatfelter Memorial Library**  
101 Glenview Rd in Spring Grove  
Read-Alouds | Crafts | Games  
Prizes & More!

Call **717-225-3220**  
to Sign Up!



## Carnival!

**Kids' Carnival & Food Truck Event**

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
5:00pm to 8:00pm

**New Hope Faith Community Church**  
33 Sunday Drive  
Music | Food | Games  
& More!



## NEWS FROM ST. MARK PRESCHOOL

# PRESCHOOL

### Spring Happenings

In April we have been having a lot of fun and even got to enjoy some outside play with warmer weather coming our way. All classes got to enjoy learning about Easter, spring, the rain, how plants grow, and what is happening with some animals and insects this time of year.



### Fundraiser Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who helped the preschool raise funds by ordering subs from R&K. Our profit was **\$744.75!** We appreciate your ongoing support of our school!

### Openings

We do have **4** openings available in our 3-year-old Tuesday / Thursday class and **2** openings available in our 4-year-old Monday / Wednesday / Friday afternoon class.

**All other classes are full at this time.**

If you know anyone interested in our program, please refer them to Idonia Klunk at 717-451-4803 or visit:

[stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com](http://stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com) (St. Mark Preschool's website)  
[stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org) (St. Mark Church's website)

Thank you to everyone who spreads the word about St Mark Preschool.

**It has been a pleasure helping and watching each and every preschooler grow this year, and we're excited to see what the next school year holds for them.**

– IDONIA KLUNK AND ALLISON WENTZ,  
ST. MARK PRESCHOOL CO-DIRECTORS



PRESCHOOL SUNDAY 2026

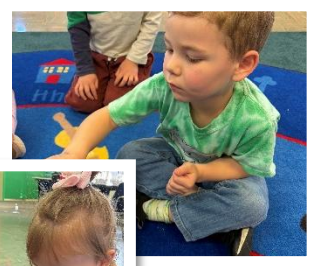
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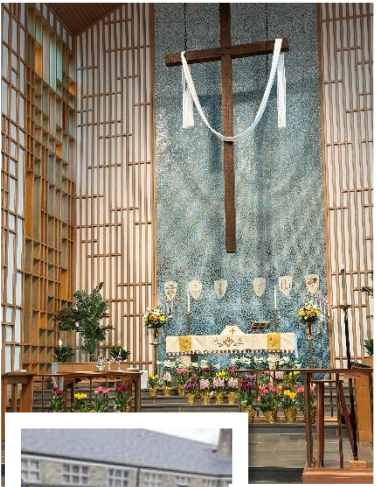


### End of the School Year

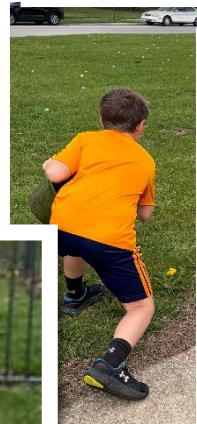
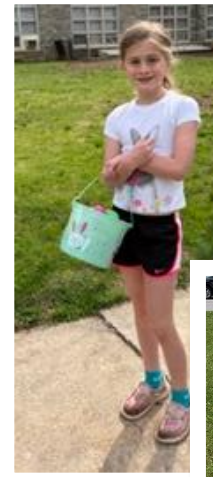
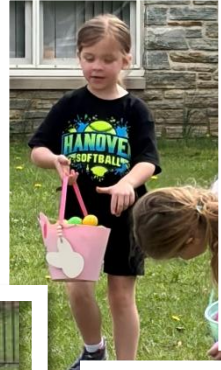
Now May is here, and we can't believe the preschool year is coming to an end. This year has flown by so quickly! The 3-year-old classes' last days will be on **May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**, and the 4-year-old classes have graduation coming up on **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.

*baby chicks, butterflies,  
& race cars..oh my!*





*april at st mark*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <span style="float: right;">3</span> 9:00am Worship 10:15am Sunday School <b>Fellowship Time</b> <b>Following Worship</b> <b>Music Sunday</b> Bells Rehearsal	<span style="float: right;">4</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open <b>GERANIUM DEDICATIONS DUE</b> STAR WARS DAY	<span style="float: right;">5</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open <b>1pm St. Mark Eats @ Susie's Mexican Grill</b> CINCO DE MAYO	<span style="float: right;">6</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open	<span style="float: right;">7</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group 9:30am Choir Practice	<span style="float: right;">8</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open <del>11:00am Bible Study</del> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b>	<span style="float: right;">9</span> 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word <b>8am-1pm Spring Plant Sale @ St. Mark</b> 
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <span style="float: right;">10</span> 9:00am Non-Communion Worship 10:15am Sunday School <b>Mother's Day</b> 	<span style="float: right;">11</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open	<span style="float: right;">12</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open 	<span style="float: right;">13</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open <b>Last Day of School 3's Class</b>	<span style="float: right;">14</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group 9:30am Choir Practice <b>Last Day of School 3's Class</b> † ASCENSION OF OUR LORD	<span style="float: right;">15</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open <del>11:00am Bible Study</del> <b>NO BIBLE STUDY</b> 11:00am Bible Study <b>10:30am/2pm Preschool Graduation</b>	<span style="float: right;">16</span> 5:30pm Non-Communion Spoken Liturgy of Word ARMED FORCES DAY
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <span style="float: right;">17</span> 9:00am Non-Communion Worship 10:15am Sunday School <b>5pm Heroes Event @ St. Mark</b> <b>Sunday School Last Day</b> Bells Rehearsal	<span style="float: right;">18</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open	<span style="float: right;">19</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open 	<span style="float: right;">20</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open <b>1pm Garden Club Mtg</b>	<span style="float: right;">21</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group 9:30am Choir Practice	<span style="float: right;">22</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study	<span style="float: right;">23</span> 5:30pm Non-Communion Spoken Liturgy of Word <b>Pentecost Weekend WEAR RED</b>
<b>Day of Pentecost</b> <span style="float: right;">24</span> 9:00am Worship <b>Day of Pentecost WEAR RED</b> <b>Pie Sunday PAL Team A</b> <b>Sunday School Celebration</b> Bells Rehearsal	<span style="float: right;">25</span> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<span style="float: right;">26</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open	<span style="float: right;">27</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open 	<span style="float: right;">28</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open 9:00am-12noon Quilting Group	<span style="float: right;">29</span> 9:00am-12noon Office Open 11:00am Bible Study	<span style="float: right;">30</span> 5:30pm Spoken Liturgy of Word 
<b>Holy Trinity</b> <span style="float: right;">31</span> 9:00am Worship <b>Holy Trinity Sunday</b> Bells Rehearsal 						

\*NOTE: Beginning May 18<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark Preschool regular classes will be on Summer Break until September.

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