



A Monthly Newsletter by the
Hanover Church of the Brethren

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SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:00 AM

WORSHIP—10:30 AM

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Preaching Schedule

April 4 Easter— Sunrise Service at 7 AM

Socially Distanced Breakfast at 7:45 AM

Celebration Service at 10:30 AM

“The Rolling Stone” Mark 16:1-8

April 11

“Share Lavishly!” Acts 4:32-35

April 18

“Cultivating a Holy Imagination” 1 John 3:1-7

April 25 Pastor Dick Godfrey

“Fake News or Great News” Luke 24:13-25



From the Desk of... Pastor Gerry

“Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here” (Mark 16:6). The angel of the Lord spoke to the women who came to the tomb on the first Easter morning. What would you have done had you been in that group of women? Who would you have gone to—to tell of the risen Lord?

Isn’t it interesting...the greatest news of all, Christ’s resurrection, Christ being raised to new life...and yet we hesitate to tell others? The resurrection is one of the greatest miracles of all time and yet we treat it in a Ho-hum fashion. The whole of the rest of the New Testament is based upon that miracle and we go back into the prophecies of the Old Testament to verify so many things like Christ’s birth (Isaiah 9:6) and his lineage (Ruth 4:19-22) and even how he will die (Isaiah 53:7). We are given words to talk about it all, yet how often do we tell others about this “great good news?”

God sent His Son for all! God sent His Son that all might have new life! It’s a story that is worth telling! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

LET US JOURNEY TOGETHER AND TELL THE GOOD NEWS!

PASTOR GERRY

Please Take Note...

HANOVER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Sunday School—9 AM Worship—10:30 AM

PASTOR

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Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday &
Saturday (available if needed)
10 AM - 1 PM

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Hanover Church Mission Statement

"Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God."



**COUNCIL
PACKET INFO
DUE BY
APRIL 30**

OUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

February 2021

Average Attendance	Sunday School	Worship
	19	52
Budget Goal (\$4,326 per week)	\$ 224,974.00	
Need to-date (9 weeks)	\$ 38,934.00	
Budget Giving to Date (88%)	\$ 34,325.00	
Designated Giving to Date	\$ 3,098.00	
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 37,423.00	
Budget Giving for February	\$ 21,592.50	
Designated Giving for February	\$ 2,198.00	
Ash Wednesday Service	\$ 35.00	
Benevolence Fund	\$ 500.00	
Building Rental	\$ 501.00	
Clean-up Buckets-Outreach	\$ 374.00	
Community aid Bin	\$ 346.00	
HACC PAL	\$ 100.00	
Snow Removal-Property & Finance	\$ 200.00	
SOUPer Bowl of Sharing	\$ 121.00	
Youth Group	\$ 20.00	

GIFTS ASSESSMENTS

Please fill out your gifts assessment form and get it back to the church office. We appreciate the great gifts and talent that we have here.



WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

Well a whole year of COVID-19 is under our belts. We want to encourage you to check us out and attend a Sunday or two to see if you feel safe. As many are having the vaccine administered to them or have set up an appointment to receive the vaccine, things seem to be opening up. It might be a good time to return to church with the Season of Lent upon us and as we move toward Easter.



However, if you are not feeling safe, please go to our website at www.hanoverCOB.org and view the service each week. Thank you so much for your faithful stewardship!

PASTOR-CONGREGATION RELATIONS SUPPORT TEAM

The Ministry and Worship Commission, with the approval of the Board, decided to create a support team for the pastor and the congregation to aid in the resolution of any conflicts that may arise. The appointed team members are Bob Long, Dick Ambrosius and Angie Ruth. The Ministry and Worship Commission will oversee the team. Please contact one of the members of the team or the Ministry and Worship Commission if you feel you have not been able to resolve a conflict on your own. It is the Commission's hope that any areas of conflict can be resolved without hurt feelings. As the body of Christ, it is imperative that we work together to keep our church healthy.

—Ministry & Worship Commission

In Our Church...



Sunday, April 4

7 AM

Join us on the back lot.
Please bring a lawn chair
(if there is rain we will move inside.)

MEAT CANNING WITH SOPA AND MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICTS CANCELLED



The committee is looking to partner in some way to use the offerings to possibly supply food in another way. Details will be announced in the future. Thank you for your generosity.

Please sign-up to join us at **7:45 AM** following the Sunrise Service for breakfast and a time of fellowship to celebrate the empty tomb.



Game Night
Friday, April 16
6 to 8:30 PM

Featuring Chair Volleyball.
Please bring your favorite game and snack. A light meal will be provided.



**Not meeting
at this time**



BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, April 22
noon to 6PM

Our spring blood drive will be held on April 22 from noon to 6 PM with the Central PA Blood Bank. Anyone wishing to donate needs to call 1-800-771-0059 to make an appointment.

**Saturday,
April 24**
6 PM

Please sign up to donate: freezers of ice-cream, toppings, snacks. Sponsored by the Fellowship & Personnel Commission.

Ice Cream Social



Spiritual Growth...



WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group continues to meet on Wednesday evening's at 6:00 in the prayer room. Please know that prayer is one of the most important things we can do for the church as we ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit. Our prayers are divided into prayers for the church, prayers for the people and prayers for our district, denomination and around the world.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Pastor Dick continues to lead a Bible study on Wednesday evening at 6 PM in the church library. The group is studying the Gospel of John. Bring your Bible!

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE



The Hanover Area Council of Churches Ministerium every year offers a community Good Friday worship service. This year of course we could not safely do it with choirs and preachers coming and going in and out of the same spaces. So we are offering this Worship video that can be shared. Finally a special thanks to the musicians and ministers who were willing to share their gifts for the Seven Last Words of Christ.

You can view the video on the hanoverareacouncilofchurches youtube channel: the link to the video is this: <https://youtu.be/RQZHiNICrvE>

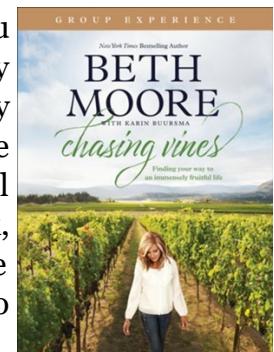
You can go to Hanover COB's web page and click on the link on the home page which will be posted on **April 2**. There is also a link on the calendar page.



We will not be meeting this month. We are waiting until things open up a little more to resume the breakfasts.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

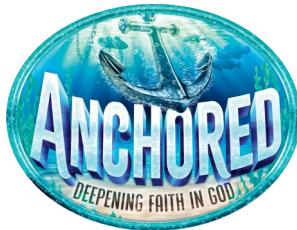
You are invited to join a Thursday morning bible study concerning Beth Moore's book, ***Chasing Vines***. This study fleshes out our "fruitfulness," and how we can live a more fruitful life for Him. Each of us is designed to share our gifts and talents to God's glory. Are we doing that to the best of our ability and with God's leading? Although Moore bases her study on John 15:1-8, we search the Old and New Testaments to find how we can be better servants of God. The study will be from 10 – 11:30 and will run for 6 sessions, from April 8 ending on May 27. Please let Pastor Gerry know if you would like to join the study by April 2 so enough study guides can be ordered at the cost of \$10/each. There will be copies of the book, ***Chasing Vines*** available for students to read as we go through the six weeks.



Sunday, APPRECIATION April 25

Christian Ed would like to thank you for your desire to learn and study God's word. We will have a small gift for you and time of fellowship before church starts that morning.

Upcoming Church Events ...



VBS WEEKEND BIBLE SCHOOL June 25, 26 & 27

Christian Education Commission is making plans for Vacation Bible School. We would like to hold VBS in person but before we can do that we need to make sure that we have the volunteers to work with the children. The dates for VBS are June 25, 26, and 27. Please check your calendars and let one of the members of Christian Ed know if you can help with VBS.

– Melissa G, Natalie D and Mike L



SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON MAY 16 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Save the date. More details next month. Sponsored by Fellowship & Personnel Commission.



Church Council

SPRING COUNCIL MAY 19 - 7 PM

Our Spring Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 19 at 7 PM. Please plan to be here as we celebrate how we are growing as a church! All reports are due to the church office by April 30.

In Our District, Denomination, & Community...

Hanover Area Council of Churches Needs For April

PAL - single serve fruits, chips, pretzels, etc. instant white rice, scalloped potato mixes, laundry detergent, dish towels, pot holders

Changing Lives Shelter - men's & women's deodorant, disposable cleaning gloves -M & L, razors, body wash, Lysol spray, Ajax, Clorox wipes, paper towels, Ziploc storage bags-gallon size, bottled water, sleeping bags, bed pillows.

Ruth's Harvest - all single serve— cereal, juice boxes, snacks, entrees, and veggies.

Clothing Bank - family sized toiletries, sheets-all sizes, bath towels, Men's white t-shirts L & XL, baby diapers -size 4 & 5; bread wire ties.

Our clothing Bank is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 12 PM by appointment. Due to COVID and to keep everyone safe an appointment must be made. Appointments are made on the hour and are limited to 6 individuals (adult and children) at a time. You must wear a mask and obey social distancing rules while you shop. Stop by or call 717-633-6353 to make an appointment. Clothing is free, although monetary donations are appreciated. Other household items are priced accordingly.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 30 to July 4

We will gather on-line for this year's Annual Conference with Paul Mundey as the moderator rallying around the theme of "God's Adventurous Future." Delegates will be looking at the Compelling Vision Statement:

"Together, as the Church of the Brethren, we will passionately live and share the radical transformation and holistic peace of Jesus Christ through relationship-based neighborhood engagement. To move us forward, we will develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovative, adaptable, and fearless."

Pastor Gerry is our delegate.

Children, Youth & Young Adults...



"GLOW" GROUP

We will be resuming the GLOW group for 4th and 5th graders on the third Sunday of the month. In April that will be **April 18 from noon to 1:30 pm.** The group packed bags needed for our "eggstravaganza" at our March meeting.



YOUTH NEWS

A big "thank you" to the congregation for supporting the "soup-n-salad" on March 14 and thanks for the great desserts! We need your help to paint eggs and to fill the plastic eggs for our "Eggstravaganza" egg hunt. We will meet on Friday evening, **April 2 at 5:30** for food followed by the egg painting and judging of painted eggs. On Saturday morning, please be back to the church by 9:00 to hide the eggs RAIN OR SHINE! In the month of April we are going to meet the second Sunday of the month, **April 11**, for a "surprise destination."

PARENTS- WE NEED A RECENT PICTURE OF YOUR CHILD!!!

The youth continue to meet each Sunday morning for Sunday school discussion in their classroom. Some of the youth are also helping in the children's classrooms. Many thanks!

Please keep our children and youth in prayer as they are dealing with the decisions and worry of online or face to face instruction and also with sports and other activities that have been put on hold or cancelled. There are many things that have changed or are changing in our world and our children (as well as adults) are being affected by these changes. An article titled "The Effects of the Pandemic on Children" has been mailed to all our young families with children or you can pick up a copy at church. Thank you and please help us to support all of our children.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA Saturday, April 3, 10 am



This year our eggstravaganza egg hunt takes on a different look as we socially distance. We will have a story for the children, together, then hand out their snack and craft to work on at home. Then the children will go outside for the egg hunt in different areas around our church. Please register your child and other family (cousins and friends are welcome but all must register) by calling 717.632.2267. Thank You.



➤ CONNECTIONS ◀

Young Adult Group

Greetings, young adults and young marrieds ages 18 to 36. Our times of meeting at the church rather than at Panera because of COVID -19 have gone well- so we will meet at the church on April 1, 2021 in the library. April 1—April Fool's Day!! What will Pastor Gerry have for you?? See you then and please bring a friend!

MEMORIAL GIFTS SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

Please be aware that the deadline for our college students for the Memorial Gift scholarship is June 30. Forms are available on the shelf in the Narthex. **Part of the scholarship is giving 10 hours** or more in service to the church so students, make sure you are getting your hours in and recording them. The forms have outlined what things qualify as "service."



Summer Camp Schedule can be found online at www.campeder.org



April BIRTHDAYS

4/1	Brandon McMaster	4/19	Allie McClain
	Wayne Yingling	4/20	Eilish Strausbaugh
4/2	Deanna Ness	4/21	Kristen Dickensheets
4/5	Mary Myers		Carol Feeser
	Jacob Yingling		Wayne Mummert
4/6	Myrna Gladfelter	4/22	Gary Avery
4/7	Ben Warfield		Richard Miller
4/8	Bryan Harman	4/23	Audrey Clapper
4/9	Kaylin Foor	4/24	Phyllis Fuhrman
4/10	Patti Maxwell	4/25	Emily Fleming
	Carol Replogle	4/26	Donna Plunkert
4/12	Elvin Molison	4/27	Randy Carlson
4/13	Loretta Bollinger	4/29	Barbara Lawrence
4/14	Jenn Murray		
4/15	Cody Ault		
4/16	Alina Henninger		
	Clarence Stonesifer		
	Collin Miller		
4/18	Deb Stambaugh		

Uplift in Prayer

Listed below are those with ongoing concerns, recuperating from surgery or procedures, recently hospitalized and/or have been shared through our prayer chain. Your thoughts and prayers are always appreciated.

Maggie Brockway, Don Conrad, Gregory Stockslager, Amber Shaw, Todd Smith, John Ilgenfritz, Charles Hartman, Larry Mummert, Jessica McMaster, Doris White

Remember our Homebound:

Norma Becker, Jake Berwager, Miriam Mills, Charlie Sell, Dale Sullivan

Remember those in residence at:

Country Meadows—Bonnie Berwager

Hanover Hall—Esther Brown

Homewood at Plum Creek—Jewel Amspacher, Nancy Mummert & Fay Swartz

Utz Terrace—Evelyn Dickensheets

Spring Creek Rehab - Sonja Bankert

Normandie Ridge Sr. Living - Norma Becker

Sympathy to:

the family of Phyllis Burkheimer who died on 3/1

the family of Tom Senft who died on 3/20



4/4	Harold & Jo Ann Kline	(45)
	Adam Franco & Allie McClain	(17)
4/11	James & Pamela Miller	(41)
4/18	Robert & Betty Stockslager	(52)
4/19	Jerry & Karen Snyder	(35)
4/27	Archie & Connie Oller	(52)

Thank You!

I never knew that I have so many friends. You are so kind to me. Thank you for my birthday cards; I very much appreciated them with a very grateful heart. I will never forget my church friends. I am so proud to know all of you. Many thanks to you all.

-Love,
Jenny B.

Thanks to Dick & Sue Ambrosius for again assembling and mailing this newsletter.



“I am the
resurrection
and the
life.”

John 11:25

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 7:30 pm - Connections	<i>2</i> Good Friday Service on Web page 5:30 - 7:30 pm Youth prepping eggs for Saturday's event.	<i>3</i> 9 am Youth Arrive 10 am Easter Eggstravaganza 			
4  7 am Sunrise Service 7:45 Breakfast 9 am Sunday School	5 8 am - 1 pm - AARP Taxes	6 8 am - 1 pm - AARP Taxes	7 8 pm - AA	8 10 am Bible Study	9 6 pm - AA	10
11 9 am Sunday School	12 PAL at HACC 8 am - 1 pm - AARP Taxes	13 8 am - 1 pm - AARP Taxes	14 8 pm - AA	15 10 am Bible Study	16  GAME NIGHT 6 to 8:30 pm	17 6 pm - AA
18 9 am Sunday School	19 10:30 am Worship	20 Noon Youth Surprise Activity	21 8 pm - AA	22 Blood Drive Noon to 6 pm	23 6 pm - AA	24  Ice Cream Social 6 pm
25 9 am Sunday School	26 10:30 am Worship	27 Sunday School Appreciation	28 8 pm - AA	29 10 am Bible Study	30 6 pm - AA	



Youth
Valentine
Fundraiser
2021



~ Serving Our Church ~

April

May

Deacons of the Month/Welcomers ... Mike & Cindy Goodling.....	Dick & Sue Ambrosius
Greeters of the Month not at this time	not at this time
Ushers	not at this time
Bulletin Board	Fred Markle
	Evelyn Cline

~ Looking Ahead (mark your calendars) ~

May 16: Singspiration & Senior Citizens Luncheon

May 19: Spring Council Meeting - 7 PM (REPORTS DUE APRIL 30)

June 25, 26 & 27: VBS—“ANCHORED”

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization

Mailed March 26

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