



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*

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Spiritual Renewal Weekend with Rev. Walt Wiltschek  
Saturday, November 6, 7 PM *“Learning to Love”*  
Sunday November 7, 10:30 AM *“Joy Like a Fountain”*  
7 PM *“Passing the Peace”*  
November 14  
*“We Know How It Ends” Mark 13:1-8*  
November 21 Harvest Home Service  
*“Thy Kingdom Come” Mark 12:28-34*  
Hanging of the Greens after worship (lunch provided)  
November 28 - First Sunday of Advent  
*“Fulfillment!” Jeremiah 33;14-16*

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*From the Desk of... Pastor Gerry*

We are quickly moving into one of my favorite seasons as fall has begun. Have you ever thought about how delightful it is to see the changing leaves on your favorite trees, but also, as you drive around at this time of year, to be surprised by that blast of red and orange on the sugar maples as you round the bend on a mountain road?

With the changing leaves, there is also the change in weather as cooler days and cold nights descend upon us. As we go through the month of November, anticipation is built toward sharing in the family tradition of Thanksgiving. The hymn, “Come Ye Thankful People, Come” by Henry Alford aptly describes the reasons for our thankfulness:

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home;  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, the Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God’s own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God’s own field,  
Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

*LET US JOURNEY AS THANKFUL PEOPLE*  
*PASTOR GERRY*



# Please Take Note...

## Hanover Church of the Brethren

Sunday School—9 AM    Worship—10:30 AM

### Pastor

Geraldine Godfrey  
Pastor.GerryG@gmail.com

### Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday &  
Saturday *(available if needed)*  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Secretary

Suzanne Werner  
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### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9 AM to 1 PM

### Board Chair

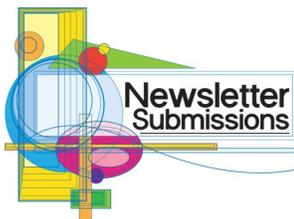
Scott Ruth  
717-637-2642

### Moderator

Dick Godfrey  
717-428-2511

### Hanover Church Mission Statement

**“Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God.”**



The deadline for submissions for the December/January Issue will be Sunday, **November 14**.

Look ahead on your calendar and make sure to include all activities through the end of January. Volunteers who are “Serving the Church” in January will need to be contacted now to be included on the list on the mailing cover.

## Our Faithful Stewardship

September 2021

Average Attendance	Sunday School	Worship
	28	64
Budget Goal (\$4,326 per week)		\$ 224,974.00
Needed to-date (39 weeks)		\$ 168,714.00
Budget Giving to Date (81%)		\$ 137,079.43
Designated Giving to Date		\$ 27,671.60
<b>TOTAL GIVING TO DATE</b>		<b>\$ 164,748.03</b>
Budget Giving for September		\$ 11,299.01
Designated Giving for September		\$ 9,168.00
Building Rental		\$ 175.00
Building Repair Fund		\$ 90.00
Fellowship Hall Sound System		\$ 6,241.00
Property & Finance -mowing		\$ 20.00
Yard Sale		\$ 2,642.00

## Spiritual Renewal Weekend

Featuring Guest Speaker

Rev. Walt Wiltschek

Theme: **Living Fruitfully**

**Saturday, November 6**

6:15 PM Ice Cream Social

7 PM Worship -

“Learning to Love”

**Sunday, November 7**

10:30 AM Worship -

“Joy Like a Fountain”

Noon Carry-In Meal

6:30 PM Hymn Sing

7 PM Worship -

“Passing the Peace”



Rev. Walt Wiltschek will be leading us in our time of Spiritual Renewal with the theme of “Living Fruitfully.” Walt is well-known to this church and also throughout the denomination as he has served in many capacities, including an internship as youth director here at Hanover COB. Walt recently moved into a new position as District Executive Minister of the Illinois/Wisconsin District. We look forward to eating ice cream with Walt (Saturday evening), sharing a meal (Sunday’s covered dish), and singing with him (Sunday evening) under the direction of Bob Long as well as being renewed through his messages. Come and join in a meaningful experience of renewal!

## 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...



**Women's Fellowship  
Christmas Craft Show  
Soup, & Bake Sale**  
Saturday, November 13  
8 AM - 2 PM



Our Christmas Craft Show will be on November 13 from 8 AM to 2 PM. We hope that everyone can attend. There will be three varieties of soup (chicken corn, ham and bean, vegetable beef). And there will be plenty of crafty items for sale - perfect for Christmas gifts.

To prepare for the Craft Show, we will need your help. And helping at the Craft Show is a perfect way to get some exercise. You can burn those calories many different ways. Here are some examples for exercise. First, in the days before the show, help to stir the huge vats of soup. Second, before the show, prepare your scrumptious baked goods for sale. Third, consider donating any items for the silent auction. Fourth, on the day of the sale, we will need a multitude of people to help at our tables and in the kitchen. Fifth, consider offering a Share-A-Meal in your home after the show. Personal trainers for this marathon include Lona, Melissa, Sharon, and Evelyn.

Finally, if you know of any vendors who would also like to participate in the event, let us know.



**Sunday  
November 21  
Following Worship**

On Sunday, November 21, we will begin the transition of the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Season after the 10:30 worship service. Please come and join the group for lunch and then we will decorate the Christmas tree in the sanctuary, the tree in the narthex and also other areas around the church. There will be crafts for the children in the fellowship hall and cookies to decorate. The youth will be helping with the smaller children. Come and join us as we get into the Christmas Spirit, together!



**Over 60's Luncheon**  
November 17  
Noon to 2 PM

Remember the milkman? Was milk delivered to your front door? Jay Crist from the York 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Brethren will be with the Over 60's luncheon group on Wednesday, November 17. He will share with us the History of the Milkman. Come on Wed., Nov. 17 at noon, bring a friend or two, also food to share and listen to his story. An interesting note: the maiden name of Jay's mother was Rutter.



PUT YOUR GENTLY USED GOODS TO GOOD USE AT THE



HANOVER  
CHURCH OF  
THE BRETHREN

**CLOTHING  
DRIVE**

**Saturday, November 20**

**9 AM to 3 PM**

Outreach Commission will be accepting the following items for Community Aid on the church parking lot: Men's, women's, and children's clothing and shoes; Accessories including belts, scarves, jewelry, backpacks, purses and wallets.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

It is time once again for the Samaritan's Purse — Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes filled with gifts are given to the children over the world. Operation Christmas Child shows children that God loves them and that you love them too.

The youth have decorated shoeboxes for us. You can fill a box or boxes with gifts of toys, hygiene items, or school supplies. Also, do not forget to say prayers for the lucky child who will receive your box.

Boxes will be available beginning Sunday, November 7. Then the boxes will be returned by Sunday, November 21.



## Church Board and Church Council Reporting ...

### Church Board Reorganizational Meeting

Newly affirmed and continuing board members will reorganize on **Monday evening, November 8, 7 PM** for the 2022 year.

### District Conference Delegate Report 2021

It was stated over and over by attendees to the conference that it was great to be back among people again. And it was great to hear reports of how the Church of the Brethren has continued to effectively function and reach out to others during the most difficult of times.

Of the many presentations given, I have chosen to report on the Children's Aid Society, CAS, firstly because one of their arms is in our community and, secondly, because of the experiences I have had as a teacher and witnessed the need for the services that CAS provides. The Nicarry Center, home to the CAS administrative center, is in New Oxford and is also home to a Creative Arts Therapy program, God's Closet, and the new Adams County Family Advocacy program. The Advocacy Program works with parents and caregivers of children to help them to understand and deal with the myriad of obstacles they face within their families, and to help families find the community resources they need to provide a supportive and healthier environment for their children.

Creative Art Therapy provides services for children ages 3-18. This past year, 46 children received 937 hours of art therapy sessions.

God's Closet helps families receive diapers, children's clothing, and clothing vouchers. Due to COVID restrictions, families were not able to access the services and the time was spent in renovations to the space. Besides cosmetic improvements, there will now be display racks for clothing (instead of bins), and new shopping bags instead of garbage bags for "shoppers". A grand opening is planned for December 2021.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to attend the conference and learn more about our denomination's work in showing God's love to others.

Sharon Hershey

### Fall Council Meeting Wrap-Up

Our regular Fall Council was held on Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00. You called Brian Markle as Moderator for the next 3 years. People called to the board for 3 years are Darlene Bollinger, Paul Bollinger, Amy Despines, Sharon Hershey, Bob Long, Ed Morris, Thomas Ruth, Kim Smith and then Amanda Jacobs-Womer for 1 year as the youth/young adult rep. The Church Council approved the Minister of Visitation job description and Pastor Gerry will take that part time position in the new year. Also approved working with a local agency on refugee resettlement. The 2022 budget of \$212,513 was also approved. Angie Ruth will be our Annual Conference delegate in 2022 and Lona Bridenbaugh our district conference delegate along with others who had been put in place last year. Frank McDonald was affirmed for another 4 years as deacon.

### Youth & Young Adults...



Glow, Youth &  
Connections  
November 14



In the month of November we will be gathering on November 14 after the worship service for food and fellowship. We will begin with a lunch of pizza and be gathering for a "survival" game. Will it be a sinking boat—a desert island- or a plane crash?? What do we take along to survive. We will definitely have fun figuring it out!! Come and join us and bring a friend or two! Remember—this is the combined group!

### Young Adult Group

The "connections" young adult group will meet on the third Thursday of November, the 18<sup>th</sup>, in the church library. This group is for young adults who have graduated high school, for young marrieds, for college students up to age 36. Come and join us! Please come for discussion and snacks in an informal group setting on **November 18 at 7:30**.

## *In our Church continued...*

### Harvest Home Service

On **Sunday, November 21**, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will be holding our Harvest Home service where we will dedicate the food that is brought in to donate to Hanover Area Council of Churches (HACC) for distribution to families for Thanksgiving. Please bring non-perishable food items and canned goods or potatoes or pumpkins, things that can be stored and used later at the center. The food will be delivered to the center before Thanksgiving Day. You may also give a monetary donation if that is easier for you and it will go to HACC. Thank you.

### First Sunday of Advent

Advent begins on **Sunday, November 28**. Each Sunday during advent we will have the lighting of the candles on the advent wreath by family units. We hope that if you are asked, you will respond with a "YES" so that we can continue to emphasize the importance of families here at Hanover Church of the Brethren. All of the events from filling a Samaritan's Purse shoebox to buying gifts for the "giving tree" are meant to give your family opportunities to work together to give hope to others just as we were given "HOPE" on that first Christmas morning. Come and share with us during the Advent Season!

The devotional "Do Not Be Afraid," written by Angela Finet will be available (one per family) on Sunday, **November 21**. May the words that envelope the holy story reassure us in these time of anxiety and darkness. Emmanuel. God with us.



### Bulletin Board 2022

Please sign up to decorate the bulletin board for a month. Sign-up sheet is posted in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you to all who picked a month and decorated the church bulletin board in 2021.

### Wednesday Evening Prayer Group



The prayer group meets at 6:00 on Wednesday evenings in the prayer room. The prayer room is located (from the front entrance) up the steps and straight ahead. Please come and pray for the needs at Hanover, and the needs of our community, plus pray for the Search committee and our next pastor here at Hanover COB.

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Pastor Dick continues with bible study in the Gospel of John. The class meets in the library on Wednesday evenings at 6:00.

### Grief Share Small Group

As we all have lost loved ones, for some it is more difficult to move through the "season of grief." Each of us handles grief differently. Pastor Gerry would like those who would like to join a small group concerning grief to contact her at 717.632.2267 if they are interested in joining a small group. The sessions will have a format of DVD's, workbooks and discussion and the date to start will be determined after we see if there is interest. If there is an interest in this small group, please contact Pastor Gerry by November 14, 2021. Thank you!

### Camp Eder Events

**Senior Day, November 10.**  
9:30 AM - morning program of thanksgiving crafts, party favors, themed games and activities.

**Noon** - lunch of turkey/pulled pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, apple crisp.

**1:00 PM** - afternoon program of Christmas crafts, party favors, themed games and activities.

Cost is \$18 per person. RSVP by calling 717-642-8256 or e-mail [mkovacs@campeder.org](mailto:mkovacs@campeder.org).

**Christmas Tree Festival,**  
December 10 & 11, 5 to 9 PM



## Looking Ahead...



### Giving Tree

We have always had such a good response to our "giving tree" which will be set up in the narthex for Children's Aid Society (CAS) again this year. On it you will find tags that list an item that can be bought to give to a child at Christmas. You can take a tag or two and then return the UNWRAPPED gift under the tree with the tag attached to it. Let us brighten the lives of families who might be struggling this year to "do Christmas." The gifts will be taken to the Nicarry Center in New Oxford the week before Christmas so try to have all the gifts here by **December 19**. Thank you.



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Hanover Church of the Brethren on **Thursday, December 2, 2021**.

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.



### Cookie Donations Needed Cookie Packing December 9, 6 PM

The Outreach Commission will be collecting cookies for the Truck Stop Ministry. On Thursday, December 9 at 6 PM they will be packing the cookies. Bring your cookies to church on the Sunday before or the night of packing and help pack.



**Sundays,**  
**Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, & 19,**  
**10:30 AM**

Come and worship while we prepare our hearts for Christ's birth.



### Sunday, December 5

A meal will be provided following worship.

Please sign up to attend and bring cookies for dessert.



### Friday, December 24, 6 PM

A Communion & Candle Lighting Service celebrating our Savior's birth.

### Winter Weather is Coming

If there are delays or closings for our church over the coming months, please go to [WWW.WGAL.com](http://WWW.WGAL.com) website. The closings will not scroll on the TV screen. We will try to make decisions in a timely manner, but in all cases, use your judgement and do not drive if you don't feel safe. If you are in doubt about the church closing-call the church and there will be a "closure" message on the answering machine. If you have a question about the weather, please call Pastor Gerry at her home phone number: 717-428-2511. There will be a phone-chain set up to facilitate changes to the choir practice schedule.

# NOVEMBER



## BIRTHDAYS

- |                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11/1 Wendy Reynolds     | 11/19 Bleigh Duckworth  |
| 11/5 Jessica Huiet      | 11/22 Susan Bressler    |
| Karen Snyder            | Mae Hamme               |
| Cleatus Wentz           | 11/23 Pat Boyer         |
| 11/8 Brenda Kneller     | Jordan Weaver           |
| Liam McMaster           | 11/25 Mason Hershberger |
| 11/10 Daniel Stonesifer | 11/26 Frank McDonald    |
| 11/11 Jake Berwager     | Jeremy Mowery           |
| 11/12 Lance Rusinko     | 11/28 Bruce Stambaugh   |
| Rebecca Sowers          | 11/29 Angie McMaster    |
| 11/17 David Brodbeck    | Nancy Yingling          |
| 11/18 John Molison      | 11/30 Margie Morelock   |

# NOVEMBER



## ANNIVERSARIES

- |                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| 11/2 Bruce & Donna Plunkert    | (46) |
| 11/21 Gregory & Pamela Hammond | (35) |
| 11/24 Steve & Kim Shue         | (12) |



### Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Andrew & Heather McDonald, big sister Ellie, and grandpa, Frank on the birth of Oliver Ryan McDonald on September 29.



### Uplift in Prayer

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

Ben Bollinger, Don & Pat Conrad, Bruce Plunkert, Nancy Yingling, Sam & Darlene Godfrey, Greyson, Zach

Please remember our homebound: Miriam Mills, Dale Sullivan and those in the facilities listed below:

**Country Meadows:**

Bonnie Berwager - Apt. 311

**Homewood at Plum Creek:**

Jewel Amspacher - Room C122

Nancy Mummert - Room C105

Fay Swartz - Room E342

**Hanover Hall:**

Esther Brown - Room 219

John Paul Fike, Sr. - Room 126A

Charlie Sell - Room 126B

**Normandie Ridge Sr. Living:**

Norma Becker - Room 122A

**Paramount Sr. Living:**

Mae Hamme

**Spring Creek Rehab:**

Sonja Bankert

**Utz Terrace:**

Jake Berwager - Room 444

Dean Brodbeck - Room 523A

Evelyn Dickensheets - Room 422

### Thank You Notes

**Teacher Appreciation** - Thank you to our teachers, VBS helpers and anyone who has helped with spreading God's word to our children. Thank you for watering and fertilizing the seeds that God has planted in all of us.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped out with Trunk or Treat or attended the event. You all made it a great success.

**Thank you** to Dick Ambrosius, Mildred Baker, Phyllis Fuhrman, Harold & Jo Ann Kline, and Carol Snyder for assembling the newsletter for mailing this month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b></p>	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>6:45 pm Hanover Barbershop Chorus  <b>7 pm Deacons' meeting</b>  7 pm AlAnon</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>8 pm - AA</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>6 pm - Prayer Group &amp; Bible Study  7 pm - Choir</p>	<p><i>4</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>6 pm AA</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>  <p><b>Spiritual Renewal</b></p> <p><b>6:15 pm Ice-cream Social</b>  <b>7 pm Worship</b></p>
<p><i>7</i></p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>  <b>Spiritual Renewal</b>  <b>10:30 am Worship</b>  <b>12 pm Carry-in meal</b>  <b>6:30 pm Hymn Sing</b>  <b>7 pm Worship</b></p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p><b>PAL @ HACC</b></p> <p>6 pm Commissions  6:45 pm Hanover Barbershop Chorus  <b>7 pm - Board Reorganization</b>  <b>7:15 - Board Meeting</b>  7 pm - AlAnon</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>8 pm - AA</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>Noon - Hosting Hanover Ministerium</p> <p>6 pm - Prayer Group &amp; Bible Study  7 pm - Choir</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p><b>Craft Show Set-Up</b></p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>6 pm AA</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p><b>8 am to 2 pm Christmas Craft Show Soup &amp; Bake Sale</b></p> 
<p><i>14</i></p> <p>9 am Sunday School  10:30 am Worship  12-2 pm Glow, Youth &amp; Connections Group Activity  <b>Dec./Jan. Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>6:45 pm Hanover Barbershop Chorus  7 pm - AlAnon</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>8 pm - AA</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>Noon - Over 60's Group Luncheon</p> <p>6 pm - Prayer Group &amp; Bible Study  7 pm - Choir</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>7:30 pm-Connections</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>9 am Newsletter Assembly  6 pm AA</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p><b>9 am to 3 pm Clothing &amp; Shoe Drive for Community Aid</b></p>
<p><i>21</i></p> <p>9 am Sunday School  10:30 am Worship</p> <p><b>Poinsettia Orders Due</b></p>  <p><i>Hanging of the Greens</i></p> 	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>6:45 pm Hanover Barbershop Chorus  7 pm - AlAnon</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>8 pm - AA</p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p><b>Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving</b></p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>6 pm AA</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>
<p><i>28</i></p> <p>9 am Sunday School  10:30 am Worship</p>  <p><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent</b></p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p><b>PAL @ HACC</b></p> <p>6:45 pm Hanover Barbershop Chorus  7 pm - AlAnon</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>8 pm - AA</p>	 <p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p>			



Family Game Night - 2021



Youth in Mission - Shoebox Wrapping



Joint Activities - September & October 2021



~ *Serving Our Church* ~

*November*

*December*

<b>Deacons of the Month/Welcomers</b> .....	Mike & Cindy Goodling .....	Jim & Carol Replogle
<b>Greeters of the Month</b> .....	Not at this Time .....	Not at this Time
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Not at this Time.....	Not at this Time
<b>Bulletin Board</b> .....	Amy Despines.....	Evelyn Cline
<b>Women's Fellowship Visitation</b> .....	volunteers needed .....	volunteers needed



Don't forget to set your clocks **back one hour** when you go to bed on **Saturday, November 6** as Daylight Savings Time ends on **November 7**

~ *Looking Ahead* ~

December/January Newsletter deadline - November 14

December 5: Christmas Banquet - noon

December 19: Christmas Sunday - Choir Cantata

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion - 6 PM

*Return Service Requested*

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