



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

October 4 - Worldwide Communion Sunday

“Let’s Talk About the Nuclear Family”

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9 & 12-20

October 11

“Is This Invitation For You” Matthew 22:1-14

October 18

“Answer a Questions With a Question” Matthew 22:15-22

October 25

“The Promise” 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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From the Desk of... Pastor Gerry

You can feel it in the air- the changes that are coming. You can hear it whenever you are out of doors-birds that we have not heard all summer are now back and their specific sounds identify them. There are even the sounds of the farmers in the fields beginning harvest time. And there is a lot of "scurrying"- yes that is the pesky squirrels, vigilant over the bird feeders. Everyone and everything is preparing for something!

In the book of Ecclesiastes we hear the words of Solomon, Son of David, as he states, "...there is a time for every activity under the heaven..."(3:1). We need to take our cue from God's WORD and we need to plan and prepare for what is to come. We need to be ready and do the necessary work so that we are not caught off guard. Sometimes we have things that surprise us but we need to put our trust in God and the order that He has created in this world. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds with God's WORD and study the WORD so that we don't let the things of this world shake us!

From Ecclesiastes 12:13 "...fear God and keep His commands because this is for all humanity..." "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." for all humanity.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

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

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Thursday, Friday &
Saturday (available if needed)
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Office Hours

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9 AM to 1 PM

Hanover Church Mission Statement

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



REMINDER:
Fall Council Meeting
October 21, 7:00 pm

OUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

August 2020

Average Attendance	Bible Study	Worship
	15	60
Budget Goal (4303 per week)		\$223,739.00
Need to-date (35 weeks)		\$150,605.00
Budget Giving to Date (84%)		\$126,021.27
Designated Giving to Date		\$ 14,445.98
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE		\$140,467.25
Budget Giving for August		\$ 11,058.50
Designated Giving for August		\$ 3,024.51
Bereavement		\$ 467.59
Building Rental		\$ 300.00
Community Aid Bin		\$ 56.00
Faith-in-action-Grant		\$ 2,166.00
Properties		\$ 14.92
VBS-Compassion		\$ 20.00

BOARD RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The board had decided at their meeting on August 10 to allow Sunday school to begin again as of September 6. We have been running SS for children and adults since September 6, and covet your prayers as we continue with this. The board also voted to allow the Spiritual Renewal series with Donita Keister to stay scheduled for November 7 & 8. We will have the usual ice cream social, covered dish and hymn sing for this event- as we move forward.

A REMINDER FROM YOUR DEACONS

Sunday, October 4, is Worldwide Communion. Instead of our usual evening Love Feast, we will have Bread & Cup Communion during morning worship. For your safety during COVID, the elements will be individually packaged for each person to pick up prior to entering the sanctuary for worship.

I hope to see you at church if you are able!
Sue Ambrosius, Deacon Chair

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...

FALL COUNCIL MEETING **Wednesday, October 21** **7:00 PM**

On Wednesday, October 21, we will be gathering for the fall business meeting as we are called to Council. There are several items on the agenda: a slate for elections of board members and conference delegates; approval of a new person for the board because of a resignation; approval of new deacons; and reports of the business of our district and denomination. Please come and have a voice in the business of the church. We begin at 7:00.



We will resume **"Men's Breakfast"** **at the church**

on **Saturday, October 3, at 8 AM.** This is open to all men of our church from age 18 to 90. Two of our fine cooks have volunteered to make the breakfast and YOU just need to show up! There will be some focused spiritual time and also some brainstorming as to projects the men could do. We would also be sharing programs that are available through the district. Please come and support the Men's work!



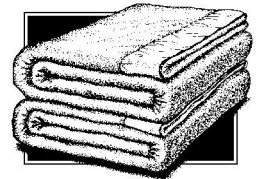
October is designated as **Pastor Appreciation Month**; a time to convey our gratitude to Pastor Gerry. Consider how

you can share your appreciation for her continuing commitment to serving our congregation as our Pastor.



The Over 60's Group will not be meeting in October.

SPECIAL BLANKET **SUNDAY OFFERING** **Sunday, October 25**



The Outreach Commission designates the last Sunday in October as Blanket Sunday. We will have our emphasis that Sunday on giving over and above our General Fund offering to help to replenish monies for blankets through CWS. Please give generously!

TEACHER TRAINING **Saturday, October 24** **9:00 AM**

On October 24 at 9:00, we will gather to have a training session for our teachers and helpers in Sunday School, VBS, and those who work with our youth. There have been some interesting studies done over the past months concerning children and this pandemic plus the games we can play while still distancing. There will also be additional information for the teachers of the youth and adults. We will have someone who could help interested persons register for their clearances in working with our children as is indicated in our "child protection policy." It will be a full morning and a bagels and fruit and drink will be available.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Friday, October 30
6 to 8:30 pm
Halloween Theme



Christian Ed will be hosting a Game Night, Friday Oct. 30, 6-8:30, with several Halloween themed games. You may also bring a game and a snack to share. Pizza, bar-b-que, veggies, and drinks will be provided. Fun for all ages!

In our Church & Looking Ahead in November

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP



The prayer group continues to meet on Wednesday evening's at 6:00 in the prayer room. If we need to move to a larger room in order to keep the 6 ft. physical distancing, that will be announced at a later time. 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, especially in these troubling days of COVID-19. Contact Pastor Gerry if you would like more information.

Spiritual Renewal Weekend *Featuring Guest Speaker* *Rev. Donita Keister*

Theme: Prayer, Purpose, & Pressing On



Saturday, November 7

6:15 PM Ice Cream Social

7 PM Worship - Prayer

Sunday, November 8

10:30 AM Worship - Purpose

Noon Carry-In Fellowship

Meal

6:30 PM Hymn Sing

7 PM Worship - Pressing On

We will once again be having our fall Spiritual Renewal services on November 7 & 8 with our speaker being Rev. Donita Keister, former Moderator of the denomination. Donita comes from the Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren and is the Associate Pastor for Children and Pastoral Care. She brings a wealth of knowledge to us and will be speaking on: Prayer; Purpose; and Passing On. Please invite a friend or two to join us during these services.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Christmas Craft Show has been cancelled for this year. Watch for details about a possible soup sale.

ALL SAINT'S DAY

On **Sunday, November 1**, we will be remembering the saints that have passed on through this past year. Typically, All Saint's Day follows "all hallows eve" or Halloween and is a time to remember our loved ones who died "in the Lord." During that worship service we will read the names of loved ones connected to our church who died since last November 1. We will also have flowers in their memory and will encourage those who were connected to one who has passed to take a flower and remember. Together, the saints of the Lord Jesus on earth and in heaven continue to strengthen the church!



FALL BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday,
November 19
11 AM to 7 PM**

Hanover Church will be hosting Central PA Blood bank in collecting blood. Call 1-800-771-0059 to make your appointment.

Children, Youth & Young Adults ..



WANTED - 2 SCHOOL DESKS

The Sprouts Sunday School Class, ages 3 through kindergarten is now using 3 old school desks for the children. Having individual desks rather than a shared table is great for

separating for safety and compliance with Covid guidelines. We could use 2 more desks like these, PLEASE! So, if you have 1 or 2, call Sue Ambrosius at 717-451-8613.

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS

The Christian Ed commission presented bibles to the children on Sunday, **September 13**. The commission gave the following bibles to the children at milestone stages of life: 3 year olds (none); third graders, Mason Hershberger and Brooklyn Kneller; ninth graders, Hayley Franco and Ariana Markle. We encourage the congregation to congratulate these children on receiving their bibles and encouraging them to read their new bibles.



YOUTH NEWS

On Sunday, September 20, the youth participated in Disc Golf at Codorus. It was very humbling, as it is when learning anything new, but we had fun in perfect weather.

On **October 11**, following worship from **noon to 2 PM** the youth will gather for lunch followed by a discussion on "Born again when born into it." Separating real faith from America's cultural practice, the vast majority of Americans may claim to be Christian, but how many of them take their faith seriously?

The youth will be helping at Trunk or Treat as their second activity during October.

Nathan Murray, Youth Director



Trunk or Treat

WE REGRET THAT DUE TO CDC GUIDELINES TRUNK OR TREAT IS CANCELLED.

MEMORIAL GIFT SCHOLARSHIPS

On Sunday, **August 30**, three scholarships were given to young adults who put in at least 10 hours of volunteer work to the church. The scholarships this year went to: Amanda Jacobs-Womer who is majoring in Applied Sciences with a concentration in pre physical therapy at Messiah; Logan Smith who is a senior in the nursing program at HACC; and Pressley McMaster who is pursuing a degree in interior designing at IUP. Each young adult received \$500. toward help with college this year.



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 continue that in October. We will meet only one time in October on the 15th at the church. See you then and please bring a friend!

In Our District, Denomination, & Community...



42nd Annual Fall Festival
Saturday, October 17
10 AM - 3 PM

Fall Festival is a celebration designed for the whole family. Fun and fundraising for Camp Eder's programs include a benefit auction, food, local craft vendors, and children's games. Pit-Roasted Pork or Turkey highlights the food offerings with outside seating this year. Sandwiches, soup and wonderful baked goods are also available. Apple butter crafted from the camp's apple orchard is a special treat.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Over 100 volunteers are needed to serve an hour or two or more to make the day special for everyone, are you able to help out? Donations are needed for the live auction. Be a vendor, or set up a yard sale spot. Sponsor an item for our fund-raising meal. Go to the website www.campeder.org for forms.

Pies are needed. If you will bake a pie(s) please contact the church office and deliver it to the church on **Friday the 16th by 9 am** so it can be picked up and delivered to Camp Eder. Thank you.



Hanover Area Council of Churches

Needs for October

PAL - spaghetti sauce, zip top bags-sandwich size, clamshell (hinged) foam containers, plastic food prep gloves

Lysol spray/disinfecting spray

Meals on Wheels - prayer cards/ words of encouragement for shut ins; large print word find or crossword activity books.

Volunteers are needed for various ministries: Front desk reception help on Tuesdays & Fridays; Cleaning help on Wednesdays; Runners and drivers for MOW; Shelter help AM and PM.



CROSS KEYS VILLAGE
 The Brethren Home Community

Check out their website crosskeysvillage.org for when they return to hosting events.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020

The highlights of the 2020 District Conference which were voted on via mail was the adoption of a budget of \$385,978 which amounts to \$79/member (fair share), and election of Ray Lehman as 2021 Moderator and John Shelley as 2021 Moderator elect. The delegates also voted on accepting, with regrets, the withdrawal of four churches from our district: Pleasant View; Pleasant Hill; Falling Spring; and Bunkertown. It was a very different year with needing to "do conference" remotely. Thanks go out to John Hess who, very adeptly, negotiated us through this year of COVID-19. Thank you, John!

SOPA DISTRICT OFFICE

Please continue to keep our staff at the District office in prayer as they continue to search for a new location for the district office. The Stewards chair, Roger Miller, Jay Finkenbiner, Bill Waugh and Carolyn Jones are the committee that is endeavoring to find a suitable new location. At that time the office will be moved out of the wing at The Brethren Home to the new location. Please pray for a good solution to this dilemma.



This year's walk has been postponed to the spring of 2021.

WETZEL'S 2021 CALENDARS

Due to COVID-19, the company that produces the religious calendar was unable to produce them for 2021. Wetzel's regrets that there will not be a calendar for you this year.



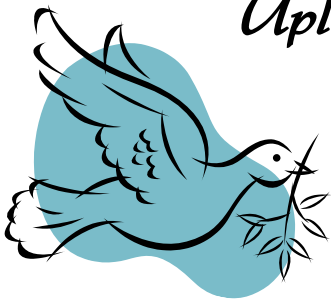
October BIRTHDAYS



October ANNIVERSARIES

10/2 Andy McDonald		10/5 Matthew & Sarah Stambaugh (18)
Bonita Sexton	10/15 Jewel Amspacher	10/6 Dick & Sue Ambrosius (48)
10/3 Evelyn Dickensheets	Mary Ann Amspacher	10/7 Dave & Kim Smith (20)
10/7 Ivy Church	Bob Long	10/8 Isaac Southard & Darby Kline (4)
Mary Lou Croson	Austin McMaster	10/9 Randy & Dianne Dickensheets (38)
Liam Murray	Robert Yinger	10/11 Wayne & Nancy Yingling (51)
10/8 James Miller	10/17 Darlene Bollinger	10/15 Dan & Susie Smith (26)
10/9 Karen Hull	Cecilia Murray	10/18 Jerry & Donna Brown (51)
10/10 Teyuana Duckworth	10/18 Roger Parsels	10/19 Bob & Faye Bealing (35)
10/11 Sue Ambrosius	10/22 Steve Shue	10/23 Jason & Theresa Webb (21)
Teresa Carroll	10/24 Sharon McMaster	10/24 Mike & Cindy Goodling (33)
Bob Meminger	10/26 Tara Bridenbaugh	
Angela Miller	Betsy Carolus	
10/12 Doris Parsels	Bruce Plunkert	
10/13 Stacy Brodbeck	10/28 Craig Dickensheets	
Emily Snyder	10/30 Fred Markle	

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.

Ken Miller, John Paul Fike, Sr., Barbara Lawrence, Bob Laughman, Betty Stockslager, Amber Shaw, Edgar Sellers, Jessica McMaster, Darlene Ackerman

Jensen Hinkle, grandson of Roxie Schloyer, who has joined the armed forces.

Please remember our homebound:

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

Remember those in residence:

Esther Brown & John Paul Fike, Sr. at Hanover Hall
Jewel Amspacher, Nancy Mummert &

Fay Swartz at Plum Creek

Bonnie Berwager at Country Meadows

Evelyn Dickensheets at Utz Terrace

Sonja Bankert at Spring Creek Rehab/Nursing

College Students Address notes:

Pressley McMaster is at home doing "on-line" classes for the fall semester.



**Congratulations to
Melissa Jacobs
and
Jay Godfrey**

on their engagement.

They will be married in 2021.

Thank You Notes

Thank you to Dick & Sue Ambrosius for assembling this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who put in countless hours in helping to set up the yard sale, who baked items to sell, who donated items for the sale. ALL WAS MUCH APPRECIATED! This year the fall yard sale was held on two days, September 18 and 19. The proceeds from the sale will be determined as we did not have a spring sale. Usually the proceeds go into either the general fund or the building fund. The amount raised this year as of this printing was \$3,700. Thank you Amy and Lori for organizing and directing us!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 6 pm AA	3 8 am - Men's Breakfast at Church
4 	5 PAL at HACC 7 pm AIAnon	6 8 pm AA	7 6 pm Bible Study & Prayer Group 7 pm Choir	8	9 6 pm AA	10
11 12 -2 pm Youth Group	12 7 pm Board Meeting 7 pm AIAnon	13 8 pm AA	14 6 pm Bible Study & Prayer Group 7 pm Choir	15 7:30 pm Connections at church	16 6 pm AA	17  FALL FESTIVAL 10am - 3pm Camp Eder
18 Newsletter Deadline	19 7 pm AIAnon	20 8 pm AA	21 6 pm Choir 7 pm Fall Council Meeting	22	23 9 am - Newsletter Assembly 6 pm AA	24 9 am - Teacher Training at Church
25 Blanket Sunday Offering	26 PAL at HACC 7 pm AIAnon	27 8 pm AA	28 6 pm Bible Study & Prayer Group 7 pm Choir	29	30  Game Night 6-8:30pm 6 pm AA	



Serving Our Church

October

November

Deacons of the Month/Welcomers	Ed & Connie Morris/Fred & Edna Markle	Betsy Carolus
Greeters of the Month	not at this time	not at this time
Ushers	not at this time	not at this time
Bulletin Board	Amanda Jacobs Womer	Liam McMaster
Women's Fellowship Visitation	Lona Bridenbaugh & Evelyn Cline	Visitors Needed



Looking Ahead

November 1: Daylight Savings Ends - "Fall Back" 1 hour!
 November 7 & 8: Spiritual Renewal Weekend
 November 22: Harvest Home Sunday
 Hanging of the Greens - following worship
 November 29: First Sunday of Advent

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