

## Ready for the Call

### Call to Worship

Leader: Call us, Lord. We are ready!

People: **But how will we know what to say?**

Leader: Call us, Lord. We will go anyplace you send us!

People: **Wait—you want us to go where?**

Leader: Call us, Lord. Your truth is power!

People: **We're unsure of ourselves. Won't people laugh?  
Won't they make fun of us?**

Leader: Call us, Lord. Your word is our guide and our strength!

People: **We're afraid. What if they hate us, or worse?  
What if they despise the message we bring?**

Leader: Call us, Lord. With love and grace, humility and gentleness, we proclaim your good news!

People: **Should we play it safe? No, our hearts tell us  
to share the message of salvation with all.**

Leader: Call us, Lord. We claim your glory and protection, and we will not be afraid!

People: **Call us, Lord. We claim courage to speak your  
truth. We are your messengers in this world.  
Your feet are our feet. Your words, our words.  
Your strength, our strength. Your love, our love.**

*All: Lord, you call us. We are ready!*

—Sharon Franzén  
Westminster, Maryland

**Text for today:** “For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be *entrusted with the message of the gospel*, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts” (1 Thess. 2:3-4, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (4); Matthew 22:34-46.

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Entrusted with the message of the gospel

# Hanover Church of the Brethren

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Sunday School 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM



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

*—Hanover Mission Statement*

*Please be mindful of those who are meditating as we prepare for worship.*

*Live streaming is available in the fellowship hall for greater physical distancing.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (back of bulletin)

\*GATHERING PRAYER ( unison)

**Holy God, thank you for your call to use our gifts for your glory. May we answer that call with loving hearts this day! Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN "To God Be The Glory" Blue 102

### OFFERING MEDITATION

Today is our Blanket Sunday offering, please give generously. "... whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously..." ( 2 Corinthians 9:6). As you prepare to give of your gifts, remember the many blessings you have received in life from your gracious and loving God!

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

TIME WITH OUR YOUNGER CHILDREN Lona Bridenbaugh  
(Children may come forward.)

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### MORNING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Simple Song of Love" Choir

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (on screen)  
MORNING MESSAGE Pastor Gerry

"The Promise"

\*CLOSING HYMN Blue 343

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" vs. 1 & 5

\*BENEDICTION

Leader: May the God who calls us walk with us through the coming week.

**All: May we walk in the light of His love! Amen.**

*Let us honor God's Presence with us as we listen to the postlude.*

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*We welcome each of you to our service today.*

*We especially welcome any first time visitors and encourage you to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and take it to the*

*Welcome Center after worship today!*

***Please make sure you have permission from individuals to share their names during joys and concerns or for placing in the bulletin and share their needs briefly. Thank you.***

*Personalized activity bags for the children are in the narthex.*

*Handicap restrooms are available. Hearing devices & large print bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.*

### Assisting in Worship This Morning

Ministers to All..... The Congregation  
Preaching ..... Pastor Gerry Godfrey  
Worship Leader..... Jim Replogle  
Music Director/Pianist ..... Roxie Schloyer  
Organist ..... Bev Wolf  
Head Usher ..... Roger Bollinger  
Deacons of the Month/Welcomers ..... Fred & Edna Markle  
..... Ed & Connie Morris  
Bulletin Board ..... Amanda Jacobs-Womer

## Announcements

### WELCOME BACK - COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Your safety is our priority. Please remember to keep a physical distance of 6 feet, wear a face mask inside the building and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer. Please sit in the indicated pews staying 6 feet apart from non-family members. At this time there is no children's church. The restroom lights in the lower level restrooms will be turned on in the morning-please do not touch switch and turn them off - they will be turned off at the close of church each Sunday. Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary to place your offering. After the service, socializing is encouraged in the parking lot out in the open air. **Please see the CDC guidelines on the narthex bulletin board for follow-up after someone has quarantined.**

**Blanket Offering Today** for Church World Service's disaster ministry.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends** - Sunday November 1. Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening.

**Family Game Night, Friday, October 30, 6 to 8:30 PM.** Join us for some Halloween themed games. Bring a pumpkin to decorate for contest. Light supper of pizza, BBQ, veggies and drink will be provided. Fun for all ages!

**Spiritual Renewal Weekend, November 7 & 8** with guest speaker, Rev. Donita Keister from Buffalo Valley COB on "Prayer, Purpose & Pressing On." It begins with an ice-cream social at 6:15 PM on Saturday, followed by worship at 7 PM. On Sunday, she will be sharing the message at morning worship, followed by a socially distanced carry-in meal, and then another message at 7 PM.

**Men's Breakfast Fellowship** will be held at the church on Saturday, November 7 at 8 am. Robert Stockslager will be leading the devotional time.

**Upper Room Devotionals for November & December** are provided for you by the Women's Fellowship. A donation to help offset the cost is greatly appreciated.

**Women's Fellowship Soup & Bake Sale** - preorder soup (\$8-quart) by signing-up. Pick-up day is **Saturday, November 14, 9 AM to 1 PM.** Baked goods will also be needed.

## Please Uplift in Prayer

*Names will be listed for 2 weeks unless ongoing concern.*

### Homewood at Plum Creek:

Jewel Amspacher - Room D142

Nancy Mummert - Room C105

Fay Swartz - Room E342

### Country Meadows:

Bonnie Berwager - Apt. 311

### Hanover Hall:

Esther Brown - Room 219

John Paul Fike, Sr. - Room 126A

### Spring Creek Rehab:

Sonja Bankert

### Utz Terrace:

Evelyn Dickensheets - Room 422

Sue Ambrosius, Clarence Berg, Don & Pat Conrad, John Paul Fike Sr., Sharon Hershey, Ken Miller, Betty Stockslager, Lorraine Hall, Nan, Amber Shaw, Jordan Weaver, Deb Dahler, Darlene Ackerman, Myrna McInerney, Evangeline Turner-(John Fike's sister)

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## Church Activities This Week

Sunday, October 25 ..... Sunday School - 9 AM  
Worship - 10:30 AM

Monday, October 26 ..... PAL at HACC  
AlAnon - 7 PM

Tuesday, October 27 ..... AA - 8 PM

Wednesday, October 28 ..... Bible Study & Prayer Group - 6 PM  
Choir Rehearsal - 7 PM

Friday, October 30 ..... Family Game Night - 6 to 8:30 PM  
AA - 6 PM

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 1.... Sunday School - 9 AM / Worship - 10:30 AM

Monday, November 2 ..... Deacons' Meeting - 7 PM

Saturday, November 7 ..... Men's Breakfast Fellowship - 8 AM  
Ice-cream Social - 6:15 PM  
Spiritual Renewal Worship - 7 PM

Sunday, November 8 ..... Sunday School & Worship  
Carry-in Meal - noon

Monday, November 9 ..... Commissions Meet - 6 PM  
Board Reorganizational Meeting - 7 PM  
Board Meets - 7:15 PM

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## Our Faithful Stewardship - October 18, 2020

**Attendance:** Sunday School - 32 Worship - 64

**Giving:** General Fund \$ 4,142.50

Building Repair Fund \$ 60