

A Monthly Newsletter by the

Hanover Church of the Brethren

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Preaching Schedule

March 7

"Destroying the Temple" John 2:13-22

March 14 - Daylight Savings Begins

"For God So Loved..." John 3:14-21

March 21

"Jesus Draws the Faithful" John 12:20-33

March 28 - Palm Sunday & Holy Communion

"King Jesus Rides on a Donkey" Mark 11:1-11

April 4 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at 7 am on back lot followed by socially distanced breakfast "The Rolling Stone" Mark 16:1-8



Lent is often called the church year's "springtime:" out of the cold and darkness of the winter months emerges the church! Just like the bulbs that we planted last fall are peeking through the ground, breaking through the piles of snow, so does the church come to new life through the glory of Christ's resurrection!

Springtime will arrive on Saturday, March 20 this year. Since we have had snow on the ground every day in the month of February, I am sure that many of you will be ready for the arrival of spring! In Jesus' day, as he set his face toward Jerusalem to the south of the Dead Sea, Jesus did not experience seasonal changes. What he experienced was a rainy season and a dry season, very different from our weather.

We are given a visual of new life, resurrected life, as we move through the Easter Season and it is very easy to focus our minds on new life! Let us use <u>this</u> springtime to "see" Christ come alive again: in our church; in our families; and in our life with him!

LET US JOURNEY TO SPRINGTIME,
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 AM - 1 PM

SECRETARY

Suzanne Werner 717-632-2267

Office Hours Monday-Friday

9 AM TO 1 PM

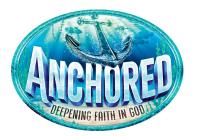
BOARD CHAIR

Scott Ruth 717-637-2642

MODERATOR

Dick Godfrey 717-428-2511

Hanover Church Mission Statement "Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God."



Save the Dates June 25, 26 & 27 Vacation Bible School

We will be trying a "new thing" with VBS this year. We will try to go virtual! Not all the details have been worked out yet, but hopefully by the next newsletter we will have some aspects in place. Keep checking back for more details.

OUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP January 2021

Sunday School 19		Worship 52			
Budget Goal (\$4,326 per week)					
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EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

The Easter Flower form is included in this month's newsletter. Due to COVID-19

there is a change in which flowers are available. Fill out the form using one section for each flower ordered. Make checks payable to Hanover Church of the Brethren - write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Please submit your order and total payment to Betsy Carolus by Sunday, **March 14. Thank you.**

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

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GIFTS ASSESSMENT

The Ministry and Worship Commission has developed a talent/gifts form that they would like each person in the congregation to complete. You will find a sheet in your newsletter that asks what skills and talents you would like to share with your congregation. If you are new to Hanover in the last two years, you have already completed these forms BUT we would like the rest of the congregation to tell us about their gifts. There are more forms available at church so that all of the members of your family can fill out a form. Check at the church office and thank you for completing the forms (Ministry and Worship Commission).



Soup & Salad Fundraiser for the Youth, March 14 following worship Desserts are needed.



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 Friday, March 19, 2021.

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

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

Since June 21, 2020, we have been holding face to face services at 601 Wilson Avenue in our sanctuary. The services follow CDC guidelines: we have every other pew closed off; we have several sanitizing stations set up around the church plus in classrooms; masks need to be worn in the building; we have extensive cleaning of pews and railing and hymnals and other exposed surfaces. Our priority is <u>your</u> safety and we will continue to keep those guidelines in place until there is board action that changes the guidelines. We are also holding Sunday school for all age groups, again, with safe distancing.

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!



The over 60's group is not meeting this month.

TAX AIDE

Need help filing your 2020 Tax return? AARP Tax aide volunteers will be at Hanover Church of the Brethren on Mondays & Tuesdays through April 13. **Appointments must be made through the Hanover Council of Churches office.** 633-6353, Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 1 PM only.

Tax counseling will take place in the Fellowship Hall (please use rear, side entrance). Anyone with an appointment should remember to bring last years' tax paperwork (form 1040 return, etc.)

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Spiritual Growth & Looking Ahead...

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.



There will be no men's breakfast in the months of March and April. We want to wait until things open up a little more to resume the breakfasts.



MEAT CANNING

Hanover COB will be heading to Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata on **Tuesday**, **April 13**. We need 4 persons to help for the **9 AM to 2:30** PM shift. Interested persons need to contact Phyllis Fuhrman.

Our special offering for the meat canning project will be collected on **Sunday, March 14.**



Family Game Night Save the date - Friday, April 16 6 to 8:30 PM

> Blood Drive Thursday April 22, noon to 6 pm

Contact 1-800-771-0059 to schedule a time to donate.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES WITH PASTOR DICK

Join us in the church library at 6 PM on Wednesdays. We will be studying the book of John.

In Our Community ...

Hanover Area Council of Churches

HACC Needs for March

PAL - Single serve fruits, individual size chips, pretzels, etc. laundry detergent, instant white rice, scallop potatoes.

Clothing Bank - family sized toiletries, sheet sets all sizes, bath towels, men's L & XL white t-shirts, baby diapers size 4 & 5, bread wire ties

Changing Lives Shelter - deodorant, disposable cleaning gloves -M & L, razors, body wash, Lysol spray, ajax cleaner, Clorox wipes, paper towels, Ziploc storage bags - gallon size, bottled water.

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

Children, Youth & Young Adults...



EASTER

Easter EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 3, 10 am

For children up through Grade 5 with physical distancing. DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Christian Ed is accepting donations of candy and small toys for the Easter Eggstravaganza. Please place your donations in the "blue tub" in the Narthex by **Palm Sunday, March 28.**

If you would like to help with the Easter Eggstravaganza please see a member of Christian Ed: Melissa Godfrey, Mike Lawrence, Natalie DeRita



GLOW GROUP

We will be resuming the GLOW group for 4th and 5th graders on the third Sunday of the month. In March

that would be on the 21st. The group will be packing some bags needed for our "eggstravaganza" on April 3, as we prepare for a physically distanced egg hunt. Please tell your friends, family and neighbors. We would like the families to register for the egg hunt so that we can be prepared and keep everyone safe. Please contact the church office at 717.632.2267 to register.



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 March 4 in the library at 7:30 PM. See you then and please bring a friend! In case of inclement weather, we will cancel.



YOUTH NEWS

A big "thank you" to the congregation for their orders of Valentine pretzels and lollipops! We had a good crew helping to make the sweet treats- and some new ones

helping! WooHoo!!

Our next event is the soup-n-salad on March 14 (2nd Sunday) and we invite the congregation to stay and enjoy a luncheon provided by the youth with safe distancing between the tables. All money raised is for future projects for the youth. We would love for some of our favorite dessert makers to pitch in and make desserts for the event. WE WILL ALL BE SOCIALLY DISTANCED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND THE YOUTH /ADVISORS WILL BE SERVING WITH MASKS AND GLOVES ON.

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" will be 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.



Camp Eder has posted their **2021 Summer Camp** Program on their Web page. To register go online to www.CampEder.org.

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Our Outreach Emphases 2021 - A Year Overview

A year overview of our OUTREACH as the Hanover Church of the Brethren is given here. We are in mission in many ways to our community and around the world.

JANUARY

Building Repair Fund is ongoing each month of the year. Also the funds to support the Missions and Ministry Board of our Denomination are ongoing through our general budget. Clean-up Bucket Offering was held on January 24 - \$800 and the buckets were put together on February 23.

FEBRUARY

Souper Bowl of Caring- for our local soup kitchen through offerings and the collection of soup cans on Super Bowl Sunday. Thanks for donating \$121 for Changing Lives Shelter and 15 cans of soup.

Clothing Drive for Community Aid on February 27.

MARCH

Meat Canning offering March 14.

APRIL

Meat Canning Project- a project that helps to give back to the community but also is a global project. The Southern PA and the Mid Atlantic District join forces to "can" chicken each year. The dates this year are April 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, & 14 with **the Hanover COB working** on April 13. We will take a special offering to fund this on Sunday, March 14.

Blood Drive, April 22, noon to 6 pm.

MAY

Scholarships for children and youth to go to Camp Eder for a summer camp. Keeping this fund accessible is important to emphasize with our children and parents the importance of Christian education.

JUNE

Scholarship deadline for young adults who are entering college are available through the Memorial Gifts money. The deadline for the submission of the forms is June 30. Part of this scholarship is that the young adults do 10 hours of service around the church.

Support Compassion Child, Naicka, through VBS offerings and outreach to the community through VBS June 25, 26 & 27.

JULY

Continue to support the Building Repair Fund throughout the year.

AUGUST

Your contributions through the Community Aid Bin-Ongoing

SEPTEMBER

Emphasis on general fund budget giving after the slow summer season.

OCTOBER

Crop Walk –October 17- support our local community agencies and support those people that walk in the CROP walk.

"Blanket Sunday" special offering will be shared on **Sunday**, **October 24.** We have always exceeded the regular offering and given at the "blankets plus" level.

NOVEMBER

Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child Boxes. Through Franklin Graham's organization tens of thousands of boxes get packed and sent to bring the "Good News of Jesus" to others. It is a great way to get out younger children involved in sharing with the needy at Christmas.

Spiritual Renewal with Walt Wiltschek November 6 & 7.

Women's Fellowship Craft Bazaar takes place on the second Saturday of the month of November which is November 13. Supporting the sale of food and craft items, plus supporting the vendors who bring goods helps the Women's Fellowship to give additional money toward needed items in the church.

DECEMBER

Carlisle Truckstop Ministry is blessed by the cookies that are baked to give to truckers. We have been involved in this ministry for many years.

Several small gifts like clothes and diapers and toys to re-stock at the Children's Aid Nicarry Center are gathered to put under our lobby Christmas Tree.

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GIFTS ASSESSMENT

gifts as a participating member of this congregation. We would like to know your interests, talents, and

 What gifts might you have to offer from time-to-time? What things might you be able to do?

Please fill in as you feel comfortable, and return to the church office by March 28, 2021

Name
Phone Number
EMAIL
Education: (mark highest level completed) Current grade in school Grade completed in school High School Graduate College Graduate Additional Education

Check all that you may be interested in.

MUSIC Adult Choir Bell Choir Children's choir Pianist Organist Soloist Instrumentalist Adult Teacher	Youth Teacher Children's Teacher Teacher's Helper Bible Study Teacher Audio/Visual Equipment Vacation Bible School Clowning Puppetry
Worship Leader Worship Leader Drama Operate Sound System Greeters Children's Church Children's Story Nursery Help Banner-making Reading Scripture Usher	CRAFTS & ARTS Sewing Making Posters Decorations Bulletin Boards

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LEADERSHIP

District Conference Delegate Annual Conference Delegate Church Board Member Committee Member Deacon

Small Group Participant Bible Study Men's Work Book Club SMALL GROUPS

Women's Fellowship

Youth Advisor

SOCIAL SERVICES /isitation

Help with Provide-A-Lunch (PAL) Help with Meals-on-Wheels Program Disaster Relief Volunteer Escort at Brethren Home Kitchen Cook or Helper Emergency Child Care Servers for Dinners

MISCELLANEOUS Church Cleaning

Painting Minor Repair Work Lawn Mowing Shrubbery Care/Bush Trimming

Snow Removal

OTHER INTERESTS

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3/1	Stefane Carlson	3/18	Edna Markle
3/5	Lona Bridenbaugh		Robert Stockslager
-, -	Pat Conrad		Linda Yingling
	Leanne Hurtack	3/21	Wynlee Dickensheets
	Todd Lillich		Joseph Hershberger
	Adrianne Redding		Louise Shirk
3/6	Andy Bowman		Alison Strausbaugh
O,	Bev Wolf		Jackie Swartz
3/7	Patty Kern	3/22	Darren Dickensheets
-, .	Jason Webb	3/23	Alka Swanson
3/8	Christine Mowry	3/24	Alan Bridenbaugh
3/9	Tyler Estright		Heather McDonald
3/11	Fay Swartz	3/26	Beverly Baker
3/13	Matthew Stambaugh	3/28	Jameson Fleming
3/15	Leah Rusinko		Faye Wentz
3/17	Jenny Becker	3/30	Mike Lawrence
- ,	Kitty Duckworth		Bonnie Menchey
3/18	Adam Kline	3/31	Gerry Altice
-,		-	Jennifer Hershberger

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.

In our church: June Dennis, Archie Oller, Ginni Hasener Others: Amber Shaw, Emily & Richard Stewart, Dan, Armstrong Family, Charles & Pat Hartman, Doris White, Todd Smith, Emma Hartman, Karen Raubenstein, Phyllis,

Remember our Homebound:

Jake Berwager Dean Brodbeck,

Miriam Mills, Charlie Sell, Dale Sullivan

Remember those in residence at:

Country Meadows—Bonnie Berwager

Hanover Hall-Esther Brown & John Paul Fike, Sr.

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:

- Lois McCormick Family following the death of son, Ken Shue
- Teresa Carroll Family following the death of greatgranddaughter
- Deb & Bruce Stambaugh, John & Jalene Berg and Beverly & Lynn Baker families following the death of Clarence Berg on 2/21.

3/9 Roger & Darlene Bollinger (30) 3/25 John & Pat Burkentine (58)

Thank you Notes

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

Thank you to the congregation for supporting our youth with their lollipop and pretzel candy sale. They raised over \$400 to put towards their activities and National Youth Conference.

Thank you to Lily, Paige, Derek, Adam, Pastors Gerry & Dick, Rebecca, and Jay & Melissa for making the Valentine Candy Treats for the Youth Candy Sale.





AS AN ANCHOR



HEBREWS 6:19



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14 Daylight Savings Time Begins 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Meat Canning Special Offering	15 8 am - 1 pm - AARP Taxes	16 8 am - 1 pm - AARP Taxes	17	18	19 8 am to 5 pm Life Line Using Fellowship Hall	20
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All Flowers are \$11.50 each (Pick-up after worship on Easter Sunday)

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□ Easter Lily

☐ Tulips ☐ Hyacinth

Fill out the form & include your total payment. Use one section for each flower ordered. Make checks payable to Hanover Church of the Brethren (place "Easter Flowers" in the memo line). Please submit your order and payment to Betsy Carolus by

Sunday, March 14

We will put an insert in the bulletin on Easter Sunday listing the memorials and honorees.

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Serving Our Church

	Wlarch	April
Deacons of the Month/Welcomers	Bob Long	Mike & Cindy Goodling
Greeters of the Month	not at this time	not at this time
Ushers	not at this time	not at this time
Bulletin Board	Kim Smith	Fred Markle
Women's Fellowship Visitation	not at this time	not at this time

Looking Ahead

April 3 - Easter Eggstravaganza - 10 AM

April 4 - Easter Sunrise Service - 7 AM (Light Breakfast - 7:45 AM)

Celebration Worship Resurrection of Christ - 10:30 AM

April 13 - Meat Canning at CAM

April 22 - Blood Drive - noon to 6 PM

Mailed February 26 Return Service Requested

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