



A Monthly Newsletter by the
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From the Desk of Pastor Mark

"Something Good to Say"

In these difficult and divisive times, it may be easy enough to say, "We must trust God alone!" But it is easier said than done! And even though it is hard to put them into practice, the words do help; words *do* matter. And so for this month I commend to you the words of a good leader, pastor and author, our friend, Pastor Paul Munday. He wrote this article when moderator of the CoB in 2021:

Inaugurating Jesus As Lord – Moderator's Message Amid National Upheaval

Of late, the inauguration of a new U.S president has occupied our attention. But there's a more pertinent inauguration needed during days of national upheaval: a fresh elevation of Jesus as Lord.

Many have yet to inaugurate Jesus to this status. Yes, we give lip service to the centrality of Jesus, but often we become acculturated, collapsing toward consumerism, civil religion, and an insular faith. In doing so, we fail to allow Jesus to transform every aspect of our "form and frame," being "born again," not only in our relationship to God, but also in our relationship to soul, self, others, and all of creation (Romans 12).

This holistic renewal is the DNA of Jesus' dream (Luke 4:18-19), for Christ envisions life not constricted, but full and abundant (John 10:10). Such expanse is not tribal or siloed, but all-encompassing, calling us not to narrowcast but to adopt a spacious view of life. Thus, Jesus does not see us as conservative or progressive, "born Brethren" or "new Brethren," Democrat or Republican, Anglo or ethnic, but as children of God called to confession and repentance—and in turn—salvation and New Creation in Him (2 Corinthians 5:16-17).

Such a vital, countercultural slant in Christ is promising but also arresting, for...

- • A Jesus-slant requires that I learn from my enemy, not just confront my enemy.
- • A Jesus-slant requires that I condemn violence after birth, not just before birth.
- • A Jesus-slant requires that I reach toward the sinned against, not just sinners.
- • A Jesus-slant requires that I welcome and receive His Work (the Cross and Resurrection), not just focus on my own efforts.

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Church Mission Statement

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

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Please Take Note...

SPRING COUNCIL REPORTS

Spring Council Meeting Reports are due to the church office by Sunday, April 14. Thank you.

Inclement Weather Policy For Sunday Service

In case of inclement weather, a cancellation notice will be sent out by email, recorded on the church's answering machine, and published on the TV 8 website. Please see Pastor Mark with any questions.



Sunday, March 10, 2024

Stewardship Report January 2024

Average Attendance	Sunday School	Worship
	29	74
Budget Goal (\$4,777 per week)		\$248,403
Need to-date (5 weeks)		\$ 23,885
Budget Giving to Date (45%)		\$ 10,751
Designated Giving to Date		\$ 311
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE		\$ 11,062
Budget Giving for January		\$ 10,751
Designated Giving for January		\$ 311
Building Rental		\$ 50
Child Care Area		\$ 75
Community Aid Bin		\$ 156
Youth		\$ 30

Easter Flower Orders

The Easter Flower Order Form is included in this month's newsletter. Please fill out the order form and make checks payable to Hanover Church of the Brethren. Write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. Please submit your order and total payment to Cindy Goodling by **March 13, 2024**. Thank you.



Vacation Bible School

Planning has started for Vacation Bible School. Please mark your calendars for June 24-28. Volunteers are needed to make this a great time for the kids.



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



Women's Fellowship will have a business meeting on March 14 at 7 p.m.

We will be making Easter Eggs. Be sure to order enough to satisfy you own and your best friend's sweet tooth. To make your order, signup sheets will be available at the church. There will be peanut butter eggs with milk chocolate, and coconut cream with dark chocolate. If you wish to have the milk and dark chocolate switched, please indicate that on the signup. We will need help at the church's candy factory on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 at 9 a.m. both days. Eggs will be available for pick up on Sunday, March 24.



Ice Cream Social
Saturday, March 16
6:00 pm

*Come out and enjoy
some ice cream
and fellowship.*



Wednesday,
March 20

The Over 60's group will meet on March 20, 2024 at 12 noon to fellowship and be entertained by a comedy video. Plan to attend and don't forget to bring a dish to share.



Blood Drive
Tuesday, April 23
1 to 6 PM

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



Saturday,
April 6

7 AM to 2 PM

DONATIONS

Collection will begin now and continue through Wednesday, April 3.

Items can be dropped off during the day or call Amy for special drop off time.

Please place all items in the Fellowship Hall on the stage behind the curtain.

All items should be clean and in working order. We cannot sell broken or unusable items. Make sure clothing is clean and usable.

Please refrain from bringing large items until Monday, April 1.

We DO NOT ACCEPT electronics, sofas or exercise equipment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

April 1-5 throughout the day, we will be setting up the Fellowship Hall.

Anyone that can help will be much appreciated. Set-up includes sorting and hanging clothing, displaying items, and FUN.

Saturday, April 6, 6:30am - End. Help maintain order during the sale.

BAKED GOODS

Baked goods can be dropped off anytime Friday, April 5.

Please have the items bagged and priced for sale.

CLEAN UP

Saturday when the sale is over, after 2pm, we will need people to take down and clean up.

Any help that you can give during the week will be greatly appreciated!!!

Any questions - call Amy Despines at 717-451-5071 (if no answer, please leave a message).

Church Events

A Special Message and Invitation from Your Pastor and Your Deacons

You are invited and encouraged to participate in our **Love Feast on Thursday, March 28th at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

We invite families and friends to sit together. Children are invited to sit with their families where they can experience this aspect of our church life.

Men and women will separate temporarily to participate in feet/hand washing located in an area away from the regular tables. The feet washing will be around a table to allow some privacy.

Let's enjoy this privilege of sharing in worship and fellowship together at the Lord's Table as we ponder the events that took place in the Upper Room. Let's *feel* the depth of His love as we acknowledge His special gift to each of us.

Pastor Mark

Sue Ambrosius, Deacon Chair

* Call Sue Ambrosius (717-451-8613) regarding dietary needs.



YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, March 10th after church we will have lunch and an activity.

Friday, March 29 we will meet at 5 PM for egg decorating and filling.

Youth, please be at the church at 8:45 AM Saturday, March 30 to hide the eggs.

Also, remember to be at the church Sunday, March 31 at 6:30 AM for Sunrise Service.



Easter Sunrise Service

Held by the Youth

March 31 at 7:00 In The Back Lot



Refreshments of pastries and coffee
will be served after the service.

Hope to see you there!

Easter Eggstravaganza

March 30 at 10 AM

Please register by calling or emailing the church office.

This event is open to children birth through 5th grade.

If you would like to donate candy for the egg hunt, please place it in the tub in the narthex by March 24th.



From the Desk of Pastor Mark continued

- • A Jesus-slant requires that I prioritize my citizenship in heaven (God's Kingdom), not just casually nod to His authority.

In sum, a Jesus-slant is counterintuitive, offering an unexpected way forward amid national upheaval. It does so by calling us to be "resident aliens" in Christ, loyalists to an alternate Kingdom (1 Peter 1:1-2; 2:1-12) rather than conforming to a culture of "racism, nationalism, ethnocentrism, exceptionalism... postmodernism, militarism."

In doing so, a Jesus-slant identifies the world, in the words of C.S. Lewis, as "enemy-occupied territory. Christianity [then] is the story of how the rightful king has landed...and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage." As Michael Gorman clarifies, "this benevolent sabotage is not...a Chris/an takeover, a religiously based coup d'état...but...a foretaste of something—the new creation that has come and is coming."

I call us to a mission of sabotage, modeling and proclaiming New Creation in Jesus. In doing so, we refrain from using the tactics of the world, the flesh, and the devil, opting for strategies of the Kingdom: enemy love, care fronting, radical hospitality, merciful justice, nonviolent protest (Matthew 5-7). This is not to minimize the abhorrence and disgust before us and the need to witness assertively; please hear me. Instead, it is a way to maximize our effectiveness as we avoid becoming the very evil we deplore.

In Acts 17, Paul and Silas hold a revival meeting in Thessalonica declaring Jesus as Messiah (Acts 17:3). Many believed, including both Greeks and Jews (Acts 17:4), but some Jews "became jealous, and...formed a mob and set the city in an uproar...[dragging Paul and Silas's friend, Jason, and members of his house church]...before the city authorities, shouting 'These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also...They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor [Caesar], saying there is another king named Jesus'" (Acts 17:5-7 NRSV). Miraculously, Paul and Silas are released on bail, slipping off to Berea, but their message still echoed: Jesus was King and not Caesar.

I pray we too turn the world upside down with the disturbing yet enlivening message of King Jesus. It's tempting to disrupt with mob, uproar, or some other conventional means, but far more effective are the countercultural methods of the Messiah. In fact, they're the best device, surprising and sabotaging, as we live as "resident aliens," making manifest the New Creation of the Savior. Frankly, that's the best path forward through a highly charged political climate—modeling and proclaiming boldly another way of living, inaugurating anew Jesus as Lord!

Paul Munday

Moderator, Church of the Brethren

- [1] Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon. *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2014.
- [2] Michael Gorman. *Participation in Christ: Explorations in Paul's Theology and Spirituality*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2019, 247.
- [3] Gorman, 246.
- [4] Michael Gorman. "A Letter from Paul to Christians in the US," *Christian Century*, August 21, 2019, <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/critical-essay/letter-paul-christians-us>

I actually found myself saying out loud, "If this is what being Brethren means, then I'm in!" We as Brethren *do have* something *good* to say to our culture and our times. So over coffee, in the break room, chatting online or over the phone- let us do just that! Let us use the 'slant' (or the lens of the Holy Spirit) of Jesus guide our comments and rule our opinions! God bless!

Pastor Mark

Community Happenings

The Lehman Center Auxiliary
Presents

33rd Annual Auction
Benefiting
Children's Aid Society
The Lehman Center

Tuesday, April 30th 2024

Auction Preview & Food
12:00 p.m.

Live Auction
5:00 p.m.

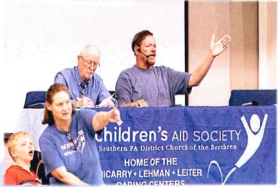
Silent Auction including
Art Collectibles
Theme Baskets
Gift Certificates

Location
New Fairview Church
1873 New Fairview Church Rd, York, PA 17403

Live Auction Featuring
Art Collectibles
Sports Items
New Merchandise

Kitchen Will Be Open & Serving:
Homemade Soup
Bar-B-Que
Homemade Pies

Join us also online!
Some of our items will be available 'Virtually' prior to the Live Auction
starting Saturday April 27th till Monday April 29th!



CAMP EDER

Calendar of Events

January 26th-28th.....	Winter Camp
April 10th.....	Senior Day
May 10th.....	Golf Outing
May 11th.....	Camp Clean Up Day

Summer Camp

June 10th-14th.....	Staff Training
June 13th-14th.....	CIT Training
June 14th	Staff Commissioning Service
June 16th-21st.....	Week #1
June 23rd-28th.....	Week #2
July 7th-12th.....	Week #3
July 14th-19th.....	Week #4
July 21st-26th.....	Week #5

September 4th.....	Senior Day
September 28th.....	Camp Clean Up
October 19th.....	Fall Festival
November 6th.....	Senior Day
December 13th & 14th.....	Christmas Tree Festival

Ecumenical Lenten Breakfasts (FIRST CHURCH OF HANOVER)

sponsored by the Methodist Men, will be held on Wednesdays Feb. 14 thru Mar. 27 in Holy Week. This is an outreach ministry for the community, and everyone is welcome to enjoy the 7:30 a.m. breakfast, singing, and spiritual message. A freewill offering will be accepted.

CouncilNews

The Hanover Area Council of Churches relies heavily on the work of our volunteers. Without their help, our work cannot fulfill God's mission to provide resources to our community.

We are seeking immediate volunteers in the following areas:

Meals on Wheels

Runners and Drivers to deliver meals to the homebound in Hanover
9:30am-11:00am Monday through Friday

(Volunteers can be flexible with available days)

Clothing Bank

Wash, sort, and hang clothing
Organize household items, shoes, and miscellaneous items.
Assist to operate sales on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-12pm
Load and Deliver overflow donations to Community Aid

Provide-a-Lunch

Prep, pack and deliver meals for the community
10am-when deliveries are complete - 7 days/week
(Groups can choose which day(s) they are available)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Stefane Carlson	3/21	Wynlee Dickensheets
3/5	Lona Bridenbaugh		Alison Strausbaugh
	Pat Conrad		Jackie Swartz
	Leanne Hurtack	3/22	Darren Dickensheets
	Todd Lillich	3/23	Alka Swanson
	Adrienne Redding	3/24	Alan Bridenbaugh
3/6	Andy Bowman		Heather McDonald
	Bev Wolf	3/25	LouElla Dickensheets
3/7	Patty Kern	3/26	Beverly Baker
	Jason Webb	3/28	Jameson Fleming
3/8	Christine Mowry		Faye Wentz
3/9	Tyler Estright	3/30	Mike Lawrence
3/13	Matthew Stambaugh		Bonnie Menchey
3/15	Leah Rusinko	3/31	Gerry Altice
3/16	Linda Skiles		
3/17	Kitty Duckworth		
3/18	Adam Kline		
	Edna Markle		
	Robert Stockslager		
	Linda Yingling		

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.

Family of Chad Mull, Family of Cleatus Wentz, Benda, Pastor Mark, Gene & Mary Ruby, Justin Kuhn, Paul & Cindy Bollinger, Family of Lois McCormick, Family of Fay Swartz

Remember our Homebound: Miriam Mills, Dale Sullivan and those living in the facilities listed below:

Hanover Hall:

Esther Brown - Room 117A

Myrna Gladfelter - Room 223A

Country Meadows:

Bonnie Berwager - Apt. 311

Spring Creek Rehab:

Sonja Bankert

Utz Terrace:

Evelyn Dickensheets



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/9 Roger & Darlene Bollinger (33)
3/25 John & Pat Burkentine (61)



Cleatus Wentz
February 10

Lois McCormick
February 12

Fay Swartz
February 14

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and heartfelt sympathy during the decline and passing of my Mother, Fay Swartz. I feel your love as we share memories of her wonderful life.
Amy Despines

Dear Pastor Mark and Congregation,

I want to thank all of you for the support you have given to me and my now deceased Mom, Shirley A. Shorb, over the past few years through prayer, cards, phone calls, words of encouragement, and Christian love. You stood with us through a house fire, Mom's cancer and dementia issues, and then her passing on November 9th.

I appreciate those of you who were able to attend her viewings and Memorial Service. I trust that the service was a blessing to you as we strived to give God all the honor and glory He deserves while honoring the life and legacy of my precious Momma.

Thank you as well for the many times Mom and I were able to use our musical gifts in your services and special events. I trust that the Lord used us to bless and encourage you, just as you have always done to us.

I am having a difficult time accepting the loss of my Mom. I have to keep reminding myself that her body and mind have been made whole again, and she is enjoying the pleasures of Heaven with her Lord and Savior and our friends and loved ones who have gone before. I have the assurance of being reunited again with my Dad and Mom someday.

From the bottom depths of my heart, I will be eternally indebted to you for playing such an important role in both the peaceful and stormy times in our life's journey. May God bless you "real good" as we serve the "King of Kings" together!

Gratefully,

Bill Shorb



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	4 7:00 - 2:00 AARP Tax-aide 6 pm Deacons Meeting 7 pm AlAnon	5 8 pm AA	6 2 pm Line Dancing 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	7 6 pm Bread of Life	8	9 
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17 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Newsletter Article Deadline	18 7:00 - 2:00 AARP Tax-aide PAL@HACC 7 pm AlAnon	19 8 pm AA	20 12 pm Over 60's 2 pm Line Dancing 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	21	22 9-12 Candy Making 9 am Newsletter Assembly	23 9-12 Candy Making
24 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Palm Sunday 31 7 am Sunrise Service 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	25 7:00 - 2:00 AARP Tax-aide 7 pm AlAnon	26 8 pm AA	27 2 pm Line Dancing 5 pm Bread Making 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	28 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Love Feast	29	30 10-12 Easter Eggstravaganza