



A Monthly Newsletter by the
Hanover Church of the Brethren

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From the Desk of Pastor Mark

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.” -John 15:9

Inward, outward, and upward!

There are three journeys we are all meant to take in a successful walk with Jesus. In some ways, we are always on these journeys, cycling through them as we grow deeper in our walk with Him.

The *inward* journey causes us to take a hard look at ourselves, to take a ‘fearless moral inventory,’ as recovering alcoholics like to say. An honest look in the mirror will lead us to see that we cannot save ourselves— that we are not going to make it without Jesus. We need rescued. This is the journey of repentance- not that we stop sinning, but that we admit we cannot stop sinning in our own strength, and throw ourselves on the mercy of God. And we need to repent daily- not to re-secure our salvation (for it is forever secure), but to remind us of our need for God and his incredible goodness toward us!

Once we have established our deep need for rescue, we look *upward* and find the the Power that is greater than ourselves and that is strong enough to save us— namely Jesus Christ! We cry out to Him in our need and gratefully receive His grace. This is the journey of salvation, and also of worship! We lift up the Name of Jesus and the glory of God daily as we experience His love and grace through Jesus, and the grandeur of His creation!

The *outward* journey may sound self-explanatory. Once we take the honest look at ourselves that leads us to repentance; once we experience the truly good news of salvation in Jesus Christ, it simply falls to us to share that good news with others. The word *evangelist* simply means one who carries good news. If you are a saved Christian, then you carry good news! Now, it is important to remember that this is *not* a journey of wearing masks or hiding our continuing struggles, but rather an authentic journey of faith in which we allow people to see how we handle our struggles in Christ, *not* one in which we pretend we have none! “In this would you will have trouble,” Jesus said, “But be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world.” - John 16:33

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Church Mission Statement

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

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Please Take Note



Fall Council Meeting Sunday, October 26

Reports are due to the church office by September 28.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study



Pastor Mark will be continuing his Bible study on Wed, Sep 3 at 6 pm.

Please mark your calendars.
Everyone is welcome to join us!

Southern Pennsylvania Church of the Brethren 2025 District Conference

September 19 & 20

Hanover Church of the Brethren

Brochures are available in the lobby.
Pick one up and stay informed.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY Love Feast - Sunday, October 5

Stewardship Report July 2025

Average Attendance	Sunday School 30	Worship 70
Budget Goal (\$4,310 per week)		\$ 224,139
Need to-date (31 weeks)		\$ 133,610
Budget Giving to Date (87%)		\$ 116,054
Designated Giving to Date		\$ 31,020
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE		\$ 147,074
Budget Giving for July		\$ 12,150
Designated Giving for July		\$ 1,408
Building Rental		\$ 458
Disaster Relief		\$ 450
HACC		\$ 500



CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

Choir rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, September 3, at 7:00. If you are interested in joining the choir this year, please get in touch with Roxie Schloyer.



BREAD OF LIFE

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 4
6:00 PM**

PANERA BREAD

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

Fall Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 7 from 1 to 6 PM



Hanover COB is hosting Central PA Blood Bank in collecting blood. Call 1-800-771-0059 to make your appointment.

In Our Church



**Wednesday
September 17
12 to 2 PM**

The Over 60's group will meet on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 12 noon. Please join us for fellowship and games. Lunch will be provided by the committee. Bring a friend!



On September 11, at 6:30 p.m. we will have a business meeting to plan for the Christmas Craft Show which is scheduled for November 15.

Youth Fundraiser Meal



Chicken Pot Pie & Coleslaw
We ask that you kindly bring a dessert
[Please Come and Support Our Youth.](#)



**Friday
September 26
7:00 am - 3:00 pm**
**Saturday
September 27
7:00 am - 12:00 pm**

We are going to hold a two-day yard sale this time. So please bring items from your home and ask your friends to also bring items. All items will be an asset to this sale.

DONATIONS

Collection began August 18 and will continue through Wednesday, Sep 24.

Items can be dropped off during the day or call Amy for a 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, September 22.

We DO NOT ACCEPT electronics, sofas or exercise equipment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Monday - Thursday, September 22-25 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 having FUN.

Friday, September 26, 7:00 am - 3 pm and Saturday, September 27, 7:00 am - end. Help carry items to cars, organize tables, keep order during the day and talk with shoppers. All help will be greatly appreciated!

BAKED GOODS

Baked goods can be dropped off anytime Thursday, Sep 25. Please have the items bagged and priced for sale. Cakes will be sold by the piece so they would be greatly appreciated also. We would like to add a few quarts of soup to the sale, so if you make a gallon or two of soup, we have containers for you to use.

CLEAN UP

When the sale is over, after 12pm, Saturday, we will need help to take down tables and clean up.

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

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

From the Desk of Pastor Mark continued

Oddly enough, this is where we often get stuck. The humility needed to admit our sinfulness and the receive Christ should also be sufficient to help us approach non-believers with the Good News of salvation. Yet here we often balk. Why? Let us examine ourselves, as Paul admonished, and ask ourselves (and God) just what is holding us back. After all the outward journey should be a beautiful and exciting one! Oh, how we miss out!

While not everyone has the *gift* of evangelism, all believers are called to do *some* evangelizing-being willing to put in a good word for Jesus when there is opportunity.

So let us consider our own witness, and make our path with Jesus complete by carrying out all three journeys!

In His love and service,

Pastor Mark

In Our Denomination & Community

CAMP EDER FESTIVALS

October 18th Fall Festival

Fall Festival is a Harvest & Heritage celebration designed for the whole family. Attractions include a benefit auction, food & craft vendors, music, games, and many other activities. An authentic Pit-Roasted Pork lunch is offered as the highlight of the day and will leave folks sharing memories for months and years to follow. Many other pioneer-style demonstrations are also featured.

December 12th and 13th Christmas Tree Festival

Join us in celebrating the Christmas season from 5pm-9pm. Come see Eder's woods decorated with thousands of lights, take a wagon ride with your family, and get in the Christmas spirit. A turkey dinner will be served along with other delicious food. There will be live music, holiday games, and crafts to enjoy.

**47th Annual Brethren
Disaster Relief Auction**
September 26 & 27
Lebanon Valley Expo
80 Rocherty Road
Lebanon, PA 17042



A joint effort with the Southern PA and Atlantic Northeast Districts of the Church of the Brethren to raise funds to help people impacted by natural disaster of many types. We work closely with Brethren Disaster Ministries, who sends volunteer workers to disaster sites, both locally and around the world.

RHEA'S FOOD DRIVE

YOU CAN HELP FIGHT HUNGER!

SEPTEMBER 20TH
1PM-4PM

SOUTH HANOVER BOWLING LANES
1767 Baltimore Pike, Hanover, PA 17331

- Rhea will be collecting non-expired non-perishable items.
- All proceeds will benefit Provide-A-Lunch (PAL) and Ruth's Harvest at the HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.
- Monetary donations will be accepted; or checks can be made out to the Hanover Area Council of Churches, 136 Carlisle Street, Hanover, PA 17331.
- **WIN A FREE GAME OF BOWLING** with each donation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GRIEF SHARE
You don't have to grieve alone.

13 Sessions
Mondays 6:30-8 pm
Starting February 17

St Matthew Lutheran Church
30 W Chestnut St
Hanover, PA

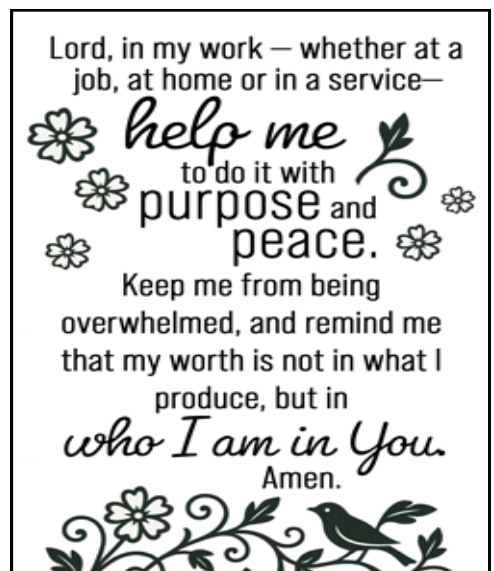


9/2	Archie Oller	9/18	Brian Landi
	Jessica Yingling		Pat Molison
9/3	Randy Dickensheets		Sharon Wetzel
	David McMaster	9/20	Hayley Franco
9/4	Gloria Yinger	9/21	Randy Fuhrman
9/5	Jane Bean		Ed Maxwell
	Roger Bollinger		Carol Snyder
	Amanda Morris	9/22	Dean Gladfelter
9/7	Paige Godfrey	9/23	Tim Bunty
9/10	Genevieve Duttera	9/24	Muriel Myers
	Adam Franco		Kara Rusinko
	Sarah Reynolds	9/25	Lauren Barlow
9/13	Melissa Duckworth		Jason Sullivan
9/14	Adam Livingston	9/26	Kenneth Duckworth
9/15	Andrew Luckenbaugh		Arwen Estright
	Kaitlyn Duttera	9/28	Patrick Stambaugh
9/16	Evan Swartz	9/29	Oliver McDonald
9/17	Matthew Jacobs		Lisa Konopinski
		9/30	Earle Black
			Adam Godfrey

9/1	Paul & Cindy Bollinger	(36)
9/4	Shawn & Jessica Frymyer	(15)
	Bob & Lori Meminger	(22)
9/14	Joe & Sandy Hurtack	(45)
9/18	Buddie & Rebecca Sowers	(21)
9/20	Jeff & Lena Gavazzi	(22)

Address Change

Amanda Jacobs-Womer
2900 Dunn Valley Road
Waterford, PA 16441-3306



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.

John Skiles, Betty Stockslager, Connie Morris, Robert Jennings

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

Hanover Hall:
Esther Brown - Room 117A

Spring Creek Rehab:
Sonja Bankert

Country Meadows:
Bonnie Berwager - Apt. 311





Utz Terrace:
Evelyn Dickensheets

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for me, sending cards, bringing meals, and even offering to weed my vegetable garden during my hip fracture, surgery, and ongoing healing.

You have been a continuing blessing during these long weeks.

Sharon Hershey

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 	<i>2</i> 8 pm AA	<i>3</i> 2 pm Line Dance 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	<i>4</i> 9 am Crafts 6 pm Bread of Life	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<i>8</i> 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm Board Meeting 7 pm AlAnon	<i>9</i> 8 pm AA	<i>10</i> 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	<i>11</i> 9 am Crafts	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
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<i>28</i> 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Council Reports Due to Office	<i>29</i> 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon	<i>30</i> 8 pm AA	