



A Monthly Newsletter by the

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WORSHIP—10:30 AM

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From the Desk of Pastor Mark

Another Look at God's Love

*The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love:
therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."*

*"They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers
of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn." -Jeremiah 31: 9*

The following is an excerpt from a favorite book of mine. The author is referenced below. It is a story about a World War I soldier's homecoming to his family. It is told from his little daughter's perspective. It reminds me so much of the deep and intimate love God has for each one of us – and that he wants each one of us to experience! Please enjoy:

The heat was stifling inside the high stone walls of the courtyard. It was the summer of 1917 and war was raging all over France.

Suzanne sat on a wooden chair under the big acacia tree rocking her doll, her legs barely touching the ground. The letter had arrived from the front several days before, "Coming home at last, I love you all so much, Papa." Her mother had cried, and Suzanne, not sure of what she should do in such circumstances had cried along with her.

She did not like being six years old too much. Her brothers, 10 and 12, almost men now, went every day to work at the war plant with her mother. There was no one to keep her during the day and Mama cried sometimes when she left for work. But Suzanne could take care of herself; there were chores to do around the house and she was not allowed to go outside.

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Church Mission Statement

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

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Please Take Note



Remember to Fall Back

**Don't forget to
change
your clocks.
November 2, 2025,
at 2:00 A.M.**



Fall Council Meeting Sunday, October 26

Our regular Fall Council will be held on Sunday, October 26. Packets will be available to be picked up Sunday morning, October 12.



We will be going to the Corn Maze on Saturday, October 11 with a rain date of Saturday, October 18. More info will follow.

Thank you to the congregation for your support with our Potpie Dinner in September.

Stewardship Report August 2025

Average Attendance	Sunday School	Worship
	29	71
Budget Goal (\$4,310 per week)	\$ 224,139	
Need to-date (35 weeks)	\$ 150,850	
Budget Giving to Date (85%)	\$ 127,842	
Designated Giving to Date	\$ 32,236	
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$ 160,078	
Budget Giving for August	\$ 11,788	
Designated Giving for August	\$ 1,216	
Building Rental	\$ 941	
Community Aid	\$ 195	
Disaster Relief	\$ 20	
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 30	
Lawn Mowing	\$ 10	
Meat Canning	\$ 20	

Information "Lite" Celebration II

November 9, Right After Service

We will share a carry-in meal and bring updates on the church's mission and finance, and ask for your feedback and ideas.

Hope To See You There!

Inclement Weather Policy

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.



The Bulletin Board 2026

Select a month and volunteer to create a bulletin board. The sign-up sheet is located in the rear of the sanctuary.

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



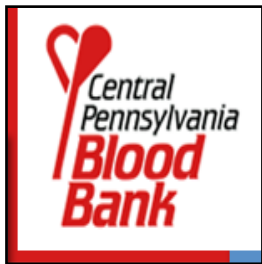
Trunk or Treat
Tuesday,
October 28
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Decorate your trunk (no need to be elaborate), bring some candy for the kiddos and come see our community's kids wearing all sorts of costumes.

There will be a FREE hotdog and drink, a Goodie Walk (with baked goods to win!) and (hopefully) a wagon/cart pull for all kids to enjoy! We'll be doing this in conjunction with our neighboring church....Calvary Baptist Church.

Come support, get to know our community families and HAVE SOME FUN! Hope to see you all there!

Those who wish can donate candy for Trunk or Treat by placing it in the labeled box in the rear of the sanctuary.



Fall Blood Drive
Tuesday, October 7
from 1 to 6 PM

Hanover Church of the Brethren is hosting Central PA Blood Bank

in collection Blood. Call 1-800-771-0059 to make your appointment.

Walk-ins are welcomed, however, you may need to wait for those who are scheduled. Let's see if we can exceed our goal of 30 this time!

Anyone wishing to help out with the Blood Drive, either email or call Cindy Bollinger. (E-mail address and phone number is in the church directory.)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



It is almost time for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

Shoeboxes will be available beginning November 9 and must be brought back to church by November 23.

So, start thinking about what to put in your shoeboxes. Remember the excitement of a child as they receive a box filled with surprises and prayers.



Women's Fellowship Craft Show, Soup & Bake Sale

Our Christmas Craft Show will be on November 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our group is asking for help to make breads, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, and crafts. Also, many hands are needed on the day of the show. Hey, you guys, you do not need to be a member of Women's Fellowship to help at the show. We always look forward to seeing most of our church community there.

The Craft Show is our main fundraiser which benefits our church and our community. We encourage you to host Share-a-Meal. These meals extend the spirit of the Craft Show beyond the day of the show.

Women's Fellowship would like to thank everyone for supporting our group.



Church and Community

CROP WALK

Fight Food Insecurity

2025 Crop Walk: The Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 12 at St Paul's (Dubs) Union Church. Registration begins at 12:30, with the walk starting at 1:00pm. If you wish to walk or donate to help fight food insecurity, see Cindy Goodling.

Game Night

Friday, Oct 10
6:00 pm

Meat ball sandwiches and chips provided. You may contribute by bringing snacks if you wish.

Join Us For A Fun Night Together!



Over 60's Meeting
Wed., Oct 15 at Noon

The over 60's group will meet on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 12 noon. A representative from New Hope Ministries will share information on how this ministry helps the Hanover community. Monetary or canned good donations are optional. Invite a friend.



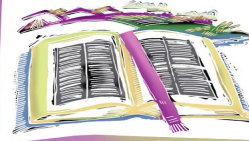
Please Join Us
November 7, 8, 9

Services with Larry Dentler Friday Evening, Saturday Evening following the Ice Cream Social, Sunday Morning and Sunday Evening.

Wednesday Evening Events

6:00 Bible Study

7:00 Choir



Everyone Welcome

A Special Message and Invitation from Your Pastor and Your Deacons

You are invited and encouraged to participate in our **Love Feast on Sunday, October 5 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

We're looking forward to gathering together as we follow Jesus' instruction from the upper room to follow His example.

Families and friends are invited to sit together as they eat a modest meal of soup and bread and butter. Children may sit with their families where they can experience this aspect of our church life.

When we reach that part of our service where we humble ourselves to both serve and be served by washing another's feet (or hands), we'll proceed to the men's or women's feet or hand washing areas.

Let's enjoy this privilege of sharing in worship & 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.

We hope to see you at the Lord's Table on **Sunday, Oct 5 at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

Deacon Chair Sue Ambrosius
Pastor Mark

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

In Our Community

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FRIENDLY SCARECROW • Oct 18 & 25
Kids dress up in costume & trick-or-treat on the 25th

THE GRINCH • Nov 15 & 22

SANTA • Dec 13 & 20

A TASTE OF GERMANY



OKTOBERFEST SEPTEMBER 13

Hanover, Pennsylvania, named after its German sister city, has deep roots in German culture and tradition. Join us for delicious German-inspired dishes! Experience the flavors that echo the town's rich heritage. Tickets are \$30.

Purchase tickets:

MainStreetHanover.org/2nd-saturday-september/



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**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1
8AM TO 2PM**

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& HOMEMADE PUMPKIN PIE

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From the Desk of Pastor Mark continued

For the last seven days Suzanne had disobeyed Mama. She had waited for the big iron gate to close. Then she would run to the tall oak armoire, climb on a chair, and pull out her Sunday dress. The blue ribbon for her hair was Suzanne's prized possession. It was the same blue as Mary's dress in the big cathedral. Papa would have a princess to come home to! She knew exactly what she would do when he arrived; she had dreamed about it every day in the courtyard.

Suzanne had been very little when her father had left for the war, almost two years now, and she could not remember his face. But she looked at his picture every day. He was so magnificent in his cavalry uniform, holding his shining helmet with the long horsetail, a gleaming saber by his side; and she loved his mustache. He looked so strong, the way up Papa should look. Every day she would polish the frame and reverently spit on the glass to make it shine. Then she would lay her favorite blue ribbon in front of it. It was her gift to him.

Suzanne shifted uncomfortably on her chair and pulled at her black cotton stockings; Mama insisted that respectable ladies always wore stockings... She was hungry too, in fact she was always hungry. Sometimes they would have some bread and vegetables to eat, but more often they all went to bed hungry.

The heat made her tired, her eyelids were heavy; she yawned. The little doll fell in the dirt. She had not heard the gate open. The soldier was standing still, looking at her. His uniform was torn and covered with dust; she saw tears streaming down his bearded face. He was old. Fear suddenly made her stomach hurt the same way she felt when she heard the guns; she would hide under the bed then.

She was going to die, she probably would never see her family again, and Papa would not find her when he finally came home. She swallowed very hard and looked at the enemy, "Are you going to kill me?" she whispered.

The soldier had fallen on his knees in the dirt, his head down on his chest. A strange sound came from his throat. Suzanne did not know what to do. "You see," he said softly, "I am looking for a little girl just like you. I have not seen her in a very long time; I am her Papa."

That night they all clung to each other in Mama's big bed. Suzanne on one side, Mama on the other, and Papa in the middle, the boys at their feet. Suzanne had tied herself to her father's wrist with the blue ribbon. A father felt so good and warm. She was afraid to fall asleep; he might go away. In the morning, Suzanne folded the blue ribbon carefully in a wooden cigar box and buried it deeply in the flower garden. As long as no one knew where it was, Papa would always stay with her. It was her secret forever. And she would never tell.

(From David Redding, *Before You Call I will Answer*, Fleming H. Revel Company, 1985 pp60-61)

This excerpt perfectly describes for me the intimacy that God intends for all of us. I can scarcely add to it, so I will not, except to say I hope you are living this closeness with Christ today, knowing you are tied onto Him by His grace. He will never go away; He will never let you go!

I welcome comments or questions about this story.

In His boundless love,

Pastor Mark



Friends, are you on Facebook? A quick word about my "friends" policy: If you request to friend me, I will gladly accept! I choose to accept friendship requests rather than "friend" others in the church to help avoid someone feeling left out. I hope this helps- Pastor Mark



10/2 Andy McDonald	10/15 Mary Ann Amspacher	10/6 Dick & Sue Ambrosius	(53)
10/3 Evelyn Dickensheets	Bob Long	10/7 Dave & Kim Smith	(25)
10/4 Brooklyn Kneller	Austin McMaster	10/8 Isaac Southard & Darby Kline	(9)
10/7 Ivy Church	Robert Yinger	10/9 Randy & Dianne Dickensheets	(43)
Mary Lou Croson	10/17 Darlene Bollinger	10/11 Wayne & Nancy Yingling	(56)
10/8 James Miller	10/22 Steve Shue	10/14 Mark & Lesley Bowyer	(35)
Shirley Marshall	10/24 Sharon McMaster	10/15 Dan & Susie Smith	(31)
10/9 Karen Hull	10/26 Dianne Black	10/16 Dave & Alison Hertz	(4)
10/10 Teyuana Duckworth	Tara Bridenbaugh	10/17 Alex & Jamie Despines	(5)
10/11 Sue Ambrosius	Betsy Carolus	10/19 Bob & Faye Bealing	(40)
Teresa Carroll	10/28 Craig Dickensheets	10/23 Jason & Theresa Webb	(26)
Bob Meminger	10/30 Fred Markle	10/24 Mike & Cindy Goodling	(38)
Angela Miller	Dave Smith		
10/13 Stacy Brodbeck			
Emily Snyder			

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.

Allen Gouker, Ed Morris, Brandon Bosch, Kim, Millie Baker, Patty Muccillo, Dale Sullivan Family, Fred Berwager, Lisa Berwager, Lynn Titzell, Eric, Lona Bridenbaugh, Lisa, Dolores Beard

Please remember Miriam Mills who is homebound, and those in the facilities listed below:

Hanover Hall: Esther Brown - Rm 117A
Country Meadows: Bonnie Berwager - Apt 311
Spring Creek Rehab: Sonja Bankert
Utz Terrace: Evelyn Dickensheets - Rm 422



Dale Sullivan

10/7/56 - 9/8/25

12 Things You Should Know About Your Pastor

1. Your pastor gets tired.
2. Your pastor can fall sick.
3. Your pastor feels frustrated sometimes.
4. Your pastor has needs.
5. Your pastor does not have all the answers.
6. Your pastor needs care.
7. Your pastor is not flawless.
8. Your pastor is called by God, but he is not God.
9. Your pastor needs prayer.
10. Your pastor needs someone to stand by him in times of trouble.
11. Your pastor can make mistakes.
12. Your pastor needs a miracle too sometimes.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month
Thank you, Pastor Mark, for everything you do!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 2 pm Line Dancing 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	2 9 am Crafts 6 pm Bread of Life	3	4
5 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  7 pm Love Feast	6 PAL at HACC 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon	7 1 pm Blood Drive  8 pm AA	8 2 pm Line Dancing 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	9 9 am Crafts	10  6 pm Game Night	11 Youth Corn Maze 
12 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 1 pm Crop Walk	13 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm Board Meeting 7 pm AlAnon	14 8 pm AA	15 12 pm Over 60's  2 pm Line Dancing 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	16 9 am Crafts	17	18 Corn Maze Rain Date
19 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Newsletter Article Deadline	210 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon	21 8 pm AA	22 2 pm Line Dancing 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	23 9 am Crafts	24 9 am Newsletter Assembly	25
26 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 	27 PAL at HACC 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon	28  6-8 pm Trunk or Treat 8 pm AA	29 2 pm Line Dancing 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir	30 9 am Crafts	31	