



A Monthly Newsletter by the
Hanover Church of the Brethren

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SUNDAY SCHOOL—9:00 AM WORSHIP—10:30 AM

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From the Desk of Pastor Mark

Throughout church history, people have many times believed that they could secure a place in Glory simply by doing enough service, or by donating enough money. The Catholic Church actually taught this in the 16th c. for a time until Martin Luther challenged that thinking. Some TV evangelists have said similar things- give the most and we'll get you into heaven first!

On the other hand, there have been people who believed they couldn't go to church because they didn't have enough money. I heard that myself as a pastor in Lima, OH. "Pastor, I'd like to come to church, but I don't have any money!" How on Earth do people get these ideas? Sadly, sometimes, from the church!

Most of us are really, really glad these things are not true. As the old song says, "If religion were a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die." Giving to the Lord isn't an entry fee! Giving to God is all about gratitude, love and joy!

In Philippians 4, the Apostle Paul commented on the financial gifts that the church had sent him-

18b They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

He likens their financial gifts to a fragrant offering to God, sweet smelling because they were given in love rather than as a legal requirement. And he emphasizes that this offering is, as all sacrifices to God are, an act of worship.

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Church Mission Statement

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

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Please Take Note



GRAND WAYNE CONVENTION CENTER

Fort Wayne, IN
June 28 – July 2

SPRING COUNCIL REPORTS

Spring Council Meeting Reports are due to the church office by Sunday, April 12. Thank you.



Pillow Club

Meets Thursdays at 9:00 am
Everyone is Welcome



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm

Eggstravaganza, April 4 at 10:00 am

Sunrise Service, April 5 at 7:00 am

Easter Service, April 5 at 10:30 am

COUNCIL meeting Sunday, May 17



Stewardship Report February 2026

Average Attendance	Sunday School	Worship
	27	58
Budget Goal (\$4,202 per week)		\$ 218,492
Need to-date (9 weeks)		\$ 37,818
Budget Giving to Date (49%)		\$ 18,381
Designated Giving to Date		\$ 1,831
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE		\$ 20,212
Budget Giving for February		\$ 12,203
Designated Giving for February		\$ 1,564
Building Rental		\$ 1,362
Community Aid Bin		\$ 20
Souper Bowl		\$ 182



Church Pictorial Directory

It's time to produce a new Picture Directory for our church.

We have scheduled picture day for
Monday, April 20.

Our Church Family Album will not be complete without you!

Sign up today at www.ucdir.com

Code: PA1257 Password: Bible

In Our Church

Easter Sunrise Service

Held by the Youth

April 5 at 7:00 am In The Back Lot

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

Hope to see you there!



Easter Egg-stravaganza

April 4, 10:00-12:00



Women's Fellowship

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make Easter Eggs and everyone who purchased them. Thank you for your support.

Do not forget the Southern PA District Women's Spring Tea at West Shore CON in Enola on April 25. The cost is \$10.00. The speaker will be Mary and Brad Barrows, who are from the Harrisburg area. This is a good way to meet other COB members. Carpooling should be available. Registration forms can be obtained from Lona.

Our Girl's Night Out, also known as the Mother and Daughter Banquet, will be coming up on May 9.

More information will be coming soon.

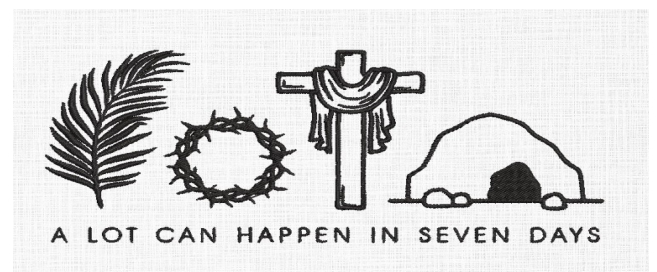


Over 60's Luncheon



On April 15, 2026 there will be a video presentation featuring Warren Eshbach. He will discuss Rediscovering Our Roots: Moving Forward in Faith. The hour-long video will begin promptly at 12:30 pm.

Don't forget your dish and invite all of your friends to this very informative event.



From the desk of Pastor Mark continued

And in 2 Corinthians 9, Paul reminds them that for New Testament believers, giving is a matter of want to rather than have to. It is indeed about love and joy!

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

In order to remind us here at Hanover Church that our giving is indeed an act of loving worship, we will be returning to passing the offering through the pews once again (as before Covid). Only instead of using the plates, we will be using new offering bags lovingly created by our ladies (see pic.). We will have special music and other worship elements during that time. This will begin on April 5, Easter Sunday!

You as a congregation have always been generous givers, and this is an opportunity to further celebrate the offering during our worship service. Thank you, and God bless!

~Pastor Mark



HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, GAMES & MORE...

Thanks a Brunch Volunteer Social



SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

**11 AM - 2 PM @ ST. PAUL'S (DUBS) CHURCH ANNEX
1958 DUBS CHURCH RD. HANOVER**

PLEASE SIGN UP BY MAY 2ND 717.633.6353



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

Family caregivers - this FREE seminar is for YOU!

Friday, May 1, 2026

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

SpiriTrust Lutheran The Village at Sprenkle Drive (Gladfelder Center)
1802 Folkemer Circle, York PA 17404

Meet local resources and learn practical tips on how to support your loved one living with dementia. Bring your questions. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

To register, call 717-843-1504 or email makingadifferenceindementia@gmail.com

Schedule

8:00-8:30am	Registration, breakfast
8:30-8:45am	Welcome, Community Resource introductions
8:45-10:15am	Senses (Hearing, Dental, Vision)
10:15-10:30 am	Break
10:30-12:00pm	Creating a Safe Environment
12:00-12:45pm	Lunch
12:45-2:30pm	Tips on Talking with Families and Difficult Conversations
2:30-2:45pm	Break
2:45-3:15pm	Caregiver Panel
3:15-4:15pm	Resource Panel
4:15-4:30pm	Wrap Up and Thank You

APRIL Birthdays

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|------|-------------------|------|----------------------|
| 4/1 | Brandon McMaster | 4/16 | Alina Henninger |
| | Wayne Yingling | | Clarence Stonesifer |
| 4/2 | Deanna Ness | | Collin Miller |
| 4/5 | Mary Myers | 4/18 | Deb Stambaugh |
| | Jacob Yingling | 4/19 | Allie McClain |
| 4/6 | Janie Bowman | 4/21 | Kristin Dickensheets |
| 4/7 | Liam Fleming | | Carol Feeser |
| | Ben Warfield | | Wayne Mummert |
| 4/8 | Bryan Harman | 4/22 | Gary Avery |
| 4/9 | Kaylin Foor | | Richard Miller |
| 4/10 | Millie Baker | 4/23 | Audrey Clapper |
| | Patti Maxwell | 4/24 | Phyllis Fuhrman |
| | Carol Replogle | 4/25 | Emily Fleming |
| 4/13 | Loretta Bollinger | 4/27 | Randy Carlson |
| 4/15 | Cody Ault | 4/29 | Barbara Lawrence |

Mailing Address Change

Miriam Mills continues to reside at the Brethren Home in Health Care Room 2179. However, her mailing address is 3702 Eucalyptus Court, Chambersburg, PA, 17202.

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.

Mary Myers, Family of John McDonald, Bob & Betty Stockslager and daughter, Dan & Susie Smith

Hanover Hall

Esther Brown, Rm 117A

Spring Creek Rehab

Sonja Bankert

Country Meadows

Bonnie Berwager, Apt 311

Brethren Home

Mary Kate Henry, PC Rm 2918

Dolores Beard, PC Rm 4931

Mary Ann Dissinger, BR Rm 210

Miriam Mills, HC Rm 2179

Utz Terrace

Evelyn Dickensheets, Rm 422

APRIL Anniversaries

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|------|----------------------------|------|
| 4/4 | Harold & Jo Ann Kline | (50) |
| 4/11 | James & Pamela Miller | (46) |
| 4/18 | Robert & Betty Stockslager | (57) |
| 4/19 | Jerry & Karen Snyder | (40) |
| 4/20 | Andy & Natalie Bowman | (2) |

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, calls, visits, and especially for all the food. We are so blessed by you, our church family.

Dan & Susie Smith

Membership Class

There will be a membership class coming up after Easter. If you are interested in exploring membership here at Hanover Church of the Brethren, please contact Pastor Mark.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 am Crafts</p>  <p>7 pm Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 am Easter Eggstravaganza</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>7 am Sunrise Service 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Tax Prep 7:00-2:00</p> <p>6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Tax Prep 7:00-2:00</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 am Crafts</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p> <p>Council Reports Due To Office</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Tax Prep 7:00-2:00 PAL@HACC</p> <p>6 pm Line Dance 7 pm Board Meeting 7 pm AlAnon</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Tax Prep 7:00-2:00</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12 pm Over 60's</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 am Crafts</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>6 pm Game Night & Ice Cream Social</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p> <p>Newsletter Article Deadline</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11 am Bible Study</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9 am Crafts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am Newsletter Assembly</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11 am Bible Study</p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7 pm Choir</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 am Crafts</p>		