



Faith ~ Fellowship ~ Family

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

Our Cottage Meetings

Throughout October, we are holding several Cottage Meetings to become further acquainted with one another, to provide insights into the ministry of our church, and share ideas. Six volunteers have agreed to host meetings either in their homes or at church. People have been signing up for the meeting that best suits their schedule. If you have not yet signed up, please do so on the sheets at the back of the sanctuary.

The purpose of these gatherings, as indicated above, is three-fold. First, we can always benefit from getting to know one another better as we are meant to live together as brothers and sisters. According to scripture we are meant to bear one another's burdens, help restore a brother or sister when they are struggling with sin, and point one another always to Christ. These purposes require that we know one another and build trust with one another.

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Church Mission Statement

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

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Please Take Note



Fight Food Insecurity

The Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 11 starting at 1:00 at the St Paul's (Dubs) Union Church Rec Center. If you wish to walk or donate money, please see Cindy Goodling. The monies raised help to fight food insecurity in our world and community.

Stewardship Report August 2026

Average Attendance	Sunday School	Worship
	27	75
Budget Goal (\$4,202 per week)		\$ 218,492
Need to-date (35 weeks)		\$ 147,070
Budget Giving to Date (87%)		\$ 128,163
Designated Giving to Date		\$ 31,539
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE		\$ 159,702
Budget Giving for August		\$ 16,833
Designated Giving for August		\$ 4,969
Bereavement		\$ 300
Building Rental		\$ 755
Community Aid		\$ 74
HACC		\$ 280
Lawn Mowing		\$ 10
Memorial Gifts		\$ 675
Wood Trim		\$ 2,865
Youth		\$ 10



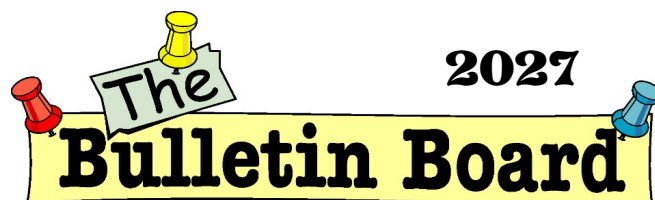
Remember to Fall Back

**Don't forget to
change your clocks.**

**November 1, 2026
at 2:00 A.M.**

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.



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



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

The over 60's group will meet on October 21, 2026 at 12 noon for a time of food and fellowship. Lunch will be provided by the committee. Members: Jo Ann Kline, chair, Dianne Black, Lesley Bowyer, Pearl Gebhart, Shirley Marshall, Linda Skiles and Fran Smith. We welcome any suggestions for future programs.



**Please Join Us
Nov 20, 21, 22**

Services with Ryan Braught Friday evening, Saturday evening following the Ice Cream Social, Sunday morning and Sunday evening.



Women's Fellowship

We had our business meeting on Thursday, September 17. Thirteen ladies attended. The Christmas Craft Show was discussed. It will be on Saturday, November 14 from 8 am to 2 pm. On Thursday, November 12, the chicken for the chicken corn soup will be prepared at 9 am. Then the ham and bean soup will be made. On Friday, November 13, the chicken corn soup will be completed.

The vendors will be setting up on Friday from 1 to 8 pm. Also, anyone wishing to donate crafts or baked goods can drop them off on that day or on Saturday at 6 am. If anyone would like to have a share-a-meal or donate a silent auction item, please let our group know.

We will have free coffee and popcorn on the day of the show. There will be door prizes every hour. Breakfast and lunch will be available. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and fun as we support our church.

TRUNK OR TREAT

**Tuesday, October 27
6:00 to 8:00 PM**

**Please consider
decorating a trunk**



Come Out and Join the Fun!



From the Desk of Pastor Mark continued

Secondly, as Brethren we believe that truth is best discerned in community- by a group rather than by an individual. That is why we hold Sunday school and Bible study in addition to worship. So, when we gather to meet, we trust that the Holy Spirit is present also to guide us in discerning what is best for the ministry of the church. These sessions are not meant to be a gripe session, but an opportunity to share our observations and insights about how things are going at Hanover COB and how they might be better. What is going well should be affirmed, and when there is criticism, it should be delivered as constructively as possible.

And third, God is always speaking, and leading us deeper and higher. He said through Isaiah, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19. Many a church has declined and died due to the attitude, "We've never done it that way before!" So we must remain open to new ministries and new directions God might take us. So we will share our ideas for new things as well!

I look forward to these gatherings, and hope to see you at one!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Mark



SENIOR DAY

AT CAMP EDER

Seniors aged 50 and older come and participate in cookie decorating at Camp Eder on November 4th from 9:30am-1pm

Cost is \$20 to register

RSVP at campeder.org or by calling 717-642-8256





10/2 Andy McDonald	10/15 Mary Ann Amspacher
10/4 Brooklyn Kneller	Bob Long
10/7 Ivy Church	Austin McMaster
Mary Lou Croson	Robert Yinger
10/8 James Miller	10/17 Darlene Bollinger
Shirley Marshall	10/22 Steve Shue
10/9 Karen Hull	10/24 Sharon McMaster
10/10 Teyuana Duckworth	10/26 Dianne Black
10/11 Sue Ambrosius	Tara Bridenbaugh
Teresa Carroll	Betsy Carolus
Bob Meminger	10/28 Craig Dickensheets
Angela Miller	10/30 Fred Markle
10/13 Stacy Brodbeck	Dave Smith
Emily Snyder	



10/6 Dick & Sue Ambrosius	(54)
10/7 Dave & Kim Smith	(26)
10/8 Isaac Southard & Darby Kline	(10)
10/9 Randy & Dianne Dickensheets	(44)
10/11 Wayne & Nancy Yingling	(57)
10/14 Mark & Lesley Bowyer	(36)
10/15 Dan & Susie Smith	(32)
10/16 Dave & Alison Hertz	(5)
10/17 Alex & Jamie Despines	(6)
10/19 Bob & Faye Bealing	(41)
10/23 Jason & Theresa Webb	(27)
10/24 Mike & Cindy Goodling	(39)

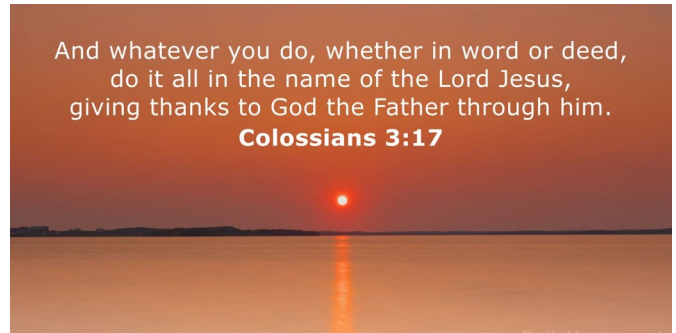


Fall Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 7
from 1 to 6 PM

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped and donated to make the Fall Yard Sale a success. We made over \$4,000 for the church but we also helped Camp Eder with donations for their Fall Festival in October and Christmas Tree Lights in December. Leftover clothing and shoes were all donated to Community Aid in Hanover. The rest went to a thrift shop in Red Lion that benefits their community.

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.

Paul Knaub family, Jess Kneller, Carol Replogle, Shyann Newton & her uncle, Eileen McKinley, Conrad Beard, William Louey

Hanover Hall

Esther Brown, Rm 117A
Spring Creek Rehab
Sonja Bankert

Brethren Home

Mary Ann Dissinger, BR Rm 210
Dolores Beard, PC Rm 4931



