



A Monthly Newsletter by the
Hanover Church of the Brethren

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From the Desk of Pastor Mark

“Truth AND Love!”

In April of 2010, Dr. Wayne Dyer blogged the following sentiment: “...when given the choice between being right and being kind—you’ll always choose to be kind.” From this has come the quote about choosing to be *kind* over being *right*. The late Dr. Dyer had good in mind when he typed out these thoughts. He was unpacking the slogan of many a recovery movement, “Let go and let God.” He rightly spoke of how easily ego becomes entangled in our arguments, and how insistent we become on being right no matter what. He advised that we learn the simple phrase, “You’re right about that!” when speaking to a verbal adversary.

But I do take some issue with this idea because it can cover for a dangerous lack of concern for *truth*. I am certainly not always right, but God is, and His truth is revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ, and through His Word, the Bible. Jesus Himself proclaimed,

“I am the way, the truth, the life”

Now, we must keep in mind that our ability to apprehend truth has been damaged by sin:
Ephesians 4:17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18 They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. 19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

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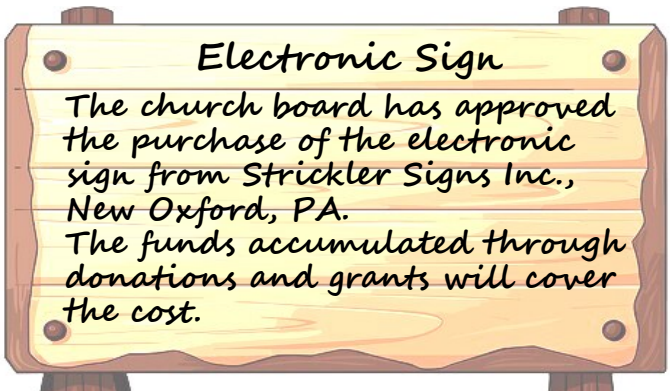
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Church Mission Statement

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

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Please Take Note



Our Stewardship

May 2024

Average Attendance	Sunday School	Worship
	28	77
Budget Goal (\$4,577 per week)	\$	248,403.00
Need to-date (22 weeks)	\$	100,694.00
Budget Giving to Date (68%)	\$	68,525.00
Designated Giving to Date	\$	12,166.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$	80,691.00
Budget Giving for May	\$	11,876.00
Designated Giving for May	\$	424.00
Building Rental	\$	176.00
Child Care Area	\$	44.00
Community Aid Bin	\$	84.00
Lawn Mowing	\$	20.00
Yard Sale	\$	100.00

June 2024

Average Attendance	Sunday School	Worship
	25	78
Budget Goal (\$ 4,577 per week)	\$	248,403.00
Need to-date (26 weeks)	\$	119,002.00
Budget Giving to Date (67%)	\$	80,486.00
Designated Giving to Date	\$	13,055.00
TOTAL GIVING TO DATE	\$	93,541.00
Budget Giving for June	\$	11,961.00
Designated Giving for June	\$	890.00
Building Rental	\$	183.00
Child Care Area	\$	22.00
Electronic Sign	\$	550.00
Lawn Mowing	\$	20.00
Memorial Gifts	\$	25.00
VBS	\$	10.00
Yard Sale	\$	40.00
Youth Group	\$	40.00

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 18



Children and youth, please remember to bring your backpack to church on **Aug. 18** to have it blessed before starting the new school year.

WELCOME BACK, CHOIR

Choir rehearsals will begin again Sep 4 at 7:00. If you want to join the choir, please get in touch with Roxie Schloyer.



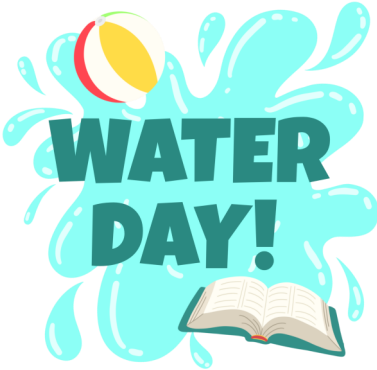
Community Aid is in need of summer clothing. If you have extra summer

clothing, see Phyllis Fuhrman and she will take it for donation. If you wish to take the clothes yourself, our donation number is 20020.



School Supply Collection August 18

Christian Ed is once again collecting school supplies to donate to Children's Aid Society. Thanks for donating.



Sunday, August 11

Water Day for children and youth will be held during the church service this year, rather than the Sunday School hour. Please bring your bathing suit and towel.

Fun at VBS 2024



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Us & Our Community...



CROSS KEYS VILLAGE
The Brethren Home Community



August 10
Cost: \$13

**The Friends of Cross Keys Village
Annual Chicken BBQ**

Saturday, August 10

10:30 am until the dinners are sold out.
½ chicken, baked potato, roll, and applesauce.

If you wish to guarantee that you will secure a dinner you should consider **preordering**. Please see Cindy Goodling for the form. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Good Samaritan Fund and additional Friends' projects.



**Southern PA
District Conference**

Sep 20 & 21, 2024
Newville COB
16 Carlisle Road, Newville, PA



**Brethren Disaster
Relief Auction
Lebanon Valley
Expo. Center
September 27 & 28**

- *Quilt Auction
- *Sporting Goods
- *Theme Baskets
- *Arts & Crafts
- *Tools, Garden Items
- *Coin Auction
- *General Merchandise
- *Children's Activities
- *Food & Drinks
- *Saturday Breakfast

Help is needed in all areas. Please consider making a theme basket to donate. See Phyllis with questions or to create a theme basket.



St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Grace UCC to present "An old Fashioned Hymn Sing"

The event will be held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 30 W. Chestnut Street, Hanover, PA. Tickets are NOT required for admission. A free-will offering will be taken to assist with the concert costs. The doors open at 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow the program.

Our next concert will be held on Sunday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m. and will feature Dan Miller, world-renowned concert organist from Oregon. Tickets are NOT required for admission. Additional information can be found on the church website - www.stmattlutheran.org.

The St. Matthew Austin pipe organ with 14,470 pipes is one of the ten largest pipe organs in the world. Please check our website for more information on this glorious instrument.

From the Desk of Pastor Mark continued

1 Timothy 4:1 *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. 2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.*

And in 1 Corinthians 13:12, Paul admitted, *“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.”*

So how can we know truth, and how can we *know* that we know it? Well, as usual, it’s Jesus to the rescue!

John 16:2 *“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”*

And since Acts 2, the Spirit *has* come! We receive Him with our salvation, and so *we* can also be led into all truth! Isn’t that cool??? So... why do we still bicker and disagree?

James says: James 4:1 *What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. 4 You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? 6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”*

Ouch! But we need to hear how our motives and desires matter. If we are loving God by loving our brothers and sisters, we will want what’s best for them, not just ourselves. We will be able to hear the truth much more accurately. So, before voicing my opinion about anything important, I need to check my motives, and check the quality of my service to others. Am I asking God for revealed wisdom? Am I willing to hear His will whatever it may be? Am I choosing a “side” that suits me? All good questions. When we listen together in unity, GOOD THINGS will happen- that’s His promise:

Hebrews 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

By the way, throughout this process, we still get to be kind! In fact, as we have seen, the kindness of humility is necessary to be sensitive to God’s voice. We are told to speak the truth *in love* by the One who came full of grace *and* truth! You think about that, amen!

In His Love,
Pastor Mark

AUGUST Birthdays

8/3	Neal Yingling	8/17	Dan Hawbaker
	Martin Baggerman	8/18	Ed Swartz
8/4	Ken Becker		Scott Sanders
	Carolyn Byers	8/19	Shawn Frymyer
8/5	Brock Swartz	8/22	Ray Mummert
	Emma Gavazzi		Rachel Hornbaker
8/10	Melissa Miller	8/24	Makenna Bowman
	Gage Ryan Weaver		Ed Robbins
8/11	Lisa Luckenbaugh	8/26	Roxie Schloyer
8/12	Dale Ault		Jeff Wolf
8/13	Theresa Webb	8/28	Natalie Shanley
8/14	Brenda Dell	8/30	Pat Burkentine
8/15	Logan Smith		Jennifer Sanders
	Maryn Fetrow		

AUGUST Anniversaries

8/2	Bruce & Deb Stambaugh	(55)
8/4	Ben & Emily Fleming	(8)
	Russell & Angela McMaster	(34)
8/10	Pork & Brenda Dell	(22)
8/11	Joe & Lisa Luckenbaugh	(34)
8/21	Ed & Jackie Swartz	(42)
8/23	Barton & Karen Klunk	(44)
8/30	Brett & Alison Strausbaugh	(27)



Church Yard Sale



will be held
Saturday,
October 12.
You may begin
dropping things
off after
Labor Day.

More information to follow in Sep.

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.

Chris Markle Mowry, Family of Alyssa Bane Owens, Ken Becker, Luann Gebhart, Amy Despines, Dolores Beard, Corey's family, Edna Markle, Mary Ann Amspacher

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

Hanover Hall

Esther Brown - Room 117A

Country Meadows

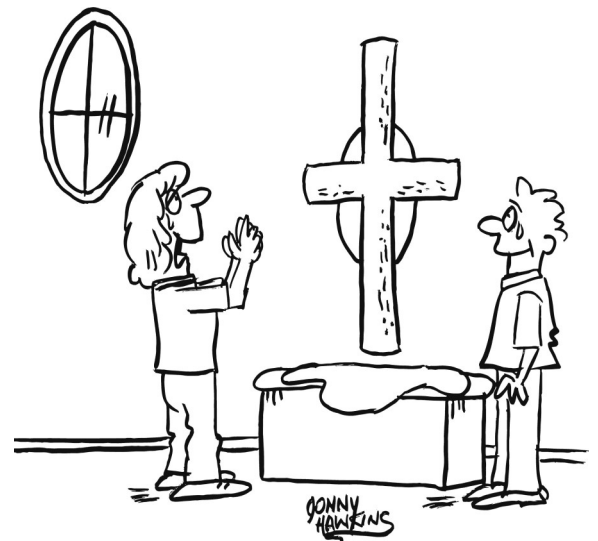
Bonnie Berwager - Apt. 311

Spring Creek Rehab

Sonja Bankert

Utz Terrace

Evelyn Dickensheets



"Because of this, my sins were crossed out."

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6 pm Bread of Life	2	3
4 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	5 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon	6 8 pm AA	7 2 pm Line Dancing	8	9	10
11 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 10:30 Water Day	12 PAL @ HACC 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm Board Meets 7 pm AlAnon	13 8 pm AA	14	15	16	17
18 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Backpack Blessing School Supplies Sep Newsletter Article Deadline	19 6 pm Line Dance 7 pm AlAnon	20 8 pm AA	21 2 pm Line Dancing	22	23 9 am Newsletter Assembly	24
25 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	26 6 pm Line Dance 6 pm Deacon Meeting 7 pm AlAnon	27 8 pm AA	28	29	30	31