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Hanover Area Council of Churches

One Body • One Spirit

COUNCIL NEWS –
December 2016 - January 2017

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November Special Needs

PAL

Salad Dressing
 Coffee Mate
 Hot Chocolate

CLOTHING BANK

Toiletries
 Men's Thermal Gloves
 Knit Hats

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER

Deodorant (Men's &
 Women's)
 Men's Hats/Gloves
 Handwarmers

RUTH'S HARVEST

All single serving please!

Snacks
 Entrees
 Fruit
 Drinks

*We accept donations Mon.-
 Sat. between
 8 am—12:30 pm
 or by appointment.
 Call 717-633-6353 to
 schedule a drop-off time.*



From the desk of Carol Hinkle (HACC Director)

This is such a blessed time of year. One of our volunteers remarked that it would be wonderful if this season came two times a year. We here at the Council have been fortunate to be the recipient of can food drives, turkey donations, food boxes for those in extra need, blanket and pillow drives, coat drives, and food donations for both PAL and Changing Lives Shelter.

The generosity of the community is always amazing, and it is wonderful to be a part of the community coming together to help to assure that all have something for the holiday season from Thanksgiving through Christmas. While some things have improved in our national economy the poverty level in our community has increased. There are not enough social services or funds to help all the need in our area, and many people are hurting. That has put the onus on us as the people of God to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless. It has always been our mission to do these things. As Christ charged his followers 2,000 years ago, the church has been serving the basic needs as well as spiritual needs of our communities. Sometimes the church has not done as well as it has at other times. However, the Council was founded for this very purpose by a group of churches forty-eight years ago. It is a difficult time for many, especially those on fixed incomes and families that are unemployed or underemployed.

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<http://hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org/donate-online>



From the desk of Rev. Kate Schroeder (Council President)

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! I'm Pastor Kate Schroeder and, in my full-time call, I serve God alongside the fine people of St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Since coming to Hanover, I have been so impressed by the incredible work that happens at the Hanover Area Council of Churches and I am so delighted that you recently elected me to be president of your efforts.

Before returning to graduate school to become a pastor, I served God's people as a Registered Nurse and often find myself using my experiences as a nurse in my current role. But, the truth is that ALL of God's people, no matter the work that they do, are called (and privileged)

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Continued from page 1, "Carol Hinkle"

With grateful hearts we want to take this opportunity to thank God for the Greater Hanover Area, for all the support we have received and for all those who so willingly give their time to serve in all our ministries in whatever capacity needed with such amazing dedication. We thank God for providing what we need exactly when we need it whether it is an individual to step in gap of a vacancy in leadership and service, or a special need that has occurred; the Lord has been faithful to provide personnel, material and financial aid as needed.

In keeping with this blessed season of the year, when we anticipate the birth of the Christ Child, let us continue in doing the work appointed of caring for those who come to us in their need. We thank you for all you do and ask that you continue in prayer for our ministries.

May I ask as we enter 2017 that the 'Spirit of Christmas' continues to remind us that there are still those who are homeless, battered and abused, lonely, unloved and unlovable, addicted, and hurting all around us? May we search the faces of individuals with the "eyes of Christ" and see behind the mask.

On behalf of all staff, I wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.

Yours in Christ,
Carol



Continued from page 1, "Rev. Kate Schroeder"

to proclaim the Gospel through our words and deeds, and I have so often seen this happen through YOU, the members of the Council of Churches.

You may know that the word pastor comes from the Latin, meaning herdsman or shepherd. So historically, the pastor is often thought of as the "shepherd of the flock". But, this doesn't always seem just right to me, and so, like many of you, whenever I am faced with life's questions, I turn to the Bible. In John 10, Jesus says: **I AM** the good Shepherd. Therefore, I don't think of myself so much as a shepherd but, more like a sheepdog ... herding, pointing, prodding and sometimes even biting at the heels of the sheep, so they can follow our one true shepherd, Jesus Christ. It is a very special union between the sheepdog and the herd, as each one is dependent upon the other and each one grows closer to the Shepherd because of the other.

I pray we have a healthy life in the pasture together and I look forward to serving you as we continue to do the work God has put before us; thereby serving God

Romans 13:1 – "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."

December Meetings

- Dec. 1, 3pm—Community Needs at HACC
- Dec. 1, 7pm—Shelter Comm. at HACC
- Dec. 5, 7pm—Ministries Board at HACC
- Dec. 13, 7:30am—Building Comm. @ HACC
- Dec. 19, 5pm—Finance Comm. @ St. Joseph 's

Weekly Prayer Requests

- Week of Dec. 4: Changing Lives Shelter Residents
- Week of Dec. 11: HACC Sunday Worship Leaders
- Week of Dec. 18: Clothing Bank Ministry
- Week of Dec. 25: HACC Holiday Volunteers

January Meetings

- Jan. 2, 7pm—Ministries Board at HACC
- Jan. 5, 7pm—Shelter Comm. at HACC
- Jan. 9, 11am—Ruth's Harvest @ Middle St.
- Jan. 10, 7:30am—Building Comm. @ HACC
- Jan. 16, 5pm—Finance Comm. at St. Joseph 's
- Jan. 24, 4:30pm—Exec. Comm. at HACC
- Jan. 26, 3pm—Community Needs at HACC

Weekly Prayer Requests

- Week of Jan. 1: HACC Volunteers
- Week of Jan. 8: Building Committee
- Week of Jan. 15: Changing Lives Shelter Staff
- Week of Jan. 22: CL Shelter Volunteers

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

In a continuing feature for our newsletter we will highlight a ministry from a volunteers' experience. It is important to understand how those who do the work on a daily basis see Who We Are and What We Do!

THANK YOU P.A.L. VOLUNTEERS

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, say good – bye to 2016 and welcome 2017 with all the blessings and challenges it will offer, I would like to say **THANK YOU** to all the teams who so tirelessly plan, prepare, serve and clean up the PAL LUNCH every day, the many volunteers who faithfully use their time, talents and vehicles to gather the donations from the many businesses who so graciously donate food and to the dedicated ladies and gentlemen who accept the donations as they are delivered and make certain they are placed in the proper place until needed. I would be remiss if I did not say a special **THANK YOU** to the many businesses and individuals throughout the Hanover area who donate food and money to the Hanover Area Council Of Churches to make certain our message of love and compassion is able to be delivered. Collectively, your dedication has made it possible by year's end to serve more than 78,000 hot nutritious meals to the residents of Hanover.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED
NEW YEAR
Frank George*

THANK YOU RUTH'S HARVEST

AND CAN YOU IMAGINE THIS -

September 2016 was the beginning of YOUR 4TH YEAR serving the children of the Hanover Borough Elementary schools. Since our beginning in September 2013 we have provided 7 nutritious meals every weekend during the school year. During this THANKSGIVING and CHRISTMAS celebration I would like to say THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who gather together on Monday morning to accept and sort the donated food, gather together every other Tuesday morning to help unload the truck from the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and gather together once again every Thursday to pack all of the back packs. Let me not forget the four other volunteers who deliver the back packs on Friday morning.

This program is only possible through the donations of the many people in Hanover and beyond. Each year the number of children enrolled in Ruth's Harvest continues to increase and we ask for your continued support. When I realized the enormity of this program I decided to provide you with some figures.

For the first three years we served a total of 740 students. This year the count is 261 students and we expect the number to increase after the first of the year as it had in years past. We provide 7 complete meals each weekend and each back pack contains 17 food items.

For the children who benefit from your generosity and the volunteers who work the program allow me to say a BIG THANK YOU!

Grace United Church of Christ 7th Annual Hanover Has Talent. Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017. We are looking for contestants & audience to cheer them on. For more info, please contact the Church at graceclerk@yahoo.com or by phone at 717-632-1146. We are looking forward to what has now become a Hanover tradition, a win-win effort: showcasing local talent with proceeds benefiting the **Hanover Area Council of Churches Changing Lives Shelter.**

!!! All Saints Episcopal—January 29th 4:00PM!!!
Service of Prayer for Christian Unity—Bishop Audrey Scanlan
890 McCosh, Hanover, Pa

HOLIDAY HOURS: Clothing Bank CLOSED for the Holidays: Dec 21-Jan 4

NO Community Health Clinic on Dec. 24—PAL will be open EVERY Day at 11 am

CHURCH EVENTS

If your church has an event that it would like to publicize to the larger community email your articles to adminhacc@comcast.net no later than the 15th of each month.

Deadline to include articles in the February 2017 newsletter is February 14

*Trinity Lutheran Church
6 York Street,
Codorus (Jefferson), Pa 17311*

Brown Bag Bible Study -
Come join in a lively
discussion as we explore the
Word of God!
Wednesdays 11:30a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Angel Tree will be up in the
lobby -
Nov 27th—Dec 18th. Open your
hearts to spread God's love
during this time of giving. 

5th Annual Country Christmas
Bazaar - December 3, 2016
8 a.m.-2 p.m.



**HOMEMADE CRAFTS, FOOD,
JEWELRY, BOOKS, SILENT AUCTION,
AND MUCH MORE**

**Proceeds go to the Harvest of Hope Food
Pantry & our church Emergency Fund**



You are invited to
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Annual Cookie Walk

Proceeds to benefit our 2017 mission trip
to Guatemala

Saturday, December 3, 2016
Fellowship Hall
9:00 – 11:00 (or until sold out)

Here's how it works: At the door you will be
able to purchase an empty 8"x8"x3" box for
\$10. Then once inside, you are free to fill it
with a large variety of homemade cookies,
baked by our own St. Matthew members and
their friends.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church is located on
the corner of Franklin & Chestnut in
Hanover. **The best parking is in the lot at
the corner of Frederick and Franklin.**

Emmanuel UCC, 124 Broadway, Hanover, PA 17331
For more info/tickets call Barb 717-632-8281

*Annual Christmas Tea -
with Jane Dishareon & Martha Schaeffer*



Saturday, December 3, 11:30 am seating -
\$20 adult; \$8 children 8 years old under
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED -
SEATING LIMITED**

Sunday, December 18, 7 pm

106th Annual Carol Sing

Emmanuel UCC, 124 Broadway, Hanover PA

A Hanover Tradition

Christmas carols sung and their stories (re)told by

Steve McKonly and Landy Grimm

Accompanied by a community orchestra Don

Horneff, organ & Myfanwy Jacob-Smith, piano

Directed by Jamie Brown

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 127 York Street, Hanover, PA 17331
717-637-5941, www.stpaulsyorkst.org, or email us at stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net

EVENTS

Hershey Handbell Ensemble Concert

December 3, 2016 - 7:00 pm - **DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM**

FREE TO THE PUBLIC—(Handicap Accessible)

Parking is in the rear of the church on Middle Street



ADVENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Midweek Advent Services will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning *November 30*. The services will be held in the sanctuary beginning at 7 pm on November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. We invite you to join us for this simple worship setting on Wednesday evenings in Advent, and leave the hustle and bustle of the world behind for a time to consider what the coming of Christ means to us.



Saturday evening with Holy Communion
December 3, 10 & 17 at 5:30 pm in the lounge.



Sunday with Holy Communion

November 27, December 4 & 11 - Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am and Brief Service of Worship and Prayer at 9:15 am
December 18 – Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am and a 9:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program

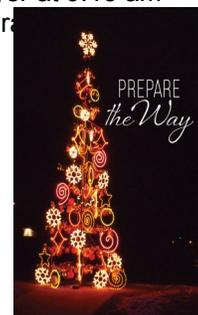
Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24 with Holy Communion

7:00 pm – Candlelight Service with Cherub and Childrens' Choirs and Brass ensemble
10:30 pm – Candlelight Service with Senior and Youth Choirs and Brass ensemble

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25

10:00 am – Christmas Carol Holy Communion Liturgy



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES
December 18 - Worship at 10:30 am

December 24 - 6:00 pm
Christmas Eve

Communion & Candlelight Service

December 25 - 10:00 am
Christmas Day - Birthday Party for Jesus

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hanover Church of the Brethren
601 Wilson Avenue
717-632-2267 -
www.HanoverCOB.org
Pastor Geraldine Godfrey



**Now Accepting Donations for
Our Christmas Shop!**



Last year we were able to provide gifts for over 60 children and youth in our Christmas Shop. We are currently collecting toys and items for children and teens (infant to age 18) for the shop which will open in December. Baby dolls & Barbie dolls (ethnic diversity), cars & trucks, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, games, puzzles, books, jewelry, & gift cards are all popular. If you have something to donate or need other suggestions please call the Council office at 717-633-6353.

**MAGIC ELM SKATELAND CHRISTIAN MUSIC
NIGHTS Supporting Hanover Area Council of
Churches Ministries**

December 5 - Clothing Bank Ministry
January 2 - Changing Lives Shelter



Magic Elm Skateland Christian Music Night's every 1st Monday 6:30-8:30pm—through May 1st, 2017

The cost for admission is \$6 with an additional \$3 for skate rental. You can exempt yourself from the admission prices by donating for a specific organization every month. You may bring as many items as you would like, but need to bring at least the minimum amount of items to be exempt from the admission price.

You can find more information about our Christian Music Nights on our website www.magicelmskateland.com, Facebook page: Magic Elm Skateland Inc, or by calling us at 717-632-1888.

THE BLACK ROCK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

We are hosting a six week educational seminar on diabetes. All are welcome, there is no charge, no need to register! The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 1/3-2/7 from 6:30pm-8pm. During these classes you will find out about: diabetes and its risks, diet and exercise, talking with your health care team and managing medications.

Any questions, please call the church office

717-637-6170

Look What's Happening @ HACC

Every Tuesday of each month-10:30-Noon

Veterans Administration—Offering assistance to veterans.

1st Tuesday of each month—10:30am-Noon

United Healthcare—Offering a medical program for members who have Medicare and Medicaid. It includes all medical services at no additional cost.

2nd Tuesday of each month—10:30am-Noon

Penn State Extension—Food Preparation Program—Learn how to stretch your food dollars and make healthier choices.

Rabbi Transit—Learn how to ride the bus, purchasing passes, handicap accessibility, Curb-to-Curb Paratransit, etc.

Every Saturday 7am—NA Meeting

Every Sunday 8am—AA Meeting

Sunday & Wed. evenings—7:30-9 pm

SMART Recovery (Self Management and Recovery Training) A self-help program for ending addictive behaviors through abstinence based on science, reason and humanistic values. This program is an alternative to AA and NA meetings.

Free Community Health Clinics

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
10:30 am-12 Noon

Diabetes Education Classes
1st & 3rd Tuesdays—12-1 pm

(Diabetes classes courtesy of the
York County Community Foundation
Edgar I. Garrett Fund Grant)

2nd & 4th Thursdays
6:00-8:00 pm



Clothing Bank Hours

Open to the Public:
Thursdays 9 am—12 pm
Rummage Sale 1st Saturday
of each month 9 am—12 pm

Open to
Certified Clients Only:
Tuesdays 9 am—12 pm

Certified clients must make an appointment and fill out an application which includes a copy of a valid Photo ID, Social Security card, and proof of income (at 200% of the poverty level).

Interested persons can contact the Council office at 717-633-6353 during office hours.

We accept Clothing Bank donations Mon.-Fri. between 8 am—12:30 pm or by appointment. Call 717-633-6353 to schedule a drop-off time.

St. Mark Lutheran Church

129 Charles Street, Hanover, PA 17331

Masquerade™ Jewelry Sale: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 7th thru 9th in the fellowship hall. (Hours: Wednesday and Thursday, 7am-7pm and Friday, 7am-4pm)
Hanover Hospital is pleased to present another of their \$5 Jewelry and Accessories Sales in the fellowship hall of St. Mark Lutheran Church. This sale is sponsored by The Hanover Hospital Auxiliary. Cash, Credit/Debit Cards and hospital payroll deductions can be used to make your purchases. Entry can be made from the church parking lot located on the corner of Charles Street and Elm Avenue. In addition our pre-school is having a bake sale along with soup and

Rabbit Transit—Seniors Ride Free!

Did you know that seniors age 65+ who register with rabbittransit can ride the Fixed Route service for FREE! There is also a Half Fare Program that persons with disabilities may qualify for. There is FREE travel training available as well for those who may be unfamiliar with how to ride. For more information, please contact info@rabbittransit.org, call 1-800-632-9063 or visit www.rabbittransit.org.



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December



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p><i>Merry Christmas</i></p>				<p>1 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon <i>Commun. Needs Comm. 3pm —HACC Shelter Comm. 7pm —HACC</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Rummage Sale 9am - 1pm NA Mtg. 7pm —HACC</p>
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<p>"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." —Luke 2:11</p> 						

2017 JANUARY

*“You crown the year with
Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with
abundance”*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- Watch WGAL TV for updates.



Community Health FREE Medical Clinic at HACC, 136 Carlisle St., Hanover, PA 17331



Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 AM—12 Noon
 Every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-8 PM

DONATE ONLINE TO HACC :<http://hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org/donate-online>

BUY LASAGNA AND FEED THE HUNGRY!!

\$25 FOR LASAGNA CAN YOUR CHURCH HELP COOK? DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE PEOPLE WHO WOULD BENEFIT?

The Amici D'Italia club (Friends of Italy) are selling traditional homemade lasagna by the pan to support our local charities and help provide warm holiday meals to families in need. Be sure to order some for your holiday table and please consider donating a pan of lasagna to a less fortunate family. Each pan of lasagna serves 8 and is \$25/each. All orders MUST be pre-paid by December 5th. The lasagnas will be ready for pick-up on December 20th, 21st and 22nd at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 5055 Grandview Road, Hanover, PA. Send checks to Amici D'Italia, 7515 Hoffacker Rd, Glensville, PA 17329. For more information call or email Lynn at 632-7848 / lynnboop@embarqmail.com. Buon Natale!

