

# Hanover Area Council of Churches

## One Body • One Spirit

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### COUNCIL NEWS – February 2017

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#### **February Special Needs**

##### **PAL**

Coffee  
Mayonnaise  
Sauerkraut  
Peas

##### **CLOTHING BANK**

Bath  
Hand towels  
Men's Gloves

##### **CHANGING LIVES SHELTER**

Dish Detergent  
(liquid)  
Deodorant (Men &  
Women)  
Hand Sanitizer

##### **RUTH'S HARVEST**

Entrees  
Breakfast Items  
Single serve veggies  
*All single serving please!*

*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)***

Another year has passed and I find myself blessed to be able to start a new year with the Hanover Area Council of Churches. We eagerly look forward to reoccurring events such as Hanover Has Talent being presented by Acts of Kindness and Grace United Church of Christ on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 2PM at the Eichelberg Performing Arts Center. Proceeds help support our Changing Lives Homeless Shelter.

Also benefitting Changing Lives Shelter, as well as Turning Point Inter-Faith Mission, is our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Cares "House the Homeless" Radio-thon on our local WHVR 1280 AM station. We will be on air Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from noon until 8pm and Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> 8am until 4pm. We will have speakers, staff and volunteers from Changing Lives on air to answer your questions and take your pledges as well as local entertainers donating their talents for your enjoyment and a good cause.

***Proverbs: 19:17***

***"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."***

This past year our shelter served 266 men, women and children, which was six  
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#### ***From the desk of Rev. David Miller (Council Vice President)***

*...and the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:13)*

First Corinthians 13 is sometimes called a hymn of love. Though it has neither meter nor rhyme, its prose is nevertheless melodious and poetic. Bits and pieces of these thirteen verses can be found on posters, greeting cards, and wall hangings. You might see the whole passage printed as an ode to love. It is often read at weddings, which is appropriate since it lifts up fundamentals about love.

But this is not a poem on some abstract notion of romantic love meant for a Valentines card. Paul is writing to real people in a real situation who have a real problem. The Christians in Corinth were rich in spiritual gifts, especially that of speaking in tongues, and they attached great importance to gaining special religious knowledge. But the practice of speech and the display of knowledge were becoming divisive: some equated spiritual gifts with holiness while others mistook knowledge for the wisdom of God. The church was distracted and torn as the spiritual and wise elite claimed distinction from the rest, as if their gifts were evidence that they alone were living fully in the kingdom of God.

The first verses of chapter 13 strike right at the core of this problem. "If I speak in the tongues of mortals and angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or clanging symbol. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries...but do not have love, I am nothing." What Paul is addressing is not the particular gifts of the Corinthians so much as the manner in which they are used.

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more than 2016. We had 35 fewer men but 23 more women and 19 more children. We also experienced the most homeless veterans this past year than we have in the previous 8 years of year round operation; 14 as opposed to 6 in 2015.

We sincerely thank everyone who as individuals and groups worked hard to make Christmas in the shelter as pleasant as possible. From gifts to treats, warm socks and gloves to hats and hand warmers everyone was so very grateful for the blessings and well wishes that were so freely given. God bless you all as you have blessed others.

We are also at this time looking for an individual or two to volunteer Monday mornings in the shelter from 7am to 11am. Also available times that volunteers very welcomed are every other Wednesday from 1pm to 5pm or until dinner is over and clean up complete @ 7pm and Thursday 1pm to 5pm or again if possible until 6:30 or 7pm. If you are interested in assisting us at the shelter please call 717-633-1992.

I would like to finish this article with a thank you to Dean Shearer who "retired" from shelter staff as Case Manager on December 15<sup>th</sup> after 9 ½ years of serving a 90 day promise to help us get started. When we opened in June '07, I asked Dean if he would consider helping as Case Manager, his reply was "I will help for 90 days to get you set up and write some guidelines as we see what we will need." Dean did a great job for us and the homeless population who came to us for help. We wish Dean the best of life and thank him for his devotion. Karen Williams has moved into that position and we thank her for the excellent job she is doing thus far in filling some big shoes. As always please prayer for this ministry that we serve as our Lord guides our hearts and minds to help people in this desperate situation.



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He is not upset that they speak in tongues and seek knowledge; but he is concerned that in doing so they are not walking in love, they have ignored love, they do not have love.

This love of which Paul writes is a mighty thing. It is not the kind of love we speak of in regard to chocolate, or a great car, or a favorite movie. This is not about love songs, or romance, or a first date. It is not even fully encompassed by the love we share in the family or in the community of faith. The love Paul describes is greater, fuller, and more wonderful than any of these. It is the undeserved, unconditional love of God; a love that is given concrete expression in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. To have love is to have the love of God revealed in Christ. A love we cannot possibly return. A love to which we can only respond -- in praise and thanksgiving, and by sharing with others the gift we have received.

The love celebrated in First Corinthians comes from God, claims us, and through us reaches out to the world; for true love always begins with God and always goes beyond self. In this month of February, as retailers urge us to remember Valentine's Day by showering those we love with cards and candy, trinkets and treasures, may we also remember to share the love of God through our prayers and presence, substance and service, reaching out to all those whom God loves.

***Galatians 6:2***

***Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.***

### **February Meetings**

Feb. 2, 7pm—Shelter Comm. at HACC  
Feb. 6, 6:30pm dessert—7pm meeting—Annual BOD at HACC  
Feb. 13, 11am—Ruth's Harvest @ Middle St.  
Feb. 14, 7:30am—Building Comm. @ HACC  
Feb. 20, 5pm—Finance Comm. @ St. Joseph  
Feb. 23, 3pm—Community Needs Comm. @ HACC

### **Weekly Prayer Requests**

Week of Feb. 5 — Community Needs Committee  
Week of Feb. 12— Executive Committee  
Week of Feb. 19 — Faith-At-Work Committee  
Week of Feb. 26 — Finance Committee

**!!!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!**

***Building Help***—Need Volunteer(s) with plumbing and electrical exp. to help for occasional problems.

***Clothing Bank Help***— Volunteer (s) to sort clothes Mon., Wed. and/or Fri. 9-12 (any amount of hrs.) Call 717-633-6353

**Call 633-6353 for inquiries**

## Free Community Health Clinics

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

**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 for Monday or Wednesday 8-10:30 am and fill out an application which includes a copy of a valid Photo ID, Social Security card/s, 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.-Sat. between 8 am—12:30 pm or by appointment. Call 717-633-6353 to schedule a drop-off time. Thank you for your support!*

## CHRISTIAN MUSIC NIGHTS

**February 7th supports Clothing**

**Bank ministry of Hanover Area Council Churches**



of

Magic Elm Skateland Christian Music Night's every 1st Monday 6:30-8:30pm.

**February 7th - HACC Clothing Bank**

Please bring at least 1 pair of flip flops, socks, men's boxers or t-shirts size XL-3XL for free admission.

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: [www.magicelmskateland.com](http://www.magicelmskateland.com), Facebook page: Magic Elm Skateland Inc, or by calling us at 717-632-1888. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

## !!!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!

**HACC Reception Desk**

**Meals on Wheels—Drivers and Runners—local Hanover only.**

**Sunday Worship 10:30-11am —Clergy or Layperson to lead visitors in reading/worship at HACC.**

**Please call for info on volunteering 717-633-6353.**

**Daily volunteer(s) needed to help with HACC building tasks including: locking/unlocking doors on weekends (weekdays), changing filters, replacing light bulbs, receiving donations, and other misc. tasks. This is not meant for one person, but several volunteers sharing these tasks throughout the month would be a blessing.**



*If you would like to receive the HACC newsletter just call the office at 633-6353 and we will put you on the mailing list. Or GO GREEN and sign up to be on our email list. You may access the newsletter on our website at [www.hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org](http://www.hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org).*

## 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!*

# Changing Lives Shelter

We are off to another year with the Changing Lives Shelter. I have been blessed to have become part of the Hanover Area Council of Churches "Changing Lives Shelter". The Shelter has been operating for approximately 9 years. We have quite a few volunteers as well as staff who make it all possible for the Shelter to help people who are in immediate need of help. Since we are a working shelter all clients must seek employment immediately, daily chores are assigned on a regular basis as well as having to save money. Once the client has saved enough money, we can help them find housing. We do work with other agencies in the community to make this happen.

The Shelter provides life skills, cooking classes, and financial counseling, as well as drug and alcohol support group meetings. As Case manager for the Shelter I will be including the following skills, writing a resume, applying for jobs on line, opening a savings account or checking account, balancing a check book, and writing checks, all of which can be very beneficial for our clients.

In order for a client to enter the Shelter they must pass a drug and alcohol test. When a client comes into the Shelter he or she is given a handbook with all the rules that are required of them. If the client does not follow the rules they are asked to Leave. - submitted by Karen Williams, Karen Williams, Reflects - Case Manger

*"The past year has been a wonderful year for me; I have been blessed to have become part of the Hanover Area Council of Churches "Changing Lives Shelter". Since I started, I have been amazed of all the services we provide our clients in the community. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays was the most memorable time of the year, especially seeing the smiling faces and the joy of the Holiday Season on everyone's face. I can remember my very first day here, the feeling of peace that came over me; I knew at that point I was here for a reason. I have always had a passion to help others, even just to share a few words, say a kind word or have a laugh or two; and you see the joy in their faces. I have met quite a few volunteers as well as staff who make it all possible for the Changing Lives Shelter to help others who are in need of help.*

*It is such a joy to see the clients get a job and succeed here at the Changing Lives Shelter; they just need a little faith, hope and encouragement. God has blessed me with this opportunity to share this with our clients."*

### Reflection from CLS volunteer John Reitz -

*"Volunteers perform many tasks here at HACC. Without them the HACC would not function. Here are some examples of what the volunteers do.*

*We volunteers, help with the clients in the morning by keeping them on schedule for their daily activities (work or chores). We document the meds they take, monitor the locked front door, retrieve towels, clothes and other necessities for the clients, and supervise their assigned chores. Some volunteers retrieve food from the council freezers/pantries for the shelter food inventory, and help prepare food for cooking dinner late in the day.*

*Other volunteers at HACC help in the Clothing Bank, PAL lunch, Meals on Wheels, Ruth's Harvest, Community Garden, Community Health Clinic, Hispanic Center, and even some HACC office duties such as this newsletter keep the wheels rolling only through the help of volunteers.*

*If you are a passionate and cheerful person, you may get great pleasure and satisfaction by helping others."*

**!!! MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS !!!**

# CHANGING LIVES STATISTICS 2016

January 1 through December 31, 2016

Number of people using the shelter:	266
Males	123
Females	90
Children	53

## Age groups of clients

18—25	30
26—40	85
41—59	85
60 +	13
10 months to 17	53

## Income sources

Employed on arrival	48
Found employment	50
SSI/SSI Disability	30
Unemployment	3

## Progressed from shelter

Found housing	80
Returned to family/friends	30
Went to a program	5
Went to jail	3
Left on own	100
Discharged for cause	27

The number of shelter nights used by clients is 7336  
with an average stay of 27.5 nights per person....

17 single mothers with 39 children

0 single father with 0 children

6 married couple with 14 children

Number of homeless Veterans was 14

# 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](mailto:adminhacc@comcast.net) no later than the 15th of each month.*

**Deadline to include articles in the March newsletter is March 15.**

## Hanover Has Talent 2017

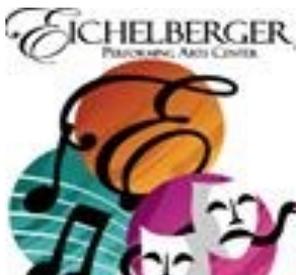
Grace UCC and Acts of Kindness Theatre Company invites you to come out and support our 7th "Hanover Has Talent Show" on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Eichelberger Performing Arts Center, 195 Stock St. #200, Hanover, PA 17331.

Hanover Has Talent benefits the Changing Lives Homeless Shelter. With the support of the community, the talent has raised over \$2,000 each year. Everyone attending gets to help the homeless and enjoy a great afternoon of entertainment.

**Tickets—\$9.00 at door (if available) \$7.00 advance**

Purchase advance tickets at Grace United Church of Christ, 100 Fourth Street, Hanover, PA 17331 (717-632-1146) Monday—Friday 10:00am—2:00pm.

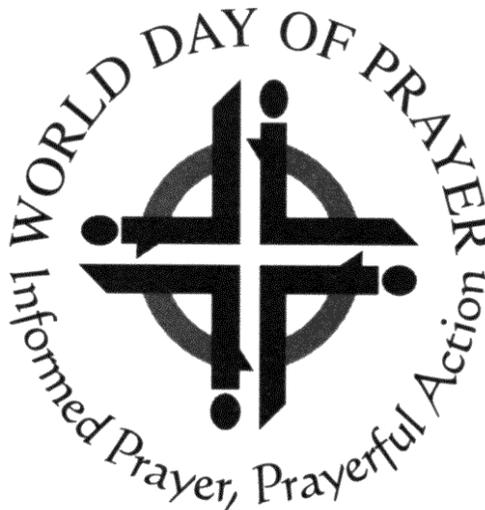
General seating only.



Grace United  
Church of Christ,  
Hanover, PA

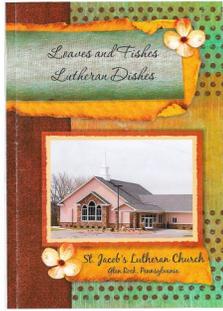
Friday, March 3,  
is World Day of  
Prayer 2017.

World Day of  
Prayer is an  
ecumenical  
celebration of  
informed  
prayer and  
prayerful



Join in the prayer  
service written by  
the women of the  
Philippines. The  
theme for the event  
is "Am I Being Un-  
fair to You?"

**St. Vincent de Paul Church**  
**220 Third Street, Hanover, PA**  
**7:00PM**



ST. JACOB'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COOKBOOK

Favorite recipes of family, friends  
and members

Great gift idea for your family & friends

\$15.00

Call church office - 215-235-7313 to order

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church has just completed our first church cookbook, "Loaves and Fishes Lutheran Dishes". It is a compilation of just over 500 recipes. These recipes were shared by members, family, and friends. They have been put together for all to share.

We are making these cookbooks available to the community, too. Please share with your congregation.

If anyone would like to purchase a cookbook, please take orders or have them call our church office (717-235-7313). Price is \$15.00

We will deliver orders, of 10 or more, directly to your church.

## Legos/Craft Club - Every Wednesday 6-7PM

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

217 Fulton St., Hanover, PA 17331

Come join in the Fun and Refreshments!!

*An Imaginative & Creative Way to Explore the Bible with Children*

Questions: Call Karen Anderson 717-965-2119



**Redeemer's UCC,**  
**107 E. King St., Littlestown, PA 17340**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Italian Dinner**  
**Saturday, February 25 (snow date March 4)**  
**4-7 pm, last seating at 6:30 pm.**  
**Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child age 5-12, under 5 is free.**



*Italian Dinner*

## Lenten



## Lunches

**JOIN US!**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**127 York Street**  
**Hanover, PA 17331**  
**717-637-5941**

EVERY TUESDAY FROM MARCH 7 THRU APRIL 4, 2017  
**HOLY WEEK LUNCHEON** – TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017 12 NOON TO 12:45 P.M.

Rev. Doug Johnson -  
 Former Pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

COST IS \$4.00 INCLUDES HOMEMADE SOUP, CRACKERS, DESSERT AND BEVERAGE **NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED**

**SPEAKERS WILL BE FROM VARIOUS CHURCHES IN THE HANOVER AREA**  
**COME AND BRING A FRIEND!**

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## “Hanover Cares: House the Homeless” Marathon



Turn in to the Live broadcast on



# WHVR 1280 AM Feb. 9 and 10, 2017

The proceeds will benefit the Changing Lives Homeless Shelter operated by the Hanover Area Council of Churches and programs for the homeless provided by Turning Point.

Give a unique gift to your special Valentine and support the Changing Lives Homeless Shelter and Turning Point Interfaith Mission programs for the homeless.



call WHVR at 717-637-0052 during the marathon to make your pledge

### Rabbit Transit Information

Rabbittransit vehicles travel safely in snow although they may be delayed during inclement weather. During severe winter weather, you can keep up with any service updates by one of the following ways including: **FACEBOOK**—Follow us for up-to-date changes by searching *rabbittransit RIDER ALERTS*—Sign up on our website for email or text message alerts:

**WEBSITE**—Visit [www.rabbittransit.org](http://www.rabbittransit.org)

**RIDER HOTLINE** – Hotline at 717-849-0740

**NEWS**—Check out WGAL 8, FOX 43, WHTM TV 27, or CBS 21

**RADIO**—Listen to WARM 103 (103.3FM), WSBA (910AM) or THE PEAK (98.5) for information.



A donation has been made to the Hanover Area Council of Churches in honor of

by \_\_\_\_\_

This represents a donation to the Cold Weather Shelter to provide temporary housing to the homeless of the area.

"House the Homeless" is an effort by WHVR 1280 AM to raise funds for this important cause.

CALL WHVR AT 717-637-0052 DURING THE MARATHON TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE

### In Case of Inclement Weather

- Tune your radio to WHVR (1280 AM) or
- WYCR (98.5 FM) to get all the information about closings or cancellations at the Council.
- Watch WGAL TV





# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon <i>CLS Shelter Comm. 7pm— HACC</i>	3	4 Rummage Sale 9am - 1pm NA Mtg. 7pm—HACC  HANOVER HAS TALENT 2PM
5 AA Mtg.—8am Worship—10:30 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	6 <i>Annual BOD Meeting. 7pm, 6:30 Dessert — HACC</i>	7 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Medical Clinic 10:30am-12pm	8 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	9 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Medical Clinic 6-8pm HACC  <b>Hanover Cares WHVR</b>	10	11  NA Mtg. 7pm—HACC
12 AA Mtg.—8am Worship—10:30 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	13 <i>Ruth's Harvest 11am—Middle St</i>	14 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon  <i>Building Com. 7:30am—HACC</i>	15 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	16 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon	17	18  NA Mtg. 7pm—HACC
19 AA Mtg.—8am Worship—10:30 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	20 <i>Finance Comm. 5pm—St. Joseph</i>	21 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Medical Clinic 10:30am-12pm	22 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	23 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Medical Clinic 6-8pm HACC Comm. Needs 3pm—HACC	24	25  NA Mtg. 7pm—HACC
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 <p><b>HANOVER CARES:</b>  <i>House the Homeless</i></p> <p>Feb. 9 &amp; 10      See Page 8</p>	<p><i>Give a unique gift to your special Valentine &amp; support our</i></p> <p><b>WHVR 1280AM - Feb 9 &amp; 10</b>  <b>Hanover Cares: House the Homeless Radio-thon</b>  <b>See page 8</b></p>
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**COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Hanover Has Talent**  
 Celebrate the Talent of the Hanover Community

Profits from the show benefit the Hanover Area Council of Churches  
 "Changing Lives Shelter for the Homeless."



**GRACE UCC**  
 graceuccchanover.com

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*Acts of Kindness Theatre Company*

**Community Health FREE Medical Clinic**

At HACC, 136 Carlisle St.

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
 10:30 AM—12 Noon

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
 6-8 PM

