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Hanover Area Council of Churches

One Body • One Spirit

COUNCIL NEWS – May 2017

www.hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org

May **Special Needs**

PAL

Ketchup
Coffee/Coffee Mate
Sugar
Scalloped Potatoes

CLOTHING BANK

Sheets
Full-size Towels

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER

Powdered drink mixes
Men/Women's deodorant
Larger sized flip flops

RUTH'S HARVEST

Snacks
Fruit
Breakfast Items
Drinks
All single serving please!

We accept donations Mon.
-Sat. between
8 am—12:30 pm
or by appointment.
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From the desk of Carol Hinkle (HACC Director)

The Season of Easter is such a glorious time. It seems the whole earth celebrates the risen Christ as flowers bloom on shrubs and trees and in gardens, lawns turn green with new growth, the sky is brighter and birds are singing. The gift of this joyous season (our salvation) is given so freely to all who readily open the package. I find that those who have found this gift are so eager to share by way of service to our Lord to those in our community.

Among those faithful servants is Frank George, Director of our PAL Ministry. Frank suffered a stroke the end of March while here working on the inventory at PAL. He is progressing but not at the pace he desires. We do ask that you hold Frank and his wife Hazel in your prayers. One way we would be able to help Frank is to have plenty of volunteers for the Postal Food Drive that will take place on Saturday, May 13th. It is one of the largest drives of the year. We will need drivers with trucks to run pick-ups from the Post Office to the Council Building. Here they will be unloaded and taken to the upstairs clothing bank where they can be sorted. We have worked in

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

Lent is over and Easter Day has passed but, the 50-day season of Easter is here! The rhythm of time is so beautifully revealed in the church calendar. Lent comes as the days begin to lengthen which prepares us for the life that is found in the Resurrection of Christ at Easter. It is a time when the world seems to come alive just as the growing season begins. Today, I am drawn to these three verses from Matthew 11:28-30. **'Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart ... and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'**

There is a beautiful legend about the early years of Jesus before his public ministry. It recounts that Jesus, the son of a carpenter, was a master yoke-maker in the town of Nazareth. People would come from miles around to buy a yoke for their oxen; a yoke hand-carved by Jesus. When customers first arrived with their team of oxen, Jesus would spend time carefully measuring the animals; their height, the proper space that needed to separate them, the circumference of their necks, and so on. Later, when the team returned, Jesus would carefully rest the precisely-made yoke over their shoulders, smoothing out rough edges and fitting it perfectly to this particular team of oxen.

We are not necessarily familiar with what a yoke is in our 21st century
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two shifts in the past Noon -3PM and 3PM- 6PM. This is something youth groups and scout troops could assistance in supplying much needed energy.

Our Clothing Bank is a busy place in this season of spring and summer. We find there are a large number of donations due to the large number of yard sales. We do ask

that people discriminate when gathering yard sale leftovers. We have learned that if they are not worth your saving they probably should not be donated to us. We are looking for volunteers for the Clothing Bank to help sort items as they come in, for cashiers for sale days and as a Co-Chair to help oversee the whole ministry. We thank Jim Anderson for the many hours and dedication to the ministry and wish him the best of luck as he moves on to other volunteer opportunities.

With the spring come the thoughts of gardening. Our Community Health Ministry is also thinking gardens. We will have community Gardens at All Saints Episcopal Church, Clearview Terrace, First United Methodist Church, St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran, St. Matthew Lutheran, St. Paul's Lutheran (Broadway) and new this year we hope to have gardens at St. Jacob Lutheran (Glen Rock) and Hispanic Congregation at the Hanover Four Square Gospel Church. We are looking for volunteers to help with any of the gardens or plant your own and be part of this wonderful effort to provide healthy vegetables to the people of Hanover for whom they are not readily available.

To help with these ministries or any other ministry, please call us at (717) 633-6353. Remember that everyone is able to keep us in your prayers and we ask that you do. Easter Blessings to All!

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. "
Hebrews 6:10

May Meetings

May 3, 7pm—Board of Directors at HACC
May 6, 7pm—Shelter Comm. at HACC
May 0, 11am—Ruth's Harvest at MSC
May 11, 7:30am—Building Comm. @ HACC
May 17, 5pm—Finance Comm. @ St. Joseph
May 27, 3pm—Community Needs Comm. @ HACC

Weekly Prayer Requests

Week of May 7 — HACC Volunteers
Week of May 14 — Community Garden Volunteers
Week of May 21 — Board of Directors
Week of May 28 — Building Committee

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world, but it was a staple in the lives of those who lived in the 1st century. The dictionary defines a yoke as "A cross-bar with two u-shaped pieces that encircle the necks of a pair of farm draft animals and allows them to work as a team." It might seem to us that a yoke was a tool used to enslave the animal, but take notice that a yoke is made for two. When Jesus says 'Take my yoke upon you' we enter under the cross-bar ... or cross of Christ ... and Jesus carries the burden that is placed upon our shoulders. Under his yoke, Jesus gently guides us ... as our partner! This team-approach gives us the strength, courage and wisdom to do the work of the Spirit; plowing and sowing seeds so that others may also reap the harvest of LIFE that is found in faith. That's the kind of yoke that Jesus invites us to take. And, whatever burdens we carry, we do not carry them alone, but rather, he bares the load for us.

In your baptism, Jesus gives you a perfectly fitted yoke made exactly to the measurements of your bodies ... and of course, your hearts and minds and souls. It is not a yoke that enslaves you, but rather, a yoke of love and kindness, a yoke that helps you to live your lives healthy and whole and helps you to extend it to those who do not yet know how precious they are. For you, under the yoke of Jesus, the work that God gives you to do is made easier, it helps to guide and mold you to be the person God created you to be.



!!!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!

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

PAL Help—Volunteer (s) to help with bldg. clean/organize, receiving food & clothing donations, and misc. tasks.

Clothing Bank Help—Volunteer (s) to sort clothes Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday. Call 717-633-6353 for more information.

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!*

Our Spotlight on Ministry this month is our partnerships. I wish to address our partnership with CommunityAid. There are some things we do in life that are a win/win. CommunityAid was one of those blessings that came to us at the right time. That is when you just know that God's hand is on it. We were struggling financially and this man (Glenn Chandler) called and asked to talk with me. He told me about his vision of thrift stores that would be used to partner with nonprofit organizations that ministered to the needs of the local community, He had one store in Mechanicsburg, and had a spot picked out in Hanover where the Lord had led him to open a second store and use the profits to help the Hanover Area Council of Churches along with Adams County SPCA (and later New Hope Ministry). That was in the fall of 2010 and by May 2011 CommunityAid opened its 2nd thrift store in the old Giant Building on Baltimore St. They have been a great partner not only to the Council but to all of the churches that have their bins setting on their property (receive 4cents per pound for all the items collected). When we were losing grant money CommunityAid stepped in and gave us donations nearly every quarter since they opened here. We have been able to expand our ministries through the Partnership Grants. We have been fortunate in their partnership with us and thank the CommunityAid Board of Directors. They are opening their fifth store soon in Harrisburg.

On Saturday May 20th, CommunityAid Hanover will hold its annual Customer Appreciation Day! Everything in the store will be marked 50% off and the first 500 people 15 and older will receive a FREE \$15.00 clothing gift card.

Also, there will be free hot dogs and soda (while supplies last). At 6PM a chance for some lucky customers to spin to win a free iPad or up to \$100 in CommunityAid Gift Cards.

Thank you CommunityAid and Hanover shoppers for helping this partnership succeed! CommunityAid has given millions of dollars away to local non profits in Central Pennsylvania and has allowed us to use that gift to help so many more people in ways that is best suited for each. With God's blessing we will all continue to serve those who come to us as we are led.

**PLEASE enjoy Customer
Appreciation DAY!!**



CommunityAid
NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

MAY 21, 2017 — SHOW AND A DINNER—MAKE IT A DAY DATE

**HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE
HANOVER STANDARDBRED BARBERSHOP CHORUS**
INVITATION TO
SUNDAY MAY 21ST 2:00PM at
HANOVER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
601 WILSON AVE, Hanover, PA 17331

**FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BENEFIT THE MINISTRIES OF
THE HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**



Dear Friend of Hanover Area Council of Churches:

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for a very worthy cause. Please consider visiting the Hoss's location(s) listed below on 5/21/2017 to aid us in raising money to benefit Hanover Area Council of Churches.

Print this email and present it on **5/21/2017** at Hoss's in **Hanover**
Hoss's will then donate 20%* or 25%** of your total check paid to **Hanover Area
Council of Churches**

*To qualify for the 20% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$300.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

**To qualify for the 25% payout, our group must have a minimum of \$1,200.00 in total pre-tax food and beverage sales.

This applies to a one-day, single location, pre-scheduled event. The purchase of gift cards is not included as part of your organization's community fundraising totals.

DISTRIBUTING INVITATIONS ON HOSS'S PROPERTY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL DISQUALIFY OUR ORGANIZATION!

Thank you for your cooperation!

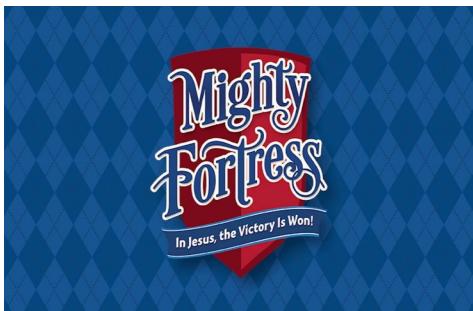


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CHURCH EVENTS

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 June newsletter is May 15.



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Stories, games, science, crafts, snack, AND MUSIC!

JULY 24 - 28, 2017

9:00 - 11:30 AM

Age 3 thru Grade 6

AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

129 CHARLES STREET, HANOVER (close to Hanover Hospital)

**Jointly offered by St. Paul's, York Street,
St. Paul's, Broadway, and St. Mark's**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND

NOTE - If you are dropping off more than 2 children under the age of 5 we ask that you stay to assist with them.

FAMILY FEST - JUNE 25 – 29, 2017

5:30 PM - SUPPER

6:00 – 8:30 PM

**AT ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

127 York Street, Hanover, PA

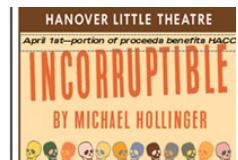
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BIG THANKS TO THE HANOVER LITTLE THEATRE AND PATRONS FOR A SELL OUT PER- FORMANCE

Donations

from the play will be \$1,025 with three people matching the original \$2 donation per seat. Patrons from the other shows were also generous in the donation bucket.



T H A N K S

WENTZ'S HISTORIC MEETING HOUSE will present our community with **TWO DAYS OF FREE CONCERTS** with the folk/world duo **SIMPLE GIFTS**. *THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.*

The evening concert will take place on Friday, June 2, 7:00 PM in our historic **WENTZ'S MEETING HOUSE, 386 St Bartholomew Road, Hanover, PA**.

This is a 150 year old simple and beautiful historical structure that is used for cultural, historic and inspirational presentations.

Concerts will also be given at the following locations:

Homewood Chapel, 425 Westminster Ave., Hanover, PA Thursday, June 1, 2:00 PM

Spirittrust Lutheran , the Village at Utz Terrace dining room,
2100 Utz Terrace, Hanover, PA on Friday, June 2, 2:45 PM



MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY **AT** **ST. MARK, HANOVER**

Everyone in our community is invited to worship with us on "Military Appreciation Sunday", May 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. We would like to invite all Veterans, Active-Duty Military, National Guard, ROTC, Reserves, Blue Star Families, Gold Star Families, and other military members, families and friends to our special service for recognition and remembrance.

If you wish to have a Military member recognized in a special listing in our Church Bulletin on that date, please stop by our church office to pick up a registration form or call 637-8904 and we will be glad to mail one to you. Refreshments and socializing will follow the service.

MAY 21, 2017 9:00AM

St. Mark is located at 129 Charles Street across from the main entrance of Hanover Hospital.

The U.S. Postal Service Food Drive will be held on Saturday, May 13

Place your donations in a marked bag and put it at your mail box!



We will need volunteers to help sort the donations during two shifts on Saturday, May 13. We need six volunteers for each shift (age 10 and older). This might be a great youth group activity!

Shift 1—Noon to 3 pm

Shift 2—3 pm to 6 pm

Please call the HACC office at

St. Jacob's (Stone) United Church of Christ

5152 Stone Church Road, Glenville, PA 17329

www.StoneChurchUCC.org

Pastor Melissa Eicholtz

MelissaEicholtz@verizon.net

Annual Community Yard Sale 5/20/2017

7:00am-2:00pm at Cookhouse in the Picnic Grove

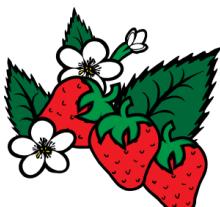
Indoor and Outdoor Annual Community Yard Sale
Saturday May 20th 7:00am-2:00pm at St. Jacob's (Stone) UCC Picnic Grove, 5152 Stone Church Rd, Glenville PA 17329- Tables \$5.00.

Open Rain or Shine

For tables or questions, call (717) 227-0262

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Annual Strawberry Festival 1214 Broadway, Hanover, PA 17331 Saturday, June 10—11:00AM to 2:00PM

(weather permitting)



COME JOIN US and enjoy fresh strawberries over ice cream or pound cake or just pick up a quart to bring home!!

Our full menu includes:

Corn coup, beef B-B-Q sandwiches, hot dogs with toppings and coffee, soda plus a bake sale table with other goodies! Join us for an afternoon of fun and food! Contact Millie Fout 717-637-0128 for more information.

!! PAGES 7 & 8 ARE MISSING ON PURPOSE—PLEASE ENJOY OUR NEWSLETTER!!

May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Ministries Board 7:00pm—HACC</i>	2 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Medical Clinic 10:30am-12pm	3 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	4 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon <i>Shelter Comm. 7:00pm—HACC</i> <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	5	6 Rummage Sale 9am - 1pm NA Mtg. 7pm —HACC
7 AA Mtg.—8am Worship—10:30 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	8	9 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon <i>Building Comm. 7:30am—HACC</i>	10 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	11 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Medical Clinic 6-8pm HACC	12	13 NA Mtg. 7pm—HACC US POSTAL FOOD DRIVE
14 AA Mtg.—8am Worship—10:30 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm <i>Happy Mothers Day</i>	15 <i>Finance Comm. 5pm @ St. Joseph</i> Newsletter Deadline	16 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Medical Clinic 10:30am-12pm	17 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	18 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon	19	20 NA Mtg. 7pm—HACC
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Meetings at HACC

136 Carlisle St., Hanover PA 17331 (Second Floor)
Sundays & Wednesdays—7:30 to 9:00 PM
Call 717-633-6353 for more information

Free Daily Online Meetings at www.smartrecovery.org

*Wish your mom a
Happy Mother's Day
on
May 14th!*



"Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God."

[Leviticus 19:3](#)

Hoss's Fundraiser Sunday, May 21—All Day!

Proceeds to benefit HACC ministries.



HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES

INVITES ALL TO ENJOY

HANOVER STANARD BRED
BARBERSHOP CHORUS

Sunday May 21st 2:00PM at

HANOVER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
601 Wilson Ave, Hanover, PA 17331

SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS!!!