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Hanover Area Council of Churches

One Body • One Spirit

COUNCIL NEWS — June 2018

www.hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org

June Special Needs

PAL

Mayonnaise
Hot Chocolate
Bar-B-Que Sauce
Sugar

CLOTHING BANK

Wipes
Family Size Toiletries

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER

Shampoo
Disposable razors
Men's flip-flops (L,XL)

RUTH'S HARVEST

Single servings of
anything, (expiration
date after 9/2018)

*We accept donations
Mon.-Fri. 8am-12:30 pm
Saturday 8 am-11 am
or by appointment.*

*Call 717-633-6353 to
schedule a drop-off time.*



From the desk of Carol Hinkle (HACC Director)

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the graduating seniors and your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Whether from high school or higher education your achievement is a great milestone and we wish you well in whatever your chosen endeavor in life. We wish to thank the dozens of graduates who made the Hanover Area Council of Churches the beneficiary of many community service hours and research projects. Thank you and Best Wishes!

As we go into summer and vacation time, I urge students who will need community service hours to call and make arrangements to get you hours done early. Also as each summer comes we welcome new volunteers who may be available only seasonally, to stand in for volunteers as they go on vacations. If you have time please consider the volunteer opportunities here in the Council for PAL, MOWS, the Clothing Bank, and CLS. Also Faith at Work could always use help on Tuesday mornings at Grace United Methodist Church located on Albright Dr.

It is so hard to believe that this is the June Newsletter. That means we are nearly half way through 2018. In this Golden Anniversary year we are looking into our past and into our future. The Council established a Community Needs Committee as a standing committee, which means our By-Laws require that this committee be active in evaluating and addressing the ministries of the Council and the needs of the Greater Hanover Area. Every five years we look very closely at what we are doing and how successfully it is being done. In this year we will once again establish a Long Range Planning

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From the desk of Pastor Kirk Griffin, (Council First Vice-President)

*[Jesus said] "I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

Dear HACC Members:

The other day in worship, I was having one of those deep theological discussions that only children's time sermons can produce. In that time of worship, the kids were trying to figure how we can be connected to God. I was hoping that they would learn how we are linked together as one people in the connection through Christ. So I posed a dilemma for them to figure out. The idea was simple: one child had to stand on the front steps and reach out and connect with a member sitting in the back row. That is a distance of seventy-five feet and no matter how long that little girl's arms were, I knew she would never reach. So the other kids tried to help. They all stood and grabbed each other's hands stretching out, just like a vine, weaving their way down the aisle from the front to the back. They leaned. They stretched. They pulled. Nevertheless, they came up short. No matter how far they extended, there was no way our group of children were ever going to span that seventy-five feet and connect together in one vine. It seemed impossible.

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Continued from page 1, “Carol Hinkle” (HACC Director)

Committee to review our ministries, seek where improvements maybe needed, and most importantly decide what further needs our community has that are going unmet. In this process we will ask our churches (member and non-member), our supporters, the school districts, ministry recipients, local businesses, our neighbors and volunteers for assessments of our services here. It is imperative that we evaluate and reevaluate what we have been enabled to do for the people of our community. It was through this committees’ diligence that we were able to establish the Provide-A-Lunch, Cold Weather Shelter, Changing Lives Shelter, Medical Clinic, Community Gardens and the Greater Hanover Health Committee, and Ruth’s Harvest.

While talking to other organizations and church leaders, sadly we are all dealing with fewer volunteers. The work load has not changed except to increase, but the workers have diminished in numbers. With so many agencies and even churches facing fewer volunteers what is it about the Hanover Area Council of Churches that deserves your time and talents? The answer is we are an organization that serves such a variety of needs that we can offer the opportunity for all aspects of volunteer talents. We have enough opportunity that an individual can decide the amount of time they give to any one ministry. For example you have an hour M-F to drive for MOWS or you don’t drive but could be a runner to deliver a meal, a smile and a “how are you?” and can only do it every other month... that works, we need you. Or you could do a onetime work project for the Council or Shelter. Special needs students and individuals can be of help in the Clothing Bank. Here there is a place for everyone who wants to volunteer and has an abundance of love and caring to share with so many that are at a low point in their lives. Pray that laborers will be many.

Yours in service, Carol Hinkle

Continued from the desk of Pastor Kirk Griffin, (Council First Vice-President

Then suddenly, other people, adult members of the church, got up out of their pews and joined the vine. They grabbed each other’s hands, one after another, linking one person together with the next until the connection was made and the little girl up front was linked to the member in the back row. That little girl would have never reached by herself, but by others coming to be a link in the chain, they were able to make the impossible happen.

Christ says to his followers that he is the vine connecting us together with God so that we may produce fruit abundantly. The Hanover Area Council of Churches is that little girl in my story trying to overcome and reach for what may seem impossible. But, thanks be to God that we don’t have to go it alone. God has linked us together in the vine of Christ. Through that love that binds us, we may all rise and stand together so that our community may be served, that the homeless may find shelter, the hungry may be fed, the ill may find healing, the naked may find clothing, the lost may find hope.

The linked hands stand ready. We are reaching out. The need is real. But we can only stretch, lean, push and pull so far without everyone’s help. Now is the time for the members, young and old, to stand and link together in the vine of Christ, so that the ministries of HACC can do the impossible and fulfill our mission for the Hanover community. May you rise up and join hands by volunteering your time, your experience or your gifts. We need you as part of the vine of Christ.

In the Peace and Grace of God,

Pastor Kirk Griffin,
First Vice-President



June Meetings

June 4, 7pm—Ministries Board At HACC
June 7, 7pm —Shelter Committee at HACC
June 12, 7am —Building Committee at HACC
June 18, 5pm—Finance Committee at St. Joseph
June 28, 3pm— Community Needs at HACC

June Weekly Prayer Requests



Week of June 3: HACC Volunteers
Week of June 10: Board of Directors
Week of June 17: Building Committee
Week of June 24: Shelter Staff/Volunteers

*****SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY*****

FROM OUR PAST TO OUR PRESENT: CHANGING LIVES SHELTER



In December of 2001, Hanover Area Council of Churches opened its Cold Weather Shelter (November 1 - March 31 from the hours of 6:00pm to 8:00am). We moved the tables in the dining room and set up cots for homeless men from our community. We learned that from the beginning we would need more in Hanover. It was a horrible feeling to tell people they could not take a job because we could not offer a place to sleep for people who worked 2nd and 3rd shifts. The shelters in York and Gettysburg were always full, and there were no others close to Hanover. It took us six years before we could open Changing Lives, on June 21, 2007 and offer our community a year round shelter here. Since then over 3000 men, women and children have gone through our shelter. Some of this number, about 2%, is return clients. Not everyone gets the program while they are here. It is very rewarding that even a couple of years later, we receive cards and letters from former residents telling us how well they are doing and it was in part or in whole due to the time they spent at Changing Lives and the lessons learned here. The Lord has blessed the work done through all our ministries, and seeing lives change direction is an inexpressible joy.

Let me share a few thoughts from our CLS caseworker Karen Williams:

I have been truly blessed to be part of the Hanover Area Council of Churches, Changing Lives Shelter for the past two 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. I have always had a passion to help others, even if it just to share a few words, say something kind or have a laugh or two; and see the joy in their faces. It is fulfilling to see them get a job, save money, and find a place to live. Sometimes they just need a little faith, hope and encouragement on daily basis in order to succeed here at the Shelter. It truly amazes me to hear their stories and how they end up at the shelter. God has blessed me in so many ways to have the opportunity to share this with our clients.

VOLUNTEER SHARE

Hello my name is Brian. I have worked at changing lives homeless shelter for 7 years. I was led to write this article because I've been amazed by how many people don't even know that we exist or what services we offer. Everybody's needs are different but for the most part what we offer is a safe place for men, woman and children to stay where they can have food, shelter and a place to get back on your feet. What I don't think people know is that we are a working shelter, which means we try to help people find and maintain jobs. Clients are asked to do daily chores like cooking and cleaning. Everyone is required to go to a financial counseling meeting; individual and class, which help you, learn how to budget and save money. Clients who have had a history of addiction are required to go to our addiction meetings. We also have a case worker who is very hands on with talking to clients about how to get out of here and back on their feet. She helps them find different resources throughout the county to help them get any help they need that we don't directly assist with.

We are a very small staff and being open 7 days a week doesn't give much of us down time. So I would like to take this opportunity to invite people to join with us in helping our community by volunteering here at the shelter. There are several ways in which we can use your help. Volunteers are needed Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings 7-11 AM. Monday and Thursday afternoon 1-5 pm, If you can help us call us at 717-6331992.

**Hanover Area Council of Churches
Needing Volunteers:**

Changing Lives Shelter

Evening from 4 to 8 pm.

Mornings Monday 7 to 11 am.

Wednesday 7 to 11 am.

Provided-a-Lunch

Tuesday food puller & inventory

(pulling dry food from pantry for following day & weighting and documenting food donation).

Freezer/Pantry Organizer

(day & time negotiable)

Sunday Worship Leaders 10:30-11:00am

Clothing Bank

M-W-F sorters and organizers 8:30
am to 1:00 pm.

T-TH cashiers 9 am to 12 pm.

Drivers

5th Saturday Volunteer needed for the
months that have a 5th Saturday in it to pick up
food at Amish Market at Hanover.

Receptionist Front Desk

Friday 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

Thank you & Have a Blessed Day!



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.*

Thank you for your support!

***St. Paul's Broadway,
Broadway
Hanover***



June 9 — 11AM to 2 PM

**Will need help with berries
On June 8th.**

Come out and have some laughs!

CHURCH EVENTS

*If your church has an event that it would like to publicize to the larger community, Please
email your article to adminhacc@comcast.net (no more than 1/4 pg. size—unless preapproved by HACC).*

DEADLINE TO INCLUDE ARTICLES IN THE JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 15.

Gear Up for Vacation Bible School
Emmanuel United Church of Christ
124 Broadway, Hanover



June 25-29
Monday through Friday
9:30 am-12 pm

The theme is Game On! Gearing Up for Life's Big Game. Children ages 3-11 are invited to join God's team, train hard, celebrate salvation and encourage one another. Youth age 12 and up may volunteer as assistants. Registration is free and forms can be obtained in the church office. For information, contact the office at 717-632-8281 or office@eucchanover.org.

Hanover Church of the Brethren present



A FREE Summer Vacation Bible School Adventure

Who: Kids age 3-5th grade

What: Exciting Bible Stories, Crafts, Music, Games and much more!!

When: Friday, June 22 from 6 - 8:30 pm

Saturday June 23 from 9 -11:30 am

Sunday, June 24 from 9 am - lunch

Where: Hanover Church of the Brethren 601 Wilson Avenue, Hanover PA
17331

Registration form available www.hanoverCOB.org or call 717-632-2267

Saint Joseph Catholic School

<http://www.sjshanover.org/>



Saint Joseph Catholic School is opening its doors to all children regardless of denomination

Welcome New Students!

We are eager for you and your child to visit our school and to learn about all what Saint Joseph School has to offer. We welcome you to consider joining our school family so you can experience the joy that a Catholic faith-based education can bring.

Our student body present enrollment includes 180 Students Pre-K through 8th grade.

Largest class at present: 3rd grade - 21 students

Smallest Class at present: 2nd grade - 12 students

Average student to teacher ratio is 17 to 1

We offer our school bus service from 5 different school districts:

Southwestern, Hanover, Conewago, Spring Grove, Littlestown

Our school day begins with a reading from one of the gospels: an overview is first presented, the gospel is read and then a reflection shared. After the reading, the *Our Father* is then prayed and the *Pledge of Allegiance* is said.

Religion is taught daily: 20 minutes in lower grades, 30 minutes in middle grades and 50 minutes in upper grades.

Prayers are said before lunch.

Tuition may be discussed with Rev. Msgr. James M. Lyons

Family Fest 2018 June 17-21

@ St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 127 York Street, Hanover

6:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Come eat a light meal with us any time between 5:30 & 6:00 sponsored by multiple groups in our congregation!

See Deb Sowers, like us on Facebook (SPY Kids Childrens' Ministry or St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church), or contact the church office at 717-637-5941 for more information. Registration forms will be posted on our website at www.stpaulsyorkst.org

Imagine...

...a child hearing about God's love for the first time.

...kids and families worshiping in powerful ways.

...families praying for each other.

...adults and teens modeling Jesus' love to children. ...children, adults, and families serving each other.

This summer, we will discover that God loves the whole world at "Thailand Trek", a cross-cultural event we've come to know as **FAMILY FEST**. Be a part of Family Fest at St. Paul's, York St. June 17-21. It's our goal to reach 50 kids, youth, adults, and families with this program. That's 50 families who will grow in their relationship with God! This is an event for anyone ages 1-101 (yes, adults have their own learning station!)

We're praying this awesome Family Fest will touch children's and adult's hearts and lives with God's amazing love—

BELIEVE IT! We'll learn about how God blesses the lives of His children in Thailand—**BELIEVE IT!** And we'll talk about ways that WE can be His hands and feet to help other children and families in Thailand and around the world—**BELIEVE IT!**

****NEW THIS YEAR—**for youth registered for St. Paul's Day Camp, come for camp during the day, have a mandatory rest time and snack after 3:00, and then join the rest of your family at Family Fest. Youth will be supervised by several adults until their families arrive at Family Fest.



Shipwrecked Community Vacation Bible School
St. Bartholomew's United Church
St. David's UCC
St. David's Lutheran

Where: St. Bartholomew's United Church
1204 Grand Valley Road, Hanover, PA
(717) 632-1952



When: June 18 - 22

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Ages: 3 years – 6th Grade

Hanover Post-Polio
Support Group

Meeting dates and times as follows:

May 20 (note 4th Sunday)

September 30 (note 5th Sunday)

November 25, 2018 all at 2pm.

Meeting Place: Harmony Ridge-Cross Keys
Village/The Brethren Home Community, 2990
Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, PA. 17350

We will meet in the Ensemble Room at
Harmony Ridge March 18. The DVD from of
the Conference held Aug. 26, 2017 will be
presented. It is very well done and you will
learn a lot from The Doctors.

Contact Person: Deborah Stambaugh
717-969-5049 , Debs7oaks@gmail.com (in
subject: PPS)

SUMMERTIME MUSIC
PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

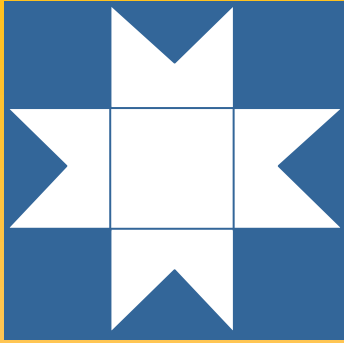
The Hanover
Barbershop Chorus

We would like to supplement local
church music programs, if needed, dur-
ing the summer months. Depending on
the date and timely notification, the
chorus may provide either a quartet,
Octet or the chorus as a
whole.

If a church's music de-
partment is interested,
please call -

Dick Graybill
717-225-1438





*I was hungry and
you gave me food,
I was thirsty and
you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and
you welcomed me,
I was naked and
you clothed me,
I was sick and
you visited me,
I was in prison and
you came to me.
-Matthew 25:35-36*

Hanover Area Council of Churches Is Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry

For 50 years, the Hanover Area Council of Churches (HACC) has attempted to put Jesus' words of instruction (at left) into action. Beginning with a coffeehouse "The Pot" in 1968 and a budget of \$2,269.00, HACC has grown into a vital ministry in Hanover providing 20 important outreach programs to help people change their lives by sharing the love of Christ:

- ◇ Community and Sunday worship services
- ◇ Clothing Bank, Meals on Wheels
- ◇ Provide-A-Lunch (PAL) to over 50,000 last year
- ◇ Homeless shelter 24/7 and 365 days a year
- ◇ Medical clinic
- ◇ Ruth's Harvest (weekend backpack meals for school children)
- ◇ Community gardens
- ◇ Casework services to enable people to get jobs and housing
- ◇ A budget of over half a million dollars

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary, we are inviting people to join our 50th Anniversary Club by contributing \$10 a year for each year of HACC's existence (\$500). If we could get 50 people to do that, we would raise an additional \$25,000 to help HACC move into the future. There may be some who cannot give that much. Give what you can...50 cents (\$25), \$1 (\$50) or \$5 (\$250). Others may be able to give \$15 (\$750), \$25 (\$1,250), \$50 (\$2,500), \$100 (\$5,000) or even more for each year of HACC's ministry.

We invite you to give what you can with the knowledge that all donations will specifically go towards moving HACC forward into the future by improving building structures, enhancing new and existing programs in order to bring happiness, self-worth, and success to others in need in the Hanover area.

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HACC is 50 and I want to help celebrate!

I will give the following amount for each year of HACC's ministry...

___ \$10 (\$500) ___ \$15 (\$750) ___ \$20 (\$1,000)

___ Other \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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2018 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Vouchers

will be distributed at

Windy Hill on the Campus

Thursday, June 28, 2018—9:30—11:30 AM

Hanover Area Council of Churches

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 —9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Calvary Bible Church (Lobby)

Wednesday, August 1 —9:30– 11:30 AM

\$20 FREE voucher (one set per yr/per person) for use at local Farm Markets for fresh fruits & vegetables

Eligibility Guidelines:

- * 60 years of age or older (**PROOF REQUIRED**)
- * York County resident (**PROOF REQUIRED**)
- * GROSS ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
AT OR BELOW \$22,459./single person & \$30,451./couple
- * When picking up vouchers for another individual (including spouse) the following is required:

A 2018 SFMNP Proxy form only will be accepted with proof of ages & York County resident verification for the person you are picking up for. Photo ID for Proxy.

Seniors who are living in a nursing home, personal care home, or other residential facilities where meals are provided are NOT eligible to receive vouchers.

Sponsored by the York County Area Agency on Aging in conjunction with the
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

VOUCHERS CAN BE REDEEMED FROM June 1 through November 30.

Individuals are eligible to receive the vouchers ONLY ONCE per calendar year.

Join the Fun at St. Paul's Day Camp

WHO: Children who completed Kindergarten through Grade 5

WHAT: St. Paul's Day Camp. What is Day Camp? Day Camp is...

Five days jam packed with FUN, games, crafts, singing, meeting new friends, Bible study, outdoor activities including nature study, swimming, travel to Camp Nawakwa and much more! Day Camp is staffed by trained counselors from the Lutheran Camping Corp. & leaders from St. Paul's.

WHEN: Mon., June 18 Through Fri., June 22 from 9 am - 3 pm.

Note: The fun begins Sun., June 17 at 4:30 p.m. with an orientation for campers and their families to meet the Day Camp Staff!

WHERE: St. Paul's Lutheran Church 127 York Street Hanover, PA 17331

COST: ONLY \$60.00 per camper!

\$10 deposit is due with pre-registration

and balance is due at Orientation on Sunday, June 21, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

(Our heartfelt thanks to St. Paul's Lutheran Men in Mission
who subsidize the actual cost by providing funding for this camp).


PRE-REGISTRATION: Deadline to register is June 7.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Deb Sowers at 633-5515 or go to our website at www.stpaulsyorkst.org





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>HAPPY FATHER DAY</p> 		<p>One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, Make me the kind of man my daddy is. Later that night, the Father prayed: Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be. — <i>Author Unknown</i></p>			1	2
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AA Mtg.—8am Worship—10:30 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	Ministries Board 7:00pm—HACC	Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Medical Clinic 10:30am-12pm	Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm	Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Changing Lives Shelter Meeting 7pm		NA Mtg. 7pm—HACC
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Historic Wentz's Meeting House

386 St. Bartholomew Road in
Hanover will hold a strawberry
and

ice-cream social on

Sunday, June 3, at 6:00 PM

The public is invited.

Bring a lawn chair.

No charge –Donations gladly accepted.



St. Jacobs Lutheran Church

Located at 3444
Sticks Road, Glen Rock, PA 17327

**Invites One and All to a FREE
Buffet Community Breakfast.**

between 8 and 10 a.m.
on Saturday, June 23.

Any questions you may have can be addressed
via our email at

stjacobs@comcast.net or our office phone
number at 717-235-7313.