

Hanover Area Council of Churches

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COUNCIL NEWS — February 2019

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February Special Needs

PAL

Brown Sugar
Scalloped or Au gratin
Potatoes
Juice 64 Fl. oz
Dawn dish detergent

CLOTHING BANK

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Male & Female deodorant

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER

Disinfectant wipes
Women's Flip Flops
Men's Deodorant

RUTH'S HARVEST

Single Serve Vegetables
and Entrees

All single serving please!

*We accept donations
Mon.-Fri. 8am-12:30 pm*

*Saturday 8 am-11 am
or by appointment.*

From the desk of Carol Hinkle (HACC Director)

Here we are in a new year, 2019. Each year passes so quickly, in fact with the dizziness that comes with the speed of information and change, it sometimes seems we cannot keep up. This is when I sit back, take a breath and thank God that He has promised that in Him we will find consistency and faithfulness... never changing and never failing. The Lord is a constant source of strength and grace and mercy for those who love Him. This year we as a Council, we need to keep that in front of us daily. We are going to have some challenges that we will need to trust in God to lead us.

Our first challenge comes up quickly. *Hanover Has Talent* has been cancelled for this year. This means that Changing Lives Shelter will not receive the proceeds for its budget. We have the opportunity to make up the difference through *Hanover Cares* on February 7th and 8th. We need our friends and supporters to **listen** to WHVR 1280 AM, **call** and **donate**. Between the two events we raised just under \$9500 last year. That is a huge goal for *Hanover Cares* but with your help we can do it.

Our next challenge is the uncertainty of what kind of funding we will receive from Community Aid. For the last several years, we have received \$100,000 which accounted for nearly 25% of

From the desk of Rev. Nancy Werner (Council President)

As I write this article it is January 6th and the 12th day of the Christmas season in the Christian Church. In my house it is also the day when the task of taking down and packing away all the Christmas decorations occurs. This day also reminds me of Howard Thurman's "The Work of Christmas":

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,*

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

our spent budget. This year, instead of receiving automatic partnership grants, all partners will need to apply for grants. However, as of yet we do not know the procedure, criteria or amounts of grants available. This is a time of waiting for further information.

We are also ready to begin a Long Range Planning Committee. We will be looking at all of our ministries and partnerships, at any concerns from community leaders, school districts, other nonprofits, businesses, service organizations and churches (both members and non members). If you are interested in assisting in this project, please contact our office. All help is greatly appreciated. Also, we will evaluate all suggestions if you have ideas to contribute.

I want to take a moment to thank Sally Hershey for all her years of preparing menus for PAL. That was what she signed up for, but Sally did so much more, including shopping for groceries, cleaning shelves and cabinets, filling Easter and Christmas bags, sending out thank you notes to groups that made donations and so much more. We will miss Sally here during the week, but totally understand the tough choice she had to make to not return after her surgery. We thank her once again and wish her the best.

As always, we ask for your prayers that the Lord will continue to bless the ministries here and those who serve in them.

Blessings

Continued from page 1, Rev. Nancy Warner (Council President)

*to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

The ordinariness of our days may have returned with the ending of the Christmas season. However, there is nothing ordinary about being God’s answer to someone’s prayer as together we do the work of Christmas through the many ministries of HACC. Let our thanks and praise to God be as joyous and hope-filled for the next 354 days as it was on the first day of Christmas!

Rev. Nancy Werner

February Meetings

Feb. 4, 7pm — BOD at HACC

Feb. 7, 7pm — Shelter Committee at HACC

Feb. 12, 7:30am — Building Committee at HACC

Feb. 18, 5pm — Finance Committee at St. Joseph

Feb. 28, 3pm — Community Needs at HACC

February Weekly Prayer Requests

Week of Feb. 4 Community Needs Comm.

Week of Feb. 11 Executive Committee

Week of Feb. 18 Faith-at-Work Ministry

Week of Feb. 25 Finance Committee



SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

Changing Lives Shelter

As I write this article the weather forecast is for snow, ice and arctic freeze. This is the type of weather that usually means the Changing Lives Shelter will be in overflow mode. During these weather emergencies no one is turned away. We are a Shelter that is geared to helping families and individuals find better situations through employment, financial counseling, addictions mentoring (for those in need), life skills and other counseling.

Our residents who are not overnight emergency cases start with 5 days, after which they can be extended to 30 days. At that point, if people are doing everything asked of them, they may be extended up to 90 days. During that time they save their money and look for housing. Some find help through the "Next Door Program" which is a rental assistance program. Others have been able to save enough to manage on their own.

This past year nearly half of our adult residents plus their children left Changing Lives successfully. Others were not as successful, but we know from past residents who have kept in touch that although they didn't 'get it' in their time here, they learned enough to be able to put it together after leaving. That is the joy of our purpose here in this place.

VOLUNTEER SHARE:

Volunteering at the Changing Lives Shelter has changed me, as a volunteer, as much as it hopefully has changed the luckless souls that landed here. Is it possible to change "looking down" on someone with pity to "looking across" to that same person with compassion? Is it possible to grow our Lilliputian hearts to something larger and more akin to that of Christ? I invite all tenderhearted soldiers in Christ's army of love to become involved in the life of at least one person in The Shelter. Would you please pray and find it in your heart to make yourself vulnerable to helping another soul? Could you be a prayer partner with another soul even if only on the phone? Would you be able to show graduates of CLS the love of Christ by sharing a home cooked meal or treating them to a sub or pizza? These seemingly tiny acts of kindness can be game changers to someone struggling. Human interactions like these can win a heart to Christ. Can you plant the seed which others can water and nourish to grow into salvation? The enormity of leaving the security of the shelter can be a frightening experience. Your kind presence in someone's life can quell that fear. The "homeless problem" can be solved by a multitude of Christ-like steps.

Robert Kennedy said, "It is from the numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples to build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Do you want to help change the shape of Hanover's history by engendering hope? Only you and the Lord can answer.

-Blessings, Kecia Lau

CHANGING LIVES STATISTICS 2018

January 1 through December 31, 2018

Number of people using the shelter: 281

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| Males | 132 |
| Females | 102 |
| Children | 47 |

Age groups of clients

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| 18-25 | 38 |
| 26-34 | 61 |
| 35-44 | 65 |
| 45-54 | 39 |
| 55-64 | 29 |
| 65 + | 6 |
| 4 months to 17 | 47 |

Income sources

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| Employed on arrival | 59 |
| Found employment | 39 |
| SSI/SSI Disability | 34 |
| Unemployment | 2 |
| Other | 4 |

Progressed from shelter

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| Found housing | 55 |
| Returned to family/friends | 39 |
| Went to a program | 14 |
| Went to jail | 2 |
| Left on own | 55 |
| Discharged for cause | 55 |
| Timed Out | 14 |

The number of shelter nights used by clients is 7074 with an average stay of 25 nights per person

23 single mothers with 36 children

2 single fathers with 2 children

3 married couples with 9 children

Number of homeless Veterans was 10

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 March newsletter is February 16

Teen Advisory Group @ Guthrie Memorial Library

Help Plan Upcoming Events
Be a teen representative for your library!

Beginning January 31 @ 6:00 p.m.

In the Teen Library

12-18 years old

Meetings will be held the last Thursday of every month!

All interested teens are welcome!

World Day of Prayer

March 1, 2019

St. Matthew Lutheran Church will
be hosting World Day of Prayer

30 W. Chestnut St, Hanover, PA 17331

in their fellowship hall

~ Attendees should enter at the rear of the church.



COMMUNITY VALENTINE BREAKFAST

February 9, 2019 8-10 am

ST. JACOB'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

3444 Sticks Rd., Glen Rock — 717-235-7313

BUFFET INCLUDES:

SCRAMBLED EGGS, PANCAKES, SAUSAGE GRAVY AND WAFFLES, POTATO CASSEROLES, FRUIT, ETC.



FREE - Will OFFERING

EUCC Community Concert Series

Organist Michael T. Britt

Accompanies the Classic Silent Film

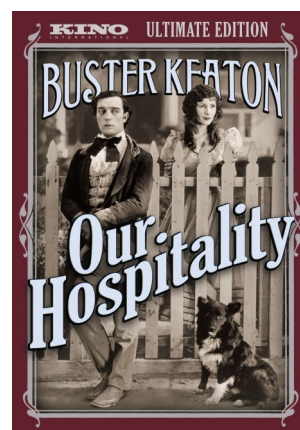
"Our Hospitality"

Saturday, February 23, at 7 pm

at Emmanuel UCC, 124 Broadway, Hanover

Award-winning organist Michael Britt will accompany the 1923 family-friendly comedy, love story and adventure starring Buster Keaton.

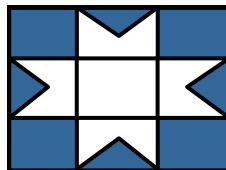
Admission is free and no tickets are required. A free-will offering will be accepted. Stay for a dessert reception to follow in King Auditorium.



Real Country



1280 AM



The Best Country of All Time!



1280 AM

“Hanover Cares: House the Homeless” Marathon

**Tune in to the Live broadcast on
WHVR 1280 AM Feb. 7 - 8, 2019**

The proceeds will benefit the Changing Lives Homeless Shelter operated by the Hanover Area Council of Churches.

Give a unique gift to your special Valentine and support those facing challenging life matters resulting in homelessness.

**CALL WHVR 717-637-0052 during the
marathon to make your pledge**



Please remember the Hanover Area Council of Churches in your will or estate plan.

If you need additional information on how to word it, call the Council office 717-633-6353.



COMMUNITY HEALTH FREE CLINIC

Hanover Area Council of Churches, 136 Carlisle St. Hanover, PA 17331

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday 10:30 AM—12 noon

FEBRUARY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | January 31 <i>Shelter Comm. 7pm—HACC</i> | 1 Celebrate Recovery 7pm-9:30pm | 2 NA Mtg. 7pm—HACC <i>Clothing Bank Rummage Sale</i> |
| 3 AA Mtg.—8am Worship—10:30 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm | 4 <i>BOD & Ministries Board Meeting 7:00 PM— HACC</i> | 5 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Medical Clinic 10:30am-12pm | 6 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm | 7 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon Hanover Cares Noon-8pm | 8 Hanover Cares 8am - 4 pm Celebrate Recovery 7pm-9:30pm | 9 NA Mtg. 7pm—HACC |
| 10 AA Mtg.—8am Worship—10:30 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm | 11 | 12 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon <i>Bldg. Comm Meeting 7:30 am HACC</i> Bingo | 13 Smart Recovery 7:30-9pm | 14 Clothing Bank 9am-Noon | 15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Celebrate Recovery 7pm-9:30pm | 16 NA Mtg. 7pm—HACC |
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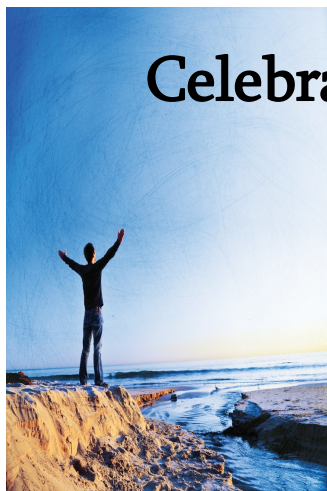
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Celebrate Recovery

*Come experience an
Amazing Spiritual Journey*

Where: Hanover Area Council of Churches

When : 7:00pm—9:30 pm

What is Celebrate Recovery?

A Christ Centered Program that gives people the resources and relationships to help recover from life's, hurts, habits, and hang-ups. This is a program for anyone struggling with past or current dysfunctions or compulsions, whether they are affecting their own life or the lives of those around them. The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to fellowship and celebrates God's healing power in our lives through the Eight Recovery Principles found in the Beatitudes and Christ-Centered Twelve Steps. This experience allows us to "be changed". By working the Christ-Centered steps and applying their Biblical principles we begin to grow spiritually. We become free from our addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors. This freedom creates peace, serenity, joy and most importantly, a stronger personal relationship with God, others, and our Higher Power Jesus Christ, the one and only true High Power.