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Hanover Area Council of Churches

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This year, 2024, the Lord invites you/us to seek His favor. David says in Psalm 119:58, "I entreat your favor with all of my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise." It must be stated that only those who are in Jesus Christ can experience the favor of God. It is by Jesus' righteousness that we receive forgiveness of sin and become children of God (John 1:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Hebrews 4:14-16). Here at the Hanover Area Council of Churches, we will be seeking God's favor in 2024. Join us! Many blessing to you in 2024. Mirna Wildasin, Executive Director.

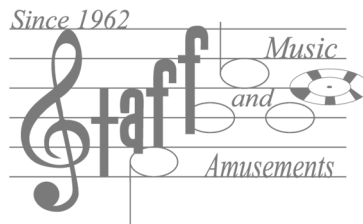
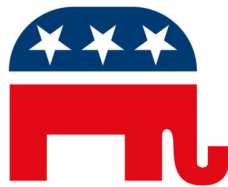
**THANK YOU TO OUR INDIVIDUAL DONORS ,
MAJOR DONORS, CORPORATE DONORS AND FOUNDATIONS**

Even though our Annual Appeal is still in full swing, we could not overpass thanking our recent donors. Your support means the world to the Hanover Area Council of Churches! Without it, we would not be able to serve our community who struggles of hunger, housing, clothing and guidance. Because of you, 2024 will be another year of great giving and sharing the love of God-thank you!

**Tricia Warehime
JHC Foundation**



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THANK YOU FOR THE CAT AND DOG FOOD DONATION FOR OUR MEALS ON WHEELS CLIENTS' FURRY FAMILY MEMBERS!



HANOVER CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN COOKING ON DECEMBER 25TH , THANK YOU!



Christmas is a heartwarming season that is all about goodwill and giving back. While we are lucky enough to have friends, family, and a warm home in which we can celebrate the holidays, others are not so fortunate. Putting some effort into volunteering at Christmas, or as early as Thanksgiving, can have a greatly positive impact on many people's lives. Thank you to all who joined us this holiday season to boost other's self-esteem as well as physical and mental health. Here are just a few highlights of our caring community.



THANK YOU TO THE BEHOLDERS BIKERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE!



JIMBO AND HOLLY,, LONG TIME FRIENDS OF HACC! THANK YOU FOR SERVING AS OUR ELFS ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

BIRTH, LOVE, HOLINESS, LIGHT, PURITY, REDEMPTION, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS



For the past three years you have probably noticed a different ambience at the Hanover Area Council of Churches, specifically during our Christmas festivities. Our Christmas trees are not just set to look pretty, but to represent the special associations with the birth, love, holiness, light, purity, redemption, and the righteousness that relates all with things Jesus Christ.

The color red on our trees associates with **the blood of Jesus Christ**, the person whose birth the holiday celebrates. (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The color gold represents **God's love**. His love is more precious and more valuable than all the gold in the world. Love is the gold of God. Jesus is precious and His promises are precious (1 Peter 2:7). He is highly desired (Psalm 42:2, 63:1, Philippians 3:10) and His value exceeds everything and everyone.

White on our trees refers to holiness, light, purity, redemption, and the righteousness of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:5). Mirna Wildasin





INTRODUCING OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER SECRETARY DR. KELLY LYNCH

Join us to welcome our new Board Member Secretary, Dr. Kelly Lynch. Dr. Lynch has been a Spanish teacher for 33 years. She holds a B.A. in English Literature and Spanish and English Secondary Education from Saint Francis University, an M.A. in Spanish Language and Literature from Middlebury College and a PhD. in Sociolinguistics from UMBC. During her tenure as a teacher, she established and advised the Diversity Club and worked to connect her students with outside agency partners to present community programs such as the Annual Diversity Summit, Kids' Day, the Annual Juneteenth Jubilee and Hanover Diversity Festival. In addition to teaching, she has served on the Boards of the Hanover YWCA, the Hispanic-American Center of Hanover, the Parish Council of Saint Joseph Catholic Church, the Hanover Area Diversity Alliance and the Keystones Oral Histories Project. She currently teaches English as a Second Language at the Guthrie Memorial Library. We had the privilege of having Dr. Lynch visit HACC's facilities where she met our staff. We are so excited to have her on board as our new Board Secretary. Welcome!



THANK YOU, BILL THERIT, BOARD MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

As you walk through the mist of the PAL area, you probably have already noticed this beautiful metal gate. This metal gate has allowed us to monitor safety better for our clients and all who are involved within the organization.

The gate was donated by Mr. Bill Therit. Bill has been a long time member of our finance committee and recently joined us as part of our building committee. We want to thank you for all you do Bill and thank you for all your guidance and dedication to the Hanover Area Council of Churches.



As all of you know, The Hanover Area Council of Churches depends on a 95% volunteer work.

But some of us question ourselves...*why volunteer?*

Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. The right match can help you to find friends, connect with the community, and learn skills that you might not ever thought you were able of doing.

Giving to others can also help protect your mental and physical health. It can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. While it's true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll experience, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day.

Giving in even simple ways can help those in need and improve your health and happiness.

If you are interested in giving back to the community, and volunteering with us here at the Hanover Area Council of Churches, please stop in for a volunteer application; we'd love to have you!

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!



MEALS-ON-WHEELS
SERVING THE ELDERLY

We need runners and drivers Monday through Friday to deliver hot meals to our elderly clients between the hours of 10:30 am - 11:30 am.

The Changing Lives Shelter is looking for volunteers and groups to provide evening programs, such as game nights, crafts, worship, and more! Let's shed some light of positivity into the lives of those in need.



CHANGING LIVES SHELTER
TRANSFORMING LIVES



CLOTHING BANK
CLOTHING, TOYS AND MUCH MORE

The Clothing Bank is seeking volunteers on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-12pm to assist with shopping needs. Volunteers are also needed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to sort and hang clothing.

Ruth's Harvest is seeking help on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to sort and pack food donations, and Fridays to deliver meals to schools in the Hanover Area.



RUTH'S HARVEST
FEEDING THE CHILDREN IN HANOVER



PROVIDE-A-LUNCH
NUTRITIOUS FOOD

PAL is looking for volunteers for 2024! Cooking and packing meals, assisting with sorting of food donations, donation pick ups from local vendors, and more. PAL hours are typically 8:30am-12:30pm



Due to the increase of food prices, and the decrease of donations we receive, PAL lunch will now reduce meals to 1 meal per person daily as of January 1, 2024. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to obtain additional resources to support our Missions here at HACC!

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



www.hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org



www.facebook.com/1BodyOneSpirit

OUR NEEDS

PROVIDE-A-LUNCH

Cans of mixed vegetables, corn, green beans, bags of potatoes, butter, sugar, milk, snacks, scalloped potatoes, fruit cups, grocery/shopping bags

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER

Hygiene and Toiletry Products (Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Body Wash), Clorox Wipes, Kitchen Trash Bags, Ziploc Bags (sandwich and gallon sizes)

PLEASE MARK FOR CHANGING LIVES SHELTER

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Adult Coloring Books, Colored Pencils, Word Search Books, Compression Socks, Handkerchiefs, Box tissues

RUTH'S HARVEST

Single serve fruit cups, Single serve cereals, Single serve granola bars. Please label "Ruth's Harvest"

CLOTHING BANK

Children and Teen Clothing (all sizes)
Men's jeans waist sizes 30-34
Shoes/Sneakers (all sizes)
Grocery/Shopping Bags

Donations may be dropped off Monday - Saturday 8:30am to 12:30pm at 136 Carlisle Street, Rear Dock.

Any donations specifically for the Changing Lives Shelter please label "FOR SHELTER"

Or drop off at 138 Carlisle St.

THANK YOU!

Donations are always accepted at the Hanover Area Council of Churches! We are making a precious difference in our community. Because of you, our mission will continue guiding, feeding, clothing, and sheltering those in great need! Please remember the Hanover Area Council of Churches in your will, and other charitable opportunities.





The Gettysburg Choral Society, Inc.
Julie Strickland, Manager
(717) 515-3176
mayfairy25@gmail.com



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 8, 2023

Gettysburg, PA—The Gettysburg Choral Society, Inc. is now actively seeking new singers for the 2024 season. Auditions are being held **by appointment only** on Monday, January 29th (6 P.M.-8 P.M.) and on Saturday, February 3rd (11 A.M.-1 P.M.) at Trinity United Church of Christ, 60 East High Street, Gettysburg.

The chorus seeks to utilize the finest choral techniques in an effort to continually improve the quality of performances. As such, persons who read music and have choral experience are encouraged to audition. Vocal accuracy, tone quality, blending ability, and vocal range will be tested during the audition and are the most important qualities. Good sight reading is a definite plus. All persons auditioning must be at least 18 years of age.

2024 concerts are planned for Memorial Day (May 27th) and December 6th at the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. Rehearsals begin on Monday, March 3rd at St James Lutheran Church, in Gettysburg and will take place on subsequent Monday evenings from 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

To schedule an audition, please contact our director, John McKay, at (717) 476-1054 {call or text} or email zoemckay@aol.com. Additional information is available at:

Gettysburgchoralsociety.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church PARISH HOUSE AVAILABLE FOR RENT Are you having a Family Gathering?

Our Parish House is available for the following events:

- Wedding and Anniversary Receptions
- Family Gatherings
- Reunions
- Birthday Parties
- Wedding or Baby Showers

Call the Church Office for prices & availability
717-632-2688

Are you looking for an opportunity to give back to your community? We are looking for capable, motivated, compassionate, friendly volunteers.

AARP Foundation
Tax-Aide
**BECOME A VOLUNTEER
AND HELP PROVIDE
FREE TAX PREP
ASSISTANCE
FOR LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS**



FREE TRAINING
To find out how you can get involved, leave a message for Lynne at 717.640.5006, email us at info@yorkaarptaxaide.com or visit our website at www.yorkaarptaxaide.com

Locations in York, Hanover, Delta, Dover, Lewisberry, Manchester, Red Lion, Shrewsbury, Spring Grove, and Wrightsville

Hanover Borough Announcement

The Hanover Borough has been notified by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) that from December 2023 through April 2024, PennDOT has contracted with Tri-State Traffic Data, Inc., a vendor of the Department of Transportation's Highway Safety and Traffic Operations Division, to collect traffic data on municipally owned roads within York County and the Borough of Hanover. The data collected will be utilized by the Department to complete a statewide network screening and prioritize locations for potential safety improvements. The traffic counters are not being set for any road project or speed trap.

For more information, please contact the Department of Public Works at 717-632-3939.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**95.3 • 1280**
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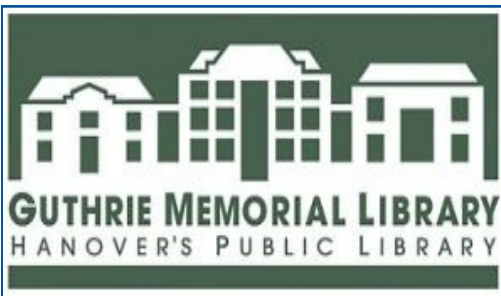
Live with Hanover Area Council of Churches

10:00—11:00 AM | Every first Monday of the month

Join program Better Living Radio with Bill O'Brien as various guest speakers inform, entertain and enlighten you on a variety of interesting subjects from health care, community events, and other topics of local and regional interest.

SENIOR HEALTH & WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

The Guthrie Memorial Library, located at 2 Library Place in Hanover, Pa., offers weekly senior health and wellness workshops. Every Tuesday from 10:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., seniors 55 or older are invited to participate in a variety of health- and wellness-related informational seminars and recreational activities. In addition, on the first two Tuesdays of each month a free brown bag lunch is provided for those who register in advance at the library. To learn more visit: www.YorkLibraries.org/Hanover-Guthrie.

**CROSS KEYS VILLAGE**
The Brethren Home Community

THE BRETHERN HOME COMMUNITY STAMP GROUP collects cancelled stamps from envelopes and sells them to dealers and wholesale stamp houses. The proceeds are used for projects which benefit the Residents. Donations can be mailed or dropped off at the campus.

**FREE GROCERY KITS**

Fruit, Potatoes & Pantry Items

EVERY SATURDAY 10-11 am

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

127 York Street

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Happy New Year!			Changing Lives Shelter 1pm		NA Meeting 7 PM Clothing Bank 9 AM—12 PM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Smart Recovery 7:30pm—9pm		Building Committee 7am PAL Breakfast 7AM— 9 AM Clothing Bank 9 AM— 12 PM	Smart Recovery 7:30pm-9pm	PAL Breakfast 7AM— 9 AM Clothing Bank 9 AM— 12 PM		NA Meeting 7pm
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28	29	30	31			
Smart Recovery 7:30pm—9pm		PAL Breakfast 7AM— 9 AM Clothing Bank 9 AM— 12 PM		PAL Lunch is served daily from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm 365 days of the year.		

HACC MEETINGS

All Committees will be notified through email by the HACC Administrative Office with updates. If you find that you have not received a reminder email; please contact us at 717-633-6353 or email us: adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org

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ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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717-637-5772

MT. CARMEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1398 Moulstown Rd. Hanover, PA 17331
717-632-2688

ANNUNCIATION BVM

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717-637-1191

BLACK ROCK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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www.blackrockchurch.org

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UNITED CHURCH (ELCA)

1204 Grand Valley Rd. Hanover, PA 17331

ST. DAVID'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1032 Musselman Rd., Hanover PA 17331

BETHEL UCC

2112 Yingling Drive Spring Grove, PA 17362
717-632-4260

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

142 Hobart Rd., Hanover, PA 17331

BETHEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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www.bethelag.com

ST. JACOB'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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717-235-7313
stjacobs@comcast.net | stjacobslutheran.org

CHRIST CHURCH OF LITTLESTOWN

131 Christ Church Rd Littlestown, PA 17340
717-359-9203 | christchurchoflittletown@gmail.com

ST. JACOB'S (STONE)CHURCH UCC

5152 Stone Church Rd., Glenville, Pa 17329
717-212-9122 | www.stonechurchucc.org

CHRIST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

P.O. BOX 155, Codorus PA. 17311
717-229-2561 www.christucccodorus.org

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

100 East Water Street, Abbottstown, PA 17301
717-259-0796

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(ABBOTSTOWN)
1 Center Square Abbottstown, PA 17331
717-259-9614 | www.emmanueluccabbottstown.org

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

5055 Grandview Rd. Hanover, Pa. 17331 717-
637-5236 | WWW.STJOSEPHPARISHHANOVER.ORG

EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

124 Broadway, Hanover, PA 17331
717-632-8281 | www.emmanuelucc.org

ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

129 Charles Street Hanover, PA 17331
www.stmarkhanover.org

FAITH COMMUNITY OF THE BRETHREN HOME

Chapel located in the Nicarry Meeting House
2990 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, Pa. 17350
717-624-5253

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

30 W. Chestnut St., Hanover, Pa. 17331
717-637-7101

FAITH COMMUNITY OF THE LUTHERAN RETIRE- MENT VILLAGE

Chapel at UTZ TERRACE
2100 UTZ Terrace, Hanover, Pa. 17331 717-637-0633

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1958 Dubs Church Rd., Hanover, PA 17331

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127 York St., Hanover, PA 17331
717-637-5941 | www.stpaulsyorkst.org

GRACE CHURCH

55 Albright Dr., Hanover, PA 17331
717-637-3100 | www.mygracechurch.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

220 THIRD ST. HANOVER, PA 17331
717-637-4625 | WWW.SVPARISH.ORG

HANOVER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

601 Wilson Avenue, Hanover, Pa. 17331
717-632-2267 | www.HanoverCOB.org

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Hanover Ward | 1170 Kohler Road, New Oxford PA
717-452-2135 (Missionaries) | www.ComeUntoChrist.org

HANOVER FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

600 Fairview Ave, Hanover, Pa 17331
www.hanoverbeacon.org

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IN JEFFERSON

6 York Street, Codorus, PA 17311
717-229-2619 | www.trinityjefferson.church
FB: Trinity Jefferson

HOMEWOOD AT PLUM CREEK (CHAPEL)

425 Westminster, Hanover, PA. 17331 | 717-637-4166
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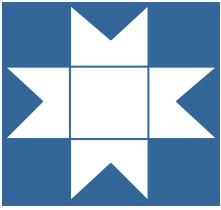
WELLSPRING WESLEYAN CHURCH

127 Hickory Lane, Hanover, PA 17331
717-797-3868 or 717-451-6349

NEW HOPE FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

33 SUNDAY DRIVE , HANOVER, PA 17331
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and times



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Our administration office is open Monday to Friday 8 AM to 2 PM
Changing Lives Shelter closed between the hours of 11 AM—1 PM