

The old saying "March comes in like a LION and goes out like a LAMB" seems particularly fitting this year, since Easter Sunday occurs on March 31. Already the trees are showing early buds and people have reported seeing robins. Spring officially arrives March 19, but Hanover is looking like SPRING!

The month of March is full of notable holidays and celebrations. After a season of winter weather, it's not surprising that many of the celebrations in March center around mental health. March is **National Optimism Month**, reminding us all to stay positive. *No matter the severity of winter weather, Spring always follows!*



To begin the month, March 1 is **National Day of Unplugging**. Perhaps a day away from technological devices would help with our mental health and promote optimism. Can't get away from work on March 1? Why not pick another day in the month as your personal "day of unplugging". Here's a great way to unplug from your usual: VOLUNTEER at HACC or another organization for a few hours. There are many great ways to serve your community at HACC within this newsletter. WE NEED YOU! You may be surprised at how giving of your time and talents boosts YOUR mental health, too!

March has a week for secret giving, too: National Anonymous Giving Week is March 17-23. We hope you will consider volunteering your time and talents to our community this Spring!



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FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we are in the midst of Lent season, we are called to sacrifice in this time when we unite our lives with that of Christ who prepared to give all for us. It should also be a time of cleansing and joyful connection with the Lord.

On November 2nd of 2023, I went on a total knee replacement procedure. I complained many times how the pain brought dismay to my life. During the beginning of Lent, it made me realized that as humans we complain about the process of pain through recuperation and we also struggle with sacrifices that we need to endure in life.

Just know that Jesus did not come to bring pain and suffering. On the contrary, He came to bring us a prescription for life that leads us to eternal happiness through many sacrifices that we should endure and

surrender upon. Being in sync with God and following Him will lead us all to a joyful connection and an understanding of Divine Will. It will bring us closer to heaven, wherein Divine Will reigns supreme.

Many blessings to all of you and keep your focus on Him, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mirna Wildasin, Executive Director



FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



Scott Palermo gave a presentation about his program **TalkAboutSafety**. This is a nonprofit organization that educates children, teens and parents on protection from predators. There are different seminars for children, teens and parents, and all are free. Many thanks to Scott for bringing this organization to our attention. You can learn more at **www.TalkAboutSafety.org**

Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Chief Tony Clousher presented a check on behalf of his wife. Kim Clousher was the executor of



her cousin Michael Krecko's will. Mike wished to donate a portion from his assets to the Changing Lives Shelter, and we recognized this donation during our February Board meeting.

JEFFERSON AWARD NOMINEE

The Jefferson Awards recognizes local "ordinary" people who perform service to others without expectation of any recognition. Fox43 hosts our local Jefferson Awards, and our Hanover area is represented by nominee Kyle Morin.

Kyle is the owner of K&J Automotive on 239 Ridge Ave. Hanover. Since 2011 he has offered to perform free state vehicle inspections in exchange for 5-10 canned goods. His shop has collection bins for the canned goods, and when the bins are full the donations are delivered to Hanover Area Council of Churches. His estimates donations occur about every week and a half.

Congratulations Kyle on your nomination for a Jefferson Award! We thank you for your commitment and dedication to giving back to your community!

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VALENTINE'S LUNCH AT P.A.L.











Showing LOVE to all during Valentine's Day lunchtime!









SEEKING TO FILL OPEN BOARD POSITION

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Executive Board Treasurer

The HACC treasurer since 2005, Roger Anderson has requested that HACC find a replacement for him, citing additional personal commitments have entered his life that could hinder his availability to perform the duties of the position. The time frame for transitioning to a replacement is flexible.

Attention to detail is a key attribute for one holding this position. Computer usage is required. All of the computer work for this position may be accomplished in the treasurer's home, or in the HACC office, and may be discussed. The amount of time required to perform the necessary duties varies, but 5 hours per week is a good estimate of the time required to perform the work (excluding meeting attendance). Roger is willing to train his replacement. A written job description is available, as well as other instructional aids for performing the tasks involved.

This position is currently a volunteer one; it would be good for the organization if the replacement would continue as such. However, it is increasingly the case that people are resistant to volunteer for such a position. If a replacement volunteer cannot be found, HACC recognizes that the position would have to become a paid one.

Interested candidates should contact the HACC office to discuss the position.

HELP WANTED

Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, Hanover, is looking for a parttime minister for Sunday services held at 9 AM and 20 hours per week.

For more information, please call the church office at (717) 632-2688.



STOLTE SCHOLARSHIP

The Stolte Scholarship Fund was established in 1973 in memory of Rev. Robert H. Stolte. The Fund provides a one -time grant of \$1000 to an individual in the greater Hanover area pursuing a career in the field of ministry, missions, or humanitarian service. The administration of the fund is handled by the Hanover Area Council of Churches.

The applicant must submit an application form and submit a brief summary of his or her call into the field and their future vocational goals. They should be an active member of a church, with good moral character and high scholastic ability.

Application forms are available in area high school guidance offices, seminary financial aid offices, and at the Hanover Area Council of Churches.

The deadline for applications is April 23, 2024.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Our volunteer for March is Gary Harrity

Gary has been volunteering at HACC since at least 2005— before the Changing Lives Shelter. He coordinates his PAL Lunch Team, serving once each month, and has been a back-up MOW driver when needed. Gary volunteers weekly in the Changing Lives Shelter. He has a desire to serve others at their point of need. He most enjoys meeting people and working together to meet community needs.

A native of Scranton, PA, Gary attended the University of Scranton ahead of serving in the US Army for 28 years. He also spent 15 years in the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

He and his wife are blessed with three children and five grandchildren. They also spend time with their Labrador Retriever "Josh" and their cats "Minnie" and "Oliver". In his spare time, Gary likes to walk local trails with his dog or trail bike ride on the area Rail Trails.

Thank you for your service to our community, Gary!



IN MEMORIAM



Robert E. "Bob" Anderson, 73, of Hanover, husband of Shirley Kuhns Anderson, peacefully entered into God's eternal care on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at Select Specialty Hospital in York.

Born on Tuesday, December 12, 1950 in Ellwood City, PA, he was a son of the late Ben Anderson, Jr. and Grace Oliver Anderson Bartle. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ben and Dennis Anderson. In 1972, he received his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Pennsylvania State University and later received his Master's degree in Computer Engineering from Loyola College in Maryland. Bob had a successful career as an electrical engineer having worked for several large companies in the United States and in Germany. He was a member of the Hanover Valley Presbyterian Church and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Retired Old Men Eating Out (ROMEO) Club. He

enjoyed working outdoors and could often be seen riding his bike with his oxygen tank on his back. Bob will be long remembered for his eagerness to help others, his smile, generosity, integrity and his endearing sense of humor.

In addition to his wife of 50 years, Bob is survived by his children, Melissa R. Casper and her husband, Michael, of New Freedom, PA, Steven B. Anderson, LynnMarie A. Leonard and her husband, Carl, of Hanover, and Túpac Mantilla-Gomez of Hamburg, Germany; four grandchildren, Leah, Elise, Ethan and Skye Leonard, whom he adored; four brothers, Rollin Geddes and his wife, Carolyn, of Knoxville, TN, Kenneth and his wife, Paulette, of Fayette City, PA, Lenard Anderson and, Marjie, and Timothy Anderson, all of Fombell, PA; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation by visiting pulmonaryfibrosis.org

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

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Donations are always accepted at the Hanover Area Council of Churches! We are making a 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.

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

Please label donations specifically for the Changing Lives Shelter "FOR SHELTER" Or drop off at 138 Carlisle St.

THANK YOU!





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.

The Clothing Bank can use volunteers for several tasks:

- Wash/sort/hang clothing
- Organize household items, shoes, and miscellaneous items
- Assist with sales on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-12pm
 - Load and deliver overflow donations to Community Aid

Clothing Bank will be CLOSED to shoppers beginning February 26 for a Spring overhaul. We look forward to re-opening on March 19!







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.

to **Pleasant Hill Fire Company** for donating four 5-gallon buckets of beef pot pie. It was enjoyed by all! Thank you very much, Pleasant Hill Fire Company!

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

Even 1 or 2 days is a help! We also need substitute drivers. Contact us for more information.



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.



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PAL Help for MARCH

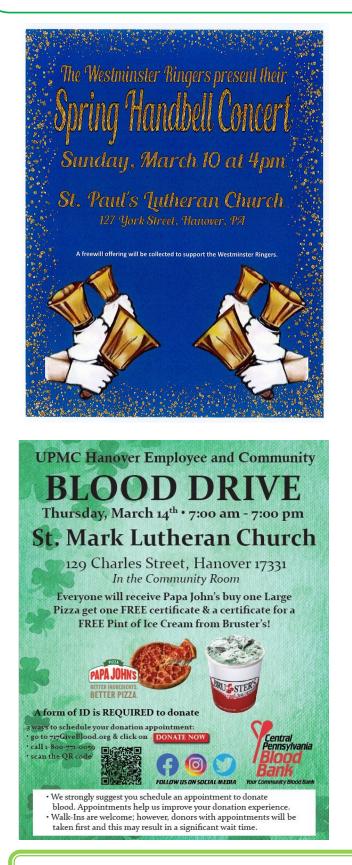
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- 2– IPCA Casa Del Alfarero
- 3-St. Joseph's
- 4= First Church of Hanover
- 5- Dominion Life of Gettysburg
- 6– Harvest Chapel
- 7– St. Jacob
- 8– St. Paul York St.
- 9– St. David's Lutheran
- 10– St. Vincent
- 11– Harrity Team
- 12– Emman UCC Abbotstown
- 13– Trinity UCC
- 14– St. Matthew Lutheran
- 15– St. Paul Broadway
- 16– Grace UCC
- 17– Stone Church
- 18– Hanover COB
- 19- OPEN—contact HACC if you can help!
- 20– St. Bartholomew
- 21– Black Rock COB
- 22– Grace Church of Hanover
- 23– St. David UCC
- 24– St. Mark Lutheran
- 25– First Church of Hanover
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- 29– St. Paul York St.
- 30– Grace Church of Hanover
- 31– Hanover Valley Church & Harrity Team



MEALS-ON-WHEELS

MARCH COMMUNITY EVENTS







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www.hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org

MARCH COMMUNITY EVENTS





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Examples of past projects: Replace Bathroom sink drain/HVAC air filters. Help with packing/unloading from a move. End of season yard clean up. Build wheel chair ramp. Repair screen door. Hang curtains/TV. Paint.

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For an application, or to help, call the church 717-637-1100 Hanover First Church of God 600 Fairview Drive, Hanover, PA 17331 Attn: Kay Fontaine





Saturday, March 30 from 8-9:30 A.M. Free Community Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:00 St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

3444 Sticks Road Glen Rock PA 17327 717-235-7313



Love in Action is looking for PROJECTS!

Please reach out to them if you need assistance with a home project.

There are people ready to help you!

LOOKING AHEAD

St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Broadway



Saturday, April 13 from 8am to 1pm.

Anyone interested in 8 ft table (\$25) call and leave a message for Millie Fout at 717-965-0682 or call the church office at 717-637-0511.

Table set-up is Friday at 1:30pm.

Beef noodle and chicken corn soup \$6/qt.

Order soup by calling church at 717-637-0511.

The Arc. York & Adams Counties

Swing for a Cause at

The Arc of York & Adams Counties'

Golf Tournament

Monday, May 20, 2024 At The Links at Gettysburg

To raise funds for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Adams County



Schedule of Events:

9:00 AM- Registration, Range Open, Skills Challenge 9:45 AM- Brunch 11:00 AM- On the Course 4:00 PM- Awards Dinner

Sponsored by: Body by Barker, BAPS, KBG Injury Law, Adams Electric Cooperative, TREYSTA technology management, Hawk Industries, The YGS Group, and Shiloh Roofing

For more information, or to register your foursome, scan the QR code or call us at 717-846-6589



MT. CARMEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SPRING YARD SALE

Thurs. Apr. 4 & Fri. April 5, 2024 both days 8am –1pm

Always a large variety & great prices RAIN OR SHINE

> 1398 MOULSTOWN RD. N. HANOVER, PA. 17331 (717)632-2688





Sight & Sound - "Daniel" - Lancaster, PA

Friday, May 10, 2024 Rill's Bus Service <u>Departure:</u> St. David's UCC Parking Lot (142 Hobart Road, Hanover) at 10:45 am <u>Return:</u> approximately 7:15 pm

Includes: Bus, Family Style Lunch at Hershey Farms & Ticket to Show

> Adult - \$150 / 3-12 Yrs Old - \$90 (Restaurant gratuity included)

Checks made payable to: **St. David's UCC** (Contact: Church Office 717-637-2299 for additional info.)



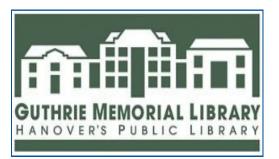




TUNE IN TO THE LIVE BROADCAST ON WHVR 1280 AM Live with Hanover Area Council of Churches

10:00 AM-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 WORSHOPS

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 BRETHREN 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



MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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PAL Lunch is served daily from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm 365 days of the year.						NA Meeting 7 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Smart Recovery 7:30pm—9pm	Ministry Board Meeting 2pm	PAL Breakfast 7AM— 9 AM	Smart Recovery 7:30pm-9pm	Changing Lives Shelter 1pm PAL Breakfast 7AM— 9 AM		NA Meeting 7pm
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Smart Recovery 7:30pm—9pm Daylight Savings Time Begins		Building Committee 7am PAL Breakfast 7AM— 9 AM	Smart Recovery 7:30pm-9pm	PAL Breakfast 7AM— 9 AM		NA Meeting 7pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day Smart Recovery 7:30pm—9pm		1st Day of Spring PAL Breakfast 7AM— 9 AM Clothing Bank 9 AM— 12 PM	Smart Recovery 7:30pm-9pm	Clothing Bank 9 AM— 12 PM		NA Meeting 7pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday Smart Recovery 7:30pm—9pm 		Executive Committee 2pm PAL Breakfast 7AM— 9 AM	Smart Recovery 7:30pm-9pm	Clothing Bank 9 AM— 12 PM CommunityNeeds 2pm	Good Friday	NA Meeting 7pm
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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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BETHEL UCC 2112 Yingling Drive Spring Grove, PA 17362 717-632-4260

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FAITH COMMUNITY OF THE BRETHREN HOME Chapel located in the Nicarry Meeting House 2990 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, Pa. 17350 717-624-5253

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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

HOMEWOOD AT PLUM CREEK (CHAPEL)

425 Westminster, Hanover, PA. 17331 | 717-637-4166 www.homewoodplumcreek.com

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