

EmmanuelLife

Newsletter of Emmanuel United Church of Christ



Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin, Pastor

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Calendar Highlights

Mondays, May 1, 8, 15, 22

1-4 pm—Compassionate Crafters

Thursdays, May 4 & 18

1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games

Thursday-Saturday, May 4-6

7 am—Yard Sale (See page 2)

Sundays, May 7, 14, 21, 28

*8:30 am—Adult Learning Hour in
Bowers Chapel and by Zoom*

*10 am—Worship in person and
livestreamed on YouTube*

Tuesdays, May 9, 16, 23, 30

*Adult Bible Study
1:30 in person, 7 pm by Zoom*

Monday, May 29

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

*9 am-1 pm—PAL Lunch at the Hanover
Area Council of Churches*

A Look Ahead

Vacation Bible School

June 19-23

See Page 3 for info



COMPLETE CALENDAR, PAGE 7

From the desk of Reverend Ken . . .

Thank you for the last 18 months! We've been together that time and I've found the strength of your belonging heartwarming. In my last church, one that I served for 17 years, the culture of belonging was very different from here at Emmanuel. I've found myself liking my belonging here very much.

I'd like to invite a sizable number of you back to attending worship at the church. I've told many people that Covid did us both a favor and created an interesting dilemma. First, it forced most every church into the 21st Century – providing worship through the medium of the internet. The internet was indispensable while we all quarantined. And as we have emerged from it, a great many people rely solely on their internet connection with the church. I see a healthy internet audience!!! I really DO love that people stay in touch this way. But I'd like to think that a large portion of our viewing audience can make it to church on Sunday morning. But I can't know this for certain. I'd love to hear from the internet viewers. So, please give me call, an email, a text, but even better how about a visit? I'll even come to you!

May is such a beautiful time, maybe my favorite of the year; the emerging flowers, the full leaves on the trees, the warmth that can sometimes be too much! With this lovely weather please take advantage of one visit a month to church. You know my messages will provide encouragement and warmth and acceptance – that's what your fellow attendees offer in their presence. Come! Enjoy a place where we have a “no business,” “no complaining” and an affirming attitude for the entire Sunday experience. I expect to provide to you a thoughtful experience, one that gives you a kindness you may not be able to find anywhere else in your week. I really hope to see you more often. But give me a call please, okay?

Blessings,
Rev. Ken

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COMPASSIONATE CRAFTERS NEWS

The Hanover Little Theatre presented a check for \$675 to Emmanuel's Compassionate Crafters, its nonprofit partner for the run of the musical "Godspell" in the fall.

The Crafters received \$6 for every ticket sold for one Saturday performance thanks to contributions from the theater, Sommer & O'Donnell Attorneys at Law, and an anonymous donor. The theater also had a collection bucket for generous patrons to contribute any additional amount.

The Crafters in turn made their own contributions with the funds. They purchased take-out containers for the Hanover Area Council of Churches' Provide-A-Lunch, made a donation to the Hoffman Homes for Youth and contributed to the Pastor's Care Fund.

Many thanks go to the Little Theatre for their support of other local nonprofits!

The Compassionate Crafters meet Mondays in the Pastor's Parlor from 1:30 to 4 pm to work on projects, swap techniques and enjoy fellowship. They crochet and knit prayer shawls, hats, scarves and mittens, create laundry bags and soakers from Homewood, and more!



From left are "Godspell" director Debbie Williams with Crafters Marilyn Van Lenten, Vicky Robinson, Sandy Rebert, Cindy Sparacino and Jane Siegel. All are welcome, whether you knit, crochet, sew, embroider, weave or craft in any way! Contact Sandy Rebert for info.

Thank You from The Compassionate Crafters...

Thank you everyone who helped the Crafters give away scarves, hats, gloves and mittens this past winter! Some were handmade and some were purchased. If you hadn't noticed, first they were on a Christmas tree by the Little Library and then later hung on a clothesline by the courtyard gate. 84 items in total were taken. Job well done! ~The Compassionate Crafters

Rice for Mother's Day? Hanover Against Hunger cookbook available

Is it possible to provide a nutritious family meal for 38 cents? It is, when Hanover Against Hunger works with their international partner Rise Against Hunger.

Since 2012 they have packaged 300,000 meals consisting of rice, soy, dried vegetables and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. These meals have fed children and families in Haiti, Columbia, Zambia, and beyond, including the Ukraine and refugee centers in Poland.

To generate community interest, HAH created a rice recipe book, "Rice in Every Bowl." Fifty



pages of rice recipes include international dishes and family favorites. Some recipes are extremely easy, with three or fewer ingredients. There are also breakfast and dessert recipes, including five versions of rice pudding.

On May 7, the Missions Committee will host Fellowship Hour, featuring rice dishes. The cookbooks, available at \$7 each, could make a nice Mother's Day gift. A donation of \$20 includes a free cookbook.

This year on the weekend of Nov. 4, the goal is to pack 200,000 meals at a cost of \$76,000. Please consider volunteering or donating.

~Carol Giese

CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Consistory Minutes — March

March minutes were approved April 17.

- Property discussion concluded with Andy making a motion to recognize Linda McKonly for her years of service and dedication as chair of the Property Committee. Consistory will donate \$100 to the Heifer Project in her name along with flowers. Judy Morris second. Vote taken. All were in favor.
- Noted that Laura Kemp will step down from Missions. The committee will find a replacement.
- Update on Livestream A/V Technician: Andy Crone accepted the position. Due to EUCC bylaws he is unable to continue serving on Consistory. His time of service was recognized at meeting. This is his third year to his third term. A new Consistory member will be needed moving forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Growth Committee — April 5

Updates

- Meet the Experts series plans are being considered.
- Facebook follow up: Maria to continue to post our events/offerings more frequently. Ask members to send more photos and submissions to Maria.
- Hanover Pride Gala cancelled. Mixed messages about whether Pride Festival will happen on July 29 – Charlotte has submitted our registration but has not received confirmation.
- Jaycees Bronze level support: We have sent in our sponsorship which gives us a logo banner and an ad for Miss Hanover and Rock the Hill.
- Easter ad: Focus of the ad is on 'Change'; running in the Merchandiser and on a private LGBTQ site.
- YWCA Walk A Mile In Her Shoes sponsorship/walking team. Nancy will call members to see if they would like to walk with us.

Fellowship Committee — April

- Fellowship Hour has continued but needs more sponsors. Volunteers are needed for every Sunday and you can team up with others. Beverages are provided by the Fellowship Committee. If needed, the committee will provide assistance with obtaining food items if you are willing to serve them. Sign up on the green clipboard in the auditorium or call the office. For information, call the church office at 717-632-8281, or Mary Bair at 717-637-5937.
- On Ash Wednesday we had tomato basil soup, tossed salad and bread, with about 20 people attending.
- Bingo on March 24 went well with 66 people.

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Committee Highlights, continued from Page 4

- Maundy Thursday had 21 at dinner and 22 for service in church; Easter Egg Hunt went well but only 7 children were there; and Easter Breakfast had 32 people attending, church service had 72. Thinking next year we may have a Palm Sunday Brunch with Easter Egg Hunt after church and not have breakfast on Easter Sunday. Thanks to all who have helped with all events.

Missions Committee — April 12

- A reminder that May 5 is Give Local York day.
- God's Meal Barrel reports that they will be moving to 240 Frederick St., Hanover, starting April 19. They are in need of a coordinator for distributing backpacks and sleepers. Contact Tom Imler.
- Hanover Area Council of Churches is celebrating 55 years of service.
- Volunteers are needed. Contact Estelle King.
- Hoffman Homes continues to need community support for the therapy it provides to area youth.
- To help our sponsored child, Jin Marie, celebrate her high school graduation, Missions will provide graduation cards for our members to sign during Fellowship Hour. Or, bring your own signed card to the office by April 30.
- Hanover United for Refugee Resettlement continues to support Furaha and her children. They enjoyed Emmanuel's children's Easter party. A baby shower will be held for Furaha on April 23 at 4 pm at All Saints Episcopal. All are invited. A list of suggested gifts is available. Emmanuel is giving a bassinet, with bedding provided by Cindy Sparacino. Missions will buy a Pack-and-Play at a cost of \$75. Baby sitters are especially needed to care for the 2 boys after the new baby arrives – teams of 2 for 4-hour shifts or overnight. Contact Pete Hartman at All Saints.
- Communion Gifts: The largest collection so far was the April collection, with 59 pounds of food and 8 personal and cleaning items. Items were distributed to the local food banks.
- Crafters will donate a baby blanket for Furaha's shower. 84 winter clothing items were claimed from the laundry line next to the Little Library. Crafters donated \$250 of the funds they received from Hanover Little Theater for the children at Hoffman Homes to have a pizza party. The remainder of the funds was used to purchase 600 meal containers for PAL lunch and to donate \$200 to the Pastor's Care Fund.
- Emmanuel's collection for Heifer International totaled \$1,500, to which Missions added matching funds of \$1,500. A supporter of Heifer will triple our donation, for a total of \$9,000.

A message from Church Growth...

■ Come sign up to be a Church Buddy and get one in return! Church Growth is starting a program called Church Buddies to help folks connect in a new way. Participants will leave notes, happy thoughts, small gifts for their buddy over the course of about two months – be creative! At the end of the two months, everyone will gather together and we will reveal who everyone's Church Buddy is. ■ To join in, complete an interest form, blank ones are located at the bulletin board in King Auditorium, or reach out to the church office. Completed forms can be returned to the office or placed in the collection folder at the bulletin board and are due by May 7. ■ For more information or questions, reach out to Megan Alcott at church or megan.a.alcott@gmail.com.

- The collection date for One Great Hour of Sharing is April 30. The power of this collection lies in the combining of efforts from UCC and other denominations as well as local and national agencies.
 - Proceeds from the spring yard sale at Estelle King's residence will go toward Emmanuel's child sponsorship programs. Donations may be dropped starting May 1. The sale takes place May 4-6. Contact Estelle to volunteer.
 - Missions Sunday is scheduled for June 4. Representatives from local faith-based agencies will speak in place of a sermon.
 - The Strengthen the Church offering is June 25.
- ### **Property & Safety Committee — April 11**
- We are currently working on a major project to replace the brownstone steps leading to the church office as well as 53 feet of sidewalk in front of the church office building. Coordinating with the Borough of Hanover and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is a challenge but we are making progress.
 - Inside the building, we are putting together a plan to install proper wiring, grounded outlets, electrical boxes, audio cable, and data cable in the auditorium to make that area conducive to broadcasting summer services online.
 - On April 7, Leeland's Slate Roofing performed an annual inspection of the roof and made some routine maintenance and repairs to some of the slate shingles.
 - If you are interested in joining our committee, please do not hesitate to contact Sean Moore at 1jsmoore007@gmail.com.

Thank You

Heifer International Lenten Giving Project

Thank you for supporting Heifer

Thank you again to the congregation for their generous donations, totaling \$1,500, the Missions Committee match of \$1,500, and Heifer International's triple match for a total impact to Heifer of \$9,000 for our 2023 Lenten offering.

Thank you also to all of the children for participating in learning about the Power of Seeds on March 12 and the Power of Eggs on March 26.

A special Thank You to Susan Hoke for sourcing the colored chicken eggs, duck eggs, turkey egg and for her connection to Silver Valley Farms in Aspers (www.silvervalleyfarmsgeese.com), and to Jamie of Silver Valley for donating the goose egg.

And thank you, Liam, for sharing your baby ducklings with all of us and making our Children's Message extra special!

Peg Moulton

Heifer International Lenten Giving Offering Coordinator

At right, Kairi Biddle, granddaughter of Dwight & Judy Dubs, holds a duckling in Sunday School on March 26.



From New Hope Ministries

Dear Friends,

Did you know that New Hope Ministries helps close to 2,300 families every year in the greater Hanover area with food, basic needs, job training and economic stability programs?

And that when you make a generous gift to Feed-A-Friend, you're helping to feed the hungry? Thank you! Last year's 37th Annual Feed-A-Friend, a 16-hour on-air radio marathon to support and raise awareness for New Hope Ministries' Food Program, impacted so many people struggling with hunger in our community. Our goal was to raise the equivalent of 128,000 food items to supply our pantries in the greater Hanover area – Hanover, Littlestown and New Oxford. Because of YOU, we exceeded our goal and raised the equivalent of 141,831 cans of food! Special thanks to the sponsors, radio personalities, on-air guests and YOU for working together to feed local families!

Sincerely,

Molly Helmstetter, Director of Development

The Missions Committee gave \$1,000 to the marathon.

Christian Sympathy and Heartfelt Prayers

Please extend sympathy and prayers to...

- The family of Margaret Forney, who died March 29, 2023, at age 91.
- The family of Donald Bair, who died April 5, 2023, at age 96.

Calling All Graduates!

This spring, we will recognize our members who will be graduating from high school or college, as well as those who earned degrees in the fall or winter. Send your news to 124 Broadway, Hanover, or office@eucchanover.org by May 19.

Please include the graduate's name, their high school or college, date of graduation and future plans.



★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

The following members and friends of Emmanuel celebrate birthdays in **May**. We extend to each of you best wishes and many happy returns. May God bless you!

- 1—Nora Zettlemoyer
- 5—Sandy Bull
- 7—Harry Holm, Larry Myers
- 10—Gabrielle Brady, Aaron Eisenhart
- 11—Benjamin Frock, Henry Saggau,
- 12—Barbara Cooledge, Marilyn Van Lenten
- 16—Roy Fauth, Floyd Lohr III
- 21—Megan Alcott, Kandy Carbaugh
- 24—Wendy Livelsberger
- 25—Carol Bunn
- 26—Chase Gessner
- 28—Ethel Lohr
- 29—Jenna McLin
- 31—Laura Eisenhart

Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

Terri Alcott (Care South)
Julia Greth (Terrace E371)
Burnell Little
Pat Sheaffer (Care South)
Ross Sipe (Care South)
Ginny Stieglitz (Terrace)
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 Hanover PA 17331

Audrey Fuhrman
 Fair Havens Assisted Living
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Becci Little
 2990 Carlisle Pike, Room 4528, New Oxford PA 17350

Doris Unger (Room 214A)
 Hanover Hall, 267 Frederick St., Hanover PA 17331

► **Have some news?** New email?
 Change of address? Let us know!
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May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 April 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship 3 pm—Hershey Handbell Ensemble	1 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	2	3 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	4 YARD SALE 7 am-5 pm 1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games 7 pm—Choir	5 YARD SALE 7 am-5 pm 9:15-10:30 am—Coffee ER at Reader's Café	6 YARD SALE 7 am-12 pm
7 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion Children's SS	8 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	9 12-Church Growth Zoom Bible Study—1:30 pm in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm by Zoom	10 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 1 pm—Missions Committee	11 7 pm—Property Committee meeting 7 pm—Choir rehearsal	12 9:15-10:30 am—Coffee ER at Reader's Café	13
14 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS	15 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm—Consistory	16 Bible Study—1:30 pm in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm by Zoom	17 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	18 1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games in King Auditorium 7 pm—Choir rehearsal	19 9:15-10:30 am—Coffee ER at Reader's Café	20
21 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS 11:45—Lunch Bunch	22 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	23 Bible Study—1:30 pm in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm by Zoom	24 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	25 7 pm—Choir rehearsal	26 9:15-10:30 am—Coffee ER at Reader's Café	27
28 10 am—Worship Children's SS	29 Office Closed	30 9 am-1 pm—PAL Lunch @ HACC Bible Study—1:30 pm in person 7 pm by Zoom	31 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open	1 June 7 pm—Choir rehearsal	2 9:15-10:30 am—Coffee ER at Reader's Café	3

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■ Missions Yard Sale: May 4-6

7 am-5 pm Thursday & Friday
7 am-12 pm Saturday
2596 Hanover Pike, Hanover (Rt. 194 S)
Donate, shop, spread the word!
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■ Vacation Bible School

All children are invited June 19-23 for an out-of-this-world VBS experience at our joint program with Trinity UCC.
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• Our church is an OPEN AND AFFIRMING congregation •