

EmmanuelLife

Newsletter of Emmanuel United Church of Christ



Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin, Pastor

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Calendar Highlights

Sundays, November 3, 10, 17, 24

8 am—Adult Learning Hour

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

Sunday, November 3

6 pm—Monthly Mindfulness Session

Thursdays, November 7 & 21

*1:30-4 pm—Afternoon of Games
in King Auditorium*

Thursdays, November 7, 14, 21

6 pm—Hand Bells • 7 pm—Choir

Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, 25

1 pm—Compassionate Crafters

Thursday-Friday, November 28-29

Office Closed for Holiday

COMPLETE CALENDAR, PAGE 11

F.Y.I.

• Hanging of the Greens

Volunteers are welcome to stay after Fellowship Hour on November 24 to help decorate the church for Christmas.



From the Desk of Rev. Ken...

Greetings and Here's to your Happy Thanksgiving, Yes, it is that time of year, even though Thanksgiving is several weeks away. Hallmark Television has already been showing us Christmas movies since October 18! Walmart was stocking Christmas decorations near the beginning of October too!

Yet a Happy Thanksgiving needs to be offered as soon and as often as possible. We truly do have a great deal to be thankful for. Despite the feeling of high process from inflation, our economy is bustling, jobs are aplenty and employment is very low. The remainder of the world is jealous of our economy and stock market and things are actually quite strong. So my dear hearts, know that I celebrate with you in this remarkable time in our lives.

But those exterior gifts are not everything. We have one another here at our church. Our church, a place of freedom and acceptance. We are truly one of the only places in town where people actually know people of any sort are welcome. But there is still fear about that. Many people have been hurt badly by other institutions welcoming them in and then pulling the rug from under them. And so, walking into the door of any church is truly a thing of risk still. RISK! Yes, I said it. Even persons who are not marginalized feel the "fear" of walking into a church that claims to be friendly and welcoming. They too have been deceived many times, and so, it is our responsibility to tell others of our welcome. To be THANKFUL in this Thanksgiving season and not be shy to reach out to anyone and all to talk about the beauty of your membership.

The weather has been turning of course, a few warm days dusted in with more days of cool or outright cold. And so, we bundle up, yet another thing of thanks we need to give. We are fed. We are housed. We are loved by families, friends, neighbors, church members. I preached on October 13 when I was not feeling well that Jesus' instruction to the wealthy man to sell all he had, give it to the poor and

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Commitment Sunday

November 10

The church's call for faithful stewardship this year is focused on the theme *Imagine Together*. This theme asks us to imagine all that God calls us to do as a community. Our donations to the church make it possible to turn what we imagine into a reality. It is also a simple reminder that your gifts make ministry happen.

Watch your mail for a letter from the Stewardship team along with a brochure about the budget and a pledge card. We ask that you read them carefully and consider the spiritual practice of generosity.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to pledge your support this year and respond to the invitation to share your financial gifts as you are able.

We will celebrate your generosity on Commitment Sunday, November 10, when we dedicate your pledges.



Celebration Luncheon

As a thank you for your generosity, the Stewardship Committee will hold a catered luncheon to celebrate Commitment Sunday during Fellowship Hour on November 10. Divino Pizzeria & Grille will provide a meal of Caprese salad, chicken parmesan and baked ziti, and assorted desserts.

UCC news: Learn more, get inspired

Have you ever visited the United Church of Christ's website? At www.ucc.org you can find a variety of resources centered around faith, social justice issues and community support across the U.S. and around the world. There is also an entire page of news, at www.ucc.org/news-hub, with stories about what's happening in the national setting and at congregations across the country.

One recent highlight is "Going beyond the blessing: Churches emulate St. Francis' care for animals." The article highlights how UCC churches are modelling St. Francis' compassion for animals through events like the "Blessing of the Animals." Congregations not only bless pets but also address animal welfare through disaster relief, microchipping clinics, and emergency planning.

The article quotes folks from Vermont, Massachusetts, Ohio, Indiana and even Harrisburg, Pa., about how churches are integrating animals into worship and ministries, emphasizing care for both pets and their humans.

For a link to the story, contact the church office. ► Stay tuned for information about a pet blessing service at Emmanuel next spring.



"Unofficial Spiritual Support Dog" Lucy is seen at the United Church of Christ of Abington in Massachusetts.

Electronic giving

Did you know that more than 30 percent of giving to EUCC is by electronic donation?



Electronic giving through our website is secure and convenient. You can make a one-time donation or schedule offerings in weekly, semi-monthly or monthly installments. Pay directly from a bank account or by credit card. Visit www.emmanuelucc.org, find the Giving tab and click on DONATE NOW. Set up recurring donations and manage your giving here.

But you don't have to "be online" to give electronically. Just complete an Electronic Giving Authorization Form and return it to the church office.

For technical assistance, forms, questions or more information, contact Maria in the church office at 717-632-8281 or office@eucchanover.org.

HOLIDAY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Communion Giving & Harvest Home

This year's first Sunday Communion Gifts offering will be combined with our annual Harvest Home collection for two Sundays, November 3 and 10. Bring foods for holiday meals as well as any pantry items, hygiene products or cleaners, which will be shared among New Hope Ministries' food pantry, the Hanover Area Council of Church's PAL Lunch program and God's Meal Barrel.



Bring canned and packaged items to church or the office now through November 10. Suggested items include: cans of white or sweet potatoes, other vegetables, fruit, cranberry sauce and pie filling; boxes of stuffing and scalloped potatoes; gravy; salad dressing; soups; pasta and spaghetti sauce; and cereal. HACC prefers #10 restaurant-sized cans, but all sizes are welcome.

Cards and bingo prizes for Homewood

Homewood at Plum Creek is collecting Christmas cards and Bingo prizes for their Nursing Care and Personal Care residents again this holiday season.

■ The Missions Committee will provide cards for anyone wishing to help with this ministry, or you can use your own. Cards should be signed "From Emmanuel UCC" with your name and a brief message or Bible verse. We will have opportunities for signing cards during Fellowship Hour later this month, or you can take some cards home and return them later. Please do not seal the envelopes.

■ Special requests for BINGO prizes for the holidays include:

- Chocolate
- Single Serve snack items
- Small holiday trinkets for all seasons
- Word search puzzles
- Small stuffed animals
- Dove bar soap

Baskets can be found in King Auditorium for these items, which should be collected no later than Monday, December 9.

Thank you to everyone for sharing in this special opportunity to bring Christmas JOY to our friends and neighbors at Homewood. Please see Peg Moulton for more information, or call her at 443-904-0234.

Christmas Blessings Express

New Hope will host its Christmas Blessings Express "shoppers room" where clients can get gifts for their entire family. For a complete list of requested toys, games, clothing and household items, visit the church office or nhm-pa.org. Unwrapped items will be accepted now through December 6. Drop off gifts at 135 Baltimore Street, Hanover, 9 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Hoffman Homes Holiday Gift Program

Emmanuel will again support the Hoffman Homes for Youth Holiday Gift Program. There are 12 gift tags with the name of a teen girl and their wish list. Gifts should be under \$40. Make your purchases and attach the tag to the unwrapped gift. The deadline to return gifts is December 1. To participate, call Estelle King at 717-487-1906.



Cold weather clothesline accessories

Emmanuel's Compassionate Crafters are working on scarves and hats for our cold weather clothesline, and encourage the purchase of gloves for winter distribution.



About the Crafters: Meetings are 1 pm Mondays in the Pastor's Parlor. All crafters are welcome to bring a project, swap techniques and enjoy fellowship. For info, call Sandy Rebert at 717-586-2136.

In addition, they currently have a surplus of wool yarn, and suggest anyone who would like some could make a donation to the Missions Committee.

BELL RINGERS WANTED

The Missions Committee is again helping organize volunteers for The Salvation Army Red Bucket Christmas Campaign. Bell ringers are needed for the Hanover Market on Chestnut Street Saturday mornings December 7-21. All funds support local program needs. To help, contact Estelle King at 717-487-1906 or estellebking@icloud.com.



2024-2025 Concert Series opens November 10

Five Voices II | *Vocal Recital*

Join us at 3 pm Sunday, Nov. 10, for a reprise of last year's popular vocal concert featuring a program of lyrical classical pieces, stirring opera selections, inspirational gospel, favorite Broadway hits and more.

Performers will include EUCC's Music Director, Soprano Amy KeeSun Kwon, plus Mezzo Soprano Diana Cantrelle, Baritone Rev. Ken Peterkin, Baritone Colin James, and

Baritone YoungSoo An. They will be accompanied by Pianist Sophie Hong. Admission is free and all are invited to stay afterward for a dessert reception to meet the performers.

All our annual concert series events are free and open to the public – a gift of music made possible by generous sponsors. To support the Concert Series, use the form on page 5. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

SCHEDULE

114th Annual Carol Sing | *A Hanover Tradition*

December 22 • 7 pm: Join in this Christmas carol singalong, with stories of the carols and a live 30-piece community orchestra.

John Maurer | *Trumpet*

March 2, 2025 • 3 pm: John Maurer will present a program of standards, jazz and original compositions for trumpet and piano with pianist Nate Petley.

Encore Chamber

Winds | *Wind Ensemble*

April 6, 2025 • 3 pm: These virtuoso musicians add flute to the vibrant oboe, mellow clarinet and deep bassoon voices to traditional woodwind quartet repertoire and selections from various genres.

Simple Gifts | *Folk Duo*

May 4, 2025 • 3 pm
Based in the hills of central Pennsylvania, Linda Littleton and Karen Hirshon play an amazing array of instruments performing folk music from around the world as well as original compositions.

FIVE VOICES II
VOCAL RECITAL

3 pm • Sunday, November 10
FREE

Amy Kwon Soprano	YoungSoo An Baritone	Diana Cantrelle Mezzo Soprano	Colin James Baritone	Ken Peterkin Baritone	Sophie Hong Pianist

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Thank you, concert sponsors!

We are truly grateful for the members and friends of Emmanuel for generously supporting our 2024-2025 Concert Series:

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Five Voices II—Sam S. Lee
 114th Annual Carol Sing—G. Steven & Linda W. McKonly
 John Maurer—Judy Morris
 Encore Chamber Winds—Estelle King
 Simple Gifts—Sandy Rebert

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Please make checks to EUCC. Place this form in the offering, drop off at the office or mail to:

**Emmanuel UCC Concerts,
 124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331**

Are you called to serve?

There are multiple ways to help out at Emmanuel, even if you only have a little time to give. Opportunities include:

- **Altar Guild:** Prepare communion once or twice per year.
- **Fellowship Hour:** Make your preparations as simple or as elaborate as you wish and volunteers may team up with others. Beverages are provided. As easy as coffee and cookies!
- **Scripture Readers:** You're already at church, so jump in the rotation about once a quarter! Selections are emailed in advance on Fridays.
- **Greeters:** Welcome members, friends and visitors and hand out bulletins.
- **Ushers:** Help pass the offering plate and carry it forward during the service.

Contact the church office for info.

Hanover Area Council of Churches

Current Special Needs

PAL LUNCH: Canned vegetables, sugar; gallon and sandwich sized Ziplock bags; grocery/shopping bags.

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER (*Please mark for the shelter*): Hygiene and toiletry products (shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash), razors (men's & women's).

HEAVENLY CLOTHING STORE: Men's jeans sizes 30-34; shoes/sneakers (all sizes); grocery/shopping/reusable bags; snack baggies; dryer sheets, laundry detergent.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Thermal socks, sugar-free candy & snacks, throw blankets, no-slip slippers, journal books.

RUTH'S HARVEST (*Please label for Ruth's Harvest*): Single-serving size fruit cups, vegetables, breakfast cereal, and mac & cheese.

~ HACC accepts donations ~

At 136 Carlisle Street (rear dock), Hanover
 Monday to Saturday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm.
 Call 717-633-6353 to schedule a drop-off.

Bible Study with Rev. Ken

Get ready for Advent with a look at the narratives of Jesus' birth as told in Luke and Matthew. Join Rev. Ken at 7 pm Wednesdays in the Pastor's Parlor or by Zoom beginning October 30. Participants will study the first two chapters of each Gospel over a five-week session, through November 27. The next session is set to begin in January.



Contact the office at 717-632-8281 or office@eucchanover.org to sign up or request the Zoom link.

Gift Card sales support Emmanuel

Consider making your Christmas and holiday gift card purchases through EUCC! Your purchase through Emmanuel helps support the church, which receives a percentage of all gift cards sold. Stop in the office for an order form or request a pdf by emailing office@eucchanover.org. You can get just about any card, but if the one you want is not on the order form, visit RaiseRight.com or contact Mary Bair at 717-870-5597 or mary.bair12@gmail.com. Orders are typically delivered in a week. The deadline is Monday, December 15, for Christmas delivery.



Gettysburg Association to hold Town Hall

The Gettysburg Association will hold an in-person Town Hall meeting at 9 am Saturday, November 9, in the fellowship hall of Grace UCC, 100 Fourth St., Hanover. A continental breakfast will be provided.

At 9:30 am those gathered will virtually join the Penn Central Conference Fall Meeting to discuss and vote on the 2025 PCC budget and a resolution to the General Synod concerning Rural and Small Town Churches.

Beginning at about 11:30 am, the meeting will join the other state conferences to review and vote on whether to approve a formal motion to the General Synod proposing a merger of the four conferences into one Keystone Conference. All clergy and lay members are invited to attend.

Events & Activities

Monthly Mindfulness

6 pm, November 3

Join Karen Jones every first Sunday for a free 45-minute Monthly Mindfulness Drop-In session, now held in the auditorium. The stress-reduction practices are open to everyone, whether you are a beginner or an experienced practitioner. Use the courtyard door. For a Zoom link or questions, email Karen at kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com.

Afternoon of Games

1:30-4 pm, November 7 & 21

Join us in King Auditorium first and third Thursdays for Scrabble, cards, board games, snacks and fellowship. New players are always welcome! For info, call Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665.

Compassionate Crafters

1-4 pm Mondays

All crafters are welcome to bring a project, swap techniques and enjoy fellowship. For info, call Sandy Rebert at 717-586-2136.

Coffee ER

9:15 am, Fridays & Saturdays

Join Rev. Ken's for an informal gathering 9:15-10:30 am Fridays and Saturdays at Little



Fox Coffee & Books, 125 Broadway. Coffee ER's name pays homage to Emmanuel's Evangelical and Reformed roots. Grab coffee, tea or breakfast.

Lunch Bunch

12 pm, Second Sundays

The group will not meet in November and will attend the Stewardship Luncheon Nov. 10. An outing is planned for Dec. 8.

CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September minutes were approved October 21

Consistory Minutes — September 16

- Treasurer's Report: Brian Frederick noted several items: \$40,000 was moved from unrestricted funds to the General Operating budget in August; the gas bill is running lower than last year and below our budgeted amount; the contract for cleaning services is running lower than budgeted; and there is a potential need to repair/replace exhaust fans in the sanctuary which could be funded through Capital Expense. Motion to approve was made by David Jones, with a second by Megan Alcott. Report approved, subject to audit.

Old Business

- Weekend Sexton Update: A candidate had been interviewed and offered a job, but he has not responded to the offer. Looking at other candidates using Indeed, Facebook, and our church website to advertise the position.
- Consistory Vacancy Update: Lorraine Phillips has been approached and expressed an interest in joining. Alec Sivel will reach out to her. She can be installed with a congregation vote in December. There is still one vacancy to fill.

New Business

- Alec Sivel initiated a discussion about looking into adding acoustic tiles in the King Auditorium to help with sound quality – not an immediate need but something we can investigate.
- Discussion on having Consistory members be available to count the offering after each service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Growth Committee — October 8

Upcoming events:

- Christmas Tree Wars, to begin in early December: Decorate tree with an Aloha theme with 'Hello' in other languages.
- New Member Recognition during the December Congregational Meeting.
- Discussion of a Pet Blessing service in Spring 2025 with an invitation to the community to come.

Missions Committee — October 9

- God's Meal Barrel served 165 families last month, a total of 326 people. They purchased two new freezers to store food provided through the York County Food Bank. Missions voted to donate \$500 from Missions funds toward their purchase of 100 Thanksgiving turkeys.
- Missions voted to donate \$1,000 to CROP. The CROP Walk, which fights hunger locally and

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Committee Highlights, continued from Page 6

- globally, was held Oct. 13.
- We voted to provide \$200 in gift cards to JJ's Toyshop at HACC, where gifts are provided for children and teens.
- Hoffman Homes: Estelle, Marilyn and Carol will attend the Gala Nov. 1. Marilyn has made two quilts for the children.
- Homewood Auxiliary: The annual Homewood Auxiliary Membership Drive continues through Nov. 3. Membership is \$3 per person and \$5 per couple. See Peg.
- We invite everyone to send Christmas messages and cards to the Homewood residents. We can do this at Fellowship Hour. More info will follow.
- New Hope Ministries: Jody reports that they are expanding the New Oxford center to accommodate 2,300 people, and have raised nearly \$57,000 toward a \$100,000 goal.
- For Thanksgiving, New Hope is requesting donations of frozen turkeys, boxed stuffing, canned yams, corn and green beans and cranberry sauce. No glass, please. Donations are due by Nov. 11.
- New Hope has distributed the Christmas Wish List, which provides gifts for struggling families to give to their loved ones. Gifts are to be unwrapped and delivered to New Hope by Dec. 6. The Wish Lists are available in the church office.
- Salvation Army: Kathi Thomas, local coordinator, is back in the office.
- Communion Gifts: This month 51.5 pounds of food, 2 hygiene and 5 cleaning items were donated and delivered to our three local food banks. In November the altar will be decorated to celebrate Harvest Home. Communion Gifts will be collected Nov. 3 and 10, and items can be placed in collection baskets or on the altar. Volunteers will be needed on Nov. 11 to help with deliveries to local food banks. See Estelle.
- Crafters are working on hats and scarves. Donations of gloves and additional scarves would be appreciated. Please see Sandy if you know of anyone who may be in need of a shawl or lap robe.
- Fisher House, which provides housing for families of hospitalized vets, will be featured on Nov. 10. Donation envelopes will be provided. Quilts made by Marilyn will be blessed and donated to a veterans' hospital. We will honor living vets with a photo presentation during the service.
- Hurricane Helene disaster relief: Envelopes have been provided for donations to victims of Hurricane Helene through the national UCC. Missions voted to donate \$1,000 from Missions funds.
- We collected 20 signatures and birthday



BAPTISM

Reed Van Duzer, son of Craig and Christina Van Duzer, was baptized on September 29.

- messages for Phurbu, our sponsored child in India who turns 12 on Nov. 13.
- The Green Team will focus on a theme of reducing and recycling plastics through November. Collection bins for a variety of plastics and fliers with information are in the auditorium.

Stewardship Committee — October 16

- A review of the Stewardship potluck dinners in September was discussed.
- Judy will follow up with Maria on the draft of the letter which will go out with the pledge cards and narrative budget information around Nov. 1.
- On Commitment Sunday, the congregation will be asked to place their pledges in the offering and Rev. Ken will do a special dedication of them.

Worship & Music Committee — October 1

- Upcoming services
 - ◇ Oct. 27: All Saints Sunday.
 - ◇ Nov. 3: Communion.
 - ◇ Nov. 10: Veterans Day service. Members will be asked to submit photographs of their family veterans.
 - ◇ Dec. 1: Communion and start of Advent. A discussion of the needs for Advent was held.
- The Steinway refurbishment is complete and the instrument will be delivered. The dedication service will be rescheduled.
- A Healing Service is being planned for Dec. 29.
- Consistory is requesting the committee work on acquiring ushers and greeters for worship.
- Charlotte reported on the progress of putting the church's library of sacred music in order.
- The first event in the 2024-2025 Concert Series will be 3 pm Nov. 10, a vocal recital, "Five Voices II."

Thank You

► **Thank you for Neighbors in Need**

Thank you for contributing \$530 to the UCC's Neighbors in Need offering for justice issues, which focused this year on mental health. The Missions Committee contributed an additional \$470 for a total offering of \$1,000.

► **Thanks for supporting the Yard Sale**

Many thanks to Estelle King, for coordinating the Yard Sale, to the 27 helpful volunteers, and to our donors and shoppers, all of whom made our event a success. Proceeds of \$1,864 will go toward sponsoring our 3 children, in India, the Philippines, and South Africa.

► **Thank you from the Missions Committee**

Thank you to the congregation for giving \$1,585 to UCC Disaster Relief to assist those affected by Hurricane Helene. The Missions Committee will add \$1,000 for a total offering of \$2,585.



THANK YOU, PAL LUNCH VOLUNTEERS!
Emmanuel volunteers had another great day October 15 at the Provide A Lunch program at HACC. Lunches were served to 30 in-house clients, 55 walk-ins, and 46 Meals on Wheels recipients. Many thanks go to, from left, Estelle King, Mary Bair, John Wheeler, Marilyn Van Lenten, Jody Adelsperger, Vicky Robinson, Bob Larsen, and Sandy Topper (not pictured), who also delivered for Meals on Wheels. They contributed 26½ hours volunteer service!

Rev. Ken, continued from Page 1

follow him as a way into heaven, I suggested was more of a wake up call to us all who have so much. He was telling us to be generous to fault. I don't think he really demanded for us to become poor. And so, in thankfulness I pray you've supported your church with a generous pledge, offered to secular charities your kind and generous spirit, and that you love all persons.

I am so grateful for this place, I pray that you are,

Rev. Ken

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***Christmas Poinsettias
& Pastor's Care Fund***



To purchase flowers to decorate the sanctuary at Christmas, please complete this form and return to the office or drop in the offering.

_____ Plants at \$15 each

Flower total \$ _____

Pastor's Fund Offering \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Your Name _____

Please circle one:

In ~ Memory ~ Honor ~ Appreciation ~ of

The flower order deadline is Monday, Nov. 25.

Make checks payable to Emmanuel UCC.
Donations to the Pastor's Care Fund
are welcome at any time.

Plastics: Some pretty bad news and a little good news

Much of this news comes from “Plastic Jesus: Real Faith in a Synthetic World,” published by Christian Justice Ministries, which includes 38 national faith bodies working to protect and restore God’s creation. If you want to read more, contact the office for a link, PDF or printout.



Some of the bad news:

- Plastic damages habitats and reduces the ability of ecosystems to adapt to climate change, affecting peoples’ livelihoods, food production and social well-being. Our waterways bear the brunt of this pollution, which interferes with navigation, fishing and ocean wildlife.
- Microplastics (plastics under 5 millimeters in length) end up in the ocean and on farmland, affecting our food supply and well-being.
- Only about 9 percent of the world’s plastic is actually recycled.

How do we look at this in a spiritual framework? The authors of “Plastic Jesus” suggest we consider taking the faith journey of sin, repentance and redemption.

- We can expand our concept of sin as an individual act to include the harm that communities and societies commit against the vulnerable among them. Our oversized demand for plastics has caused great harm, whether we intended to do it or not. Our desire to acquire more consumer goods can be seen as a form of idolatry, a worship of things made by man, and not by God.
- Repentance can come through a message from Paul in Philippians 4: “I have learned how to be content with whatever I have.” We need to find contentment in connections with people, creation and God. In our economy we need to stop putting profits over people and our earth.
- Redemption comes from loving our neighbors in all parts of the world, as well as our neighbors in the future, to spare them the burden of our overuse of plastics.

Here’s the good news:

- We can follow this suggestion from the Center for Climate Integrity: “The best way to reduce the environmental impacts of plastic is to reduce overall consumption.”

- Some simple things we can do as individuals: Bring our own reusable bags whenever we shop, bring our own water bottles wherever we go, stop using straws (remember when we drank directly from glasses?) and contact our local representatives to find out how they are addressing plastic pollution.
- Some things we can do as a church community: Clean up trash in our own neighborhood, continue to discuss environmental concerns, and support our new plastic recycling program: The “Beyond the Bags” collection bin and flyers are in the auditorium.

~Carol Gieseey

Lean more about our environmental initiatives at the Green Table at Fellowship Hour, or contact Carol.

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Recycle plastic bags and wraps in the “Beyond the Bags” recycling bins.



PONTOON BOAT TOURS

Carol Gieseey and Karen Unger, front left and center, enjoy a geology tour by pontoon boat at Codorus State Park on October 6. Tours run seasonally, Memorial Day through October.

~Photo by Peg Moulton

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

- 1—Lisa Pratt
- 2—Andrew Giesey
- 4—Bill Wertzberger
- 5—Nathan Kemp, Allesyn Crone
- 9—Suzanne Personette
- 12—Carole Zinn, Mitchell Groft
- 15—Jeanne Bowers, Henry McLin, Gail Holm
- 17—JJ Dugan
- 18—Nancy Daniel
- 20—Laura Kemp
- 22—Thomas Whisenand
- 25—Suzanne Bourdess
- 28—Dwight Dubs, John Wheeler
- 29—Steve McKonly
- 30—Khanyi Chiliza

Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out

Terri Alcott (Care South)
Barbara Coledge
Julia Greth (Terrace E371)
 Homewood, 425 Westminster Avenue,
 Hanover PA 17331

Ed & AnnaMae Frederick
 3 Regal Drive, Hanover PA 17331

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?**

Change of address?
 New email? Let us know!
 office@eucchanover.org
 124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331



November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			30 October 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 7 pm—Bible Study	31 6—Handbells 7—Choir	1 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee	2 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee
3 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship w/ Holy Communion Children's SS 6 pm—Mindfulness in King Auditorium	4 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	5 7 pm—Worship & Music Committee	6 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 1 pm—Missions Committee meeting 7 pm—Bible Study	7 1:30-4 pm— Afternoon of Games 6—Handbells 7—Choir	8 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee	9 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee
10 Commitment Sunday 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS Catered Luncheon	11 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	12 12-Church Growth Zoom	13 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 7 pm—Bible Study	14 7 pm—Property Committee meeting 6—Handbells 7—Choir	15 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee	16 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee
17 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS	18 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm—Consistory	19	20 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 7 pm—Bible Study	21 1:30-4 pm— Afternoon of Games 6—Handbells 7—Choir	22 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee	23 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee
24 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS Hanging of the Greens after church	25 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	26	27 12-1 pm Bowers Chapel Open 7 pm—Bible Study	28  ~ Office Closed ~	29 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee ~ Office Closed ~	30 9:15-10:30 am Coffee ER @ Little Fox Coffee

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