

# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL AND REMINDERS/UPDATES

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*In your anger do not sin... – EPHESIANS 4:26*

We put our apartment on the market ten days ago and had a full price offer within 24 hours. I felt great! I'd devoted hundreds of hours to plastering and painting our place, and it had paid off.

The day afterward, one of my kids, stressed and angry about our impending move, dragged an armchair across the hardwood floor, leaving a bright white scratch. I looked at the damage and blew, shouting harsh words about carelessness and thoughtlessness and being a bad steward. My throat hurt by the time I was done. My heart did too.

Was there righteous anger behind what I said and did? Yes. Was there personal grievance as well? Yes. I'm far from being Jesus. I have my own agenda, flaws, and resentments, and they get mixed up with what actually needs to be said and done. What I'm left with is that some part of my actions was good and true - and the rest was not. The first part doesn't justify the other.

So what is one to do with that? God asks me to confess the not-good parts, to apologize to the child, to go on, and to remember not to despair. Perfection awaits in the next world.

*Holy Spirit, give me the words to say what needs to be said  
and seal my lips for the rest. – JULIA ATTAWAY*

*Prayer: Loving Father, in you I see the perfection of righteousness and glory. Through you Son, I witness the path of mercy and honor, that I should emulate. And yet, despite knowing your path, I turn instead in time of unrest or anger to my own agenda and flaws. Help me overcome these sins and to seek to follow the way of your grace, that is found in your Son, my Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray. Amen.*

## **Weekly Schedule:**

**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday 9:00am-12:00noon

**Preschool:** Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:30am-4:00pm; Tuesday/Thursday 8:30am-12:00pm

**Wednesday, February 1** 6pm to 8pm – Preschool Open House for Current and Prospective Preschool Parents – All are invited to come & see what's happening at the school.

**Thursday, February 2** *Groundhog Day*  
7:00am to 7:00pm – UPMC Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall  
9:00am to 12noon – Quilters Group  
1:30pm – Preschool Board Meeting  
3:00pm – Evangelism Committee Meeting

**Friday, February 3** 11:00am to 12noon – Bible Study

**Saturday, February 4** 5:30pm – Spoken Worship – *5<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Epiphany*

**Sunday, February 5** 9:00am – Traditional Worship – *5<sup>th</sup> Weekend After Epiphany*  
Congregational Meeting  
Fellowship Time Following Congregational Meeting  
Sunday School Following Worship  
Bells Rehearsal

**Tuesday, February 7** 1:00pm – St. Mark *Eats* @ Olive Garden

**Wednesday, February 8** Preschool Fundraiser Deadline – Joe Corbi

**Thursday, February 9** 9:00am to 12noon – Quilters Group

## **Sunday Worship Leaders:**

**CPIC:** Kathy Gates    **Lector:** Hollis Long

**Communion Assistants:** Hollis Long / *Need Volunteer*    **Altar Care:** Linda Bolin



**Prayer List:** We ask that you keep all our shut-ins and those needing special help in your daily prayers. We will keep the shut-ins on the list indefinitely and those needing extra prayers will be removed after one month unless hearing otherwise. To add a name to the prayer list please write it on the list on the narthex brass stand or call the office. This week keep in your prayers: *Carolyn Anderson, Barb Baublitz, Nancy Bittinger, Larry Bolin, Katherine Borsella, Bob Bortner, Allen Bowersox, Pat Brooks, Alice Button, Wilma Crawford, Jada Crow, Irene DeMart, Gail Dorsey, Diane Duffy, Robin Eline, Tarek Elnaggar, Jean Eshbach, Gwenyeth Eyler, Julia Eyler, Family of Jeff Eyler, Vickie Gouker, Dane Graham, Tom Greenholt, Family & Friends of Ron Hagarman, Carol Ann Haines, Shirley Hippensteel, Jean Huskin, Don Jamison, Donna Jones, Pat Keefer, JoAnn Kirkpatrick, Norma Kreidler, Robert Krick, Mary Lou Krummeck, Allen Kuhns, John Kuhns, David Kunkel, Gardy Lawrence, Naura Luqman, Ricky Mai, Dave & Denise Martin, Mary Ellen Melhorn, Carol Miller, Merita Moore, Leah Moul, Merle Mummert, Pam Mummert, Tammy Mummert, Carolyn Neumyer, Marian Noble, Family & Friends of Stef Reid, Mary Riley, Tony Schuman, Robert Sell, Family & Friends of Dorothy Shaffer, Luanne Slusser, Pr. Jerry Smith, Beverly Snyder, Mary Stahl, Kady Storm, Phyllis Tasto, Jennie Tome, Anna Turvin, Lois VandenHeuvel, Naomi Warren, Barb Watson, Diana Weaver, Ron Wentz, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Shannon Yoeman.*

**St. Mark's Monthly Offering for Designated Needs** gives us an opportunity as a congregation to support specific domestic and international needs which are pre-determined by our council each year. February's offering benefits the **Hanover Area Council of Churches Changing Lives Shelter**—a year-round facility providing for the needs of singles and families in desperate need of housing. They provide housing, structure, life skills, case management, and other assistance in developing a successful productive transition into an independent lifestyle.

To contribute to this month's designated need, please mail your donations to our office or place them in our weekend collection plates by specifying "HACC Changing Lives Shelter" or February Designated Giving on your check or the *other* line of any of our weekly offering envelopes. Whenever a donation is made on the *other* line that does not have a written designation, it will automatically be given to the ministry fund designated for that month. Thank you for your support.

**Preschool Fundraiser:** The preschool is having their Joe Corbi fundraiser from now until **February 8<sup>th</sup>**. If you'd like to order a Joe Corbi pizza kit or a dessert, check out the catalogue on the table by the church office. Order deadline is **February 8<sup>th</sup>** so check it out this weekend or anytime you're at the office.

**2023 St. Mark Directory Now Available:** An updated church directory is available for pickup in the bell tower room. Contact Joni at [offcoor129@gmail.com](mailto:offcoor129@gmail.com) or 717-637-8904 if you'd like a copy sent to you.

**Congregational Year-in-Review Meeting:** Our annual Congregational Meeting to review the previous year will be this Sunday, **February 5<sup>th</sup>**, following worship. The makeup date is **February 12<sup>th</sup>**. Copies of the 2022 Annual Report are available in the narthex for pickup.

**Give Blood, Get Ice Cream and a Lunch Cooler!** Our next UPMC Blood Drive is **tomorrow, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 7:00am to 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Donors will receive a voucher for a FREE pint of ice cream from Bruster's and an insulated lunch bag. **Register** online at <https://donate.717giveblood.org/> or call 1-800-771-0059 – **only three spots left to pre-register.**

**Help Staying Warm This Winter:** Are you having trouble paying for heat? Pennsylvanians with low incomes can apply for LIHEAP, which is a program to assist those who need help paying their heating bills. Contact 877-395-8930 or apply at: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>

**Help with Tax Preparation:** The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program is again offering FREE tax service for York County taxpayers, especially adults 50 and older with low or moderate income. Volunteers are available to assist with most personal tax returns, including basic self-employment returns. To make an appointment, contact the Hanover Area Council of Churches at 717-633-6353.

**Special Valentine's Month Fellowship Time:** This Sunday, we will have a special Valentine's themed fellowship time with special treats and other surprises. Please plan to stay and join in the fun and fellowship.

**Host a Fellowship Time:** Many of us enjoy our fellowship time on the first Sunday of each month. To continue these gatherings, we need hosts. If you are willing to set up/clean up coffee and doughnuts (purchased by the

church) after worship, please sign up on the hallway bulletin board or contact the church office at 717-637-8904. Most of 2023 is open, so you can choose a Sunday that works for you!

**Inclement Weather:** Remember, cancellations of services due to inclement weather will be noted at WGAL radio and WGAL.com. We will also do our best to update the website and voicemail (637-8904), as well as send emails. If in any doubt about the conditions of the roads, please stay home and stay safe!

**Piggie Bank Project:** Please pick up one of the piggie banks on the table in the narthex and fill it with loose change from now until Easter, when it will be used to provide animals and other necessities to impoverished international communities. Thank you for your help!

**Preschool Open House:** The Preschool has openings in all but the 4-year-old morning class. If you or anyone you know is interested in having a child attend St. Mark Preschool, they will also be hosting an Open House **tonight, February 1<sup>st</sup>**, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for current and interested parents.

**Preschool Registration:** St. Mark Preschool is now opening registration to the public. Applications can be found at [stmarkhanover.org](http://stmarkhanover.org) and on the preschool's website: [stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com](http://stmarkpreschoolhanover.weebly.com). Applications will be processed in the order they arrived, and you will be notified at that time if there is a spot for your child. If you are interested in applying, please do so ASAP as spots fill up very quickly!

**Quilt Help:** Our Thursday morning quilting group is thankful for all the sheets they've received. Additionally, they really could use extra helpers to accomplish their mission. No sewing or quilting experience necessary. Please contact the church office for more information. This is a really fun group and a great opportunity for fellowship, even if you don't know how to sew.

**Ruth's Harvest Donations Sought:** Individual fruit, veggies, snacks, and tuna/chicken pouches make great donations to support the children's hunger program. These weekend bags help feed the children when the school lunch programs can't. Please place donations in the floor bin next to the office.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** On Super Bowl Sunday weekend (**February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**) we'll be collecting non-perishable food items (and cash if you're so inclined). Please bring in food to donate to help our local food bank meet the needs of the Hanover community! If you won't be here that weekend, feel free to drop off your donations at the church office (open weekdays, 9:00am to noon) before then.

**St. Mark Eats:** Please join us for lunch and a good time next week on **February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** at Olive Garden – sign up in the narthex so we can be sure to include you in our reservations.

**The Hills of Lent:** Our Wednesday Lenten Soup and Bible Study nights are coming soon. This year we will travel some of the Biblical Hills such as Moriah, Sanai, Carmel, Zion, and others. As we have always enjoyed the various soups and breads people provide through these dinners, we are asking once again for people to sign up to bake, make, and donate. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are able to make a pot of soup or bring bread.

**You Can Help with Altar Care:** We *really* need volunteers for altar cleanup in the coming months. A sign-up sheet for 2023 is in the narthex (next to the Flower Book) – most of 2023 is open. Please sign up for this important job of tidying up after the service and taking care of the altar flowers.

### **Scholarship Opportunities:**

**Slagle Scholarship - \$1,000.** Once again, the Slagle Scholarship Committee is accepting applications. This year, the scholarship is worth \$1,000 and will be awarded to a graduating senior of Hanover High School or South Western High School who plans to enter the nursing profession, the ministry or other religious work, or attend a vocational (technical) school. If you know anyone who fits the bill, please have them contact Martha Lippy at 717-637-8891 or come by the church office on weekdays between 9:00am and 12noon to pick up an application. **Completed applications must be received by the church office on or before March 31, 2023.**

**Stolte Scholarship - \$1,000:** To be awarded to a high school senior or college/seminary student living in the greater Hanover area pursuing a career in the field of ministry, mission, or humanitarian service. Applications are **due April 28, 2023.** For more info, call 717-637-6973 or email [kabortner@comcast.net](mailto:kabortner@comcast.net).

**Florence DeHaven Stick Memorial Scholarship - \$3,000-\$5,000:** The Visiting Nurse Association is awarding a scholarship to nursing students – current or those accepted for classes in fall of 2023. The deadline is **March 17, 2023.** For more information, call 717-637-1227 or 1-800-422-3197, ext 292.