



## ***JESUS SAYS...WELCOME HOME!***

<sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.<sup>1</sup> Romans 12:4-5 NRSV

# ***THE EVANGEL***

## ***NOVEMBER 2020***



**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA 17331**

Did you know: According to the Alban Institute

\* Active church members have a 60% less chance of heart attack.

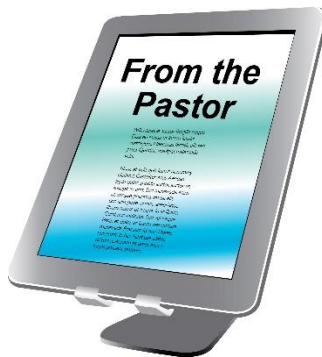
\* Active church members have a 55% less chance of a car accident.

\* Active church members live an average of 5.7 years longer.

\* 30% of inactives say they are happy, while 70% of active members say they are very happy.

\* The National Institute of Health identified five protective factors that help fight coronary disease; weekly church attendance is #1.

\* An Insurance "Survey of the Values of the American People in the past decade" reflected that the single most important variable in a healthy lifestyles was religious affiliation.



Sooo, going to church regularly is a no-brainer, right? Well, not exactly. Anyone who has spent more than a few minutes in a church knows full well that it is a gathering place for sinners. There are a few who will make you feel guilty for wearing the wrong clothes, for sitting in the wrong pew, or for coming without your spouse and 3.3 children. Some sinners, even in church, have a real penchant for making other people feel guilty, lonely, foolish, and unwelcome.

By comparison, people who attend 12-step meetings such as Alcoholics Anonymous report that they feel a spirituality at meetings that they rarely have felt in church. The difference? At AA, everyone freely admits that they have a problem. They welcome new folks without giving them the third degree because as broken people they know the value of welcoming others who are also in need of the presence of God to make it through the day. They accept and love folks as they are and live for the joy of giving hope to the hopeless.

Doesn't that sound like something the church ought to be? My hope is that the church will continue to embrace and expand the same loving standards for the sake of Jesus Christ who modeled the same kind of "love gift" for each of us. We have a powerful and wonderful gospel gift to offer to the world. The Alban Institute knows it. Insurance companies know it. Lots of hurting folks would like to know it, too. May God give us all the courage to live it!

*Pastor Burkhart*

*Got a question, ... need to talk?*

*The office is open and the phone is working.*



## All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020

**WE REMEMBER WITH THANKFULNESS** to God all who lived their lives and dwell in the fellowship of God's kingdom. We especially remember those persons who, during the past year, have passed on to the Church Triumphant.

E. Burnell Wentz  
Lillian Moul  
Patricia Neary  
Louise Wentz  
Kathryn Sanders

Audrey Weiss  
James Watson  
Ronald Zartman  
Earl Bowman  
Kirby Hoke

Rev. Barbara Winey  
Lena "Dolly" Reichert  
Steven Gass  
Lillian Dusman

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### JOB OPENING - SEXTON

Without a Sexton we are relying on volunteers to keep our building disinfected and clean. These kind members of our congregation are doing their best to maintain the building so that our various groups and committees can meet in-



house and we can hold Sunday worship in the sanctuary. However, these arrangements are not ideal and are not long-term. Help wanted ads have been placed in several newspapers, newsletters and with the unemployment office. However, there has been no response. The reason may be a very tight Hanover job market and the upcoming holidays. You may be the best source to locate a qualified applicant. Do you know someone with a high work ethic who would enjoy working in a pleasant environment with flexible hours?

**SEXTON PART-TIME POSITION.** Ability to lift 25 lbs. Perform cleaning, disinfecting functions. Maintain grounds. Previous related experience required. Send resume to 127 York St or email: [stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net). No phone calls.

## THANKSGIVING BOXES



## Thanksgiving Boxes

The Evangelism Committee has been asked by the R-3 Team (who has been giving out free groceries to the needy people in the neighborhood every Saturday morning) to help with making up boxes with the type of items to be used to make a Thanksgiving Dinner for approximately 65 families.

The Committee is asking the members of the congregation to help us by bringing in the type of items we thought would make an average Thanksgiving Dinner. The R-3 Team will hopefully be getting the Turkeys from an outside source which will be handed out at the same time as the Thanksgiving Boxes.

### LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED

1. Instant Mashed Potatoes
2. Stove Top Stuffing Mix
3. Canned Sweet Potatoes - large Can
4. Canned Vegetables - large Can - (Carrots, Corn, Green Beans, Peas, etc.)
5. Cranberry Sauce – Regular or Whole Cranberries
6. Chicken or Turkey Gravy – Large Can or 2 Reg. Size Can
7. Bread or Corn Bread
8. Jello (any flavor)
9. Cake Mix (any flavor) Canned Frosting would be a plus.

The Evangelism Committee will welcome any donations of these items we can get. These items are to be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall. You can bring them along on Sunday or bring them in through the week but please call the office first at 717-637-5941 before you come due the Covid-19 pandemic.

The deadline for bringing in items will be Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, in order for the members of the Committee to have time to pack and seal the boxes. Anybody willing to help pack the boxes will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Any questions, please call Kitty Angel at (717) 637-3538, or Betty Sheets at (717) 637-3687. Bob Colehouse will need help in putting together the boxes (they will be flat) and taping them with shipping tape. His number is (717) 637-1963 or Cell No. (717) 965-1370.

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### St. Paul's 2020 Financial Standing as of September 30, 2020

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Total Parish Income.....	\$350,819.97	\$281,837.88
Total Parish Expenses.....	\$239,243.82	\$258,213.69
Net Income.....	\$111,576.15	\$ 23,624.19
Synod Designated Offerings.....	\$ 15,069.53	\$ 22,500.00

Balance of Heating/Cooling (9/30/2020) - \$23,927  
(Loan from Endowment Fund)

## ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

St. Paul's Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, **November 18, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. in the **Fellowship Hall**. We will be discussing The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead. We will also be voting on the books we will read for 2021. A list of 16 books was passed out at the October meeting for the group to read over and select 10 they would like to read. We will vote in November and the 10 books receiving the most votes will be the books we read. These books were recommended by various members of the group. If you would like a list of the books, please notify Janet Haack and she will see that you get a copy. All readers in the congregation are welcomed to come and join our group. We have faithfully met virtually or in person and discussed our books this COVID-19 year and hope to continue doing so in 2021. **Join Us!**



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### SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

- Radio – November 8, 15 & 29 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers – November 8, 15 (1 vase), 22 & 29 (1 vase) (\$20 per vase) It is the responsibility of the sponsor to take their flowers following worship.
- Communion Bread & Wine – November 8, 15 & 29 (\$12)
- Bulletins – November 8 & 15 (\$20)
- Eternal Flame – November 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$10)

Please contact Sue ([swineholt@comcast.net](mailto:swineholt@comcast.net) or 717-637-5941) in the church office to reserve your special date.

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### NOVEMBER'S DESIGNATED GIVING

November's Designated Giving will go to ELCA World Hunger. As it has become a tradition here at St. Paul's, November is the month we emphasize our need to feed the hungry throughout the world. This is a daily problem for hundreds of millions of people all over the world. It does not have to be. There are many worthy organizations who are dedicated to feeding and educating those who have had little hope in the past. One of those is ELCA World Hunger. Yes, there will always be poor people in the world. Jesus said they will always be with us. But, he never said there will always be hungry people. There is a difference. It is our obligation as a Christian community to do whatever we are able to nourish those with the greatest needs. The basics we never even have to consider, food and clean water. As we prepare to enjoy our festive holidays, it is the prayer of St. Paul's Council that you will give, and that you will pray for those who receive our gifts.

## Sending GOOD NEWS and GREAT JOY

The Faith In Action Committee is again filling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. The organization hopes to reach 11,000,000 children around the world this year. Each child will get a Shoebox and books telling them about Jesus Christ in their own language. In 2019 York County collected 18,058 shoeboxes for this program. They hope to do just



as well this year even with COVID-19 around. In each box is a pamphlet telling you what to pack and how to pack the box. Be sure to tape the label on the box telling the gender and age of the child you packed the box for. All boxes need to be filled and brought back to the church by November 15, 2020. Please keep the children receiving these boxes in your prayers. Thank you.

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### “CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS”



I trust this year has been one full of blessings for you and your family, but not for all our families in Hanover. There has been a greater need in families which are not able to purchase even the smallest gift for their loved ones. We are partnering with New Hope Ministries again this year to provide the basic life-needs for needy families this Christmas season. Starting November 15<sup>th</sup>

there will be a table on display, at the pulpit entrance to the sanctuary, with place cards. Each place card will have the name of a gift needed. If you could choose a place card and purchase the item and then place the gift in the box provided, you will make a big difference in a person's life. There are items on the cards for infant/toddlers, children, teens and adults. **Please do not wrap gifts.** New Hope needs to see the gifts to make a selection as to which family to give them to. Please place items in box by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be taken to New Hope on Monday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much!

The Faith In Action Committee

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**NADINE BOWMAN WILL BE CELEBRATING HER 88<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** on November 10. If you would like to send her a card, her address is:



Nadine Bowman  
Arlington Court #17  
Senior Commons at Powder Mill  
1775 Powder Mill Road  
York PA 17403



## LET YOUR THANKFULNESS SHOW

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances! --1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Sages, mystics and prophets through the ages have taught us that cultivating an attitude of thankfulness will not only help us grow as disciples, but thankfulness will also bring us closer to God and neighbor, and give us a happier and more fulfilling life.



And how do you cultivate thankfulness? First and always, through prayer. Consider how many of the Psalms offer thanks to God, or how often the Apostle Paul gave thanks for the people and blessings of his ministry. Some people keep a “blessings list” to help them include thanksgiving in their daily prayer discipline.

Thanking God for your blessings nourishes thankfulness in your heart and soul, but you can also nourish thankfulness to your neighbors and community by developing a habit of thanking people, whether verbally, by email, text or with cards and notes.

Since our national holiday of Thanksgiving takes place in November, this month offers the perfect opportunity to start.

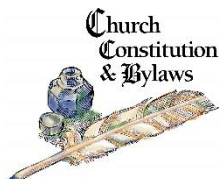
For each day in November, take advantage of every opportunity to thank someone for any kindness, big or small. It could be a stranger who holds a door open for you, a clerk who rings up your sale, or a neighbor who does you a favor. Keep track of the number of times you can say “thank you.” You may be surprised. For fun, compete with others to see who can say “thank you” the most times in November.

In the process of saying “thank you” you will not only develop a habit that will change your heart and soul, you will also change your relationship with neighbors, your community and our world. And that will be a real cause for thanksgiving.

—*Rob Blezard*

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### **YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A MAILING IN OCTOBER THAT CONTAINED THE AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS**

**AS APPROVED BY THE 2019 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY**

The Constitution Task Force would like to let everyone know that if they have any questions about the Proposed Revisions of Amendments to the Church Constitution they may contact the Church or bring their questions to the Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2020. The Task Force will be glad to answer any questions you have.



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary**

The business part of the meeting is to do the following:

- elect new council members (TBA)
- approve the budget for 2021 (which will come out with the December Evangel)
- to approve the **AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS AS APPROVED BY THE 2019 CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY** that you received in October
- to review the 2019 annual reports that you received in October
- and to review the 2020 Annual Reports through August 31<sup>st</sup> that is included in this mailing.



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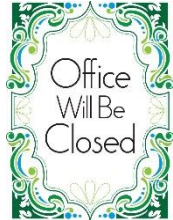
**DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE RETIRING ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.**



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**NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

We want to keep you informed on some upcoming changes in the church's office hours. Normally the church office is open from 8:00 am – 12 pm and 1:00 – 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 am – 12 pm and 1:00 – 3:00 pm on Friday.



The church office will be closed on the following days in November and December:

- Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27
- And December 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31 and January 1

We thank you in advance for your understanding.

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**HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SPECIAL NEEDS**

**Volunteers are always needed for the following various ministries:**

**PAL** - packing, serving, if anyone would like to volunteer for Thanksgiving and Christmas day we still need a few more individuals to work in the kitchen

**Shelter** - AM and PM

**Meals On Wheels** - runners and drivers

**Front Desk** – Tues, Thurs, and Fri reception help. Cleaning – Wed

**Ruth's Harvest** - times, volunteer needs, and needed items TBD. A letter will be going out regarding this.



**Items that we have need of are as follows:**

**PAL** - spaghetti sauce, ranch and italian dressing, sauerkraut, stove top chicken stuffing, individual fruit cups, butter, breadcrumbs

**Changing Lives Shelter** - large debris trash bags, paper towels, toilet paper, medium size exam type gloves, disinfectant wipes/sprays

**HACC general (benefits all ministries)** - Lysol spray/disinfecting spray

**HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SPECIAL NEEDS – cont.**

**Meals on Wheels** - prayer cards/words of encouragement for our shut ins, large-print word-find or crossword activity books, (old extra-large print devotion books. We currently have 10 that were donated and would need 30 more to be able to get to all of our shut ins)

**Clothing bank** - New Children’s socks

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**Council Highlights from the October Gathering**

**Mission:** To fulfill the command given in Matthew 25:35 *“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I*

*was in prison and you visited me.”*

**Where are we making a difference?” and “What is the measure of our success?”**

- The “making a difference” moments are opening the church for services and ministries, assembling of 102 school kits, giving of sixty plus groceries each Saturday at cost of \$150 to \$200 weekly which is below budget.
- Bridget Wurtz of Plum Creek Business Solutions attended the meeting to review the first three quarters of 2020. She asked that chart of accounts be reviewed to condense them, cash procedures are up to standards and multiple persons are involved with cross checks and oversights. Monthly bank statement reconciliations have been good.
- Council approved motion to a quarterly Endowment Fund Report rather than monthly.
- Council moved that \$1,500.00 for camperships be held in Endowment Fund until 2021.
- Council approved Lay Personnel Committee’s request to change payroll cycle from Thursday to Wednesday to a Tuesday to Monday cycle which allows sufficient time for payroll processing. Hourly employees were granted two day’s pay to make up shortage that would occur during transition week.
- Council accepted the resignation of Lorraine Mason as sexton and gifted her with a VISA gift card.
- The position of sexton remains open.

*And the King will answer, truly I tell you, just as you did it unto one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did unto me” Matthew 25:40*

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**St. Paul’s Lutheran Church – Broadway  
SOUP SALE – NOVEMBER 14TH**

Homemade Chicken Corn with noodles and Beef

Noodle soup will be sold for \$5.00 a quart

Deadline for ordering is November 8th

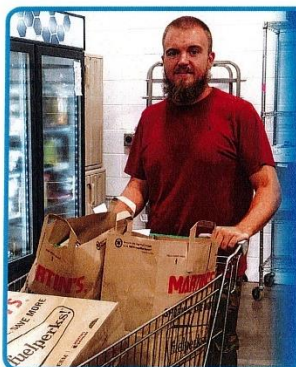
Call 717-637-0511 to order



Leave a message that includes your name, phone number, what kind of soup you would like and how many quarts you are ordering. Pick up will be at the church on Saturday, Nov. 14th between 12 noon and 3 pm.

# Feed-A-Friend

A Benefit for New Hope Ministries



**Please help us collect these most needed items:**

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned meats (including chicken and tuna)
- Peanut butter
- Boxed meals (Quick meals, mac and cheese)
- Canned soups
- Single serve items (pop and eat)
- Personal care items (shampoo, toilet paper)

**Contact:**

**New HOPE** Ministries

*Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs*

**Our Mission**

New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts toward stability.

**Serving New Hope Centers in Hanover, New Oxford and Littlestown!**

**Listen LIVE  
December 5th and 6th.**

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Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**The Church Office is open, by appointment only. Please call before you come. Only 1 person, other than staff, is allowed in the office at a time.**

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