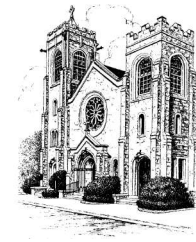


# EmmanuelLife

Newsletter of Emmanuel United Church of Christ



Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin

June 2026

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## Calendar Highlights

**Mondays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

*1 pm—Compassionate Crafters*

**Thursdays, June 4 & 18**

*1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games  
at Genova's to Go*

**Sundays, June 7, 14, 21, 28**

*10 am—Worship in person and  
live streamed on YouTube*

**Sundays, June 7 & 21**

*6-6:45 pm—EUCC Mindfulness*

**Monday-Friday, June 22-26**

*9-11:30 am—Vacation Bible School  
at Trinity UCC*

**Friday-Monday, July 3-6**

*Office Closed for Holiday*

## Summer Worship

**Sunday, June 21**

*10 am—Worship  
moves to the air  
conditioned King  
Auditorium; there  
is no Children's  
Sunday School  
June thru August*



COMPLETE CALENDAR, PAGE 8

From the Desk of Rev. Ken . . .

**June, a time of Vitamin D showering down on us!**  
Thank you for looking for my words other than in sermons. As a leader it is sometimes difficult to muster that which will feed all. I have often concerned myself by this and ponder within all that could be said, but what must be said?

In worship you know my words to be encouraging and hopeful and this place is no different. And so, I wonder to you, what is it that you feel is needed or desired from your communication to others? My encouragement here is for you to sit with yourself in meditation and prayer at least once a week to ask God for a leading in how to express yourself with an openness which is compassionate and caring.

Others are listening as I understand in regards to sermons, personal talks, and meetings. Others are wanting to hear from you. Others are at times feeling cut off or unheard. And so, convince yourself that words from you are blessings when placed with a reverence for yourself and those who hear you.

Know that I love to hear from you as well. I pay my cell phone bill every month and I am almost always at church every day Tuesday-Friday, along with Sunday if you care to drop in.

I pray that your words are a joy to others.

~Rev. Ken

**Rev. Ken greets a canine visitor at SpringFest on April 25. Pet blessings were among the various activities at the community outreach event.**

~Photo by  
Charlotte Pinette



# MISSIONS SUNDAY

Missions Sunday will be June 14, when representatives from five local faith-based agencies – God’s Meal Barrel, Hanover Area Council of Churches, Hoffman Homes, New Hope Ministries, and the Hanover Branch of the Salvation Army – will share with us the life-changing work they do in our community. They will also share the many possibilities for volunteering. Each will receive a donation from our Missions funds.

The Missions Committee will sponsor Fellowship Hour following the service. Please join us at 10 am on June 14.



## Homewood Auxiliary Tea

The Homewood at Plum Creek Auxiliary will host its annual tea fundraiser at 11:30 am Wednesday, July 15, in the community’s Windows Dining Room, 425 Westminster Ave., Hanover. This year’s theme is “Stars, Stripes & Scones” in honor of the country’s 250th anniversary. A raffle will include nine hand-crafted items, including the quilt pictured above, each featuring a red, white and blue theme. Tea tickets are \$35 per person. **Reservations and payments are due by Friday, June 26.** Event proceeds are used to purchase care and activity items for Homewood’s health care units. Don’t delay in making your reservations, as seating is limited! Save your seat now by contacting Auxiliary Representative Peg Moulton at 443-904-0234 or [peggym2@comcast.net](mailto:peggym2@comcast.net). The Homewood Auxiliary supports Plum Creek residents and programs with volunteer service and supplementary funding through membership dues, fundraising events and donations.



## Congratulations, Graduates!

Please join us in congratulating our graduates as they celebrate an important milestone. We wish them God’s blessings as they begin the next chapter of their journeys.

■ **Alexander Brown**, son of Melissa Brown, graduated from New Oxford High School on May 28, 2026. He will be attending Albright College to study business management and will play football.



Alex Brown

■ **Jamison Olivia Cluck**, daughter of Kristy & Matt Litzinger, graduated from New Oxford High School on May 28, 2026. She will be attending Lycoming College in the fall to study archaeology.



Bella Pearson

■ **Matthew Frederick**, son of Brian Frederick, graduated from Penn State in May with a bachelor of science degree in structural design and construction engineering technology. He has accepted a position as a project engineer with the Harnden Group in Harrisburg.

■ **Bella Pearson**, granddaughter of Gail Bernal & Roy Evans, graduated from Los Alamos (N.M.) High School on May 23, 2026. She will be attending Las Positas Community College in Livermore, Calif.



Dylan Walker

■ **Dylan Walker**, grandson of Gail Bernal & Roy Evans, graduated from Carpinteria (Calif.) High School on May 27, 2026, and will pursue a career as a fisherman and currently works on an urchin boat out of Santa Barbara Harbor.

# Greetings from India

March 23, 2026

Dear Sponsor,

A very warm Tashi Delek to you and your family members. How are you and your family members? I hope everything is doing great. Here I am doing great with the grace of God. I have completed 7th grade with good remarks and promoted to Class 8 now, teachers teach very well and lovingly.

As we celebrate Losar recently [the Tibetan New Year was celebrated Feb. 18], I wish you a Losar Tashi Delek. I celebrate Losar festival here in school only. As we celebrate the Losar festivals and look forwards to a new year with great joy, may you be blessed with joy, good health and success in all one as of your life. Once

again, Happy Losar.

Lastly, I would like to conclude by extending my heartfelt gratitude for supporting me in each and every way. Sending you love, joy and peace and praying for joyful life. Once again, Happy New Year.

Your daughter,  
Phurbu Dolma

P.S.: Thank you for your lovely Christmas cards with your good wishes for me and I enjoyed reading it very much. Please give my love and kisses to everyone who are near and dear to me for helping.

*Phurbu is 13 years old and will be starting 8th grade at the Tibetan Refugee Self-Help Center in Darjeeling, India.*



Phurbu enclosed this drawing with her letter. Tashi Delek is a traditional Tibetan greeting meaning “blessings and good luck” and often a white scarf is offered to show respect.

## REELING IN NEW SKILLS

Four members of our Adult Sunday School class met in Dave Jones's backyard for a fly fishing casting clinic led by our very own accomplished expert, Bob Marchio, at right. Two new anglers, Jan and Gene Hagenberger, on left, and lapsed fly fisherman Dave, gathered May 5 to try their hand at casting a fly in what amounted to a howling wind under the expert direction of Bob. Each attendee pronounced the clinic a success. Next up – hitting the water in Codorus State Park, date TBA. If you would like to join, please let me know!

~Photo by Dave Jones



## Every First Sunday: Communion Gifts

Don't forget our next Communion Gifts offering will be June 7. Your contributions of pantry items, hygiene products and cleaners will be shared among New Hope Ministries' food pantry, the Hanover Area Council of Church's PAL Lunch program and God's Meal Barrel. (No glass jars, please, and expired food cannot be accepted.)

# Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held 9-11:30 am Monday to Friday, June 22-26, in collaboration with Grace and Trinity UCCs, at Trinity, 116 York St., Hanover. The program is free and all children ages 4-12 are welcome for music, games, crafts snacks, Bible Stories and fun! The theme is "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God." Register online at [www.emmanuelucc.org](http://www.emmanuelucc.org) or email [office@eucchanover.org](mailto:office@eucchanover.org) for the link. **Register by June 6!**



► **VBS needs you!** To volunteer, contact Cheryl Fritz at 717-698-1153 or [candmfritz@aol.com](mailto:candmfritz@aol.com). Volunteers are needed for any amount of time. Youth age 13 and up may volunteer as assistants. All adults need current clearances.

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## Rainbow Rose plans variety show

The Rainbow Rose Center will host an all-age variety show, "Hanover's Pride Takes the Stage," at 2 pm, Saturday, June 20, in Emmanuel's King Auditorium.



Celebrate Pride Month with music, dance, comedy, spoken word and more. Whether you are stepping into the spotlight or supporting from the crowd – all are welcome at this joyful, inclusive event! Performers must submit applications by June 12. Register using the QR code at right.

Learn more at [www.rainbowrosecenter.org](http://www.rainbowrosecenter.org) and see a full list of their activities under the PROGRAMS tab.

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## Neighbors in Knead

Emmanuel is now host to a community outreach mission organized by the owners of The Serpent's Key Shoppe & Sanctuary, 28 Carlisle St., Hanover. The project aims to provide support and nourishment to local unhoused people and families battling food insecurity.



Bread baking will be held in the kitchen every first Monday from 6-8 pm. Then food prep, sandwich making and distribution will be first Tuesdays from 1-2:30 pm. Anyone interested in contributing supplies or in volunteering can contact Jean Huber at [jeanmpl@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmpl@gmail.com) or see her at church.

## Events & Activities

### Provide-A-Lunch

9 am-1 pm, June 30

Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean up at the Hanover Area Council of Churches PAL Lunch. To help, call Marilyn at 443-766-3563.

### Afternoon of Games

1-4 pm, June 4 & 18

Gamers are on the road for the summer and will meet first and third Thursdays



June through August at Genova's to Go, 1412 Baltimore Pike, Hanover (Weis shopping center) for Scrabble, cards, board games and more. Grab lunch or a snack at Genova's. New players are always welcome! Call Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665 for info.

### Mindfulness at EUCC

6 pm, June 7 & 21

Join Karen Jones first and third Sundays at 6 pm for free 45-minute drop-in sessions in King Auditorium. The mindfulness and stress-reduction practices are open to all. For a Zoom link or questions, email [kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com](mailto:kjones@mindfulnessandmotion.com).

### Lunch Bunch

On hiatus

The second Sunday gatherings for food and fellowship will resume in September. For info, call Sandy Rebert at 717-586-2136.



### 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.

## CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

*April minutes were approved May 18*

### **Consistory Minutes — April 20**

- Treasurer's Report: Clay notes we paid a large deposit in March for the Wildasin heating project. Old business
- Weekday Sexton position: Penny Smith has accepted the job.
- Front Door Access control: Quote \$6,065 from WFX. Front door will be locked at all times, with a doorbell and remote unlocking system. Expense approved from Memorial Fund.

#### **New Business**

- Rev. Ken's switch to Medicare in June will save over \$100 per month.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Investment & Endowment Committee — May**

- The Investment and Endowment Committee met at the offices of Mark Riggs, HCM Wealth Advisory Group, on May 7. Members present were: David Jones, Brian Frederick, Clay Reichart, Steve McKonly, and Dan Trimmer.
- The Committee was briefed on our current investment status, strategy, and performance. The current market volatility was discussed. Our advisor recommended moving some money from an underperforming fund to one that is performing much better.

### **Church Growth Committee — May 17**

- Spring Fest review: Charlotte sent an event report to Consistory and a thank you to Pleasant Hill Garden Center. Will make this an annual event (second Saturday in April to correspond with the downtown event). Vendors really enjoyed the networking opportunity the event presented. Thrilled at the number of church volunteers who helped out.
- Upcoming event: SnackTown Street Fair, July 11. Committee believes it is worthwhile to continue. Rev. Ken will be there all day. Focus will be Pet Blessings.

### **Missions Committee — May 12**

- God's Meal Barrel served 243 families in April, including 646 individuals.
- Marilyn Van Lenten will supervise Emmanuel's next turn to serve PAL Lunch on June 30. Volunteers are always welcome.
- The Homewood Auxiliary at Plum Creek is holding their annual Tea fundraiser on July 15. Tickets are \$35 each. Raffle tickets are also available. See Peg Moulton.
- New Hope Ministries reports that a record-breaking total of 212,000 food items were donated to the Feed-A-Friend marathon in December. In 2025 they served over 3,600 families in the Hanover area. They

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## **2026 CONSISTORY OFFICERS**

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<b>Treasurer</b>	Clay Reichart 717-521-9572 clayreichart@gmail.com

## **CONSISTORY MEMBERS**

Megan Alcott, Jan Hagenberger,  
Eugene Jerry, Sean Moore,  
Sandy Topper, Dan Trimmer

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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<b>Caring</b>	Judy Morris 717-968-6998
<b>Christian Education</b>	Cheryl Fritz 717-698-1153 Consistory Rep: Megan Alcott
<b>Church Growth</b>	Charlotte Pinette 717-227-0262 Consistory Rep: Megan Alcott
<b>Fellowship Hour Coordinators</b>	Brandon Groff-Wood & Joey Warehime 717-476-9698
<b>Investment</b>	Dave Jones 717-451-3044
<b>Missions</b>	Carol Giesey 717-632-2665 Estelle King 717-487-1906 Consistory Rep: JJ Dugan
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<b>Stewardship</b>	Dan Trimmer 717-870-4539
<b>Worship and Music</b>	Charlotte Pinette 717-227-0262 Consistory Rep: Clay Reichart

## **Committee Reports, continued from Page 5**

welcome volunteers to be drivers, work at the front desk, and in other capacities. Donations to the food bank are always needed, including canned goods and Hormel meals that require no refrigeration. No expired items, please. New Hope will soon open a new branch in Spring Grove.

- Emmanuel continues to support area immigrants. Our recent donations of food totaled 69 pounds of beans, 54 pounds of rice, 7 pounds of canned tomatoes, and 1 pound of dried fruit. The collection basket remains in the narthex.
- Deb Detzel, who represents the New American Welcome Center, will be coming to Hanover once a month to help area immigrants with paperwork and other needs. She will be using office space at Emmanuel.
- Communion Gifts in May totaled 51.7 pounds of food, 53 hygiene items, 6 cleaning products, and \$20, delivered to our 3 local food banks.
- We are sending a report on how we support the hungry in our area to the UCC Keystone Conference as they focus on how UCC congregations across the state are helping the hungry. We are including our monetary and food donations to our 3 local food banks in 2025, our ongoing donations to immigrants, and our monthly collection of Communion Gifts from Easter to Pentecost.
- Missions Sunday will take place June 14 with guests from the 5 local faith-based agencies. The Salvation Army will receive a \$1,000 check from Missions funds, and God's Meal Barrel, Hanover Area Council of Churches, Hoffman Homes, and New Hope Ministries will each receive a \$2,000 check.
- Crafters will continue to meet on Monday afternoons through the summer.
- Emmanuel's Yard Sale is scheduled for Sept. 24, 25, and a half-day on Saturday, Sept. 26, with cleanup to follow. No books, clothing or large pieces of furniture. To volunteer and to bring in items early, see Estelle King.
- Missions agreed to donate \$100 from Missions funds in support of Trinity UCC in Dorseyville, Pa., in response to the devastating fire they experienced.
- We will send birthday cards to Naledi, our sponsored child in South Africa, in the next few weeks. Cards will be available to sign during Fellowship Hour.

### **Pastor Parish Relations — May 6**

- The PPRC Committee held its Second Quarter meeting May 6. Judy Dubs was welcomed to the committee. Rev. Ken Peterkin, Carol Giesey, Bob Marchio, and Estelle King were also in attendance. Zack Terry was not able to attend. The next meeting will be in September 2026.



### **SPRINGFEST**

Henry McLin, above center, leads a tour of the sanctuary during SpringFest, a Community Caring Festival. The April 26 event was organized by the Church Growth team. Local nonprofits offered information on free resources for child care, housing, advocacy, wellness and more. We also held a plant sale, pet blessings, mindfulness sessions and children's activities.

~Photo by Charlotte Pinette

### **Personnel Committee — May**

- Penny Smith began working as the Weekday Sexton on April 22, so had about two weeks with Larry before his last day.
- We had an exit interview with Larry, who gave us a helpful list of possible maintenance issues we'll need to watch and suggested a few things we can do to make things run more smoothly for his successor.
- I have gathered several names for cleaning people/services and am calling to request quotes now.

### **Stewardship Committee — April 29**

- Committee members present for the recent meeting were Brian Frederick, Judy Morris, Dwight Dubbs, and Dan Trimmer. All members received the materials from the UCC and feel that the focus for this year's campaign "There Our Hearts Will Be," will give us plenty to work with.
- Additional members for the committee will be solicited by the committee before the next meeting.
- It was agreed that the efforts made last year were well received and should be continued. Video snippets, newsletter articles, letters, phone calls, and the culminating meal will all be continued.
- Discussion was held about possibly using email in place of some of the mailings, greater use of social media, and partnering with the Church Growth Committee among other ideas.

# Thank You

## From the newlyweds ...

Thank you for letting us use your church April 18 for our wedding. That meant a lot to us.

God bless you, Pastor Ken, Brandon & Joey.  
*Rob & Christine Pelham*

*Christine Turner and Robert Pelham were married and held their reception at Emmanuel.*

## From The Brethren Home ...

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift in honor of and in memory of Friends of Emmanuel UCC to the Good Samaritan Fund. Bill Wertzberger has received the voucher to be able to release the butterflies on May 30.

Your generous gift helps to provide the legacy of compassionate care we value. Your support impacts the lives of the many residents living on our campus.

Sincerely,

*Michael Kovacs*, Vice President  
The Brethren Home Foundation

*The Missions Committee contributed \$200 for the Foundation's annual Butterfly Release.*

### ► **Thanks for supporting Heifer...**

Thank you for donating \$755 in April and May for this year's Heifer International offering. Heifer fights hunger and poverty worldwide by offering livestock and training, economic development, environmental sustainability and more. The Missions Committee will match your gifts with \$745 for a total of \$1,500.

### ► **Thanks for Strengthening the Church**

Your contributions of \$340 to Strengthen the Church offering support new congregations, leadership development and youth programs. The Missions Committee will match your giving. Thanks to all who gave!



Larry Dubs was honored at Fellowship Hour on April 26 for his faithful service to Emmanuel. He was feted with greetings from members and friends, a cake, and Consistory presented him with a gift card. The congregation thanks Larry for the care and dedication he brought to our building and grounds over the past 20 years.

## From our retiree ...

I would like to thank the Consistory and congregation of Emmanuel for the wonderful retirement reception. It was good to see and talk to the many people I had the pleasure to serve for the last 20 years. Thank you for the cards, cake and gift card.

*Larry*

*Larry Dubs retired May 1 after 20 years of service to Emmanuel.*

## CONGRATULATIONS...

To Dr. Thomas Kondner and Valeria Salazar Andrade, who were married at Emmanuel on May 22, 2026.





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

- 1—Elaine Weaver, Ken Cooper
- 2—Lorraine Becker
- 3—Lorraine Phillips
- 4—Deborah Trone
- 5—Terry Alcott
- 7—AnnaMae Frederick
- 8—Chuck Siegel
- 9—Phyllis Egger
- 10—Amanda Pratt, Page Zettlemoyer
- 11—Jill Rebert, Kyle Rebert, Kim Shorb, James Bunn III
- 12—Charlotte Pinette
- 13—Karen Wright
- 15—Donna Bair
- 19—Andy Crone, Owen Zettlemoyer
- 25—Jessica Backus
- 26—Deb Dubs, Bonnie Frock
- 29—Rev. Ken Peterkin

**Remembering ♦ Caring ♦ Reaching Out**

Terry Alcott (Care South)  
 Barbara Cooledge (Creekside 2209)  
 Julia Greth (Care Central D-233-A)  
 Homewood, 425 Westminster Avenue,  
 Hanover PA 17331

**Peg Hull** (Room 406)  
 Tree of Life, 236 N. Railroad St., Hanover PA

► **Have some news?** Change of address?

New email? Let us know!

office@eucchanover.org  
 124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331



**Emmanuel hosts meetings**

of the Girl Scouts, Hanover Area Diversity Alliance,  
 and Hanover Pride Trans Support Group.  
 ~ For info, contact the church office. ~

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**June 2026**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor  6-8—Neighbors in Knead baking	<b>2</b> 1-2:30 pm—Neighbors in Knead food distribution	<b>3</b> 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel open  6 pm—Choir 7:30 pm—Handbells	<b>4</b> 1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship with Communion  6 pm—Mindfulness	<b>8</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	<b>9</b> 11 am—Missions Committee meeting	<b>10</b> 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel open  6 pm—Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Missions Sunday</b> 10 am—Worship 11:30 am—W&M	<b>18</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor  7 pm—Consistory	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel open	<b>21</b> 1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 10 am—Worship 11:30 am—Church Growth Committee  6 pm—Mindfulness	<b>22</b> 9-11:30 am—VBS @ Trinity UCC	<b>23</b> 9-11:30 am—VBS @ Trinity UCC	<b>24</b> 9-11:30 am—VBS @ Trinity UCC 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel open	<b>25</b> 9-11:30 am—VBS @ Trinity UCC	<b>26</b> 9-11:30 am—VBS @ Trinity UCC	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10 am—Worship	<b>29</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	<b>30</b>	<b>1 July</b> 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel open	<b>2</b> 1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games	<b>3</b> <b>~ Office Closed ~ July 3-6</b>	<b>4</b>

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**June F.Y.I.**

■ **Missions Sunday**

We will welcome guests from five local faith-based agencies on June 14. ~*Details, Page 2*



■ **Vacation Bible School**

All children are invited for fun and adventure during our VBS to be held at Trinity UCC. Register by June 6. ~*Details, Page 4*



■ **Greetings from India**

Read the latest letter from Phurbu. ~*See Page 3*

■ **Summer Worship**

Services are 10 am in King Auditorium beginning June 21.