

# EmmanuelLife

Newsletter of Emmanuel United Church of Christ



Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin

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## Calendar Highlights

**Thursdays, October 2 & 16**

*1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games*

**Sundays, October 5, 12, 19, 26**

*8:30 am—Adult Learning Hour*

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

**Sunday, October 5**

*Community Concert Series*

*3 pm—Ronn McFarlane, Lutenist*

**Sundays, October 5 & 19**

*6 pm—Mindfulness at EUCC*

**Mondays, October 6, 20, 27**

*1 pm—Compassionate Crafters*

**Monday, October 13**

*Office Closed for Holiday*

## A Look Ahead: November

**November is Harvest Month**

We are collecting food, cleaners and hygiene products all month for local agencies. ~See Page 6

**Bingo is back!** Save the date for November 14. ~Details, Page 4

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## From the Desk of Rev. Ken . . .

Our month of October will arrive soon. You know the atmospheric changes to come, no doubt. We also see social schedules changing, our daylight schedule shortening, and our worship schedule including more events and recognition.

October 5 we observe three events in one day. We're asking you to email to [office@eucchanover.org](mailto:office@eucchanover.org) a picture of your pet and a short story that may be used during worship. Please have those pics and stories to us by Monday, September 29. Rev. Ken will include as many stories as possible but at least one picture of each pet. Also on that day we will observe World Communion Sunday, when all Christian Churches throughout the world will be encouraged to celebrate the unity of Communion. Also, we will receive the Neighbors in Need offering which we receive each year. A lot, huh?!

October 12 we will observe Laity Sunday, led by you, the members. Please contact the office immediately with your request to assist in the worship leading. On October 26 we will have a guest preacher as I will take my final vacation week, October 25-November 1.

Please note! After having both my knees replaced two years ago, one of them did not heal correctly and I will have to have my left knee either partially or totally replaced, happening on November 5 at the OSS Hospital in York. I will return to work and worship on Sunday, November 16, which is this year's Stewardship Commitment Sunday.

Speaking of Commitment Sunday, I pray that you have already begun to prayerfully consider your financial commitment or gift to the church. Please remember that no one other than the members nor any other entity provides financial support to maintain the church, provide salaries to its employees, or inspire mission and new ministry outreach to the community. Your thoughtful and generous financial planning is greatly appreciated.

To all the volunteers involved in preparing, promoting, and working this year's Yard Sale – A hearty THANK YOU!! The monies received for items sold go to the three young people whom the Missions Committee supports overseas for their housing and schooling.

Our close, historical, spiritual brethren celebrated and

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## EUCC Community Concert Series

# Ronn McFarlane | *Lute*

Sunday, October 5 – 3 pm

Grammy-nominated lutenist Ronn McFarlane brings the Renaissance lute into today's musical world with artistry and accessibility. His program at Emmanuel will include Renaissance music from England and Scotland alongside his own compositions.

McFarlane grew up in Maryland and at age 13 taught himself to play on a “cranky \$16 steel string guitar.” He kept at it, playing blues and rock while studying classical guitar. He earned a degree from Shenandoah Conservatory and continued guitar studies at Peabody Conservatory before turning his full attention and energy to the lute.

McFarlane was a faculty member of the Peabody from 1984 to 1995, teaching lute and lute-related subjects.

Since taking up the lute in 1978, Ronn has made his mark in music as the founder of Ayreheart, a founding member of the Baltimore Consort, touring worldwide, and as a guest artist with a number of ensembles and orchestras.

Ronn has composed new music for the lute, building on the tradition of the lutenist-composers of past centuries. His original compositions are the focus of his solo CD, “Indigo Road,” which received a Grammy Award nomination.



**Admission** is free to all concerts!

**Stay afterwards** for a dessert reception to meet the artist.

**Home baked finger foods needed:** The Concert Reception committee is requesting donations. Contact Marilyn at 443-766-3563.

## Thank you, concert sponsors!

We are truly grateful for the members and friends of Emmanuel for generously supporting our 2025-2026 Concert Series. Consider supporting the series using the form at right.

### ***Donor-Named Concert Sponsors***

Ronn McFarlane—Sandra Rebert *In Memory of Glenn Cooper and in Honor of Dot Cooper*

115th Annual Carol Sing—Linda & Steve McKonly

Beijing Guitar Duo—Judy Morris

John Samuel—Estelle King

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### CONCERT SERIES SPONSOR

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

Emmanuel UCC Concerts,  
124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331

## 2025-2026 Schedule

*The season continues with these Grammy-nominated artists, internationally recognized performers and outstanding talents.*

*All concerts are free thanks to our generous sponsors.*

### **115th Annual Carol Sing** | A Hanover Tradition

*Sunday, December 14, 7 pm:* Join us for a joyful evening of Christmas carols, the stories behind them, and a live 30-piece orchestra of professional and community musicians.

**Beijing Guitar Duo** | Classical Guitar  
*Sunday, March 15, 2026, 3 pm:* Praised for their beautiful tone and cross-cultural flair, guitarists Meng Su and Yameng Wang have appeared in leading venues worldwide. Their debut CD, “Maracaípe,” earned a Latin Grammy nomination for its title piece. The duo’s program will include works by Cesar Franck, Debussy, Granados and Gnattali.



### **John Samuell** | Piano *Sunday, April 19, 2026, 3 pm:*

At just 13, pianist, organist, harpsichordist, and composer John Samuell is already earning international recognition. At Emmanuel, this emerging young artist will perform works by Mozart, Chopin, and Brahms on the piano.



### **Westminster Ringers** | Handbell Choir

*Sunday, May 3, 2026, 3 pm:* The Westminster Ringers bring exceptional artistry to advanced handbell repertoire, performing with both technical brilliance and musical sensitivity. The ensemble appears throughout the East Coast, performing on Malmark Handbells, Choirchimes, Cymbells, and a variety of percussion instruments.

## Questions!

## A question from God and some FAQs about Neighbors in Need

What if you decided to email God with an important question? You type “What is it that you require of me, Lord?” and you get an immediate answer in the form of *another* question: “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

You start thinking about how you can live a life that supports justice and mercy. One way to reach out and touch your neighbors with justice and compassion is to give to Neighbors in Need. Through this UCC offering, we can speak prophetically to those in power and to advocate for a society where all people have a voice in decisions that affect their lives.



## FAQs

■ How is the NIN offering used? Two-thirds of the funds collected support a variety of justice initiatives, such as racial justice, women’s justice, LGBTQ+ justice, immigration justice, and environmental justice. A current concern for the environment is the high amount of energy required and the negative environmental impact of the use of artificial intelligence.

A portion of the offering is used to fund grants. Direct service grants go to meet the immediate needs of individuals and groups for food, shelter, etc. Advocacy grants assist communities who wish to change policy on a state or federal level. Other grants are given to uniquely innovative programs which can be replicated in other settings.

One-third of the funds go to the Council for American Indian Ministries, which has been witnessing to Native values and culture as a vital part of the UCC since 1971.

■ How are the decisions made to fund various projects and programs of NIN? Decisions guiding the programs and projects come from resolutions that have been passed at our General Synod biennial meetings.

~Carol Giesey

Your donation to Neighbors in Need can make a difference in how justice and compassion are expressed in our world. The collection date is October 5. You can donate online or use the offering envelopes provided.



# Rail Trail construction continues

The York County Rail Trail Authority continues to work on trail construction and wetland restoration in Heidelberg Township. Trail subsurface has been installed, and the drainage system is nearing completion as decades of sediment are removed to recharge the nearby wetlands with underground spring water.

Have you noticed the piles of logs visible from Route 116 east of Hanover? Each log and chunky root is carefully placed to create a slow-moving creek channel surrounded by pools of quiet water to support wildlife. This new section of trail will



**This new section of the York County Rail Trail east of Hanover is expected to be open by the end of October. ► Stay tuned for plans for a group outing to walk this portion.** ~Photo courtesy of the York County Rail Trail Authority

include multiple spacious viewing areas where walkers and bicyclists can safely stop to view the natural environment. Benches and interpretive signs will welcome all visitors to step off the trail and enjoy the view.

Please observe all signs warning the public not to enter the active

work zone, which is set to be wrap up in late October.

The Hanover Trolley Trail begins in the Borough at Moul Field, goes through Penn Township and now into Heidelberg, and runs nearly five miles. It will eventually stretch to Spring Grove and further east.

## Hanover Against Hunger: Half a million meals and counting

Since 2012 Hanover Against Hunger has recognized that hunger knows no boundaries. Through six meal-packing events, they have provided over half a million meals, which were distributed around the world, to Haiti, Columbia, Zambia, the Philippines, Ukraine, the U.S., and other countries. HAH is hoping to raise \$44,000 for this year's meal packing event, on Nov. 1 at St. Matthew Church. A total of \$40,000 will go toward the packing of 100,000 nutritious meals, consisting of rice, soy, dried vegetables and 13 vitamins and



minerals. These meals will be delivered to orphanages and schools worldwide. A few weeks ago HAH sponsored a panel discussion featuring representatives from local food banks. Several members of Emmanuel attended. We learned that food insecurity in Hanover continues to be a challenge for many people, especially school children and the elderly. HAH partners with God's Meal Barrel and Ruth's Harvest, which provides weekend meals for local school children. HAH will donate \$4,000 to these agencies. With grants, donations from businesses, churches, and other organizations, HAH has raised

close to half of their goal of \$44,000. (Emmanuel donated \$500 from Missions funds earlier this year.) If they do not reach this goal, they will need to reduce the number of meals they pack.

You can help by making individual donations before October 15. Find a brochure on the Opportunities Table or visit [hanoveragainsthunger.org](http://hanoveragainsthunger.org).

► You are also invited to join Emmanuel's meal-packing team at 2 pm on Nov. 1. All ages, including youth, are welcome. At the last meal-packing event we had a team of 23 people. Sign up on the clipboard on the Opportunities Table.

~Carol Giese

## The Christmas Tea returns

After six years away, Emmanuel's beloved Christmas Tea is back! Join us 12-2 pm Saturday, December 6, for this cherished holiday tradition featuring an elegant spread of savory and sweet delights. It's the perfect way to usher in the season with friends and festive cheer. Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve early!



**Menu:** Enjoy a freshly baked scone with Devonshire crème or butter; creamy tomato bisque soup; a variety of five finger sandwiches plus savory onion tartlets; three delectable desserts; and a full assortment of fine teas.

**Reservations:** Tickets are \$25 per person. To reserve, stop by the church office or mail your payment. All seats will be pre-paid. Make checks to Emmanuel UCC.



## Gift Card Bingo – Friday, November 15!

5:30 pm: Food–Fun–Fellowship

7 pm: 20 Games of Bingo, plus Raffles–Jars–Door Prizes

**Tickets: \$15 at the door**

► For info or to volunteer, contact Megan Alcott at 717-451-5401 or [megan.a.alcott@gmail.com](mailto:megan.a.alcott@gmail.com)

*The event benefits Emmanuel's Building Fund and the Hanover Area Council of Churches.*

### Gift Card Bingo Donation

Want to sponsor a game for just \$25? Use this form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

will sponsor # \_\_\_\_\_ gift card prizes at \$25 each.

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the church office at 124 Broadway, Hanover, or drop in the offering plate by **November 7**.

## Crop Walk

Hosted by the Hanover Area Council of



Churches, the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held Sunday, October 12, at Codorus State Park. Take a 1-, 2- or 3-mile course in the park's Marina day-use area. On-site registration begins at 1 pm at St. Paul's (Dubs) Union Church Annex, at Dubs Church and Marina roads. Register to join the EUCC team at <https://tinyurl.com/2uatpa6w> or contact Judy Dubs at 717-476-9081 or [jdubs1959@gmail.com](mailto:jdubs1959@gmail.com).

## Events & Activities

### Lunch Bunch

*12 pm, second Sundays*

The group will gather for food and fellowship after worship on October 12 at Plaza Azteca, 1080 Carlisle St., Hanover. RSVP to Sandy Rebert at 717-586-2136.

### Mindfulness at EUCC

*6 pm, October 5 & 19*

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

### Afternoon of Games

*1-4 pm, October 2 & 16*

Joins us in King Auditorium 1st and 3rd Thursdays for Scrabble, cards, board games, snacks and fellowship. Bring a friend – new players are always welcome! Call Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665 for info.

## **CONSISTORY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

*August minutes were approved September 15*

### **Consistory Minutes — August 18**

- The Treasurer's Report was approved, subject to audit.
- Old Business:
- Shades in King Auditorium: Three of seven do not work. We received a quote to replace them with motorized roller shades from Budget Blinds for \$7,283, which includes a 37 percent discount for a church, and includes a limited lifetime warranty, to replace all seven. Topic was tabled for review of finances for the project.
- New Business:
- Pastor's Care Discretionary Fund was discussed. Rev. Ken would like to reinstate quick-access funds versus the delayed use of funds from the Pastoral Care Fund. To be considered and reviewed next month.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Missions Committee — September 10**

- God's Meal Barrel served 213 families in August, the highest number since Thanksgiving. The food pantry is currently well-stocked.
- Emmanuel served a PAL Lunch at HACC on Sept. 9, and will serve again on Sept. 30. Work begins at 9 am. To volunteer, contact Estelle King.
- Strategic planning at Hanover Area Council of Churches continues. The dishwasher is to be replaced in 2026. Sign up on the clipboard at the Opportunities table to join the Emmanuel team for the Crop Walk, scheduled for Oct. 12. See Judy Dubs for more info.
- Hoffman Homes is one of the many recipients in the Adams County Giving Spree on Nov. 6. The annual gala, A Casino Royale Night, is scheduled for Nov. 7. Valerie Pritchett, ABC news anchor, will be the emcee for an evening of live and silent auctions, raffles and more. Tickets are \$100 and should be reserved by Oct. 27. Missions will check with Consistory about providing a basket for the silent auction, as we have done in the past.
- Missions agreed to provide 15 Christmas gifts for the children at Hoffman Homes. Gifts, valued at \$40 or less, must be delivered by Dec. 3. Contact Estelle King if you would like to purchase a gift. The gifts will be wrapped on Dec. 10-12. To volunteer, contact Hoffman Homes.
- New Hope Ministries has been working to reduce the number of homeless people gathering on their grounds. We are aware of the complex problems of the homeless. They often face challenges of mental illness, alcohol and drug addiction, and a significant number reject help. Some positives in the community are the offering of mental health

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## **2025 CONSISTORY OFFICERS**

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### **CONSISTORY MEMBERS**

Megan Alcott, JJ Dugan, Sean Moore,  
Judy Morris, Clay Reichart,  
Sandy Topper

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Bair	717-870-5597
<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 Alec Sivel 717-451-3450
<b>Fellowship Hour Coordinator</b>	Susan Hoke	717-817-1265 Consistory Rep: Alec Sivel
<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
<b>Pastor-Parish Relations</b>	Estelle King	717-487-1906
<b>Personnel</b>	Brian Frederick	717-451-3977
<b>Property and Safety</b>	Sean Moore	443-618-7481
<b>Stewardship</b>	Judy Morris	717-968-6998
<b>Worship and Music</b>	Charlotte Pinette	717-227-0262 Consistory Rep: Jeff Hopkins



## **Committee Reports, continued from Page 6**

treatment for all ages at Hoffman Homes, and a community movement directed by St. Matthew to reduce homelessness.

- Communion Gifts for September totaled 40 pounds of food, 6 hygiene items, and 5 cleaning products, plus 40 rolls of toilet paper (a much-needed item) and \$25 in donations. Mark your calendars for the next collection date – Oct. 5.
- The Hanover Against Hunger meal-packing event takes place Nov. 1 at St. Matthew. Their mission is to pack nutritious meals for families around the world, including the US. To help alleviate food insecurity in Hanover, they are sharing 10 percent of the funds they receive with God's Meal Barrel, and Ruth's Harvest, which supplies food to local school children. To donate directly to HAH, see info in the HAH brochures, located on the Opportunities Table. Emmanuel is assembling a team of volunteers to help pack the meals at the 2 pm session on Nov. 1. See the sign-up sheet on the Opportunities Table.
- In response to the turmoil surrounding immigrants in our area, St. Joseph's Church has suggested that Latinos attend Mass online rather than in person. One organization that is demonstrating locally in support of immigrants as well as other justice concerns is Hanover for Progress. For more info, contact them online.
- Upcoming events: Harvest Home, Nov. 2; Fisher House Collection and Tribute to Veterans, Nov. 9; bell ringing for the Salvation Army Hanover Service Unit, the first three Saturdays in December.

### **Stewardship Committee — September 10**

- Upcoming events: Harvest Home, Nov. 2; Fisher House Collection and Tribute to Veterans, Nov. 9; bell ringing for the Salvation Army Hanover Service Unit, the first three Saturdays in December.
- Plans continue for this year's campaign, "Dreaming God's Dream: No Gift Too Small, No Dream Too Big," with Commitment Sunday set for November 16.
- The Stewardship article for September's Emmanuel Life was thanks to Dan Trimmer!
- Brian will follow up with plans for snippets to be used by Rev. Ken during the four weeks prior to Pledge Sunday.
- Judy to continue organizing the celebration luncheon, and to work on short skit to be presented November 2 during worship.
- A campaign target this year: to increase average amount of each pledge or yearly gift (for non-pledgers) by 10 percent.
- In Advent, schedule a Bring a Friend to Church Sunday.

## **Veterans Day slide show**

EUCC will honor living veterans with a photo presentation during worship on November 9, when we will observe Veterans Day.

Email photos to Alec at [alecsivel@hotmail.com](mailto:alecsivel@hotmail.com). For actual photos, bring to the church office for scanning. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 31.



## **November is Harvest Month!**

Please bring in pantry items, hygiene or cleaning products anytime this month for distribution to the Hanover Area Council of Churches, God's Meal Barrel and New Hope Ministries. There are more families in need more than ever, so please be generous. Thank you! ~Marilyn Van Lenten, on behalf of the Missions Committee



### **Worship & Music Committee — Sept. 7**

- Upcoming services:
  - Oct. 5 - World Communion Sunday, Neighbors in Need presentation.
  - Oct. 12 - Laity Sunday
  - Oct. 19 and Oct. 26 - Regular services.
  - Nov. 2 - All Saints Day and Harvest Home.
  - Nov. 9 - Veterans Day observation.
  - Nov. 16 - Stewardship presentation.
  - Nov. 23 - Regular service.
  - Nov. 30 - Start of Advent.
- Pastor Ken will be away Oct. 26, and also out Nov. 5-16 to undergo a knee replacement.
- A discussion was on how Veteran's Day will be celebrated.
- Music Director Amy Kwon announced the church's 1,700 piece music library has been organized and older unused pieces archived. She announced the Concert Series begins October 5 with Lutenist Ronn McFarlane. There was also discussion on how to advertise the series.
- The committee will meet again Oct. 5 at 11:30 am in the church. Members will discuss how to better organize ushers and greeters for the weekly services.

# Thank You

## From the Homewood Living...

Dear Friends,

Thank you for choosing to be a part of our 2025 Homewood Golf Classic Tournament on September 18. We are thrilled to host this annual event, which provides funding for Benevolent Care at all of our campuses.

Your gift of \$250 for a Tee Sponsorship has been designated to Benevolent Care at Homewood Living at Plum Creek.

Benevolent Care provides peace of mind for residents who, despite careful planning and through no fault of their own, find themselves in need of support to continue calling Homewood home. Because of your kindness, the fear of an uncertain future is replaced with the comforting reality of stability, community and belonging. We are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

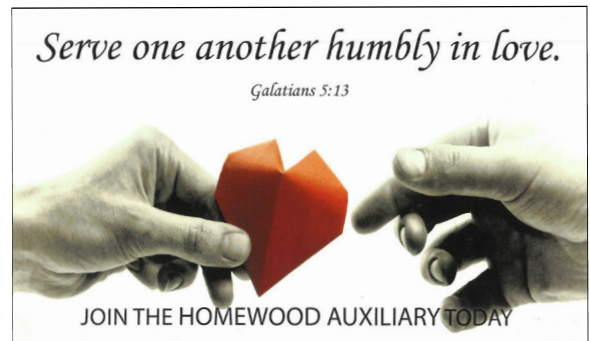
*April Collins*, Director of Philanthropy  
Homewood Living Ministries

*The Missions Committee made a contribution to the Homewood Foundation to sponsor a golf tee in August.*



### ► Thank you for supporting the Yard Sale...

Thank you for the overwhelming support of the Missions Committee's Annual Yard Sale – for contributed items, volunteer hours and monetary donations. We hoped to raise \$2,200 and the event proceeds reached \$2,325 to fund the education of our three sponsor children! Twenty-three members and friends helped with set up, running the sale, and cleanup, giving over 236 volunteer hours. Thanks to all! ~Estelle King, Missions Committee Co-Chair



## 2026 Homewood Auxiliary membership drive

The Homewood at Plum Creek Annual Auxiliary Membership Campaign begins October 5 and continues through November. This Continuing Care Retirement Community in Hanover is a mission of the United Church of Christ. This year's theme is *Serve one another humbly in love*, based on Galatians 5:13.

The Auxiliary is grateful for the faithful support of Emmanuel's congregation over many years. By joining or renewing your membership for 2026, your dues will be used to purchase Wish List items, directly benefiting residents in Personal Care and Nursing Care at Homewood.

The Auxiliary also continues its support of the RLEEF Program, through the Homewood Foundation, which provides special activities, events and entertainment on the Plum Creek campus.

Suggested dues for 2026 remain at \$3 per individual, and \$5 per couple. Additional donations are always graciously accepted, and may be paid in cash or by check made payable to Homewood Auxiliary.

For more information, contact Peg Moulton, your Homewood Auxiliary representative, at 443-904-0234 or [peggym2@comcast.net](mailto:peggym2@comcast.net).

*Make checks payable to "Homewood Auxiliary."*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

- 1—Logan Kemp
- 3—Laken Powell
- 4—Joanne Meyers, Charlotte Sivel,  
Liam Hoke
- 6—Christine Garrett
- 7—Karen Jones
- 10—Philip Carbaugh
- 11—Ed Garvick
- 14—Bob Marchio, John Rost
- 15—Leslie Dugan
- 18—Melissa Brown, Allison Barycki,  
Joan Connor
- 19—Doug Becker, JD Sivel
- 20—Peg Moulton, Kristin Long
- 22—Debbie Borst
- 24—Jane Siegel, Ella Pratt
- 26—Jim Garrett
- 28—Mark Deardorff, Carol Connor
- 29—Janet Stein, Penny Miller

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observed New Year, September 22-24. Jews around the world celebrated year 5786, the traditional understanding of the beginning of the world, marked by earth and Adam and Eve being created.

How are you observing and celebrating life itself? I pray that you observe life with patience for yourself and others, compassion for all, courage in times of struggle, and a peace-oriented outlook. Pray for those who have lost their life, for their families, for the multitude who have suffered not only as an individual but as a people, and be limber in your thoughts knowing that you cannot always control your first thought, but that your second thought may determine far more than you can imagine. Grace. Peace. And Kind Hugs. ~Rev. Ken

## 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

## October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>28 September</b> 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS	<b>29</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel Open	<b>2</b> 1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games 4:30 pm—Choir 6 pm—Handbells	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS 11:30 am—W&M 3 pm—Concert 6 pm—Mindfulness	<b>6</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel Open	<b>9</b> 4:30 pm—Choir 6 pm—Handbells	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 11am-12pm— An Open Table @ Little Fox Coffee
<b>12</b> 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS	<b>13</b> ~ Office Closed ~	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel Open	<b>16</b> 4:30 pm—Choir 6 pm—Handbells	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS 11:30—Church Growth 6 pm—Mindfulness	<b>20</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm—Consistory	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel Open	<b>23</b> 1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games 4:30 pm—Choir 6 pm—Handbells	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS	<b>27</b> 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel Open	<b>30</b> 4:30 pm—Choir 6 pm—Handbells	<b>31</b>	<b>1 November</b>

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**Worship Services**  
10 am Sunday

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pastor@eucchanover.org

**Church Office**  
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717-632-8281  
office@eucchanover.org

**Visit Online**  
www.emmanuelucc.org

## **F.Y.I.**

### ■ **Concert Series begins**

Lutenist Ronn McFarlane reimagines the Renaissance – in concert at 3 pm Sunday, October 5. ~See Page 3



### ■ **Laity Sunday: October 12**

Emmanuel will observe Laity Sunday at worship October 12 by celebrating your ministry, with lay persons leading all parts of the service. Many people are needed! To participate, contact Cheryl Fritz or Charlotte Pinette.

### ■ **So much coming up!**

Neighbors in Need offering, Hanover Against Hunger meal packing event, CROP Walk, Gift Card Bingo, Christmas Tea and more. ~Details inside