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Newsletter of Emmanuel United Church of Christ



Rev. Kenneth D. Peterkin

December 2025

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Calendar Highlights

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22

1 pm—Compassionate Crafters

Thursdays, December 4 & 18

1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games

Sundays, December 7, 14, 21, 28

8:30 am—Adult Learning Hour

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

Saturday, December 6

12-2 pm—A Christmas Tea

Sundays, December 7 & 21

6 pm—Mindfulness at EUCC

Sunday, December 14

Community Concert Series:

7 pm—115th Annual Carol Sing

Sunday, December 21

11:30 am—Congregational Meeting

December 24 through December 29

Office Closed for Holiday

A Look Ahead

Coming in January: Adult Bible Study with Rev. Ken will begin a new session.

Stay tuned for details.

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A Mission Moment from the UCC ...

By Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson

The season of Advent has begun. Four weeks till the birth of Christ. Four weeks of journeying to Bethlehem. Four weeks of lighting candles around the Advent wreath.

I love this season that begs for us to turn our back on the commercial frenzy of the holiday so that we can embrace the spiritual practices of slowing down and, as Matthew's Gospel tells us, learn to be "watchful" for we do not know when the Son of Man will return.

I will admit that I am an advocate for Advent. But no matter how hard I try to do the holidays differently than those around me, I get sucked into the busyness. And if there is one thing that I really dislike the most about this time of year, it's the gift giving.

Now before I am labeled a Grinch – or worst yet, a Scrooge – let me explain. My anxiety with Christmas gifts stems from the fact that I never have any idea what to get those I love. I envy those who know just what trinket would make their spouse, friend, or child smile.

Last year, I was especially drawing a blank as to what to get my father. Then two days before December 25, I remembered the jar of homemade mincemeat I had in my cupboard. I then remembered how much my father loved mincemeat pies.

I had an epiphany. I would make him a pie. The choice of this gift felt so right. I was excited to prepare it, imagining the joy on his face when I gave it to him. And the day I gave it to him, his expression of joy was better than I imagined.

I realized then that being a good gift giver is all about being attentive to others – to borrow from Matthew, being "watchful" – and truly learning how to listen.

Gift giving isn't hard when you realize gifts are all around you.

There's a term in the Church that I happen to love, especially this time of year when we might be struggling with our Christmas shopping lists. It's "called to gift." At first glance, it might seem grammatically incorrect. Called to do what? Gift?

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Advent

November 30 • December 7 • December 14 • December 21
Services at 10 am each Sunday will feature the lighting of the Advent Candle and seasonal music.

The Chancel Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, "The Wondrous Story," during worship on Dec. 21.

Worship in person, watch the live stream on YouTube or view the recording at emmanuelucc.org.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24, 7:30 pm

Gather with us at a new time as we celebrate Christ's birth with a service of Lessons and Carols which will be enriched with seasonal music woven throughout.

Congregational Meeting set for December 14

A Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately after worship on Sunday, December 14, to approve the budget for 2026. Business will also include the election of Consistory members to begin terms in January.



Alec Sivel and Judy Morris are concluding their time on Consistory after three terms (9 years) of service each. We are grateful for their many contributions over these years and look forward to installing some new Consistory members to take their place.

The proposed budget and details were sent to members by mail. A quorum of 10 percent of membership, or 27 people, is required to hold a Congregational Meeting. Your attendance is encouraged and appreciated.

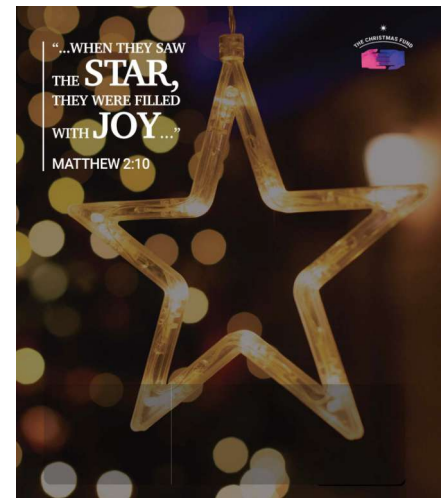
The connection between Pastor and Shepherd



The term "pastor" originates from the Latin word "pastor," meaning shepherd. It has long been a common metaphor in Christianity for a spiritual leader. But how does taking care of animals outdoors connect

with leading people in a Christian church? There are quite a few similarities. Both jobs require a leader to guide a group along the right path. Good shepherds show empathy for the struggles of the flock, and so do good pastors. A good shepherd has a strong bond with each sheep, while a good pastor works to develop strong bonds with each member of the congregation. A good shepherd is faithful and accountable, and a good pastor values faithfulness to the congregation over self-exaltation or personal gain. Shepherds enhance the lives of their flocks; pastors play a vital role in the spiritual life of their congregations.

How can we show gratitude to the shepherds of our faith? One way is to give to the UCC Christmas Pastors Fund. For over 100 years, it has provided pension and health benefits, emergency grants, and thank-you checks to retired clergy and their families, and to lay employees who may be in need. Your care and compassion will be a fitting gift to these dedicated shepherds.



The Christmas Fund offering will be taken December 14.

Envelopes will be provided. Write checks to Emmanuel UCC with "Christmas Fund" in the memo.



115th Annual Carol Sing

A Hanover Tradition

7 pm Sunday, December 14

We hope you'll join us for one of Emmanuel's most beloved traditions: our 115th Annual Carol Sing! Enjoy a festive evening of Christmas carols, their stories told by Steve McKonly and Landy Grimm, and a live community orchestra.

This year, we are pleased to welcome noted local organist Scott Fredericks, along with Christian Keller at the piano, to accompany the carols. We're also excited to feature a special presentation of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* by 4 professional vocalists. The Carol Sing is free, festive and a beautiful way to begin the Christmas season together. We hope to see you – and feel free to invite friends! The concert will also be live streamed on YouTube. Find the link on our website.

~Sponsored by Linda & Steve McKonly

2025-2026 EUCC Community Concert Series

Emmanuel has welcomed the community to enjoy music in our beautiful sanctuary for decades. Join us as the 2025-2026 season continues with these Grammy-nominated artists, internationally recognized performers and outstanding talents. All concerts are free thanks to our generous sponsors.

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. ~Sponsored by Judy Morris



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. ~Sponsored by Estelle King



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. ~Sponsored by Amy & Lee Donner

Thank you, concert sponsors!

We are truly grateful for the members and friends of Emmanuel for generously supporting our 2025-2026 Concert Series:

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

Westminster Ringers—Amy & Lee Donner

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2025-2026

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____ Grand Patron (\$100)

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____ Sustainer (\$250)

____ Donor-Named Concert (\$500)

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

Holiday Giving

Feed a Friend Marathon

WHVR 1280 AM, Rocky 98.5 FM and Nu 95.3 FM will host the 38th annual radio giving marathon to benefit New Hope Ministries food programs. The 16-hour on-air event will run 12-8 pm Thursday, Dec. 11; and 8 am-4 pm Friday, Dec. 12. Pledge by calling 717-637-0052 or visit nhm-pa.org.

Communion Giving

December's first Sunday Communion Gifts offering will be focused on foods for Christmas meals as well as any pantry items, hygiene products or cleaners. Bring your items Dec. 7 and they will be shared among New Hope Ministries' food pantry, the Hanover Area Council of Church's PAL Lunch program and God's Meal Barrel.

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 6, 13 and 20. All funds support local program needs. To help, contact Estelle at 717-487-1906 or estellebking@icloud.com.

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But “called to gift” reminds us to take the spiritual gifts we have been given by God and share them with others. We are called to gift the world with the light that shone that holy night. We are called to gift strangers with adoration just like the Magi bestowed upon Jesus. We are called to gift our loved ones with the same song of peace and good will that the angels sang announcing the babe’s birth.

What are you being “called to gift” this season?

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT: God, as the season of Advent begins, we remember how out of great love for us you gave us Jesus. That is the most amazing gift we have ever received. Help us now to share that gift of love with others. Help us to become amazing gift givers of your Spirit, Word and Truth. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Rev. Jackson is a communications specialist for the United Church of Christ.

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: \$25 per person and all seats will be pre-paid. **RSPV by December 1.** Stop by the church office or call 717-632-8281. Make checks to Emmanuel UCC.

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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 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.



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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 11 am to 1 pm. Anyone interested in contributing supplies or in volunteering can contact Jean Huber at jeanmp1@gmail.com or see her at church.



Events & Activities

New Member Class

Coming soon
Anyone interested in joining the congregation should reach out to the church office or contact Rev. Ken at 860-584-0869 or pastor@eucchanover.org.

Lunch Bunch

12 pm, second Sundays
The group will gather for food and fellowship after worship on December 14 at Inn 94, New Oxford. RSVP to Sandy Rebert at 717-586-2136.



Mindfulness at EUCC

6 pm, December 7 & 14
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.

Afternoon of Games

1-4 pm, December 4 & 18
Joins us in King Auditorium 1st and 3rd Thursdays for Scrabble, cards, board games, snacks and fellowship. New players are always welcome! Call Carol Giesey at 717-632-2665 for info.

Provide-A-Lunch

9 am-1 pm, December 30
Volunteers are needed to prepare, serve and clean up at the Hanover Area Council of Churches PAL Lunch. To help, contact Estelle at 717-487-1906.

Compassionate Crafters

1-4 pm Mondays
(No meeting December 29)
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

October minutes were approved November 17

Consistory Minutes — October 20

- The Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit was made by Clay Reichart and seconded by Sandy Topper.
 - We made our third transfer, \$27,000, from unrestricted funds bringing our total to \$77,000 for the year. We have also received \$16,000 from our York County Community Foundation fund.
 - As of Sept. 30, we have an overage on our gas budget. We reduced the amount from last year. We have spent \$7,255 with a budget of \$7,000.

Old Business:

- We ordered the automatic roller shades for the auditorium from Budget Blinds and paid a deposit of \$5,150. Total cost is \$6,870. Installation is scheduled for Oct. 28.

New Business:

- The Keystone Conference will have a virtual meeting Nov. 22 to review the budget. We have the ability to have 3 delegates. Charlotte Pinnette and Brian Frederick will attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Growth Committee — November 16

- Events
 - Bingo on Nov. 14 was attended by 81 persons, pizza was the favorite food, patrons asked for BBQ and soup; a cash box is needed, and a hot dog roller. Income of about \$2,000 will be split 50/50 between the church's Building Fund and missions work (final number will be determined after all expenses are paid). A successful event and we plan to continue this activity.

Updates:

- Member Appreciation puzzle pieces to be affixed and placed under the clear plastic of the food table in the auditorium.
- There will be no December meeting.

Missions Committee — November 12

- God's Meal Barrel served 260 families last month, well above their average of 200 families. 39 families were in line for food when we delivered donations from Harvest Home. GMB will provide 125 turkey dinners for Thanksgiving. Missions agreed to donate 10 \$25 Five Below gift cards for teens, as GMB requested.
- Crop Walk donations from Emmanuel totaled \$1,500. (\$1,000 from the congregation and \$500 from Missions funds.)
- Missions agreed to purchase 25 \$10 Walmart gift cards for gifts for children for JJ's Toy Shop at the Hanover Area Council of Churches. Gift cards will be purchased through Emmanuel's Gift Card plan.

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2025 CONSISTORY OFFICERS

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Treasurer	Dave Jones 717-451-3044 redcon1@comcast.net

CONSISTORY MEMBERS

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Altar Guild	Mary Bair	717-870-5597
Caring	Judy Morris	717-968-6998
Christian Education	Cheryl Fritz	717-698-1153
	Consistory Rep: Megan Alcott	
Church Growth	Charlotte Pinette	717-227-0262
	Alec Sivel	717-451-3450
Fellowship Hour Coordinator	Susan Hoke	717-817-1265
	Consistory Rep: Alec Sivel	
Investment	Dave Jones	717-451-3044
Missions	Carol Giesey	717-632-2665
	Estelle King	717-487-1906
	Consistory Rep: JJ Dugan	
Pastor-Parish Relations	Estelle King	717-487-1906
Personnel	Brian Frederick	717-451-3977
Property and Safety	Sean Moore	443-618-7481
Stewardship	Judy Morris	717-968-6998
Worship and Music	Charlotte Pinette	717-227-0262
	Consistory Reps: Jeff Hopkins	
	and Clay Reichart	

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- The annual Gala for Hoffman Homes was a huge success, with proceeds of \$111,000. Carol Giesey, Estelle King and Marilyn Van Lenten were among the 288 guests. Emmanuel's bird-themed basket sold for \$180 at the silent auction. Next year's gala is scheduled for Oct. 30.
- There are still opportunities to purchase gifts for children at Hoffman Homes. See Estelle King for info about specific gifts that the children have requested. Gifts must be delivered by Dec. 3. To volunteer to help wrap these gifts Dec. 10-12, contact Hoffman Homes.
- Communion Gifts/Harvest Home donations totaled 61 pounds of food, 4 cleaning and 63 hygiene items on Nov. 2, and 32 pounds of food on Nov. 9. All items were delivered to the 3 local food banks.
- Crafters have gathered 145 winter weather items for distribution. Their goal is 165 items. See Sandy Rebert or Marilyn Van Lenten.
- The Hanover Trolley Trail now extends to Jacobs Mill Road. See Peg Moulton if you are interested in a group walking tour of the new trail.
- We will send Christmas cards from the congregation to our 3 sponsored children in South Africa, the Philippines and India. Cards will be available for signing in the next few weeks.
- The Fisher House Foundation collection, to provide temporary housing for families of hospitalized vets, took place on Nov. 9. Emmanuel's collection totals over \$300, with the option of sending donations directly to Fisher House in postage-paid envelopes. See Estelle for more info.
- One source of hurricane relief for areas affected by Hurricane Melissa (Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba) is coming through the national UCC, in partnership with Church World Service, and other organizations. Donations may be placed in collection baskets located in the sanctuary through Nov. 23.
- Missions agreed to donate \$300 from Missions funds to pay for the cost of printing first response information for immigrants living in the Hanover area. The printing will be done through the Hanover Area Diversity Alliance

Stewardship Committee — November 3

- Continued to plan this year's campaign, "Dreaming God's Dream: No Gift Too Small, No Dream Too Big," and Commitment Sunday, Nov. 16.
 - Pledge cards were modified to add option for electronic giving.
 - Snippets have been running. They are very personal and look good.
 - In Advent, schedule a Bring a Friend to Church Sunday.

Homewood Auxiliary

Thank you for supporting the Auxiliary at Homewood Living Plum Creek! To join or for more info about any of these projects, see Peg Moulton at church or reach her at peggym2@comcast.net or 443-904-0234.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: There are 20 couples and individuals who renewed their membership plus 12 new couples and individual members so far. It's not too late to join for 2026! Membership is only \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

HOLIDAY CARDS: Send Christmas greetings to Homewood residents by signing cards at Fellowship Hour through December 7. Cards will be provided, or bring your own.

BINGO PRIZES: Bingo is held twice a week for Plum Creek nursing and personal care residents. Small prizes are always appreciated and can be placed in the bin in King Auditorium. Holiday favorites include small chocolates like Hershey bars, kisses, Ghiardelli squares, mini Whitman's boxes, etc. Additional suggestions include word search puzzle books, costume jewelry, over the head beaded necklaces and bracelets, Dove soap bars, small hand sanitizers and hand lotions, decorative scarves, small soft stuffed animals, window clings, small holiday trinkets, and assorted greeting cards.

Worship & Music Committee — Nov. 2

- Upcoming services:
 - Nov. 30 - First Sunday of Advent.
 - Dec. 7 - Regular service.
 - Dec. 14 - Regular service. Annual Community Carol Sing at 7 p.m.
 - Dec. 21 - Regular service with Christmas Fund collection.
 - Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 pm.
 - Dec. 28 - Healing Service.
 - Jan 4. - Communion, Epiphany.
- It was noted the date for Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18, 2026. The first Sunday of Lent is Feb. 22.
- The follow-up discussion included the use of yard signs and banner advertising the upcoming concerts and the scheduling of greeters and ushers by Clay Reichart.
- Rev. Ken reported there are tentative plans for a new members class.

Thank You

From Hanover Against Hunger

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Hanover Against Hunger Board of Directors, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your donation of \$250 as a Meal Packing Sponsor for the 2025 Meal Packing Event this fall. Your support as we work together to pack over 66,000 rice- and protein-based meals. The spirit of generosity and community spirit that was evident that day was palpable. It was a great celebration! Thank you for contributing to that wonderful event!



Sincerely,

~Lisa Smith

Secretary, HAH Board of Directors

The congregation's \$250 offering supported the November 1 event. Thank you also to six EUCC volunteers for helping pack the meals for distribution overseas and in the U.S. The Missions Committee also supported the event with a \$500 donation earlier this year.



Dreaming God's Dream
NO GIFT TOO SMALL. NO DREAM TOO BIG.

Thank you for pledging

This year's call for faithful financial stewardship focused on the theme *Dreaming God's Dream: No Gift Too Small, No Dream Too Big*. Your gifts make an impact in so many large and small ways! Thank you to all the members and friends who submitted a pledge for the 2026 Stewardship Campaign. If you have not, there is still time. Please place your pledge in the offering plate, mail or drop at the church office.

► Thank you for supporting...

Fisher House Foundation: Thank you for your Veterans Day offering of \$323 for the Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit which assists wounded veterans and their families with housing near VA hospitals.

Gift Card Bingo: Thank you to the gift card sponsors, bakers and food donors, about 80 players, and all the volunteers who turned out for the Gift Card Bingo on November 14! Profits of about \$1,500 will benefit Emmanuel's Building Fund and the Hanover Area Council of Churches.

Harvest Home Offering: Thank you for your generosity in contributing more than 200 pounds of food for our month-long Harvest Home collection in November to support local families during the holidays. The food, along with donated hygiene products and cleaning items, was delivered throughout the month to the Hanover Area Council of Churches, God's Meal Barrel and New Hope Ministries.

Giving envelopes

Giving envelopes for 2026 are now available for pickup in the Narthex. If you would like to be issued as set, please contact the church office. For questions or info about our convenient and secure electronic giving options, please reach out to Maria in the church office.



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:

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Order soon – plant availability is limited.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

- 1—Gene Hagenberger, John Frock II
- 3—Ronald Giesey
- 4—John Connor Jr.
- 5—Carol Giesey
- 10—Mary Little
- 15—Madden Nguyen
- 17—Gail Mattingly
- 22—Joyce O'Donnell
- 23—Andrea Saggau
- 26—Chris Moore
- 28—David Jones, Haley Frederick,
Patrick Caviness
- 29—Cheryl Fritz
- 31—Karen Unger

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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Office Hours: 10am-1pm, Tuesday-Wednesday

December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 November 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS	1 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor 6-8 pm—Neighbors in Knead baking	2 11am-2pm— Neighbors in Knead food distribution 1pm—Missions Committee 7 pm—Stewardship	3 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel Open	4 1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games 5 pm—Choir 6 pm—Handbells	5	6 Christmas Tea 12-2 pm
7 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS 11:30 am—W&M 6 pm—Mindfulness	8 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	9	10 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel Open	11 5 pm—Choir 6 pm—Handbells	12	13
14 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS 12 pm—Lunch Bunch 7 pm—Carol Sing	15 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor 7 pm—Consistory	16	17 12-1 pm—Bowers Chapel Open	18 1-4 pm—Afternoon of Games 5 pm—Choir 6 pm—Handbells	19	20
21 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS 6 pm—Mindfulness	22 1-4 pm—Crafters in the Pastor's Parlor	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30 pm	25 ~ Office Closed ~	26 ~ Office Closed ~	27
28 8:30 am—Adult SS 10 am—Worship Children's SS Hanging of the Greens	29 ~ Office Closed ~	30 9am-1pm PAL Lunch at the Hanover Area Council of Churches	31	1 January ~ Office Closed ~	2	3

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■ **115th Annual Carol Sing**

~ 7 pm Sunday, December 14 ~
A Hanover tradition! Sing along to your favorite carols in person or live streamed, this year featuring a presentation of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" and organist Scott Fredericks. ~See Page 3



■ **Congregational Meeting**

Plan to attend a brief meeting after worship on December 14 to approve the 2026 budget and Consistory nominees.