

THE HANOVER HERALD

A newsletter for the people
of Hanover Presbyterian Church,
Wilmington, Delaware
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Luncheon guests toast the successful completion of the 200 for 200 campaign.

200 for 200 Drive Surpasses Its \$50,000 Goal

On Sunday, Oct. 30, we celebrated the culmination of two years of honoring the Bicentennial of the Female Harmony Society and Hanover's Church School. We also achieved our goal of raising more than \$50,000 for our Bicentennial Fund.

As president of the Female Harmony Society, I would like to thank all who gave so generously to this campaign. Two years ago, when we

joined with Hanover in an effort to raise \$50,000, we wondered if it was possible. Reaching our goal helps to validate the notion that the mission of Hanover and the Female Harmony Society are important to all of us.

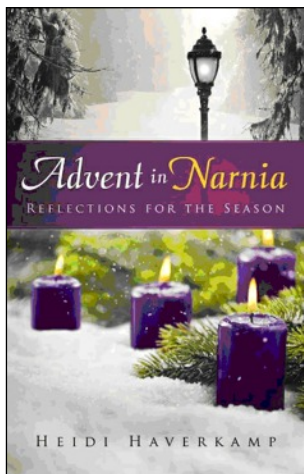
The Female Harmony Society was started more than 200 years ago by a small group of dedicated women on a mission. That mission was to help people who were in need and to educate children who were

underserved. We are so proud that our predecessors had a hand in starting the public school system in Delaware. Throughout the years, our membership has waxed and waned. At times it seemed the group would not survive, but something always happened to keep it going. Today, that "something" is the trust and faith all of you have shown by supporting us through the years and especially through the 200 for 200 campaign. Thanks to you, we can continue to contribute to those organizations that help people in need in our community. We will also be able to explore other opportunities for advocacy. We are proud of our legacy, we celebrate our good fortune today and look to the future with renewed energy and a vision for continued "harmony" among ourselves and all who come after us. — *Becky Arnold*

Christmas Dinner Dec. 9

The annual Christmas dinner will be Friday, Dec. 9. You will be able to sign up on a form in the Church School Hall or online. Feel free to contact Lynn Gregory or Becky Arnold.

Advent Soup Dinners, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21



Join us on Wednesdays during Advent for a light supper of soup and bread and then spend some time in Narnia, guided by Heidi Haverkamp's book, *Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season*. You are invited to read C. S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* for the first time—or read it again and re-experience the joys of this classic. Our study will concentrate on the first five chapters of the book. No time to read? Come on Dec. 3 at 4:30 p.m. to watch the movie together (pizza and popcorn will be served). This is an intergenerational event, so bring the kids! Wednesday suppers begin at 5:30 p.m., but please come when you are able—there is always plenty of hot soup and warm fellowship!

Questions? Contact Nancy Long at j2nlong@comcast.net or 764-8095.

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Jesus Is My Rock, and That's How We Roll . . .

If you're in Vegas and things are falling your way they say you're on a roll. If you're a ballplayer, they say you're in the zone. Out in the streets they say you're livin' right. If you're in a sanctuary, they say you're in the Spirit.

Well, seems to me we're on a roll, in the zone, livin' right, and in the Spirit!

In September, we gathered for a joyous reunion weekend in which we experienced the power of our legacy to deliver energy in the present, hope for our future; each grounded in the promise of our past.

In October, we rejoiced in not just in fulfilling, but exceeding, the goal of raising \$50,000 in our two-year 200 For 200 Campaign.

Assuming we survive the second Tuesday, we have every reason to believe our streak will roll right into November. Let us assume another stunning stewardship season, anticipate gathering around tables of food, grace, fellowship and thanksgiving, and expect another Advent journey that will lead us to meet our Savior in a manger.

While in our zone we've welcomed new members, maintained

MUSIC MATTERS

Thanks be to God for the gift of music. Here's what we have to be musically thankful for this November:

♪ We are hosting the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m., with a pre-service vegetarian potluck dinner at 5:30. We have invited the other musical groups, the Hanover Choir and Drum Circle will be here, and we will also have a mass choir. It is a great example of true community—please put this inspirational evening service on your calendars.

♪ Our Service of Solace is a quiet, reflective hour where we find comfort through God's steadfast love and care. It is on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. Look for more information soon—we are hoping to have

great financial news, continued conversations about creative new ways to use our building, extended our reach to build new partnerships, and sustained our visionary talks about new staffing patterns.

The beauty and wonder of being on a roll is that each new event, success, and initiative provides energy to pursue the next one. When you're in the zone, things fall into place. When you're livin' right things seem, well, to go well!

Being in the zone is a joyous experience; particularly because things seem easy, even effortless. The reality, however, is that being in the zone is the product of a whole lot of hard work. The ballplayer who is in the zone has spent countless hours in the batting cage or on the free throw line.

And so it is for people of faith. To be in the Spirit is the product of having worked, planned, and prayed without ceasing. It is when we have worked most faithfully, and hardest, that we enter that special zone where we become one with each other and God's blessings.

May God continue to bless and guide our journey as we work, serve, and pray to be faithful to our Rock, that we would continue to roll . . . *Peace, Andy*

Beth Shalom's musicians as our guests that evening.

♪ Christmas Eve service is on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. This year's guests will be pianist Ethel Ohlsen and countertenor Gus Mercante. This will be Gus' 20th Christmas Eve at Hanover—lucky us! Join us for a wonderful celebration!

♪ Would you like to sing in the choir just for a season? Come and talk to me—we would be glad to have you join us for Advent and Christmas! We are looking forward to sharing some glorious music and meaningful worship experiences with you—join us in thanksgiving and praise for all of the good things that God has given us.

Soli deo gloria, (To God alone the glory) — Twyla

FINANCE REPORT

At the October Session meeting, we reviewed the treasurer's report through the end of August 2016 (67 percent of the year). Our combined pledged and unpledged regular income has totaled \$114,572, which is 68 percent of the budget goal for the year. The current regular expenses exceed our income by approximately \$720. We budgeted \$3,800 for our 2016 per capita goal. We have received \$2,728 toward that goal. In 2016, Hanover has paid \$5,887 in per capita to support its connections with the work of the Presbyterian Church all around the world. All of our Hanover members can support those wider connections by paying their per capita (\$31.65 per member), which offsets the cost to Hanover.

The Finance Committee met in October to prepare the first draft of Hanover's budget for 2017. Our biggest challenge continues to be balancing our building maintenance expenses with our desire to compensate our personnel in a way that values their work and their professional contributions to Hanover and to the community. We will be working with Session and members of our committees, to find the best balance. — *Ellen Casson, chair of finance*

Our Newest Members

Sarah and Kevin Davenport became members of Hanover during the worship service on Oct. 31. Here's how they introduced themselves:

Sarah and Kevin Davenport are gratefully joining the Hanover Family as they seek a deeper conscious contact with their Creator and with God's son, Jesus Christ. They are also enthusiastic about connecting with a community that is so deeply committed to celebrating diversity, service, hospitality, justice and of loving one another. Sarah and Kevin have both worked and played as artists, and hope to one day soon share their spiritual gifts as they continue to heal following a battle with chronic illness. They live just two blocks away with their beloved rescue animals, Sparky, Sailor, Ringo and Cat Cat.

Sustaining the Legacy

This year's Stewardship Sunday will be celebrated on Nov. 13, when we will receive and bless our pledges. There's so much more to celebrate at Hanover right now. Aside from all the opportunities to offer hospitality and to seek justice, our current financial status is steady and pledged giving—the foundation of our financial security—is right on par with the 2016 budget.

The generosity of Hanover's congregation was demonstrated during the 200 for 200 Bicentennial Fund Campaign, providing a strong example of what is possible when we set a visionary goal and achieve it together. Pledging helps to continue to define our legacy by securing Hanover's financial future for today and tomorrow. Please consider making a pledge commitment to Hanover for 2017. Together we can ensure Hanover's financial foundation for today and for the tomorrows of our future.

November Birthdays

- 1 Heather Dorsey
- 3 Lawondale Parker
- 5 Kayla Kirylik
- 6 Denny Schreyer
Austin Wilson
- 7 Sue Ann Fortney
- 16 Amber Simmons
- 19 Devin Pulliam
- 22 Kathryn Long
- 23 Lillian Grasty
- 26 Ralph Fortney
Jeanne Lewis
- 29 Sue Steeves

CALENDAR

Session, 7:15 p.m., Nov. 1
Washington Heights Blueprint Team, 5 p.m., Nov. 3
All Saints Sunday, 11 a.m., Nov. 6
Faith in Action, 5 p.m., Nov. 10
Stewardship Sunday, Invitational Forum, 12:30 p.m., Nov. 13
Invitational Team, 5:30 p.m., Nov. 14
Washington Heights Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Nov. 15
Theology on Tap, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 15
Worship Committee, 5:30 p.m., Nov. 16
U.D. Pasta Dinner, 5 p.m., Nov. 16

Recruiting Worship Leaders – A New Approach

Hanover is known for its hospitality. One of the many ways we express that hospitality at services is through the friendly faces of our worship leaders. Greeters, ushers, and lay liturgists create an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness. In a given year, there are 342 opportunities available to serve in one of these roles.

In 2017, we are initiating a worship leader rotation. Rather than making 342 phone calls or sending 342 emails asking for volunteers, we'd like to create a schedule for the whole year! The first step will be collecting information. There will be a survey on our website and in the worship bulletin over the next few weeks asking which roles interest you and how frequently you are able to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Matthia in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays.

HANOVER NEWS & NOTES

Pasta Wednesdays

For two years now, the Food Pantry and the University of Delaware have joined forces and offered a meal on the third Wednesday of each month (Pasta Wednesday.) U.D. students and faculty, Food Pantry and Clothing Closet clients, Hanover members and neighbors of Hanover have enjoyed a meal and conversation. On any given night we may have 20-50 people down in the Gathering Place. On Wednesday, Nov. 16 we will be hosting a pre-Thanksgiving turkey dinner. Please join us at 5:30.

Hot Dogs and Turkeys

The hot dog cart is winding down for the year. Thanks to many Hanover and neighborhood faithful supporters, we were able to raise more than \$1,000 for the Food Pan-

try. With this money we are able to distribute 100 Thanksgiving turkey bags to neighborhood families. We will be joined in this effort once more by the BTL Foundation. Items that make up these bags are: potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, dessert and of course a turkey. If you would like to contribute items for the bags, please bring them to church before Nov. 20. Thanks for your support and please join us in January for Souper Tuesdays!

UnGifts Returning

The Faith In Action Committee will be offering UnGifts again this year. This will be the 11th year we have provided people with the opportunity to give a meaningful gift to friends or family by making a donation in their honor to a project that will make a difference in the wider world. FIA will provide a gift card, along with an insert that describes the project, for you to give to the person on whose behalf you have made the donation.

Over the years, a wide range of gift options have been offered, for example Hanover's own Food Pantry, Church World Service, the Delaware Horticulture Center, Habitat for Humanity, Bread for the World, Kiva, and Read In, Read Out. FIA is currently in the process of making this year's selections. We hope you will plan to give an UnGift to someone about whom you care, or put UnGifts on the list of presents you would enjoy getting!

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Female Harmony Society Offers Marybelle Enslin Memorial Scholarship

A memorial scholarship award was created in 2015, through a financial gift made in honor of Marybelle Enslin, by her husband, Gerry, and her children, Nancy Mathewson, David Enslin, and Donald Enslin. Marybelle, a devoted member of the Female Harmony Society, died Dec. 30, 2014, at the age of 93.

She believed in the power of education to improve lives, particularly continuing education beyond high school and college. One of the legacies of the Female Harmony Society is its commitment to education and helping those who might not otherwise be able to continue their education. We are grateful to the Enslin family for making this scholarship possible.

There will be one scholarship given per year, in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship will be for a post-graduate program leading to a degree or professional certification that will improve the lives of others. The yearly time frame is from January to January, with the opening of the application process on Nov. 1 of the preceding year, and the closing date on Dec. 15. The award decision will be made by Jan. 15.

For more information, contact Becky Arnold, Maggie Alexander, or Nona Holy, or send a request for an application to the Female Harmony Society at 1801 N. Jefferson Street. Applications will also be available at www.femaleharmonysociety.org.

Christmas Poinsettias to Decorate the Sanctuary

If you wish to honor loved ones by donating poinsettias for display on Christmas Eve, please:

1. Fill out this order form. Donations may be made either in memory of someone who has died or in honor of someone who is living.
2. Enclose a check, payable to Hanover Church (\$10 per plant)
3. Mail form and check to:

Sue Baker
 212 Foulk Road, 3A
 Wilmington, DE 19803

After Christmas Eve Worship:

- I will pick up a plant.
- I will not pick up a plant. Please give plant to a shut-in.

 Donor's Name (please print)

 In memory of (please print)

OR

 In honor of (please print)

Orders Must Be Received by Sunday, Dec. 11

