

THE HANOVER HERALD

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of Hanover Presbyterian Church,
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Kim Williams, at left, and Terre Gilchrist, at right, became members of Hanover during the Pentecost service in Fox Point State Park. Standing between the new members are their deacons, Maggie Alexander and Jude Quinn.

Hanover's Newest Members Introduce Themselves

Kim Williams

I am a 41-year-old mother of my 6-year-old son, Chase. God's calling led me to my career as a mental health therapist, where I enjoy serving children, families, and adults both in the office and the community. Thank you for welcoming us into the church, and I look forward to getting to know everyone through worship and service.

Terre Gilchrist

Between caring for her family (hubby — Cliff, and daughter —

Tasha) and caring for her patients (Christiana Care medical social worker—grief counselor); Terre tries to seek moments to care for herself! Sometimes there just isn't enough time! She enjoys renewing her spirit with music (all types); walks, crafts (scrapbooking newbie!) and reading (currently *The Warmth of Other Suns*). She is passionate about issues related to women and children. She has found this new church that she can't stop talking to others about and looks forward to meeting you soon!

Another Super Super Sale! And Thanks to All!

Ruth, Ellen and Becky would like to thank everyone in our Hanover family that contributed in so many ways to making Saturday, May 6, a success. To all the bakers, gardeners and savers of stuff, thanks for sharing it with us. The Hanover building was bustling with activity in the week leading up to the sale. So many helpers unloading cars, sorting stuff and then pricing it. Truly, it seemed to be the smoothest operation yet. An extra shout out and thank you to Stephanie Cornell, for donating nearly the entire contents of her house, before moving to Florida. We counted 75 people who helped in some way, and on the day of the sale, 53 volunteers were there to greet all the shoppers with a smile. The fellowship and connections made with the community are truly the best result of the hard work that goes into the Super Sale. Oh, and making over \$6,500 is pretty nice too! Again, thanks to you all — now rest up and enjoy your summer!

A Summer of Prophets

So, Mr. Webster, who am I?

One who utters divinely inspired revelations.

One gifted with more than ordinary spiritual and moral insight.

One who foretells future events.

An effective or leading spokesperson for a cause, doctrine, or group.

Why, a prophet, of course! The Biblical story is nothing if not a litany of those whom God has sent to give God's people direction, courage, correction, inspiration, and hope. Even as the prophets lead us, so too do they puzzle us. They speak, behave, and act in ways that challenge the imagination, demand openness, and shock, surprise and stupefy—all at the same time.

This summer we will spend time with some of the Biblical prophets. We will meet them on a personal level, hear about what they said and did, and be challenged to understand how their message continues to speak to us today. Here is a list of the Sundays to come, and a brief teaser about what we'll hear.

June 18: Hosea: A Marital Prophecy, Commissioned Ruling Elder Tim Arnold leading worship

June 25: Jeremiah: The yoked prophet.

July 2: Elizabeth: Delivering God's message of light and hope.

July 9: To be announced

July 16: Isaiah: The Preacher Prophet, Commissioned Ruling Elder Tim Arnold leading worship

July 23: The Deacons lead worship

July 30: Daniel: So, what does the end of time look like?

Aug. 6: Ruth: The power of forever.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. — Acts 2:1

For many years I have benefited from the wisdom and faith of Ann Weems. As we enter this season of Pentecost, I offer this piece that captures not just the spirit of the season, but the power and essence of the Spirit. May God grant us the faith, wisdom, and courage “to change things and lives together in love and wholeness.” . . . Peace, *Andy*

The church is Pentecost.
The Holy Spirit is poured out upon us
and sends us out together
aflame with new life,
inheritors of the wealth of God:
life abundant.
We are liberated from the prisons
of pettiness,
jealousy, and greed,
liberated to be the church.

We are freed to free others.
We are affirmed to affirm others.
We are loved to love others.
We are family;
we are community.
We are the church triumphant—
you, me, anyone who would come
unto the Lord—
renewed, redirected, empowered
to change things and lives
together in love and wholeness.
We are the Lord's church,
the church of justice and mercy,

the people sent to open prisons,
to heal the sick
to clothe the naked
to feed the hungry
to reconcile
to be alleluias when there is no
music.

The mantle is upon our shoulders.
Joy is apparent in our living.
We have been commissioned to be
the church
of Jesus Christ.

Forum and Luncheon

On June 25, the Invitational Team invites you to lunch – our treat! Immediately following worship, we will be hosting our next forum in the Church School Hall. At past forums, we've discussed how to invite friends and neighbors to church. This time, we'll learn ways to approach guests and new members who are already here! The forum is open to all ages.

Creation Care Display

Faith in Action has set up a creation care display on the bulletin board in the Sunday School hall between the kitchen and the children's area. As a member of Delaware Interfaith Power and Light (IPL), Hanover has made a commitment to address the causes and effects of climate change by working to make our building more climate friendly and by working through and with our members. There are pamphlets with information about assistance that is available to people to work toward greater energy efficiency at home on the table under the display. If you have suggestions about information or other resources that would be useful for us to display, please contact Lorie Tudor or other Faith in Action members.

Interfaith Power and Light is an national interfaith organization working on climate change. If you are interested knowing more, you can find additional information at www.Interfaithpowerandlight.org. The Delaware Chapter website is: delawareipl.org/wp.

Summer of Prophets

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Aug. 13: Amos: Accountability to justice and righteousness.

Aug. 20: Micah: It's all about covenant, truth, justice . . . and hope.

Aug. 27: Eloise Downing leading worship

Sept. 3: The Revs. Jim Mosely and Deb Trevino leading worship

May God bless us so that the prophecies we hear and share will be transformed into actions that speak and care.

FINANCE REPORT

At the May Session meeting, the treasurer's report through the end of March 2017 (25 percent of the year) was reviewed. Our combined pledged and unpledged regular income totaled \$56,361, which is 32 percent of the budget goal for the year. This is very good news, as is the fact that the per capita income is 33 percent of our budgeted amount. Our regular expenses exceeded our income by approximately \$5,348. One reason is that the per capita was paid, which is \$5,855.

The finance committee met in May to review information received from a professional financial adviser regarding investment options. The committee is presenting a recommendation for Session consideration at its June meeting. The committee consensus is that investing some of Hanover's funds in a balanced stock and bond portfolio is the best way to grow Hanover's assets and invest in the long-term future of the church. — *Ellen Casson*

MUSIC MATTERS

Summer is here, and with that, our choir is taking a well-deserved break, returning refreshed and ready to go in September! The Hanover Choir is: Sue Baker, Heather Brown, Russ Buckley, Julie Davis, Eloise Downing, Chris Garrett, Amy Harris, Dave Harris, Katie Leep, Jeff Long, Doris Loper, Andy Moore, Bill Tudor, Lorie Tudor, Ellie Young. You will hear most of them over the summer months as they continue to support our worship services with solos, duets, and ensemble singing. I truly appreciate each one of them, as they are the foundation of the music program here at Hanover. Thank you, my dear friends!

Our June 4 service at Fox Point was full of great music—the Dixie Ramblers led us with their smooth New Orleans-style jazz music, and the choir sang “Every Time I Feel the Spirit,” a William Dawson classic. Thanks for joining us “down by the riverside.”

Soli deo Gloria (To God alone the glory). — *Twyla*

CALENDAR

Session, 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 6
Faith in Action, 5 p.m., Thursday, June 8
Invitational Team, 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 12
From Surviving to Thriving, 7 p.m., June 12
Washington Heights Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 13
Women's Bible Study, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, June 15
Food Pantry Collection in Worship, 10 a.m., Sunday, June 18
Deacons, 5:45 p.m., Monday, June 19
Theology on Tap, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 20
Staff Meeting, noon, Wednesday, June 21
Barbecue, 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 21
From Surviving to Thriving, 7 p.m., June 26

Continuing Events

Bridge Club, Thursdays at 7 p.m.
Clothing Closet, Tuesdays at 9 a.m. (closed July and August)
Food Pantry, Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.
Zumba classes, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Yoga group, Fridays at 6:15 p.m.

The calendar on hanoverchurch.org is a good resource for staying up to date on Hanover happenings.

June Birthdays

- 1 Karen Palermo
- 3 Natalie Jobes
- 3 Susan Woodbury
- 6 Sue Balascio
- 8 Cindy Kirylik
- 17 Holly Alexander
Cindy Tomevi
- 18 Bob Davis
- 19 Amy Harris
- 20 Cheryl Heiks
- 22 Brian Gray
- 23 Ellie Young
- 27 Dave Harris
Walter Scott
- 30 Lois Kinckiner

How About a Tea Date?

The annual Female Harmony Society Tea will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Movement for a Culture of Peace Week

From Sept. 17–24, peace-loving people from across the state will celebrate Peace Week Delaware, with a series of events raising awareness, hope, and action for peace in our communities, nation, and world.

Hanover is scheduled to host an Interfaith Peace Week event on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 24. The format will be similar to last year, with a joint opening celebration in the sanctuary followed by workshops featuring leaders from a wide range of traditions. Hanover's Faith in Action Committee is working to help identify and recruit presenters and would like to invite the congregation to share any suggestions you may have about presenters or traditions. The traditions we featured last year were Hindu, Unitarian, Islam, Reform Judaism, Conservative Judaism, Baptist Christian, Episcopalian Christian, New Thought/Ancient Wisdom, Quaker, and Sikh.

If you have any ideas or thoughts you can share them with Karin Wilson or Andy Jacob.

For Three Members, It's Massanetta or Bust!

This June, Nancy Long, Lorie Tudor, and Hillary Mohaupt are heading to the lovely Shenandoah Valley for the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Women Summer Gathering at Massanetta.

Nancy is coordinator of resources for the gathering and will be the Synod's representative to Presbyterian Women Churchwide.

Lorie Tudor has been active with the Synod PW as part of its Racial Ethnic Dialogue team and will be on a panel discussion on "Challenging Racism, Materialism and Militarism," discussing strategies and long-term solutions to address these triple threats, working toward transformation in our communities. Lorie will be addressing white privilege and fragility.

Hillary, a frequent contributor to the Presbyterian Women's magazine *Horizons* is returning to Massanetta to lead a workshop entitled "Stories from the Ages: Intergenerational Dialogue for Everyone." Hillary will be encouraging conversation on Baby boomers, generation Xers, and millennials and how we all work well together, except for when we don't! Hillary's intergenerational dialogue will be an opportunity to listen, share and hopefully laugh together.

Lorie, Hillary and Nancy are looking forward to participating in a discussion of the book *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Rac*, by Debby Irving, led by General Assembly Co-Moderator Rev. Denise Anderson. Rev. Ander-

son is also the gathering's keynote speaker. The Synod Gathering is an opportunity to make and renew friendships, enrich our minds and discover new ways to live out our Presbyterian Women Purpose through mission opportunities, advocacy work and Bible study.

Supporting Refugees

Hanover is working in partnership with local churches, synagogues, and Jewish Family Services to support refugee families. Volunteers from these organizations have provided housing, furniture, clothing, food, transportation, and more to families that have arrived in Delaware. For example, one member of a refugee family receives tutoring in English from Literacy Delaware in our building.

We are expecting more families to arrive in the coming weeks and months, and volunteer support is needed. Volunteers must have a background check and attend an orientation. If you are interested in participating, please call the office for information.

VBS Scheduled

Hanover's Intergenerational Vacation Bible School will be held July 31-Aug. 4. We will again meet at Tim and Becky Arnold's for a meal (5:30-6:30), swimming, Bible study, and fellowship. Look for more details in the July *Herald* and Hanover Flashes.

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Harmony Society Cooks For Community Cafe

Female Harmony is “getting involved!” Members of the Female Harmony Society have volunteered to help prepare meals for Project Launch which is housed in the education wing of Hanover. For the past two months, we have fixed a dinner for the Community Cafes sponsored by Project Launch.

A Community Café is a dinner and discussion co-led by parent volunteers who live in the community, includes concerned citizens and members of local community entities or organizations and is geared to foster parent leadership and parent-practitioner partnerships.

Our meals have been very much appreciated by all who have attended. This is just one of the ways we are trying to become more actively involved in the community. If you would like to find out more about FHS, please speak to Nona Holy, Becky Arnold or Maggie Alexander.