

THE HANOVER HERALD

A newsletter for the people
of Hanover Presbyterian Church,
Wilmington, Delaware
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Help Wanted!

The process to search for and call our next Church Administrator has begun. Here is the posting with the instructions for anyone who is interested in applying. Please, pass the word, and may God bless our search:

Hanover Presbyterian Church is currently seeking a full time Church Administrator. The position description is available at hanoverchurch.org or by calling 302-658-5114. Please send letters of interest, along with qualifications and work-related experience, and three references to Romain Alexander, Personnel Committee Chair, Hanover Presbyterian Church, 1801 N. Jefferson St., Wilmington, DE, 19802. Letters will be received until Friday, Nov. 10.

Giving for Today: Pledging for 2018

Your Stewardship Committee would like to call your attention to two stewardship events as part of our worship in November.

- Sunday, Nov. 12: Weaving a message for Hanover's stewardship emphasis.
- Sunday, Nov. 19: Weaving a community. From many threads one cloth; woven together we are stronger. Pledge Sunday—receiving and dedicating our 2018 pledges.

Giving for Today focuses on our annual operating budget, which funds our ministry and mission programs, as well as maintenance of our facilities. Over the past three years, and with 2017 currently on budget, we have been able to live within our means. Our goal for 2018 is to continue this effort, meaning our pledging, combined with non-pledged giving, for 2018, will cover our expenditure.

As the Apostle Paul taught, those who have joined a community of faith should be reminded that the members of the body need one another in order to be fully Christ's body in the world. (Romans 12:5)

We believe that together we can ensure a strong financial foundation to meet our Ministry and Mission goals through 2018, and in sustaining Hanover's legacy.

In addition to the recently mailed communication to members from the Stewardship Committee, there are additional 2018 pledge cards and return envelopes available in the Church School Hall.

Interfaith Coalition Expanding Its Activities

The ministry and mission of the 9th Ward Interfaith Coalition continues to grow. Comprised of houses of worship from three different faith traditions, the coalition seeks to be faithful to its mission:

The 9th Ward Interfaith Coalition is an open and inclusive group of clergy and lay leaders who represent their houses of worship in the 9th Ward of Wilmington. Our purpose is to offer fellowship through collegial support and encouragement, and service through a unified voice and presence that address the needs and concerns of our community. Our goal is to offer light where there is darkness; hope where there is doubt; peace where there is pain. (Adopted August 2014)

For many years the coalition has organized community-wide services for Thanksgiving and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. It has offered study groups, recre-

ational activities, and responses to issues that impact the community. Several years ago, the coalition entered into partnership with Family Promise and houses homeless families three weeks each year.

In the last year, the coalition has created yet two more ministries through partnerships. A local saint, servant, and nurse, LaVaida Owens-White came to the coalition with a proposal to offer herself as a faith community nurse, working through our houses of worship. The goal is to reach out to each of our congregations and to the larger community with ministries, programs, and events that educate and promote healthy living and lifestyles. Through this visionary partnership the coalition seeks to offer not just ministries of health, but information and resources that lead to

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Libby Heiks (right) and her grandmother, Dottie Akell, who won a table centerpiece decoration because she was the oldest person (96) at the Female Harmony Society Tea. After guests had tea, sandwiches, cookies and scones, Julia Child (played by actress Linda Kenyon) strolled among them, telling about learning to cook and then writing Mastering the Art of French Cooking.

Jeremiah's Coffee House—Saturday, Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Confirmation and Affirmation

The hour of 9:30 a.m. on Sunday at Hanover has only ever meant one thing to me: adult Bible study. Each Sunday the Hanover study saints gather to read and discuss the passages that are read in worship that morning. Under the tutelage of George Turner and Beatrice Wilson, the group is blessed to receive new and varying insights about scripture, faith, and life. Each week I looked forward to not just learning something new, but to experiencing true fellowship, open and honest inquisition, and inspired learnings – all the while laughing! Before going any further, let me offer an unabashed exhortation to attend these weekly gatherings as one part of your spiritual discipline.

In September, my Sunday mornings took a new turn. Over the summer the Discipleship Committee decided that we were ready to hold a confirmation class and I agreed to lead the group. Confirmation is the process that teaches the basics of the Christian faith, the Bible, and what it means to be Presbyterian and a Hanover Saint. In addition to study, it includes service commitments, field trips, a retreat, and the creation of a personal statement of faith. In the end, it leads to becoming an active member of the congregation.

As much as I miss my Sunday morning Bible fix with my adult companions—and I will be back!—I cannot imagine a more important calling than spending this time with my youthful companions, especially in these times. Yes, it is about offering and arriving at helpful perspectives and insights into how to negotiate the challenging and troubled waters of today's world. Just as much, it is about affirming for our young people that our church is a safe place where they are respected, valued, and more than worthy of our resources, time, and energies. A community of faith that does not invest in its youth is one that risks its future.

In the coming year you will hear more from our three talented and energetic confirmands. In the meantime, please keep Christopher, Jacob and Judy in your prayers; that they would be inspired to pursue their dreams, even as they receive our encouragement and support to achieve them.

—Peace, *Andy*

FINANCE REPORT

The Session met in October and reviewed the August treasurer's report. At 67 percent of the year, the report shows financial contributions (pledged and non-pledged) are at 74 percent of the budgeted amount (\$129,515). Our loose offering is at 89 percent of the budgeted amount. Our bottom line continues to be in positive territory through the end of August. Great news!

Information was provided to all committee chairs, from the monthly detail through August, so the committees could review their expenditures and think about budget requests for 2018. The finance committee met in October to prepare a draft of the 2018 budget for the Session to review at its November meeting.

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 3, following the worship service. At that time, the congregation will have an opportunity to review the budget and approve the Pastor's terms of call. — *Ellen Casson*, treasurer

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

MUSIC MATTERS

We are buzzing with lots of musical opportunities—here's what's going on:

In late October most of the Hanover Choir participated in a musical concert at Silverside Church. Melissa Heieie (wife of Russ Buckley) is the music director, and she organized a beautiful concert with lots of instrumentalists, soloists, and two joint choir anthems. It was a lovely concert, and we'll be sharing those two anthems in our upcoming worship services. We are looking forward to collaborating again soon.

The Choir School of Delaware sponsors a yearly recital series called Pro-Series Concert Series, which are being held here at Hanover this year. Each evening's concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Church School hall. The concerts are free; a donation is gratefully accepted.

Here's the schedule:

Friday, Nov. 3: Choral Scholars of the Choir School of Delaware—Art Songs and Intimate Works for Choir

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018: Shari Feldman and Arreon Harley—A Concert of Spirituals

Friday, March 23, 2018: John Walthausen and Friends—An Evening of Baroque Chamber Music

Friday, April, 13, 2018: Lyra Ensemble—Music for Flute Ensemble

The 9th Ward Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is on Tuesday, Nov. 21, with a 6 p.m. veggie-dairy pot luck dinner, and a 7 p.m. service. There is also a community interfaith choir that will be leading the service. Our own Hanover choir will also be singing that evening. Please come and join in this great expression of true community.

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

Per Capita

Big news is on the way!

Interfaith Coalition

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wholeness in body, mind, and spirit.

The coalition has also entered into an agreement with Delaware Interfaith Power and Light; specifically, its Windows of Hope program (one of the programs offered in last year's UnGifts Christmas program). Through the ministry volunteers build inexpensive yet permanent storm windows that are easily installed on the interior of windows. Plans are being made to organize members of our houses of worship to come together and construct these windows which will provide large savings in utility charges; no less a sense of community as people work together to reduce energy consumption and provide financial relief.

If you are interested in helping in any of these ministries, please call the church office for more information. And may God bless the partnerships we enter that cross faith boundaries, even while building unity in our community.

Finally, the annual Thanksgiving Celebration and Service will be held this year on Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the Brandywine United Methodist Church (22nd and Market Sts). There is a veggie-dairy pot luck meal at 6 p.m. and the service begins at 7 p.m. The offering will be a collection of nonperishable foods and monetary gifts that will be divided and distributed between the members of the Coalition who have food ministries. May God bless our relationships and partnerships that bring light, hope, and peace.

Female Harmony Society Offers Scholarship

Marybelle Enslin, a devoted member of the Female Harmony Society, 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. There is one scholarship given per year, in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship is for a post-graduate program leading to a degree or

Sidewalk Cafe Ends Another Successful Season

The end of October marks the end of the Hanover Sidewalk Café for another year. We have had a really successful hot dog season. This summer we became a real café when we added tables out on the sidewalk and we even had an umbrella to give some shade when the sun got too hot. On most Tuesdays, six, eight or at times ten people could be found sitting outside enjoying lunch and conversation. Neighbors and Hanover members together! We took in over \$1,600. This will help us buy the turkeys for our turkey bags and also laundry detergent in December for our Food Pantry clients. Thanks to all who supported us this summer.

That's not all though—in January we will be starting Souper Tuesdays once again. Please join us in the Gathering Place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. Just \$3 will pay for your lunch and if you would like, "pay it forward" and put a little extra in the pot to help someone who may be hungry, but is out of funds.

But wait! You have one more chance to visit the cart and support the Food Pantry! The Hanover Sidewalk Café will become the Westminster Sidewalk Café on Friday, Nov. 10. Our friends and supporters at Westminster have invited us to provide lunch for their bazaar patrons. Westminster's Bazaar will be on Friday Nov. 10 from 9-8. Much like our Super Sale, the proceeds from this event go to support Westminster's outreach programs. If you get the chance, please stop on by and see what they have—White Elephant, Collectibles, holiday ornaments, pecans, baked goods and more! This is a chance to not only support one, but two churches in a single day—what could be better!

HANOVER NEWS & NOTES

Thanksgiving Turkeys

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is just around the corner! The Food Pantry will once again be distributing turkey bags along with the BTL Foundation. We will be giving them out on Monday, Nov. 20. If you would like to donate food for this project, please bring it to church by Sunday, Nov. 12. Items needed are: canned vegetables, potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, gravy and pies. We will be putting bags together on Sunday, Nov. 19. Any and all contri-

butions are appreciated!

Christmas Luncheon

Save the date: Sunday, Dec. 10, our annual Christmas Dinner will be turned into a Christmas lunch! Information coming soon!

Writing to Our Youth

Join us in sending young people who are away at school or in the military a note to remind them that their church family is thinking of them. Sign the cards that are in the church office this month. Contact Hillary Mohaupt or Maggie Alexander with questions.

Pasta Dinner a Winner

We served about 40 people at our dinner in October. We joined forces with Parents as Teachers and LAUNCH, both partners of Hanover in helping families and children in the neighborhood. In November we will be having a "Thanksgiving Chicken" dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 15. It will be a potluck meal, so please bring a dish to share if you would like to join us at 5:30 p.m.

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CALENDAR

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| <p>Pro Series Cathedral Choir School, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 3
 All Saints' Day, 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 5
 Stewardship Sunday I, 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 12
 From Surviving to Thriving, 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13
 Brandywine Village Civic Association Meeting, 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13
 Washington Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14
 UD Thanksgiving Chicken Dinner,</p> | <p>5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15
 Women's Bible Study, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16
 Stewardship Sunday II; Food Pantry Collection, 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 19
 Thanksgiving Turkeys, distributed, Monday, Nov. 20
 Deacons Meet, 5:45 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20
 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Brandywine Community United Methodist Church 2200 N. Market St., 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21 (Potluck Vegetarian Meal at 6)</p> | <p>Office Closed, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24
 Receive New Members in Worship, 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 26
 From Surviving to Thriving, 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27
 Project LAUNCH Community Café, 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28
 Jeremiah Coffee House, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2
 Congregational Meeting following worship, Sunday, Dec. 3
 <i>The calendar on hanoverchurch.org is a good resource for staying up to date on Hanover happenings.</i></p> |
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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
 110 Southwick Drive
 Wilmington, DE 19810

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. 10

