

# THE HANOVER HERALD

A newsletter for the people  
of Hanover Presbyterian Church,  
Wilmington, Delaware  
April 2018

## For This New Member, Hanover Is a Three-peat

In March, we were honored to welcome Pat Undercuffler into membership at Hanover—for the third time. She became a member in the 1970 when her husband, Bob, was pastor, and again a decade ago when Bob served Hanover as interim pastor.

She and Bob have been in ministry in several other churches around the country, but she feels a special bond with Hanover. "I've always felt that the pastor, minister of music and other church leaders made a concerted effort to make services feel special and welcoming to all," says Pat.

Pat is a trained nurse who's spent most of her life using her nursing background for education. She's worked at DAPI, an alternative fresh start for pregnant teens to receive the health and social services they need to continue education during and after pregnancy. She also volunteers at Limen House, a sober living residence for men and women, New Beginnings, a support group for newly released prisoners, and worked with the Speer Trust in the past.

Pat and Bob retired to Ware Presbyterian Village in Oxford, Pa., a few years ago. They love the ease of

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**BACH IN  
WILMINGTON**  
Community conversation through  
words and music

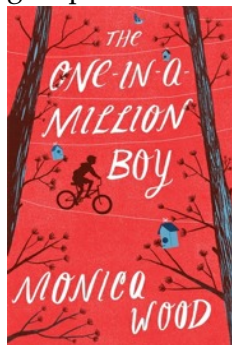
Celebrations of Wilmington's great diversity and people, combining music of J.S. Bach performed by cellist Lawrence Stomberg, new music by Swift Rose, and recorded conversations among neighbors.

Hanover Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, April 22  
4:00 PM



## 'One in a Million Boy' Is Book Group Selection

On June 24, following after-church refreshments, the Hanover Book group will be discussing *The One in a Million Boy*, by Monica Wood. The



book features a quirky 11-year-old boy who loves making lists, the boy's mother and absentee father, along with a wily 104-year-old woman. It contains interwoven themes of geographical and emotional dislocation, loss and mourning, and reparation and redemption. Wood's writing style is warm, perceptive and insightful. The four primary characters featured in the book are simultaneously sympathetic and flawed. Due to Wood's ability to tell their story with great empathy, this novel, which is replete with grief, is nevertheless heartwarming, funny and uplifting.

## The Dogs Are Back

This time we mean it! The Hot Dog Cart will make its reappearance on Tuesday, April 3, barring a hurricane or other natural disaster. Looking forward to seeing our long time regulars as well as new faces. See you on the corner of 18th and Jefferson between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Join us for all beef hot dogs, turkey burgers, water ice and more! Chef James is chomping at the bit to get started on a new season!

## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*  
—1 Corinthians 12:27

When the 16th Century mystic reformer Teresa of Avila meditated on the mystery of the Resurrection of Christ it led to a divinely-inspired poem entitled *Christ Has No Body*. In this season of resurrection, I offer the fruit of her inspiration, that it might be ours.

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks  
to do good,*

## FINANCE REPORT

At the March 2018 Session meeting, the treasurer's report for January 2018 was reviewed and approved. Our combined pledged and unpledged regular income totaled \$32,120, which is 17 percent of the budget goal at 8 percent of the year. This figure may include some giving and pledges that are paid in full at the beginning of the year. Regular income exceeded regular expenses by \$13,386.

We also received \$836 in per capita giving in that first month so that is very encouraging. The per capita for 2018 is \$29 for every person who has joined Hanover and is carried on the rolls as a member. Hanover's total assessment in 2018 is \$5,191, which goes to the national Presbyterian Church (USA). We value being part of the PC (USA) connectional church and being part of something larger than our own community. If you have not paid your per capita you can pay it at any time during the year. — *Ellen Casson*

## We Need Your Photo

Please send a photo in to the church office to be included in our up and coming pictorial directory. You can either submit an actual paper photo (we will return it to you), or you can email a photo to [churchadmin@hanoverchurch.org](mailto:churchadmin@hanoverchurch.org).

*Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.*

*Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but  
yours.*

—Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

May your celebration of the Resurrection bring you new and renewed hope, life, and light. And may God bless our bodies to be the body of Christ in the world.

Peace, Andy

## Pat Undercuffler

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living and the vibrant community. Even though she's been knitting, crocheting and sewing for most of her life, she's learning new crafts from her friends and neighbors at Ware. She's also reacquainting herself with piano skills she hadn't used in years. Pat plays music for memory-care patients to help them stay connected with life.

Pat and Bob have been married since 1960 and have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren (soon to be 5). Pat's membership at Hanover means there are 4 generations of Undercufflers attending church. Quite a blessing!



She grew up in Waynesboro, Pa., where church was a big part of her life. Her favorite thing about Hanover? "There's a place for everyone at the table." We are certainly lucky and grateful to have Pat and Bob at the table in Hanover Church!

## MUSIC MATTERS

We are hosting a wonderful concert this month. Please take some flyers and post them where you can. Also, you can share it through Facebook! We hope to see you there.

"Bach in Wilmington: Community Conversation Through Words and Music," will be Sunday, April 22, at 4 p.m. at Hanover. Free admission; donations gratefully accepted.

Wilmington is a city full of richness, diversity, and beauty, but it is also a place that needs to join together among diverse neighborhoods to celebrate our common good and rise above the troubles we face. This program honors the city and its people, joining music and spoken word in combination.

Wilmington cellist Lawrence Stomberg will present the *Unaccompanied Suites for Cello* by J.S. Bach, including recorded conversations with members of our Hanover community interspersed throughout, and he will also debut new music by internationally acclaimed artists Mazz Swift and Alisa Rose, written specifically for each concert space and its people.

This is the first concert in a series of three or four that Mr. Stomberg will be performing in Wilmington. These performances are made possible with funding from the Delaware Division of the Arts and the University of Delaware Partnership for Arts and Culture.

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

## Annual Report Ready

The 2017 Annual Report was published in March, containing reports from the committees and various other groups that make Hanover what it is. Copies are available in the office, or you may read it on line at the church web site, [hanoverchurch.org](http://hanoverchurch.org).

The church directory has been updated for 2018, and is available on the back tables in the sanctuary and in the table beneath our bulletin board in the Church School Hall. Please let the office know if you have any corrections or changes.



## CALENDAR

**Deacon's meeting**, 5:45 p.m., Monday, April 2

**Borg Book study**, 7:30 p.m., Mondays, April 9, 16, 23, 30 (no meeting April 2)

**Session meeting**, 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 3

**From Surviving to Thriving**, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 5

**Invitational Committee**, 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 9

**Finance Committee**, 7 p.m., Monday, April 9

**Worship Committee**, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 11

**Faith In Action**, 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 12

**Stewardship**, 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 17

**Theology on Tap**, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 17

**Pasta Dinner**, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 18

**Women's Bible Study**, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 19

**From Surviving to Thriving**, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19

**Bach in Wilmington**, 4 p.m., Sunday, April 22

*The calendar on [hanoverchurch.org](http://hanoverchurch.org) is a good resource for staying up to date on Hanover happenings.*

### Flower Reminder

If you would like to donate flowers or give a donation to the Flower Benevolence Fund (goes to Hanover's fundraising efforts) please call Becky Arnold at 584-0356. You can put a dedication or memorial in the bulletin whenever you choose; a donation is not necessary.

## HANOVER NEWS & NOTES



### Earth Day Service

On Sunday April 22, which is being celebrated nationally as Earth Day, Hanover's Faith in Action group will lead a Creation Care service. Three local creatures will be featured, and FIA members will present some of their findings about each of them. These three are examples of species which are either endangered or which have declined substantially in our region in recent years.

The creatures being highlighted are the honey bee, the monarch butterfly, and the opal oyster.

### Theology on Tap

will meet at 7:30 on Tuesday, April 17. We will meet at the Greene Turtle Sports Bar and Grille, located at 425 Stanton Christiana Road near Christiana. Join us for an interfaith conversation about beliefs and values.

### Grab Your Needles

The Hanover K'nittee is a small group of people who knit, crochet, or do other handcrafts. We have been meeting on Monday evenings

since April 2014. One of the primary goals of the group has been to make "prayer shawls" for people who are struggling with illness or other issues, which the pastor or a deacon can give to them as a concrete expression of Hanover's support. Gifts have also been donated to express love for babies being baptized or to celebrate the completion of confirmation classes for our youth. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Lorie Tudor, Sue Balascio, or Carolyn Klawitter.

### Good Eggs Aid Port Penn

Thank you to all who supported Port Penn in their Easter Egg sale. We sold 61 eggs for them!

### April Birthdays

- 1 Levi Moore
- 2 Tom Baker
- 3 Christina Howard  
Judy Werner
- 4 April Lewis Simpson
- 5 Romain Alexander  
Heather Brown
- 6 Rick Bayard
- 8 Alexandra Evitts
- 10 Alice Davis  
Nona Holy
- 12 Carolyn Klawitter
- 14 Norris Cramer
- 19 Karen Ingram
- 22 Dawn Silicki
- 23 James Rosa
- 26 Kevin Davenport  
Beth Undercuffler
- 30 Karen Melvin

# SUPER! SALE!

## Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Baked Goods ♦ Household Items ♦ Furniture ♦ Books and Records ♦ Toys ♦ Plants  
50/50 Raffle and Prizes ♦ Jewelry and Clothing ♦ Nearly New and Never Used  
Collectibles ♦ Holiday and Seasonal Items ♦ Lots of Great Food ♦ Fun for all ages!**

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