

# THE HANOVER HERALD

A newsletter for the people  
of Hanover Presbyterian Church,  
Wilmington, Delaware  
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## Lenten Study Suppers

The theme of this year's Lenten Supper Study is one of self-care and "doing" Lent in a way that we take the time to renew ourselves—that through our readings and in our gathering together on Wednesday evenings, we may "find a way to renewing prayer, energizing action, and therein devote ourselves to a devotional life that does not deplete us but instead fulfills us."

Study will be based on *Lenten Lent: A Way to Refresh and Renew Your Spirit* by Donna Schaper. Join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: March 13, 20 and 27, and April 3 and 10. Interested in preparing a soup for one of the suppers? Please let Nancy Long know at [j2nlong@comcast.net](mailto:j2nlong@comcast.net) or 893-3682. We typically offer two soups, one vegetarian.

March's Community Sunday (March 3 at 9:30) will find us anticipating our Lenten journey as we explore the nature of God through story and sharing our own stories. We also will receive an intergenerational Lenten devotional called "Breaking the Chains," inviting us to let scripture and daily practices be our guides through this season.

## Food Pantry Donations

There will now be a box in the Church School Hall for food donations to the Food Pantry. This will take the place of our third Sunday wagon collection. Donations may be left in the box whenever you like and we will gather them up periodically.

No need to wait for the third Sunday, we will gladly accept any and all donations any time. Your food donations are more important than ever since our numbers of clients has been increasing this month. Where we used to serve 35-40 families, we now see 45-50 each week. Thanks for your support!



*U.S. Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester greeted the Hanover congregation before her message on Feb. 3, the first Sunday of Black History Month. She was one of five special guest worship speakers. Hanover's celebration—now in its 28th year—also included the traditional Soul Food Luncheon and Gospel Vespers, plus a trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture.*

## Giving for Today: A Stewardship Update

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 Corinthians 9:7*

### Wrap-Up of 2018 Pledging and Per Capita

Thank you for your financial support. Overall budgeted income was \$276,628 with actual income of \$268,260, leaving a shortfall of \$8,368. The Per Capita contributions totaled \$1,935 versus the annual apportionment cost of \$5,133. While there was a shortfall in overall budgeted income, the good news is our pledged income and our non-pledged income from members and friends of Hanover exceeded our budgeted goal by \$9,878. We budgeted for \$193,800 and received \$203,678 from individuals and families. What an amazing example of support from a family of "cheerful givers!"

### Update on 2019 Pledging and Per Capita

The current budget reflects an anticipated income of \$279,216. This is comprised of anticipated pledged and non-pledged income totaling \$205,000, loose offering income of \$5,500, Per Capita income of \$3,800, and other income of \$8,000 from fundraising, memorials, investments, and \$56,916 from rental and miscellaneous. The current 2019 budget projects a shortfall of \$40,756.

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for making a commitment through pledging which helps add a level of certainty to the mission and ministry commitments at Hanover. Pledges for 2019 to date total 45 pledges for \$154,018. While this is a really positive response, we believe there are folks out there who may have forgotten to get their pledge cards in. There is no limitation on when you can pledge during 2019, or adjust your pledge as your circumstances dictate. Additionally, when a member pays the \$29.80 per capita apportionment this releases additional funds to support our mission and ministry. If you have any questions about pledging, your current pledge, or Per Capita please contact one of the Hanover financial secretaries.

## Communion and Prayer

*For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.—I Corinthians 11:23-26*

On the last night of his earthly life Jesus served the first holy communion. Bread was broken. The cup was filled. The message: remember and repeat.

That night, however, did not end with the meal. The bread and cup were but a prelude; preparation for what would follow. After supper Jesus led the disciples to a dark and lonely place. There he told them "Sit here while I go over there and pray." In the "garden" of Gethsemane he prayed one of the most gut-wrenching prayers in all of scripture: "My God, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

No sooner had he finished praying than he was betrayed and captured by those who would deliver him into the hands of his crucifiers. We call the next day Good Friday.

The sacrament of communion and the practice of prayer cannot be

## One Great Hour of Sharing

During Lent (starting this year on March 6) we pray, study and act to become closer to Jesus. Hanover has available a resource that combines all three approaches. The focus is on the One Great Hour of Sharing offering we will collect on Palm Sunday. Copies will be available at the rear of the sanctuary and in the Church School Hall. On one side is a map of the world showing locations where some of the funds from the annual offering are used. On the other side is a calendar of the 40 days of Lent. Each day has a suggested brief reading, prayer or action. If you want to prepare your heart, soul, and mind for Holy Week, take a look at this resource and give it a try for 40 days. It is suitable for adults and for families with children.

separated. To partake in the Lord's Supper is to live into the Lord's Prayer. Each of them reinforces and leads to the other.

Beginning in Lent, communion at Hanover will more fully connect our sacramental supper with prayer. Each Sunday we receive communion, in addition to being offered the bread and the cup, we will be offered the time and space to pray. There will be a prayer station on either side of the sanctuary. After receiving the elements, any who are inclined are invited to come to one of the stations and receive specific and focused prayers with the pastor or one of our officers. Following the path of Jesus, we will seal our shared sacramental meal with prayers for ourselves, our loved ones, our neighbors, and our world.

In Lent we remember and repeat the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing his mind, body, heart, and spirit for his ministry. He spent those days praying for the strength to resist temptation and align himself with God's call in his life.

Our Lenten journey begins this year on March 6 as we enter the wilderness with our Ash Wednesday service. That night (at 6 p.m.) we will have a service with prayers, readings, songs, and the sacred ashes that are the burned remains from last year's Palm Sunday service. Then, on Sunday, April 7, and on communion Sundays thereafter, we will bind the Lord's Supper with the prayers of the Lord's people as we humbly come to the table and the stations of grace, hope, light, and . . .

Peace, *Andy*



Our Black History Month celebration was filled with great experiences – a play, the museum trip, guest speakers, a delicious Soul Food Luncheon, and our wonderful Gospel Vespers. A big thank you to George Turner, Cherise Alexander, Bill Tudor, Pastor Andy, the choir, guest speakers, dancers, and musicians for making February such a glorious tribute!

## Jeremiah's Coffee House

Saturday, March 2, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for a meal and then a time of "artistic offerings" – we give you the space to express yourself through music, art, reading poetry, story-telling – whatever you like! If you'd like to be on the roster, please talk to George Turner (379-7623) or Twyla (658-5114). Come and spend a relaxing evening with good food, good fellowship, and the arts!

## Two Musical Guests in March

Sunday, March 3, The Dixie Ramblers will join us for our traditional "Carnival Sunday" when we celebrate the last Sunday of Epiphany with a New Orleans-style band. "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" (Let the good times roll!)

Sunday, March 10 – On the first Sunday of Lent, we will have C. Karen Covey Moore, who plays a variety of flutes, many of them are native American flutes. Join us for this special service, and then during Fellowship Hour, you'll be able to see some of her flutes and her talk about them.

*Soli deo Gloria* (only for the glory of God) – *Twyla*

## Caring for Creation

Look to our Sunday bulletins and The Flash for weekly ways to help conserve our natural resources. For more information about what is being done and what you can do, go to: [www.creationjustice.org](http://www.creationjustice.org)

**IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE** hearing any part of the worship services, please let the Head Usher know. Hearing assist devices, compatible with our sound system, are available.



# FINANCE REPORT

When all the numbers were in for 2018, Hanover did not end the year in the black as it had for the past four years. Instead, we were over budget by \$32,624; however, the budget for 2018, prepared by the finance committee and approved by Session, included an expected deficit of approximately \$31,000. In repairs and maintenance, we exceeded the budget by nearly \$10,000, due to roof and boiler repairs. Our electric and gas expenses were almost \$3,000 over budget. Having said that, we need to remember that it is only a budget and it is not the full measure of how Hanover's finances look at the end of 2018.

One area that continues to defy expectations and offers encouragement is the income from pledged giving, and also from non-pledged donations, which are those contributions which are consistent, but come without a stewardship pledge card. We budgeted for \$193,800 in pledged and non-pledged contributions and received \$203,678. That is \$9,878 above our budgeted amount.

We continue to be grateful for the partnership with Open Arms Academy, as they will be contributing over \$48,000 in rent and utility reimbursement combined. Our balance sheet at the end of December showed \$317,269 in total equity and liabilities. Our uncommitted reserves are \$165,161. In our reserve accounts is the Capital Campaign money received as of December 31, 2018, which is \$100,772.

Thank you to all who believe in Hanover and offer your pledges and gifts. We have continued to receive donations from unexpected places at unexpected times, a reflection of support for what Hanover stands for, and a recognition of the importance of Hanover in the community. — *Ellen Casson, treasurer*

## Annual Report Published

The 2018 Annual Report is ready and available at the back tables in the sanctuary and in the church office. Please help yourself to a copy and read about all of the many ways that we reach out to each other and the community.

# Super Sale 2019—The Planning Begins

Planning is underway for the 2019 Super Sale, Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be something for everyone on the day of the sale. Don't miss it. Come out and enjoy the fun and invite all your friends and neighbors.

We need all hands on deck! There are many ways to help. You can help the day of the sale and/or you can help before the sale. If you can't come out to help, consider baking something for the bake table. "Meals to Go" were a big hit last year, especially for volunteers too tired to cook something when they got home.

We will have our usual exceptional assortment of "stuff." In addition to Baked Goods and Meals to Go,

we have Nearly New/Never Used and Collectibles; Jewelry and Clothing; Books and CDs; Frames and Pictures; Kitchen and Dining; Toys; Linens; Furniture/Household; and the always necessary Miscellaneous and Seasonal categories. Please save your donations of "stuff" and you can start bringing them to the church on the Wednesday before the sale — May 1.

If you have any questions about volunteering or getting your wonderful stuff to the church, please talk to Becky Arnold, Ruth Howell, or Ellen Casson. Our Super Sale is a community event with fun and fellowship, great food, and great "stuff" to buy!

## Food Pantry Donations

Time to think Easter eggs! Once again Port Penn Presbyterian Church will be making and selling their "famous" Easter eggs. They will offer Butter Cream, Coconut or Peanut Butter. These eggs are decorated and boxed and best of all their price has never changed — \$5 per egg. They are 1 pound of pure deliciousness! To place an order, call Becky Arnold (584-0356) or sign up on the sheet that is hanging in the Sunday School Hall. Orders need to be in by March 15.

## March Birthdays

- 2 Justin Lewis
- 5 Taralynn Dillard  
Melissa Heieie
- 8 Frann Anderson  
Martha McFarland  
Sirena Turner
- 9 Sue Baker
- 11 Christopher Jacob  
Susie Watson
- 12 Ray Kirkpatrick
- 13 Thelma Meginnis
- 16 Porshay Matthews  
Sharay Matthews
- 24 Ruthann Headley
- 26 Joan Ross
- 27 John Russell
- 28 Ellen Casson  
Andrea McCoy-Carty
- 30 Anna West

## Worship Leader Forum

The Worship Committee invites all worship leaders, i.e., liturgists, ushers, greeters, choir, Communion servers, to a Worship Leaders' Forum after worship on Sunday, March 17. Lunch will be provided.

This forum, a result of the Worship Committee recently updating worship group guidelines and procedures, is both a review for current worship leaders and an introduction for anyone who would like to become a worship leader. Come and see what it's all about! The forum will include both a brief overview and specifics for each worship leader group. Eloise Downing will offer individualized follow-up training (at days/times convenient for each person) for anyone who wishes. If you can't attend on March 17, Eloise will gladly give you the information and meet with you at your convenience.

Please notify Twyla Evitts at the church office by March 15 if you'll attend so that lunch preparations can be made — 658-5114 or email [churchadmin@hanoverchurch.org](mailto:churchadmin@hanoverchurch.org)

## Directories Available

New directories are the best way to stay connected with our Hanover family and friends. They are easy to find in the back of the sanctuary and the church office — they're purple!

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## CALENDAR

### Weekly

**Prayer Circle**, 8:30 a.m., Mondays  
**K'nittee**, 5:30 p.m., Mondays  
**P-R Study Group**, 7:30 p.m., Mondays except March 4  
**Coffee Café**, 8 a.m., Tuesdays  
**Souper Tuesday**, 11 a.m., Tuesdays  
**Zumba**, 6 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Clothing Closet**, 9 a.m., Wednesdays  
**Bible Study**, 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Choir**, 7 p.m., Wednesdays  
**Food Pantry**, 8 a.m., Thursdays  
**Zumba**, 6:30 p.m., Thursdays  
**Bridge Club**, 7 p.m., Thursdays  
**Yoga**, 6:15 p.m., Fridays

### Events and Meetings

**Jeremiah's Coffee House**, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, March 2  
**Worship**, Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m. with the Dixie Ramblers  
**Book Group**, 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 3, on *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*  
**Deacons' meeting**, 5:45 p.m., Monday, March 4  
**JSC Board meeting**, 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 5

**Ash Wednesday service**, 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 6  
**From Striving to Thriving**, 7 p.m., Thursday, March 7  
**Worship**, Sunday, March 10, with flutist C. Karen Covey Moore,  
**Girl Scouts**, 12:30 p.m., Sunday, March 10  
**Invitational team**, 4 p.m., Monday, March 11  
**Worship meeting**, 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 12  
**Faith in Action**, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, March 14  
**Session meeting**, 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 19  
**Staff meeting**, noon, Wednesday, March 20  
**Pasta Dinner**, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 20  
**Women's Bible Study**, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21  
**April Herald deadline**, Friday, March 22  
**Girl Scouts**, 12:30 p.m., Sunday, March 24  
**Book Group**, 12:30 p.m., Sunday, March 31, on *Acts of Faith*

## Coffee House March 2

On Saturday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m., please join us at Jeremiah's Coffee House at Hanover Church for food, fellowship and fun. There will be lots of entertainment including music, readings, poetry and an open mic.

Everyone is invited, so bring your friends and neighbors; the admission is free. If there are any questions, please contact George Turner (379-7623).

## It's Not Just Soup

Souper Tuesday continues – our following is growing and so is our menu! In addition to homemade soups, you can now find a selection of sandwiches and other features to temp your taste buds. Waffles and chicken, pancakes and sausage, and quesadillas just to name a few of the things we have tried.

Stop in when you can and discover what the "special of the day" is any Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.