

# THE HANOVER HERALD

A newsletter for the people  
of Hanover Presbyterian Church,  
Wilmington, Delaware  
May 2019

## Two New Members Join on Easter Sunday

Two new members—Stephanie Hinson and Stephen Willis, at right—were welcomed to Hanover on Easter Sunday. Both have been attending Hanover for some time, but these brief profiles will help you become better acquainted with them:

**Stephanie Hinson** was born and raised in Wilmington, leaving only for a two-year teaching stint at a private elementary school in Baltimore and to attend graduate school at the University of Virginia where she earned her doctorate in education. She's been a professor at West Chester University for more than 25 years, teaching educational psychology and adolescent development. She has been married to her best friend, Larry Hinson, for 37 years.

Stephanie and Larry have a 34-year-old daughter, Kara, and a 27-year-old son, Michael. Her mother, Jeanne Lewis, and sister, Tracey



Lewis are Hanover members. She also has a brother, Antony Lewis. When not teaching, Stephanie enjoys crafting, cooking, and travel (when time allows). She's been coming to Hanover for several years and thought it was time to join. She is joining because she enjoys the people, and Hanover's emphasis on hospitality and social justice.

**Stephen Juan Willis**, son of Edward Juan Willis and "Hanover Saint" Doris Willis Loper, was born and raised in Virginia. At age 14, he moved to Wilmington where he was educated in the public schools.

He matriculated to Syracuse Uni-  
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## Hanover, JSC Throwing June 1 Block Party

The Invitational Team is partnering up with The Jefferson Street Center, and we're throwing a party for our neighbors! Join us on Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – we're blocking off Jefferson Street in between 18th and 19th Streets, and it will be filled with fun things to do.

We have a local DJ coming who will fill the air with great music, we're looking into having three food trucks, a bounce-house for the kids – there will be health checks, information and tours about the church and the day-care center – it's a great way to get to know our neighbors and let them know what Hanover and the JSC are doing to make the neighborhood a better place to live. Please come and be ready to have some fun!

## Listening Session May 21

The stated clerk of the General Assembly, J. Herbert Nelson II, is holding a series of regional listening sessions throughout the denomination for the purpose of hearing what is on the minds of members in our region. He will be accompanied by Deputy Stated Clerk Kerry Rice and Associate Director Tricia Dykers Koenig. This gathering is hosted by New Castle Presbytery at Hanover, on Tuesday, May 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. You will need to register at <https://tinyurl.com/listen-signup>

We are looking for Hanover volunteers to help provide hospitality and facilitate the meal. If you are able to help, please contact Twyla in the church office.

## Summer Schedule

The hour for Sunday worship will move to 10 a.m. on May 26 and continue through the Labor Day weekend.



*Blue pinwheels were spinning in the April breeze along Baynard Boulevard to mark Child Abuse Prevention month. In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the national symbol for child abuse prevention.*

# Rolling Away The Stone

*Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?—Mark 16:3*

At the heart of the first Easter story is a rolling stone. Early that morning Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome approach the tomb where Jesus had been placed on Friday evening with oil to anoint his body. A large stone had been placed at the entrance to the tomb to protect Jesus's body, so large that the women knew they would need help to fulfill their mission.

We know the rest of the story. They get to the tomb and the stone has already been rolled back. When they enter the tomb there is no body . . . but not nobody. A mysterious "young man dressed in a white robe" tells them not to fear, and that Jesus has been raised. With terror and amazement they run away from the tomb . . . and say nothing to anyone.

Like so much of the Easter story, the rolling stone is a mystery. There are no fingerprints; only speculation. There are no answers; only more questions. And yet it is the great mystery of the rolling stone that leads us to the greatest of all miracles: the empty tomb.

In the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost our call and challenge is to live into the mysteries and miracles we celebrate on Resurrection Sunday. Here are a few thoughts to consider as we make our way through this Easter season:

The rolling stone at the tomb represented a large, immovable barrier for the women who were on a mission. What are the seemingly immovable barriers and obstacles in your journey? And by what mysterious power might they be removed?

What if the fingerprints on that rolling stone belonged to God? Let us open our eyes, ears, and hearts to the miraculous moments in of which God is the author.

Those deeply faithful women walked—and ran—in solidarity with one another. How much stronger are we when we bind ourselves in communities of care as we confront times of terror and moments of amazement that are revealed by rolling stones.

From behind the rolling stone emerges a whole new reality. From the empty tomb new hope, new possibilities and potential are revealed. From the empty tomb comes the message that death has no life, and that life has no limits. What are the new hopes, dreams, and visions that we carry in our hearts? How can we have rolling stone faith . . . to believe that with God there is always a way to a new day?

Friends, we are an Easter people. In this season of new life, may the good news of the Resurrection renew our energy to dream, serve, and act. And may any stones that serve as barriers be rolled away . . .

*Peace, Andy*

## New Member Profiles

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versity. After graduation Stephen returned to Delaware to work in finance. After several years he received a University of Chicago MBA and University of Texas law degree. His professional endeavors included banking and later practicing law until retirement.

Stephen is a fourth-generation Presbyterian, and has been heavily involved in church activities locally as well as the Synod and General Assembly.

Stephen is an Elder. He strongly believes in predestination, God's great gift of life, and that His forgiveness has been given to everyone. Our purpose, our earthly calling, is to help each other.

Music has always been a large part in his life. Stephen has been in several community choirs. He's a member of the Hanover choir. He played organ at Church of Our Savior until it closed. His hobbies have included cooking, a small baking business, coin collecting, and playing bridge.

In response to last week's Creation Care Sunday, I offer up a collection of musical pieces, religious and secular, that deal with conservation and the care of the earth. We find the "caring for creation" theme throughout many musical genres—religious, pop, rock. As our youth led us in worship, let's join with them and make real changes that will sustain the earth for ourselves and for generations to come.

If you would to hear these songs, you can find them by searching on YouTube:

"Mercy, Mercy Me" – Marvin Gaye

"Don't Go Near the Water" – The Beach Boys

"Big Yellow Taxi" – Joni Mitchell

"Love Song to the Earth" – Paul McCartney, Sean Paul

"Send It On" – Disney Channel Stars

"Be the Rain" – Neil Young & Crazy Horse

"For the Beauty of the Earth" – John Rutter

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" – John Rutter

"I Need to Wake Up" – Melissa Etheridge

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

## May Birthdays

1 Herman Pulliam

3 B. J. Kennedy

4 Karen Hudson  
Jane Putscher

5 Del Boulden

6 Sanet Van Rooyen

9 Bill Klawitter

10 Ralph Headley

13 Kathryn Thompson

14 Carl Nieberle

16 Marc Pulliam

19 Russ Buckley  
Gloria Rivers

21 Nancy Bayard  
Mary Davis

Jonathan Jacob

22 Tommy Tucker

26 Dessa Hattenfield  
Katie Leep

27 Miranda Garrett

30 Ali Anderson  
Betty Bayard

31 Lorie Tudor



# FINANCE REPORT

At the April 2019 Session meeting, the treasurer's reports for March of 2019 were reviewed and approved. Good news is combined pledged and un-pledged regular income totaled \$65,901, which is 28 percent of the budget goal at 25 percent of the year. Regular income exceeded regular expenses by \$6,850.

We have received \$914 in per capita giving so far this year. The per capita for 2019 is \$29.80 for every person who is carried on the rolls as a member. Hanover's total assessment in 2019 is \$5,453, 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. Thanks—*Bill Balascio, treasurer*  
wbalascio@gmail.com

## Pasta Dinner May 17

Join us for our Third Wednesday Pasta Dinner on May 17. We will be joining with the Parents as Teachers group and the LAUNCH program families. This is a great opportunity to meet two of the groups that use space in Hanover and who are valuable resources to our community. As usual, our friends from the University of Delaware will help out. Dinner will be at 5. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Bible Reading Schedule

**Sunday, April 28 and Wednesday, May 1:** The Sequel: Acts 1:1-11

**Sunday, May 5:** Intergenerational Bible Study - Community Sunday

**Wednesday, May 8:** The Ends of the Earth: Acts 4-8

**Sunday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 15:** A Man Named Saul: Acts 9:1-31

**Sunday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 22:** Conflict Resolution: Acts 15:1-35

**Sunday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 29:** Matter: The Book of 1 John

**Sunday, June 2 and Wednesday, June 5:** The Last Story: Revelation 21-22

# Female Harmony Awards Enslens Scholarships

The Marybelle Enslens scholarship is a memorial award created in 2015, through a gift in honor of Marybelle Enslens by her husband, Gerry, and their children. Marybelle, a devoted member of the Female Harmony Society, died in 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. The Enslens scholarship is \$1,000 given during a school-year cycle. It is a competitive process, using a scoring matrix and requiring an application and an essay. The scholarship is for a post-graduate program leading to a degree or professional certification that will improve the lives of others.

The scholarship review committee did not distribute applications according to the usual schedule in 2018/2019. When the applications did go out, two outstanding candidates submitted applications and the review committee found them to be equally qualified in their scores. The committee decided to award two scholarships. one for the 2018/2019 cycle and one for the 2019/2020 cycle.

The two outstanding awardees are Amber Simmons and Miranda Garrett. Both are members of Hanover and both are attending medical school. Amber is a graduate of Hampton University and is enrolled in the Weill Cornell Medical College. Miranda is a graduate of Queens University of Charlotte and is attending the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Both women exhibit an amazing commitment to social justice, public service and education. In addition to her studies, Amber is involved the Weill Cornell Community Clinic as the Patient Education and Community Outreach Coordinator. She has in-

corporated a food pantry into the clinic. Miranda has decided to spend her summer researching pediatric anemia in Peru where it affects more than 40 percent of children under 3 years of age. Both young women have longer term goals of providing medical services to underserved families.

The Female Harmony Society has had the pleasure of awarding five scholarships in memory of Marybelle Enslens. Earlier scholarships went to Brittany Peterson, Cimone Philpots, and Elizabeth Heiks. All are amazing women involved in service to others. Recently, awardee Cimone Philpots co-authored an article for The News Journal about the disparities in black women's maternal health care. She is a Ph.D. student at the University of Delaware and co-chair of the public policy and advocacy committee for the Delaware chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc.

## Book Group Discussion

After the morning service on Sunday, May 19, everyone is invited to join the Hanover book group in discussing the book *Brown Girl Dreaming*, a memoir by Jacqueline Woodson. In it, she tells of her childhood as an African American who was raised in both South Carolina and New York, and never felt entirely at home in either place.

She shares what it was like to grow up in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and with her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. The book has touching and powerful poems which are both accessible and emotionally charged, with each line offering a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world.



## Two Worship Dates to Put on Your Calendars

**Sunday, June 9** – Fox Point Park Worship and Picnic

**Sunday, June 16** – Guest countertenor Gus Mercante joins us for a morning of gospels and spirituals along with the Hanover Choir.

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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 May 6

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

From Striving to Thriving, 7 p.m., Thursday, May 2

"Community Sunday," 9:30 a.m., Sunday, May 5

Girl Scouts, 12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 5

Deacons' meeting, 5:45 p.m., Monday, May 6

JSC Board meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 7

Faith in Action, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 9

Invitational team, 4 p.m., Monday, May 13

Worship meeting, 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 14

Theology on Tap, 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 14

Staff meeting, noon, Wednesday, May 15

Pasta Dinner, 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 15

Women's Bible Study, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, May 16

Book Group, 12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 19

Presbytery Meeting at Hanover, 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 21

Session meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 21

Herald deadline, Friday, May 24

Per capita  
 is part of the glue  
 that holds  
 Presbyterians  
 together.

In essence, per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church. *In 2019 it is \$30.*

Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of our system of government, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system.

While the Hanover budget includes this expense, if you are able to pay the apportionment apart from your regular giving then that much more money is directed to additional mission and ministry at Hanover. Thank you.—*Stewardship Committee*

# SUPER! SALE!

Saturday, May 4, 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!**