

# THE HANOVER HERALD

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

## Gathering Place Project Gets a \$50,000 Grant

We have some exciting news and encouraging updates to share! Through the combined efforts of Hanover Church and Jefferson Street Center, Inc. (JSC), the Longwood Foundation has awarded JSC \$50,000 to be used for major improvements in the Gathering Place.

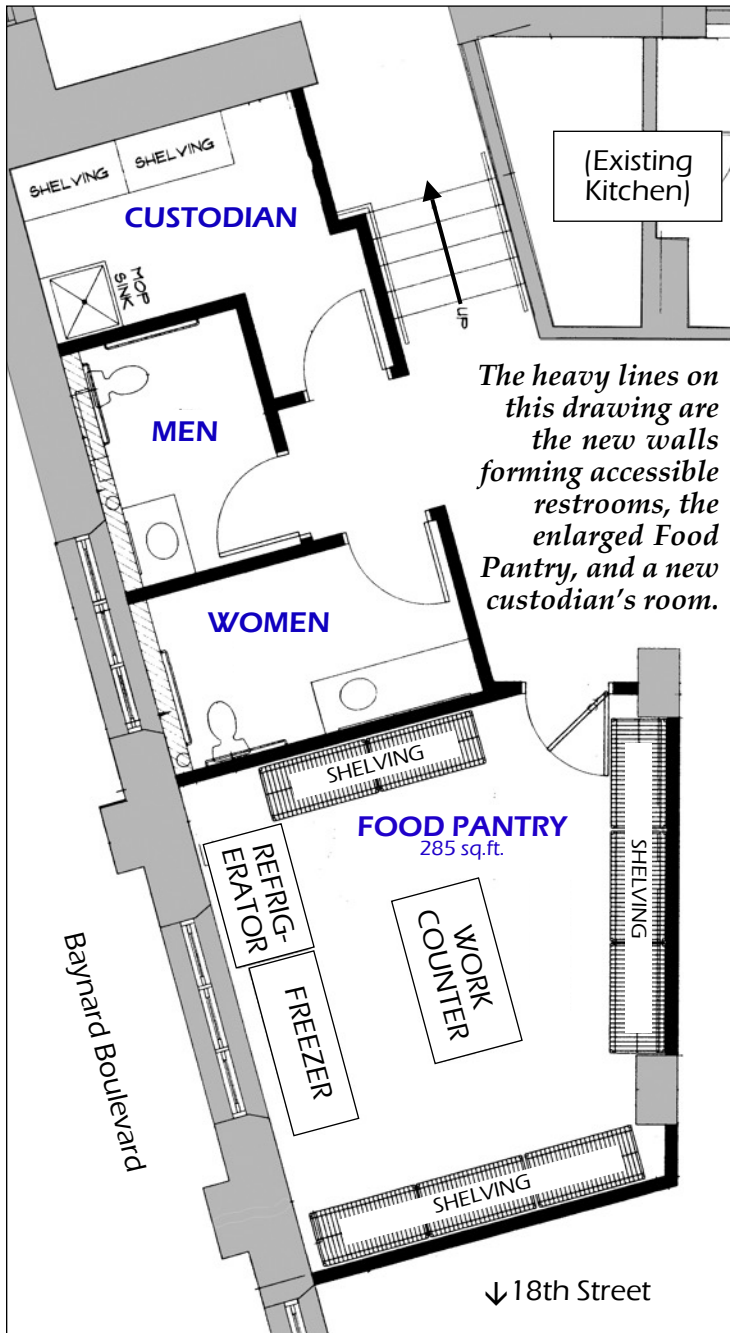
The project (detailed in the drawing at left) would include two handicapped-accessible bathrooms, a custodian closet with a mop sink, and a new and larger Food Pantry.

This news of this grant is a great affirmation for all the hard work it has taken and for the vision that it represents.

The Longwood funds have been designated contingent upon our raising the rest of the cost of the work—estimated at \$144,350—and we have been given until November 2020 to do so. We are very well positioned to raise the necessary \$94,350 before the end of 2019. We have \$30,000 total in hand from Chichester DuPont and Crystal Trust foundations. We have a request for \$50,000 pending with the Welfare Foundation and we feel confident that we will receive some positive news from the board in June. The Crestlea Foundation invited us to reapply in September for \$20,000 in grant funds. We have also applied to the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering Grant. We will hear their decision in September.

And that is only part of the good news! We have also made progress on the gym renovations. The new wall mats are in place! A few finishing touches are needed, including base molding and molding to cover the metal braces and screws at the top of the mats. A Neighborhood Building Blocks grant covered that cost. The larger and more costly part of the project to install a sprinkler system and upgrade the entire fire alarm protection panel and the new wiring, that allows it to connect with the sprinkler system, is pending additional funding. We have a request into Christiana Care for funding

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### Super Sale: Super Success

All of the planning and maneuvering to make the Super Sale at Hanover happen came to fruition on Saturday, May 4. The day started with a little rain, but that did not deter the lines of people at the Jefferson and Baynard doors. At the opening bell, all volunteers were at their posts and ready for sales. And sales were made. At every station, outside and in, people were looking for bargains and from the smiles

on faces, it looked like they found just what they wanted.

We would like to thank every member and friend of Hanover who contributed goods, time and talents to making this day the success that it was. Your donations were wonderful and the time many of you put into sorting and pricing was invaluable. This event, as we say each year is truly

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

## A Declaration Of Nonviolence

*Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.*  
—Isaiah 60:18

Imagine a city where everyone strives to practice nonviolence, where all our institutions teach and promote nonviolence, and where violence no longer runs rampant. This is our vision. This is our work.

The “our” in these statements is the Nonviolent Cities Project of Campaign Nonviolence. It is a national movement in which cities declare themselves nonviolent; 50 cities are already working toward this commitment and declaration.

For more than a year I have been working with a group of people to become a nonviolent city. Here is the mission for Nonviolent Wilmington:

In Nonviolent Wilmington, poverty, hunger, homelessness, and inadequate education and health care will not be tolerated because our standards of human decency will not allow them. Disputes will be resolved through peaceful conflict resolution and reconciliation, rather than violence, incarceration, and isolation from the community.

To achieve this goal, we will harness the many streams of human possibility into a river of peace: humanist and religious thought—political and educational institutions—economic and business institutions—government and the criminal justice system—and the endless creativity of the peace-loving heart.

The plan is to publicly pronounce Nonviolent Wilmington on the last day of the 4th Annual Peace Week. On Sunday, Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. at the Wilmington Friends Meeting House the organizations and individuals who have made the commitment to nonviolence will gather to proclaim our dedication to the way of peace.

Between now and then, organizers are traveling the city to gather organizational and individual commitments to the movement; our goal is to collect 1,000.

At Hanover the Faith in Action Committee is taking the lead in presenting this to members in the congregation and organizations in our area. The Session has voted Hanover's commitment, as has the 9th Ward Interfaith Coalition. If you are interested, I would be thrilled to provide additional information and talk with you about your commitment.

Over the next months you will be hearing much more about this movement in worship, forums, and additional events. Our hope is that Hanover would be one of the leaders in making this powerful statement that, for us, is rooted in the life and teachings of our Christ.

May God bless the nonviolence we practice, and that which it produces . . .

*Peace, Andy*

## MUSIC MATTERS

We have three special music events for June:

**Sunday, June 9:** Fox Point Park Worship and Picnic – Musical Guests, The Dixie Ramblers

**Saturday, June 15:** Jeremiah's Coffee House

**Sunday, June 16:** Guest counter-tenor Gus Mercante joins us for a morning of gospels and spirituals along with the Hanover Choir.

The summer is here, and the choir will be getting a well-deserved rest after June 16. And with that comes opportunities to share your musical talents with the congregation. Do you play an instrument or sing? We would love to have you provide special music for a Sunday service. Please talk to me about signing up for a Sunday. Everyone is welcome!

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

## Super Super Sale

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the team effort that brings us all together. Businesses should take a page from our book and try having a super sale to build “morale” and provide “bonding experiences” for their staffs! Because at Hanover that is what happens, we have fun, we make new friends and we make some money for Hanover's mission projects in the process.

It is true that our Super Sale is not so much the end result as the experiences and people we work with along the way to get there that matter most. But, of course, we do like to know that our efforts were worth it so in case you were wondering, at the end of the day, our net profit to date is \$6,092. Not too shabby! Again, thanks to you all from Ellen, Ruth and Becky.

## Third Wednesday Pasta

A good time was had by all on Wednesday, May 15. Our usual crowd of neighbors and friends were joined by the Parents as Teachers group and by the end of dinner, we had served about 60 people. Thankfully, help was on hand from Project Launch and the University of Delaware volunteers. This month, on June 19 we will be moving outside for a Pot-Luck Cook Out. We'll provide the burgers and hot dogs, and drinks and hope that guests will bring a dish to share. Dinner will start at 5. Looking forward to your company!

## Food Need Rising

Food Pantry attendance on the rise. For the past month, the number of clients coming to the Food Pantry has been increasing. We usually have about 35-40 families each week which represents about 60 individuals. That number has been steadily increasing since the beginning of the year. The month of May has seen our count go to 45 – 50 families representing over 100 individuals. Each week our shelves are depleted. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Tuna fish, pasta, cereal, baked beans and peanut butter are among the items we can always use. Thanks for your help!

## Gathering Place Grant

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that may cover the entire cost of the sprinkler system and upgrade of the fire protection system. We hope to hear some positive news in June. This request for funding is another affirmation of the intentional partnerships that have been nurtured through Hanover and JSC, and through the development of the new board for JSC, all in service to the community.

Finally, as the heat and humidity begin to build, all of our Hanover members and our community partners enjoying the use of our building may be thinking long and hard about that air conditioning we want to feel. Session approved moving forward with installation of the air conditioning for the sanctuary, which will also provide for air conditioning in the Gathering Place. The word has gone to the contractor that we are ready to move forward.

We need to get approval from the Historical Commission to place the compressor on the flat roof on the Baynard side of the church, but once that is done, we will be able to move forward. We may need to suffer through a couple more months of hot weather, but air conditioning will happen! This is a tribute to all those who have pledged to support Hanover as it serves its congregation and its community. We have more than \$127,000 in pledges and have \$84,000 in hand to move forward.

There is much to be grateful for. May our efforts continue to be blessed and may the good news keep coming!—*The Gathering Place Group*



**Jeremiah's  
Coffee  
House**  
at Hanover

**Saturday, June 15**  
**5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Join Neighbors and Friends for Food,  
Conversation, Music, and Readings  
Open Mic — Free Admission

## DEACON'S CORNER

*This year, each Deacon is going to take a turn at highlighting a member of their Care Group. This month, Maggie Alexander interviews with Cherise Alexander.*

Cherise was born and grew up in Baltimore, along with her two brothers. After graduating from Patterson High School, she attended the University of Kansas where she ran track and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in broadcast journalism. It was there that she met her future husband, Romain Alexander, who played on the Kansas football team. They married in 1987.

Cherise started her career in Delaware as a reporter for WNS-TV, a former local cable TV station. After working there she was asked by then City Council President James Baker to start a public government channel for the city. She did and WITN-Channel 22 was launched in 1991. Today WITN continues to broadcast city council meetings, cover city events and activities and provide important information about city services and government to Wilmington residents.

Cherise worked as the TV station manager until 1996 when she decided to become a stay-at-home mom to her two young daughters, Hope and Holly. She became a certified personal trainer and trained clients in her home. Some of them included Hanover members.

In 2009 Cherise and her brothers started a business at the Port of Baltimore related to homeland security. Her brothers manage the day-to-day operation at the port and Cherise is responsible for the administrative aspect of the business, which she is able to do from home.

Cherise and Romain joined Hanover in 1993. When the Alexanders were church hunting, they visited Hanover, which they liked very much. Soon after, they received a visit from George Turner and they've been coming to Hanover ever since. Cherise has served in many capacities at Hanover. She's been a deacon and has served as a liturgist. She helps with the Soul Food Luncheon and at the Super Sale (usually in the clothing area). She's served(s) on the following committees: The Gathering Place Development Team, Black History Month Planning Committee, Nominating Committee, and the Invitational Team. She is also a member of the Female Harmony Society.

Cherise has many interests outside of work and Hanover. She loves traveling and has traveled to many places around the world including China, France, Brazil, Switzerland, Monaco, Australia, New Zealand, London, Japan and numerous Caribbean Islands. While traveling to St. Thomas a few years ago she and Romain fell in love with the island and bought a home there. Cherise spends as much time there as she can. She calls it her "Happy Place." Cherise loves the water. She and Romain spend most summer weekend on their boat in the Chesapeake where she fishes and crabs. She also loves eating blue crabs—her family calls her a "crabaholic," because they think she is addicted to crabs.

Cherise is a fitness enthusiast. She stays in shape by running and participating in Cross Fit. She also loves playing tennis. She captains two teams and is a member of three others. She also loves hosting events and interior design.

We are blessed to have Cherise with her many talents and interests as part of our Hanover family.



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## Annual Picnic June 9

Sunday worship and the picnic at 10 a.m. At Fox Point Park – please sign up in the Church School Hall with your favorite dish and join us for a relaxing morning of worship, music by The Dixie Ramblers, and great food and fellowship.

## June Birthdays

- 1 Karen Palermo
- 3 Natalie Jobs  
Susan Woodbury
- 6 Susan Balascio
- 7 Stephen Willis
- 8 Cindy Kirylik
- 14 Tricia Harvey
- 17 Holly Alexander  
Cindy Tomevi
- 19 Amy Harris
- 20 Cheryl Heiks
- 22 Brian Gray
- 23 Eleanor Young
- 27 David Harris  
Walter Scott

## CALENDAR

### Weekly

**Prayer Circle**, 8:30 a.m., Mondays  
**K'nittee**, 5:30 p.m., Mondays  
**Coffee Café**, 8 a.m., Tuesdays  
**Souper Tuesday**, 11 a.m., Tuesdays  
**Zumba**, 6 p.m. Tuesdays  
**Clothing Closet**, 9 a.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

**Community Block Party**, 11 a.m., Saturday, June 1  
**Deacons' meeting**, 5:45 p.m., Monday, June 3  
**JSC Board meeting**, 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 4  
**Bible Study**, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 5  
**From Striving to Thriving**, 7 p.m.,

Thursday, June 6

**Fox Point Park Worship & Picnic**, 10 a.m., Sunday, June 9  
**Invitational Team**, 4 p.m., Monday, June 10  
**Faith in Action**, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 13  
**Theology on Tap**, 7 p.m., Thursday, June 13  
**Jeremiah's Coffee House**, 5:30 p.m., Saturday, June 15  
**Session**, 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 18  
**Staff meeting**, noon, Wednesday, June 19  
**Potluck Cookout**, 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 19  
**Women's Bible Study**, 12:30 p.m., Thursday, June 20 (at Nancy Palmer's home)  
**July/August Herald deadline**, Friday, June 28