

THE HANOVER HERALD

A newsletter for the people
of Hanover Presbyterian Church,
Wilmington, Delaware
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Female Harmony Society

Annual Tea

Saturday, October 12, 3:00-5:00 pm
Hanover Presbyterian Church
1801 N. Jefferson St. Wilmington
Tickets: \$10

Guest Speaker: Dr. Velma Scantlebury

Before every organ transplant, Dr. Velma Scantlebury takes a quiet moment by the surgical sink praying for God's guidance: "Help me to do the best I can. My hands are your hands," says Scantlebury, the first female African American transplant surgeon in the United States.

Please join us for an afternoon of delicious delicacies as we honor the traditions of fellowship and educational leadership.

We are also honoring the memory of Pat Undercuffler, former Female Harmony Society member and nurse, who was passionate about education and improving the health of the communities in which she lived and worked. We are raising money in her memory to support the educational mission of the Female Harmony Society.

The afternoon will culminate in a raffle drawing for a unique handmade quilt.

Tickets for the tea and raffle can be purchased online at femaleharmonysociety.org or by calling Hanover's office at 302-658-5114.

Friends & Family Sunday Coming Oct. 20

An exciting new fall event is happening! We're celebrating Friends and Family Sunday—a light-hearted worship service followed by a "tail-gate" Fellowship Hour.

This is going to be an easy and fun way to invite friends and family for worship, talking about the joys and comforts of community and being together—an ode to Homecoming-style services. This event will highlight our thoughts on how true community is not just about an hour on Sunday; it's about the connections throughout the week.

Pastor Andy and Romain Alexander will be the announcers for the service. Tracey Lewis, Stephanie Hinson, and Ingrid Dark will be the tailgate hosts. For your part, you can sport your favorite jersey to church, and bring your favorite game day appetizer. And we'll make it easy to invite your friends and family with some free game tickets! Look for those coming soon!

Bring your friends, your family, your appetite, and your enthusiasm, and let's have a great day together!

Thanks One and All!

The response to last month's article on the Food Pantry's plight has been so gratifying! Your donations and support of this ministry are much appreciated. To those volunteers working on Thursdays, it has given a sense that you believe in and value what the Food Pantry is doing in the Gathering Place.

Thanks to you we can continue to be a place for our clients to find nutritious food, someone to talk to, and friends to rejoice with them when they find a way to move away from needing us and get by on their own.

Third Wednesday Meal Started Off with a Bang!

On Wednesday, Sept. 18 we started our third Wednesday season off with one last "Cook In." We were joined by the Parents as Teachers group and along with Bible Study, choir and other neighborhood friends, served at least 75 people! In October, we will start with our Pasta Wednesdays on Oct. 16. Dinner starts at 5 and goes until the food runs out. If you're in the mood for spaghetti, please stop by and join us.

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Worship Query, And Response

I love a good question. Recently, I was asked a question that I've heard before. "Why is there no 'Amen' at the end of the prayer of confession in worship?" Did I mention I love a good question!

There are two reasons; both are both theological and practical. But before going there, let's look at the word itself. "It means 'it is so' or 'so it be.' Amen is derived from the Hebrew *āmēn*, which means 'certainty,' 'truth,' and 'verily.'" To say Amen is to profess one's faith in God's promise and trust in God's presence.

Now to the answer. First, after we say the printed prayer of confession

Communion Option

In order to offer a gluten-free option for Communion, the Worship Committee will add rice crackers to each Communion bread plate, beginning Sunday, Oct. 6.—*Eloise Downing, for the Worship Committee*

together, there is a time of silent reflection during which we are free to offer our personal confessions to God. As this is considered a part of the overall prayer of confession, saying "Amen" after the printed prayer would be premature!

Second, the words of assurance offered by the pastor and the song of assurance sung by the congregation serve as our "Amen." When we hear and then sing the words of assurance it is our "strong affirmation of trust in the forgiving grace of a loving God" (Book of Common Worship).

Praise God for the opportunities that come with questions, and may God bless our answers. Amen!

Peace, *Andy*

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.

Women's Bible Study: Focus on Personalities

The Women's Bible Study is back! The group meets every third Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at the church (unless otherwise noted). For the first hour food and fellowship are the fare. Folks are encouraged to bring their lunch, and desert is provided. In the second hour the group shares in readings, questions, reflections and prayers.

This year the curriculum is about characters in the Hebrew Bible. Each month we will share Biblical stories about a specific character, and how their stories relate to ours. We have ordered enough copies for everyone; if you would like one see Nancy Palmer, who coordinates the meetings.

Here is the schedule for the coming year: Oct. 17 – Jonah; Nov. 21 – Hannah; Dec. 19 – Samuel; Jan. 16 – Caleb and Joshua; Feb. 20 – Elijah; March 19 – Daniel; April 16 – Esther; May 21 – David; June 18 – Moses.

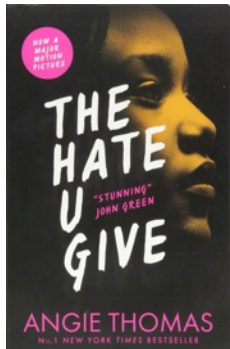
All women in the congregation are invited and encouraged to take part in this journey with characters from long ago, even as our own stories are still being written.



Several dance groups participated in a program at Hanover that was part of the annual Peace Week Delaware. The event included music by the Hanover Choir and Gus Marcante.

'The Hate U Give' Is Up for Discussion

The next Hanover Book/Movie event will feature *The Hate U Give* written by Angie Thomas in 2017. The book is narrated by Starr Carter, a 16-year-old black girl from a poor neighborhood who attends an elite



private school in a predominately white, affluent part of the city. She witnesses a white police officer shoot and kill her childhood friend, Khalil. After a grand jury decides not to indict the police officer for the shooting, she speaks about it in increasingly public ways, and becomes entangled in a national news story. Eventually social tensions lead to protests and then a riot.

After it was published in 2017, the book was on a New York Times best selling list for 50 weeks and won several awards and much critical praise. In writing the novel, Thomas attempted to expand readers' understanding of the Black Lives Matter movement.

The book was made into a movie which has been described as engaging, moving and a "phenomenal powerhouse of a film." The actress who plays Starr, Amandla Stenberg, is considered to be one of "the brightest talents working in film today."

The movie (which is about two hours long) will be shown at Hanover on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 2 p.m., and the book and movie discussion will take place the next day (Nov. 3), following the fellowship hour.

DEACON'S CORNER

This year, each Deacon is going to take a turn at highlighting a member of their Care Group. This month, Natalie Jobs interviews Beth Undercuffler.

Tell me about where you were born and grew up, and about your educations. I was born in Buckhorn, Ky. Grew up in a variety of places, from Buckhorn to Louisville, Arlington, Texas; Cincinnati, and finally landed in Wilmington in 1982 and stayed here since.

Tell me about your career, or what you do for a living. I've had a variety of jobs over my lifetime with Family Court of Delaware, DuPont and a spin off from DuPont called Tech Services, but since 2011, I've worked as the office administrator for Limen House, a nonprofit sober living residence that supports chemically dependent people recovering from alcoholism and drug addiction. As you can imagine, working for a nonprofit in the field of addiction recovery during the current opioid crisis, I keep my time filled with grant writing, contract administration, accounts payable, receivable and just about every aspect of the administration side of the program. As a person in recovery, I am grateful for having found a place that I can use my skills to help those who are early in recovery.

Tell me about your family. I have three children, Darren, Levi and Leandra, who all grew up here at Hanover. I have four grandchildren, Allyson, Sophia, Kelvin (Trey) and Jackson.

How did you come to join Hanover? My parents, Pat and Bob Undercuffler, came to Hanover in 1982, when my dad accepted a call as the pastor of Hanover. I joined Hanover sometime around 1986 or 1987, not sure of the exact date or year. Darren was born in 1985, so sometime after that is when I joined. Growing up a P.K. (preacher's kid) I knew the importance of having a church family for me and my children.

What do you especially like about Hanover? The people, the hospitality, the dedication to service and the warm feeling I feel when I walk into the church, like I'm "home."

What kind of things have you been involved in at Hanover? I've been a deacon, on Session, taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School for many years. I've helped with the food pantry and clothing closet. I've been involved with many things over the years.

What other interests do you like to do in your spare time? I enjoy spending time with my grandkids. I enjoy doing volunteer work in a variety of places around Wilmington over the years like Family Promise, Urban Promise, Ministry of Caring, YWCA, and the Food Bank are just a few.

My "guilty" pleasure is watching reality TV competition shows. Name it, I probably watch it. *Survivor*, *Amazing Race*, *Project Runway*, *Big Brother*, *The Voice*, I love them all. I grew up watching baseball with my dad. He often took us to games in Texas (Texas Rangers!) and Cincinnati (Go Reds!) So while I'm not a fanatic sports fan on the level of my dad or sons, I do enjoy watching sports. I have many memories of going to those games with my dad. Not too many people I know got the opportunity to see Johnnie Bench, Pete Rose and the rest of the Big Red Machine during their baseball domination. It's memories I cherish. And yes, I do believe Pete Rose belongs in the Hall of Fame!

Thanksgiving Is Not so Far Away!

Once again, thanks to the efforts of our hot dog cart staff, and in conjunction with the BTL Foundation, we will be able to provide Thanksgiving bags to 100 families in our community. We want to thank our Hanover "faithful" hot dog eaters for their support of the Hanover Sidewalk Cafe this summer.

Our Tuesday lunchtime fun will not stop when the weather turns cold though, we will continue with our noontime meal in the Gathering Place. We will be serving up soup and making a variety of sandwiches for anyone and everyone who comes in the door. We hope to continue the cart until November. Soup and sandwiches will start on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Hope to see you there!

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CALENDAR

Weekly

Prayer Circle, 8:30 a.m., Mondays
 K'nittee, 5:30 p.m., Mondays
 Bible study group, 7:30 p.m. Mondays (except Oct. 7)
 Coffee Café, 8 a.m., Tuesdays
 Sidewalk Cafe, 11 a.m., Tuesdays
 Zumba, 6 p.m. Tuesdays
 Clothing Closet, 9 a.m., Wednesdays
 Choir rehearsal, 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 Surviving to Thriving, 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3
 Special Session meeting, 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 6
 Deacons, 5:45 p.m., Monday, Oct. 7
 Female Harmony Society Annual Tea, 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 12
 Invitational Team, 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 14
 Worship Committee, 1:15 p.m., Monday, Oct. 14
 Session, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15
 Staff meeting, noon, Wednesday, Oct. 16
 Pasta Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16
 Friends & Family Sunday, Oct. 20

Female Harmony Society to Raffle Off Quilt



The Female Harmony Society is thrilled to raffle off an exquisite handmade quilt to benefit the society's grant funds. This double Irish chain is hand-pieced and machine quilted, measuring 82 inches by 102 inches.

Proceeds from the quilt raffle will help the society to continue to strengthen our community by supporting families through community partnerships, educational advocacy, and financial support.

The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the annual tea Oct. 12. The winner does not need to be present to win. Tickets are \$5, or 12 for \$50.

Raffle tickets can be purchased online at femaleharmonysociety.org or by calling Hanover's office at 658-5114. [See Page 1 for details about the annual tea.]

October Birthdays

6 Isheta Smith
 8 Charlotte Andrews
 13 Tim Arnold
 13 Kelvin Renee Roselle
 15 Jordan Dorsey
 16 Greg Zankowsky
 19 Beverly Lehman
 21 Janette Dally
 26 Art Werner
 28 Jacqueline Howard
 29 Irene Turner

Thanks to Hanover

I want to thank the congregation and friends for the special recognition and reception given to me for 75 years of membership at Hanover Church. The plaque that was presented to me means a lot and has a special place in my home. Again, many thanks to all of you.

—Love, Ruth