

THE HANOVER HERALD

A newsletter for the people
of Hanover Presbyterian Church,
Wilmington, Delaware
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Dr. Scantlebury Inspires Harmony Society Tea

With the theme of good health, the Female Harmony Society Tea provided around 100 guests the opportunity to hear Dr. Velma Scantlebury [*speaking, above*], the first African-American female transplant surgeon in the country. Dr. Scantlebury, who practices here in Delaware, has a special Hanover connection, having performed Lawondale Parker's kidney transplant. She inspired those present with her life story and following the tea, graciously stayed to sign copies of her book.

Celebrating the commitments to healthcare of one of its own, the FHS honored Pat Undercuffler's tireless work as a registered nurse and in countless volunteer positions, always seeking the physical, emotional and spiritual health of those she served. Pat's granddaughter, Leandra Roselle, shared memories in tribute to her grandmother, as other family members looked on.

In a delightful turn of events, Pat's daughter Karen Beste was the winner of the quilt raffle. For the second year in a row, a handmade quilt [*also above*] was donated by Susan Meginniss Vitale, Thelma Meginniss' daughter. The raffle tickets sold raised funds for Female Harmony Society scholarships and grants to community groups working to improve the health of our local community.

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 1

The meeting will be in the sanctuary, immediately following worship. The agenda includes election of church officers and approving the pastor's terms of call.

Time for Turkey Day . . .

The Food Pantry will be taking orders for turkeys on Monday, Nov. 18. Starting at 9 a.m. clients may call in to request a turkey with all the food needed to provide a Thanksgiving meal for at least four people. We will be partnering again this year with the BTL Foundation and will have 100 turkeys to give away.

If you would like to help, your contributions of canned items such as cranberry sauce, vegetables, sweet potatoes etc. as well as monetary donations for pies and fresh produce would be appreciated. Thanks for supporting this project!

. . . and a Turkey Dinner

On Nov. 20, our third-Wednesday Pasta Supper will become our third-Wednesday Thanksgiving Dinner. Starting at 5 p.m. the turkey will be carved and waiting for any additions to the table that anyone would like to offer. We will be partnering with Parents as Teachers that evening, so there will be a good crowd to share the meal. There is always room for one more, so please come on down to Hanover and join the fun!

UnGifts Returning

As you think about your Christmas gifting this year, remember UnGifts! Faith in Action will be offering these again this year. This is the 14th year that we have provided people an opportunity to give a donation in honor of friends or family to a project that will make a difference in the wider world. FIA provides a gift card and an insert that describes the project which you can give to the person on whose behalf you have made the donation. Among the projects being offered this year are the Food Pantry, Read In/Read Out, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Hanover's twice weekly Zumba classes. Look for UnGifts in December!

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

523 emails from now there will be 70,000 received messages in my church G-mail account. This doesn't count the thousands blocked by our highly effective spam catcher (thank you, Bill Tudor), and the thousands more that were sent straight to the trash.

When you spread these out over more than 11 years it's not so ridiculous; that's only 6,363 per year, 530 per month, a mere 132 per week, only 18 per day. From that perspective, I realize I'm playing at the single A level in the sport of electronic messaging.

Keeping current with the volume and pace of communication gets more difficult with each new device, update and app.

And yet . . . sooner or later messages (on two levels) come that make being attentive worth every minute. Below are two messages (on both levels) that I've received recently that have captured the times, moved my spirit, and offered me encouragement. The first is a prayer for all who would resist brokenness, oppression, and are committed to the dignity and worth of all people. The second is a charge about how to live in peace so that our works produce nothing less.

So, my friends, attend to your communications so that they do not overwhelm, but inspire; that they do not drag down, but lift up; that they do not divide, but unite.

Peace, *Andy*

Prayer for Prophetic Resisters

Spirit of Life that connects us all,
we are struggling.
We are tired. We are afraid. We are
anxious.
We feel threatened.

We recognize ever more clearly
that oppression is the mark of a
broken world
and the failure to honor the
dignity and worth
of all people.

Those in power ignore the com-
mon good,
and we are complicit, in ways large
and small.

And yet...

We choose faith. We choose resis-
tance.

We choose to believe that the world
can be better than it is.

We commit to continuing our pro-
phetic resistance
in all the ways that we can.

We commit to caring for ourselves
and one another
in all the ways that are
necessary.

Spirit of Life, sustain us.

Help us to sustain each other.

Go In Peace

Mark L. Belletini

Unitarian Universalist Minister

Go in peace. Live simply, gently, at
home in yourselves.

Act justly.

Speak justly.

Remember the depth of your own
compassion.

Forget not your power in the days
of your powerlessness.

Do not desire to be wealthier than
your peers

And stint not your hand of charity.

Practice forbearance.

Speak the truth, or speak not.

Take care of yourselves as bodies,

For you are a good gift.

Crave peace for all people in the
world,
Beginning with yourselves

And go as you go with the dream
Of that peace alive in your heart.

MUSIC MATTERS

We have lots of special musical events and guest artists coming in the next two months! Here's a "save-the-date" list for your calendars:

Sunday, Nov. 3—All Saints Day, with guest Native American flutist Karen Covey Moore

Tuesday, Nov. 26—Interfaith Thanksgiving service at Shiloh Baptist Church: 5:30 p.m. pot-luck dinner; 7 p.m. service.

Saturday, Dec. 7—Newark Community Band Holiday Concert, David Harris, conductor, 4 p.m. (60-piece brass band)

Saturday, Dec. 14—Jeremiah's Coffee House, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Service. 6:30 p.m. prelude music with Gus Mercante and the Hanover Choir; 7 p.m. service

Would you like to sing with the choir but can't commit weekly? We would love to have you sing with us for Advent and Christmas. Please come to choir rehearsal on Wednesday, Nov. 6 – we'll be looking at music for the season.

What a joyous time in the life of the church!

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

Stewardship Sunday Nov. 10

In worship we will joyously celebrate all the blessings that our offerings produce as we receive and dedicate our financial pledges for 2020. Watch your mailbox for more information.

Sharing our gifts from God for the people of God

November Birthdays

- 1 Heather Dorsey
- 3 Lawondale Parker
- 5 Kayla Kirylik
- 6 Denny Schreyer
- Austin Wilson
- 7 Sue Ann Fortney
- 16 Amber Simmons
- 19 Devin Pulliam
- 22 Kathryn Long
- 23 Lillian Grasty
- 26 Ralph Fortney
- 29 Sue Steeves

Stockings for Soldiers

We make, stuff and send over 10,000 personalized Christmas stockings to our U.S. troops stationed around the world. It involves a lot of community participation, from making the stockings, writing cards, donating or making items to stuffing the stockings, boxing them up, and shipping them out.

If you look around the website (www.stockingsforsoldiers.org), the things we need are the items that go in the stockings. The biggest needs are usually socks and small cans of tuna, Beefaroni, etc. Any food purchased needs to be able to last through December and travel well; Nutri-grain bars, for instance, are no good as they get smushed. :-). Candy is very welcome, personal care items, beef jerky, trail mix, cookies, paperback books (no romance novels), razors, lip balm, wipes, powder, DVDs, CDs, puzzle books, beanie babies—all welcome! It's also a great place to donate leftover or unwanted Halloween candy. :-)

I will put a donation box in the Church School Hall. We're collecting through November but the earlier you can give items the better. Monetary donations are also welcomed, but we actually prefer stocking items.

In November, we need people to come stuff! We are located in the Brandywine Town Center at the old Ashley Furniture store, near Target. We are there Monday through Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and we can use volunteers as young as 4th grade (with adult supervision); high schoolers can come on their own. It's a festive atmosphere, and everyone is welcome.

Please feel free to talk to me about this project! —Jane Putscher
jane.zp@verizon.net

From Shirts to Shopping

Anticipating the upcoming end of the availability of plastic grocery bags, a project is underway to make bags from old T-shirts for people using our Food Pantry. To date, 50 bags have been made—we need more than 200! Please bring your T-shirts for conversion and reuse to the church school hall—there is a box there to accept them.

DEACON'S CORNER

This year, each Deacon is going to take a turn at highlighting a member of their Care Group. This month, Russ Buckley interviews Carolyn and Bill Klawitter.

Carolyn was born in northern New Jersey. Her family moved to Chester County, Pa., via Wilmington, where she grew up. Bill was born and raised in Kittanning, about 50 miles north of Pittsburgh. The two met at Indiana University of Pennsylvania during Carolyn's junior year. They dated for 3 years, kept in touch, and were married Oct. 1, 1977 at Sacred Heart Church, here in Wilmington. They just celebrated 42 years of marriage.

Bill was in the Air Force when they married, and their first home was in Beatty, Nev., the east entrance to Death Valley. They left the heat and spent the next two years in Keflavik, Iceland, where their daughter, June-Carolyn, was born. Then Aurora, Colo., where their son, James, was born. After a brief stay in Fairborn, Ohio (known as the Wright Place to Be,) home was Las Vegas, where Bill later separated from the service and the family moved to Wilmington, where they have lived for 33 years. After the Air Force, Bill worked in numerous retail jobs selling practically anything and everything.

Carolyn spent most of her career working in the travel business; 17 years with Rosenbluth and almost 11 with AAA. Today you'll find her on Workers Hill, a guide for Hagley Museum.

They came to Hanover about 12 years ago when Carolyn was invited by Audrey Lloyd. It was during a time when Carolyn and Bill were looking for a (new) church, and Hanover felt like home. They joined and considered Audrey and Dick Lloyd their Protestant godparents.

While at Hanover they have both been involved with the Super Sale and K'nittee. Carolyn knits and Bill does the blocking (you'll have to ask Bill to explain this). Carolyn also participates with the Hanover Book Club, and is a member of Faith In Action. Bill has been a deacon, and has helped with the Food Pantry with organizing their computer records, and Clothing Closet, updating the client hard copy files.

Outside of Hanover they enjoy their two grandchildren in Dover, 3-year-old Isaac and 2-month-old Maddie. June and son-in-law Bryan, who were married by Pastor Andy, are the parents. Son James lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Denise. And Carolyn's mother, also named June, lives near Longwood Gardens, close to the area where Carolyn grew up. The Klawitters have shared their home with rescue cats. They currently have one right now, named O, short for Orphan.

When not knitting, Carolyn also enjoys counted cross-stitching. They both enjoy reading. While Carolyn's interest in reading is varied, Bill prefers science fiction, a good mystery, and comic books. Carolyn sang with the Wilmington Diocese Gospel Choir for 13 years and played the tambourine.

We give thanks that Carolyn and Bill are with us and share their talents. If anything about this interview sparks your interest to know more, they are more than willing to elaborate if asked.

Hot Dog Cart Going Into Dry Dock for the Winter.

Starting Tuesday, Nov. 12, we will be moving the Hanover Sidewalk Café indoors to the Gathering Place where we will be starting Souper Tuesday. Every Tuesday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. we'll be serving soup and a variety of sandwiches. For those early birds in the bunch, the coffee will be on by 7 and fresh baked goods to go with it will be out. To all our "regulars," (you know who you are) we look forward to seeing you—your table is reserved!

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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
Bible Study, 5:30 p.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

Book Club Movie, 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2
Book Club Discussion, 12:45 p.m., Sunday,
Nov. 3
Deacons, 5:45 p.m., Monday, Nov. 4
From Surviving to Thriving, 7 p.m., Thurs-
day, Nov. 7
Invitational Team, 4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 11
Worship meeting, 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12
Faith in Action, 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 14
Session, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19
Staff meeting, noon, Wednesday, Nov. 20
Thanksgiving Potluck dinner, 5 p.m.,
Wednesday, Nov. 20
Women's Bible Study, 12:30 p.m., Thursday,
Nov. 21
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday,
Nov. 26, at Shiloh Baptist Church. 5:30
p.m. pot-luck, 7 p.m. service

The 9th Ward Interfaith Coalition



Tuesday, November 26, 2019

at

Shiloh Baptist Church

215 West 23rd Street, Wilmington, DE 19802

All are welcome to join in a festive celebration of faith, gratitude, and service featuring readings and music from our local houses of worship.

5:30 p.m. —Veggie-Dairy Pot Luck Meal

As you are able, please bring an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert suitable for vegetarians.

7:00 p.m. —Community Celebration

Free will offerings will benefit our local food pantries. Non-perishable food items are also welcome to help stock the shelves.

Speaker: Rabbi Michael Beals from Congregation Beth Shalom

For more information, call the church office at (302) 655-5315.