

Hanover The HERALD

Hanover Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, Delaware

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And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.

Mark 16:2-4

...and moss grows fat on a rolling stone...

"American Pie" by Don McLean

In response to the coronavirus, Governor John Carney issued a state of emergency on Thursday, March 12. How perfect for the superstitious, as it went into effect on Friday the 13th. On that day our lives changed on a proverbial dime. Shopping only for necessities. No more gatherings. Stay-at-home work and school. Stores and restaurants closed. Masks. Six feet. A whole new way of life was born.

A couple of weeks ago we marked the 6th month anniversary of our state of isolation. Or, as I've come to call it, our forced transformation. Given the restrictions imposed by the order, we could have put things on hold, kicked up our feet up, and planned for extra leisure activities that were suddenly possible. After all, what better excuse to slow down than a state of emergency? It is the perfect rationale to put the brakes on.

Well, let me tell you about a community of faith where the state of emergency has not been a license to step back, but a call to step forward. There has been no moss gathering on the Hanover rolling stone! Through the first six months of the pandemic:

- the construction throughout the building has continued; the air conditioning is complete, the Gathering Place will be complete within the week, and the kitchen was completed last month;
- the Session, Deacons and committees have continued to meet and plan for events, programs, and ministries that will continue to operate well beyond our "re-opening" for worship;
- not only that, the virus has provided the space for creativity in how we respond to being separated – did you catch that Deacons' event last week?;
- our youth continue to meet every week with members of the Faith in Action committee to push us forward in our focus on earth care, especially as the Session has approved their request to lead us into becoming a recognized Earth Care Congregation with the denomination;
- the prayer circle continues to meet every Monday morning (8:30am) to share in prayers for those who have requested them, - with Zoom technology what better time to try it out?;
- Herman and Twyla continue to amaze, not just by keeping up, but by accomplishing many tasks that had continued to be on the back burner;
- the sanctuary is now wired for the internet so live streaming of our services is just on the horizon;
- and the giving...the generosity and commitment of the Saints financially has not missed a beat – we continue to run at or very close to our projected budget for contributions!;
- and the list goes on...

Oh, wait, one more thing. Six months ago, on March 19, I wrote this in the Flash: "In the effort to add some levity, perspective, and meaning to our journey through the coronavirus wilderness, I have made the commitment to not trim my beard until the CDC tells us it is safe to gather ... May it be for us a symbol of the growth that cannot be stunted; that, like the love of God, never stops - especially while in the wilderness." *(continued on page 2)*





The Inquisitive Intern

by

Sara Snowden



The twists and turns of life mean we sometimes wind up in unexpected places. So, how did I wind up at Hanover? Would you believe it all started when I was less than a week old?

My parents loaded up their three children into the car and we went to church every Sunday—even my very first Sunday, when I was just four days old! I followed in my parents' footsteps, going to church every Sunday and becoming actively involved in the life of the church. I began to sense a call to ministry in early 2001, shortly after my 30th birthday. My mother and I were walking in the cathedral in Cologne, Germany and talking about how those craftsmen spent a good part of their career building a church they would never see completed. I thought about that for the rest of our trip and I realized that is what we are called to do as Christians—working together to build a church we will never complete in this life. I felt called to be a part of that building in a new and deeper way.

When I got home to the Washington, DC area, I started to explore seminaries and the process for ordination. But life got in the way, and then September 11th happened. Much like the shifts we are all experiencing now as a result of this pandemic, life in Washington, DC changed dramatically in the months following the attacks. I missed my family and wanted to find a way to spend more time with them. I left my job and moved to Wilmington in February 2002 to help my aunt as she cared for my aging grandparents. As a bonus, I met Chip, now my husband of 17 years, on the first day of work at my new job.

My grandfather remained healthy and strong until his death in 2016, just after his 102nd birthday. Soon after, Chip and I talked about my call to ministry and I started to make plans for seminary. Midway through my second year, my pastor at First & Central recommended I contact Pastor Andy about an internship at Hanover Church. I did, and at the beginning of the pandemic shutdown last spring, you Hanover Saints responded to a season of uncertainty by offering an opportunity for a wonderful learning experience.

We are all on a similar journey, spanning years and miles as we grow in faith and in the understanding of who and whose we are. And our journeys continue every day as we work together to build the church we will never complete in this life. Thanks be to God!

(Pastor Andy's letter continued from page 1)

As hideous, uncomfortable, and mangy as it looks (and feels), may the fleece on my face continue to remind us of the love and grace of our God that even a pandemic cannot stop. We worship a God who never stops rolling away the stones that would seal us in death so that we would receive freedom, new life, hope, and...

Peace,
Andy

P.S. For the very curious, I also wrote that day, "...the CDC is an authority on the rate at which hair grows. Sparing you the suspense, here it is: average hair growth is 1/8" per week; 1/2" per month; and 6" per year!" After pulling a random sample, and trying to hold it straight on a ruler, I am happy to report that the growth is right on schedule, if not a little ahead!





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



... For a wonderful Deacons' Day Celebration last Sunday!

To our deacons: Russ Buckley, Jerri Harmon, Dave Harris, Natalie Jobes, Ray Kirkpatrick, Carolyn Klawitter, Isheta Smith—they wrote cards, greeted people, made deliveries and visits.

A special thanks to: Tim Arnold, Becky Arnold, Ellen Casson, Herm Pulliam, Bill Tudor, Pastor Andy—they gave in-depth tours of the building.

Parishioner Profile: Peg Showalter

I would like to introduce you or reintroduce you to a stalwart of Hanover Church Peg Showalter. We were to meet for an interview over a hot dog at Hanover; at once I got the message that Peg would be a little late for our lunch! She soon arrived, and we were ready to talk. Peg has been a member here for 63 years! She and her late husband, Bill, started at Hanover in 1958. But I get ahead of myself.



Peg was born in Coatesville, Pennsylvania and went to college in Danville, Virginia at Averett College to prepare to be a secretary. After college she moved to Wilmington and started her career at DuPont in 1954. Peg met Bill and got married in 1957. They became members of Hanover in 1958 when they joined a new member class of 25 people! They loved the young couples club and really enjoyed the people and the church service. After 5 years at Dupont, Peg and Bill had their first child, David, in 1960. Two other children came soon after: Karen in 1963 and Bruce in 1967. Peg has five grandchildren and one great granddaughter!

Peg and Bill were very active members of Hanover. Bill, who worked as an accountant, was a member of Session and was involved in selling the church manse to Lorie and Bill Tudor. Bill passed away in 1993 from lung cancer. Peg has kept herself busy being a "professional volunteer". She volunteered driving for the FISH organization for 48 years. Her Hanover activities includes: Session, Clerk of Session, choir member, moderator of the nominating committee, deacon, moderator of deacons, Female Harmony Society member, and moderator for Presbytery women!

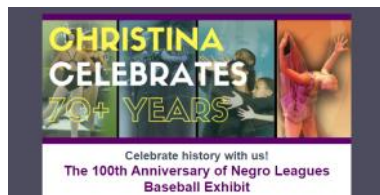
In the 1970's, Peg was involved with a catering group called the Flair Foods! She worked with Peg Green, Thelma Meginniss, and Eleanor Loose. They started with a wedding reception and continued catering for over 8 years. Peg said it was a success as they learned how to cook in volume and made their food at home and brought it to the catering jobs.

Today she has lived in Maris Grove in Pennsylvania for the last 13 years. She is still a faithful member on Sunday mornings (before Covid-19). Peg is enjoying her time playing table games and being with friends. Peg was volunteering there escorting people to the hair salon. She truly is a "pro" in helping other people!

Deacon Dave Harris

Our Hanover coins arrived this week and will come to you either by a visit or by mail—be on the lookout!





The 100th Anniversary of Negro Leagues Baseball Exhibit



Featuring Judy Johnson, Delaware's local hero

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Negro League Baseball. To commemorate this landmark, Andrea McCoy-Carty, Chair for the Judy Johnson Memorial Foundation in Wilmington, has curated a striking assemblage of memorabilia and artifacts from the League's rich history and archives, on loan from national private collectors. The exhibit is on display in the Edward R. Loper Sr. Gallery of the Christina Cultural Arts Center at 715 Market Street. It is open from now until October 30—Monday through Friday, 9AM-2:30PM by reservation only. Visits are in 20-minute time slots with a maximum of 4 people at a time. Social distancing and masks are required. Go to: <https://ccacde.tix.com> to reserve a space.

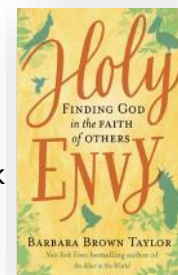
Peace Week Delaware is celebrating our fifth anniversary this year, and our event organizers have risen to the challenge of bringing people together for peace. In the name of community safety we are hosting exclusively virtual and outdoor events. We encourage you to attend as many as you are able! Go to: www.peaceweekdelaware and click on "2020 Events" to view our 49 scheduled events - you'll see that there is something for everyone. Don't forget to reserve your virtual seats for Zoom events!



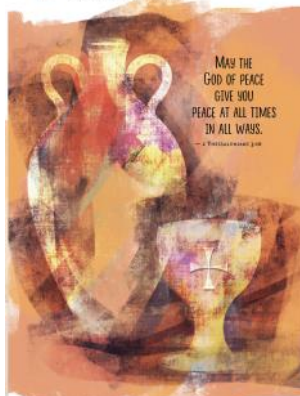
Here at Hanover, we will be hosting an Interfaith Book Discussion on Sunday, October 11 from 4-6 pm., via Zoom. Please contact Alice Davis at (302) 429-0607 if you need help accessing this discussion.

The book for discussion is *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Here are ways to get it:

- * borrow from your local library in New Castle County
- * inter-library loan from libraries in the state
- * borrow a copy from Hanover that we can lend for up to two weeks—for this option, contact Alice.
- * buy the book from the Bookshelf in Hockessin (supporting a local independent book store)
- * buy the book from Amazon—hardbound, paperback, audiobook, or Kindle



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A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

If you would like to make a gift, please mark your check "Peace & Global Witness Offering" in the memo line. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry.



Hanover's Sidewalk Café has been doing a brisk business this summer and now that the days are getting cooler, we are beginning to think about Souper Tuesdays. We're not sure when we will be open for business in the Gathering Place, but we are thinking about doing take out service, with a bit more than hot dogs for sale. Soup, sandwiches and salads will be the offering of the day. We will begin in November (exact date to be announced.)

Family Promise of Northern New Castle County has been the helping hand for homeless families for over ten years. This year, Family Promise will celebrate this achievement by inviting you, faithful volunteers and supporters, to a virtual Annual Breakfast on Tuesday, October 13. Please consider registering for this event and donating to this wonderful organization. To register, visit <https://www.familypromisede.org/annualbreakfast>.

Hanover will participate in the 9th Ward rotational network this month serving homeless families during the week of October 18-25. If you like cooking or can provide personal supplies, please consider volunteering that week. Contact your volunteer coordinators: Marti Yates at martiyates@gmail.com or Karin Wilson at kfmadison583@msn.com. Thank you!

Hanover Food Pantry—When October comes along, we start thinking about Thanksgiving baskets. Any donations this month will go to buying all the things we put in our "turkey bags." Canned vegetables, stuffing, cranberry sauce etc. We will be working with the BTL Foundation again this year so we will be ordering 100 turkeys. Your help is always appreciated!

This news just in – the Food Pantry has been awarded a New Castle County Food Distribution Grant of \$10,000! How wonderful is that!

Continuing to Give . . .

The work of Christ is going strong at Hanover, and we are relying on your pledges to keep us running smoothly, especially during this uncertain times. Here are the ways that you can continue to give:

Mail: Send your check to:

Hanover Presbyterian Church, 1801 N. Jefferson Street, Wilmington, DE 19802.

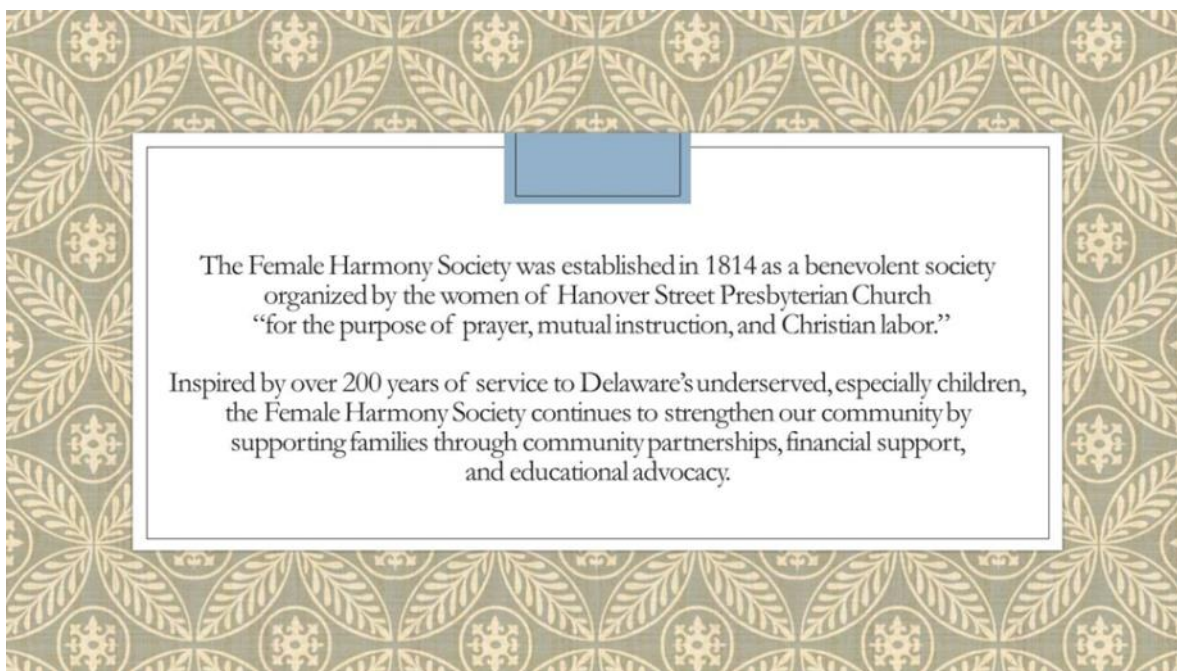
Drop-off: You can go to the Jefferson Street Open Arms Academy/Church Office entrance and put your envelope inside the gray mailbox on the left door. It is safe and secure. If you prefer to hand it to a person, the Church Office is open Monday—Thursday from 9am—5pm.

On line: Go to our website: www.hanoverchurch.org—scroll down to the bottom of the screen to Online Giving. Click on the yellow- highlighted word Donate. The next screen asks you if you are using a credit card or PayPal. Follow the prompts—make sure you write in the Note section where your money is to go.



Female Harmony Society

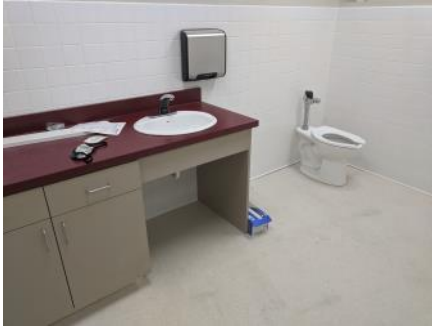
Annual Meeting Recap: The Female Harmony Society held their annual meeting via Zoom on Saturday, September 26. Nancy Long opened the meeting with prayer and a time of fellowship as members shared stories of their favorite mug—mugs that came from Hawaii, Ann Arbor, and England; mugs that were given to us by special people; mugs with favorite phrases. We spent time remembering long-time member and friend, Sue Ann Fortney, with a power-point presentation filled with pictures and stories. Sue Ann's daughters Sarah and Janice participated in the meeting, making this time together extra special. Sue Ann joined Female Harmony Society on January 26, 1979. She was a devoted member and served as president. She was committed to educational advocacy and helping the less fortunate. Jude Quinn read from the historical minutes, choosing to read from the 1979 minutes, the first meeting where Sue Ann was in attendance. New officers were elected: Nancy Long, President; Jude Quinn, President Elect; and Ellen Casson, Treasurer. Grant applications were reviewed and voted on for the following agencies and non-profits engaged in serving our community receiving awards: The Achievers Program, Inc., Delaware Foster Care Transition Center, EDGE for Tomorrow, Family Promise of Northern New Castle County, STEHM, YWCA Home Life Management Center, and Pastor Andy's Benevolence Fund. The meeting ended with members saying the Mizpah Benediction: "The LORD watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another." ~ Nancy Long, President (www.femaleharmonysociety.org)



Enslin Scholarship Opportunity: Are you or someone you know going to graduate school or working on a post-college professional certification? The Marybelle Enslin Memorial Scholarship was created through a financial gift made in honor of Mrs. Enslin by her family. Marybelle was a devoted member of the Female Harmony Society who believed in the power of education, particularly continuing above high school and college.

One \$1000 scholarship is offered each year for a post-graduate program leading to a degree on professional certification that will improve the lives of others. Applications will be available on November 1st with a closing date of December 15th. The award decision will be made by January 15th. The short application will be posted on the Female Harmony Society Website or available by contacting Maggie Alexander, (MaggieA10@verizon.net, or 302-521-6611.) Please let any relatives or friends who might be eligible know about this opportunity.

Renovations in The Gathering Place



New handicapped-accessible
bathrooms



New Food Pantry



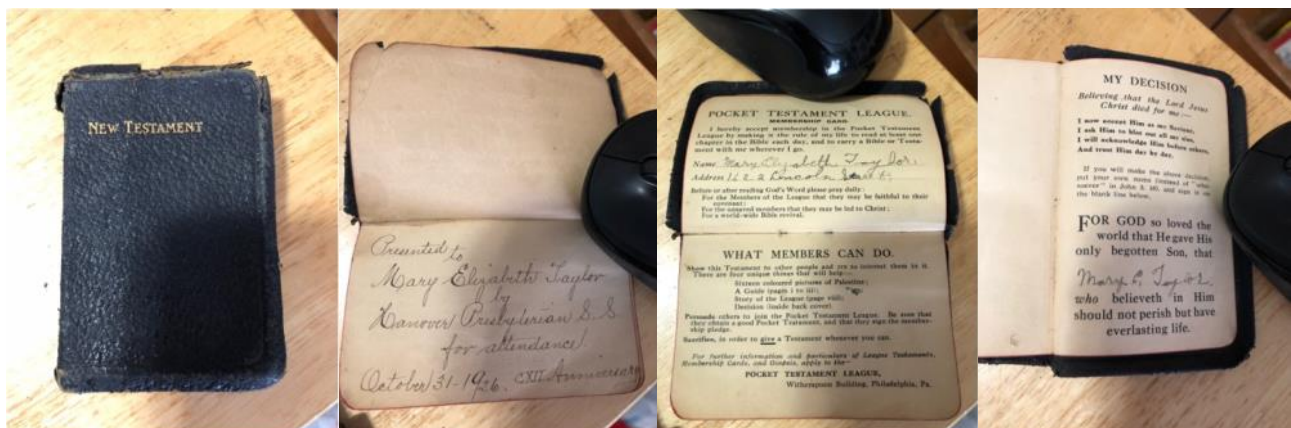
New flooring in
The Gathering Place



A Treasure From the Past . . .

We received photos of a pocket-sized New Testament bible that belonged to Mary Elizabeth Taylor, who received it from Hanover Sunday School when she was 9 years old in 1926. Her daughter Catherine Gastinger Briggs wrote us about this family treasurer because her mother had used it in her lifetime, writing on the pages, and Catherine wanted us to know how much she loved the bible and the connection to Hanover. Her mother Mary was born and raised in Wilmington, living at 1622 Lincoln Street, which was a little over a mile away from the church. After high school, she traveled to Baltimore and graduated from Mount Sinai Hospital's nursing program. She became a pediatric nurse and was a pediatric nurse for the rest of her life until she passed in 1974, at 56 years of age.

May God continue to bless our connections!





Our October Calendar

Weekly

Prayer Circle—Mondays, 8:30 a.m.
 High Noon at Hanover—Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
 Living with Covid-19—Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
 Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8:00 a.m.
 Yoga—Fridays, 6:15 p.m.
 Zoom Fellowship Hour—Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

Zoom Committee Meetings and Events

From Surviving to Thriving: Thursday, October 1, 7:00 p.m.
 Deacons: Tuesday, October 6, 5:45 p.m.
 JSC Board: Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.
 Faith in Action: Thursday, October 8, 5:30 p.m.
 Peace Week Event at Hanover: Sunday, October 11, 4:00 p.m.
 Invitational Team: Monday, October 12, 4:30 p.m.
 Worship Committee: Tuesday, October 13, 1:15 p.m.
 Internship Lay Committee: Wednesday, October 14, 1:00 p.m.
 Session: Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.
 November *Herald* article deadline: Thursday, October 22



Worship Time— As long as we are recording our worship services, our advertised viewing time will be 10:00 a.m., with our Zoom Fellowship Hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. Please stay tuned for updates.

LOOKING AHEAD to November

All Saints' Day Celebration—November 1

Stewardship Sunday—November 15

9th Ward Interfaith Thanksgiving Service—November 24

Advent 1—November 29



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