



Hanover Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, Delaware

March 2021

Dear Hanover Saints,

One of my traditions during Lent is to find a devotional guide with forty daily readings, reflections, and prayers.

This year I am walking through Lent with Walter Brueggemann as my guide. He has been called the most important Hebrew Bible scholar over the last thirty years. He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, and for years taught at Columbia Seminary in Atlanta – one of our Presbyterian Seminaries. On this thirteenth day of Lent, I offer a page from his devotional "A Way other than Our Own".

*The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.*

Jeremiah 31:31

It is this God of the gospel who came to the slaves in Egypt, weary of being cheap labor in a harsh production system. God heard their cry under exploitation, saw their abuse, and came down to deliver them. And since that awesome moment, this emancipatory God has been hearing the cries of exploited people and has been causing exploitative systems of cheap labor to collapse so that people can sing and dance in freedom.

That is life out of death!

This is the drama of Lent, is it not? It is the journey of relinquishment of old visions of reality that are failed and being surprised by new life given in glad, inconvenient obedience. It is to this move that the God of the gospel invites us, again and again. This God is ready to give new life, more ready, as we say, to give than we are to receive.

*You are the God who makes a way when there is no way.
Free us from our anxious intransigence and
our impoverished imaginations.
Open us to your newness,
the gospel gift given over and over and over again.
Amen.*

May your Lenten journey deliver you from death to life.

Peace,
Andy





The Inquisitive Intern

by
Sara Snowden

The sun came out yesterday and warmed this part of the world. After weeks of being inside, huddled under layers of clothing and drinking hot beverages, people all over Wilmington popped their heads outside and smiled as the warm sun fell on their faces. The dog park near our home was full of happy pups running in the mud as they chased one another.

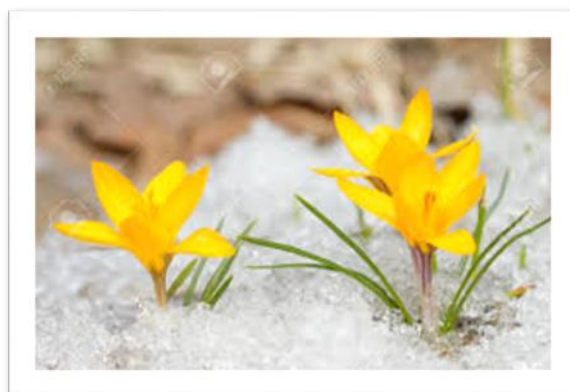
This kind of early taste of spring happens most years, and it is always a pleasant surprise. The earth has a scent to it once again as decaying leaves unfreeze and creepy, crawly things begin their work of creating new dirt. Fat-bellied robins have been bouncing around the neighborhood for a few weeks now, pecking at the dirt and bringing promises of new life.

Soon, the yellow and white crocuses will come up in the tiny spot of dirt behind our home. They will be joined by a deep purple variety called Remembrance. While I originally planted them in memory of my grandmother, their name is also fitting as I look at that bare spot of dirt all winter and remember those little bulbs working their magic. Sometimes the snow piles high above them. Sometimes the squirrels dig around in that dirt, disturbing this tiny garden. And yet, none of those obstacles seems to interfere with the work of those crocuses. In their cold dark home, those bulbs have exactly what they need to accomplish their task. Spring after spring, their dark green leaves shoot up and their little sunny faces pop open to remind us of the miracles at work in our world—miracles happening even in the cold dark ground. They bring us hope for our own emergence out of the darkness of winter.

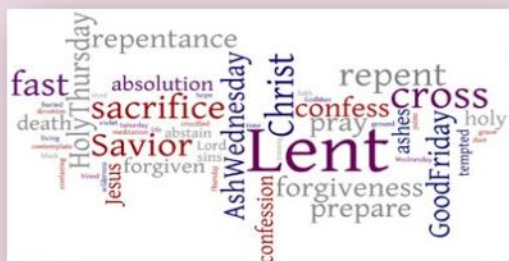
As we journey through Lent, we move toward hope—hope for the emergence of the risen Christ from the tomb. Hope for the reminder of what Christ's resurrection assures each and every one of us. Hope, because even as we move through periods of darkness in our own lives, we can be assured that that very darkness does not get the last word.

May we all uncover assurances of God's promise throughout this Lenten journey—and may we keep our hearts pointed toward hope.

~Sara



Lent at Hanover



This year during Lent we will take a journey together. Our guides will be two people who are running away from their past, lost in their present, and fearful of their future. They meet at the Jordan River on the first Sunday in Lent, but as soon as the water stops flowing over the saints they have to get back to running. Before they leave, they promise to keep in touch.

Each Sunday they will share their conversation with us as they get caught up in following this strange prophet from Nazareth. Just wait until you see their means of communicating! By the time we get to Palm Sunday they will have grown close to one another, and we will have found a deep appreciation and investment in them. Then on Resurrection Sunday we will be stunned and inspired when we realize who they are.

May God bless the Lenten journey we take together this year, and may it be filled with surprises that bring hope, joy, and...Peace.

Lenten Supper & Story

Begins Wednesday, February 24



Yes, you read that correctly. This season of Lent, we are stepping away from a time of *study* and moving into a time of *story*. You are invited to gather via Zoom each Wednesday evening from the comfort of your own homes as we share a simple supper and enjoy a time of storytelling. We will be sending out the link weekly via email.

In preparation, choose one meaningful photograph from your past, preferably one with people you know in it. Have that photograph with you when you join us via Zoom each Wednesday evening. Together, we will explore what makes a meaningful story: the characters, setting, plot, conflict, and resolution. Worried this sounds too much like high school English? Do not be afraid! There are no assigned readings, no papers to write, and no grades. Instead, we will laugh and learn as we use a photograph to tell our story.



Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday Service—10AM

Thursday, April 1—Maundy Thursday service—7PM

Friday, April 2—Good Friday service—7PM

Sunday, April 4—Resurrection Sunday service—10AM

All services will be held virtually either through Zoom or recorded and posted on Youtube.



**Handmade
Chocolate
Easter Eggs**

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**For pickup/
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March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

Choose filling:

~ Butter Cream

~ Peanut Butter

~ Coconut

Boxed and decorated
1/4 lb. egg—only

\$5

Hanover Presbyterian Church is continuing the tradition of
Easter Eggs from Port Penn Presbyterian.

Orders due by March 22

Call Becky Arnold (584-0356) or Church Office (658-5114)

What's a Good Read?



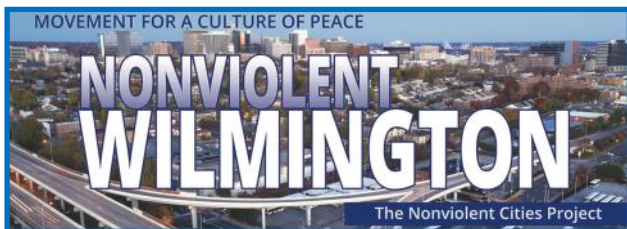
Katie Leep recommends: *Mistakes Were Made, But Not By Me Third Edition: Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts*—Carol Tavis and Elliot Aronson—this book addresses the issue of people becoming more and more divided over time, and why people feel justified in thinking their point of view is the right one. Why are people so set in their views? Why can't people change views easily when presented with facts that show their views are wrong?

Nancy Long recommends: *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard* - Douglas W. Tallamy—this book shows how homeowners everywhere can turn their yards into conservation corridors that provide wildlife habitats. It is practical, effective, and easy—you will walk away with specific suggestions you can incorporate into your own yard. And Douglas W. Tallamy's first book, *Bringing Nature Home*, awakened thousands of readers to an urgent situation: wildlife populations are in decline because the native plants they depend on are fast disappearing. His solution? Plant more natives.

Lorie Tudor recommends: *Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering the True Revolutionary Nature of the Teachings of Jesus and How They Have Been Corrupted*—Obery M. Hendricks. Who was Jesus? And how was this first-century political revolutionary, whose teachings are meant to lead the way to freedom, turned into a meek and mild servant of the status quo? How is it possible to profess a belief in Jesus, yet ignore the suffering of the poor and the needy? Just how truly faithful to the vision of Jesus are the many politicians who claim to be Christian? These are the kinds of questions Obery Hendricks, a biblical scholar, activist, and minister, asks in this provocative new book. In this day and age of heated political debate, Hendricks's *The Politics of Jesus* stands out as much for its brilliant re-creation of the life and mind of Jesus of Nazareth as for its scathing critique of modern politicians "of faith."

Alexandra Evitts recommends: *The Glass Castle*—Jeanette Walls—*The Glass Castle* is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a close look into a deeply dysfunctional and yet vibrant family. The author's parents were unconventional, as the family lived a nomadic life. The Walls children learned to take care of themselves and finally found the resources to break out and establish lives of their own.

“Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.”— Charles W. Eliot



Study Nonviolent Social Change

Engaging Nonviolence™ is a study program that actively engages you in the creative power of nonviolence. It's a rich compendium of ideas, resources, and methods designed to help you change the world—and an interactive learning process that will help equip you for this soul-sized task.

Beginning on Sunday, March 21, our Zoom workshops are held online, in small groups of 10-12 learners with two experienced leaders.

Part 1—[Exploring Nonviolent Power](#) runs as six weekly 2-hour sessions.

Part 2—[Nonviolence in Practice](#) is the intermediate sessions that are for five weekly 2-hour sessions.

Registration is now open. [Click here to register](#). You will be contacted.

If you have questions, email nonviolentwilm@gmail.com.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Justin Lewis
5	Taralynn Dillard
5	Melissa Heieie
8	Frann Anderson
8	Martha McFarland
8	Sirena Turner
9	Sue Baker
11	Chris Jacob
11	Susie Watson
12	Ray Kirkpatrick
13	Thelma Meginniss
16	Porshay Matthews
16	Sharay Matthews
24	Ruthann Richardson
26	Joan Ross
28	Ellen Casson
28	Andrea McCoy-Carty
30	Anna West

Member Profile: Doris Loper



Doris came to Delaware around 1982. She was born in Martinsville, Virginia, near Roanoke. She has been a lifelong Presbyterian, and came to Hanover after the Church of Our Savior closed. She visited other Presbyterian Churches prior to settling on Hanover. She found Hanover to her liking and diverse, and felt at home. She especially liked Pastor Andy and they shared many books. Doris likes reading and learning and enjoys re-reading children's books. She loves Black History, and reading about the many accomplishments of black people in America. She taught school after college and was in different schools in Wilmington, such as Lewes, Harlan, Cool Springs.

Doris had been Clerk of Session for many years and still enjoys singing in the choir.

When they were young, young ladies learned to sew, and Doris made her own dresses. She likes playing light-hearted cards and reading in her leisure. She is 92 and has had a life well lived.

Deacon Isheta Smith



Delaware Racial Equity Challenge

Last year several Hanover saints participated in the 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge sponsored by the Delaware Racial Justice Collaborative. We found it educational, inspiring, thought provoking, and challenging. This year the Delaware Racial Equity Challenge is slightly different. For five consecutive days each month, between February and December 2021, participants will be prompted with a daily email challenge — such as reading an article, listening to a podcast, or watching a video – and are then encouraged to reflect on that content thinking about how racial inequity and social injustice impact our community and how we can help dismantle systemic racism in Delaware. On the last day of every challenge, participants will be invited to a virtual town hall discussion about that week’s Challenge.

There will be a different topic each week, as listed below, and you can choose which topics you want to register for.

- * February 15-19: Black History Month (finished)
- * March 15-19: National Criminal Justice Month
- * April 19-23: Fair Housing Month
- * May 17-21: Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- * June 21-25: Wealth Creation Month
- * July 19-23: Health Equity
- * August 16-20: Education Equity
- * September 20-24: Hispanic/Latinx Month
- * October 18-22: Minority LGBTQ Issues
- * November 15-19: Native American/Indigenous People Month
- * December 13-17: Universal Human Rights Month

Click on the link to register: (<https://uwde.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=d5639cf7576d3cc043f078614&id=657e8c44c5>)
[deraciaequitychallenge.org](https://www.deraciaequitychallenge.org/) (<https://www.deraciaequitychallenge.org/>)



The Food Pantry!

This month, we have two requests – first, when you are shopping and think about the Food Pantry, please think about personal items: **toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo**, etc. Our clients really appreciate these things as they cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Second—The Food Pantry is in need **a small mini-fridge**—if you have one that you could donate or sell, please contact Becky Arnold at 584-0356.

Thanks—we appreciate all the ways you support this community program!



From the Church Office

~ Deadline for ordering Easter Eggs

Monday, March 22

~ Our 2021 directories are being mailed out this week. We also have included the Deacons Care Groups in the back. Check it out and stay connected!

Weekly Happenings

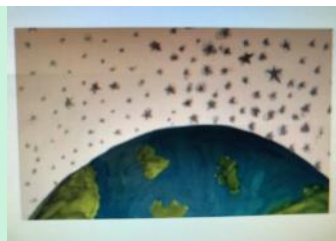
Prayer Circle—Mondays, 8:30am
 High Noon at Hanover—Wednesdays, 12pm
 Lenten Supper & Stories—Wednesdays, 6pm
 Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8am
 Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm
 Virtual Worship Service—Sundays, 10am
 (available on Saturday evenings)
 Zoom Fellowship Hour—Sundays, 10:30am
 Creation Care Youth Group—Sundays, 12pm

Zoom Group & Committee Meetings

Deacons: Tuesday, March 2, 6:30pm
 JSC Board: Tuesday, March 2, 7pm
 From Surviving to Thriving: Thursday, March 4, 7pm
 Invitational Team: Monday, March 8, 4:30pm
 Worship Committee: Tuesday, March 9, 1:15pm
 Faith in Action: Thursday, March 11, 5:30pm
 Session: Tuesday, March 16, 7pm
 Internship Lay Committee: Wednesday, March 17, 2pm
 April *Herald* article deadline: Thursday, March 25

Coming in April!

The **Traveling Peace Youth Art Exhibition** is coming to The Gathering Place for the entire month of April. Because of COVID, it is a smaller but still powerful exhibit by talented youth of Wilmington. If you want to come and see the exhibition, please call the Church Office at 658-5114 so we can schedule it. Thank you, **Pacem In Terris**, for sharing their artistic treasures.



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