

# Hanover The HERALD

Hanover Presbyterian Church  
Wilmington, Delaware

September 2021

Dear Hanover Saints,

*Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.*

*I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*

*Isaiah 43:18-19*

Have you ever wondered...the prefix "septem" in Latin means seven. So, as we enter this new month – the ninth in the year – why is it called September? Well, only because you asked...blame the Romans! When they first developed a calendar of their own, September was the 7<sup>th</sup> month. When additional months were added to the annual calendar, somehow the name September stuck. Funny how once something is created and named, it becomes so difficult to change. As much as we may like new things, how often is it that we are resistant to receiving them?

Lest we be critical, have you ever wondered why our spiritual home is called Hanover Street Presbyterian Church? If our letterhead is correct, we're located at 1801 North Jefferson Street, at the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> St., N. Jefferson St., and Baynard Blvd. As the young people ask: "What's up with that?"

Hanover Presbyterian Church was founded as Second Presbyterian Church on October 24, 1772. Turns out that beginning in 1831 the Hanover saints became truly Hanover saints when we moved to the corner of what was then Hanover Street (now 6<sup>th</sup> St.) and King Street. It was named after the street because the congregation could not agree on any other name!

When our forebears moved to 18<sup>th</sup> St. and Baynard Blvd. in 1908, once again there was no inspiration for a new name. In addition, we had established a reputation throughout the city – so why risk the confusion of changing our name? After all, while on Hanover Street, we had the largest church building in Wilmington! So, there you have it – why we continue to be the Hanover saints.

In 2022 we will celebrate 250 years of ministry, mission, and service in Wilmington. I would offer that the history of Hanover is a history of one new thing after another – throughout next year we will be hearing much more about the many legacies in our history. And yet...

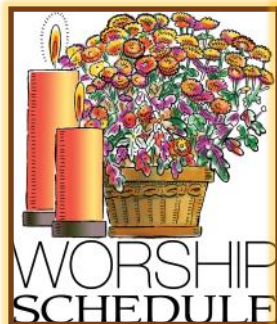
As so many new things have been created, and so many things have been renewed, the character, purpose, and resolve of the Hanover saints have remained constant for 250 years. What a glorious irony: the one thing that has not changed is our willingness to change; to pursue the ways in which God continues to do "a new thing" in our midst.

As we enter this new month, with all the promises it holds, let us rejoice in the ways that God continues to move in our midst, and in all that is – and will be - new.

Peace,

Andy





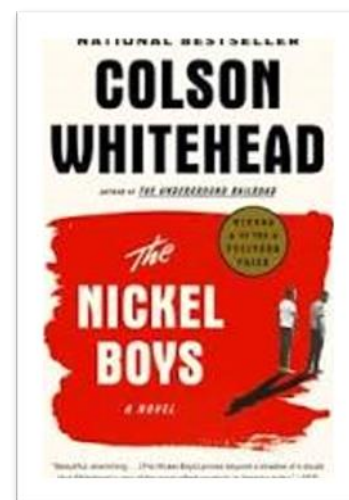
Fall Worship schedule begins on  
**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
**11 AM Worship**

## Hanover Book Discussion:

### *The Nickel Boys*

Our next Book Discussion is **Sunday, September 19 at 4 PM** on **Zoom**. Folks can join by computer, tablet, iPad, or telephone. Let the church office know how you will be joining so that we can get you the right way to participate.

We have one copy of the book in the Church Office available for borrowing. The book is widely available: local libraries, local book stores, and Amazon.



#### Why we should read this book . . .

Colson Whitehead won his second Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for *The Nickel Boys*. (The first was for *The Underground Railroad*, which we should also read someday.)

Despite being fiction, this book tells the whole truth about a Florida Reform School that treated its young black prisoners brutally and sometimes secretly killed them. The Dozier School, as it was called, was founded in 1900 and was not closed until 2011. When I lived in Florida during the 1980s and '90s, some of the worst abuses at this facility and similar ones were being exposed and supposedly stopped. It is hard to understand why the state did not close the school immediately, considering what was known at the time. In addition to the cemetery on the property, researchers from the University of South Florida in 2012 found 55 unmarked graves nearby. In 2018, damage from Hurricane Michael revealed 27 "anomalies" on the property that are being investigated as possible burial sites.

*The Nickel Boys* is not just a catalog of horrors, it is also a story of a few of the fictional residents and how their different personalities coped with what was happening to them. We should read this book to remind ourselves that we must always pay attention to what is happening when persons in power are responsible for a vulnerable population, such as children. We must continue to demand accountability from those who would rule the lives of others.

Please join us to share our reactions to the book.

~Alice Davis



For those of us concerned about the violence in Wilmington and other places, for all who long for a more just society, for all who appreciate creative approaches to how we can foster a more peaceful personal life, Peace Week Delaware (PWD) has something for us! A mere seven days could not contain PWD; nine days are needed for the 60 events in three counties.

If you want to see the full range of events, go to [peaceweekdelaware.org](http://peaceweekdelaware.org). There you will be able to view all the events, by calendar or by a list. You may very well find events near you and that also appeal to you.

Hanover's event will take place on the last day, October 10, from 1:30 to 3:15 pm. We plan to offer the event both by Zoom and in-person (now referred to as "hybrid") in order to meet the COVID prevention needs of all participants. The situation seems to change frequently, so how the event will take place could change. If you attend in person, please bring a mask.

Our event is titled "Lessons from COVID" and will be about sharing our stories and experiences from the time of COVID, and how our faith traditions or other guiding principles have shaped our understanding of what has been happening to all of us.

As soon as our event ends, we can just cross 18<sup>th</sup> St. if we want to participate in the closing event of PWD, the (almost) annual March for a Culture of Peace. Stepping off at 3:30, the March will move at a slow pace. Even though the March is outside, we recommend having a mask for those times that we might be bunched together. Even those of us who are fully vaccinated need to be concerned about the protection of others, including children.

You can register for the Hanover event and/or the March for a Culture of Peace on the PWD website. If you prefer to register for the Hanover event by phone or email, you can contact me personally.

Alice Davis (30) 429-0607



What's new at JB'S Café? COFFEE and MUFFINS, that's what! We are now serving coffee and muffins from 7:30 to 10am for our customers who are on the way to work or just taking an early stroll around the neighborhood. Stop by for your morning pick-me-up!

The Food Pantry has a special request – we appreciate all donations, but we are really in need of laundry detergent, dish soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap and toilet paper, etc. Thanks for your thoughtfulness!



# Creation Care Matters

## ECOPLASTICS UPDATE



After collecting plastic for about a month and a half, Hanover dropped off 14 pounds of number 2, number 4, and number 5 plastic to EcoPlastics Delaware to be recycled. We are hoping to drop off twice as much next time, so please bring us your plastic.

There have been several questions asked about this project, so here are some answers.

**Why should plastic be recycled?** Half of all plastic manufactured becomes trash in less than a year. Only 9% of that is being recycled. It is estimated that 8 million metric tons of plastic ends up in the oceans every year. That is the equivalent to five grocery bags of plastic trash for every foot of coastline around the globe.

**Why can't I just put the plastic in my recycling can?** About 25% of what goes into your recycling can isn't recycled due to contamination.

**What about plastic bags?** Number 2 and number 4 bags can be recycled. Many bags don't have a number on them, but you can bring them, as most plastic bags are recyclable. If you want to start small, start with plastic bags as they can't go in your recycling can, and EcoPlastics will make sure they get recycled into something useful.

**How long will Hanover be collecting plastic?** We plan to keep this as an ongoing project, part of our work as a Earth Care Congregation.

**I'm not coming to church in person yet, how can I drop off my plastic?** You can drop the plastic off any time the church is open. Just ring the bell on the Jefferson St. entrance. Better yet, bring it between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday and stay for lunch at J. B.'s Café.



The Female Harmony Society is holding a YARD SALE at Jeff and Nancy Long's house (1210 Bruce Road, Carrcroft) on **Saturday, September 11 from 8am-1pm**. This coincides with the Carrcroft Community Yard Sale so we are hoping for lots of foot traffic. If you would like to donate some items for the sale, Jeff and Nancy will gladly accept donations **that you think have a chance of selling**. Please NO electronics or books. All proceeds will go to the Female Harmony Society so they can continue their mission and scholarship outreach. You may drop off items at The Long's home starting on Wednesday, September 8. Other arrangements may be made by calling Nancy at 302.893.3682.

Feel free to stop by on September 11 to say "hello" and check out the sale!



## Deacons Luncheon—Sunday, September 12

Immediately following 11AM Worship

Our Deacons are providing a takeaway sandwich lunch—the choices are turkey & cheddar, tuna on croissant, or ham & swiss.

Please email or call your deacon or the church office and let them know your order, and if you will join us outside after the service, pick up your order, or would like to have it delivered.

**Order deadline: This Sunday, August 29**

### Member Profile: Denny Schreyer

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6	Sharron Gregory
8	Lindsey Harris
8	Alice Winchester
10	Mark Arnold
10	Monisha Smith
17	Peg Green
20	Joshua Gregory
22	Cherise Alexander
22	Kourtney Bibbs
22	Julie Davis
22	Doris Loper
22	Ava Zistl
23	Ruthie McFarland
25	Hillary Mohaupt
29	Django Rosario



Denny was born during the Harding Administration in Denver, Colorado. Her family later moved to Indiana where she grew up a proud Hoosier. As a girl Denny learned to play the cello and was interested in music and sports. Denny graduated from High School in Indiana and wanted to be a med technician. She became a Registered Medical Technician. She married Ralph Schreyer in 1944. They moved to Wilmington DE.



Denny worked at Delaware Hospital and Ralph worked at Dupont. Later they had two sons, Robert and Jim. They were looking for a home church and were recommended to Hanover. At Hanover they met Wayne and Marion May, who were also from Indiana. They enjoyed Hanover and became close friends with the Mays and others. Denny became a Deacon and Elder. She also enjoyed the Hanover Choir for 25 years. She chaired many organizations. Denny and Ralph enjoyed travelling through Europe and Australia and other places. Ralph passed away in 2007. Denny spends her time playing bridge, horticulture, and spending time with flowers and nature; she is still on committees and enjoys traveling and visiting estates.

Denny is one of Hanover's hidden treasures.

*Deacon Norris Cramer*



### September Weekly Happenings

Prayer Circle—Mondays, 8:30am  
 JB's Café—Tuesdays, 10am-1pm  
 Zumba—Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6pm—7pm  
 Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10am  
 High Noon at Hanover—Wednesdays, 12pm  
 Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8am  
 Mid-Week Fellowship—Thursdays, 5:30pm  
 Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm

### September Zoom Groups & Meetings

Deacons: Tuesday, September 7, 6pm  
 JSC Board: Tuesday, September 7, 7pm  
 Faith in Action: Thursday, September 9, 5pm  
 Invitational Team: Monday, September 13, 4:30pm  
 Worship Committee: Tuesday, September 14, 1:15pm  
 Staff Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 12pm  
 Session: Tuesday, September 21, 7pm  
 Article deadline for October Herald:  
 Friday, September 24

## Looking ahead in October . . .



Ready for another “pop up event at Hanover?” On **Saturday, October 2 from 10am-2pm** we will be holding a “Sidewalk Super Sale.” Please don’t get excited and think that you can finally bring all that stuff you have been saving in to church. This sale is to clear out our various storage nooks and crannies so that we will have room next year to accept things for our usual sale in May. We have been holding things for over a year, and now is the time to get it moved out. The sale will take place on Baynard Boulevard. We have quite a bit of new things as well as gently-used items. We are looking forward to a beautiful fall day – just right for browsing and buying. If anyone is interested in lending a hand, please give Becky (302-584-0356) or Ellen (302-276-7047) a call. Thanks for your support!



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