

*Well I don't know why I came here tonight.  
I've got the feeling that something ain't right.  
I'm so scared in case I fall off my chair,  
And I'm wondering how I'll get down the stairs.*

*Here I am stuck in the middle with you.  
Yes I'm stuck in the middle with you,  
And I'm wondering what it is I should do.*

*Trying to make some sense of it all  
But I see it makes no sense at all.  
Is it cool to go to sleep on the floor?  
I don't think that I can take anymore.*

*Here I am stuck in the middle with you.  
Yes I'm stuck in the middle with you,  
And I'm wondering what it is I should do.*

If you remember 1972, then you might remember the hit song "Stuck in the Middle with You". I daresay, however, it will stretch your synapses to recall the band that recorded the song: Stealers Wheel. Soon after recording their first album the members of the band went their own ways.

The song is a parody of a music industry cocktail party. It captures the disorienting sense when you don't know where you are, how you got there, the people in the room, and, most importantly, what is expected of you. The saving grace for the narrator/singer is that, although stuck in the middle, he is so with someone who understands and supports him. [CLICK HERE](#) to hear the song.

Well, I've never been to a music industry cocktail party, but I think I know a little about how it feels to be stuck in the middle.

Together, we entered the pandemic in March of 2020. How could we possibly have imagined that 19 months later we would still be stuck in the middle.

We share the sense that something ain't right.

We remain filled with fear and wonder.

We still can't seem to make any sense of this all.

We continue to wrestle with what is the best response.

And I imagine that, at moments, we all wonder whether we can take anymore.

To my sister and brother saints, even as we continue to struggle with feeling stuck in the middle, let us offer our praise and thanksgiving that we are stuck in the middle together – with one another. The good news in the midst of our mayhem is that God offers us the gift of community in this time of uncertainty, fear, and exhaustion. By the grace of God, none of us need go this journey alone.

I praise God not for being stuck in the disorienting middle; I praise God for being stuck in the middle with you.

Peace,  
Andy

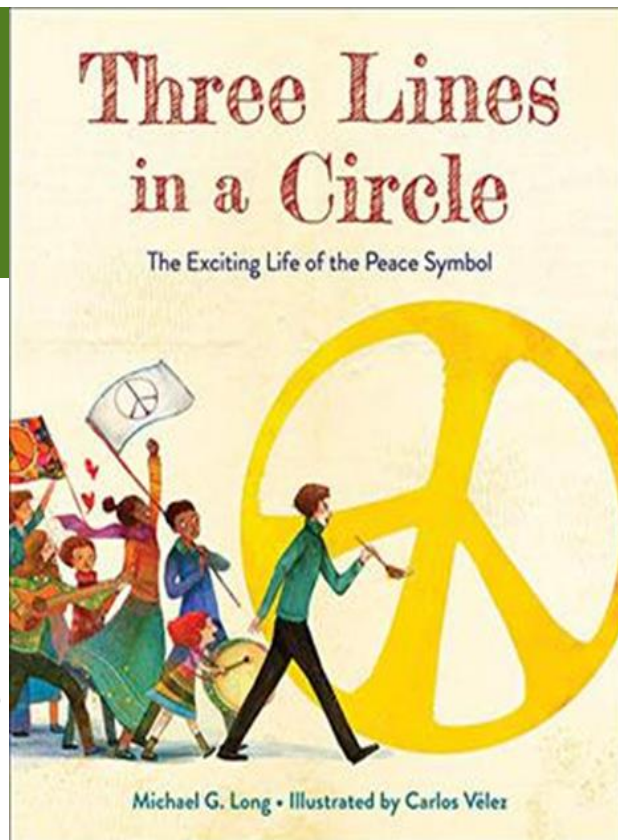


## Community Sunday

October 3, 2021

9:30am—via Zoom

On Sunday, October 3, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and receive our Peace & Global Witness Offering, we will hold our intergenerational Community Sunday gathering via zoom at 9:30am. This month we will be reading Three Lines in a Circle by Michael G. Long & illustrated by Carlos Vélez. Three Lines in a Circle recounts the story of the peace sign and its endurance as a symbol for peace. May its message be a reminder and an inspiration for all children and adults working to create meaningful change in a world clamoring for justice and peace for all of God's children. It is also a wonderful way to kick off Peace Week Delaware ~ October 2-10. Hope to see you on Zoom! Look for the link in the weekly edition of *The Scoop!*



## The Ordination/Installation of Brooke A. Scott

**Saturday, October 16; 10:00 am**

Church on Main, 44 West Main St., Middletown, DE 19709

It will be held in person and also have Zoom coverage.

You need to RSVP your attendance for both. [CLICK HERE](#) or go to:

<https://newcastlepresbytery.breezechms.com/form/72281f>

Once they receive your reservation, you will be sent a Zoom link the day before the event.

It is with disappointed, yet discerning hearts that the Executive Board of the Female Harmony Society have decided to cancel the Fall Tea scheduled for Saturday, October 23. The COVID situation is still too precarious to risk the health of our members and friends. We look forward to the day we can safely again sip tea, snack on cookies and sandwiches, and fellowship together around beautifully-decorated tables. Stay well and safe, everyone!

~ Nancy Long, FHS President

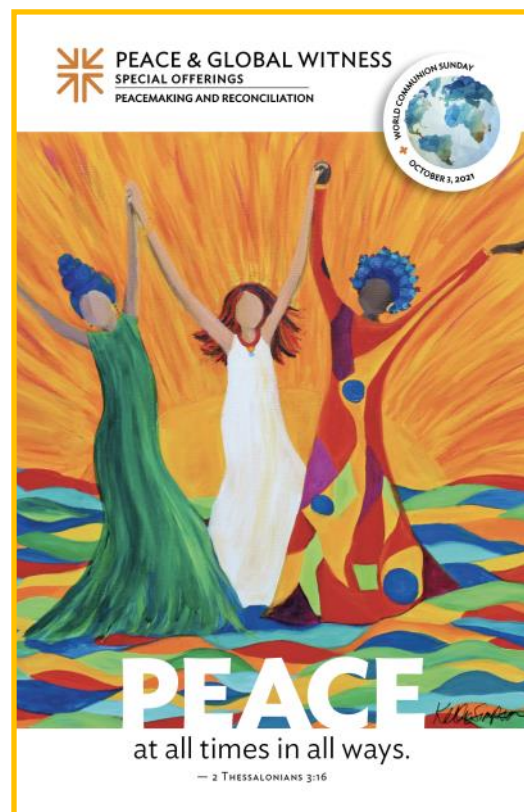


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## Peace and Global Witness Offering

The Peace and Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice here and around the world. Fifty percent goes to the national church. Here's one story about how this money has been used. Last year Tom Elander participated in a travel study seminar to the Mexican border designed to help people get a better understanding of the real world impact of migration and immigration law. The seminar included not only information, but a chance to put hands to work. Tom said, "I walked away with a much greater appreciation for how difficult life is for many people from Mexico and Central America. And how often they look to the US as a beacon of hope to help them escape the misery of their lives whether from poverty, violence, lack of education, or lack of opportunity Tom's first-hand experience at the border has emboldened him to speak out about this issue wherever and whenever necessary.

Twenty-five percent of the offering is used at the regional level and we keep twenty-five percent to use locally. Our portion will be used to help assist Afghan refugees coming to our area. As you know Hanover is one of a group of local churches whose members are helping these refugee families. Envelopes are available at the church or you can mail a check to the church and write Peace and Global Witness Offering on the memo line. You can also give online at [Specialofferings.pcusa.org](http://Specialofferings.pcusa.org), but be sure to scroll down to list Hanover as your congregation. Thank you for whatever you can give. It will make a difference.



## REFUGEE FAMILY ASSISTANCE

We have an opportunity to help establish an Afghan refugee family in the Wilmington area. Friendship House has provided one of their transitional housing units, which is fully furnished. At some point the family will have to move, and we will let you know what is needed for permanent housing when that time comes. Initially we are working in partnership with members from several other congregations and Jewish Family Service to collect funds and items and funds.

Gift cards from Costco, BJ's, Aldi, Shoprite, Acme, Target, Walmart, Bed, Bath, and Beyond are most helpful as well as any area restaurants. If you'd like to give more specifically, there are lists available.

If you have questions, please contact Bill Getman at: [wfgetman55@gmail.com](mailto:wfgetman55@gmail.com).

If you're interested in helping as a volunteer, here is the link to the volunteer registration form: <http://bttr.im/p1bs2>.





Our Pop up Super Sidewalk Sale is on **Saturday, October 2, from 10am-2pm**. Since COVID threw us a curve ball as far as our usual Super Sale went, we couldn't let this year go by without some sort of "event." We'll be taking to the sidewalk on Baynard Blvd. Tables will be filled with those ever popular bargains that we always have. You know we probably have just what you've been looking for but didn't know it. JB'S Café will be open for lunch and we are anticipating a pretty fall day. So come on down to Hanover and be a part of a "new" Hanover experience!

*Later in October we are going to try our hand at an online auction to help support Hanover. We already have some really nice things, and some one-of-a-kind, unique items. Look forward to more information to be shared soon.*



**Tuesdays 7:30am (coffee and muffins) til 1:00pm**  
**CALL AHEAD TO ORDER – 302-584-0356**  
**Proceeds go to the Ministries of Hanover Church**

#### **MENU**

ALL BEEF HOTDOG \$1.50  
 w/chili and/or cheese 2.00  
 ALL BEEF SAUSAGE 2.00  
 BEEF BURGER (w/cheese -.50) 2.00  
 TURKEY BURGER (w/cheese -.50) 2.00  
 VEGGIE BURGER 2.00  
 BEEF CHEESESTEAK (mushrooms, onions, peppers) 4.00  
 TURKEY CLUB SANDWICH (bacon, lettuce, tomato) 3.00  
 TURKEY REUBEN (turkey, sauerkraut, swiss cheese ) 3.00  
 CHICKEN SALAD WRAP 3.00  
 MEATBALL SANDWICH 3.00  
 SODAS/WATER 1.00 CHIPS .50  
 WATER ICE (Cherry, Lemon) 1.00  
 ICE CREAM (Cup or Cone) Flavors of the Day 1.50

JB'S Café starts call ahead for take out service! Perfect for people who are on a schedule and need to pick up a quick lunch to go. Give us a call at 302-584-0356 and we will have your order ready for you to pickup and no waiting in line. For those who have time for a more leisurely lunchtime, our tables will be up and there is plenty of room for all! Come on over to JB's to enjoy the view of Brandywine Park in the fall – the trees are turning and the colors of their leaves are always beautiful. Don't think that just because the weather will be getting cooler we will be closing down – keep tuned to see when we will be setting up shop in the Gathering Place on Tuesdays with some new menu items for you to try. JB's Café is a year-round event!



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! To see all the events and register, go to: [www.peaceweekdelaware.org](http://www.peaceweekdelaware.org).

Hanover's event will take place on the last day, **Sunday, 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.

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.

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 (302) 429-0607; [alicewilm@gmail.com](mailto:alicewilm@gmail.com)

**Looking for a way to serve?** Here are our committees, a brief description of their role, and who to contact if you're interested in helping!

**Black History Month:** handles programming for our Black History Month celebrations

Contact: George Turner: [gturner404@comcast.net](mailto:gturner404@comcast.net)

**Church Life:** events that enhance our social life here at church; Fellowship Hours, dinners, etc.

Contact: Becky Arnold: [beckyntim@comcast.net](mailto:beckyntim@comcast.net)

**Deacons:** a caring ministry for our members & friends; phone calls, cards, checking in with others

Contact: Tim Arnold: [beckyntim@comcast.net](mailto:beckyntim@comcast.net)

**Discipleship:** the spiritual education for all generations of people

Contact: Jeff Long: [j2long@comcast.net](mailto:j2long@comcast.net)

**Earth Care Partners:** educational programs, recycling, service projects

Contact: Pastor Andy: [pastor@hanoverchurch.org](mailto:pastor@hanoverchurch.org)

**Faith in Action:** social justice issues, Ungifts, special mission offerings

Contact: Alice Davis: [alicewilm@gmail.com](mailto:alicewilm@gmail.com)

**Finance:** all issues that deal with managing our money; balancing budgets; handling investments

Contact: Ellen Casson: [ellenc4000@cs.com](mailto:ellenc4000@cs.com)

**Personnel:** to care for and evaluate our staff to keep us running smoothly

Contact: Jude Harlan: [Judith.h.quinn@gmail.com](mailto:Judith.h.quinn@gmail.com)

**Property:** caring for our property; building improvements & renovations

Contact: Bill Balascio: [wbalascio@gmail.com](mailto:wbalascio@gmail.com)

**Session:** our governing body that makes and approves decisions for Hanover

Contact: Pastor Andy: [pastor@hanoverchurch.org](mailto:pastor@hanoverchurch.org)

**Stewardship:** raising the funds necessary

Contact: Ray Kirkpatrick: [nupo1@aol.com](mailto:nupo1@aol.com)

**Worship:** prepares worship experiences—planning, scheduling, communion, etc.

Contact: Eloise Downing: [elodowning@gmail.com](mailto:elodowning@gmail.com)



## Happy Birthday, Hanover!



October 24, 2021 is our 249th birthday! It may seem a strange birthday to celebrate, but it is actually significant. It gives us an excuse to call attention to something more because every birthday is also the start of a new year.

And so . . . we are getting ready to celebrate 250 years of Hanover!

The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee has a very special year planned, and it begins in January. We have several major events; please mark your calendars for:

January 9: Opening Celebration: Our Founding

March 27: The Female Harmony Society

May 22: Our Commitment to Justice

September 25: Our Partnerships and The Community Hub

October 16: Worshiping through the Arts at Hanover

October 22: Celebratory Banquet at Porky Oliver's

October 23: Where Do We Go From Here?

The committee includes:

Cherise Alexander, Tim Arnold, Eloise Downing, Twyla Evitts, Stephanie Hinson, Ruth Howell, Andy Jacob, Nancy Long, George Turner.

## Creation Care Matters



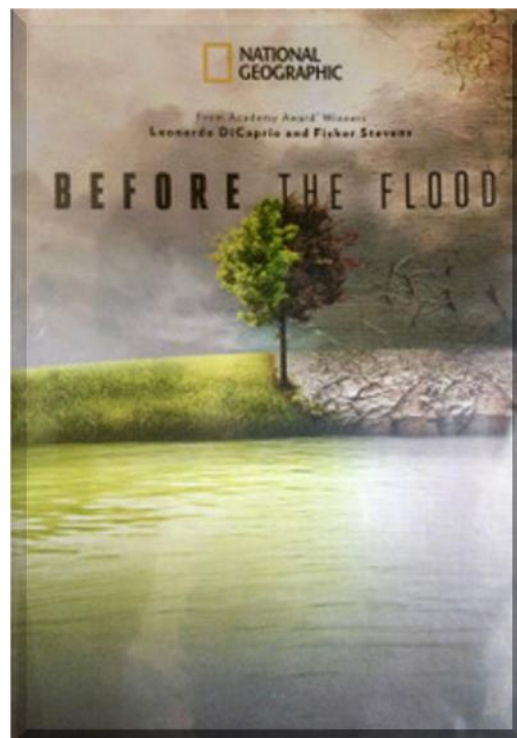
### HANOVER MOVIE DISCUSSION

Join us on Sunday, November 14 for Hanover's movie screening and discussion of **Leonardo DiCaprio's *BEFORE THE FLOOD***. (We will decide later if it will be in person after church or via zoom at 4 p.m.)

As an Earth Care Congregation we need to continue to stay informed about climate change, the most pressing challenge of our time, and what we can do to curtail it. The film follows DiCaprio as he travels to five continents and the Arctic speaking to scientists, world leaders, activists and local residents to gain a deeper understanding of this complex issue. Core issues represented in his journey are fossil fuels, methane gas, palm oil, geopolitical landscape and the US political landscape.

Before the Flood presents a captivating account of the dramatic changes now occurring around the world due to climate change and what we can do about it. It is a "MUST SEE" for anyone concerned about this issue.

For more information, contact Maggie Alexander:  
Maggiea10@verizon.net





*A great way to  
stay  
connected*

The Deacons wish to thank everyone connected to this year's lunch. We are grateful that so many could take part. We hope that 2022 will allow us to once more have a full gathering at Hanover. We offer special thanks to Becky Arnold, Twyla Evitts and Herm Pulliam for helping pull it together. And though in 2020 and 2021 we were unable to celebrate new members, we offer this traditional message:

Each year as we celebrate the meaning of membership at the Deacons' Luncheon, we pause to lift up those who have been members for 50 years and more. Believing that we are a part of the Church Universal, we recognize and rejoice no less with those who have been members of any Christian fellowship for 50 years or more. And, as always, we share in the joy of belonging - no matter for how long! May God continue to bless our belonging, and the 18th and Baynard body!

## 50+ Years Members

Ruth Howell—77 years  
 Thelma Meginniss—76 years  
 Nancy Palmer—76 years  
 Peg Green—71 years  
 Hilda Johnson—68 years  
 Jean Gross—68 years  
 Denny Schreyer—68 years  
 Julie Davis 68—years  
 Ralph Fortney—63 years  
 Peg Showalter—63 years  
 B.J. Kennedy—63 years  
 Norma Reid—63 years  
 Becky Arnold—58 years  
 Art Werner—58 years  
 Lee Buckley—53 years



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



“Ah, September! You are the doorway to the season that awakens my soul... but I must confess that I love you only because you are a prelude to my beloved October.”

~ Peggy Toney Horton

### October 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  
 Pickleball—Fridays, 1:30pm  
 Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm

### October Zoom Groups & Meetings

Worship Committee: Tuesday, October 5, 1:15pm  
 Deacons: Tuesday, October 5, 6pm  
 JSC Board: Tuesday, October 5, 7pm  
 Finance: Wednesday, October 6, 7pm  
 Faith in Action: Thursday, October 14, 5pm  
 Session: Tuesday, October 19, 7pm  
 Article deadline for November Herald:  
 Friday, October 29

## Looking ahead in November . . .

**All Saints Day**  
**Stewardship Sunday**  
**Turkey Baskets**  
**Thanksgiving**



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 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HanoverPresbyterian/>



### Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Andy Jacob  
 Commissioned Ruling Elder: Tim Arnold  
 Organizing Pastor: Brooke Scott  
 Church Administrator/Minister of Music: Twyla Evitts  
 Sexton: Herman Pulliam  
 Child care: Jerri Harmon-Matthews  
 Office Volunteers: Alice Cornelius, Ruth Howell,  
 Katie Leep, Walter Scott, George Turner