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Hanover The HERALD

Hanover Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, Delaware

November 2021

Dear Hanover Saints,

Special greetings in this season of gratitude and thanksgiving. As we make the transition from light in the evening to light in the morning, from green leaves to flaming leaves, from air conditioners to boilers, from rakes to shovels, and from orange pumpkins to green trees, I offer these words of wisdom, meaning, and purpose.

If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough. Meister Eckhart

For me, every hour is grace. And I feel gratitude in my heart each time I can meet someone and look at his or her smile. Elie Wiesel

Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. Maya Angelou

When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around. Willie Nelson

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. John F. Kennedy

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other as is though everything is a miracle. Albert Einstein

It is not happy people who are thankful. It is thankful people who are happy. Unknown

Are we going to have a prayer? It's Thanksgiving, you know. Peppermint Patty, 'A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving'.

Thank you, Peppermint Patty, and yes indeed: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 4:4-7

In this season of gratitude, may the blessings of God - Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer - surround you and abound within you.

Peace,

Andy



Stewardship Prelude and Reminder—Recently, a letter went out with information about the annual stewardship campaign, so watch your mailboxes! In short, we will receive and bless our 2022 pledge cards on **Sunday, November 14** in worship. The Stewardship Committee will lead our service that day with a multi-media presentation about the virtues, values, and impact of our giving. In the meantime, you are encouraged to send in your pledge card if you are not able to be in worship. Most of all, may God bless all that each offers; that, together, it would provide the needed sustenance for all of our ministries.

Q & A with Rev. Brooke Scott! She will be with us on **Sunday, November 21**, and following the service we'll have a question and answer time with her. Come to worship, and then stay for fellowship and the chance to get to talk with her.



November is bringing with it the most wonderful musical news!

Our All Saints Service on **Sunday, November 7**, we'll have as a special guest Karen Covey Moore and her Native American flutes. It will be a truly beautiful tribute service to those saints who have gone before us.

Singing in the sanctuary is back! The Hanover Choir will be back and leading worship services on **Sunday, November 14**. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Tuesday, November 23, 7PM, we will be watching our pre-recorded service for our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the 9th Ward. It will be a wonderful mixture of readings, lessons, and music from our community houses of worship. Look for the link coming out in The Scoop and in your email inbox!

Congregational singing will begin on **Sunday, November 28**, and you can be assured that we are keeping our Covid-19 precautions in place so that we are as safe as possible. We are truly so excited and have been waiting for this day for over a year and a half.

Sunday, November 28, 3PM—Holiday Brass Concert—please join us for a free concert to get inspired this season. Dave Harris and the Newark Community Band will be here at Hanover—it will definitely be a musical treat!



A heads up for our candlelight Christmas Eve service this year—it will be on **Friday, December 24, 5PM** service, with special prelude music beginning at **4:45PM**. We are hoping that the earlier time will help more people be able to juggle church, family, and friends on this holiest of days.

As in all things,

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

Twyla



Daylight Saving Time

Saturday, November 6

set your clocks back one hour!

What's Happening in the

Food Pantry – Hanover's Food Pantry will again be partnering with the BTL Foundation to provide 100 turkeys and bags of food for Thanksgiving this year. **Needed food donations** are canned **vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix and gravy and pies**. As in previous years, we will be meeting in the Gathering Place after church on Sunday, November 21 to fill the bags for distribution on Monday, Nov. 22.

Clothing Closet — When the state of emergency was declared in March 2020, we closed down the weekly Wednesday operation of our Clothes Closet. Although it remains closed to this day, we rejoice in reporting that re-opening is now on the near horizon.

Resuming our ministry that responds to Matthew's command to "clothe the naked" has taken extra time because of the renovations in the Gathering Place. In its previous incarnation, the Clothes Closet occupied the majority of the Gathering Place all the time. One of the hopes and goals of renewing the Gathering Place was that it would be feasible and easy to host a large variety of ministries and programs, especially ones that involved our established partner, the Jefferson Street Center.

In the spirit of that partnership, a task group was formed with members from Hanover and JSC to discuss, discern, and then propose a way to continue the Clothes Closet while also ensuring that the space would remain flexible and available for other groups. By the grace of God, that group is in its' final stages and preparing to present a proposal to the Board of Directors of JSC and the Hanover Session. In short, the "footprint" during the week for the Clothes Closet will be greatly reduced by having racks and tables on wheels so each week they can be stored in a smaller area. In preparation for opening each week, the racks will be spaced throughout the room for the time the Closet is open, and then consolidated again when it closes. Watch for updates about the specific opening date for the Clothing Closet!

Refugee family support—Hanover has joined in with various other congregations in receiving and sponsoring an Afghan family. We welcomed a woman and her one year old son, and the father is still in the Middle East but hopes to join them soon. They are in need of furnishings for their apartment. Things will need to be on the smaller side as the apartment is on the third floor and has a narrow stairwell. Here is a message from Bill Getman, who is from First and Central and coordinating our efforts:

Here's what we need: a dress, night stand, several lamps, a small couch, an end table, and a smart TV. I think we have everything for right now, but won't know for sure until we get things set up. As always, gift cards from Target, Walmart, and grocery stores are the most helpful. Thank you!

There will also be a great need for assistance with transportation. Especially in the beginning there will be many appointments and errands involved in getting settled. Only those who have completed a security clearance may be with the family directly. If you are interested in completing the process to be cleared, please call the church office.





WANTED: CANDIDATES for \$1000 ENSLEN SCHOLARSHIP

Marybell Ensen was a devoted member of the Female Harmony Society who believed in the power of education, particularly continuing above high school and college. Her family created The Marybell Ensen Memorial Scholarship in her honor. One \$1000 scholarship is offered each year for a post-graduate program leading to a degree or professional certification that will help the recipient 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. The application is posted at www.femaleharmonysociety.org or available by contacting Maggie Alexander, (MaggieA10@verizon.net, or 302-521-6611.) Last year no one applied for the scholarship. Please share this opportunity with your family and friends.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is hosting Dr. Nate Stuckey, Director of the Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary, to speak on Sunday, November 7, 10AM. He will speak about the project and how the very first stories in scripture connect creation and humans' through God's grace. For more information, go to:

<https://view.publitas.com/westminster/chimes-octnov2021/page/8-9>



We have had a wonderful time at the Café this past spring, summer and fall. Our following continues to grow, and we are looking forward to moving inside to the Gathering Place on **Tuesday, November 9**. Breakfast is from 8-10am and lunch continues until 1pm. Our menu will be much the same with the addition of soups, salads and smoothies. We hope our customers will come on in out of the cold to enjoy the warmth of Hanover's hospitality!

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!

Look What We Did!

Open Streets Event on Baynard Boulevard a Success!



Jefferson Street Center served as the community partner for the Open Streets event, held on October 16th. [Open Streets](#) is a health and wellness event that provides space for people to run, walk, and bike on a closed street. There were resource tables set up along Baynard, between 18th and Concord, with activities for children and adults. Hanover and JSC had tables out in front of the church, and the volunteers covering the tables enjoyed interacting with all the folks out and about.

We heard through the grapevine that this was the BEST Open Streets event ever, or could it be that some of us are a bit biased? It surely had variety. There was music playing, weight lifting, children playing chess, jumping rope, bouncing in the bounce house, and riding scooters. The Urban Bike Project was on full display. People were walking their dogs and enjoying meeting people they knew and people they didn't. At the JSC table, we asked children and adults to write down what community means to them. The children seemed especially excited about participating and wrote things like "love" and "a group of nice people" and "people helping others." It was awesome!



Super Sidewalk Sale – and super it was! It was a beautiful fall day and the Boulevard was humming with neighbors finding "treasures" as they always do. When the dust settled, we made about \$1600. Put that together with our Easter Egg sale and plant sale in the spring, and we almost have the same amount of money raised at our one day fundraiser. There may be one more "sale" around the corner before the end of the year, so keep tuned to find out about that one. Thank you one and all for your support of these many projects!

Hanover's 249th Birthday! On Sunday, October 24, we celebrated 249 years of Hanover Presbyterian Church! We are now headed into 250 years (a "semiquincentennial" celebration!) of worshiping God and serving the community. Our opening 2022 celebration will be on Sunday, January 9—mark your calendars and plan on a wonderful day here at Hanover!

Annual Reports—Our 2020 annual reports are in the back of the church and in the Church Office. Pick one up and read up on all that went on here at Hanover, even as we dealt with the pandemic.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Member Profile: Rev. Nona Holy

Because we experience him nearly every Sunday in worship, likely we have a sense of what Pastor Andy is all about. Many Sundays, when not serving another congregation, Andy's spouse, Nona Holy, is also with us in worship. So, if you have ever wanted to know more about her...



Nona was born in Houston, Texas to an Exxon accountant and schoolteacher. Because of her dad's job, she also lived in California, Tennessee, and North Carolina in her earliest years. In 3rd grade her family moved back to Houston, where she spent the rest of her academic years. Her passion in high school was leading the production of school plays as a member of the drama club.

She got her undergraduate degree at Trinity University (San Antonio), and then went to Portland, Oregon where she spent a year as a Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer in Mission. From there she went to McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois where she earned her Master of Divinity degree. From there it was to Parma Heights, Ohio where she was called to serve as an Associate Pastor at Parma South Presbyterian Church.

After serving the congregation for seven years she accepted a call to serve as an Associate Presbyter for Leadership Development in the Presbytery of the Western Reserve (Cleveland, OH). Somewhere, in the midst of all this, Pastor Andy followed her to Cleveland, and they were married.

In 2004 Nona became a full-time mom with the birth of Christopher. In 2008 she gave birth to Jonathan, and six weeks later moved to Wilmington - that's a much longer story! Soon after arriving, she was called to serve as the Presbyterian Campus Pastor of the University of Delaware, fulfilling a long-time dream of working with college age students. She rejoices in that role to this day. Along the way she has also continued to serve other congregations in our Presbytery as a bridge pastor, as well as being the staff associate for the Ignite Committee.

Nona loves nothing more than settling in with an enjoyable book, burning the midnight oil over a good puzzle, camping on the coast of Maine, preparing and consuming new and exotic foods, and spending quiet (nap) time with the family's beloved canine companion, Stevie. ~ Deacon Jerri Harmon-Matthews



Sunday, November 21—our deacons will be giving each family a bag of yummy cookies to take home following the service—be on the lookout!

The best way to have a friend
is to be one.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Heavenly Humor



Creation Care Matters



Reducing Our Footprint

For more than a generation, the Hanover saints have been committed to working for ecological justice. Whether you call it earth care or creation care, the goal is the same: to intentionally alter our behaviors and habits in using our natural resources so that we might reduce the level of damage to which we are subjecting God's creation.

Speaking of generations, last year our younger ones initiated and led a process that led to Hanover being designated an Earth Care Congregation with our denomination. The process required research into our current use of energy, and then the creation of a specific comprehensive plan to reduce the church's carbon footprint (the measure of our toll on the earth's resources). The plan was reviewed and approved by the Session, and the approval came last spring.

One of the products of the plan was the completion of an energy audit. In partnership with Delaware Interfaith Power and Light, we underwent a comprehensive audit that examined our energy use in great depth. The result: a thirty-page document that includes specific recommendations to reduce our carbon footprint in both the long and short range – including projected savings in energy costs!

There were four central recommendations; one of them being the conversion of the lighting in the church to LED powered bulbs and tubes. In response, the young adult "green group", our Sexton Herman, the Property Committee, and the Session are already in conversations about how we can begin this conversion. Watch the Scoop and the Herald for updates as the work progresses...

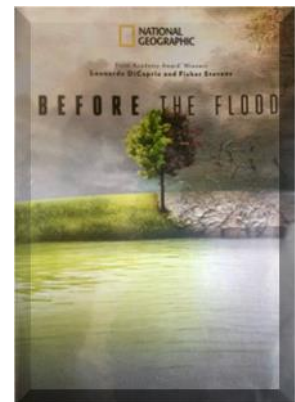
May God bless our efforts to be faithful stewards of all that God has blessed us to care for.

HANOVER MOVIE DISCUSSION

Join us on after church on **Sunday, November 14** for Hanover's movie screening and discussion of Leonardo DiCaprio's **BEFORE THE FLOOD**. Bring your lunch from home. Tables will be set up in the church school hall so that we can spread out to eat. We will view the film in the church school hall as well.

DiCaprio tells us that "We are quickly running out of time," and that the time to act on climate change is **NOW**. Watch the film and view the damage DiCaprio sees as he journeys across five continents. Find out how he plans to act on climate change and what we can do about it.

Before the Flood is a "MUST SEE" for anyone interested in the issue of climate change. We hope you will join us. For more information, contact Maggie Alexander: Maggiea10@verizon.net



Our recycling program of number 2, number 4, and number 5 plastic to EcoPlastics Delaware is going well. We are hoping to drop off twice as much next time, so please bring us your plastic on Sunday morning, and then Monday—Thursday from 8am—5pm. Just ring the bell on the Jefferson St. entrance. Better yet, bring it on Tuesday and stay for lunch at J. B.'s Café!



"Welcome sweet November, the season of senses and my favorite month of all." ~ Gregory F. Lenz

November Weekly Happenings

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

November Zoom Groups & Meetings

Deacons: Tuesday, November 2, 6pm
 JSC Board: Tuesday, November 2, 7pm
 Worship Committee: Tuesday, November 9, 1:15pm
 Faith in Action: Thursday, November 11, 5pm
 250 Committee: Monday, November 15, 7pm
 Session: Tuesday, November 16, 7pm
 Article deadline for December Herald:
 Monday, November 22

November Special Dates

Sunday, Nov. 7—All Saints' Day service
 Sunday, Nov. 14—Stewardship Sunday
 "Before The Flood" screening/discussion
 Sunday, Nov. 21—Deacon Cookies
 Q & A Forum with Rev. Brooke Scott
 Monday, Nov. 22—Thanksgiving Baskets
 Tuesday, Nov. 23—Special Food Pantry date, 8-10am
 Tuesday, Nov. 23—Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7pm
 YouTube Premiere Event
 Thursday, Nov. 25—Thanksgiving Day—Office closed
 Sunday, Nov. 28—Holiday Brass Concert, 3pm

Looking ahead in December . . .

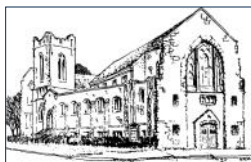
Greening of the Sanctuary - Saturday, December 4; 10am— We'll meet in the sanctuary to decorate for Christmas. Masks required. Many thanks!



Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, December 5, immediately after worship in the sanctuary. Agenda: election of elders, deacons & nominating committee member; approval of the pastor's 2022 terms of call.

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