

Dear Hanover Saints,

In solidarity with the great majority of the world, my heart aches for the people of Ukraine. The images are unbearable, the rhetoric is frightful, and the future is darkly clouded. The violence and destruction being thrust upon the people of Ukraine is difficult to comprehend and defies imagination.

As people of faith, we too have a narrative that is difficult to comprehend and defies imagination. Our collective story, however, serves as a direct counter to the oppression and injustice we are witnessing in Eastern Europe. In our narrative...

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:6-9)

Whereas the story playing out in Ukraine is so difficult to comprehend because it is so utterly evil, the story in our scriptures is so difficult to comprehend because it is so glorious. The glory, grace, and goodness God's promise leaves us at a loss because it is so very different than anything we experience in this life.

In our narrative: there are no hunters and no prey; no weak and no strong; there is enough food for everyone, and it is shared equally; and there is no hurt, harm, or danger. The prophet Isaiah summarizes the day of promise by saying "the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord..."

How we act and react is based upon what we know. And what we know is the result of what we've been taught. If you want to see what a world filled with the knowledge of conquest looks like, turn on your television and open your apps. This day, you will find unbearable images of what happens when we study, learn, and practice conquest.

This day, I am more than ever committed to the Biblical narrative. This day, I choose to expand my comprehension and stretch my imagination in order to defeat incomprehensible and unimaginable evil. This day, I choose a different song...

*Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside;
Gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
Ain't gonna study war no more.*

*I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
Study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
Study war no more.*

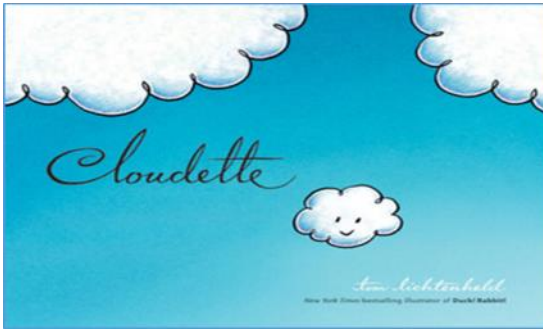
May God bless our knowledge; that it would lead to incomprehensible and unimaginable glory, grace, goodness, and...

Peace,

Andy



From The Pastor's Pen

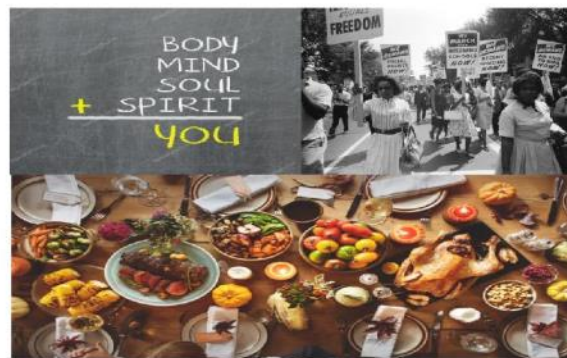


Community Sunday

Sunday, March 6

9:45 a.m.

The story for our intergenerational Community Sunday Discipleship class is *Cloudette* by author and illustrator Tom Lichtenheld. What fun it is to discover a book that complements Pastor Andy's Lenten theme of clouds! *Cloudette* is a charming story about a tiny cloud that finds her purpose. While the book is intended for young children, folks of all ages will pick up on the lesson that no matter how small/young or whoever you are, you can help and make a difference. We also may even learn a thing or two about clouds! Our time together will be both in-person in the Church School Hall and here [on Zoom](#). Please plan to join us Sunday, March 6 at 9:45 a.m., as we begin our Discipleship Lenten journey. A biblical version of *Cloudette* can be found in 1 Kings 18:42-48: *And sure enough, the seventh time he said, "Oh yes, a cloud! But very small, no bigger than someone's hand, rising out of the sea."* (The Message)



Are you:

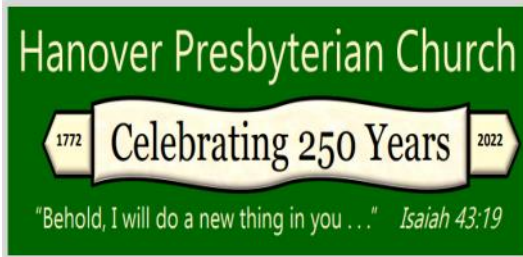
- Searching for community?
- Spiritual but not religious?
- Passionate about social justice?

-Would you consider yourself a skeptic, mystic,
Spiritual wanderer, rebel, or someone with no faith tradition at all?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, we would love to hear from you!

For the next four weeks join us via Zoom on Tuesdays 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 between 4-6pm EST to join like-minded people in planning a spiritual space made just for you! Drop in and out as you are able.

If you or someone you know is interested, please request the Zoom link from Rev. Brooke Scott (she/her) of Hanover Presbyterian Church - bscott@hanoverchurch.org



“Hanover, the Second Great Awakening, Female Harmony Society and Education”

~ Tim Arnold, 250 Committee

It's 1814 and the country is fighting the War of 1812. It is an unpopular war in sections of the country. One day it will be known as the Second American Revolution, but at this point it has not been going well, and it will soon get worse when England's army burns the Capitol and the White House. The war emphasizes differences with native Americans and that trouble will continue throughout the nineteenth century. The hope of an end to slavery is clearly not happening right now. The Civil War is almost 50 years in the future and 208 years later its shadow remains.

Political parties are obviously here for good, to the dismay of George Washington, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Ironically, Jefferson's wish to avoid them is in conflict with the steps he takes to have the country develop as he wishes.

Voting is open to all white men with property. Universal suffrage for men is coming, but is more than a century off for women. The economy is suffering as the country faces the crises of a lack of gold and silver. Alexander Hamilton, the Founder of the Nation's Financial System died in a duel 10 years previously.

As bad as everything seems, 1814 will see signs of a “new thing” coming; even if slowly. This “new thing” is a religious revival, and it will be very important to Hanover. The saints of Hanover currently call their church “Christiana Presbyterian.” Located on Walnut and Queen (now East 5th) it becomes a focal point for the Second Great Awakening. This “Awakening” began in New England in the 1790s, and will continue into the 1830s. It will signal a growth in church membership and lead to demands for such social reforms as temperance, the abolition of slavery, and women's rights.

In June, Christiana's pastor, Dr. Read, invites two noted evangelists, Rev. James Patterson and Dr. Blackburn, to preach. They are well received and the movement spreads to the Methodist, Episcopalian, and Baptist churches. On July 4th many decide to turn from parties to “solemn and grateful worship of God.” There is worship at Christiana in the morning, with the Baptists in the afternoon and with the Methodists at night.

In July of 1814, women of the church form the Female Harmony Society. It starts by forming a Sabbath school in October and in 1815 a free day school for children. They petitioned the legislature for funding to educate poor children. They persist until funding of 20 cents a year is allocated in 1820. In 1818 the Society erected a building next to the church of 5th Street. Here is the forerunner to Delaware's public school system.

Organized by the women of the church “for the purpose of prayer, mutual instruction and Christian Labor”, the Female Harmony Society remains active to today. Education remains very important to Hanover. We know the Sabbath school as Sunday School and has been constant from year to year to today. Our Education Building was constructed in the 1950s and subsequently used as well such programs as Head Start, the Jefferson Street Child Center and today Open Arms Academy.

Hanover has been connected in other ways as well. Early on it was connected to Newark College, later to become the University of Delaware. Hanover's pastor Eliphat Wheeler Gilbert became an early, important president of Newark College.

Hanover remained a source of inspiration for others who entered into the ministry. This includes a number who were sponsored by Hanover and currently serve in New Castle Presbytery.

Some “new things” still remain.

Education, the Female Harmony Society and revivals are all part of Hanover's history. No matter how good or how bad the times, Hanover continues to seek to follow God's call.

Anyone ready for a third “Awakening?”

Our next 250 celebration:

Sunday, March 27, 11 a.m.

A New Thing: The Female Harmony Society

Who led the changes, how they happened, who was impacted, and the legacy that was created.



Got cookies?

Girl Scout Cookies?

Hi, I am Maricela, and I'm a junior girl scout of troop 60. My goal is to sell 600 boxes of cookies. If you would like to support my troop, but you don't want the cookies, or can't have the cookies, then you can either do Operation taste of home(AKA OTH), which is where you donate cookies to charities or military overseas. Or you could support healthcare workers by donating cookies to a hospital for the health care workers to nummy nummy num on. To donate to healthcare workers you write healthcare in the recipient box, and we will deliver them for you. Last year my troop collected over 200 boxes of cookies for health care workers! To do Operation Taste of Home, you can choose OTH from the cookie selection.

If you would like to buy cookies for yourself, we can do local in-person deliveries or ship anywhere in the country. You can use this link: <https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/scout/maricela328543> (please note that you are a Hanover Member next to your name). Please note, due to supply issues at the baker, some cookies are not available from the online site, BUT we can still get them to you. These cookies include Samoas, S'mores, and this year's New cookie, Adventurefuls: A crispy brownie with caramel drizzle and sprinkled with sea salt. Please email my mom, Malinda Alexander-Rosario, to order those. mmalexander@gmail.com

My troop is using the money to do an exchange trip and doing activities. Thank you for supporting my troop. ~Maricela

Eco Plastics

Eco Plastic Products of Delaware is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that recycles eligible plastic and transforms it into consumer products. Hanover has been collecting plastic since July 11, 2020. We have already explained why plastic needs to be recycled and that not everything that goes into recycling bins for curbside pickup actually gets recycled. We've told you that EcoPlastics currently collects clean and dry number 2 bags and plastic, number 4 bags and plastic, and number 5 plastic, and turns them into benches, picnic tables, sandboxes and other useful items.



Having recently taken a tour of Eco-Plastics there is much more to tell. Eco Plastic was founded in 2018 by Charlie Falletta and Jim Kelley who had worked together in the solar industry and had a common interest in saving the environment. The first bench was created in January of 2019. The process itself is very low-tech. Volunteers sort any plastic that hasn't been presorted. The plastic, sorted by color, is then ground into pellets. The pellets are melted and then poured into molds. The molds are dropped into cold water to cool. The plastic is then removed from the mold. We saw 2X4's and 2X6's being made. We saw what the mold looks like for the bench legs and what the leg itself looks like. We actually sat on some of the benches which were very comfortable.

Eco Plastics works to help the environment in other ways. Solar panels provide all the electricity needed to run the operation, including the office. It invests in people as well, by providing work to those who fit the full spectrum of human abilities and by donating products to unique charities such as Habitat for Humanity and Code Purple. If you want to help Eco Plastics make a difference, KEEP BRINGING YOUR PLASTIC TO CHURCH. You can also help by volunteering or joining Eco Plastics at www.ecoplasticproducts.org. For more information contact Maggie Alexander or Alice Davis.

What's Happening

with



THE FOOD PANTRY: We are looking forward to keeping the Cafe open in the Gathering Place for the month of March and are anticipating moving to our Sidewalk Cafe in April. We will still be serving breakfast from 8am-10am and lunch from 10am-1pm each Tuesday wherever we are. Join us when you can!

JB'S CAFÉ: The Food Pantry is running along quite smoothly. Lately we have been happy to be able to help several Afghan families who are moving into our area. Thanks to your donations we have plenty of food to provide "start up" supplies for all who need them.



EASTER EGGS: Easter Eggs will be arriving soon! Get your orders in early! We will begin production March 24 and have the eggs ready for delivery/pickup by Palm Sunday. Check out the flyer on page 7 for all the details! You can order by calling the Church Office or Becky Arnold.

UPDATE on the LITTLE FREE LIBRARY: Last month we told you that the Female Harmony Society was sponsoring a Little Free Library at the corner of 19th and Jefferson Streets, and that the library was built by Bill Tudor and decorated by Martha McFarland. If you were in church on Sunday, February 20th you probably saw the actual library. The Opening and Dedication Ceremony will take place on March 6th right after church. Join us at corner of 19th and Jefferson for a short ceremony.

For more information contact Maggie Alexander, Becky Arnold, Hillary Mohaupt, or Martha McFarland.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Our service will be prerecorded and emailed to you on Tuesday evening, March 1. If you would like to get this service and aren't sure if we have your email address, please call or email the office at:

(302) 658-5114; office@hanoverchurch.org

Sanctuary Chancel Window – Planning for Improvements

Have you admired the beautiful glass window in the center of the chancel in the Hanover sanctuary? Have you ever looked at that same window from outside on the 18th Street sidewalk and wondered where the window went? In fact, when you look at the church from the 18th Street sidewalk, Hanover looks like a very large vacant stone building, because the covering over the windows gives the impression the building is “boarded up” and closed.



There have been various efforts over the years to explore the removal of the Lexan coverings from the stained-glass windows around the church and make repairs where necessary. The cost estimate to address all the windows was prohibitive, but the windows in the church lounge, which were in the worst condition, were repaired and the Lexan coverings removed. The results were well worth the hard work of church volunteers and the money paid for professional restoration of the glass.

We are now exploring the possibility of removing the covering from the largest, most visible, and most important of all the Hanover windows, the chancel window on 18th Street. The Lexan covering was installed on all the church windows sometime in the early 1980s to protect the windows, but no one knew that it would become yellow and cloudy to the point that no one would be able to see the beauty of the windows from the outside.

Members of the property committee and Pastor Andy Jacob met with a representative from Willet Hauser Architectural Glass, Inc. While we had heard before that the coverings on the windows created an unhealthy environment for the leaded windows, this representative assured us that the chancel window was in excellent condition, despite the Lexan covering. He was also supportive of a “do-it-yourself” approach, and/or the use of a local contractor, to remove the covering, clean the window, and even do repairs to the wood frame and paint. He also stated the Hanover Willet window is one that the Willet Hauser company is most proud of, and they would never recommend removing the protective cover, if they thought it would harm the long-term preservation of the window.

The Hanover chancel window is painted glass that was designed by Anne Lee Willet, world renowned for her artistry. Anne Lee and William Willet married and formed the Willet Stained Glass and Decorating Co. in 1898 in Pittsburgh. The cornerstone for the new Hanover sanctuary was laid during ceremonies on Nov. 30, 1922 and was dedicated on Jan. 20, 1924, the same week in which Hanover belatedly celebrated its 150th Anniversary. On Oct. 9, 1927, the chancel memorial window, given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Porter, was dedicated. Thomas Porter was Hanover Sunday School Superintendent, and died in 1913. The Porters built the house next to the church in 1908, which later became the manse (home for the pastor). Mrs. Porter died in 1926, the year before the window was dedicated.

Stay tuned for more news from the property committee and the 250th Anniversary Committee on developments to remove the outside covering, and to share the beauty of the chancel window with those worshipping inside the church, and with the greater community outside the church.

~ Ellen Casson, Property Committee

Handmade Chocolate Easter Eggs



Ordering begins

March 1

**For pickup/delivery
on**

April 10, 2022

12-2PM

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 that were inspired by Port Penn Presbyterian.*

Orders due by Friday, April 1

Call Becky Arnold (584-0356) or Church Office (658-5444)



March Weekly Happenings

Prayer Circle—Mondays, 8:30am
 JB's Café—Tuesdays, 8am to 1pm
 Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10am to 11am
 Clothing Closet—Wednesdays, 10am to 1pm
 Choir rehearsal—Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm
 Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
 Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm to 7:30pm
 Worship—Sundays, 11am

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

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

— Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

March Meetings

Deacons: Tuesday, March 1, 6pm
 JSC Board: Tuesday, March 1, 7pm
 Worship Committee: Tuesday, March 8, 1:15pm
 Faith in Action: Thursday, March 10, 5:30pm
 Session: Tuesday, March 15, 7pm
 Article deadline for April Herald: Friday, March 25

Lent at Hanover

This Lent we're looking at clouds and the many forms they take, how they are represented in scripture, and the ways that they are used in our stories. Clouds can lead, guard, direct, scare, and comfort us.

Join us on our journey to the skies!



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