

Hanover The HERALD

Hanover Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, Delaware

April 2022

Dear Hanover Saints,

In fourteen days, we will process into the sanctuary waving palms and singing our Hosannas. Four nights later we will hear the same "new" commandment we hear each year: "that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." On Friday night we will recoil at the sound of the nails that seal a crucifixion. Saturday we will wait with anticipation and anxiety. Then, on Sunday, the world will turn upside down. The impossible will become real. We will witness the death of death, and the triumph of life.

The days of our Lenten journey are numbered – and rest assured, the remaining days will pass quickly. Don't let them run past you. Don't rush through these days. In the haste to stand at the joyous and hope-filled mouth of the empty tomb, don't run around the cross. There is no resurrection without crucifixion.

Given the state of our world, our nation, and our communities, this is the most profound Lent in memory. This year Lent is very real. Only God knows how many last suppers are on the horizon. God only knows what other Good Fridays lie ahead.

Here is what we can trust: for every cross there is an empty tomb.

My siblings in Christ, in this time of violence, destruction, and death, let us always remember – and never forget - that we worship the God of life; the God of everlasting life who sealed our salvation through the sacrifice of the only Son. And yet...

The pain and agony of Good Friday is real – especially for the countless people who are walking in shadows cast by a cross.

In the days that lie between now and the empty tomb, let us open our minds, hearts, and spirits to receive what God is offering so that we might be in solidarity with those who are suffering, afraid, and in danger. For they are nothing less than the One who went to Gethsemane, Golgotha, and the tomb. And they will receive nothing less than the promise of the empty tomb.

May these remaining days of Lent bring you challenge, comfort, and, in the end...

Peace,

Andy



Palm Sunday—Sunday, April 10, 11AM

Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 14, 7PM

Good Friday—Friday, April 15, 7PM

Easter Day—Sunday, April 17

Sunrise Service, 7AM, The Sugarbowl in the park

Continental Breakfast, 8AM

Discipleship Classes, 9:45AM

Worship, 11AM



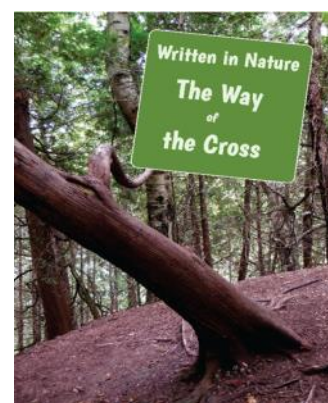
Community Sunday

Sunday, April 3

9:45 a.m.

Our April Community Sunday Discipleship program is on April 3 at 9:45am in the Sunday School Hall. We will be listening to the story of Carly, based on the book Karlinchen by Annegert Fuchshuber. It is the tale of a refugee child told in a sensitive way to begin the conversation on the highly topical topic of flight and displacement. Community Sundays are an intergenerational time together made all the richer when YOU are there!

The Discipleship Team is organizing our 2nd intergenerational hike/nature "stations of the cross" event at Rockwood Museum and Grounds on Saturday, April 9 at 3pm. We will meet at the parking lot by the pond. During COVID this was a wonderful way to be together outside and socially distanced. It was very meaningful (and fun!) so we are offering it again. Each station will provide an opportunity to reflect on Jesus's journey to the cross. We will let the trees, the plants, the rocks, the soil, the sky (clouds), and the wind help us prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Week. Please bring some water. Snacks will be provided. To help us prepare for our time together, please let Nancy Long know of your interest by emailing her at nlong@covenantde.org or by phone at 302.893.3682.

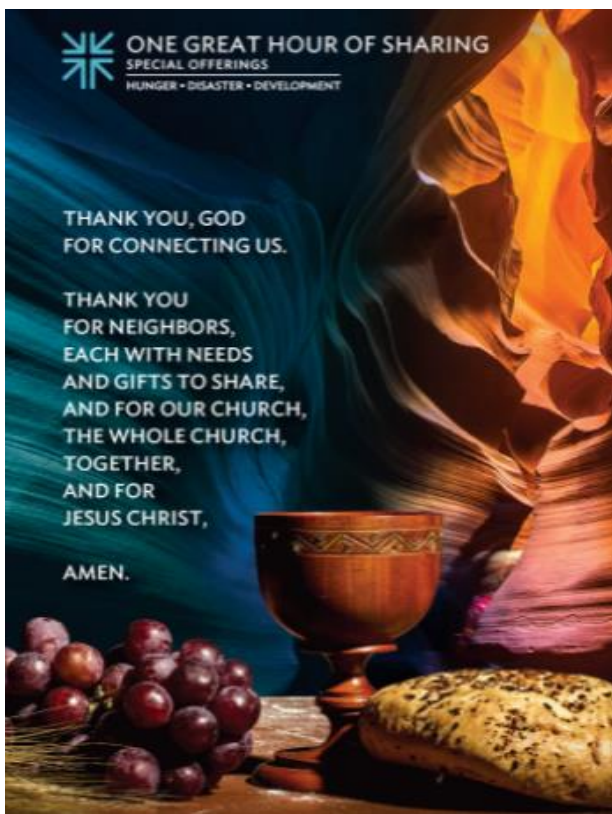


ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

THANK YOU, GOD
FOR CONNECTING US.

THANK YOU
FOR NEIGHBORS,
EACH WITH NEEDS
AND GIFTS TO SHARE,
AND FOR OUR CHURCH,
THE WHOLE CHURCH,
TOGETHER,
AND FOR
JESUS CHRIST,

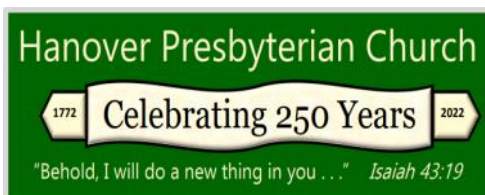
AMEN.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING--

is what we call our Presbyterian Church (USA) special offering for Holy Week and Easter. The offering is used to meet human need in the U.S. and around the world. The funds go to three big areas within the PC(USA): Hunger Program, Self-Development of People, and Disaster Assistance. Because of generous donations last year, funds were available this year for all the disasters of the year. This includes relief for families left homeless by Hurricane Ida **right here in Wilmington**. This month in **Ukraine**, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance was able to act quickly to get funds for immediate needs into the hands of our partners on the ground, and more funds will be coming to their aid. Let's keep up the 77-year streak and give to One Great Hour of Sharing for the next year of response to hunger, disaster, and community self-development. There will be special offering envelopes in the bulletin on Palm Sunday, April 10. You can also mail or bring a check to the church with OGHS in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity in the past and in the present.

~ Alice Davis



"Hanover History"

Tim Arnold, 250 Committee

Sanctuary ['saNGk(t)SHə,wərē] NOUN

a place of refuge or safety. "his sons took sanctuary in the church"

a nature reserve. "a bird sanctuary"

a holy place; a temple or church.

In 250 years Hanover has collected many "anniversaries" Most, unlike this big one, pass unnoticed. One such will occur in just 2 years. We will mark 100 years for the dedication of our sanctuary in January 2024. We pretty much ignored the 100th anniversary of our move to 18th and Baynard back around 2008 and that Hanover quickly needed to expand from the center part that we now call the Sunday School Hall.

Perhaps it would be easier to think of Hanover at that time if we consider someone present then. This will not be a detailed and deeply researched tale, but rather an impressionist's type view presented for your consideration. Imagine a child, a preteen, who has returned to the building during the week in the evening while the mother attends a circle meeting. It's 1928 and our child of, say, 12 enters the part we call the Sunday School Hall. Pausing at the entrance to the large room quick thoughts of the past weekend go by. Saturday included time downstairs in the gym. It's a very popular place with the basketball court. Many people over the years will build fond memories of time spent there.

Back upstairs the child remembers attending Sunday School on the balcony and seeing people moving around downstairs. Sunday afternoon there was attendance at a concert by the Hanover orchestra. Someone pointed out the Governor of the State playing with the other musicians.

The child slips over to the Sanctuary and slides into a pew to quietly sit and think. Communicants class will start soon, a big and important step in one's religions life. It's a pretty place to be with the windows all around. Up front is the organ and the choir stalls. Things look much as they do today, but there are differences both visible and hidden. The organ we know is 50 years in the future. The windows are essentially the same. It is a good place to simply sit and think.

Other things will be different as well. The country has been changed by the "Great War" that has come and gone. Some still remember the terrible pandemic of 1918 and 1919, but that is now past. The economy is booming. But 1929 and the stock market crash is just a year away. Soon the nation will be suffering through the Great Depression. World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, the Cold War and so much more is ahead. When playing, children are aware of occasional automobiles. The thousands that will be around are also well into the future as is the nation's road system.. Challenges to be faced include Civil Rights, Gender Equality, and huge social changes lie ahead in what then seems like the distant future.

Our young child may see a little or a lot of all this. Good, bad and indifferent it all comes.

Hanover will note anniversaries of 175, 200, 225 and 250 years. Thousands of children and adults will come through its doors.

For all of these people, Sanctuary in its many meanings will be found here.



Pacem in Terris Traveling Peace Youth Art Exhibit

It is on display in the Church School Hall—come and see the beautiful and inspiring pictures from youth in the Wilmington area that illustrate their thoughts and hopes for peace. It will be here at Hanover until Sunday, April 24.

Easter Flowers to Decorate the Sanctuary

If you wish to honor loved ones by donating Easter flowers for the sanctuary, please:

1. Fill out this order form. Donations may be made either in memory of someone who has died or in honor of someone who is living.
2. Enclose a check, payable to Hanover Presbyterian Church (\$11 per plant)
3. Mail form and check to:
Sue Baker
110 Southwick Drive
Wilmington, DE 19810

In order to be sensitive to those who are affected by allergies, the choices are spring flowers that do not produce pollen.

Please select the flowers that you would like to order:

- Tulips Daffodils

After Easter Worship:

- I will pick up a plant.
 I will not pick up a plant.
Please give plant to a shut-in.

Donor's Name (please print)

In memory of (please print)

OR

In honor of (please print)

*Orders Must Be Received
by April 6*



Turn your thermostat down just five degrees to cut energy bills (and pollution) 10 percent; keep it at 68 degrees or lower in winter, and as low as 60 degrees while you sleep.

Average "food miles" traveled for conventional produce is 1,500. Buy local! Grow your own!!

The average home can waste 11,000 gallons of water each year due to leaks.

Plant a tree - One tree will generate \$30,000 worth of oxygen, recycle \$35,000 worth of water, and clean up \$60,000 worth of air pollution.

Every recycled ton of paper saves approximately 17 trees and 462 gallons of oil.

Energy efficient appliances could save US households 3 trillion gallons of water/year.

For every mph you drive under 65 you improve fuel efficiency by 2%.

Inflate your tires - Americans driving on underinflated tires waste 4 million gallons of gas each day and reduce their tires' lifespans.

Switch to LED's- they use at least 75% less energy, and last 25 times longer than incandescent lighting.

Use fabric bags, not plastic - If one out of five people in the U.S. switched to fabric bags, we could save 1,330,560,000,000 bags in our lifetime.

Don't drink Bottled water! it requires 2000 times more energy to produce than tap water!!

What's Happening

with



THE FOOD PANTRY: Please keep us in mind when shopping—we could really use laundry detergent, soap, and toilet paper. Thanks for your help! Also, remember our Little Red Wagon in the Sanctuary. Every Sunday it's in the back of the church waiting for your donations to the Food Pantry!

JB'S CAFÉ: We are winding down our indoor service and gearing up for sometime in April (we're hoping for April 5!) that the weather will be just right, and we'll reappear out at our sidewalk spot. Can't wait to see you all enjoying the fresh air and good food!



The **SPRING SIDEWALK SALE** is coming!

Mark your calendars for
Saturday, May 7, from 10AM—2PM

All you gardeners, please remember this when you're digging up and separating plants and find you have no room for them. You can share them with us! All plants are welcome!

Any bakers out there, we are looking for you, too. Hanover is known for its tasty treats. Please donate your specialties and help make someone's day.

JB'S Café will be open so come for lunch and stay to shop!

There will be some tables set up in the Church School Hall with odds and ends that you will realize you just have to have once you see them.

The sale will be from 10am-2pm. If you have any free time that day and would like to help with the sale, please let Becky or Ellen know.



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 (658-5114)



Hanover Book & Film Discussion

Sunday, April 25—immediately following worship

The Story of Plastic is an Emmy-winning feature-length documentary and companion animated short. Explore the films with us and see how the history of plastic, how it is actually handled and recycled, and what is being done to be more environmentally-responsible.

Meet Alice Davis—submitted by Katie Leep

Alice Davis moved to Wilmington in 1999 with her husband Tom, who was the new Pastor at Hanover Church. They settled here and each has a life rich in work for the world. They have been married for 53 years and have 2 sons (one in L.A. and one in London) and 4 grandchildren. Alice grew up in Hollidaysburg, PA. She has 2 brothers, one older and one younger.

Alice has a degree in German from Northwestern University and an M.A. degree in teaching from Johns Hopkins University, and later she went to the University of Miami for an M.S. in Public Administration. She had decided she wanted manage social services in the nonprofit world, and that's what she did for the next 25 years.

Talking with her, her passion for social justice, for helping people in need, and people who might be ostracized by society is obvious. She has lived this out in her work. When she and Tom moved to North Carolina, she became a lay urban minister for 7 churches around Durham. Her headquarters was a downtown church she had joined, near the bus station, a gritty area. Later, in Miami, she taught a class on business management in relation to the rest of society. After obtaining her degree in Miami, her first job was at a shelter for runaway and homeless teenagers. She was there for about 5 years and then worked for an HIV/AIDS agency before there were any available drugs. Alice hired people who spoke Spanish and English and did training for managers in how to hire, evaluate, and discipline workers.

Alice moved from this job to work at a friend's organization to "stop gay kids killing themselves". There were already organizations running support groups, but their group took a preventative approach to the community. Alice was an administrator there, writing grant proposals, etc. When Alice and Tom moved to Wilmington, Alice started working for the Perinatal Association of Delaware, doing advocacy work for health of parents and children before, during, and after birth. They also provided services to insure clients would actually get to and use the services available. Alice then worked for a small company working in HIV prevention. They wanted to be well known as having a good drug and also promoting a good life for people with HIV and AIDS. After this, from 2010 to 2012, Alice became the first modern urban farmer in Wilmington, working for the Delaware Center for Horticulture. She sold vegetables in Trolley Square and at a market onsite. Alice has also taught chair yoga and yoga for several groups in Wilmington. In addition, Alice has been a part of several volunteer groups; she has been a Wilmington Peacekeeper and was a facilitator for a program on nonviolence for the YWCA here. She currently serves on Session and Faith in Action here at Hanover, serves at JB's Café on Tuesdays, and teaches yoga on Fridays.



Hello, Church Friends,

This is Ruthie McFarland. I am eight years old in 3rd grade at Mount Pleasant Elementary. My class has a project to make a change in the community. I would like to provide toys for kids at Nemours Children's Hospital. If you could help, please bring cash, new toys and books, or craft projects to me or my mom after church starting March 27. Also, DVDs and musical CDs can be donated. Donations may also be brought to the church office. Please bring the donations by Monday, April 11. Thank you for your help.

~ Ruthie



"They came on one of April's most brilliant days—a day as sparkling as a newly-washed lemon...a day when even the shadows were a melange of blue and orange and jade, like the shadows that poured from the tipsy brush of Monet."

"A Thatched Roof" ~ Beverley Nichols

April Weekly Happenings

Prayer Circle—Mondays, 8:30am
 JB's Café—Tuesdays, 8am - 1pm
 Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10am - 11am
 Clothing Closet—Wednesdays, 10am - 1pm
 Choir rehearsal—Wednesdays, 7pm-8:15pm
 Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
 Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm
 Discipleship Classes—Sundays, 9:45am
 Worship—Sundays, 11am

April Meetings & Events

Deacons: Tuesday, April 5, 6pm
 JSC Board: Tuesday, April 5, 7pm
 Faith in Action: Thursday, April 14, 5:30pm
 Holy Week: schedule on page 1
 Hanover Book & Movie Review: Sunday, April 24,
 12:15pm
 Session: Tuesday, April 26, 7pm
 Article deadline for May Herald: Friday, May 29

April Birthdays

1 Levi Moore
 2 Tom Baker
 3 Christina Howard
 3 Judy Werner
 4 April Lewis Simpson
 5 Romain Alexander
 5 Heather Brown
 6 Richard Bayard
 8 Alexandra Evitts
 10 Alice Davis
 10 Nona Holy
 12 Carolyn Klawitter
 14 Norris Cramer
 19 Karen Ingram
 22 Dawn Silicki
 23 James Rosa
 26 Kevin Davenport
 26 Beth Undercuffler
 30 Karen Melvin

Looking at May . . .

May 7—Sidewalk Sale

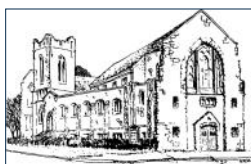
May 8—New Members

May 22—250th Anniversary Celebration



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