

Dear Hanover Saints,

Our world is one large paradox: technology, wisdom, and creativity have made the potential for unity greater than it has ever been. And yet, we have never been more divided. The Apostle Paul offered the Corinthians a vision of comm-unity:

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.
1 Corinthians 12:26

In Paul's footsteps, Dr. King preached: *We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.*

God never stops speaking, even – perhaps especially – in paradoxical times. The word of God comes through prophets, pioneers, priests - and poets...

Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words. Robert Frost

Poetry is the lifeblood of rebellion, revolution, and the raising of consciousness. Alice Walker

Praise God for the ones who inspire with their poetry. In this era of division, let us hold fast to these words from a prophet and a poet: *Nobody, but nobody Can make it out here alone.*

Alone (Maya Angelou)

*Lying, thinking
Last night
How to find my soul a home
Where water is not thirsty
And bread loaf is not stone
I came up with one thing
And I don't believe I'm wrong
That nobody,
But nobody
Can make it out here alone.*

*Alone, all alone
Nobody, but nobody
Can make it out here alone.*

*There are some millionaires
With money they can't use
Their wives run round like banshees
Their children sing the blues
They've got expensive doctors
To cure their hearts of stone.
But nobody
No, nobody
Can make it out here alone.*

*Alone, all alone
Nobody, but nobody
Can make it out here alone.*

*Now if you listen closely
I'll tell you what I know
Storm clouds are gathering
The wind is gonna blow
The race of man is suffering
And I can hear the moan,
'Cause nobody,
But nobody
Can make it out here alone.*

*Alone, all alone
Nobody, but nobody
Can make it out here alone.*

May God bless our inescapable network,
that it would be a single garment of destiny.

Peace,

Andy



Sidewalk Super Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2022

10am-2pm



Hanover is having a “Sidewalk Sale!”

When – Saturday, May 14, 2022

Time – 10am-2pm

Where – Hanover Presbyterian Church

What – A grand mix of new and used items. Plants, baked goods, new and used treasures. JB’S Café will be open as well.

Come and enjoy a beautiful spring day
browsing on the Boulevard!

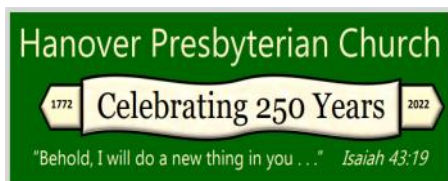


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Never let it be said that the Hanover family is not flexible! Due to unforeseen happenings, the Super Sale has been rescheduled from May 7 to May 14—hours are still 10am—2pm. Anyone who had volunteered to help, if the new date is not good for you, we understand. Those of you who are still good for the 14th, please let Becky, Ellen or Ruth know. If you have items for the sale, please feel free to drop them off at the church any time between 9 and 12 Monday - Friday. We're looking forward to putting the "fun" in "fun"draising!



"Hanover History"

Tim Arnold, 250 Committee

"Not to decide is to decide."

The above saying resided on a banner on the balcony in the Sunday School Hall for many years. I've always taken it as a reminder that decision making is a constant at Hanover. And this month we talk about decisions Hanover has made over the years.

I am glad to know we are focused on this; I am going to offer some observations about some of the big and little decisions that have been wrestled with over the past 250 and more years. But first, we here are some general reflections on decisions.

We all make them, even though of us who'd rather not. We choose breakfast each day, or at least whether or not to have that extra cup of coffee. Hanover is the same. Every Deacon and Session meeting has them. It may be just to approve prior month minutes and to adjourn, but often far more. The thing is, we don't think of these decisions as being "History", They are of course, but it's the "big" decisions we are left with from the first 125 or so years.

Splitting away from 1st Presbyterian was a huge decision, as was where to locate. Moving again required debate. And so did name changes. We went from 2nd Presbyterian to Christiana to Hanover. The debate to choose are name apparently wound up as a compromise. I dare say the definition of compromise as "insuring everyone is equally unhappy" held there. And I wonder if anyone had the least hint that we would incorporate as Hanover Street in the 1920s to deal with the large anti-German feeling of the time.

Of course the move to 18th and Baynard was a long process requiring multiple decisions. Each of these decisions are ones we look back on and simply say that "that's what they decided." But, think of all those unhappy with each decision. We would not be where we are without them, but there were prices to be paid. And people paid them, either they "voted with their feet" or they simply stuck to the place they felt they belonged,

Decisions continued and they were often relatively minor. For those involved they may have still been painful. Judge James Latchum, in his Historical Sketch", notes an argument over the name of a Bible Class. That required a decision, but people were unhappy. We rarely have a Solomon among us to resolve issues.

In the 1950s Hanover reached a goal of having 50% of its budget designated for mission. A wonderful fact, but the achievement cast a shadow that over 25 years later haunted budget discussions as people complained about the money spent on the building. Decisions definitely have unintended consequences.

Some decisions start as personal actions and become Church decisions by default. The Food Pantry and the Clothing Closet were small efforts that grew and became part of what Hanover is. Later this month other decisions will be explored. Hopefully, people will come and hear of things that make Hanover Hanover.

250th Anniversary Celebration Service

Sunday, May 22—11AM

Join us as we look at instances in our journey where Hanover did the next new thing, even in the face of adversity. We'll have a couple of voices from our past with first-hand experiences in our ongoing journey of hospitality, diversity, and justice.

"Behold, I will do a new thing in you . . . " Isaiah 43:19

Mother's Day Celebration—Sunday, May 8, 2022



Special Guest Speaker—Sharon Moore

We invite you to bring your mothers and/or other people in your life that have supported you in your life journey. During our worship service Sharon will do a presentation based on her book "Kaleidoscope: Journey of the Sharecroppers' Granddaughter". She lifts up the people, her mother, and others in her family who have been loving and supportive. Afterwards, in the Church School Hall, we'll have an opportunity to discuss the people in our own lives. There will be light refreshments during the discussion time. Sharon will have her books for sale in the Church School Hall.



Begins on Sunday, May 29
Worship begins at 10:00AM



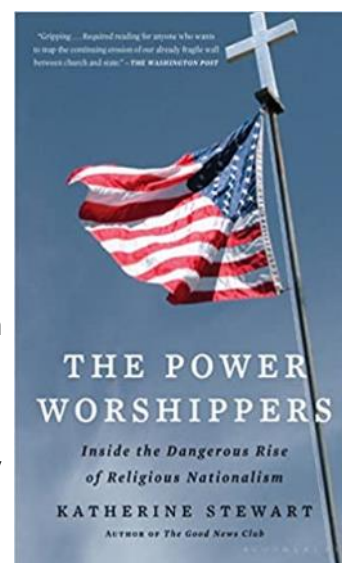
Faith in Action Book Discussion

Sunday June 14 – following worship

On June 14, please join FIA members in a discussion of the book The Power Worshipers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism, by Katherine Stewart.

The Power Worshipers looks at the Religious Right as a political movement of Christian nationalism, working to gain power and impose its vision on all of society. The movement is the fruit of a longstanding antidemocratic, reactionary strain of American thought that draws on some of the most troubling episodes in America's past. It is far more organized and better funded than most people realize, seeking to control all aspects of government and society. Its successes have been stunning, and its influence now extends to every aspect of American life, from the White House to state capitols, from our schools to our hospitals.

The Religious Right has masqueraded as a social movement preoccupied with a number of cultural issues, such as abortion and same-sex marriage. In her deeply reported investigation, Katherine Stewart reveals a disturbing truth: this is a political movement that seeks to gain power and to impose its vision on all of society. America's religious nationalists aren't just fighting a culture war, they are waging a political war on the norms and institutions of American democracy. The author's probing examination demands that Christian nationalism be taken seriously as a significant threat to the American republic and our democratic freedoms.



There are two copies of the book available. Please see Twyla in the Church Office to borrow a copy. *You do not need to have read the book to join the discussion.*

What's Happening

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THE FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry has been busier last month with many new clients coming. We have received a lot of support for our drive to collect non-food items. Westminster Church's confirmand class donated a car-full of personal hygiene items including laundry detergent and toilet paper. In May we will be getting more of this type of items from a drive being held at Friends School. We are always grateful for whatever we receive and appreciate your support!

JB'S CAFÉ: No kidding! JB's Cafe will be out on the sidewalk on Tuesday, May 3. The weather just has to cooperate and provide us with sun and warmth to sit outside and enjoy a breakfast or lunch. Our menu will be much the same although we will have limited breakfast items. We will be offering smoothies and salads as the weather turns warmer and of course, water ice and ice cream will be back. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

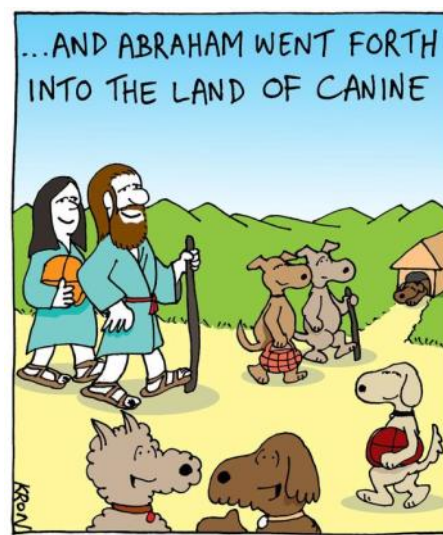


We want your "fancy" clothes!

Do you have any evening dresses, prom dresses, wedding attire, fancy shoes and purses lingering in the back of your closet? We can help you clean them out by May 14. Just drop them off at the Church Office, and we'll put them out at the Sidewalk Sale.

Thank you for your "fancy" donations!

Heavenly Humor 🙄



The CARTOON KRONICLES

CREATION CARE

Plastic not only pollutes our oceans—it also contributes to [climate change](#)! This year, live plastic-free by reducing your plastic use with these tips:

- Ditch single-use plastic food bags** and try [reusable snack and sandwich bags](#). Many are dishwasher-safe and can even go in the freezer!
- Use alternatives to plastic wrap** such as [beeswax wrap](#), [silicone stretch lids](#), or [silicone food huggers](#) to store your leftovers rather than plastic wrap.
- Bring reusable shopping bags every time you go grocery shopping.** As many cities and states implement plastic bag taxes, reusable bags can also help you save money! Keep them in your car or by your front door to help yourself remember to bring them.
- Bag your produce in reusable produce bags** rather than the grocery store's plastic produce bags. Check out [these great options](#) to get started.
- Buy produce that's not packaged in plastic.** Choose whole, unpackaged produce rather than pre-cut produce in plastic containers.
- Buy groceries packaged in glass or aluminum rather than plastic.** Avoid plastic containers when buying products such as condiments, salad dressings, pasta sauce, applesauce, and peanut butter.
- Don't bag your recyclables!** Putting your recyclables in a plastic garbage bag is not only a waste of plastic—it also makes the entire batch unrecyclable. Check out more important recycling tips and info in our [Recycling 101](#) guide.
- Use reusable water bottles** made of glass or stainless steel. Now is the time to ditch plastic water bottles for good (if you haven't already). Try [Swell](#) or [Klean Kanteen](#) brands, which are both [B Corps](#)!
- Use reusable coffee pods** rather than single-use pods. Reduce waste each morning with one of [these reusable pods](#)!
- Bring a reusable coffee cup or lid with you when you get coffee** to help make your cup of joe less wasteful.
- Green your bathroom routine** with plastic-free [toothbrushes](#), [razors](#), [deodorant](#), or even [toothpaste tablets](#) and [shampoo bars](#).
- Avoid single-use plastic items such as straws and utensils.** Instead, try bringing your own [reusable straw](#) or [utensils](#) when you're on the go.
- Use Blueland waste-free cleaning products.** [Blueland](#) offers reusable spray bottles and cleaning solution tablets that dissolve in water for simple, cost-effective, and waste-free cleaning!
- Shop at waste-free stores.** Try online stores such as [Package Free Shop](#) or [Zero Waste Store](#), or find a [zero-waste grocery store](#) near you.
- Challenge yourself to look for plastic as you go about your life.** Whether you look in your bathroom, inside your fridge, or at the grocery store, you'll notice plastic is way more prevalent than you ever realized—which means there are endless opportunities to cut back!

Reducing the amount of plastic you use is a great way you can reduce your impact on the environment. Looking for more ways you can help out the planet? [Sign up for 100% clean, renewable energy today!](#)

I think God appreciates that we appreciate his creation — Francis Collins

Meet Alice Cornelius —submitted by Isheta Smith

Alice is the rare native Delawarean. Delaware is and always has been her home. Her parents were also born here, and her father built their family home.

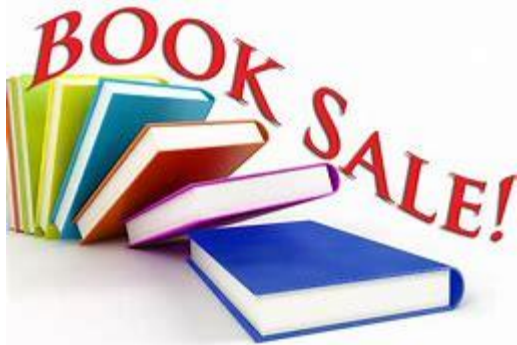
She attended the schools in the Red Clay School District and then the University of Delaware where she did enjoy being both a Resident Assistant in dorms and then became a Hall Director.

Alice joined Hanover in 2009 when Andy was a brand new pastor and it's been a great move to join Hanover! We are grateful for that.

Alice is now a long-time resident of Baynard Boulevard and thinks that it's delightful to walk to church in spring, summer and fall.

Alice grew up at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian, was baptized there and was an avid Senior High Fellowship member. Many of her cohorts from the Senior High group remain good friends, even Hanover's own Tim Arnold.

Alice currently serves as one of our Deacons, and is one of our devoted office volunteers.



AAUW has to clear out their book room by the end of May. Books may be purchased Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 through May 12th at the warehouse at 8 Germay Dr. (off Maryland Ave.) Most children's books are 50 cents and others are \$1 to \$5. Come and stock up on lots of books.

In mid-May non-profits will be invited to take whatever books they want. If you know of an organization that would like free books, please let Maggie Alexander know at MaggieA10@verizon.net and she will get you an invitation. Any books that are left will have to be thrown out.

Our Family Promise week is **May 15—22**. If you'd be able to help with meals, transportation, and visitations, please contact Karin Wilson at: kfmadison583@msn.com or (302) 983-5764.





"The month of May is the pleasant time; its face is beautiful; the blackbird sings his full song, the living wood is his holding, the cuckoos are singing and ever singing; there is a welcome before the brightness of the summer." —*Lady Gregory*

May 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

May Meetings & Events

250 Committee: Monday, May 2, 7pm
 Deacons: Tuesday, May 3, 6pm
 JSC Board: Tuesday, May 3, 7pm
 Worship Committee: Tuesday, May 10, 1:15pm
 Faith in Action: Thursday, May 12, 5:30pm
 Session: Tuesday, May 17, 7pm
 Staff meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 12pm
 Article deadline for June Herald: Friday, May 27

May Birthdays

1	Herman Pulliam
3	BJ Kennedy
4	Karen Hudson
4	Jane Putscher
5	Del Boulden
6	Sanet Van Rooyen
8	Ingrid Dark
9	Bill Klawitter
10	Ralph Headley
13	Kathryn Thompson
14	Carl Nieberle
16	Marc Pulliam
19	Russ Buckley
21	Nancy Bayard
21	Jonathan Jacob
22	Tommy Tucker
26	Dessa Hattenfield
26	Katie Leep
27	Eloise Downing
27	Miranda Garrett
28	Dave Vaghela
30	Ali Anderson
30	Betty Bayard
31	Lorie Tudor

Looking ahead to June . . .

Fox Point Park Worship and Picnic

Sunday, June 19—10AM

Musical Guests: The Dixie Ramblers



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