



What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Dear Hanover Saints,

In June 2008, you called me to serve as Hanover's designated pastor for a period of three years. The Session and Presbytery were in agreement: there was no promised or predictable future at 18th and Baynard.

Three years later, on the day of Pentecost, also in June, you installed me as the called pastor. The initial three-year covenant had expired and the energy to forge ahead virtually erased the concerns. We entered a next chapter trusting in the "assurance of things not seen."

That afternoon after worship we went to a nursery and purchased a small Blue Spruce tree. The boys were 3 and 7, and both were taller than the tree. The tree was our way of celebrating the planting that had taken place in worship; on that day we put down our physical and spiritual roots in Wilmington.

Fast forward to Pentecost, 2022. Both boys are taller than me, and the tree dwarfs us all. It took root and thrived (except for a large bald spot on the back...seems only fitting). Each season the tree reminds us how much we have grown since we planted ourselves in the Hanover community.

And so, in this, my final Herald piece, I praise God for the growth that we have experienced together. Yes, as the Apostle Paul reminds us, it is God who gives the growth. And yet...it takes disciples to plant and water, without which there can be no growth.

Together, we have planted and watered with a common purpose: to make real a vision for a community of faith in which all of God's children are not just welcomed but valued; a place where diversity is cherished as God's greatest gift; a space where love and compassion – received by both hands and hearts – are given unconditionally; and a community where relationships between us are modeled upon Christ's relationship with us.

My season with you at Hanover has been filled with many challenges, painful losses, and moments of doubt. Together we confronted the challenges, supported one another through the losses, and believed our way through the doubts. By the grace of God, our planting and watering has produced growth both inside and out.

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As I prepare my heart, mind, and spirit for what is next for me, I will be praying fervently that God will continue to bless the Hanover community with unbounded growth. May the hospitality, diversity, and justice that flows from 18th and Baynard be a light for the world – one that drives away all shadows and darkness.

Finally, may you always remember and treasure these words from Paul: *For you are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.*

Peace,
Andy

My very first submission to the Hanover Herald was in the July-August, 2008 issue. It began like this:

"In the space where I prepare sermons, I have within sight this wisdom from the martyred saint Archbishop Oscar Romero:

*It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.*

*We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the
worker.*

*We are workers, not master builders;
ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future that is not our own."*

It went on: "Even as the frame containing these words is placed in a box destined for Wilmington, I pray that this essential wisdom not be lost in transition. My hope and fervent prayer is that – together – we live into our calling as God's ministers, blessed to be prophets of God's future. May we now and always faithfully seek to follow the master builder. And may we be liberated in knowing that even though our best efforts will never amount to more than a fraction of God's enterprise, that those efforts are the building blocks in the construction of God's plan."

And so I close my last Herald in the same spirit as my first: let us each plunge into our futures, knowing that they are not our own. Let us place ourselves in the hands of the master builder.

Peace,
Andy



And then there's this thing called...Closure.

My dictionary says: *Closure refers to having a sense of understanding, peace, and accepted finality of the relationship whether it's ended because of loss, rejection, or growing apart.*

I would imagine most people have at least a general understanding of the concept, and that all people have experienced the work needed to get through a difficult time. The gift of closure is that it delivers the gift of freedom – the freedom to move forward unfettered by all that is stirred up by a transition.

Clearly, Jesus was big on closure. You know the story...he spent forty days visiting with the disciples before the Ascension. He spent that time re-teaching, re-orienting, and re-energizing the disciples so they would be able to sustain the ministry he had begun.

In my final weeks with you, my goal is to follow in Jesus' footsteps. I am committed to doing whatever is necessary to ensure not only a smooth transition, but one that provides closure for us all.

To that end, I will be in the office at the church from 12:00 to 5:00pm on each of the next two Tuesdays (7th and 14th), as well as each of the next two Wednesdays from 8:00am to noon (8th and 15th). During those times, I will be available to receive anyone who would like to connect either in person or on the phone.

Also, I am eager to spend time with anyone who would like to by making an appointment. If you would call or text me (302-299-5704) or send an email (pastor@hanoverchurch.org) with a request, I will reply immediately.

May God bless these days to come, that we would all experience the power of the Holy Spirit to set us free from anything and everything that would hold us back.

Peace,

Andy



Pastoral Transition Timeline . . .

Tuesday, May 31 – Session meets and accepts the letter of resignation.

Sunday, June 5 – Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, New Castle Presbytery's Connectional Presbyter will attend worship at Hanover and offer prayers and brief remarks about the role of the Presbytery in the transition.

Sunday, June 12 - A called congregational meeting in which the congregation votes to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the congregation and the pastor.

Sunday, June 19 – The pastor's last Sunday leading worship.

Tuesday, June 21 – the regular monthly meeting of the Session with Rev. Cindy Kohlmann moderating

Sometime after June 21 – an exit interview conducted by the Committee on Ministers and Congregations with the Session and pastor.

Representatives from New Castle Presbytery who will be directly involved with the process:

Rev. Miriam Foltz, Pastor at New Castle Presbyterian Church - Hanover's liaison to the Committee on Ministers and Congregations (COMC);

Rev. Tracy Keenan, Missional Presbyter - leader of the new worshipping community/Rev. Brooke Scott program;

Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, Connectional Presbyter/Stated Clerk - handles the process and all the proper steps.

Fox Point Park

Worship & Picnic



Sunday, June 19, 2022—10 a.m.

It's our yearly worship and picnic "down by the riverside" at Fox Point Park. The Dixie Ramblers will bring us their New Orleans-style jazz music as we worship in this beautiful setting.

Please make note: Due to our Covid restrictions, we are not able to share side dishes and desserts this year. The church will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, utensils, and drinks. If you want to bring anything else to eat for yourself, please feel free to do so.

Come and enjoy the morning with us.



Update on our Super Sidewalk Sale - Saturday, May 14 started out a little on the dreary side, but soon the clouds gave way to some sun and slightly warmer temps. When we opened the

doors at 10 we had people waiting in line to come in which was really gratifying. Actually there was a steady stream of customers most of the time. When all was said and done we still had some plants left and inside tables weren't empty, but we managed to find homes for a lot of "stuff." The bake table was picked clean! Thanks to all you bakers who donated your specialties! The best part of the day as usual was the chance we all had to be working together and getting to see one another in person once more. When the profits from this sale were added to those from the Easter eggs, so far this year our fundraising efforts are a little over \$3000. We'll be having one more - a "Fall Fling" on November 12. We also still have our online sale site that has many items for sale - check it out at hanoverchurch.org and click on super sale online. Thanks to all of the Hanover family who gave their time and efforts to make this sale a success.

Ruth, Ellen and Becky

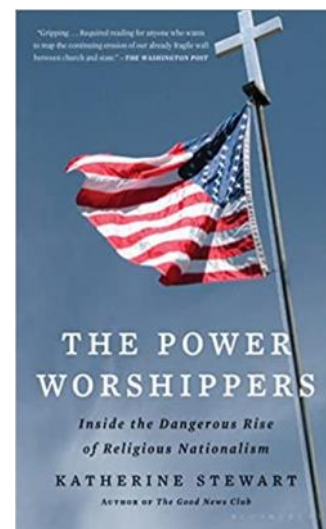
Faith in Action Book Discussion

Sunday, June 12 – following congregational meeting

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.

There is a copy of the book in the Church Office. Please see Twyla 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 is getting busier as summer approaches. Any donations are welcome. Especially personal care items. Our shelves which were once full have a few empty spaces now. We can pretty much say that whatever comes in during the week, goes out on Thursday. Thanks for remembering the Food Pantry when you are shopping!

JB'S CAFÉ: JB's Cafe - now that we are back outside, we are a busy place! It's nice to see some of our friends from last year coming back and enjoying the sidewalk cafe. Sometimes we don't even have enough tables for everyone. It keeps our crew busy, and that is what we like! Thanks for your patronage and support!! Stop by for ice cream, water ice, smoothies, or a fresh fruit cup in addition to our regular menu any Tuesday from 8am-1pm.



Jefferson Street Center, Inc.

What's New at **Jefferson Street Center, Inc.** (JSC)?

JSC was able to obtain some funding through Healthy Communities Delaware to pay a CPA with Whisman Giordano to offer expertise and advice, as we develop a fee structure for the use of community hub space at Hanover. Representatives from Hanover and JSC finance committees, Executive Director Amanda August, and Pastor Andy Jacob are part of the conversations. We are discussing the financial health of each organization and considering various partnered approaches to fiscal management.

Also included in the grant, is support for developing policies and procedures for shared use of the Gathering Place Community Hub, to create more opportunities for exercise, healthy eating, and activities related to promoting healthy lifestyles. A pilot program has been started, which includes our familiar programs such as the food pantry and clothing closet, and also the Zumba exercise class, JB's Café, Delaware Literacy, The Stand (a workforce development project), and Public Allies, to name a few.

And speaking of the Public Allies, in the fall, JSC will have a Public Ally join the Executive Director, to assist the organization with building capacity.

Finally, mark your calendars to save the date of Saturday, September 24th to join in a block party and Grand Opening of the Gathering Place Community Hub! It will be fun, informative and celebratory. More to come!



From the Finance Committee . . .

Finance reports through April 2022 were prepared for the May Session meeting. Thank you to all the Hanover supporters who continue to faithfully support the church through donations of their financial resources. The month of April is 33% of the year, and the donations are at 34% of the amount budgeted for. That is a blessing and we are very grateful for the financial support.

Hanover's budget is operating with a deficit of approximately \$21,206 at the end of April. Hanover has paid 100% of benevolences for the year and 100% of per capita and worker's compensation for the year.

On the balance sheet side, Hanover's investments in the Fidelity fund continue to suffer, as we struggle through a challenging time for the market. We have lost approximately \$20,000 in investments, since the end of 2021. The finance committee recommends "staying the course," knowing that things will turn around in the future, as they have in the past. That said, we also know there will not be any Paycheck Protection Program in 2022, and it could be a slow journey to a positive market again.

As we celebrate our 250th anniversary, we are grateful for our history and look forward to our future. Hanover has overcome many challenges in its past, and we will overcome the challenge of recovering from COVID-19. Let's believe in our ability to continue to be a beacon of service and social justice on the corner of 18th and Jefferson.

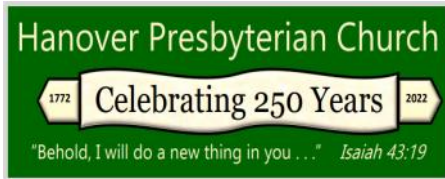
In 2011, the Hanover Stewardship Committee completed a Sacred Places Public Value survey. This survey quantifies the value of the church in terms of its programs of service to the surrounding community and to the world. In 2011, our sacred place, Hanover Church, was *valued at \$298,305 a year*, in terms of mission and ministry, and *44% of our budget is used to support the cost of reaching out to the world*. That value is even greater now. Do we dare to dream that we can overcome a \$20,000 deficit through our personal commitment to continue to care about others and give just a little bit more?



We have a member who is looking to place some cats that have been living around their home. For more information, please call Rochelle Ransom at (302) 463-0136.

Sunday, June 19





"A Cloud of Witnesses"

Tim Arnold, 250 Committee

It seems like there are mixed feelings about providing names in church. It is an old question that seems to go along with the disagreement with having pictures of people. The tradition of having Biblical scenes and of people to emulate but not worship is on one side. On the other is the recognition that all names rest with God, and the two seem to limit how much we carry specific names forward. This can be a challenge for the historian since we are often left with few names and they are in Hanover's case mainly the name of the pastors.

It also proves a challenge for others. We can offer names in memorials or to honor when providing flowers at Christmas and Easter or for records of baptism, marriage and death. But we often seem to be reluctant to "publicize" the names of people.

But this year, along with the theme of "a new thing" has been that of "the cloud of witnesses". So I offer a walk around our buildings as a way of recognizing at least some of those we might include.

We start with the newest of the three buildings, the Ed wing. We can note name tags and remember ones that are long gone. With each organization using these two floors we might find names on doors and/or desks titling people or positions. In day cares past and present we might find cubbies naming children who have been here and many who have visited again from time to time.

And on the second floor in what is now on one side an office was once a large storage area. In there were treasures of objects including names and many slides with the people of Hanover. In such places are the echoes of our "cloud".

In the "Sunday School Hall" we see on the bulletin boards more pictures and names. Walk around and look at the large number of pictures with artist names and descriptions. Upstairs are more classrooms where people of all ages have been. Think of all the names written on the backs of pictures or in books.

Also upstairs in an office are documents that represent details for many that worshipped at Hanover.

And in the office are membership registers, collections of minutes and collections of old bulletins all marking that "cloud of witnesses".

Finally I invite you to the Sanctuary to look around. The names on the windows are obvious, but look at the back walls and on the Jefferson Street wall. Here are plaques making people that took part in important things, even if they did not feel important doing so.

And this represents but 100 of our 250 years. Each of us carry our own memories of those that make up that "cloud", but it is good to know there is a vast number of people that we may not even think about who have enriched Hanover and are part of our history.

Hanover 250th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday, September 25, 11:00am: A New Thing...Our Partnerships

Sunday, October 16, 11:00am: A Musical Worship Service Through the Arts

Saturday, October 22: The 250th Celebratory Banquet at Oliver's

Sunday, October 23, 11:00am: The New Things Yet to Come...





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
 Worship—Sundays, 10am

June Meetings & Events

Deacons: Tuesday, June 7, 6pm
 JSC Board: Tuesday, June 7, 7pm
 Faith in Action: Thursday, June 9, 5:30pm
 Session: Tuesday, June 21, 7pm

July Meetings & Events

July is a vacation time for our committees.
 The Clothing Closet will also be closed this month.

June Birthdays

1 Karen Palermo
 3 Natalie Jobes
 3 Susan Woodbury
 6 Susan Balascio
 7 Stephen Willis
 8 Cindy Kirylik
 14 Tricia Harvey
 17 Holly Alexander
 17 Cindy Tomevi
 19 Amy Harris
 20 Cheryl Heiks
 22 Brian Gray
 27 David Harris
 27 Walter Scott

July Birthdays

2 Sam Arnold
 2 Peter Arnold
 3 Theo Gregory
 3 Stephanie Hinson
 5 Jerri Harmon-Matthews
 5 Darren Undercuffler
 6 Ruth Howell
 7 Becky Arnold
 13 Emma Psomas
 14 Marybeth Auld
 15 MaryJo Penna
 15 Ayinde Truxon Flores
 15 Tracey Turner
 18 Diane Murphy
 18 Bill Tudor
 20 Leandra Moore
 22 Cheyenne Rosa
 22 Maricela Rosario
 27 Robert Poirier
 28 Bill Balascio
 28 Jude Harlan
 29 Jacqueline Hamilton
 31 Barbara Coleman
 31 Sophia Moore

Looking ahead in July . . .

Hymn Sing
Sunday, July 17



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 Sexton: Herman Pulliam
 Child care: Jerri Harmon-Matthews
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 Katie Leep, Walter Scott, George Turner