

Dear Hanover Saints,

Here's the next installment in our Pastoral Transition Update series!

August Session Meeting – Transitional Pastor Discussion

Rev. Cindy Kohlmann (Connectional Presbyter) and Rev. Miriam Foltz (Hanover's liaison with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministers & Congregations) participated in Session's August 16th meeting: Miriam as Moderator and Cindy as discussion facilitator for a major part of the meeting. Discussion focused on questions the Presbytery offered for consideration as well as Elders' answers to questions they had received in June re: what Hanover is looking for in a transitional pastor (qualities, characteristics, full-time, part-time, etc.)

After an extended sharing of ideas, Session approved the next steps in the process:

- A full-time transitional pastor – Session recognizes the importance of a pastor's full-time presence to get to know the congregation, address its needs, and foster its growth.
- Adopt New Castle Presbytery's recommended minimum salary/benefits amounts
- Continue with the full Session as the Transitional Pastor Search Team

Transitional Pastor Candidates

Rev. Kohlmann noted that there are several candidates possible for Hanover.

Session's next step is to take the ideas shared at this meeting and the Elders' June questionnaire answers and create a "Transitional Pastor's Position Description." When drafted, Session will consult with Cindy and Miriam who will then review possible candidates' position descriptions and then suggest possible candidates to Session.

Transitional Pastor Timeline

It is too early in the process to pinpoint when a transitional pastor might arrive at Hanover. However, our Presbytery liaisons, Miriam & Cindy, understand that we are eager to work on and complete this process for the good of our Hanover family!

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me or any of the Elders.

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Hanover Presbyterian Church

1772 **Celebrating 250 Years** 2022

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

Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, October 22, 2022—5:30pm
Oliver's Restaurant—Wilmington, DE

Music provided by Michael Hunter, piano; Anthony Smith, bass

Cash Bar & Appetizer/Cocktails begin at 5:30pm
Dinner begins at 6:00pm
Tickets—\$30 per person

For reservations: Phone: (302) 658-5114
Email: churchadmin@hanoverchurch.org

Reservations must be received and paid for by Monday, September 19.
Please join us for a celebration of 250 years of service in Wilmington.

Dinner Menu

Dinner menu:

~ Choice of one main course: Chicken or Fish

Chicken Saltimbocca (*Sauteed Boneless Chicken Breast with a Prosciutto, Swiss Cheese, and Mushroom Wine Sauce*)

or

New England Cod (*Baked New England Cod Filet with Sun-Dried Tomato Cream Sauce*)

~ Rice Pilaf/Mashed Potatoes

~ Medley of Fresh Vegetables

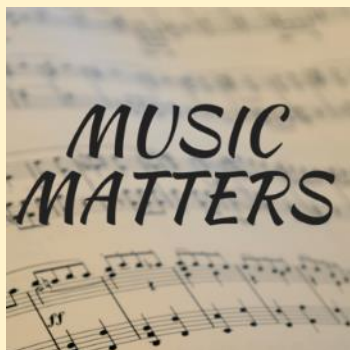
~ Seasonal Fresh Fruit with Honey Yogurt Drizzle

~ Anniversary Cake



Beginning on Sunday, September 11 . . .

Worship begins at 11AM



A big thank you to our choir members and guests who provided beautiful music for our summer worship services:

Amy Harris, Dave Harris, Russ Buckley, Eloise Downing, Martha McFarland, Ruthie McFarland, Lorie Tudor, Bill Tudor, Gus Mercante, and The Dixie Ramblers.

We appreciate you sharing your talents.

The Hanover Choir will be starting up rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7—if you love to sing, we'd love to have you join us! You don't have to be able to read music—we welcome everyone! Please talk to Twyla or any choir member about "making a joyful noise" to God!



In our time of pastoral transition, we have several people lined up to serve the congregation.

Please call the church office or if it's after hours, please call Twyla at (484) 868-6657.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



After church on September 11 we will be discussing *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an American City* by Andrea Elliott (two copies of the book are available in the office). This book is about a girl with an ancestry of slavery, who is facing a homeless crisis, and must guide her siblings. It shows the power of resilience and importance of family. This is a true story which was in *the New York Times*. This is

a long book, but well worth reading! Ayinde Truxon will be leading the discussion.

Then, on November 20, we'll discuss *The Sun Does Shine* (two copies of the book are available in the office), written by a man who spent 30 years in prison on death row for a crime he didn't commit, due to mistaken identity. This is a powerful, revealing story of hope, love, justice, and the power of reading. Maggie Alexander will lead this discussion.

Please join us for interesting and enlightening discussions.

Hanover has always been supportive of mission efforts by Members of Hanover and that continues. There have been questions recently about the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. For the moment, this fund is limited until a Transitional Pastor is hired and an agreement with Session is worked out.

It also seems advisable to remind everyone that any efforts to raise funds for things outside Hanover be taken to Session if the Church or its resources are required. Ongoing arrangements and support will, of course, continue, but we particularly request this step for personal needs.

The office will continue to recommend other resources for support whenever possible.

Tim Arnold, CRE



Vote411, a nonpartisan tool through the League of Women Voters of Delaware, is now available for residents looking for voting and candidate information for the September 13 state primary.

This year's primary races include one statewide race, for auditor of accounts; three state senate district races; 11 representative district races; one New Castle County Council race; two Kent County Levy Court races; and Sussex County Register of Wills, Recorder of Deeds, as well as one Council District seat.

To access your information, go to <https://www.vote411.org/> and enter your address. To see input from other candidates not in your district use this link <https://onyourballot.vote411.org/race-index.do?c=31357907>.

What's Happening with



THE FOOD PANTRY:

I never thought we'd reach this point for a long time, but our shelves are becoming bare! As I look back on the first half of 2022, I see how little by little we have been inching up in the number of clients we have each week. Since Jan. our numbers have increased by 100. This month we have helped 133 families representing 243 individuals. So, please forget what I have said about not needing canned goods, pasta, or cereal. Feel free to donate those items once more. We have a lot of space for them now. As always, thank you for your support. *Becky*

JB'S CAFÉ:

As the dog days of summer, slowly melt into the cooler days of September, JB's Cafe invites you all to come on over on a Tuesday for breakfast (8-10am) or lunch (10am-1pm), sit with friends and neighbors and enjoy the pleasant weather that will be coming.



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

September means church at 11am, and Coffee Hour to follow. If you would like to sign up to host this time for Fellowship, the list is on the bulletin board in the Sunday School Hall. This does not have to be a meal, simply cookies and coffee or tea would be fine. It's more about the Fellowship than the food!

ECO PLASTICS

Recycling Plastic – It's Easier Than You Think

We all know the importance of recycling plastic and we would like more of you to bring your plastic to church, as not all the plastic put in recycling cans gets recycled. However, if you don't want to lug all your plastic to church, here's an easy way to help. Plastic bags cannot go in your recycling can, and Eco Plastics will recycle almost any kind of plastic bag. They take up little room to save and are easy to transport.



Celebration and Community

We are celebrating the new Discipleship Year (Christian Education) by having all the Discipleship classes on the same theme! Drawing from the Presbyterian Women's Bible Study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, we will explore this gift from God "that has the potential to reform and redirect all our ways of living. It should be the source and goal that inspires and nourishes the best of everything we do." (Norman Wirzba from *Living the Sabbath: Discovering the Rhythms of Rest and Delight*)



The author of *Celebrating Sabbath* is The Rev. Carol Bechtel, professor of Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan. Our Hanover teachers for the study are Bea Johnson and George Turner (Sunday morning Adult Ed class) and Nancy and Jeff Long (children and youth classes).

This fall, we look forward to exploring Sabbath AND...

Sabbath and Celebration | Sabbath and Creation | Sabbath and Sunday | Sabbath and Surrender | Sabbath and Servitude | Sabbath and Hospitality | Sabbath and Self-Care | Sabbath and Justice | Sabbath and Community.

Rev. Bechtel invites us to "not see [this] simply as a 'study.' It is that, of course, but it is also an invitation to practice Sabbath in real and practical ways. As Henri Nouwen once said, 'You don't think your way into a new kind of living but live your way into a new kind of thinking.'" The Discipleship Team hopes that you will try a new thing this fall and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Nancy Long's friends at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant are meeting at 10am the 2nd Tuesday of the month, if you would like a slower paced version (1 chapter a month) and would love to have you join them. Nancy is also offering to lead an evening study if there is interest—either in person or via zoom. Please explore this option with Nancy by speaking with her at church or emailing her at nlong@covenantde.org.

There is something comforting that during this time of change, we can share in this gift from God to rest and delight in our God and in each other. May we trust in God's gift and promptings by the Holy Spirit and celebrate!

Our Intergenerational Community Sundays will return beginning on October 2—a time where we meet together as a community of learners to explore and share ways to be God's light in the world—all from the reading of a children's picture book.

Let us abide with the Lord of the Sabbath and learn who we are together!

The Discipleship Team





"Hanover History—Part I"

Tim Arnold, 250 Committee

In about one month, on October 23, 2022, Hanover will celebrate 250 years as a Presbyterian Church. It is a notable milestone and one that deserves celebrating. I have tried to provide various short articles to mark this year. Over the next issues, I want to offer some short thoughts about Hanover and its members in different times. We start this month by considering Hanover during its earliest years. It's tempting to claim that the people of past years are mostly like us. It's partly true in the fact that they strove to act as they felt called by God. They were good and not as good, rich and poor, hard working and less so and so on.

But, the world that many knew is far from our world in 2022. Consider the world around them and how it impacts them.. Below are some reflections on Delaware and America in the 1770s, the years of Hanover's founding.

In 1772, there is no United States; there are 13 separately run British Colonies. There is no election of colonial leaders except in rare and local situations. There are approximately 2 to 2 ½ million colonists. There was a range of ethnic groups. About half were of British descent and about 20% were from Africa. We do not really know how many native Americans there were, but we do know that disease and war was taking a heavy toll.

There are only a handful of jobs outside the home. Farming is by far the largest occupation. There are few professionals – doctors and lawyers. The Industrial Revolution is still in the future so the closest kind of job is working in the mills such as found along the Brandywine. These are primarily for grinding wheat and corn. Inside the home, everything is done and done by hand. Making clothes and repairing them is constant. Almost all food is local, Heating is by wood.

Life expectancy varies by area, but is basically under 50 years. Rural areas it may be around 36. Infant mortality is high and many families do not name children until they reach their second year.

In Delaware Episcopalians and Presbyterians are the largest denominations. Other groups exist and will come to pass these two in size. Catholics are largely in Maryland and will grow as the nation grows.

Electricity is little understood and any night lights are mainly by candle. Education is very limited and chiefly provided for boys.

Life is described as brutal, but people strive to make things better. Setting up a new church was not just survival it was incredibly important to their spiritual well being.

Next month, I will attempt to offer some thoughts on 100 years ago and hopefully a few in November about possibilities not just for Hanover, but for organizations like JSC that will walk with Hanover in the time ahead.

Hanover 250th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday, September 18, 11:00am: A New Thing—Our Partnership with JSC

Sunday, September 25, 11:00am: A New Thing...A New Worshiping Community

Sunday, October 16, 11:00am: Hanover Through the Arts

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

Sunday, October 23, 11:00am: What is Yet to Come...



"September's bacallaureate—a combination of crickets, crows, and retrospects—and a dissembling breeze . . .

~ Emily Dickinson

Weekly Happenings

Prayer Circle—Mondays, 8:45am
 JB's Café—Tuesdays, 8am - 1pm
 Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10am - 11am
 Clothing Closet—Wednesdays, 10am -12:30pm
 Choir rehearsal—Wednesdays, 7pm—8:15pm
 Coping Together—Thursdays, 5:30pm (Zoom)
 Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
 Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm
 Worship—Sunday, Sept. 4—10am
 Beginning Sunday, Sept. 11—11am

September Meetings & Events

Deacons: Tuesday, Sept. 6, 6pm Zoom
 JSC Board: Tuesday, Sept. 6, 7pm
 Book Discussion, Sunday, Sept. 11, following worship
 Worship Committee: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1:15pm
 Faith in Action: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 5pm
 Session: Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7pm
 Staff meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 21, noon
 Grand Opening Block Party, Saturday, Sept. 24, 11am

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 Sharron Gregory
 8 Lindsey Harris
 8 Alice Winchester
 10 Mark Arnold
 10 Monisha Smith
 17 Peg Green
 20 Joshua Gregory
 22 Cherise Alexander
 22 Kourtney Bibbs
 22 Julie Davis
 22 Doris Loper
 22 Ava Zistl
 23 Ruthie McFarland
 25 Hillary Mohaupt
 29 Django Rosario

Looking ahead in October. . .

Our final 250th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday, October 16—Hanover Through the Arts

**Saturday, October 22—Anniversary Dinner—
 Oliver's Restaurant**

Sunday, October 23—250th Final Celebration—



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