

Hanover Presbyterian Church Wilmington, Delaware

November 2022



Saturday, November 19 is fast approaching! We hope you've circled the day on your calendars for our final fundraising sale of the year. From 10am—2pm we'll have our usual array of household items along with some lovely jewelry, artwork, and small furniture. These will be in the Church School Hall. Please bring any items you are looking to pass on to church any morning between 9am and 12pm or call Becky or Ellen to make other arrangements. In the Gathering Place, we'll have a Bake Table, and we will be serving lunch. We hope to have "Meals to Go" as well as an assortment of your wonderful baked donations.

Whatever your "specialty", and if you're in a baking mood, we hope you'll share some with our table. The menu for lunch will be :

~ Vegetable Soup ~ Hearty Chili ~ Chicken Tortilla Soup ~ Assorted breads ~ Hot Cider, Tea, Water If you have any time to help on Saturday, please let Ellen, Ruth, or Becky know.

Our annual All Saints Service of Remembrance will be at 11:00 a.m., **Sunday, November 6**. We will light candles to honor our loved ones who have passed into eternity this year. C. Karen Covey-Moore, Native American flutist, will grace us again this year with her reflective music.

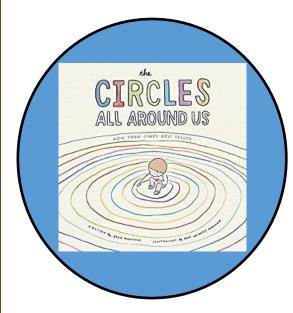




Stewardship Sunday—November 13

Join us for a service of faith and gratitude with our guest speaker, Julius Jackson. Please feel free to bring your pledge card.





A Circ-tacular Community Sunday

Community Sunday is this Sunday, **November 6** at 9:30am in the Sunday School Hall. The theme for this month's intergenerational time together is Circles, Community, and Connection!

We will be reading Brad Montagues' book <u>Circles</u>. This is the story of a circle. When we're first born, our circle is very small, but as we grow and build relationships, our circle keeps getting bigger and bigger to include family, friends, neighbors, community, and beyond.

Brad Montague originally created Circles as an Instagram video adorably narrated by his kids, and now this picture book adaptation is the perfect way to start a conversation about how to expand our worlds with kindness and inclusivity—even if it seems scary or uncomfortable. (~publisher's comments)

Coincidentally, Miss Nancy saw an Instagram post by Brad Montague saying that the Newtown High School marching band in Sandy Hook, CT, turned Circles into their program. View it here at https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cj75OHWDdKi/

It's going to be a circ-tacular Sunday morning filled with circles and connections with our Hanover family (community)!

In the circles all around us, everywhere that we all go, there's a difference we can make and a love we can all show. ~ author Brad Montague

Oh, and for those of you who remember the videos *Kid President*—that was the brain child of Brad Montague, too! Hope to see the circle that is YOU on Sunday!

Daylight Saving Time

Saturday, November 5—please

Set your clocks back one hour!

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Fall Back



Dear Hanover Saints.

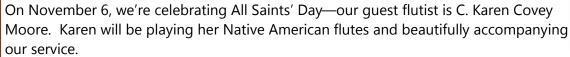
As you know, Hanover Church has advertised that it is ready to hire a Transitional Pastor. The "Transitional Pastor's Responsibilities List" has been published on Hanover's website, in the newsletter (The Herald), etc. This information has also been circulated within our Presbytery and nearby Presbyteries. To date, Session has not yet received any résumés from potential

candidates. As soon as that happens, the Interview Committee will begin its work.

Please let me or any of the Elders know if you have any questions. With hope and confidence, let us continue our prayers and efforts for our Hanover Family!

Eloise Downing, Clerk of Session - clerk@hanoverchurch.org; 302-304-0579

A special thanks to our guest artists who made "Hanover Through the Arts" such a special service: Sharon Moore, Gus Mercante, Martin Hargrove, Pacem in Terris traveling art show, The Melodic Dancers—and the Hanover Choir is always a gift!





An early calendar concert date—Sunday, December 4 at 3pm. David Harris is coming with his Holiday Brass Band. The concert is free, and we'll take a free-will donation that will benefit our Food Pantry. Please invite your family and friends and join us for a festive start to December and all of the joy it brings. Soli deo Gloria (To God only be the glory),

~ Twyla

Pictures from our 250th Anniversary Dinner!



Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis



Ruth Howell and her family



Frankie McFarland & **Denny Schreyer**

Information about voting in Delaware General Election November 8, 2022

A good way to get voting information is the state elections website iVote.de.gov

Voter Registration Information will let you look up your current registration. If you have changed your name or mailing address since the last time you voted, correct your registration information so that the Dept. of Elections will be able to mail your Polling Place card to you.



Delaware now has same-day registration, so you can register when you go to vote. You will need a document or two to prove your correct name and mailing address.

You can also request an Absentee Ballot, which requires a valid excuse. Vote by Mail is mentioned, but for reasons explained later in this article, is not available at the time this is being written.

Early Voting will be available for the first time in Delaware. Voting locations called Vote Centers will be open for early voting at least 10 days before the election, ending on Sunday, November 6. DE voters may choose to vote at any Vote Center within the county in which they live. In New Castle County, the Vote Centers are:

Gunning Bedford Middle School, 801 Cox Neck Rd., New Castle DE 19720

Claymont Community Center, 3301 Green St., Claymont, DE 19703

Dept. of Elections – Warehouse (New Castle), 220 Lisa Dr., New Castle, DE 19720

Hudson State Service Center, 501 Ogletown Rd., Newark DE, 19711

Shipyard Shops, 912 Justison St., Wilmington DE, 19801

Find the Vote Centers in Kent and Sussex Counties at State of Delaware, Dept of Elections, Voting Locations

2022 dates and times of early voting

Friday, Oct. 28—Tuesday, Nov. 1: 11 AM – 7 PM Wednesday, Nov. 2—Sunday, Nov. 6: 7 AM - 7 PM

November 8 is considered to be Election Day. If you vote on November 8, your polling place card shows your assigned polling place. You can also check your record at iVote.de.gov to find where you vote, or contact your county elections office.

Vote by Mail was passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Carney. The law was overturned by Delaware Chancery Court on constitutional grounds. As of this writing, Vote by Mail is not available in Delaware. Watch your local news to find out whether Vote by Mail prevails in an appeal in time for the November 8 election.

~ Alice Davis



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- **Heather Dorsey**
- Lawondale Parker
- Kayla Kirylik
- Denny Schreyer
- Austin Wilson
- **Amber Simmons**
- **Devin Pulliam** 19
- 22 Kathryn Long
- 23 Lillian Grasty
- Ralph Fortney

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FOOD PANTRY: We will be distributing 100 turkeys again this year in partnership with the BTL Foundation. On Sunday, Nov. 20, we'll be packing bags of food to go with the turkeys in the Gathering Place at 10. If anyone would like to help, come on down. We also need donations of sweet potatoes, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, and pies. Any questions? please le me know. Thanks for your help! ~ Becky

JB'S CAFÉ: JB'S Cafe will be moving into the Gathering Place on Tuesdays starting on November 8. We will be CLOSED on November 1. Our menu will reflect the cooler weather as we'll be adding soups and other comfort foods. Our hours are 8am - 1pm every Tuesday. Hope you can join us whenever you're in the neighborhood!





COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: If you would like to sign up to host this time for Fellowship, the list in 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!

RELISH, ANYONE? Fall always means Peg's Relish! We just happen to have her recipe and would like to invite anyone who would like to help make relish in honor of Peg Showalter to let Becky or Ellen know. We will be selling it at the Fall Fling.



"I needed clothes and you clothed me." Matthew 25:38 **CLOTHING CLOSET:** We are collecting all things winter: coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Please bring any donations with you to church or you can drop them off during the week from 8AM—12PM. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation—simply as a check or you can go through PayPal on our website. The need for warm clothing and outerwear is here, and your generous gifts will help out many people in our community.

ECO-PLASTICS RECYCLING: Eco-plastics is not accepting plastic at this time, so please do not bring your plastic to church until they begin collecting again. You can continue to save plastic at home or put it in your regular recycle can. Please continue to save plastic bags at home. They don't take up much room and cannot be put in your recycle can.





WANTED: CANDIDATES for \$1000 ENSLEN SCHOLARSHIP

Marybell Enslen was a devoted member of the Female Harmony Society who believed in the power of higher education. Her family created The Marybell Enslen Memorial Scholarship in her honor. One \$1000 scholarship is offered each year for a student in a post-graduate program leading to a degree or professional certification that will help the recipient improve the lives of others.

Applications will be available on November 1st with a closing date of December 15th. The award decision will be made by January 15th. The short application will be posted on the Female Harmony Society Website at **www.femaleharmonysociety.org** or available by contacting Maggie Alexander, (MaggieA10@verizon.net, or 302-521-6611.) Please share this opportunity with your family and friends.

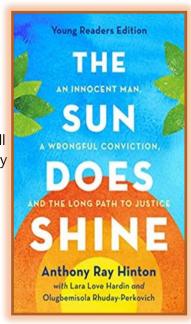


On Sunday, September 11th, we had a very interesting discussion about Invisible Child by Andrea Elliott.

Our next book discussion will take place after church on November 20th. We will be discussing **The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row** by Anthony Ray Hinton and Lara Love Hardin, with a foreword by Bryan Stevenson.

Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested in 1985 for a murder he didn't commit. He was sentenced to death by electrocution. He spent his first three years on Death Row at Holman State Prison in agonizing silence—full of despair and anger. But as Hinton accepted his fate, he resolved not only to survive but to find a way to live on Death Row. For the next twenty-seven years, he was a beacon—transforming not only his own spirit, but those of his fellow inmates, fifty-four of whom were executed mere feet from his cell. With the help of civil rights attorney and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson, Hinton won his release in 2015.

Two copies of this book are available in the church office. Please join us for a discussion of this powerful and inspiring story.



Hanover Presbyterian Church Celebrating 250 Years Behold, I will do a new thing in you ... Isaiah 43:19

"Hanover History—Part III"

Tim Arnold, 250 Committee

Last month, on Sunday October 23, 2022, Hanover celebrated 250 years as a Presbyterian Church. It was a great event, and it has been good to look back throughout 2022. But our theme has been "A New Thing", and we are left with the question of what will that mean and what might that look like.

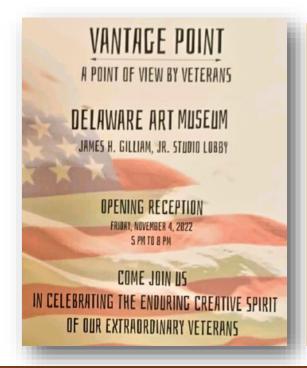
In September, JSC offered insight on a "new thing" going on right now. Hanover is trying to connect more closely to the needs of the community through this organization. Founded in the 1980s as a Day Care called Jefferson Street Child Center, it was repurposed when economic times called for drastic action. It has taken a lot of time and effort, but Jefferson Street Center is more focused on doing God's work at Hanover in new ways. An Open House in September and continued activities help volunteers focus on what needs the community has. Amanda August is the director and works from the 2nd floor of the Ed Wing. Romain Alexander is chairman and a number of Hanover members are on the board.

While this was going on, Hanover has provided support for Rev. Brooke Scott to do outreach to people who are disillusioned or unchurched here in Wilmington as she looks for opportunities to form a new worshipping community. Hanover has a long history of helping establish other churches in and near Wilmington. New things can be new versions of past ideas.

During the pandemic, Hanover adopted new technology to help reach its members and others while gathering was a challenge. Hanover continues to seek new ways to gather and serve here at 18th and Baynard.

And some things take new form. The intergenerational Sunday School has returned and takes a fresh look at an ancient concept in its look at Sabbath.

And finally, Hanover continues the steps it must take to call a new pastor. Hanover continues to use new ideas, but we look forward to what will be new as we continue through our 251st year and beyond.



"Vantage Point"

Did you know that Hanover member Leon Wilson has been taking art classes at the Delaware Art Museum? He is in a course designed for veterans with any artistic skill level, "who would like to discover their inner voice," as stated in the class description. The class offers an opportunity to "Free up your mind, embrace 'mistakes' and move forward without any expectations."

Some of Leon's paintings, and those of other members of the class, will be on display in the James H. Gilliam, Jr. studio lobby of the Delaware Art Museum. The opening reception is November 4th, beginning at 5 p.m.



"In November, the smell of food is different. It is an orange smell. A squash and pumpkin smell. It tastes like cinnamon and can fill up a house in the morning, can pull everyone from bed in a fog. Food is better in November than any other time of the year."

~ Cynthia Ryland, "In November"

Weekly Happenings

Prayer Circle—Mondays, 9am
JB's Café—Tuesdays, 8am - 1pm
Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10am - 11am
Clothing Closet—Wednesdays, 10am -12:30pm
Choir rehearsal—Wednesdays, 7pm—8:15pm
Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm

November Meetings & Events

Deacons: Tuesday, November 1, 6pm Zoom JSC Board: Tuesday, November 1, 7pm

Worship Committee: Tuesday, November 8, 1:15pm

Faith in Action: Tuesday, November 8, 5pm

Session: Tuesday, November 15, 7pm

Staff meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 12pm Book Discussion: Sunday, November 20, 12:15pm December "Herald" deadline: Friday, November 28

Looking ahead to December. . .

Annual Meeting—Sunday, December 4—immediately following Worship

Holiday Brass Concert—Sunday, December 4—3PM

Ordination & Installation of Officers—Sunday, December 11—11AM Worship

Advent Deacons' Luncheon—Sunday, December 11—immediately following Worship

Christmas Eve Service—Saturday, December 24—5pm service (4:30pm music)



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