

## A Happy New Year

Psalm 8: 3-4

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
4 what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

It was wonderful to see our Christmas Eve gathering and enjoy so much beautiful music.

And shortly we will be moving into 2023. May it be a blessed year full of positive outcomes and peace.

2022 was certainly a wild ride. We started with the hopes of seeing the banishing of Covid-19 and ended with talk of a triple-pandemic. We celebrated our 250<sup>th</sup> year and had our pastor depart for other challenges. We saw attendance slowly grow, but remain far below what we wish.

But through it all, Hanover has remained faithful to the mission we feel God has set for us.

We enter 2023 with a new alliance with Jefferson Street Center and the knowledge of others working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Ed building. The Clothing Closet and Food Pantry are back up and running. JB's Café is on every Tuesday. We see the signs of all the work that was done to make our work with the community stronger and better.

But we are waiting to see what God has in store for us. Session is looking for a Transitional Pastor and is ready to follow up with the steps for a full time pastor. The Deacons are preparing to gather and determine how to better do their job. The staff remains dedicated and plans for events in 2023 are underway.

The one thing we feel sure of is the words of the Psalmist. God cares for us and that in and of itself is an amazing thing.

May we continue to strive to serve God in this place in 2023 and beyond.

~ Tim Arnold, CRE



## Guatemala Partnership Presentation

### Sunday, January 15, 2022



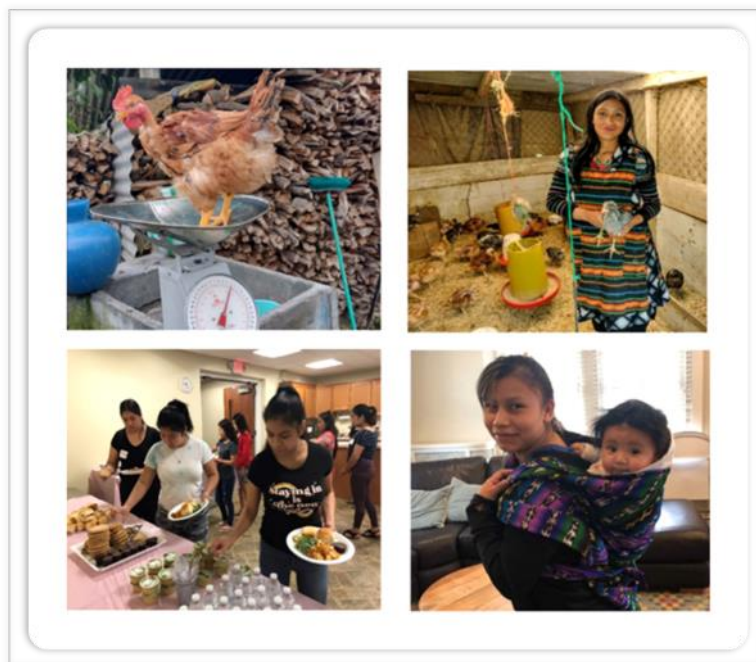
The Matthew 25:31-46 passage for Sunday, January 15 is clear: Jesus challenges us to serve **with** and **for** those who are marginalized or in need. People who are hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, strangers, poor or oppressed. They are not a group to be pitied, but rather a people who are deeply loved by Jesus. They live near and far. And in many cases they welcome the opportunity work in partnership to improve the lives of all involved.

During worship and our fellowship time following, Guatemala Partnership ambassadors, Carrie Saathoff and Meg Burich we present an opportunity to respond to God's call, to act boldly and compassionately, and to walk alongside to our sisters and brothers in Guatemala.

Hanover's own Nancy Long is part of a group from New Castle Presbytery traveling to Guatemala from January 24-31 to continue strengthening our partnerships there. This is the largest contingent we have ever sent, with 15 travelers representing 8 churches! The group will travel to the Western Highlands to visit with the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development. Activities there will include a meeting with the Board of Directors in their new office space and visiting groups of women out in the communities to see their projects – including stoves, greenhouses and of course – cows and chickens! After spending a night of brief R&R at Lake Atitlan, they will then travel back to Guatemala City to spend a day at the CEDEPCA offices to meet the staff and learn more about the incredible work that partner organization is doing. Along the way, the group will visit TWO new projects sponsored by PCUSA's Self Development of People grants which are funded through One Great Hour of Sharing. We ask for your prayers to keep them safe on the journey.

You can follow along with them each day as they travel by subscribing to the Blog on the partnership website <https://ncpguatemala.com/blog/>

Session has approved a special offering to the Guatemala Partnership to be taken up on Sunday, January 22, for a designated project to be determined after Nancy and the group returns.





Dear Hanover Saints,

At the Dec. 20, 2022 Session meeting, the Transitional Pastor Interview Committee reported that it has held initial interviews with two people who expressed interest in Hanover's Transitional Pastor position.

Let us continue to pray for the Spirit's wisdom & guidance in discerning the next steps on our transitional path.

New Year's Blessings!

Eloise Downing, Clerk of Session—302-304-0579



**2023 Communion Dates (approved by Session)**

**January 1**

**February 5**

**March 5**

**April 6 (Maundy Thursday)**

**April 9 (Easter Day)**

**May 5**

**May 28 (Pentecost)**

**July 2**

**August 6**

**September 3**

**October 1 (World Communion Day)**

**October 29 (Reformation Sunday/Deacons' Luncheon)**

**December 3 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

## 2023 Stewardship—First Look!

Budget Expenses: \$303,133 (Congregational meeting 12-4-2022)

Pledges to date: \$132,224

It's never too late to pledge!

Please remember to send your pledge card to the office, and if you need another card and envelope, please email Twyla at: [churchadmin@hanoverchurch.org](mailto:churchadmin@hanoverchurch.org)

### Deacons' Corner Interview

#### Susie Watson



Susie came to the Wilmington area around 1959. Prior to that, she was a native of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Susie joined Hanover in 2004 when she came from First and Olivet Presbyterian Church. She has been active in Women's Bible Study in the past and was a Deacon some years ago. When her four children were young and attending Chesapeake Center in Port Deposit, Md., they found and adopted a turtle from the

highway. This started Susie's turtle collection! She has accumulated many turtles since. Susie likes to cook her kids' favorite foods—and lasagna is their preferred choice.

We are happy to have Susie be a part of our Hanover family.

#### January Birthdays

1	Greg Harris
7	Christina Poirier
7	David Simpson
8	Stephanie Cornell
8	Bernice Van Rooyen
14	Kylie Frazer
15	Aysha Gregory
18	Marjorie Pulliam
18	Linda Zankowsky
21	Alice Cornelius
23	Rochelle Ransom
26	Sebastian Gross
27	Jeff Long
31	Patrick Evans



“When it snows, you have two choices:  
shovel or make snow angels.”

~ unknown



# What's Happening with



**FOOD PANTRY:** The Food Pantry has been busy in December. We gave everyone laundry detergent as a Christmas gift. Seems a little thing, but was much appreciated by our clients! In the New Year we would greatly appreciate those personal items that you have all donated before. Toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo etc. all fly off our shelves as soon as they are put out. Thanks in advance for your help!

**JB'S CAFÉ:** Our breakfast business has been picking up so we are busy pretty much of the time between 8am and 1pm. Come and see what's new on our menu - we may add omelets for breakfast, fish tacos, salmon burgers, chili, and soups at lunch. Come on in out of the cold and join us!



**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:** 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!

**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.

Clothes Closet

*"I needed clothes and you clothed me."*

Matthew 25:38

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** It's that time of year again—we're looking for all of our groups and committees to send in their reports on what they did during 2022. The deadline for the reports is **Wednesday, February 3**. If you submitted something last year, we'll be sending you a copy of it to be help for writing about 2022. Please send your submissions to Twyla in the office at: [churchadmin@hanoverchurch.org](mailto:churchadmin@hanoverchurch.org).





This year \$825 was raised to support four projects:

1. Water for Life provides people in developing countries with a portable filter that enables them to have safe drinking water - \$225.
2. Branches to Chances trains unemployed, underemployed, and/or formerly incarcerated people in landscaping skills and other skills helpful in the workplace such as computer literacy. - \$325
3. Read In – Read Out helps imprisoned parents stay connected with their children by making recordings of books, which are sent with the recordings to the child. - \$300
4. Donations to Hanover’s Clothing Closet will help with the purchase of winter coats . - \$225



## Jefferson Street Center and Hanover Continuing to Build Relationships



A new relationship has been “cooking” in the kitchen at Hanover. Amanda August, Executive Director of JSC, has introduced Hanover to Free Food for All. FFA is a mutual aid organization that serves the Wilmington community by providing meals that are created by chefs and delivered to the community. The meals focus on good nutrition and are locally sourced, in terms of the ingredients that go into the meals.

Jamilah Abdullah runs Free Food for All. She is also a chef at the Kennett Brewing Company in Kennett Square. As a mutual aid organization, everything is donated and everyone is a volunteer. This is where JSC and Hanover come in. We have a kitchen licensed by the State Department of Public Health and Free Food for All needs a variety of locations to do their food preparation.

On Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, when the church was “closed” between Christmas and New Year’s Day, we had the Food Pantry going on in the morning. Then pretty much all afternoon there were people in and out bringing food ingredients and cooking. By late afternoon the wonderful smells of good food cooking were evident throughout the building and meals were being packaged up for volunteers to deliver. The folks in the WHA building across Jefferson Street were some of the recipients of the meals. Things were just beginning to wind down in the kitchen, when the Zumba class members began to show up at 6 p.m. A long and wonderfully busy day in the Hanover church building.

This is another example of a developing relationship built on the partnership of JSC and Hanover and designed to serve others. At this time, we expect Free Food for All to use the Hanover kitchen once a month and perhaps they will participate in helping bring back the community dinners that Becky Arnold was serving once a month, prior to COVID. If you are interested in knowing more, ask Amanda or Becky.

*(Ellen Casson)*



Looking Ahead...




## **Black History Month Celebrations**

**February 5, 12, and 19**

**February 5:** tbd

**February 12:** Rev. Brooke Scott  
Soul Food Luncheon following Worship

**February 19:** Sharon Moore

Gospel Vespers—3PM

Guest Musicians: Shannon Booth-Johnson, Gus Mercante,  
Martin Hargrove, Brian Gray, and The Hanover Choir

Dear Friends,

We are excited to announce that the Soul Food Luncheon is returning in 2023 after a two year hiatus. Mark your calendars for **February 12**. In order to provide proper social distancing, we are requiring attendees to **pre-register this year**. You may sign-up using the reservation list which is posted in the Church School Hall or you may call the church office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

~ Cherise Alexander

# January

“January is the quietest month in the garden. But just because it looks quiet, doesn’t mean that nothing is happening.”

~ Rosalie Muller Wright

## 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

## January Meetings

Deacons: Tuesday, January 3, 6pm Zoom  
 JSC Board: Tuesday, January 3, 7pm  
 Worship Committee: Tuesday, January 10, 1:15PM  
 Faith in Action: Tuesday, January 10 5pm  
 Session: Tuesday, January 17, 7pm  
 February “Herald” deadline: Friday, January 27

### “THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS”

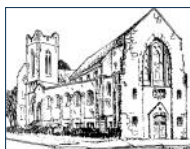
HOWARD THURMAN



When the song of the angels is stilled,  
 when the star in the sky is gone,  
 when the kings and princes are home,  
 when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
 the work of Christmas begins:  
 to find the lost, to heal the broken,  
 to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
 to rebuild the nations,  
 to bring peace among the people,  
 to make music in the heart.

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