

Holy Week is supposed to begin with hosannas and praise. But sometimes we're just not ready for it — sometimes we enter Holy Week feeling exhausted and empty.

But there's space for that kind of Holy Week, too. We don't need to begin the holiest week of the year at our best. It comes either way. And maybe we're prepared to receive the risen Jesus in a way we can't quite see.

Soon we will be following Jesus through His passion, as he finds himself facing the loneliness of being rejected by friends, taking on unbearable suffering, and ultimately dying on the cross.

Wherever we are on our own journey, there is a place for us at the table with Jesus. We can break bread with Him, cry with Him in the garden, cringe as His friends turn their backs on Him, lean into carrying His cross with him, or sit at the foot of His cross, watching, waiting, and praying. Or we can watch from a distance.

Jesus meets us where we are.

Let's pray for each other as we make the journey in our own way, remembering that at the end lies the most extraordinary rejoicing.

*~ excerpts from a writing by Rita Buettner at CR*

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT HANOVER**

**PALM SUNDAY—SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 11AM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY—THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 7PM**

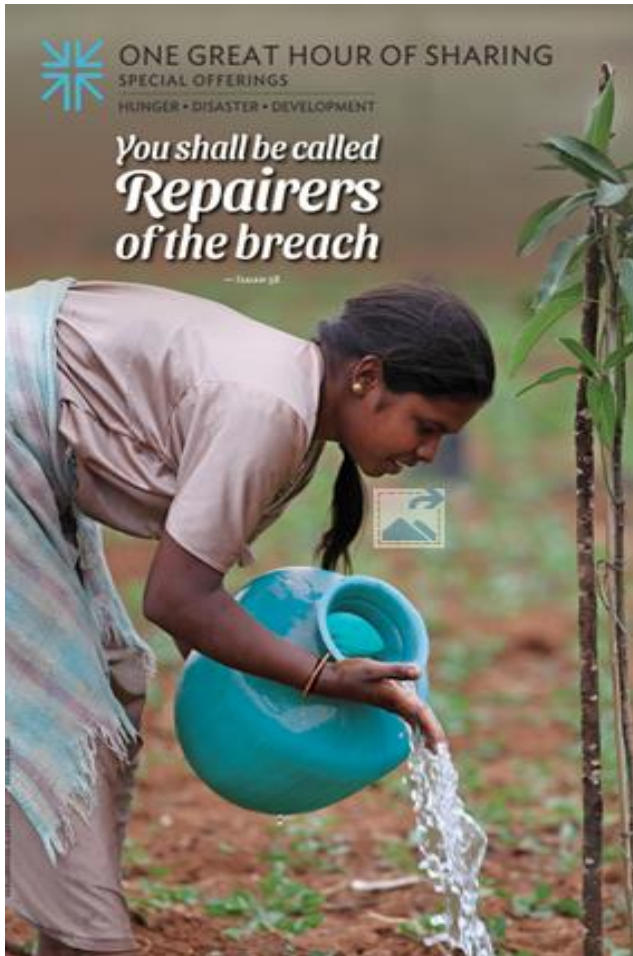
**GOOD FRIDAY—FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 7PM**

**EASTER DAY—SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

**YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS, 9:30 AM**

**ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS, 9:45AM**

**WORSHIP, 11AM**



## One Great Hour of Sharing

### Special Offering

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Our donations go a long way to help. We will have special envelopes in the bulletin for the next two weeks and will collect during worship on **Palm Sunday, April 2**. Please write your check to Hanover Presbyterian Church, and put "OGHS" down in the memo line. Or if you like, you can pay online at our website: [www.hanoverchurch.org](http://www.hanoverchurch.org). Please make sure that you state that your gift is for "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the instruction line.

### “Helpful Hints”: Microphone, Joys & Concerns

Praying for and supporting each other are hallmarks of the Hanover Saints! So that all worshipers can hear, and thus participate in, these prayer requests, the Worship Committee offers a few reminders:

The Microphone – Hold it parallel to the floor, close to your mouth, and don't let your voice “trail off” near the end of a sentence.

Joys & Concerns – A clear, concise prayer request is much-appreciated. If you mention a person's name, please say it “loud and clear!” When requesting prayers for someone (especially if ill, hospitalized, etc.), please respect that person's privacy by avoiding overly detailed information. Thank you!

Dear Hanover Saints,

At the March 21<sup>st</sup> Session meeting, the Transitional Pastor Search Committee noted that three of the recently interviewed candidates would be good candidates for Hanover. So, while the committee finishes contacting the candidates' references, it will continue to evaluate and prioritize the candidates' talents, experiences and gifts, with the goal of making a final decision.



Thanks for your continued prayers for the transitional pastor search. May the approaching Holy Week and Easter celebrations surround us with the hope of renewed life, peace and joy!

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April 2023

# 52 Ways to Care for Creation

**Week 14**  
**Holy Week**  
 On Good Friday, we confront the ways we have caused suffering in the world. As we remember the death of Jesus, let us acknowledge the suffering we have inflicted upon God's Creation. In our mourning, may we resolve to be healers and helpers. May we participate in the resurrection of our environment.


**Week 15**  
**Eco-Friendly Easter**  
 This Easter, trade the plastic easter-eggs and chemical dyes for an eco-friendly Easter celebration. Try dyeing local/free range chicken eggs with dyes from beets, onions, and cabbages for a fun and natural holiday craft!




**Week 16**  
**Church of the Wild Service**  
 Host/join a "Church of the Wild" Service at a nearby park, beach, or garden. Read Victoria Looz's book, "Church of the Wild" to learn about this time of gathering, wondering, and admiring God's creation.

**Week 17**  
**Ecological Resurrection**  
 Every ecological success is a resurrection story! Find out which animals, plants, or ecosystems have been revived after environmental degradation. For example, the Monterey Bay in California has a wonderful "resurrection" story!

**Week 18**  
**Earth Day Reflection**  
 This earth day, take a moment to reflect on this proverb: "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we have borrowed it from our children."

Find more theological & educational resources at [creationjustice.org/earth-day-library](http://creationjustice.org/earth-day-library)



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## April Birthdays

- 1 Levi Moore
- 2 Tom Baker
- 3 Christina Howard
- 3 Judy Werner
- 4 April Lewis Simpson
- 5 Romain Alexander
- 5 Heather Brown
- 6 Richard Bayard
- 8 Alexandra Evitts
- 10 Alice Davis
- 12 Carolyn Klawitter
- 14 Norris Cramer
- 19 Karen Ingram
- 22 Dawn Silicki
- 23 James Rosa
- 26 Kevin Davenport
- 26 Beth Undercuffler
- 30 Karen Melvin

# Hanover's Spring Super Sale



It's our Spring Super Sale!  
When – Saturday, May 13, 2023  
Time – 10am-2pm  
Where – Hanover Presbyterian Church  
What – We have plants, baked goods,  
and new and used treasures. JB'S Café will be  
open with lots of delicious food.

Come and enjoy a beautiful spring day  
on the Boulevard!



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## *What is happening with the New Worshiping Community?*

Update from Rev. Brooke Scott - Organizing Pastor at Hanover

1. The (NWC) is currently a monthly meal/discussion/activity on a variety of topics related to spirituality, social justice, self-care, healing, and community engagement. All faith backgrounds are invited.
2. We have a small leadership team (LT) that is in regular communication, including Brooke, Kim, Sarah, Kyle, and Ellen. Brooke works to continue meeting others in the community for support, recruitment, and participation.

### **Most Recent Updates**

1. We recently finished a monthly book discussion/meal at Books & Bagels on “Rest is Resistance” by Tricia Hersey. Open to Wilmington community. Well-attended—17 total.
  2. Hanover reimburses for any materials, mainly meals.
  3. We are working to hire a consulting agency (Rise Collective) to assist with branding/communication (through this process, we are hoping to see a name/mission statement begin to emerge). This will require funding. \$250 initially, more depending on what else we may need.
- Brooke has worked with Network Delaware in regards to coaching leadership development/brainstorming. They have also offered to partner with the emerging group.

### **Updated Goals**

1. To schedule consultation to come up with name, mission, logo, website, social media.
  2. To create budget for meals, consultation materials, speakers, Slack (for communication).
  3. To continue adding to our number of participants.
  4. Applying for PCUSA Seed Grant.
  5. Creating a regular schedule for programming/events
- To begin partnering with Network Delaware & other like-minded individuals and organizations such as interfaith, nonprofits, etc.

### **Support Needed from Hanover**

1. Information about how to access funds (budget limits, credit card, etc.)
2. Continued willingness to share information about events
3. Continued plan for Brooke to join in worship and stay in communication with Hanover Session and members.

### **Other Accountability and Support**

1. Brooke remains in continual contact with NWC Leadership Team (LT), continuing to meet in person and/or virtually at least once monthly.
2. Brooke regularly participates in groups like Interfaith 9th Ward, Clergy for Choice (Planned Parenthood), and Network Delaware events in order to network, understand issues surrounding the community, and recruit.
3. Brooke is currently receiving community organizing training through Network Delaware.
4. Brooke remains in regular consultation with Tracy Keenan.
5. Brooke is now receiving official New Worshiping Community (NWC) Coaching through PCUSA to assist in her efforts to see a lasting group emerge.
6. Brooke is hopeful about joining a NWC cohort with other ministry leaders in similar startup projects.





“April is a month of melody. In April, you can hear the warbling of mockingbirds and the chattering of squirrels.” – *Ellen Jackson*

### Weekly Happenings

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

### Meetings Schedule

Deacons: Tuesday, April 4, 6PM via Zoom  
 JSC Board: Tuesday, April 4, 7PM  
 Faith in Action: Tuesday, April 11, 5pm  
 Session: Tuesday, April 18, 7pm  
 Staff Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 12pm  
 PAG meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 1PM via Zoom  
 May “Herald” deadline: Friday, April 28

Our Annual Reports for 2022 are ready—you can pick one up on the tables in the back of the church or in the office. A special thank you to Bill Tudor!



## Looking ahead to May . . .

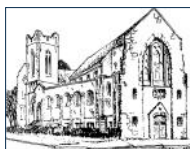
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