

### Month One Reflections

The question, "Do you want to be made whole?" must always inform the ministry that we provide to those we serve. Our aim is not to create a culture of co-dependency. Instead, we are called to provide temporary help to people who have fallen victim to a crisis or an emergency.

There are times when we must say, "What I can offer you is more valuable than silver or gold." In addition to food and clothing, we must offer prayer, and other spiritual resources that can help apply a healing balm as opposed to a bandage.

We respect and honor others when we hold them accountable and responsible for reaching their highest potential, however high that might be. What we offer is a hand-up, not a hand-out. We must continue to find compassionate and affirming ways to help our neighbors pick up their beds and walk, limp or crawl; but there must be movement towards self-sufficiency.

We are not simply another well meaning charitable organization. We are the church. We believe in the one who transforms lives and restores hope! We must never shy away or apologize for that. While our methodology for sharing the "Good News" must reflect some of the changes in our society, the message remains the same. "All things are possible with God" and the same super power that sustains us, is available to who so ever will.

Of course, I realize that some of our neighbors have disabilities or limitations that require a broad support system in order to survive. Still, even they must take the steps necessary to receive the professional services that exist beyond the church doors. We can help them best by becoming knowledgeable about other services, make referrals, provide transportation, or help with communication access.

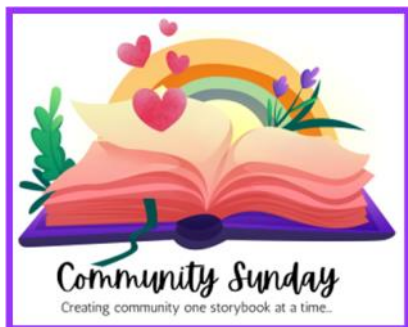
Let's teach people how to fish. Let's celebrate the success stories of those we have helped over the years. We do not want to be contributors to three or four generations of poverty. When I look at those we serve, my heart breaks. I see myself, my family members, my friends, and I recall our own struggles to overcome the odds.

I think about my ancestors who pressed their way through times that were at least as difficult as times are now. For the majority of them, it was their faith in God and the help of Godly neighbors that cultivated within them a fortitude, a determination, and a deep desire to make life better for future generations.

I have become more consciously aware of the debilitating struggles of African Americans in this one month than I have ever been before. I faced a lot of trauma and hardship early in my life, but I have lived such a privileged life as an adult. I can take no credit for the life I have experienced in my later years; it has not been of my own doing. I am grateful to God for directing my life and ordering my steps once I surrendered my will to God's will. How do we design ministry and mission that will help fortify seeds of faith today?

I have an inconsolable desire to see the transforming power of God's love and grace active in the lives of each of you and in the lives of those we serve.

By Faith, *Pastor Stephany*

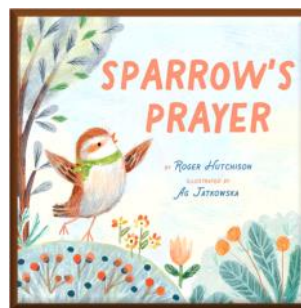


## Community Sunday

On **Sunday, October 1**, the Discipleship classes will come together for our intergenerational World Communion Community Sunday.

The Sparrow's Prayer by Roger Hutchinson is a children's book with an affirming and empowering message for all ages. We will follow a little sparrow's journey to rediscover his ability to pray. Sparrow awakes one beautiful morning, but his usual morning prayer escapes him. As he visits his friends—Turtle, Fox, Mouse, and Buck—Sparrow learns that there are many ways to pray without using words. Through Sparrow's encounters, we are reminded that we are created as God intended and we each have different ways of learning, communicating, moving, and praying. Community Sundays are held at **9:30am** in the Church School Hall—come wonder with us! Miss Nancy

*Oh Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely. ~Psalm 139:1-4*



## Communion News

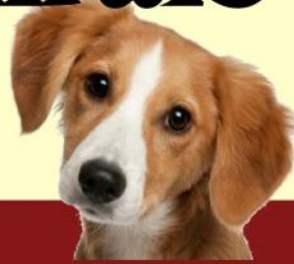
Recently, the Worship Committee has received questions asking when the congregation could come forward to share in Communion. After Worship Committee and Session discussions, and to accommodate a range of comfort levels, Session approved providing three options:

- 1—If you prefer to stay in your pew & not come forward, please pick up a packaged bread/ juice set from the back tables on your way into the sanctuary.**
- 2—If you wish to come forward for Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup of juice):**
  - Come up the side aisles.
  - Approach the server with the cubed bread who will serve the bread using tongs.
  - Go to the server holding the cup and dip your bread into the cup of juice.
  - Return to your pew using the middle aisle.
- 3—If you wish to come forward for Communion in the packaged bread/ juice sets:**
  - Come up the side aisles.
  - Approach the server with the tray of **packaged bread/ juice sets**.
  - Take a set from the tray.
  - Return to your pew using the middle aisle and partake of the elements.

If you use a packaged bread/ juice set, please put your used set in the containers on the back tables as you leave the sanctuary. Please don't leave them in the pews. Thank you.

*Eloise Downing, Worship Committee*

# Blessing of the Animals



**Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 p.m.**  
**Hanover Church**  
**18th and Baynard**

We all love our furry or slippery family members! We thank God for the joy and for the unconditional love that they provide for us. So why wouldn't we return thanks to God for them and ask God to keep them safe in our care? Come and invite your family members and friends to join us for song, reflection, special memories, and a blessing of the animals. Bring your photos, your extended pet family members, or a stuffed animal. We will gather directly across the street from the Hanover Presbyterian Church, (18<sup>th</sup> & Baynard). Remember to bring clean up supplies for your pet.

*Dear God,*

*Today I lift my voice in praise and thanksgiving for all the wonderful beings  
 who exist in the world. for the small and the large, for those near and far.*

*Today I lift my voice in praise and thanksgiving, as I remember all of your creatures.*

*I will keep them in my heart and in my prayers. Amen.*

Adapted from the book, *Prayers for Animals* by Carol J. Adams



# OPEN STREETS WILMINGTON

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JEFFERSON STREET CENTER**

## **OPEN STREETS: BAYNARD BLVD**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 | 1PM - 4PM  
BETWEEN 18TH ST. & CONCORD AVE.**

**FREE EVENT!**



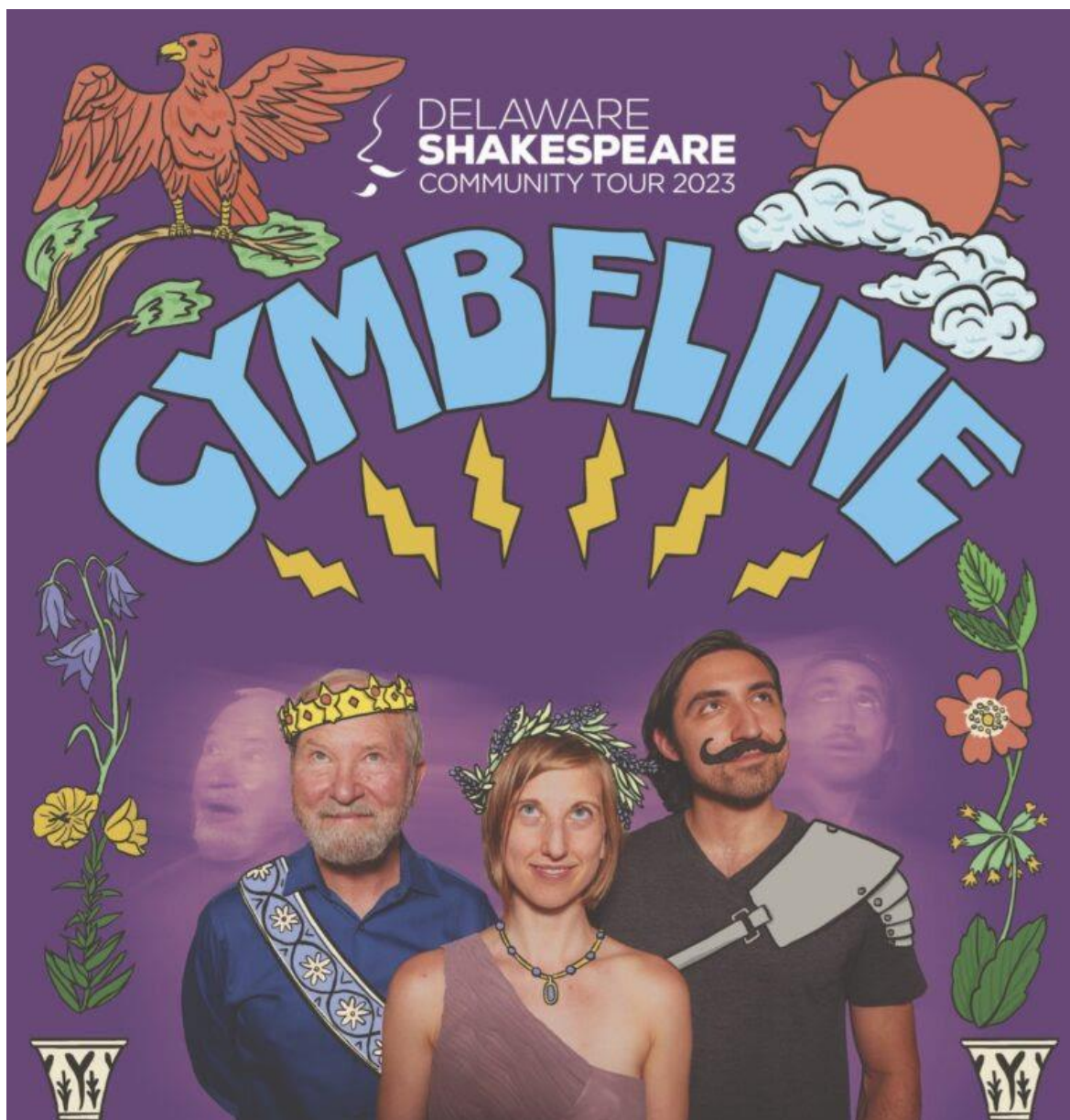
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## Delaware Shakespeare Comes to Hanover

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. for a theater performance of *Cymbeline*, Shakespeare's beautiful, funny, and chaotic saga. The story is about Imogen, a young princess, who must deal with an evil stepmother and a deadly potion, before befriending mysterious men in a woodland cave. Sounds pretty compelling!

The Delaware Shakespeare Community Tour returns this October with statewide presentations of *Cymbeline*. An article in the *Out & About Greater Wilmington* magazine explains that the Tour "seeks to share theater with the full spectrum of humanity in our state, traveling to non-traditional venues such as homeless shelters, prisons, and community centers." For example, they have a first-time performance scheduled for New Castle County's Hope Center.

This high-quality theatre experience is coming to Hanover through our partnership with Jefferson Street Center. It is an experience that everyone can enjoy and it is free! Please invite your neighbors and friends. Spread the word. We would love to see a big turnout for a unique and fun performance.

*Ellen Casson, JSC Board*

## Jefferson Street Center and Hanover Host DelDOT Presentation Addressing Baynard Boulevard Safety Concerns

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, Jefferson Street Center, Hanover, and representatives from DelDOT hosted a public workshop in the Hanover sanctuary. The purpose of the workshop was to review plans for proposed traffic pattern changes on Baynard Boulevard, from 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Concord Ave. The proposed changes are a result of neighborhood workshops that began in the fall of 2022, sparked by a Baynard Boulevard Open Streets event.

Following that event, JSC partnered with Univ of Delaware Living Labs to collect resident input. The results of surveys and conversations revealed a high level of concern around safety and traffic hazards, and lack of safe accessibility for pedestrians, especially those with differing physical capabilities, and bicyclists. JSC then followed up and connected with DelDOT, City of Wilmington, WILMAPCO and Urban Bike Project, to establish a plan that could create a platform for community members to directly share feedback and concerns. Through canvassing efforts, sharing on social media and connecting with the civic groups, JSC facilitated public workshops in the Fall 2022 and into 2023. As a result, ideas were shared for establishing a temporary “road diet” transportation installation by Spring of 2024.



The presentation by DelDOT provided a visualization of the design to reduce speeding and make Baynard Boulevard safer for vehicles and pedestrians and cyclists. A temporary installation will provide time for residents to experience the difference and recommend improvements. Through a public/private partnership, JSC led an effort to raise \$50,000 for this project, saving months, if not years, waiting for the State to be able to fit the project into their funding and schedule.

There will be another **Open Streets Event, on Baynard Blvd, on Saturday, October 21st from 1-4 p.m.** Mark your calendars and attend if you can. This will be another opportunity to offer more feedback and ask questions about the proposed traffic changes to the Boulevard. In the meantime, if you have questions or ideas, reach out to Ellen Casson or Amanda August, Exec. Dir. of JSC.

*Ellen Casson, Property*



# CREATION CARE AT HANOVER



## KEEP BRINGING YOUR PLASTIC FOR ECO-PLASTIC—WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

Look for the **triangle with a number stamped on the bottom** of any bottle, container, or bag to determine the type of plastic. The following can be recycled, but must be clean and dry.

**#2 (HDPE)** is used and recycled the most. Some examples of what it is used for are milk jugs, cleaning agent bottles, grocery bags, bubble wrap, some food containers, bottle caps and more.

**#4 (LDPE)** is mostly used for different types of bags, such as dog food bags, bread bags, newspaper bags, grocery bags, Ziploc bags, toilet paper bags and more.

**#5 (PP)** is lightweight, but durable. This plastic is used to make yogurt containers, Tupperware, food containers, and some bottle caps.

## WHY SHOULD I BRING MY PLASTIC TO CHURCH FOR ECO PLASTICS?

You can be sure your plastic won't end up in the landfill and that something useful will be made from it. (Some of the plastic put in your recycle can gets contaminated along the way and can't be recycled.)

A study by Greenpeace found that most of the plastic bags put in the recycle box at the grocery store end up in the landfill.

**If we donate enough plastic we can earn a small bench, a park bench, or a picnic table.**



## WHERE DO I PUT THE PLASTIC?

Please put your clean and dry plastic in the appropriate bins in the church school hall.

## CREATION CARE TIP ...

Here is a tip that seems appropriate as we approach fall ...



As we head into the fall and think about staying warm as cooler days and nights are upon us: **Turn your thermostat down** just five degrees to cut energy bills (and pollution) 10 percent; keep it at 68 degrees or lower in winter, and as low as 60 degrees while you sleep.

~ Maggie Alexander, Lorie Tudor—Faith in Action

## News from Jefferson Street Center, Inc.



Two Public Allies will start working with Executive Director Amanda August this Fall. One is Sayvon Willis, who is returning for a second placement with JSC. He likes us – JSC and Hanover! Some of you have met Sayvon already. He is a joy to work with, and he has returned to help with coordinating Community Hub programming. He will engage with current programs and assist with development of new programming. Stay tuned for information about the second Public Ally.

Have you had a cup of coffee or a sandwich at the Scout Café yet? It is located at 2316 Baynard Blvd and it is a dream come true for the owners and also the neighborhoods. When JSC was developing its Blueprint Community Revitalization Plan, and talking with residents about what they thought would improve the neighborhood, there was universal agreement that a café would be one of the top things on the list.



JSC obtained ARPA funding from the City of Wilmington, to support local, developing businesses in the neighborhoods. JSC is supporting Scout Café with \$4,000 worth of furniture. The furniture was made by CP Furniture, which is part of The Challenge Program, a local nonprofit that teaches construction and life skills to at-risk youth. All funds received from the sale of furniture made by CP Furniture is reinvested in The Challenge Program, so indirectly, JSC is also supporting another local nonprofit.

*Ellen Casson, JSC Board*



MOMS Demand Action for gun sense and gun safety met at Hanover for their monthly volunteer meeting. We had a special guest—Pastor Stephany! September is Suicide Prevention Awareness month and we sadly remembered that in **2021, a person died by suicide every eleven minutes!** Suicide was the second-leading cause of death for people ages 10-14 and 25-34. It seems discouraging but we can still provide a helping hand. **Dial 988** for suicide help, avoid crises, talk to or listen to those having a difficult time.

This Saturday 9/23/23 is the **Out of Darkness walk** at the Glasgow park. Walk starts at 10AM. Please join if you can. Having access to guns makes suicide easier, hence the concern for teaching secure storage of weapons and providing free gun locks.

Be smart, be safe. *Isheta Smith, MOMS Demand Action*





PRESENTS

# RESTORING THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

FEATURING KIM GRAHAM, M.A., LMSW



ARE YOU READY TO LISTEN TO POTENTIALLY DIVERGENT VIEWS AND PERSPECTIVES? WHAT CONDITIONS CREATE A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR COURAGEOUS HEALING CONVERSATIONS? JOIN PACEM AND LET'S EXPLORE TOGETHER.

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# What's Happening



**JB's Café**—We have been fortunate to have lovely weather lately and have enjoyed seeing a number of the Hanover family stop by for lunch on Tuesdays. We plan to stay outside until it starts to get cold - the end of October or even into November. When we do move inside, we hope that doesn't stop anyone from coming down to the Gathering Place for a bite to eat and the chance to talk with friends and neighbors. In the meantime, see you at the cart on the corner!

**Food Pantry** - We are having an increase in our client numbers this fall. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Once again, we can always use personal care items, toilet paper and laundry detergent.



We have crossed our fingers and put in an order for 100 turkeys from the Food Bank once again this year. We will be distributing them on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Any canned vegetables, stuffing mix, gravy or frozen pies will be appreciated.



**Church Life** - What could be better in November than our "annual" Fall Fling! We'll be hoping for a sunny, crisp day on **Saturday, November 18**. This will be our Final Fun Fundraiser for 2023. Think about homemade soups and chili, breads and desserts. We would love to have any of you chefs and bakers donate some of your creations for our Bake Table. Once again, if you have any items that are in good shape and you are ready to part with, we will be collecting them in November. As usual, we will need "all hands on deck" so please mark your calendars and let us (Becky, Ellen or Ruth) know if you can help with pricing the week before and or manning a table the day of the sale.

Calling all saints who want to help in planning some church social activities for 2024.

Anyone interested please let Becky Arnold know. We'll be having a short meeting on October 29 after worship.

Calling all Relish Makers! We will be gathering for a fun afternoon of making "Peg's Relish" on **Wednesday, November 1** at **12pm** in the Gathering Place. This is a great opportunity for us to remember one of our Hanover Saints -Peg Showalter. Her relish is known far and wide, and we will be taking orders starting in October and it will be on sale at the Fall Fling. *Becky Arnold, Church Life*

## CAN YOU HELP?

The Clothing Closet is looking for volunteers! On Wednesday, October 4 from 9 AM until we finish we will be turning over the seasons. Looking for help to sort and hang clothing, box up summer clothing and generally just clean up. We'd love to see you there! *Jude Harlan, Clothing Closet*



# Coffee Hour News

~ Beginning in October Church Life will be hosting a "Birthday" Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of each month. Join us for cake and see who is celebrating that month and get to know them better.

~ Could you host a Sunday coffee hour? It's easy to do—it can be as simple as a cookie and a drink. Remember that you can also host with a partner—however it works best!

Please see the schedule on the bulletin board in the Church School Hall and sign up.

Thank you for supporting our fellowship time each week.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

6	Isheta Smith
8	Charlotte Andrews
13	Tim Arnold
15	Jordan Dorsey
16	Greg Zankowsky
19	Beverly Lehman
21	Janette Dally
26	Art Werner
28	Jacqueline Howard
29	Irene Turner



## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Do you like to sing? Consider being the choir—you don't have to be a church member, and you also don't have to be able to read music—all you need is a desire to "make a joyful noise"—everyone is welcome! Talk to any choir member or me with any questions—we'd love to have you join us!

## UPCOMING MUSICAL GUESTS

**Sunday, October 8** - The Rainbow Chorale in worship

**Sunday, November 5** - C. Karen Covey Moore,  
Native American flutist for our All Saints' Celebration

**Sunday, December 24** (Christmas Eve)

Gus Mercante, countertenor, & Shannon Booth-Johnson, soprano

Prelude: 4:45 pm; Service: 5:00 pm

**Sunday, January 28, 2024** - Gospel Vespers, 3:00 pm

The HildaMan Chorale & DuPont Diversity Choir, Hanover Choir

## A CALL FOR DRUMS

Do you remember our Drum Circle? Let's start another one! No experience is needed, and it is an amazing time to bond with others and see what happens when we create a communal sound. What can playing in a group like this can do for you? Drumming has the power to heal, to reduce anxiety, to be in community with others—it's an "in the moment" experience, not a performance. Please talk to me if you're interested.

Soli Deo Gloria (*to the glory of God alone*),

Twyla





“October, baptize me with leaves! Swaddle me in corduroy and nurse me with split pea soup. October, tuck tiny candy bars in my pockets and carve my smile into a thousand pumpkins. O autumn! O tea kettle! O grace!”

— Rainbow Rowell, [Attachments](#)

## Weekly Happenings

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

## October Meetings Schedule

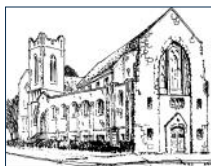
- ◇ Deacons: Tuesday, October 3, 6pm
- ◇ Worship Committee: Tuesday, October 10, 1:15pm
- ◇ Faith in Action: Tuesday, October 10, 5pm
- ◇ Session: Tuesday, October 17, 7pm
- ◇ Staff meeting: Wednesday, October 18, noon

## Looking ahead to November . . .

- \* **Prayer Calls—a weekly time to talk with Pastor Stephany and pray**
- \* **Jeremiah's Coffee House—Saturday, November 4, 5:30-7:30PM**
- \* **All Saints Celebration with Native America flutist C. Karen Covey Moore—Sunday, November 5**
- \* **Stewardship Sunday—a time to look at what we give back to God through our resources and through our actions**
- \* **Help with filling 100 Thanksgiving baskets—we need food donations and helping hands!**
- \* **9th Ward Interfaith Thanksgiving Service—Tuesday, November 21, 7PM, here at Hanover**
- \* **Honoring and thanking our Volunteers!**

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