

Hanover The HERALD

Hanover Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, Delaware

November 2023

Time is of the Essence

Three exciting months have already passed, the busy month of December is right around the corner, and before we know it, the year will come to an end. I have had the pleasure of meeting some amazing church members, colleagues and community leaders who are engaged in causes that are dear to my heart.

Each week, I receive new invitations to meetings and events. It requires a great deal of discipline to resist the many opportunities to get involved in the work of organizations beyond the Hanover church. It is obvious that the community relies heavily on this congregation for support or engagement at some level.

Before I offer more of my time to the community, I am looking forward to establishing a weekly prayer call, a leaders Bible study, and a holiday celebration for children.

The **Weekly Prayer Call** is being established primarily to provide consistent contact with members who are not able to participate in virtual or in-person worship or discipleship ministries. The calls will begin on Wednesday, November 1st at 2 p.m. and will continue each week. The 20-minute call will consist of prayer, scripture reflection and inspirational words of hope. The call is not limited to members of the congregation and is available to anyone who is interested in a mid-week spiritual pick-me up. To participate and avoid charges, all T-Mobile, Cricket or Metro PCS users must first call 518 906 1713 then 1 605 313-5907. When prompted dial 8635733#. All other phone service users can call 1 605 313-5907 when prompted, 8635733#.

A new **Bible Study** is being planned especially for church officers and those who serve as leaders and ministry chairpersons of the congregation. The Bible study will be held in a hybrid format beginning on Thursday, December 7th at 11:00 a.m. and will continue with a series of 6 - week sessions. The Zoom information will be available in the December Herald.

Hanover will host the 9th Ward **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** on Tuesday, November 21st at 7 p.m. Rabbi Sonya Starr, Policy Director for the Wilmington Housing Alliance will be the guest speaker.

Planning for a **Children's Holiday Party** is well under way in partnership with J.S.C., Pacem in Terris and Let's P.L.A.Y. We are hosting this event for 100 of our neighbors ages 12 and under. We invite you to help with this special celebration. We are also seeking donations from local businesses and our neighboring Presbyterian congregations. Flyers are available for distribution and for more detailed information.

Every healthy congregation is grounded in prayer and study. It is important to provide multiple ways for members to grow spiritually and remain connected to the community of faith. As we continue to provide ministry for our neighbors, let us stay connected to one another and to the source of power that equips us to serve with grace and gratitude. I am blessed to be a partner in ministry with you!

By Faith,

Pastor Stephany



CANCELLATION NOTICE:

Jeremiah's Coffeehouse is cancelled for November and will be rescheduled at a later time.



Daylight Saving Time

Saturday, November 5—please set your clocks back one hour!



Community Sunday

Discipleship classes will meet together for Community Sunday on **November 5 at 9:30am** in the Sunday School Hall. Join us for our intergenerational time together as we prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming holidays.

Our annual All Saints Service of Remembrance will be at 11:00 a.m., **Sunday, November 5**. We will light candles to honor our loved ones who have passed this year. C. Karen Covey-Moore, Native American flutist, will bless us again this year with her reflective music.



Volunteer Appreciation & Stewardship Sunday

November 26

Join us for a service of faith and gratitude for our many blessings and for those who volunteer their time. Please feel free to bring your pledge card.





From The Pastor's Pen

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse,
so that there may be food in My house.
Test Me in this," says the LORD of Hosts.
"See if I will not open the windows of heaven and
pour out for you blessing without measure."
Malachi 3:10

Dear Hanover members and friends,

Now that you have received your stewardship letter, I invite you into prayer and reflection as you discern the ways that the Holy Spirit might be leading you to serve and pledge next year. I want to encourage you to trust and experience the faithfulness of God in new ways.

A Prayer for Discernment

Almighty God, we thank you for allowing us to be participants and partakers of your kingdom work through the Hanover Presbyterian Church. We seek your guidance and direction as we prepare to stand in faith and dedicate more of our time and talent. We might not be able to give or serve as we once did, but we desire to do our part to ensure that this ministry continues to be vital to our sisters and brothers in Christ and to the community we serve. We know that you are not concerned with quantity but with the sincerity of our hearts. As we make our decisions, remind us that we are blessed to be a blessing. Continue to use our hearts and hands for your glory. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

By Faith,
Pastor Stephany

The Ninth Ward
Interfaith Coalition
Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday November 21 at
7pm
At Hanover Presbyterian

Join us as we pray together for
gratitude and peace, with a focus on
the unhoused and homeless in our
midst on **Tuesday, November 21st at
7pm**
At Hanover Presbyterian Church
1801 N Jefferson St.
Wilmington, DE 19802

Rabbi Sonya Starr to Speak

Featuring:
Hanover Presbyterian Church
Congregation Beth Emeth
Shiloh Baptist Church
Congregation Beth Shalom
Praying Grounds Church
And Others

Fall Fling

At Hanover

Saturday, November 18, 2023
10AM—2PM

We'll have jewelry, small furniture, housewares,
a bake table, and JB'S Café will be open. Come
and join us for a great fall event and enjoy food,
fun, and treasures!

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Westminster's New Life Furnishings program

Turning Housing Into Homes

NEW Life FURNISHINGS



OUR MISSION IS TO:

- Help create new life for families and individuals who are moving from homelessness to permanent housing, by providing a living environment of self-sufficiency and comfort;
- Provide new life for household furnishings no longer needed by their owners, by applying them to a useful new purpose;
- Protect our environment by distributing items that might otherwise be discarded.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Review the furnishings listed on the reverse and contact us if you would like to make a donation.
- Make a financial contribution to help offset transportation and storage costs for this life-sustaining ministry.
- Volunteer time and/or truck to help pickup/deliver furniture

Polly Pyle-Carter
[REDACTED] / Barry Cobb
Program Coordinators
(302) 654-5214 x313

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Wilmington, DE 19806
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NEW Life FURNISHINGS



The following items are most needed:

Mattress / Box Spring – Twin
 Mattress / Box Spring – Double / Queen
 Dresser
 Bureau with Mirror
 Small Sofa
 Loveseat
 End Tables
 Coffee Table
 Night Stand
 Lamp
 Small Desk
 Small Kitchen / Dining Table
 Dining Chairs
 Wing Chair
 Upholstered Chair
 Storage Hassock

Blankets
 Comforters
 Sheet Sets – Twin / Double / Queen
 Bath Towels
 Kitchen Towels
 Throw Rugs
 Drapes / Curtains

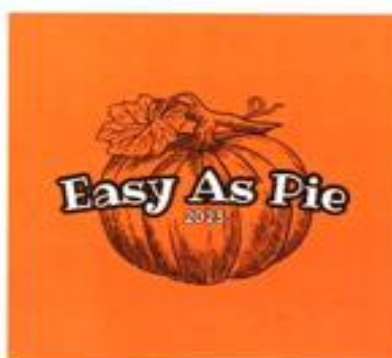
Small Microwave
 Toaster
 Coffee Maker
 Iron
 Vacuum Cleaner

Pots & Pans
 Wall Clocks
 Dinnerware Sets

Good to Excellent Condition, Please

Donations can be dropped off at Westminster on Sundays between 11:30 -2:30 at the garages located off the parking lot at the church.

If you have any questions about the program or need help with transporting your donation, please call Westminster, 302-654-5214 ext. 313, or call Barry Cobb at 302-598-3659.



Distribution Day - Tuesday, November 21, 2023



Make your Thanksgiving a little easier. Order some delicious pies from Achenbach Pastries, Just Deserts by Jekeitta, Linvilla Orchards and Pellman Bakery.

Your donation not only gets you a delicious Thanksgiving pie or baked good but also provides vital services to Delawareans infected and affected by HIV.

Dutch Apple Crumb • Plain Sticky Ring • Lemon Meringue Pie • Pecan Pie • Raisin Sticky Ring • Pecan Sticky Ring • Moravian Cake • Apple Moravian Cake • Boston Cream Pie • Mini Choc. Whoopie Pies • Pumpkin Mini Whoopie Pies • Old Fashioned Apple Pie • Apple Crumb Pie Pumpkin Pie • Cherry Crumb Pie • Blueberry Crumb Pie • Lemon Sponge Pie • Shoofly Pie • Touch of Strawberry Layer Cake • Pineapple Upside Down • Black Forest Cake • 7" Red Velvet Cake • Chocolate Mousse Pie • 7" Spice Layer Cake • Coconut Layer Cake • 9" Carrot Cake • Coconut Custard • Triple Chocolate Cake • 7" German Choc. Cake • Deconstructed Pumpkin Roll • Sweet Potato Pie • Plain Cheesecake

- All desserts must be ordered by Tuesday November 14, by 11:00 AM
- Pickup your desserts on Tuesday, November 21, 12 – 6 pm (hours at some locations vary)

Visit www.delawarehiv.org to order

Or Scan QR code



CREATION AT HANOVER CARE



Creation Justice Ministries draws this connection between stories on our scriptures and protecting places in our outdoor environment:

“Moses' call story is one that has fascinated people of faith for centuries. As told in Exodus 3, Moses sees a bush that is on fire but not being consumed. Moses is invited to approach the area, but before doing so, he is commanded to remove his sandals, because the place is holy. Something similar happens in Exodus 19 when

God declares the area around Mt. Sinai is holy and prevents the people from coming closer to it. In both instances there is a recognition that certain spaces hold such significance that humans should either leave them untouched or tread on them as lightly as possible.

“Today, we are called to a similar recognition that there are ecosystems around us that are so precious and vulnerable that they need to be protected from human interference. There are spaces so sacred to the people that have stewarded them for centuries that disturbing them would not only disrupt the ecology, but also traditions and history of a people already pushed to the brink. As we grow in awareness of our proper place in God's creation, perhaps what we'll begin to see is that all ground is holy ground, worthy of protection, preservation, and restoration. Perhaps we'll learn to walk a little lighter on the earth and recognize that there are spaces on this planet in which our best stewardship is our absence.”

A Tree For Every Delawarean Reserve your tree today!



New Castle County's Clean Stream Champion program is partnering with [The Tree for Every Delawarean Initiative \(TEDI\)](#) to help distribute free native trees to Delawareans. These trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be reserved on-line.

TEDI is a partnership that includes the Urban and Community Forestry (UFC) programs in the Department of Agriculture's [Delaware Forest Service](#), the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's [Division of Climate, Coastal and Energy](#) and other stakeholders.

The only requirement to obtain a free native tree is that you are a Delaware resident. Trees will be limited to one per resident and must be picked up at Glasgow Park on November 5. Unclaimed trees will not be held for a later pickup date and will be planted on County property. Duplicate orders will be canceled. To reserve a tree, go to: <https://www.cleanstreamchampion.org/tedi/>

NEW CLERK OF SESSION

At the Oct. 17th Session meeting, the Elders elected Jude Harlan as the Clerk of Session. Jude grew up at Hanover and is active in many ministries: Clothing Closet coordinator, Personnel, Membership & Stewardship committees, and Sunday worship video recorder. Jude's email address for Session-related items is clerk@hanoverchurch.org. Thank you, Jude, for serving Hanover as Clerk!



Elders—Class of 2026

Russ Buckley
Stephanie Hinson
Rochelle Ransom

Deacons—Class of 2026

Ingrid Dark
Hillary Mohaupt
Walter Scott

Deacon—Class of 2025

Susan Woodbury

Nominating Committee Member—Class of 2025

NOMINEES' BIOS

3 Elders - Class of 2026

Russ Buckley joined Hanover in 1975. He has served as a Deacon and an Elder. He's a Finance Committee member, Financial Secretary and choir member.

Stephanie Hinson joined Hanover in 2019 and is being nominated for a second term as an Elder. She served on the Transitional Pastor Search Committee and is a member of the Nominating and Church Life Committees. Stephanie volunteers weekly at the Clothing Closet and serves as an usher.

Rochelle Ransom joined Hanover in 2009. She has served as a Deacon and is a liturgist and a Worship Committee member.

3 Deacons - Class of 2026

Ingrid Dark joined Hanover in 2017. She has served her first term as a deacon and has agreed to be a nominee for a second term. She is a Food Pantry volunteer.

Hillary Mohaupt joined Hanover in 2011 and has served as an Elder and a Female Harmony Society member.

Walter Scott joined Hanover in 2004 and has previously served as an Elder and a Deacon. He serves as a liturgist, usher, and weekly church office volunteer.

1 Deacon - Class of 2025 (filling an unexpired term)

Susan Woodbury joined Hanover in 2013. She is an Elder, a member of the Faith in Action Committee and the Female Harmony Society. Susan also volunteers at the Super Sale.

1 Nominating Committee Member - Class of 2025

Ray Kirkpatrick joined Hanover in 2010. He serves on the Finance, Worship & Stewardship Committees, has served as an Elder and a Deacon, and is an usher and liturgist.



News from Jefferson Street Center, Inc.

I am reaching out with some big news about changes happening on Baynard Boulevard.

We have received word from DelDot that the interim transportation changes will be installed the first week of November. So exciting!

* As a follow-up to a multi-year process and several community workshops, Baynard's layout will change between 18th street and Concord Ave from a 4-lane road to 2 lanes (one lane each way), with permanent parking on the northbound side (going out of the city) and a bike lane on the southbound side (heading into the city).

As discussed during the DelDot workshop in August, support for transportation safety and multi-modal transportation options are a part of the City of Wilmington 2028 Comprehensive Plan as well as the City of Wilmington Bike Plan. Our goal is to respond to the expressed needs of Northwest Wilmington stakeholders by slowing traffic and promoting equitable access to safe travel for all.

* Our goal for this *short-term installation* is to create space for community feedback and engagement. JSC is partnering with University of Delaware Living Labs to create mechanisms and opportunities for residents, businesses, schools and stakeholders throughout NW Wilmington to share their ideas, concerns and suggestions for future permanent changes. This feedback process will last approximately a year, and will also involve door-to-door surveying, online surveys and in-person meetings.

* In response to great questions brought up at the DelDot workshop in August, we have created an FAQ sheet to answer logistical questions pertaining to Baynard, *attached to this email*. If there is something we should add to this list, please let us know.

* **We are in the process of scheduling our first in-person workshop for early December, so please stay tuned!**

We are proud to partner with DelDot, City of Wilmington, Healthy Communities Delaware, UD Living Labs and Urban Bike Project for this effort. And thank you all for your continued engagement on this project!

Cheers,

Amanda

Come help us celebrate the 40th anniversary founding of **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83** and **Delaware's Vietnam Veteran memorial**, dedicated to the 166 fallen heroes of the Vietnam War.

Location: 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE

Date - **Saturday, November 4, 2023**

Time - **10:14am**

Terry Baker, President, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 83

Contact: bakfield@aol.com; 302-540-0103



Hanover Finance Summary

This summary is based on Hanover's financial records as of September 30, 2023.

Pledges:

Total number of individuals/families who submitted pledges = 37

Total value of the pledges = \$135,224

As of September 30th, \$97,941 has been received in pledged money, or 72% of the pledged amount, at 75% of the year.

Non-pledged, but giving regularly:

\$30,614 has been received as of September 30th.

Combined Pledged and Non-pledged:

\$128,555 has been received as of September 30th, or 63% of the budgeted amount of \$205,000, at 75% of the year.

Income budgeted for 2023:

\$288,639

\$212,000 of the budgeted income is from members, friends, and visitors and includes pledged, non-pledged, per capita giving, loose offering, and memorial giving (74% of income).

\$70,439 comes from rent and building use fees (24% of income), and of that amount, Open Arms Academy childcare center provides 70%.

\$6,200 comes fundraising and miscellaneous (2%)

Expenses budgeted for 2023:

\$264,589

\$163,164 (62%) is for personnel. (Note that the Pastor's salary was budgeted for 5 months.)

\$86,625 (33%) is for support and operating, including maintenance, property expenses and insurance.

\$14,800 (5%) is for programs and benevolences.

If you have any questions about Hanover's finances, and/or have a question about your own personal giving to support the church, please feel free to reach out. The easiest way is probably to call the church office (302-658-5114) and ask that someone call you. Ellen Casson is the chair of the finance committee and Amy Harris is the treasurer. Between the two, we should be able to answer your questions.

In 2023, Hanover needs approximately \$22,000 per month to cover expenses, but that does not cover an unexpected cost, such as a major property repair. In the first 9 months of 2023, we have been receiving an average of \$20,174 per month. Hanover needs your financial support to help Hanover live into its Statement of Faith and Purpose:

*In ministering to each other and the world our guide is the light, life, and love revealed in Jesus Christ. We seek to see the light in every child of God, believing that **diversity** is of God's desire and design. We strive to embrace the gift of life by offering unconditional **hospitality**. We serve to express the love of God by working for **justice** for all of God's children.*

~ Ellen Casson, Finance



A NOTE OF



Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, gifts & good wishes extended to me recently! The Hanover spirit transcends time & space so, in spite of my geographical distance, I'll always be a Hanover member at heart, grateful for this Community at 18th & Baynard.

May God's Spirit of life, peace & hope continue to bless each of you abundantly!

Eloise Downing

What's Happening



JB's Café—Our base of operation has moved to the Gathering Place now that cooler weather has begun. Look for our new signs on Jefferson and Baynard! It's time for soup and grilled cheese and apple crisp! See you soon!

Food Pantry - Fall has arrived and so have many more people needing our Food Pantry! Our numbers of clients has shot up. Now instead of 30 families each week we are nearing 50! Thank you for your continued support of this program. We will be distributing turkeys and bags of food this year as in the past. We will be partnering with the BTL Foundation as usual. Stuffing, sweet potatoes and pies would be welcome donations.



Church Life - The Fall Fling is coming fast! Please mark Saturday, November 18 for joining us for our final fundraiser of the year. If you have items to donate, please bring them in starting Sunday, Nov. 12. We are also looking for soups and baked goods if you feel so inclined. Thanks in advance for your help and looking forward to seeing you there!

Becky Arnold, Church Life



Communion Procedures

The Worship Committee discussed the Congregation's response to last month's three Communion options and determined that two options would be sufficient.

Please note the following, beginning on Sunday, November 5:

For people not wanting to come forward for Communion: pick up the prepared bread/juice sets from the back tables on your way into the sanctuary.

For people wanting to come forward for Communion:

walk up the side aisles

server will serve you a bread cube (using tongs)

go to the center to dip your bread into the cup (if you wish)

return to your pew using the center aisle.



Coffee Hour News

~ Church Life will be hosting a "Birthday" Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of November to celebrate all of our November birthdays. Join us for cake and see who is celebrating that month!

~ 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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Heather Dorsey
3	Lawondale Parker
5	Kayla Kirylik
6	Denny Schreyer
6	Austin Wilson
16	Amber Simmons
19	Devin Pulliam
20	Fred McFarland
22	Kathryn Long
23	Lillian Grasty



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, 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, Michael Hunter, Brian Gray, Gus Mercante, and The Twin Poets!

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





"The wind that makes music in November corn is in a hurry. The stalks hum, the loose husks whisk skyward in half-playing swirls, and the wind hurries on... A tree tries to argue, bare limbs waving, but there is no detaining the wind."
~ Aldo Leopold

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
- ◇ Prayer Calls—Wednesdays, 2pm—5pm
- ◇ Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
- ◇ Zumba—Thursdays, 6pm
- ◇ Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm

November Meetings Schedule

- ◇ Worship Committee: Tuesday, November 14, 1:15pm
- ◇ Faith in Action: Tuesday, November 14, 5pm
- ◇ Staff Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 12pm
- ◇ Session: Tuesday, November 28, noon

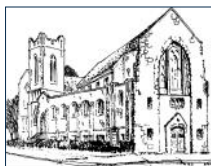
Looking ahead to December ...

- * **Congregational Meeting—Sunday, December 3**
- * **Installation & Ordination of Officers—Sunday, December 10**
- * **Neighborhood Children's Holiday Party—Saturday, December 16**
- * **Advent Deacons' Luncheon—Sunday, December 17—following Worship**
- * **Christmas Eve Service—Sunday, December 24—5pm (Prelude at 4:45pm)**
Gus Mercante, countertenor, Shannon Booth-Johnson, Soprano



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Staff

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Organizing Pastor: Rev. Brooke Scott
Church Administrator/Minister of Music: Twyla Evitts
Sexton: Herman Pulliam
Bookkeeper: Anthony Condoluci-Smith
Child care: Jerri Harmon-Matthews
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Walter Scott, George Turner