

Hanover

The HERALD

**Hanover Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, Delaware**

March 2024

Echo's Throughout the Ages

The wisdom language of women poets, activists, musicians, spiritual leaders, and writers have challenged, inspired and encouraged me throughout my adult life. They are literary revolutionaries, prophets, and sages. They have been my teachers, my mentors, and my guides. In recognition of Women's History Month, I would like to share some of their wisdom words with you. May this article inspire you to learn more about each of them and their contributions to the American story.

"I am a Black woman
Tall as a cypress
Strong
Beyond all definition still
Defying place
And time
And circumstance
Assailed
Impervious
Indestructible
Look on me and be renewed." **Mari Evans**



"With courage born of success achieved in the past, with a keen sense of responsibility which we must continue to assume we look forward to the future, large with promise and hope. Seeking no favors because of our color or patronage because of our needs, we knock at the bar of justice and ask for an equal chance." **Mary Church Terrell**

"Service is the rent you pay for room on this earth." **Shirley Chisolm**

"Life is a journey back to God, and our relationships are the road we travel." **Susan L. Taylor**

"We, Black women of today, must accept the full weight of a legacy wrought in blood by our mothers in chains. As heirs of a tradition of perseverance and heroic resistance, we must hasten to take our place wherever our people are forging toward freedom." **Angela Yvonne Davis**

"True chivalry respects all womanhood." **Ida B. Wells**

"I don't accept the world the way it works. I take on the world. I want to make the world the way it should be." **Bernice Johnson Reagon**

"Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place." **Zora Neale Hurston**

"My concept of happiness is to be fulfilled in a spiritual sense." **Coretta Scott King**

"To fulfill divine purpose, You must answer when you're called.
So don't be afraid to face the world against all odds.
Keep the dream alive don't let it die, if something deep inside, keeps inspiring you to try,
don't stop. And never give up, don't ever give up on you..." **Yolanda Adams**

By Faith, *Pastor Stephany*

Discipleship Classes

Both Discipleship classes are continuing their study of the Lord's Prayer. The discussions in the Adult Discipleship classes have been lively and have shaken us out of our complacency when praying this prayer. Praying The Lord's Prayer is not for the faint-hearted and we need to get back to praying it with our minds, hearts, hands and feet. Adam Hamilton in his book, The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught, reminds us that "in praying this prayer we not only fix our hearts and minds on God's kingdom coming, but we also invite God to use us as instruments to fulfill our prayer. We're praying, in part, "Here I am, Lord, use me." Each Sunday morning Bea and George lead the adult class in a responsive reading based on the Lord's Prayer. The litanies are a wonderful way to introduce the portion of the prayer being discussed each week. For week 2 of our study, this was the litany:

Thy Kingdome Come, Thy will be Done...

Reader 1: On this day, we come into the presence of our God, praying with our Savior as he taught us to pray:

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Reader 2: We join with Christians around the world as we say:

People: May your kingdom come!

Reader 1: To those who are poor,

Reader 2: to those who are hungry,

People: May your kingdom come!

Reader 1: To those who despair,

Reader 2: to those who weep,

People: May your kingdom come!

Reader 1: To those who long for peace,

Reader 2: to those who are in the midst of war

People: May your kingdom come!

Reader 1: Help us to work for the coming of your kingdom.

Reader 2: Much is broken, yet we work for renewal, for justice, and for peace.

People: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Reader 1: Use us as your instruments.

Reader 2: Help us to see the possibilities before us.

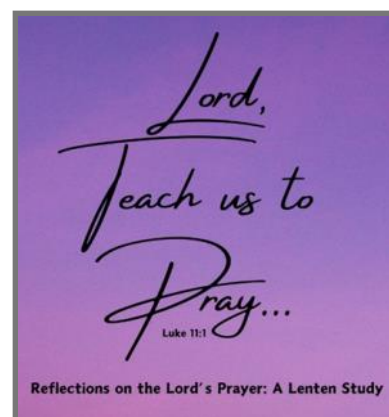
People: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Reader 1: Give us vision so that our work may be part of the coming of your kingdom.

Reader 2: Give us the courage to do what you ask of us.

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

~Praying the Lord's Prayer During Lent by Robert J. and Laura Keeley



The Wondering Friends are also learning the Lord's Prayer (or hearing it anew) which will make reciting this during our worship service more meaningful. To help in memorizing this prayer, or a way to meditate on the passages, Miss Nancy has created coloring pages to go along with each lesson. The Wonderers continue to learn (and laugh) with Holy Moly as well. This term we are concentrating on these lessons in Jesus's life and ministry: Calling Disciples | Teach Us to Pray | Calming the Storm | Walking on Water | Zacchaeus | Water to Wine | Jesus Feeds 5,000 | Road to Emmaus | and Pentecost.

During Community Sunday on March 10, we will continue our lessons on The Lord's Prayer in our intergenerational setting. During our time together, we will wonder whether Jesus meant for us to recite the prayer verbatim or if he was teaching the disciples (and us) the points to include in our daily prayers? If you haven't been able to attend Discipleship class for our reflections on the Lord's Prayer, why not join us on March 10 at 9:30AM as we will ponder together what this prayer means to us. Come see what we've been learning and living this Lent!

~ Nancy Long

Saturday, March 2nd at 12:00 pm
Legislative Hall, Dover Delaware

JOIN POOR AND IMPACTED PEOPLE, CLERGY,
 AND ADVOCATES ON THE GREEN WEST OF LEGISLATIVE HALL

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 & LOW-WAGE WORKERS'
 STATE HOUSE ASSEMBLIES
 & TO THE POLLS**

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 WORKER/LABOR RIGHTS,
 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE,
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 NOT THE DIVISION OF HATE.**

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The Delaware Poor People's Campaign

Grace and Peace, Hanover!

We are less than one week away from our participation in the Delaware Poor People's Campaign rally in Dover, Delaware. Here is what participants need to know:

We will meet at the Hanover church on Saturday, March 2nd at 10:15AM and leave for Dover at 10:30AM. We will be driving two cars that will seat 8 additional people.

The march will begin at 12PM and will be followed by a 1-hour program. We will return to Wilmington around 2:15PM.

Please feel free to bring your own lawn chairs, umbrellas and desired snacks. Fruit, snacks, and water will also be provided by the campaign organizers. There will be porta-potties on site.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me directly at 410 493-6748. Thank you for your participation in this important event.

"Forward Together - Not One Step Back!"

Pastor Stephany

Our Black History Month was so wonderful that we had to use two months! Our Gospel Vespers opened up the celebrations at the end of January - our musical guests were The Melodic Dancers, Gus Mercante, Michael Hunter, Brian Gray, The HildaMan Chorale, and the Hanover choir. We had an exciting afternoon of music and dance. Thank you to all of our guest artists, and as always, the Hanover Choir. Thank you to George Turner for his dedication to this event.

The Soul Food Luncheon was a delicious event, and the special presentation about the chefs at the White House was an additional treat. Many thanks to Cherise Alexander, Lynn Gregory, and Karin Wilson for heading up this gathering and making it such an enjoyable time.

We had special messages from Pastor Stephany, Rev. Brooke, and guest speaker Rev. Cindy Kohlmann. All of the messages were inspiring and moving—if you missed one of them, you can check them out on our YouTube channel (*search Hanover Church Wilmington DE*). Each week we had exciting music from our choir, which made every service a true celebration! Thank you, choir!

We appreciate everyone who helped make all of our celebrations such a success!



What's Happening



JB's Café – JB'S Café is open on Tuesdays for breakfast from 8-10 and lunch 10-1. We have daily specials along with our famous hot dogs, sausage sandwiches, grilled cheese, and soups. Come on in for food to warm your body and fellowship to feed your soul!

Food Pantry – Food Pantry Update:

Each week we stock the shelves, and each week we are amazed at how much food we were able to distribute. Thanks to our donors, (Hanover members, other churches, Giant and Wawa) we are able to keep up with the demand. We still always appreciate laundry detergent, toilet paper and other personal items.



"Philomena" - Now Showing March 24

We will be watching and discussing "Philomena" on Sunday, March 24, immediately following worship. This movie is based on the true story of an elderly Irish woman searching for the son who was put up for adoption against her will. In 1952, Irish teenager Philomena (Judi

Dench) became pregnant out of wedlock and was sent to a convent where she worked unpaid.

When her baby, Anthony, was a toddler, the nuns took him away from her and put him up for adoption in the United States. For the next 50 years, she searched tirelessly for her son. When former BBC correspondent Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan) learns of the story, he becomes her ally and they travel together to America to try to find Anthony. The movie also touches on spiritual matters and makes a distinction between faith and institutionalized piety. The movie was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Picture, and won a BAFTA Award.

HELP DECREASE PLASTIC WASTE WITH ECOPLASTICS

According to an article in Smithsonian Magazine, the US generates about 40 million tons of plastic waste each year. About 85% (34 million tons) of this ends up either in landfills or in the ocean causing tremendous problems.

There are several things we can do to help. Lobby manufacturers to reduce plastic packaging; buy items that aren't packaged in plastic; use reusable containers; use refillable water bottles; use refillable containers for lunches or when taking home leftovers from a restaurant. Finally, you can bring your clean and dry #2, #4, #5 plastic and plastic bags to Hanover. They will be taken to EcoPlastics where they will be recycled into useful items. We will be taking our next donation to EcoPlastics on March 7th. Please make the effort to bring your plastic to Hanover before then and keep it out of the landfill.



**The Female Harmony Society
presents**

“Not Your Grandmother’s Tea”

featuring:
“Comfort Food” Luncheon
Musical Comedy by
Gus Mercante & Lauren Conrad
Raffles, 50/50, & more!

reserve tickets
by 3/11
\$15
kids 12 and
under \$5

Menu:
 Chili (Beef or Vegan)
 Mac & Cheese
 Baked Potato Soup
 Breads & Butters
 Tea Party Desserts
 Coffee and... Tea!

Saturday, March 16, 2021 1-3pm
 Hanover Church, 1801 N. Jefferson St, Wilmington, DE 19802 • (302) 658-5114
 Tickets must be purchased in advance in the church office or at www.femaleharmonysociety.org

Mark your calendar!

Calling all confectioners!

If you'd like to help make candy Easter eggs this year, we'll be down in The Gathering Place kitchen during the week of March 18–22.

Please contact Becky at (302) 584-0356 for more details.



Handmade Easter Eggs

- Butter Cream-
- Coconut-
- Peanut Butter-

Boxed and decorated
1/4 lb. egg—only **\$5 each**

Ordering begins Friday, March 1
 For pickup/delivery on
 Sunday, March 24—12-2PM

Order at:
 Hanover Church, 1801 N. Jefferson St., Wilmington, DE 19802
 (302) 658-5114 and at: office@hanoverchurch.org
 Orders are due by Monday, March 18



One Great Hour of Sharing—Special Offering

For 75 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 pass out special envelopes for the next two weeks and will collect during worship on **Palm Sunday, March 24.**

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. Please make sure that you state that your gift is for "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the instruction line.

Here are the results of Faith in Action's UnGifts program in 2023.

Supporting Kidds' provides a "compassionate pathway to healing for grieving children and their families, and to empower the community to support them in the grieving process." Targeted and comprehensive support is given to grieving children and their families in New Castle County. This includes individual and group counseling for children and teens to help them adjust to the loss of a parent or sibling. Donations = \$355



The Delaware Nature Society connects people with the natural world to improve our environment through education, conservation, and advocacy, by safeguarding clean water, modeling sustainable and regenerative farming, preserving land, encouraging the planting of native plants, planting trees, and providing education through classes, field trips and camps. Donations = \$265

Friendship House unites people facing homelessness with loving, supportive communities they can call home. They do this through Empowerment Centers, a Winter Program, a Transitional Housing Program, a Clothing Bank and a Financial Assistance Program. It has served the community for more than 35 years, with the support of volunteers, donors, community partners, and faith partners and helps more than 12,000 people annually. Donations = \$230

Guatemala Stove Project funds the construction of masonry cook stoves for hundreds of thousands of people in Guatemala who cook indoors over an open fire or rudimentary stove that pours smoke into the room and contributes to health problems such as early childhood pneumonia, lung cancer, and bronchitis. The stoves vent the smoke outdoors and conserve wood because they are much more efficient. The sturdy construction has a tiled surface for eating along the sides, providing a warm place for the family to gather to eat on cold mountain evenings. Donations = \$610

Doctors without Borders provides independent, impartial medical humanitarian assistance to the people who need it most. It cares for people affected by conflict, disease outbreaks, natural and human-made disasters, and exclusion from health care. They are active in more than 70 countries including Gaza, Sudan, Palestine, Israel, and Ukraine. Donations = \$200

Total Donations = \$1660

2023 Finance Highlights

The year-end review of 2023 shows we received \$187,088 from our pledged and unpledged gifts to Hanover. We received \$146,711 in pledges and \$40,377 in unpledged donations, which are donations received on a regular basis, but without a pledge commitment. This is 91% of the budgeted amount (\$205,000) approved for the 2023 fiscal year. This is a strong sign of support from our members and friends, during another challenging year, as we moved forward without a regular pastor for 7 months of 2023.



Other income highlights include:

Memorials	\$ 5,888
Per Capita	\$ 635
Loose offering	\$ 6,158
Fundraising	\$ 7,256 (Easter Egg sales and Super Sale events)
Rent from Open Arms	\$49,368
Use of building by JSC	\$ 9,000
Rent & Other Bldg Use	\$ 9,961 (Pacem in Terris, Let's Play, Sharon Temple, Other)

Our "regular income" of \$275,354 is less than our budgeted amount of \$287,639, by about \$12,000. Regular income does not include restricted donations for the food pantry and other designated programs or special offerings. Restricted income totaled \$41,921. Special offering income was \$3,431.

Our expenses were \$260,365, which is about \$4,200 less than we budgeted for (\$264,589). Good news: our income exceeded our expenses by \$10,765. Expense highlights include:

\$ 23,665 in utilities and telephone/Internet
\$ 22,574 for insurance (property and liability)
\$164,561 in personnel costs

Hanover continues to have stock investments in a Fidelity investment fund. The value fluctuates daily, but the 2023 year-end statement showed a total of \$212,659. This reflects approximately \$32,000 in growth from an all-time low of approximately \$180,000 at the beginning of the year. Included in the total fund figure is a money market account of approximately \$32,000.

Hanover's finance committee includes Ellen Casson (Chair), Tim Arnold, Bill Tudor, Ray Kirkpatrick, Bill Balascio and Amy Harris (Treasurer).

Property News

In the February Herald, we mentioned that the stage in the Gathering Place is getting a facelift. The funding for this renovation is provided by Jefferson Street Center. Progress has been made. The stage has been extended approximately 34 inches. We have a new bulkhead and new steps. Painting is making the stage background more versatile for a variety of uses. Doors have been installed in the front of the stage, so we can use the space under the stage for much needed storage. Bill Tudor and Herman Pulliam have a clever idea to repurpose some of the heavy old Hanover tables into rolling carts to hold other tables and chairs and slide them under the stage. We look forward to adding a new projector, screen, lighting and a sound system, and seeing many community events and activities taking place in that space.



The property committee has been working on replacing light bulbs in the sanctuary. Not only do we want the lighting to be improved so we can all see better, but we also want the quality of the lighting, the warmth (Kelvin rating) and the brightness (Lumens), to be appropriate for the space. LED lighting is very different from the incandescent lighting we used to have, and as bulbs have been changed over time, there have been various types used in the fixtures in the sanctuary. This is a complicated job and we are not finished, but we did succeed in making the sanctuary much brighter for our Gospel Vespers event. We are also exploring replacing an old timer that used to operate lights to illuminate the large chancel window so it can be seen from the outside at night.



“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

~ Charles Dickens, “*Great Expectations*”

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

March Meetings Schedule

- ◇ Deacons (Zoom): Tuesday, March 5, 6PM
- ◇ Worship Committee: Tuesday, March 12, 1:15PM
- ◇ Faith in Action: Tuesday, March 12, 5pm
- ◇ Session: Tuesday, March 19, 7pm
- ◇ April “Herald” article deadline—Friday, March 22
- ◇ Visioning Team Zoom: Wednesday, March 27, 5:30PM



March Birthdays

2	Justin Lewis
5	Taralynn Dillard
5	Melissa Heieie
6	Pastor Stephany
8	Frann Anderson
8	Martha McFarland
8	Sirena Turner
9	Sue Baker
11	Chris Jacob
11	Susie Watson
12	Ray Kirkpatrick
16	Porshay Matthews
16	Sharay Matthews
24	Ruthann Richardson
28	Andrea McCoy-Carty
30	Anna West



Palm Sunday—Sunday, March 24, 11AM

Good Friday—Friday, March 29, 7PM

Resurrection Day—Sunday, March 31

Youth Discipleship Class, 9:30 AM

Adult Discipleship Class, 9:45AM

Worship w/Communion, 11AM

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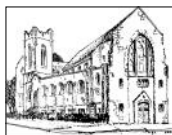
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