

Juneteenth: In Memoriam

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Juneteenth Worship and Prayer Resources

As we celebrate Juneteenth this month, we remember and lift up those in the American context as well as people of African heritage around the world who still suffer marginalization, oppression, and enslavement because of the color of their skin.

While we give thanks for all who have labored, protested, testified, voted and prayed for Juneteenth to become a widely known and celebrated holiday, we must never forget to remember and lift up our ancestors and all the souls who were forcibly taken from Africa, from their families, tribes, villages and lands.

We must remember and lift up all the souls who chose the Atlantic Ocean as their grave instead of enslavement in an unknown land. We must remember and lift all the souls who arrived and survived on these shores even as their humanity was denied, their bodies were abused, and their labor was exploited.

We must remember the 250,000 people in Texas and other states who were denied their freedom until forcibly liberated by the U.S. army.

We must remember and mourn all the souls whose lives were brutally ended by enslavers and their descendants out of entitlement, anger, envy, resentment, spitefulness, fear, bigotry, racism, and sheer, unbridled evil.

We remember and lift up all the souls who survived in the face of and despite the heinous horrors of enslavement and those who enslaved them.

Let us truly acknowledge and celebrate Juneteenth by refusing to be silent as the rights and freedoms of women, LGBTQIAP+ people, Muslims, and African Americans are threatened.

Thanks be to God for the strength, tenacity, ingenuity, wisdom, perseverance, and resilience with which we have been imbued. Thank You God, for bringing our ancestors through the eras and times of enslavement, Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and fights for civil rights.

Juneteenth Blessings!

By Faith, Pastor Stephany





Adult Discipleship at 9:30AM

Worship Service at 11AM

Session voted last month that we will remain at
9:30AM Discipleship Classes and 11AM Worship
all year round.

Please remember that we have air conditioning,
and the sanctuary will be a lovely temperature for worship.

See you on Sundays!



What's New at JSC? Find out on Sunday, June 2!

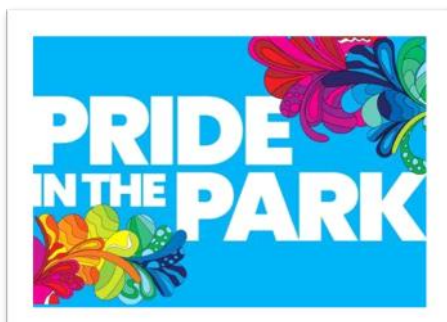
Amanda August, Executive Director of the Jefferson Street Center, will join us following worship at our Coffee Hour and will give an update on what's been happening in their world! She'll be happy to answer any questions and give information on some of their new and exciting ventures.

Sunday, June 9—Fox Point Park Worship & Picnic

Pride in the Park

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 9, 11AM** for our annual Worship in the Park event. We'll head out to Fox Point Park and enjoy our worship "down by the riverside". The Ramblers will be on hand to provide lively music, and we will be celebrating the start of Pride Month.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided as well as drinks. Please bring a dish to share. Looking forward to a great day! If you need a park pass, please call the church office.



What's Happening...?



At JB's Café: JB's Cafe has moved to our spot on 18th and Jefferson St. for our Sidewalk Cafe. Tuesdays are great days to come on over and enjoy lunch and good conversation in the great outdoors! We're open from 8-10 for breakfast in the Gathering Place and 10- 1 outside. Hope to see you there!

In the Food Pantry: The Food Pantry is running smoothly these days. Our number of clients has increased and now we are serving about 40 families each week. Thank you for your donations of food or personal items . They are much appreciated.



With Eco Plastic Recycling: Please bring your plastic to Hanover to be recycled at Eco Plastic Products. Why? Our collection of clean and dry number 2, number 4, and number 5 plastic and plastic bags seems to have slowed down. It is more important than ever that we continue to bring our plastic to Hanover to be recycled at Eco Plastic Products where it will be made into useful items. Today, the US manufactures more than 438 million tons of new plastic every year. Plastic seriously harms ecosystems when it leaks into the environment. This includes physical impacts such as animals getting entangled in or ingesting plastic, chemical harm caused by hazardous additives in plastic products, and biological damage through plastic particles that are found everywhere, even inside human organs.

Of all the plastic waste we generate globally, scientists estimate that less than 10 percent is recycled. The OECD found that **only about 60% of the plastic put in recycle bins was actually able to be recycled.** Please make the extra effort to save your number 2, number 4, and number 5 plastic and plastic bags. Every little bit helps to keep plastic out of our environment and to protect God's creation.



Spring Fling Update!

When raindrops fall on Super Sale Day, Hanover Saints get innovative! Nothing deters us! And the rains came - but that did not stop us from holding our Street Sale out on Baynard Blvd! Hanover Saints proved how hardy they are. We put up tents and carried on business as usual. At the end of the day much of our plants and "merchandise" had been moved on to new homes. We made at least \$2000 for our efforts. We are well on the way to meeting our goal when we have the sale in September. Thanks to all who helped to make it a fun, drippy day!



Sue Baker, volunteer!

Congratulations, Hanover Graduates!



We'll be celebrating with you during worship on **Sunday, June 30!**
Here's a list of our graduates:

2024 High School Graduates:

Nathaniel Arnold (grandson of Becky & Tim Arnold, son of Mathieu Arnold)

- ~ High School graduate from Fernley High School, Fernley, Nevada
- ~ Associate Degree from Nevada Community College, Fernley, Nevada
- ~ Plans: Going to University of Nevada at Reno

Bryn Van Rooyen:

- ~ High School graduate from Mount Pleasant High School, Wilmington, DE
- ~ Plans: Going to West Chester University, PA - majoring in Music Education

2024 College Graduates:

Patty Gross:

- ~ Doctorate of Human Services from Capella University

Karen Ingram:

- ~ Masters in Arts and Liberal Studies from the University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Karin Wilson:

- ~ Masters of Science in Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA



On Sunday, June 2 we will lift up our dedicated members of the Hanover Choir. A close group of "small but mighty" singers (to quote Dave Harris), our choir spends time each week rehearsing every Wednesday and Sunday morning in preparation for our services. During the summer months they take turns providing solos, duets, and group offerings. They are a talented and caring community of people who just love to sing!

The Hanover Choir is:

Sue Baker, Heather Brown, Russ Buckley,
Alice Cornelius, Julie Davis, Amy Harris, Dave Harris,
Karen Ingram, Katie Leep, Jeff Long, Martha McFarland,
Andy Moore, Bill Tudor, Lorie Tudor

Please join us on Sunday to thank this wonderful group!

June Birthdays

3	Natalie Jobes
3	Susan Woodbury
6	Susan Balascio
7	Stephen Willis
8	Cindy Kirylik
17	Holly Alexander
17	Cindy Tomevi
19	Amy Harris
20	Cheryl Heiks
22	Brian Gray
27	David Harris
27	Walter Scott





Jefferson Street Center Happenings

We reported in April that new street trees were coming to Jefferson Street! JSC was able to obtain funding as part of its community environmental beautification initiative. The new trees are in and they are a beautiful addition to Jefferson Street and to the Hanover building. The Davey Tree Expert Company removed the old and planted Fastigiate Hornbeams that are proven winners for narrow city streets. JSC also submitted an application for funding from the Delaware Community Reinvestment Fund to repair the sidewalk and remediate the oil tank and bunker under the Hanover sidewalk. This is an expensive and important project to improve the environment and make the sidewalk safer.

In April, we also shared news of Sayvon Willis, a Public Ally working with JSC, starting 1:1 Basketball Skills Development Training classes in the Hanover gym. The classes have been a huge success. On June 6th, Sayvon, JSC and the Public Allies will be using the gym to hold a Focus Group discussion around confronting the complexities of race, mental health, criminal justice and police brutality. In addition to the discussion, there will be basketball games and other activities.

The bathroom that is located behind the stage in the Gathering Place Community Hub, near the 18th Street entrance, has been renovated, using funds from the Welfare Foundation. Renovations are coming soon for the men's (Jefferson side) and ladies' (Baynard side) bathrooms with funding from foundations.

Baynard Blvd Road Diet: Is it working?

A Public Workshop was held at Hanover on May 14th with a presentation from DelDOT about the current reconfiguration of Baynard Blvd. The presentation also covered the expanded scope of the project, which includes a two-way separated bike lane and pedestrian safety improvements throughout the Baynard Boulevard and Washington Street corridor, from Concord Avenue to 8th Street in Wilmington. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period.



There are different ways to answer the question of whether or not the reconfiguration between Concord and 18th Street is working. It has caused some frustration for those of us parking around Hanover to attend worship and other events, but if safety and speed reduction is one of the goals, then the answer is a resounding YES!

A speed study before the reconfiguration showed 1 in every 100 vehicles traveling southbound was going over 50 mph. After the bike lane and delineators were installed, just 1 in 1,000 vehicles was traveling over 50 mph. That is a success. The "before" speed study also showed a combined 85% of vehicles traveling north and south were driving nearly 40 miles per hour in the 25 mile an hour zone (37.2 to be exact). The speed study after the reconfiguration showed a decrease to 34.9 mph for 85% of vehicles traveling north and southbound.

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. The repaving of Baynard Blvd between Concord and 18th Streets is scheduled for 2025, which will also improve safety. There will be a second public workshop at Hanover, during the summer.



**A
Summer
Youth
Camp**



Wednesday, August 14—Saturday, August 17

10AM—2PM (*lunch provided*)

Youth Ages 11-13

at Hanover Church

1801 North Jefferson St., Wilmington, DE 19802



**\$15 registration fee
per child
(fully refunded if
you have perfect
attendance!)**



Hanover Church is partnering with the Jefferson Street Center, Pacem in Terris, and Let's P.L.A.Y. Events in hosting a Peace & Justice Youth Summer Camp. Topics are community service, caring for creation, and racial reconciliation. We will have videos, presentation, crafts, artistic expressions, and an outside community service activity.

Registration is open from June 1—June 30 (capacity 30 youth)

Please contact the Church Office to get a registration form.

We must receive your completed form by June 30.

Our Hanover History: A Story for Memorial Day and Beyond

On May 1, 2024, Hanover had an unexpected visit from Tom Britton and his wife, Debra MacLaughlin, from Illinois. They were in the area, because there was a celebration of life service at Lower Brandywine for Tom Britton's father. His name was Everett Allan Britton and he was 103 years old when he passed away, on April 17, 2024. Tom and his wife were looking for a stained glass window in a Presbyterian Church in Wilmington that had been dedicated to his father's brother. They decided to try Hanover and they came to the right place!



There is a beautiful upper window on the Jefferson Street side, closest to the chancel, given by E. Allan Britton, in memory of his brother, Richard Lindsay Britton. According to the Hanover history of the window, the gold stars in the window were donated by Martin and Kolb of Philadelphia. Both of the Britton brothers served in World War II and both names are on one of the World War II plaques in the sanctuary. There is a gold star next to Richard "Dick" Lindsay Britton's name signifying that he was lost in the war. He was serving on a submarine at the time.

It was wonderful to meet Tom and Debra and to be able to share a moment in history with them. I think they felt closer to Tom's family, especially his father and his uncle, by being present in the historic Hanover Church looking at the window Tom's father's family dedicated to Tom's uncle. The Britton family lived on Monroe Place, very close to Hanover, and Tom and his wife drove around the area and saw the house. Tom Britton sent a letter to Hanover later and stated, "It was quite moving to know that Allan and Dick grew up on Monroe Place and attended services at Hanover in their youth. Perhaps you can mention their names as part of Sunday services and reflect on lives well lived and shaped in part by their time at Hanover."

Tom also sent a donation to Hanover to help with renovations to our historic stained glass windows. We are grateful for the donation and for their visit, which is a reminder to appreciate the history around us and to express our gratitude for those who died to protect our freedom.

Ellen Casson

LOCATIONS

JUNE 8TH & 22ND
TODD MEMORIAL PARK
 Brandywine park extension on 18th and Washington. (Wilm., DE)

JULY 6TH & 20TH
NORTH WILMINGTON LIBRARY*
 3400 N. Market Street, (Wilm., DE)
*Parking lot

AUGUST 3RD, 17TH & 31ST
HAYNES PARK
 4398 Miller Road, (Wilm., DE)

EST. 2023

NORTHSIDE

FOOD AND CULTURE MARKET

bit.ly/NFCM302

SCAN ME

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS

EVERY OTHER SATURDAY

10:00AM

12:30PM

JUNE 8TH - AUGUST 31ST | MULTIPLE LOCATIONS



“It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside.” – Maud Hart Lovelace

Weekly Happenings

- ◇ Prayer Circle—Mondays, 9am
- ◇ JB's Café—Tuesdays, 8am - 1pm
- ◇ Zumba—Tuesdays, 6pm
- ◇ Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10am - 12pm
- ◇ Clothing Closet—Wednesdays, 10am -12pm
- ◇ Prayer Calls—Wednesdays, 2pm—5pm
- ◇ Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
- ◇ Zumba—Thursdays, 6pm
- ◇ Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm

June Meetings Schedule

- ◇ Deacons (Zoom): Tuesday, June 4, 6PM
- ◇ Finance Committee: Wednesday, June 5, 5PM
- ◇ Faith in Action (Zoom): Tuesday, June 11, 5PM
- ◇ Session: Tuesday, June 18, 7PM
- ◇ Visioning Team Zoom: Wednesday, June 26, 5:30PM
- ◇ July “Herald” article deadline—Friday, June 28

*Happy
Father's
Day*

*To all those
who are as
fathers*

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it Dad.

~ Anonymous

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