

Stephany's Transitional Ministry Manifesto

People resist loss, not change.

Sabotage is what anxious people do. We must expect it.

Resilience is formed; we are called to turn despair into stones of hope.

Adaptive change means being grounded in identity, maintaining core purpose
and integrity.

Live Forward with imagination...

Loosen roots to false ground and become free to all you have outgrown...

**Much of our overwhelm comes from trying to preserve or adopt
things that are meant to fail.**

Resist the urgency to get all the stuff fixed.

Something is breaking so that something new can emerge.

Shift spirituality from surviving to surrender.

This is what I thought I knew! Arrive to a new dawn!

Let's talk about It!

Any habit can be made or broken in 16 experiences!

Be a sign in the world!

Practice presence!

Discern deeply!

Plan bridge events.

Don't reinvent the wheel if you can partner with someone else serving the community.

Create brave and hospitable spaces.

Clarify your purpose.

Release whatever binds you.



Prayers For Our Nation

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:30PM

As we move closer to the 2024 Presidential election, all are invited as we lift our collective voices for 1 hour in the sanctuary to pray for the healing, the restoration, and the unification of our nation.

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2nd Chronicles 7:14



Let's Gather for **Bagels and Bible Study!**

Join me on Tuesday at the Gathering Place for a six-week Bible Study entitled,

End Time Prophecy from a Presbyterian Perspective

Beginning Tuesday, October 1 at 10AM

What in the world is going on? There are wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes and floods. People seem to be seeking pleasure more than they are seeking God. Are these really signs that the end of the world is near? What does the book of Revelation say about the end times? What does the Presbyterian Church have to say? “Come, let us reason together.”

Bagels are free! An extended breakfast menu is available for a minimal charge!

YD (Young Disciples) Youth Worship

Every 3rd Sunday at 11AM

Beginning October 20th, 2024

Invite your neighbors, family members, young friends and the young at heart to worship, with fun, refreshments, board games and fellowship to follow in the Gathering Place.

“Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read, “From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?” Matthew 21:16



Sundays at Hanover



Discipleship Classes at 9:30AM

Worship Service at 11AM

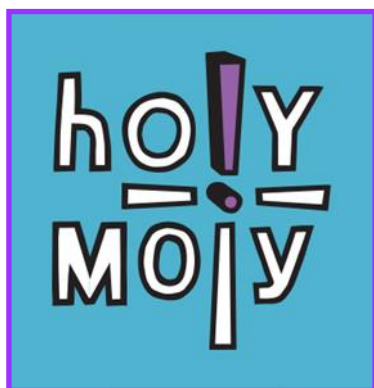
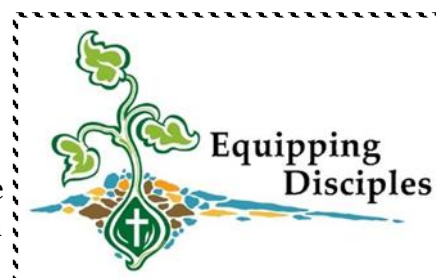
We are celebrating the start of the new Discipleship year with an intergenerational Community Sunday on **Sunday, September 8 at 9:30am** in the Sunday School Hall. All are welcome! Discipleship classes for all ages will start back up on September 15 at 9:30am.



Sunday, September 8 – October 6 is the Season of Peace in the PCUSA. Our denomination invites us to experience this Season of Peace “as a time of growth, encouragement, challenge, inspiration, and education,” and encourages us to consider our own relationship to peacemaking and justice. With this in mind, the Sunday morning Adult Discipleship class will embark on a 6 week pre-election study titled, Seeking the Peace: a guide to kingdom-minded political engagement.

Why attend Adult Discipleship?

Bible study is an important part of our Christian faith. Studying the Bible with others can help strengthen our understanding of the Scriptures and deepen our relationship with God. Adult Discipleship classes are a space to discuss, learn and reflect on God’s word, with the goal of understanding (or trying to!) the meaning of Scripture, and then applying it to our lives.



The Wondering Friends class with Miss Nancy will continue their learning and wondering about characters from the New Testament. Everyone is excited to have continue their exploration of Holy Moly by Sparkhouse. Holy Moly introduces our Wondering Friends to Bible stories through humor and fresh perspectives. This fall we are learning about: The Boy Teacher | The House on the Rock | The Sower | The Mustard Seed | Jesus and the Children | The Widow’s Mite | Man through a Roof | The Good Samaritan | Mary and Martha | The Prodigal Son | Ten Outcasts | Lazarus

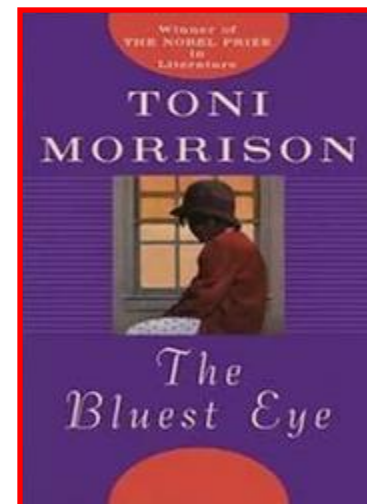
Join us on **Sunday, September 8** for Community Sunday as we kick off another Discipleship year!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



**Toni Morrison's
The Bluest Eye**
(A banned book)

Please join us for our book discussion on **Sunday, September 22, 2024**. More and more we are hearing that books are being challenged or banned, so we will be reading a book that has been banned many times, *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. Morrison's first novel takes place in the author's hometown of Lorain, Ohio around 1940 and tells the story of black, eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove who wants lighter skin and blue eyes so that she will be beautiful and loved like all the blond, blue-eyed children she knows. Pecola lives in an abusive household with an alcoholic father and parents who fight constantly. She wants her life to change, but when change does come, Pecola faces adversity and pain. As the book jacket says, "(This) novel asks powerful questions about race, class, and gender with the subtlety and grace that characterize Morrison's writing." In discussing the book we'll discuss why we think it was banned, and assuming we disagree, why it shouldn't be. Two copies of the book are available in the church office. Please plan to join us as the more people we have in the discussion, the more insight we all receive.



Our Little Library Needs Your Books



Our Little Library is getting lots of use. The idea of the library is that you take a book out and then put a book in, but the second part doesn't always happen at our Little Library. When I went to restock the shelves the past two weeks, there have been only three or four books in the library.

We are running low on books for adults. We are looking for books which would be of interest to the general public. Our stock of usable children's books is also being depleted. So if you have a book you, your children, or grandchildren have enjoyed and are ready to part with, please leave it in the church office with a note saying "for the Little Library."

Thanks for your help.



**Fall Sale will be
Saturday, October 26.
Volunteers welcome.
See Becky or Ellen.**

What's Happening...?

Food Pantry - On Thursday, August 29, Hanover's Food Pantry hit a new "milestone." (not a particularly good one) We served 50 families! That represents 105 individuals. Seven families were new clients. Thanks to all of you who donate money and food, we were able to help each family. Needless to say, any and all donations are much appreciated.

JB'S Cafe - Now that the weather is getting a little "cooler," we expect to be outside hopefully until the end of October. We've had to add an extra table to accommodate our growing patrons. No worries though, there is always room for one more. Come on over on Tuesdays and join us for food and conversation!



Fall is on its way, and that means that the choir starts back up! Rehearsals begin on **Wednesday, September 11, 7PM**—if you want to see what being a part of Hanover's musical community is like, please talk with me or any choir member. It's a fun and meaning experience to be in this group of dedicated singers. You don't have to read music, and you don't need to be a church member—just come with a desire to make a joyful noise! Rehearsals are inspirational and fun!

Look in the October newsletter to see what special music guests and opportunities are coming this season!

Soli deo Gloria (*only for the glory of God*),

~ Twyla

Caring for God's Creation

We talk a lot about caring for God's creation and we can get ideas by reading the Scoop each week. Another way is to think about how what we buy affects the earth. We can buy native plants. We can buy produce that's not wrapped in plastic. We can carry a refillable water bottle, rather than buy bottled water. One small way I've found is to use things made from bamboo. This includes towels, clothing, toilet "paper", disposable towels, and tissues.



The World Wildlife Fund estimates that over 27,000 trees are cut down each day to make toilet paper. Forest loss and damage is the cause of around 10% of global warming and when forests are cut down, it can have a devastating impact on the environment. Animals lose their homes, air and water quality can be affected, and greenhouse gases are released.

Bamboo on the other hand is a grass, not a tree. It grows incredibly quickly, making it sustainable. By switching to bamboo toilet paper, we can help to protect our forests.

If you'd like to try bamboo toilet "paper," pick up a free roll in the container by the bins for donating plastic to EcoPlastics.

Thank You from the Finance Committee!

We are grateful to those members and friends of Hanover who have responded to the “Financial Review” of the first six months of 2024. If you missed reading the article, you can access it [HERE](#).

We have had concerned, but hopeful and proactive discussions within the finance and stewardship committees and with Session members. Pastor Stephany has invited a representative of the Ministry Relations Office, with an expertise in the financial area, to meet with Session members and the stewardship and finance committees, on October 15th.

In addition, members and friends have responded with gratitude for the grace of God in their lives. Relatives of a former Hanover member sent a generous financial gift in memory of her, recalling the many years of service she gave to Hanover, and also recognizing the many gifts of love, friendship, and spiritual strength she received from being a member of this special place of worship and service. Another member has made a commitment to increase their monthly financial pledge, and still another member has made a commitment to provide a year-end gift, beyond her current pledge.

As we all think of what we can do to support Hanover going forward, please remember that all gifts are welcome. If you are not able to offer a financial gift, can you reach out to someone who you have not seen in church for a while and just check on how they are doing? Being present in worship is one of the best gifts we can give to others and to ourselves. In response to God’s assurance of forgiveness and peace, we gather together in worship to seek God’s will, Christ’s peace and the power of the Holy Spirit.



Thank You!

The work of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and in particular the work of the General Assembly, is only possible because members of the church have said they are "all in" and committed to connection through per capita support. It takes all of us together to answer God's call.

Thank you for joining us in ministry.

Thank you for answering the call.

Thank you for your support of per capita.

With gratitude,

The Office of the General Assembly

Each year, Presbyterians across the country make a commitment to support one another through per capita giving. Hanover supports the national PCUSA, and they support us, our clergy, and other congregations. To make that possible, Hanover pays \$30 a year per member, a total of \$4,860. The amount requested has held steady for many years, unlike so many other things in our lives. If you can contribute \$30, or some portion of that, it frees up resources for the session to pay other bills. Please help! Just note “per capita” when using your favorite means of donating to Hanover. Here is one option: [Donate with PayPal](#). Per capita is used to fund the work of the Office of the General Assembly, the Administrative Services Group and Presbyterian Mission Agency. Per capita truly is a connectional commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA) at every level. It is a way to say that this church matters and is called to continue ministry in the world!



The Stewardship Committee thanks you!



"September! I never tire of turning it over and over in my mind. It has warmth, depth, and colour. It glows like old amber."
 – Patience Strong

Weekly Happenings

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

September Meetings

- ◇ Deacons—Tuesday, September 3, 6PM—Zoom
- ◇ Worship Committee—Tuesday, September 10, 1:15PM
- ◇ Faith in Action—Tuesday, September 10, 5PM
- ◇ Session—Tuesday, September 17, 7PM
- ◇ Staff meeting—Wednesday, September 18, 12PM
- ◇ Newsletter article deadline for October - Friday, September 27



September Birthdays

- 6 Sharron Gregory
- 10 Monisha Smith
- 20 Joshua Gregory
- 22 Cherise Alexander
- 22 Kourtney Bibbs
- 22 Julie Davis
- 22 Doris Loper
- 22 Ava Zistl
- 23 Ruth McFarland
- 25 Hillary Mohaupt
- 29 Django Rosario

Looking ahead to October . . .

- ◆ Bagles & Bible Study—begins Tuesday, October 1—10AM
- ◆ Jeremiah's Coffee House—Saturday, October 12—5:30PM
- ◆ Open Streets Baynard Boulevard—Saturday, October 19
- ◆ Peace Week Delaware—Friday, October 19—Sunday, October 27
 - ◆ Fall Fling—Saturday, October 26—10AM to 2PM

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