

# The Herald

Hanover Presbyterian Church  
Wilmington, Delaware

October 2024



**Invitation Accepted!**

Congratulations! Hanover is now a Matthew 25 congregation. This means that we are in solidarity with other congregations, presbyteries, and synods across the P.C.(USA). Together we are willing to publicly declare our commitment to: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Our membership also reflects an understanding that all of our good community work is rooted and grounded in scripture.

My first sermon at Hanover was entitled, "First Things First!" Please revisit the following excerpt:

*"With all of the good work that you have been doing, there is still much work to be done, but we must make certain that any attempt to address the problems and the isms of our day, are rooted and grounded not only in our good intentions, but in the sovereignty of our all mighty, and all-powerful God.*

*I am so impressed by your long-standing commitment to serve others, and you will see that I will be right beside you as you help those in need.*

*Let's just make sure that first things are and remain first, because we are not just another good charitable organization, we are a part of the body of Christ; and we do what we do because we seek to emulate the life and witness of Jesus who spared not even his life for the sake of our salvation. You can find a good charitable organization anywhere."*

I am delighted to share that the Session has voted to extend my call as Transitional Pastor for a third year. I pray that as we go forward together, we will discover additional ways to live into the "call to actively engage in the world around us."

You can find additional information about being a Matthew 25 congregation on display tables throughout the church.

It is more important than ever that we unite, lift our collective voices, and take a stand for the Kingdom/ "Queendom."

By Faith,

Pastor Stephany



# October Happenings



## Bagels and Bible Study begins

**Tuesday, October 1, 10AM**

Join Pastor Stephany on Tuesdays in The Gathering Place for a six-week hybrid Bible Study entitled,

### End Time Prophecy from a Presbyterian Perspective

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." We meet in The Gathering Place. Bagels are free! An extended breakfast menu is available for a minimal charge!

If you'd like to join the study via Zoom, the Zoom ID is: 846 695 5981 There is no passcode. If you need the direct link please let us know by Monday at noon.

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## Sunday, October 6, 2024

**World Communion Day** is a day to celebrate the unity of God's people from all corners of the earth!

This year we are inviting everyone to wear clothing from their own heritage, and if possible, to bring a small food sample from their heritage for Coffee Hour. If you can't bring food, you can bring a memento or a photo, and we'll have a nice display. We'll also make a "Heritage Tree", with leaves for everyone to sign and place on the tree.

Plan on joining us for a wonderful day of being together as one people through Our Creator!



# October Happenings

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Delaware Shakespeare is proud to present

## **The Winter's Tale** Friday, October 11th, 2024

The Winter's Tale is directed by Abby Weissman and features music by Del Shakes' frequent collaborator, Emily Schuman.

In this romantic tale of reconciliation, Leontes and Hermione are living a fairytale life until a wave of unfounded jealousy tears apart their marriage and treasured friendships. Sixteen years later, can the love of their exiled daughter Perdita heal the damage her father brought upon their community? With clowns, shepherds, and the most famous bear in all of theater, *The Winter's Tale* weaves an intergenerational story of family and forgiveness.

The Community Tour is a cornerstone of Del Shakes, offering free performances of fully-realized Shakespeare in non-traditional theater spaces featuring only seven actors and live, original music. At Del Shakes, we strive to bring art to the full extent of humanity by presenting performances at community centers, prisons, shelters, and beyond. The majority of tour stops are open to the general public, and we would love to see you at these powerful performances! Don't miss this magical story of betrayal, loss, and forgiveness in the unique performance style of the Community Tour.

To RSVP for an open performance, please fill out the survey linked below or send an email to staff at [info@delshakes.org](mailto:info@delshakes.org)!

## **FHS Annual Meeting—October 12, 2024**

The Female Harmony Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at the home of member Cherise Alexander, beginning at 10AM.

At the annual meeting, we will begin with time for food and fellowship and follow with our business meeting to elect officers, review our bylaws, and make plans for 2025.

Female Harmony Society members, please make a note on your calendars. If you need a ride, please contact the church office, and someone will get back to you. Anyone who is not already a member, but is interested in attending and/or joining the Female Harmony Society, please contact the church office, and a member will get back to you.



Hanover Presbyterian Church (ca. 1870), painted by Robert Shaw.

# October Happenings

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## Jeremiah's Coffee House

Hanover Presbyterian Church  
Saturday, October 12, 2024  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night — Free Admission — Join us for  
Food, Conversation, Music, and Readings



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Coffee House Menu: turkey sliders, mushroom sliders, salad, dessert



### YD (Young Disciples) Youth Worship

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11AM

Beginning October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Special guest children's choir from  
Sharon Temple SDA Church

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*

# October Happenings

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## OPEN STREETS WILMINGTON

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH JEFFERSON STREET CENTER

### OPEN STREETS: BAYNARD BLVD

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 | 1PM - 4PM**  
**BETWEEN 18TH ST. & CONCORD AVE.**

**FREE EVENT!**



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## Blessing of the Animals



During **Open Streets: Baynard Blvd** (Saturday, October 19—1-4PM), you're invited to join Pastor Stephany out on Baynard Boulevard for a pet blessing. She'll be out there, ready to give God thanks for all the ways that we love our animal friends.

You can bring your pet, a photo, a stuffed animal—anything you like, and she will share a special moment with you.

Remember to bring clean up supplies for your pet.

# October Happenings

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You are invited to attend

## "HPC Talks"

Monthly, beginning Thursday, October 24th at 6:30PM

No topic is off of the table.

Save the Date!

Guest Speakers - Food will be provided.

"HPC Talks" is a partnership between The Hanover Presbyterian Church and Jefferson Street Center.

## Fall Fling



### At Hanover

Saturday, October 26, 2024

10AM—2PM

We'll have furniture, housewares, jewelry, 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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Oh my goodness, I just turned my calendar to October and am realizing that the Fall Fling is just 4 weeks away! Hopefully, you all are gathering your stuff together to be ready to drop it off at Hanover starting **Sunday, October 20**.

Also, hopefully some of you will find the time to help with pricing and organizing this "stuff" on Thursday (10/24) and Friday(10/25).

Then of course, there are others we hope who will be available to help sell these treasures on **Saturday, October 26 from 10AM-2PM**. This is always a fun time for the Hanover "family." Please see Ellen, Becky or Ruth if you would like to lend a hand in making this Fall Fling a success.

~ Becky

# October Happenings

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Sunday, October 27, 11AM, is our Homecoming Service with special guest soloist Makeda Hampton. A service that celebrates our past, present, and future—please plan on coming!



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## JSC Executive Director Honored



We are proud of Amanda August, Executive Director of Jefferson Street Center! She is one of 40 “achievers and innovators” under 40 years of age honored by the Delaware Business Times at its annual DBT40 awards ceremony.

The annual 40 under 40 award is a competitive process and the honorees range in age from 25 to 39. The honorees are diverse, including small business owners, lawyers, scientists, members of law enforcement and government entities, and directors of nonprofits. All have contributed to public service in a variety of different ways.

Amanda is the first in her family to earn a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree, the latter focused on community organizing and social justice. Prior to being hired as the first executive director for JSC, she worked as a case manager for Wilmington’s West End Neighborhood House, assisting children aging out of foster care. Hired in April of 2021 as a part-time executive director, Amanda has grown JSC to three fulltime employees in just a little over three years! In addition to growing the Community Hub at Hanover, JSC is working with external partners on new initiatives that benefit the neighborhoods surrounding Hanover.

Please congratulate Amanda the next time you see her!



The Peace & Global Witness Offering, which we collect on Sunday, October 6, during worship, affirms that the peace of God, which is central to the gospel, starts with us. We are there to sow seeds of peace by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world. 25% of this Offering stays with your congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in your own community. 25% of this Offering goes to your mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in your region. 50% of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe. There are flyers and envelopes on the tables in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support.

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

# What's Happening...?

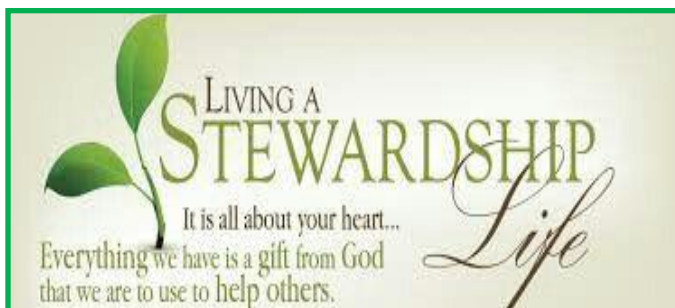
**JB's Cafe** - September has been a month of challenges for us. Not due to the weather, but to pipe repairs on 18th St. Our main thoroughfare has been closed off and we have had to set up shop in the Gathering Place even though the weather has been great for being outside. Hopefully, this work will be over soon. We look forward to being outside through October to enjoy the cool crisp days of autumn. Please join us when you're in the neighborhood! ~ *Becky*

**Food Pantry** - This month I want to share a "visual" of a before and after day at the Food Pantry. We start out with well stocked shelves, two hours and 40 families later, we are looking pretty bare. This month we have seen the most clients of any month in quite a while. We appreciate each and every donation we receive and all I can say is "keep them coming!" Feel free to stop in on a Thursday morning and see for yourself one of the ministries that you help sustain! ~ *Becky*

Before



After



## ~Stewardship Update~

Hanover friends, as we come into the fall season, it's not long before we talk about our plans for 2025 and how best to support the work of our church. We have a wonderful place to gather for learning, worship and song, encourage one another on our daily journeys, and work with the community for justice and dignity. We have strong, faithful leadership to guide us.

And we have each other. Please help Hanover's mission with your continued financial support as we approach the end of the year. But also please be a good steward of your time so that, if you are able, you can come in person to experience the joy and fulfillment of being together. Thank you for all you do.

~ *Jeff Long for the Stewardship Committee*





As Christians, praying is not optional. We pray as individuals and as a community of faith. Going forward, a prayer corner will be included in the Herald. I encourage you to join me and reflect on these prayers during your quiet time with God.

Many of the prayers that will be included, have been adapted in part from the book, The New Social Awakening Published by Westminster John Knox Press, of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. You are encouraged to submit prayers as well.

### Why Prayer?

We pray for our nation because we are instructed and encouraged by scripture to pray.

*Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful and thankful."*

*1<sup>st</sup> John 5:14 "This is the confidence we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to God's will, God will hear us."*

*Psalms 145:18 "The Lord is near to all who will call on God in truth."*

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

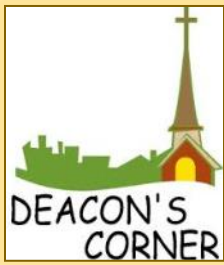
### Why so much emphasis on prayer now?

Because we are living in a time when Christian people are called to be prophetic. We are living in a fearful time, a time that threatens authoritarian rule, a time of intensifying global warming, a time of radical polarization, a time of violent partisanship, a time of great illusion and mean spiritedness, a time that threatens civil war and World War III. A crazy time, a time when America is at the throes of a historic shift, a time when God's people cannot be silent. We must work, we must witness, we must protest, and we must pray.

*Oh Lord, in the midst of an increasingly complex, diverse, and morally challenging world, we are called to a sustained practice of personal and shared prayer. Together we pray for the heart and will to enter into discernment in order to be a more faithful presence in the life of the wider society. God, our Loving Creator, move within us, among us, beneath us and beyond us. In this period of holy history, in the degradation of both soils and souls, you invite us and call us, again and again, to be your people whole and holy; to live in alignment with your truth, your justice, and your love. So, we humbly pray for forgiveness and for the courage to respond to your calling because we long at the deep core of our souls to become again and again a more faithful people. Help us therefore, to reclaim the power of prayer so that we might respond with a sense of urgency to your call. Amen.*

By Faith,

Pastor Stephany



What does it mean to be a Deacon? It turns out there's a whole book about it: *The Presbyterian Deacon: An Essential Guide*, by Earl Johnson, Jr., which Pastor Stephany shared at our September Deacons meeting. Ranging from the role of the Deacon in the Bible to our role in the Presbyterian Book of Order, it really is an overview of the essentials.

But I like to think that one essential role of the Deacons can't be captured or taught in a book. Deacons are the connectors of a church community. Deacons help nurture community, they strengthen bonds, they foster joy. Before I became a Deacon myself, my Deacon checked in on me, offering just the right amount of enthusiasm, curiosity and wit to remind me why I love our church, and why it's so important to be part of this congregation. Deacons are a model for the role we all can play to simply say hello to those you see in church, to exchange a few words of peace, laugh, share a smile, extend a hand to a neighbor, offer an ear to listen, just be together. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to sustain our connections, the essential parts of being Hanover church.

~ Hillary Mohaupt, Deacon



*HOW SWEET ARE THE PRAYERS OF A FRIEND,  
CALLING UP TO HEAVEN, CALLING  
"LORD, COME DOWN AND BLESS AGAIN."*

## Member Profile: Rick Bayard

In 2001, following years of working with members of the congregation on neighborhood improvement projects, Richard Bayard joined Hanover Church.

Rick chaired the Session's Property Committee and subsequently the Personnel Committee. Under Rick's leadership, the Personnel Committee responded to three major staff changes. (1) Joanne Hench was installed as Director of Music. (2) Volunteers were recruited to cover and manage the church office, eliminating a staff position. (3) During the first half of 2006, the Committee guided the congregation through a time of transition in pastoral leadership. He met his future wife, Nancy Anderson Libby, and they married in June 2006.



Nancy & Rick Bayard

Rick received a BA degree from Franklin and Marshall College, a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Eden Seminary, and a Master of City Planning degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He was ordained in 1960; served as Assistant Pastor of St John's UCC in Richmond, Va; and as Pastor of Good Shepherd UCC in Glen Burnie, Md. Following his pastoral service, Rick worked as Director of Long-Range Planning for the City of Wilmington. Then, as Executive Director of Brandywine Gateway Neighbors, a community corporation which spearheaded housing rehabilitation in the neighborhoods surrounding Hanover Church.

In retirement, Rick and Nancy moved to The Landings, a coastal community on Skidaway Island just south of Savannah, Georgia. They both enjoy boating; exploring faraway places while cruising; and, watching deer graze, alligators sunbathe, mockingbirds cry, and blue herons fish at the lagoon adjacent to their house. Rick helps neighbors maintain their homes. Nancy has become an accomplished needlework 'stitcher'. Both enjoy showing their friends the joys of living in the Savannah area.

~ Andrea McCoy-Carty, Deacon



**More Light Presbyterians** is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1999. It is dedicated to the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in life, ministry, and witness in the church and society. They promote a visible, tangible welcome for LGBTQIA, and a welcoming and affirming place to encounter God.

MLP's logo reflects their mission and uses the communion elements of bread and wine, as well as rainbow colors evocative of stained-glass church windows. These elements express the hospitality of Christ, and of the welcoming church movement, and the theology and practice of the open table. We are called together as many grains that form one bread. We share one cup.

More Light Presbyterians engages over 230 congregations and thousands of people in the PC-USA; currently there are four congregations in the state of Delaware that are More Light Presbyterians:

First and Central Presbyterian, Wilmington, DE  
New Castle Presbyterian Church, Newark, DE  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rehoboth, DE  
**Hanover Presbyterian, Wilmington, DE**

More Light's mission has always been to empower and equip people and congregations to live into their welcome for all people. More Light has developed interrelated programs to move congregations along a pathway towards full inclusion, improve ministry services for LGBTQIA+ individuals in need, and expand the faith-based movement opposing discriminatory legislation. Our own Rev. Brooke Scott serves on the Board of Directors.



**Matthew 25** is a movement through the PC-USA Presbyterian Mission. Matthew 25 is an invitation to live out the message in Matthew 25: 31-46, which is the parable of the sheep and goats where Jesus makes clear, that what we do matters to God, and how we treat others is important to God. This program looks to build congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. They also work on Climate Change, Gender Justice and Heteropatriarchy, and Militarism.

There are 1,208 PC-USA "Matthew 25" congregations world-wide, nine being in Delaware. They are:

Presbyterian Church of Dover, Dover  
Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Georgetown  
Coolspring Presbyterian Church, Lewes  
New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Middletown  
Community Presbyterian Church, New Castle  
New Castle Presbyterian Church, New Castle  
Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Ocean View  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wilmington  
**Hanover Presbyterian Church, Wilmington**

The New Castle Presbytery is one of 85 Presbyteries that are part of Matthew 25.

*We'll be writing later about how Hanover is working with both of these organizations—more to come!*



"After the keen still days of September, the October sun filled the world with mellow warmth...The maple tree in front of the doorstep burned like a gigantic red torch. The oaks along the roadway glowed yellow and bronze. The fields stretched like a carpet of jewels, emerald and topaz and garnet. Everywhere she walked the color shouted and sang around her."

— Elizabeth George Speare, *The Witch of Blackbird*

### Weekly Happenings

- ◇ Prayer Circle—Mondays, 9am
- ◇ JB's Café—Tuesdays, 8am - 1pm
- ◇ Bagels & Bible Study—Tuesdays, 10am
- ◇ 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

### October Meetings

- ◇ Worship Committee—Tuesday, October 8, 1:15PM
- ◇ Faith in Action—Tuesday, October 8, 5PM
- ◇ Personnel—Wednesday, October 9, 6PM
- ◇ Session—Tuesday, October 15, 7PM
- ◇ Newsletter article deadline for November—Monday, October 28



### October Birthdays

- 6 Isheta Smith
- 8 Charlotte Andrews
- 13 Tim Arnold
- 19 Beverly Lehman
- 21 Janette Dally
- 26 Art Werner
- 29 Irene Turner

### Looking ahead to November . . .

- ◆ All Saints' & Stewardship Sunday—Sunday, November 10
  - ◆ Youth Sunday—Sunday, November 17
- ◆ 9th Ward Interfaith Coalition Thanksgiving Service—Thursday, November 21, 7PM
  - ◆ Gratitude Sunday—Sunday, November 24



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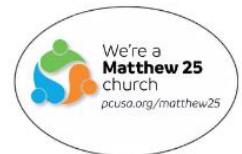
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