

The Herald

Hanover Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, Delaware
February 2025

Dear Congregants,

Grace and Peace to you! Thank you for attending the workshop presented by Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley on Sunday, January 12. I understand that there are still many questions about Rev. Kelley's work with the Session this year.

I have informed Rev. Kelley of this. The Session is committed to sharing highlights from our meetings with Rev. Kelley throughout the year during congregational conversations.

The first of these conversations will be held during coffee hour on **this Sunday, February 2, 2025**. We will do our very best to give you an overview of our work and to answer questions. We are looking forward to our work with the Presbyterian Foundation.

By Faith,

Pastor Stephany

First Friday Walks for Justice and Peace

Since the murder of George Floyd, church members and civic groups have been gathering on the first Friday of each month for a silent walk for justice and peace through downtown Wilmington. Originally sponsored by First and Central Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, leadership of the walks now comes from Saints Andrew and Matthew and Westminster Presbyterian Church. We gather at 5:30pm at Saints Andrew and Matthew (719 North Shipley Street) and conclude at Rodney Square.

Any questions, please contact Bill Getman at wfgetman55@gmail.com.



Walk for Justice & Peace in
Wilmington, Delaware


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February 2025

{All services are on Sunday mornings at 11AM.}

February 2 - "Audacious Resilience"

February 9 - "The African Presence in the Bible"

February 16 - "Celebration of African-American Spirituality"

Guest Speaker: Jamar Rahming, Executive Director of Wilmington Public Library; Guest Artists: The Melodic Dancers; Jazz Trio - Michael Hunter, piano; Anthony Smith, bass guitar; Virgil Brown, drums; and the Hanover Choir.

Soul Food Luncheon (immediately following Worship) -
The Twin Poets will be joining us at the Soul Food Luncheon and sharing their poetry during dessert.

February 23 - BHM Youth Sunday—"Just Us or Everyone"

Guest Rapper: Brenden Tilghman

Guest Musical Group: Sharon Temple Youth Choir



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Hello, Friends,

It's that time of year again!

The Soul Food Luncheon is on **Sunday, February 16**, immediately following Worship. It's a delicious meal of southern foods such as fried fish, chicken, macaroni and cheese, greens, green beans, sweet potatoes, etc.

Tickets will be sold at the door—\$10 for an adult, \$5 for children 12 and under. If you are unable to pay for a ticket, please call the Church Office.

We are also looking for you to bring your favorite dish! I have set-up the Perfect Pot Luck webpage. You can use the link here to let us know what you're bringing: [Soul Food Luncheon](#).

Hope to see you there! ~ Cherise



Congregational Conversations on **Sunday, February 2**—immediately following Worship in the Church School Hall. Pastor Stephany and our Session will be giving an overview of Session's plans with Ellie Johns-Kelley and to answer any questions.

We look forward to working with The Presbyterian Foundation.

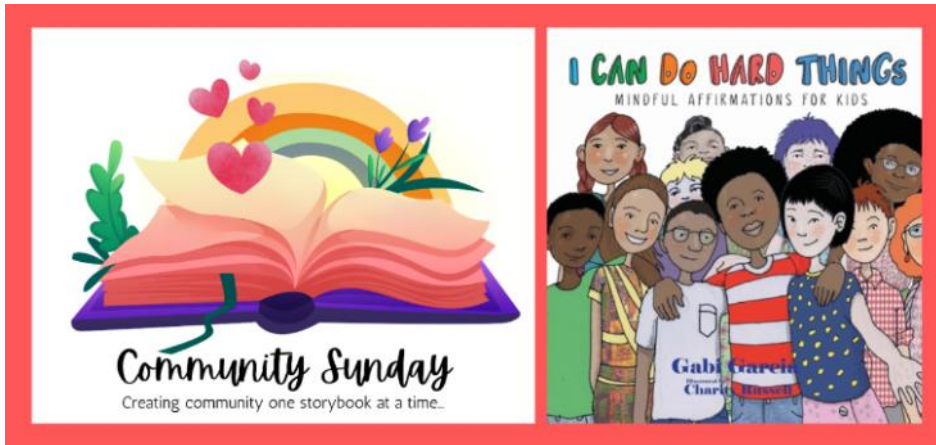
HPC Talks—Addressing Issues that Affect You

A series of free lectures and events held at Hanover Presbyterian Church and on Zoom. Our events will promote community education, unity among diverse groups, and advance the purpose and Christ-based mission of our church.

Topics will cover everything from meeting our elected officials to caring for elderly parents to preserving our mental and spiritual health in 2025. Join us as we extend the love of Christ to our community through civil dialogue and togetherness.

More to come soon!
Michael K. Corbin





Discipleship's
February
Community Sunday
will be held on
Sunday, February 9
at 9:30am
in the
Church School Hall.

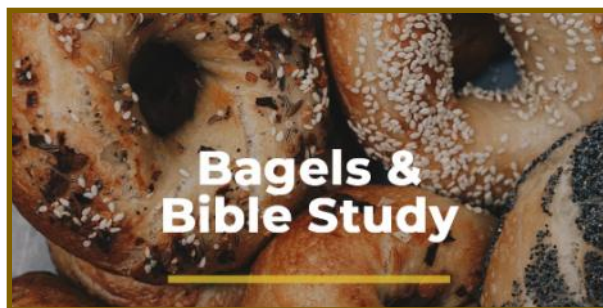
During this intergenerational time together, we will read Gabi Garcia's book *I Can Do Hard Things: Mindful Affirmation for Kids* [of all ages]. The choice of this book is in coordination with Pastor Stephany's upcoming February 2 sermon, "Audacious Resilience." If you didn't hear her preach at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, this is one not to miss! Join us as we grow in audacious faith and love together.

Hard things can be about the things we think, feel, say, or do.

What's hard for me may not be hard for you.

You are you, and I am me.

We walk through the world differently. (*Gabi Garcia from I Can Do Hard Things*)



Join Pastor Stephany in The Gathering Place for a six-week study called "Prophetic Voices: A Study of the Prophets". It will run for six weeks, always meeting on Tuesdays at 10AM.

There are free bagels and conversations—she'll be waiting for you!

YD (Young Disciples) Youth Worship

Sunday, February 26, 2025—11AM

Guest Choir: Sharon Temple Youth Choir

Guest Rapper: Brendon Tilghman



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.

January 20, 2025 --- What a Wonderful Way to Spend the Day!

The 13th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration started at Hanover the morning of January 20th. Over 300 people participated in the Peace March, streaming out of Hanover and heading up Baynard Boulevard. Nearly 400 people were in the building, as participants, leaders, volunteers, and vendors. There were special projects and networking, good food, and lots of celebration. Many thanks go out to Jefferson Street Center for organizing this event along with Westside Grows.

So many wonderful organizations were represented: Public Allies, Pacem in Terris, National Health Corps, Paws for People, Delaware Nature Society, I am My Sister's Keeper, Girl's Like Us, Safe United Neighborhoods, Be Ready CDC, Peacekeepers, West End Neighborhood House, and the Woodlawn Trustees, among others.

We are including a few photos with this article, so those of you who were not able to be there, can feel some of the positive energy of the event through the photos. One of our photos shows the new Mayor of Wilmington, Mayor John Carney, walking with the crowd out of Hanover to join the march. Amanda August is pictured with our new Governor, Matt Meyer, and others near the Food Pantry. Another photo shows Governor Meyer pictured with all the AmeriCorps volunteers in the church lounge. The Public Allies is a program under AmeriCorps. Hanover and JSC should be proud to have been able to share in this MLK Day. There is a wonderful video on the Hanover FaceBook page that really expresses the positive energy of this day. Please check it out. ~ Ellen Casson



We Can Choose to be Affected by the World or We Can Choose to Affect the World



Good evening, Pastor Stephany. I just want to tell you how grateful I am for you and your congregation for blessing me and my grandchildren on Christmas! Thank you for the food - it was truly a blessing! It was very very good! John who is the youngest said the food was amazing! Thank you so much for the gift cards for the kids because they need things. Pastor Stephany, thank you for your love and kindness! We love you!

Kathleen Mays and grandchildren



It's that time of year again . . .

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE!

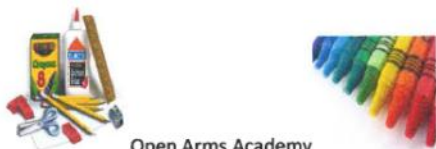
Here's how you can get them from Maricela Rosario:

Maricela's Cookie Story: In the summer of 2025, my troop and I will be going on a trip to England and Paris, and we will be using the money we earn to help pay for it. From selling cookies, I learn money management skills, how to treat customers, quick mathematical thinking skills, and also how to safely sell products.

Click [HERE](#) to order cookies on line, or you can contact me through my email: duckix@gmail.com

Thank you for any support that you can give me and my troop.

~ Maricela



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NEW AT JB'S CAFÉ!

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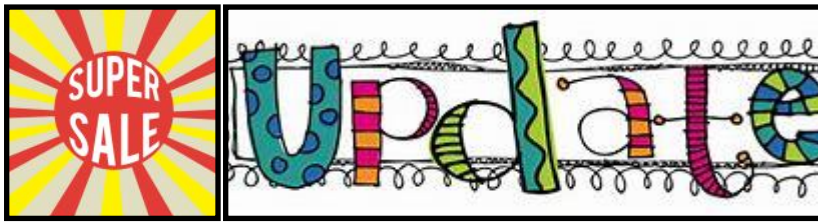
Come and check it out!

TUESDAYS FROM
8AM–1PM



FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS:

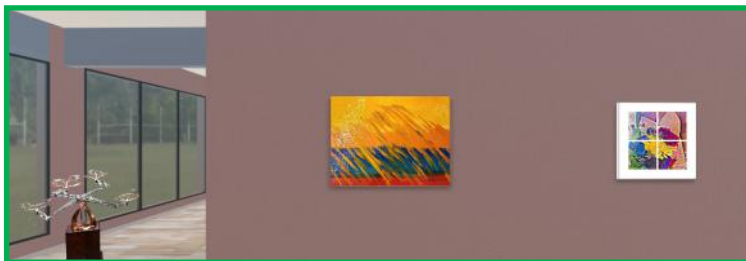
Please remember us as you go grocery shopping—we always appreciate your donations. We have many families that depend on us to help supplement their food for the month. ~ Becky Arnold



The Super Sale Spring and Fall Fling team have been active over the past years adjusting to the times, a pandemic, and the current environment. We successfully changed from the huge once-a-year Super Sale into two smaller but successful sales and added Easter Eggs and Peg's Relish sales to round out our fundraising efforts. It has also been very important to us to provide opportunities for fun and fellowship, not just for our Hanover family, but for volunteers, contributors from outside Hanover, and for the public coming to the sales.

We've been monitoring the effort and volunteer support involved in hosting these activities with what parts attract the most community attention and what parts raise the most money for Hanover's work and mission. We are also dialing in the traffic pattern changes on Baynard Boulevard, the limited calendar window to successfully host these types of events, and the impact that weather and parking have on customers. Storage at Hanover has also always been challenging. The exciting renovations that are ongoing and the increased community use of our building also create challenges, because we often receive donations for sales year-round.

With that background, we are now looking into the future and what would have the most positive impact, considering our space and more limited volunteer energy. We have decided this year to pause on the Spring and Fall Fling sales and instead look for different opportunities to partner with other groups and activities and make our Hanover presence known. We will continue making and selling Easter Eggs and Peg's Relish. Stay tuned for more exciting info. We are so grateful for all of our faithful Hanover volunteers, and our supporters from outside Hanover. Please reach out to Becky Arnold, Ellen Casson, Ruth Howell, Karen Hudson, Amy Harris, or Martha Tudor, if you have questions, concerns, or ideas. We welcome input from everyone.



A GIFT OF ART ...

Leon & Karin Wilson recently gave Hanover a print of his painting, "Hope2" - Leon says that he got his inspiration from Russia's attack in Ukraine. We thank them for this lovely gift—you can see it in the Church Office

His art is being featured at the HMVC Gallery New York, and it was also displayed in Times Square every hour for 24 hours on January 18! What an exciting opportunity—congratulations, Leon!

To check out more of Leon's work, go to:
<https://www.leonwilsonartist.com/>





“While it is February, one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.”

— Patience Strong

Weekly Happenings

- ◇ Prayer Circle—Mondays, 9am
- ◇ JB’s Café—Tuesdays, 8am - 1pm
- ◇ Bagels & Bible Study, 10am (start date 1/14)
- ◇ Zumba—Tuesdays, 6pm
- ◇ Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10am - 12pm
- ◇ Clothing Closet—Wednesdays, 10am—12pm
- ◇ Choir rehearsal—Wednesdays, 7pm—8:30pm
- ◇ Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
- ◇ Zumba—Thursdays, 6pm
- ◇ Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm

February Meetings & Deadlines

- ◇ Worship Committee—Tuesday, February 11, 1:15pm
- ◇ Faith in Action—Tuesday, February 11, 5pm
- ◇ Staff Meeting—Wednesday, February 19, 12pm
- ◇ Session—Wednesday, February 19, 7pm—Zoom
- ◇ Newsletter article deadline for March—Friday, Feb. 28

February Birthdays

- 3 Nancy Long
- 3 Jurgens Van Rooyen
- 4 Hope Alexander
- 4 Twyla Evitts
- 6 Andy Moore
- 8 Doris Murphy
- 16 Jean Gross
- 17 Maggie Alexander
- 17 Jacob Arnold
- 21 Tom Davis
- 24 Melvin Matthews, Jr.
- 24 Irene Turner
- 25 Stuart Bailey
- 26 Larry Smith
- 28 Michael Walker

Looking ahead to March . . .

March 5—Ash Wednesday
 March 16—Youth Sunday
 March 22—FHS Craf-Tea

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