

# The Herald

Hanover Presbyterian Church  
Wilmington, Delaware

March 2025

Dear Friends,

As the Session engages in 40 days of prayer, let us pray with and for them. These are unprecedented times in our nation and in the world; it is also a difficult time to make decisions about the future of one's congregation. It is especially important to remember during these times, that we are not in this alone.

The New Castle Presbytery and the Presbyterian Foundation, walk with us on this journey of discernment. Most importantly, let us remember that "God is very willing to guide us if we are willing to be guided." One of the insights I gained from our reading of the [Sailboat Church](#), was just how unfamiliar many of us are about the work and witness of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is mentioned numerous times in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

*Isaiah 11:2 "And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD."*

*Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

In the book, [Presbyterian Beliefs](#) Donald McKim describes the Holy Spirit as the one who initiates faith, nurtures faith, and brings faith to fruition. "The Spirit is God at work within us. Presbyterian theology has always understood that we can confess our recognition of scripture as the Word of God only when the Holy Spirit illumines us or enlightens us. The Holy Spirit is the presence of God in the world and in those who believe."

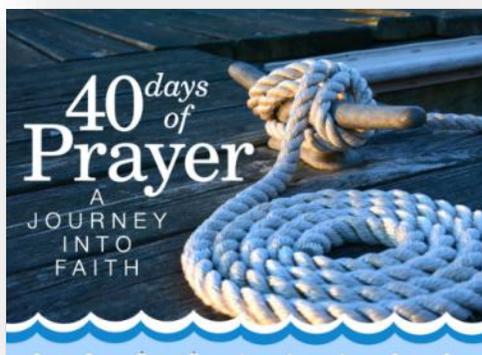
Hanover faces challenges like many other congregations, but Hanover is still full of vitality, purpose and potential! What can make the difference about our future, is how we connect the mission and the ministry of the church to the workings of the Holy Spirit for the Glory of God. What can also make the difference about our future, is the willingness of more members to prayerfully get involved in the day-to-day operations of the church.

Talk with your elected church leaders and ask them how you can help support the mission. We need all hands-on deck to keep this "ship" sailing.

Whether it has been defined as such or not, a lot of Holy Spirit ministry happens at Hanover every day. On Sundays, we gather to share a corporate worship experience that focuses on traditional rituals; and that remains central to who we profess to be. We must also acknowledge and claim the worship that happens as Hanover consistently as we live into the gospel mandate to "Love our neighbors as we love ourselves."

By Faith,

Pastor Stephany



# Lent at Hanover Church



## Ash Wednesday—A Time for Ashes and Prayer

Wednesday, March 5—10AM–12:30PM

Rev. Bill Getman will be in the Sanctuary dispensing ashes with time for prayer. We invite you to come and begin your Lenten journey with us.

## A Lenten Call For Prayer

In preparation for Holy Week Pastor Stephany will lead us in a brief time of quiet prayer and reflection on the three Thursdays in April, beginning at 7PM. The Zoom call will be on [Thursdays, April 3, 10, and 17](#). We'll be posting the link through email and our weekly newsletter. If you don't see it, please contact the Church Office.

## Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday**—Sunday, April 13, 11AM

Palm procession, guest trumpeter Glenn Davis

**Service of Healing and Wholeness**—Wednesday, April 16, 7PM

Music, hand blessing, prayers and intercessions

**A Lenten Call For Prayer**—Thursday, April 17, 7PM—Zoom

**Good Friday Service**—Friday, April 18, 7PM

Traditional Tenebrae service

**Resurrection Day**—Sunday, April 20

Discipleship Classes, 9:30AM

Worship w/Communion, 11AM

Easter Egg Hunt following Worship



# Handmade Easter Eggs

~Butter Cream~

~Coconut~

~Peanut Butter~

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



*Ordering begins Friday, March 21*

*For pickup/delivery on*

*Sunday, April 13 from 12PM-2PM*

## Order at:

Hanover Church, 1801 N. Jefferson St., Wilmington, DE 19802

(302) 658-5114 and at: [office@hanoverchurch.org](mailto:office@hanoverchurch.org)

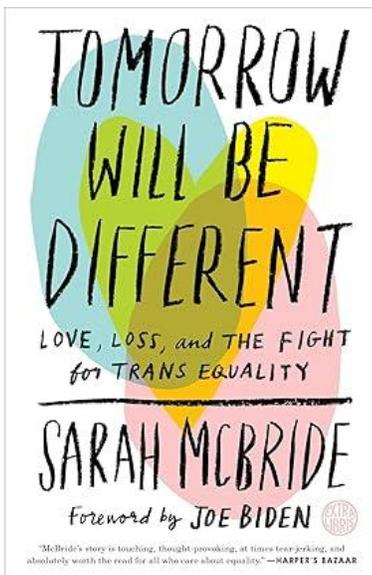
*Orders are due by Monday, April 7, 2025*

Church Life - The price of eggs may be rising daily, but good news! The price of Hanover's Chocolate Easter Eggs has not changed! Still a bargain at \$5. Please see the above flyer and place your orders.



**YD (Young Disciples) Youth Worship**  
**Sunday, March 16, 2025—11AM**  
**"Team Players"**

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.



Faith In Action's next book review is set for **Sunday, March 30**, immediately following Worship. The book they'll be discussing is "Tomorrow Will Be Different" by Sarah McBride.

*"Informative, heartbreaking, and profoundly empowering, Tomorrow Will Be Different is McBride's story of love and loss and a powerful entry point into the LGBTQ community's battle for equal rights and what it means to be openly transgender. From issues like bathroom access to health care to gender in America, McBride weaves the important political and cultural milestones into a personal journey that will open hearts and change minds."*

There are two copies of the book in the Church Office that you can borrow to read it. You can also purchase the book on Amazon in paperback or Kindle format. Mark your calendars and join us!

*Female Harmony Society  
Invites You!*

# HARMONY TEA



*Join us for an afternoon of tea & music!  
Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 3pm*



*Our traditional tea  
features:*

*Tasty tea sandwiches  
Petite desserts & fruit  
50/50 raffle*

*and Musical Entertainment -  
stay tuned for details!*

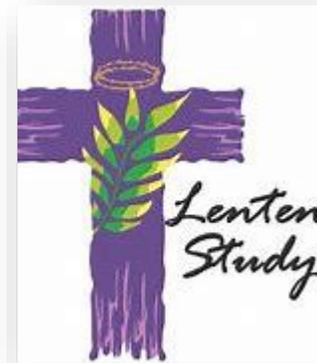
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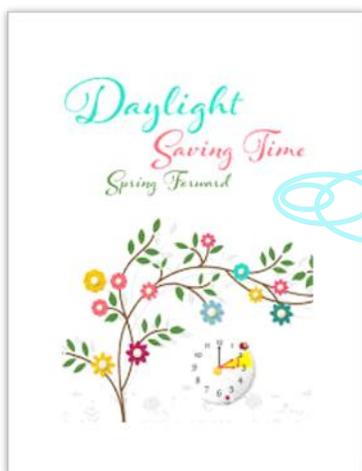
**\$15**  
per person  
\$5 FOR CHILDREN  
UNDER 12

# Adult Discipleship Study for Lent

This Lent we are studying “**The Hardest Part: hurt we carry, hope we find**” by Kate Bowler. Kate Bowler invites us into Lent this way: *Life is this strange, tender mix, isn't it? Joy and sorrow. Love and loss. Big wins and even bigger failures. We cling tightly to the beautiful moments, but then the phone rings, a diagnosis drops, or some creeping ache reminds us that everything—everything—is so much more fragile than we'd like to admit. Life can be too much. And Lent is the season where we sit in the heaviness...Lent invites us to stop pretending we can hold it all together... because when we do the hard part [the hard work of Lent], something else happens: we get to the good part.* For those interested in attending the Adult Discipleship Lenten study beginning on March 9, booklets will be available Sunday mornings or as a link in the weekly Hanover Scoop. Let's do the hard work of Lent and get to the good part together! ~ Nancy Long



**FOOD PANTRY NEWS:** Just to give you an idea of how the Food Pantry is doing these days - we are open from 8-10AM on Thursday mornings. When the volunteers arrive at 7AM to get things set up, we often find 10-15 clients waiting for us at the door. By the end of the two hours, we have served between 35-40 families. That is a lot of food going out the door in two hours! Needless to say, your donations of food will always be welcome.



Daylight Saving Time is coming! Please remember to "spring forward" your clocks forward one hour **this Saturday night, March 8**. We want to see you on time for church the next day!

## The Hanover Prayer Corner

Spirit of Justice and Peace, in these uncertain days, we call upon Your strength.  
When fear threatens to silence us, ignite in us the courage to speak.  
When laws protect injustice, give us the wisdom to discern right from wrong.  
When the path ahead feels long and weary, remind us that love is our guide and justice our goal.  
Bless our hands as they work for change, our hearts as they hold both grief and hope,  
And our spirits as they rise to meet the challenges ahead.  
May we be bold in our love, steadfast in our commitment,  
And unafraid to stir good trouble for the sake of what is right. Amen.  
*A Prayer by Rev. Cameron Trimble, "Piloting Faith"*



### HPC TALKS

Thursday, March 20, 2025

6:30PM



Come for a meal and discussion as we host a panel of local interfaith leaders. We'll be discussing community education, unity among diverse groups, and ways that we can advance the mission purpose of our church.

Join us as we extend the love of Christ to our community through civil dialogue and togetherness.



### 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. Leadership of the walks 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](mailto:wfgetman55@gmail.com).



“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—12pm
- ◇ Choir rehearsal—Wednesdays, 7pm—8:30pm
- ◇ Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
- ◇ Zumba—Thursdays, 6pm
- ◇ Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm

### March Meetings & Deadlines

- ◇ The Ties That Bind—Sunday, March 9, 12:15pm
- ◇ Worship Committee—Tuesday, March 11, 1:15pm
- ◇ Faith in Action—Tuesday, March 11, 5pm
- ◇ Session—Tuesday, March 18, 7pm—Zoom
- ◇ Newsletter article deadline for April—Friday, March 28

### March Birthdays

- 2 Justin Lewis
- 5 Taralynn Dillard
- 5 Melissa Heieie
- 6 Pastor Stephany
- 8 Martha McFarland
- 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

### Looking ahead to April . . .

- April 12—Jeremiah’s Coffee House
- April 13—Palm Sunday
- April 16—Healing Service
- April 18—Good Friday Service
- April 20—Resurrection Day
- April 27—Earth Care Sunday



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