

The Herald

**Hanover Presbyterian Church
Wilmington, Delaware**

August 2025

Welcome Silas!

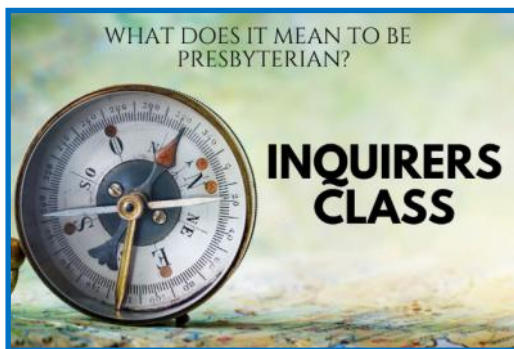
Silas Sheffer-O'Neill will be joining the Hanover staff as a student pastor from September, 2025 through May, 2026 under the supervision of Pastor Stephany. Silas is under the care of the Calvary Presbyterian Church, where his husband Rev. Brent Sheffer-O'Neill serves as the pastor. Silas and Brent were recently married on June 28th this year.



Silas has discerned a very focused calling to chaplain ministry. Enrolled at the United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, he is completing his second year in the Masters of Divinity program.

Silas' field work will consist of 10 hours a week. He will be working closely with the "Ties That Bind Ministry," preaching every second Sunday, teaching Bible study classes, helping with outreach ministries, assisting with pastoral care responsibilities and on occasion, singing with the choir. The New Castle Presbytery will be providing compensation for Silas while he is completing his 10 hours a week of Ministerial Field study work.

Originally from Michigan, Silas is the sixth of nine children. He has lived in Delaware for a little over one year. Silas and Brent share two Huskies, Sissy and Sasha. We are looking forward to having Silas on the team!



Make it Personal! Become a New Member!

New members bring new energy, excitement and new ideas to a congregation. Please join me on Sunday, August 3rd after worship as we invite visitors into membership at Hanover.

Guests are welcome to grab a cup of coffee and a piece of cake as we share a little of church's history, as well as our plans for the future.

We encourage all inquirers to come with questions and suggestions as we explore the possibility of growing together as a faithful community.

Spread the word! I look forward to seeing you there.

By Faith,

Pastor Stephany

Vacation Bible School – Hanover-Style
August 18-21 | 5:30pm-8:30pm |
at the home of Tim & Becky Arnold

Seeds! ~ Sowing God's Word in the World

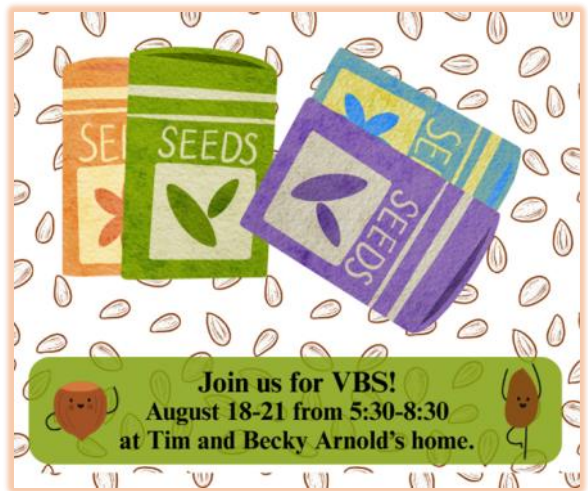
Join this summer's Vacation Bible School as it journeys into the captivating world of seeds! Discover how these tiny wonders, called "the key to life itself" by *the20facts.com*, mirror the power of God's Word found in scriptures like Jesus' Parable of the Sower. The Parable of the Sower, recorded in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, uses the analogy of scattering seeds to represent the sharing of the Word of God. Luke 8:11 specifically states, "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God." Through lessons, play, crafts, and discussions, we will explore the connection of how seeds, both natural and spiritual, hold the potential for abundant life when the Word is not only heard but truly embraced and lived out.

Join us for a potluck dinner from 5:30pm-6:30pm followed by Bible study and activities for all ages. Don't forget your swimsuit!

Questions? Contact Nancy Long at nlongssg@gmail.com.

Through shared time, may we be renewed and inspired to become both fruitful seeds and receptive soil, sowing God's love in homes, communities, and the world.

~ Nancy Long



First Friday Walks for Justice and Peace
Friday, August 1—5:30PM—6PM



Join us for this peaceful, prayerful walk through the center of Wilmington to promote an end to racial and social injustice. We gather in the SsAM parking lot (719 Shipley St) with people from various faith communities to share in this active, visible commitment to justice and peace in our community. We walk in silence, carrying battery-powered candles, ending at Rodney Square. Wilmington staff support this walk by holding traffic at cross streets. It is a very moving experience. Please join us on the First Friday of each month! Any questions, please contact Bill Getman at wfgetman55@gmail.com.

~ Bill Getman



September is almost here, and the choir will be back to singing as a group soon! We have enjoyed their solo work all summer, and we're looking forward to being back together. Please talk to any choir member or me if you're interested in singing with us—we'll take you full time, part time, or even for a season! All you need is a joyful heart to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

There's always something musical going on here at Hanover—here's an overview of what's happening in the next few months:

August—We're beginning the month with renewed interest in our drum circle. Be on the lookout for them in the service, starting the first Sunday in August, August 3 —and if you'd like to join in, please let me know. It's fun, easy to do, and you don't need any previous experience to play!

September—"Dinner and a Show" - On **Sunday, September 28, 5pm**, Church Life will provide a delicious dinner, and the Hanover Choir will provide "the show" with an evening of Broadway selections. Reservations are required—tickets are \$10 per adult, and \$5 for children 12 and under. We'll be selling tickets soon, so keep an eye out for them!

October—William Shakespeare is well known for his blending of comedy and drama, and we'll see that in one of his earlier plays called *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*. JSC is hosting the **Delaware Shakespeare** Community Tour Performance on **Friday, October 10, at 6PM**. Join us to watch how two best friends fall in love with the same girl, and how the humorous nature of love and friendships unfold.

November—On **Saturday, November 1, 4pm**, we'll have a lovely voice and piano song cycle of *Jane the Quene*, that details the too-short life of Lady Jane Grey, *The Nine Days Queen*. Paige Cutrona is the soloist, and Jonathan Fox Powers is the pianist. The concert begins with a short video introducing Lady Jane, her Tudor Family, and the circumstances which led to her ascension to the throne. The song cycle is through-performed, the nine movements lasting approximately thirty minutes, followed by a question-and-answer period and time for open discussion with the audience about the piece, the history surrounding it, and how the story resonates with them in this modern age.

December—**Christmas Eve** is always a special night of music. The Hanover Choir will be joined by Gus Mercante and Shannon Booth-Johnson as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. The service is on **Wednesday, December 24**, with prelude music beginning at 4:45pm, and the service begins at 5pm.

Soli deo gloria, (In God alone is the glory)

~ Twyla



"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time – waking and sleeping. It does not change God - It changes me." – C.S. Lewis

The world is changing, but God's love and protection remains the same. Let us gather for prayer, reflection and spiritual support on Thursday, August 28, at 7PM on Zoom.

We'll send out the Zoom link the last week in August.

By Faith, *Pastor Stephany*

The Hanover Prayer Corner



To trust God
in the light is nothing,
but trust him in the dark.
That is faith.

C.H. Spurgeon



"The Ties That Bind" ministry will host a **Parent's Afternoon Out** on Sunday, August 24th from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

In an effort to give parents a little time to catch a movie, catch up, have an afternoon date, take a long bath, or whatever will bring them a time of rest and relaxation; we will safely entertain up to 10 children between the ages of 5-10.

Three adults from the "Ties That Bind" ministry will staff the event. We have invited three trained and certified teenagers, Brianna, Maricella and Londyn to participate in this ministry with us.

We will provide snacks, games, stories, and music. We hope you will take advantage of this ministry of service or you can pass the opportunity on to a friend.

By Faith,

Pastor Stephany





SAVE THE DATE

Judy Johnson Night

Friday, August 15, 2025

Judy Johnson Field at Frawley Stadium

Wilmington, Delaware

Pre-Game Catch on Field 5:45

Game Time 6:05

Fireworks

Take me

OUT
to the
Ballgame

Andrea McCoy-Carty has a limited numbers of free seats available for the game. If you're interested, please contact Clinton Hamilton at: (302) 932-7688.

As we begin our relationship with the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association we look ahead to:



- The next scheduled event will be a caregiver's luncheon on **Saturday, August 16 at 12:30PM**. Please call the church office to reserve your place.
- The official support group will begin on **Saturday, September 27 at 11AM**.

Program Manager Erica Marshall Holmes expressed her sincere gratitude to be starting a support group in the Brandywine area.

We are looking forward to providing support for our members and as well as for our neighbors. Please share this good news!

By Faith,
 Pastor Stephany



*I scream,
you scream,
we all scream
for ice cream!*

The Scoop at Hanover is a chance for friends to meet. Every Wednesday, 6-8PM, weather permitting!

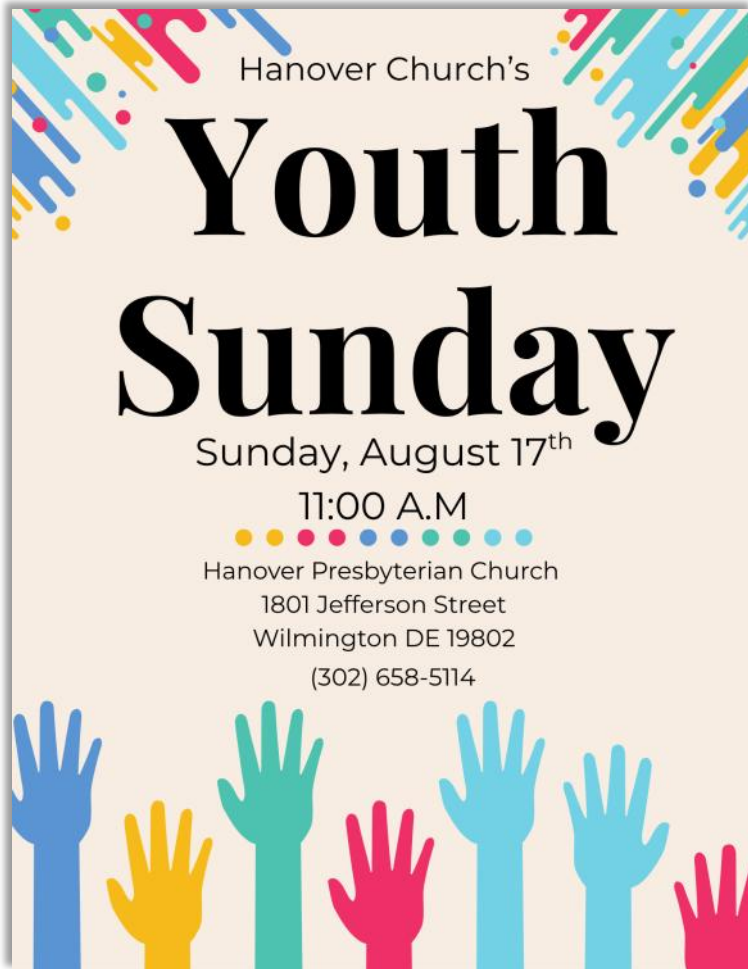


Ruth Howell & Evan Moses

Food Pantry - The Food Pantry doesn't have a summer vacation. We have been busy every week of July. Our new regular number for each week is now 35-40. Our shelves go from full to empty in no time. Thanks to Hanover members, Giant, Wawa, Westminster and other donations we manage to fill them up again. Our ability to provide fresh produce is greatly appreciated. All you gardeners, farmers, out there, if your gardens over produce, please think of us.

JB's Cafe - We are out on the street once again. The heat has been a challenge this summer, but we definitely like to be outside. Business is brisk on the corner of 18th and Jefferson. Come on over and have a seat at the table!

~ Becky Arnold



Here's is Ruthie McFarland's last flyer as her volunteer summer internship comes to an end! Her creativity has been sprinkled through this month's editions of The Scoop and The Herald and can be seen in every space of our building.

Thank you, Ruthie, for all the help in the Church Office, Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, and all of the many other miscellaneous jobs you did. Your dedication to helping others is one of your many gifts. Thank you for spending your time with us. Enjoy the rest of your summer, Ruthie!

~ Twyla



The Female Harmony Society's Little Library Needs Your Books

Our Little Library at 19th and Jefferson gets lots of use. I've borrowed a couple of books myself. We've received donations from various sources, but many of them are older or special-interest books. While we can use a few of these, what we need are more current books of interest to the general public. So if you have a good book at home that you probably won't read again, or books that your children or grandchildren have outgrown and are ready to part with, please think about donating them. If you do, please leave them in the CHURCH OFFICE with a note saying "for the Little Library." Thanks.

~ Maggie Alexander





August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time.

~ Sylvia Plath

Weekly Happenings

- ◇ Prayer Circle—Mondays, 9:30am
- ◇ JB's Café—Tuesdays, 8am - 1pm
- ◇ Zumba—Tuesdays, 6pm—7pm
- ◇ Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10am - 12pm
- ◇ Clothing Closet—Wednesdays, 10am—12pm
- ◇ Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
- ◇ Zumba—Thursdays, 6pm—7pm
- ◇ Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- ◇ September newsletter article deadline—Friday, August 25

August Birthdays

- 7 Frances McFarland
- 11 Marsha Pulliam-Bibbs
- 15 Brittany Peterson
- 15 Karin Wilson
- 16 Susan Anderson
- 18 Elizabeth Heiks
- 22 George Turner
- 29 Leon Wilson
- 29 Michele Zistl
- 30 John Heiks



Looking at September . . .

Annual Fox Point Park Worship & Picnic

Sunday, September 14, 11AM

Dinner and a Show

Sunday, September 28, 5PM



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



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