

Glory to God! What's Next?

Now that the Session has decided to move forward by faith and begin the work of reinventing the ministries of Hanover and deepening partnerships, what are the next steps?

Next, the Session will appoint a Mission Study team of 3 – 5 members who will review the following:

- The membership and history of the congregation.

- Church finances over a 5-to-10-year period.

- Demographics of the community including economic changes, community institutional changes and changes in residential composition.

- Past leadership styles and the leadership style that is needed to further the mission of the congregation.

Fortunately, most of this work has already been completed and can be attained by our community partners. The mission study team will meet with the Presbytery's Committee On Ministry liaison to complete this work.

After completion, the team will submit their work to the Session for review and adoption. While the team is working, the Session will be exploring possible ways to advance their decision from theory to practice.

There are already exciting discussions on the table about purchasing new signage, changing the name of the church to the Hanover Community Church (PCUSA), and bringing in a professional to help the Jefferson Street Center board and the Session form a stronger partnership.

I am encouraging the Session to also explore the possibility of birthing a 1001 New Worshipping Community. I strongly believe that it is possible to build stronger bonds with partners, while expanding our worship options. All of this will demand energy, strategic planning, creativity and vision.

One of the seven options presented by the Presbyterian Foundation was "aging in place." While many congregations across the Presbyterian denomination have waited until aging in place was their only option, Hanover has decided to plan for a spiritually-prosperous future.

There is no doubt that there are many challenges facing this congregation, and the way forward will be a marathon, not a sprint. This courageous endeavor will require all persons to be patient, respectful, selfless, and flexible. As the Session and the Mission Team engage in this prophetic work, let us all be prayerful and supportive. Growth demands a temporary surrender of security!

This is a very exciting time for Hanover!

"ALL THINGS ARE REALLY POSSIBLE WITH GOD!"

By Faith,

Pastor Stephany



Holy One, We give thanks for all who hold the line –
For lawyers who challenge unjust laws,
For teachers who protect history,
For students who refuse to be silenced,
For judges who remember their oath.
May our protests be our prayer.
May our resistance be a hymn of hope.
Remind us that are not alone –
Not now, not ever.

- Rev. Cameron Trimble

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The world is changing, but God's love and protection remains the same. Let us gather for prayer, reflection and spiritual support on **Thursday, October 30, at 7PM on Zoom.**

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

By Faith, *Pastor Stephany*

The Hanover Prayer Corner



PASTOR OFFICE *Hours*

Pastor Silas has office hours on Mondays from 10AM - 1PM or by appointment.

Please feel free to stop in and talk with him!

BREAKFAST *and Bible Study*

For tax purposes, conversations about politics are limited from the pulpit, but the state of politics in this nation warrants some serious discussion and reflection. What does the Bible say about politics? How did Jesus respond to corrupt political leaders? How should Christians respond when we see how Christianity is being used as a way to divide the nation? What is Christian Nationalism and how has it become so popular?

Let's talk about it over breakfast on **Tuesdays, October 7th, 14, 21, and 28th** at 10:30 a.m. in the gathering place. Breakfast is free for the first ten people!

BYOB – (Bring Your Own Bible)

Pastor Stephany

Faith in Action Book Discussion, Sunday October 12

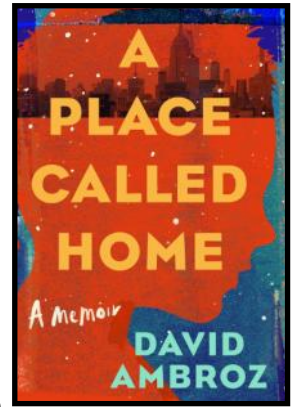
Please join FIA members and others in a discussion of the book A Place Called Home: A Memoir by child welfare advocate David Ambroz, on Sunday October 12 at 12:15pm. The book is the author's personal story of growing up homeless in New York for eleven years and his subsequent years in foster care, offering a window into what so many kids living in poverty experience every day.

David and his siblings should have been in elementary school, but instead they walked the streets seeking shelter with their mother who was battling mental illness. They rested in train stations, twenty-four-hour diners – anywhere that was warm and dry. They bathed in public restrooms and stole food to quell their hunger. When David was placed in foster care, it felt at first like salvation but soon proved to be just as unsafe. He was moved from home to home and, in all but one placement, abused. His burgeoning homosexuality made him an easy target for cruelty.

Told with lyricism and warmth, A Place Called Home depicts childhood poverty and homelessness as it is experienced by so many young people who have been systematically overlooked and unprotected. It is both a gripping personal account of deprivation – how one boy survived and ultimately thrived – and a call for readers to move from empathy to action.

Please join us in the lounge at 12:15pm on Sunday, October 12. You do not need to have read the book to take part in the discussion or you may just listen to what others have to say about the book and its subject. Two copies of the book are available for loan through the church office.

~ Susan Woodbury





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Wednesday, October 15, 2025
6:30PM



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Finance Report

This is the time of year when the Finance Committee will be meeting to prepare a budget for Hanover for 2026. That means it is very important to consider all of the expenses we have to maintain our building and carry out our Statement of Faith and Purpose:

*In ministering to each other and the world our guide is the light, life, and love revealed in Jesus Christ. We seek to see the light in every child of God, believing that **diversity** is of God's desire and design. We strive to embrace the gift of life by offering unconditional **hospitality**. We serve to express the love of God by working for **justice** for all of God's children.*



More important than maintaining the building is recognizing how important the people are, who keep Hanover's mission going. How would we function without Twyla Evitts, who does double duty as Minister of Music and the Church Administrator? What about Herman Pulliam, our Church Sexton? Do you know that the word sexton comes from Latin and means the "keeper of sacred objects?" That is an apt description for Herman, who is our go-to guy for fixing absolutely everything, including our personal moods sometimes.

And what about Pastor Stephany, who has stepped into the life of Hanover at an extraordinary time? She is investing her heart and soul into supporting us as individuals and as a church congregation. She offers encouragement and praise, while also challenging us to meet the moment. How will Hanover step into the future and continue to offer a place of worship and sanctuary, with mission and service, for its members and its community?

At the September meeting of Session, the August finance report revealed that we have received 60% of the amount budgeted for income from those who pledge and contribute regularly. We budgeted \$205,000 and have received \$121,907 through the end of August, which is 67% of the year. That means we are behind our budgeted amount by about \$15,000. That may seem insurmountable, but what if we had 50 people who gave \$25 a week over 12 weeks? We would have \$15,000. Some folks can give more. Some would be able to give less, but **if we all give something, no matter the amount, it will make a difference.**

Please consider what you can do to help. If you are already contributing, financially, can you increase your contribution? If you are not already giving, can you provide a weekly contribution? Let's finish out 2025 strong and build on that strength in 2026.

We are grateful to all of you who have and will support Hanover, financially, and use your resources to serve with love and compassion. We need all gifts, because every gift – every donation can make a difference. If you prefer to donate online, please use this link <https://hanoverchurch.org/joinus/support-the-church/>.

The Hanover Finance Committee


Amy Harris (Treasurer), Bill Tudor, Tim Arnold, Bill Balascio, and Ellen Casson



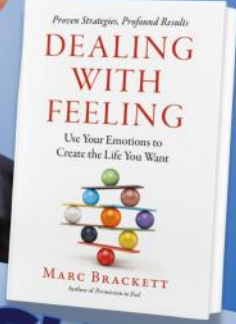
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First Friday Walks for Justice and Peace Friday, October 3—5:30PM—6PM

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



Food Pantry - Households served - 145

Adults	209
Children	112
Total	321
New Clients	10

Expenses - \$1,992.12

Donations - \$4,544.62 (Westminster Church)

Other contributions -- \$65.00

We continue to greet new faces and families on Thursday. Thanks for the support we receive from not only Hanover members, but the wider community. We will be giving out 100 Thanksgiving turkeys in November. Please remember us when you are shopping. Items we will be including in our bags are: cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mix, vegetables, and pies for dessert. Any donations will be much appreciated by our neighbors.

~ Becky Arnold



JB's Cafe - We aren't quite ready to move inside. The weather is still very inviting to sit on the corner and enjoy looking over at the park and see the changing colors of the leaves. We move at a pretty fast pace some days, we actually look like the "real deal!" If you are free on a Tuesday,

~ Becky Arnold

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Every little bit helps. To date Eco Plastic Products has kept 160,796 pounds of plastic out of our environment. That's equivalent to the weight of an adult blue whale. We hope to see your plastic in our bins soon.

~ Maggie Alexander





"The trees are in their autumn beauty,
The woodland paths are dry,
Under the October twilight the water
Mirrors a still sky."

~ William Butler Yeats

Weekly Happenings

- ◇ Prayer Circle—Mondays, 9:30am
- ◇ Tai Chi Chih—Mondays, 12pm, 1:45pm
- ◇ JB's Café—Tuesdays, 8am - 1pm
- ◇ Zumba—Tuesdays, 6pm—7pm
- ◇ Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10am - 12pm
- ◇ Clothes Closet—Wednesdays, 10am—12pm
- ◇ Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
- ◇ Zumba—Thursdays, 6pm—7pm
- ◇ Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- ◇ November newsletter article deadline—Friday, October 24

October Birthdays

6	Isheta Smith
13	Tim Arnold
21	Janette Dally
26	Art Werner
29	Irene Turner



Looking at November . . .

Jane the Quene—Saturday, Nov. 1, 4PM

All Saints & Stewardship Sunday—Nov. 9

Thanksgiving Baskets!



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