

Moving Forward by Faith . . .

The health of a congregation is not determined by the number of people who sit in the pews on Sunday mornings, its amazing music ministry, or its great heritage. What determines the health of a congregation is the faith development of its members. Each person grows at their own pace, and their faith is reflected in different ways, still, the collective faith of maturing members creates an obvious synergy.

Synergized congregations take risks and by faith explore uncharted territory. They stand for justice and are committed to diversity and hospitality. They acknowledge their strengths and face their weaknesses. Hanover is moving forward by faith to become a synergized congregation. The Mission Study Team, the Vision Action Team, and the 1001 New Worshiping Community team are all doing good work and are on target to meet their suggested dates of completion. The Event Planning Team is standing by waiting to be trained.

As we prepare to enter into the season of Lent, I ask that you include in your time of reflection and prayer, a prayer of clarity for all who are discerning God's will for this congregation. I have expressed my interest in continuing my partnership with you, but more importantly, I am committed to supporting what is best for Hanover's future.

Throughout my 25 years of ordained ministry, my steps have been ordered by the Lord, and I do not expect that to change now. God has been faithful and I still trust God's plan for my life. I am excited for you Hanover and for all of the possibilities that are available to you. May God's will be done for us corporately and individually.

By Faith,

Pastor Stephany

SUNDAY WORSHIP NOTICE:

**DUE TO ICE AND SNOW AROUND THE CHURCH,
WE WILL WORSHIP ON ZOOM THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

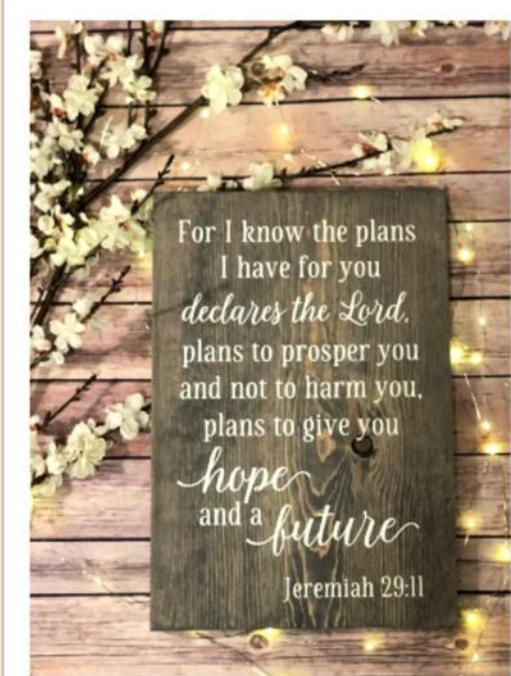
The Zoom link for worship on Sunday, Feb. 1: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8466955981?omn=8560543315>

Meeting ID 846 695 5981
Dial In: +16469313860,,8466955981# US
+13017158592,,8466955981# US (Washington DC)

Donations: Several people have asked about making their donations. If you'd like to mail yours in, you can send it to: Hanover Church, 1801 N. Jefferson Street, Wilmington, DE 19805.

If you'd like to pay electronically, here is the link that we have posted on our website: [CLICK HERE](#)

We had a great gathering of our church family last week through Zoom. Please join us!





BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATIONS

AT HANOVER CHURCH

FEBRUARY 1 - "A STRANGE FREEDOM"

REV. DR. STEPHANY GRAHAM WALKER

FEBRUARY 8 - "SUPER BOWL - SUPER SOUL"

GUEST PREACHER, ROMAIN ALEXANDER

FEBRUARY 15 - YOUTH SUNDAY & THE SOUL FOOD LUNCHEON

KIM GRAHAM, GRIOT

FEBRUARY 22 - "CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUALITY"

GUEST PREACHER:

DARIUS J. BROWN, DELAWARE STATE SENATOR

GUS MERCANTE, COUNTERTENOR

THE MELODIC DANCERS

MICHAEL HUNTER, JAZZ PIANIST, VIRGIL BROWN, DRUMMER

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CALLING
ALL
**NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY
BLACK PRESBYTERIANS**

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 28, 2026
2-4 PM**

In Recognition of Black History Month, you are invited to:

**The African Heritage Presbyterian Consortium
A Time of Reflection, Discussion, and Action**

- What does it mean in this current culture to be Black and Presbyterian?
- How do we continue building upon the legacy of Black Presbyterians who endured, excelled, and led in the midst of heightened racial injustice!
Let's Remember: Dr. Gayraud Wilmore, Lucy Craft Laney, Rev. Henry Highland Garnett, Rev. Frances J. Grimke, Rev. Maurice Moyer, Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, Rev. Darius and Vera Swan and so many others.

Community Presbyterian Church

519 Rogers Avenue, New Castle, Delaware

Sponsored by: The Rev. Dr. Stephany Graham Walker
and The Rev. Frederick A. Hanna Sr.
For more information, contact
Rev. Graham at: 410-493-6748



Sunday, February 1

Monday, February 2

Tuesday, February 3

Wednesday, February 4

Thursday, February 5

Friday, February 6

Sunday, February 8

Monday, February 9

Tuesday, February 10

Wednesday, February 11

Thursday, February 12

Friday, February 13

Sunday, February 15

Monday, February 16

Tuesday, February 17

Wednesday, February 18

Thursday, February 19

Friday, February 20

Saturday, February 21

Sunday, February 22

Monday, February 23

Tuesday, February 24

Wednesday, February 25

Thursday, February 26

Friday, February 27

Saturday, February 28

Discipleship Classes—9:30AM
Zoom Worship—11AM (*see front page*)

Prayer Circle - 9:30AM

Building Use Committee – 1PM

JB's Cafe – 8AM – 1PM

Lunch & Learn—12PM

Clothing Closet – 10AM – 12PM

Pickleball - 10AM – 12PM

Choir rehearsal – 7PM – 8:30PM

Food Pantry – 8AM – 10AM

First Friday Walk for Justice—5:30PM

Yoga - 6:15PM

Discipleship Classes – 9:30AM

Worship – 11AM

Tailgate Coffee Hour—12PM

Prayer Circle—9:30AM

JB's Café—8AM—1PM

Lunch & Learn study—12PM—1PM

Worship Committee—1:15PM

Faith in Action—5PM Zoom

Clothing Closet—10AM—12PM

Pickleball—10AM—12PM

Choir rehearsal—7PM—8:30PM

Food Pantry—8AM—10AM

Yoga—6:15PM

Discipleship Classes—9:30AM

Youth Sunday Worship—11AM

Soul Food Luncheon

President's Day—Church Office closed

JB's Café—8AM—1PM

Lunch & Learn study—12PM—1PM

Session via Zoom—6:30PM

Ash Wednesday ashes—10AM—1PM

Clothing Closet—10AM—12PM

Pickleball—10AM—12PM

Community dinner—5:30PM—7PM

Choir rehearsal—7PM—8:30PM

Food Pantry—8AM—10AM

Yoga—6:15PM

Alzheimer's Support Group—11AM

Discipleship Classes—9:30AM

Worship—11AM

Prayer Circle—9:30AM

JB's Café—8AM—1PM

Lunch & Learn—12PM

Clothing Closet—10AM—12PM

Pickleball—10AM—12PM

Choir rehearsal—7PM—8:30PM

Food Pantry—8AM—10AM

February Prayer Zoom Call—7PM

Yoga—6:15PM

Newsletter deadline

Forum for AA Presbyterians in

New Castle (*see flyer*)

Alzheimer's Support Group—11AM

at a glance



Hello, Friends,

It's that time of year again!

The Soul Food Luncheon is on **Sunday, February 15**, immediately following our Youth Sunday Worship service. 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



First Friday Walks for Justice and Peace

Friday, February 6—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

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2025

Calling All Committee Chairs! We are extending the date for getting Annual Reports turned in—please send your article(s) to the church office by **Sunday, February 15**.

Thank you!





What's Happening

Food Pantry - As you can see from the pictures - we are definitely a "TEAM" now. And this team has been very busy on Thursday mornings in the new year. Each week we manage to help 45-50 families. Thanks to generous donations, we are still able to provide meat, eggs, produce, bread and personal items as well as the usual canned goods. We will be starting a program with nursing students from UD soon. They will be taking blood pressures for our clients. We also have a new partner from the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition. She will be with us when her time allows and will be a valuable source of information.



We held our first Community Dinner on Wednesday, Jan 21. We served chili to over 45 people, neighbors and Hanover members. Please join us on **Wed. February 18**, for a Soul Food Dinner.

This is a great way to share our "hospitality" with the people who live in our surrounding neighborhood. Thanks to all who made the chili and helped with set up and clean up. It really is true that "many hands make light work."



JB'S Cafe - Brrr...there's a definite lack of heat outside! Come on in to the Cafe on Tuesdays from 8-1 and get warmed up with good food and fellowship! As we like to say, "we have the best food on our block" and we're just waiting for you to join us!

~ Becky

The world is changing, but God's love and protection remains the same. Let us gather for Advent prayers and reflection on **Thursday, February 26, at 7PM on Zoom**.

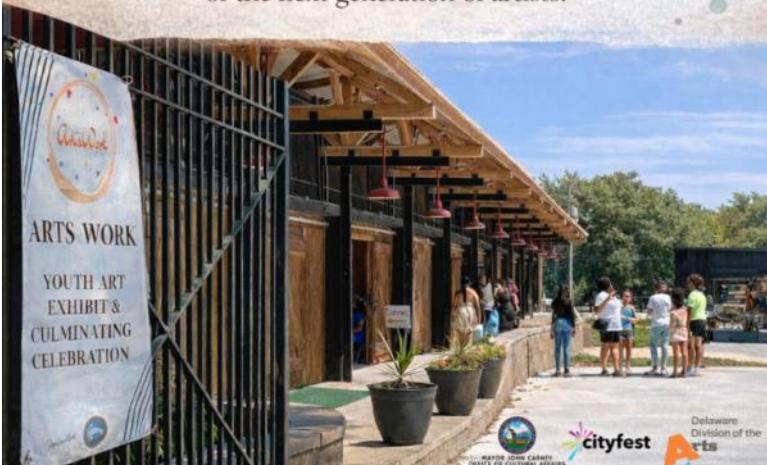
We'll send out the Zoom link in The Scoop and by email on that Thursday.

*The
Hanover
Prayer Corner*



ARTS WORK
YOUTH ART EXHIBIT & CULMINATING CELEBRATION

Experience the voices, visions, and creative growth of the next generation of artists.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026
5:00 PM
1509 CLIFFORD BROWN WALK
WILMINGTON, DE 19801

Join us for a community-centered art showcase featuring diverse and original artwork created by young artists during the program.

Arts Work is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on DelawareScene.com

Upcoming
COMMUNITY EVENTS



Join us for a Town Hall Meeting, "**Call to Cooperative Actions – Dignity for Souls who are Homeless**" on Monday, March 2, 2026 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Concord Presbyterian Church, 1800 Fairfax Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19180. Come for information and an opportunity to make a difference.

VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS

The Art Studio | 310 Kiamensi Road, Wilmington | newcastledo.gov/artstudio

VETERANS CREATIVE ARTS

Fridays January 9 - February 27

10am-12pm

FREE for Veterans, pre-registration is required





*"While it is February, one can taste the full joy of anticipation.
Spring stands at the gate with its finger on the latch."*
~ Patience Strong

Weekly Happenings

- ◊ Prayer Circle—Mondays, 9:30am
- ◊ Tai Chi Chih—Mondays, 12pm, 4:30pm
- ◊ 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
- ◊ March newsletter article deadline—Friday, February 27

February Birthdays

3	Nancy Long
3	Jurgens Van Rooyen
4	Hope Alexander
4	Twyla Evitts
6	Andy Moore
7	Tracey Lewis
11	Bill Getman
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 . . .

- Our Lenten Services**
- Community Dinner**
- Easter Egg Project**



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