

What is a 1001 New Worshipping Community?

The 1001 New Worshipping Communities movement is a movement within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) aimed at creating new worshipping communities that embody the love and justice of Jesus Christ. The movement is committed to building a diverse, inclusive, and expansive church that reflects the beauty and complexity of God's creation. It focuses on igniting and supporting flourishing new faith communities in every context, creating new spaces for people to encounter God and experience the transformative power of God's love. The movement is not just another church planting organization; it is a movement of people who believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and communities through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Beginning in 2012, there are currently 800 NWC's in fourteen languages. The denomination has invested 15 million dollars in this movement.

Mission of the 1001 NWC

By redefining the ways, we worship and connect with God, we aim to bring people closer together and strengthen their faith. Our approach is based on inclusivity, diversity, and innovation.

We believe that everyone deserves a place to worship and be part of a community. There are eight national staff members that support the work of this mission.

1001 New Worshipping communities exist in skating parks, yoga classes, night clubs, cross fit gyms, trailer parks, schools, etc.

The Denominations Commitment to Interfaith Relationships

The Book of Order – G-5.0102

"The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A. at all levels seeks new opportunities for conversation and understanding with non-Christian religious entities."

Why at Hanover?

The Hanover Presbyterian church is a tightly knit community that lives into its mission of justice, diversity and hospitality by providing traditional worship, space to non-profit partners and through serving people who benefit from receiving additional food and clothing. Birthing a 1001 New Interfaith worshipping community places emphasis on providing spiritual nourishment for people who no longer feel connected to a traditional church community. Birthing a 1001 New worshipping community will give Hanover the opportunity to live deeper into its mission of diversity, and ultimately deeper into its commitment to hospitality and justice. Birthing a new ministry will generate energy and inspiration among existing members.

Why Now?

The 1001 New worshipping community team understands that the way the gospel is shared, the way community is formed and the way that people grow in faith has changed. We must adapt and innovate. The future of faith development depends on multi-community collaboration without compromising core values and guiding principles. Three in 10 Americans identify as Nones; a person with no religious affiliation. This does not mean that they are not interested in growing spiritually or becoming a part of a community.

Lead Facilitators—Rev. Stephany Graham Walker , Rev. Tom Davis

What will the guiding principles of this community be?

Compassion, Acceptance, Truth & honesty, Respect for all living things, Community and belonging
Justice and fairness, Moral and ethical guidelines, A Commitment to integrity

Possible Names - The Gathering Place for All People

How will we Identify ourselves?

As an interracial, interfaith, intercultural, gender inclusive community.

A place to broaden one's world view and commune with others.

A collective search for meaning.

Belief in or curiosity about a higher being.

An understanding about the power of trust.

Sharing sacred stories.

Shared purpose and intellectual engagement.

Collective acts of social justice.

A place to question assumptions, presumptions and challenge norms.

Components of the Gatherings

Hosting meetings at the Scout on a bi-weekly basis after normal business hours. Worship would occur for an hour with an optional additional hour for discussion.

Gathering over an earth friendly meal.

Inviting Interfaith leaders from other traditions to lead conversations and workshops.

Inviting artistic expression into each gathering.

Identify Justice Action opportunities.

Plan fee-based workshops and events that are open to the public to establish a stream of income.

Possible Partnerships

Members of the former Governors Interfaith Council, The Cause Production Crew, The Peacekeepers.
Pacem In Terris, The Delaware Center for Horticulture, The Quakers.

Target Audience

The Nones

Persons seeking interfaith community

Persons who consider themselves to be spiritual and not religious.

Starting Date—July 2026

Next Steps

Seek approval from the Session to continue our discernment process.

Ongoing planning and prayer meetings.

Meet with owners of the Scout to determine rental prices/interest etc.

Expand our planning team.

Determine leadership structure.

Determine how funds will be managed and allocated.

Host a community forum to measure interest and garner support.

Meet with staff from the 1001 New Worshipping team to gain official denominational support.

Submit an application and request a seed grant from the 1001 New Worshipping Community office.

Request funding and support from the Presbytery grants committee.

Request funding from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.

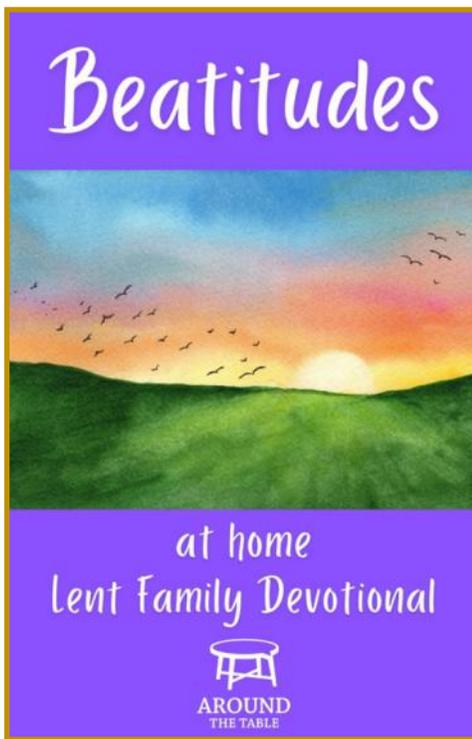
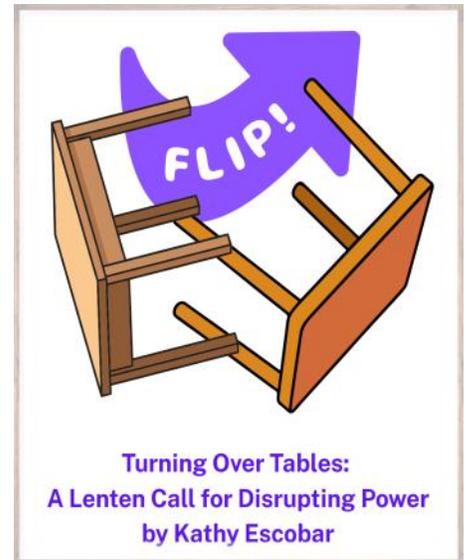
By Faith, *Pastor Stephany*

Discipleship Classes in Lent

ADULT LENTEN STUDY

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM in the lounge for our new study--Turning Over Tables. You are invited to discover afresh the empire-subverting, liberating, and healing way of Jesus. Thomas Oord writes of the study, "the power of Lent may best be realized in exploring power itself! Kathy Escobar helps us examine and critique the forms of power we wield.

Using accessible and insightful prose, Escobar's work will help both individuals and groups turn over tables for good. And what better time to consider power than in a season that proclaims the power of love!" Hanover friends, this study will challenge us in all the best ways. Study guides will be available at class time.



THE WONDERERS

The Wonderers will be journeying through Lent with the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are a list of blessings from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. In this sermon, Jesus flips the tables, showing us what God truly values in contrast to the values of the world. God's wisdom is not the wisdom of the world, but as Jesus taught and modeled, it's love. Each week, the Wonderers are invited to take a Beatitude devotional card home to reflect on during the week. The cards invite us to MARK time with God by lighting a candle, REFLECT (asking questions that begin with "I wonder..."), ACT by living out God's love in our community by listening, speaking up, and helping people, and PRAY (have supplies available to draw, write, or create for a few minutes each day while offering silent or verbal prayers.) If you would like to receive a packet of these devotional cards, let Nancy Long know.

RESPONDING TO CHRIST'S CALL TO MINISTRIES OF
COMPASSION FOR THE WORLD'S MOST VULNERABLE.



One Great Hour of Sharing . . .

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

We collect this offering on **Palm Sunday, March 29**. Please write your check to Hanover Presbyterian Church, and put "OGHS" down in the memo line. Or if you like, you can pay online at our website: www.hanoverchurch.org. Please make sure that you state that your gift is for "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the instruction line.

If we all give a little, it adds up to a lot.



Handmade

Easter Egg Candy

Hop on over and get some delicious handmade Easter Eggs - we have three flavors:
Peanut Butter, Coconut, and Butter Cream
\$2.50 each - sample pack \$7

**ORDERING BEGINS MARCH 1
FOR PICKUP/DELIVER ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 29
12PM - 2PM**

Order at: Hanover Church
1801 N. Jefferson St., Wilmington, DE 19802
(302) 658-5114
Email: office@hanoverchurch.org

Orders are due by Monday, March 23, 2026

If you'd like to help make candy, please talk with Becky—they have a great group that works hard and has fun doing it!



SAVE THE DATE

THE FEMALE HARMONY SOCIETY PRESENTS

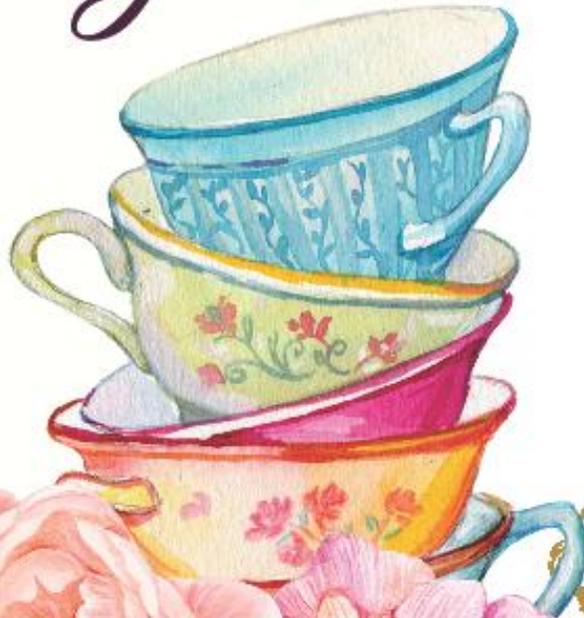
THE ANNUAL

Harmony Tea

April 18, 2026

THREE O'CLOCK

Hanover Church
1801 Jefferson St.



What's Happening



Church Life—Our second Community dinner was a success! Just about 60 people sat down to a dinner of chicken and dumplings. Good comments all around. Our next dinner is on Wednesday, March 18, at 5:30pm. It's spaghetti! Please join us!



Food Pantry—The month of February was a busy time. We served 155 families or 376 individuals. Our costs were \$1,645. Thanks to all of you for your support.

JB's Café—We're hoping that March is our last month to be inside. If April showers stay away from Tuesdays, we will be out on the sidewalk. See you then!

~ Becky



	<p>Celebration of Life for Alice Goodfellow Davis Sunday, March 8, 2026—4PM</p>
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The world is changing, but God's love and protection remains the same. Let us gather for Advent prayers and reflection on **Thursday, March 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*



Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

HANOVER CHURCH
&
JEFFERSON STREET CENTER
ARE HOSTING A

**Community
Spaghetti
Dinner**

HANOVER CHURCH

1801 NORTH JEFFERSON ST
WILMINGTON DE 19802

FREE TO THE PUBLIC
DONATIONS ACCEPTED

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026
5:30 PM - 7PM**



All are
welcome!

Winter Clothing Closet

Jefferson Street Center in collaboration with Hanover Church

Free Winter Clothing Items for Everyone

Please bring form of ID

March 14th 1801 North
Jefferson Street,
Wilmington,
Delaware 19802

9 AM - 12 PM



**First Friday Walks for
Justice and Peace**

Friday, March 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.



“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/Monthly Happenings

- ◇ Prayer Circle—Mondays, 9:30am
- ◇ Tai Chi Chih—Mondays, 12pm
- ◇ 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
- ◇ Alzheimer’s Support Group—March 28, 11am
- ◇ April newsletter article deadline—Friday, March 27

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 . . .

Holy Week & Resurrection Sunday

Community Dinner—Wednesday, April 15

FHS Annual Tea—Saturday, April 18

Youth Sunday on Creation Care—Sunday, April 19



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