

Let's Celebrate the Men!

We often celebrate the mothers, sisters, aunts, grandmothers and godmothers in our lives on Mother's Day. Seldom however do we let the fathers, brothers, uncles, godfathers and grandfathers in our lives know how much they mean to us.

This year we are encouraging the men in our lives to take some time out for themselves. **This Father's Day weekend June 20th – 21st it's all about the men!** On Saturday all the men are invited to participate in a man's cave breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30AM, and Rev. Andre Barnes of Columbia, South Carolina will lead a workshop from 9:30 to 11:30AM. (*Check out his biography on page three.*) On Sunday Rev. Barnes will be our guest preacher, and the men of Hanover will provide the music during the worship service.

Recent reports on the state of American men revealed the following information:

- **Men aren't in crisis because of who they are — but because of what they lack.** Economic insecurity, isolation, and harmful norms are driving a dangerous mix of despair and grievance. At every stage of education, from elementary school through graduation Black men's outcomes are distinctively lower than those of white men and Black women. In employment, Black men earn less and are less likely to rise up the economic ladder than white men. As adults, Black men raised in affluent families have lower employment rates than white men raised in poverty.
- **Masculinity today is shaped by pressure — to provide, to stay silent, to "man up."** 86% of men (and 77% of women) say being a provider defines manhood. Men facing financial strain are over 16x more likely to report suicidal thoughts.
- **The Man Box is growing — and getting more extreme.** Harmful views like "a man should always have the final say" are increasing. Men in the Man Box are 6.3x more likely to experience suicidal ideation.
- **Isolation is an epidemic.** Over half of men say, "no one really knows me." That loneliness comes with a cost: despair, suicidality, and political radicalization.

Solutions exist. Fatherhood, care work, and positive mentorship offer men a path toward purpose and connection. We just need to invest in them.

What We Can Do:

1. Prioritize men's mental health and economic security in policy.
2. Normalize care work and redefine success beyond outdated gender roles.
3. Counter online radicalization by uplifting positive male identity and belonging.
4. Center empathy — not blame — in how we talk about men and boys.

Save The Dates!

Please share this information and this invitation with the men and boys in your life ages 12 and up. A love offering will be received to cover the cost of breakfast and Rev. Barnes's travel expenses.

By Faith,

Pastor Stephany





Friday, May 1	First Friday Walk—5:30PM at SsAM's Yoga – 6:15PM
Sunday, May 3	Discipleship Classes—9:30AM Worship w/Communion —11AM FIA Book Discussion – 12:15PM Prayer Circle – 9:30AM
Monday, May 4	Building Use meeting – 1PM JB's Cafe – 8AM – 1PM
Tuesday, May 5	Clothing Closet – 10AM – 12PM
Wednesday, May 6	Pickleball - 10AM – 12PM Choir rehearsal – 7PM – 8:30PM
Thursday, May 7	Food Pantry – 8AM – 10AM YD Worship meeting – 10AM Yoga – 6:15PM
Friday, May 8	Discipleship Classes—9:30AM
Sunday, May 10	Worship—11AM Prayer Circle - 9:30AM
Monday, May 11	JB's Cafe – 8AM – 1PM
Tuesday, May 12	Faith in Action – 5:30PM - Zoom
Wednesday, May 13	Clothing Closet – 10AM – 12PM Pickleball - 10AM – 12PM Choir rehearsal – 7PM – 8:30PM
Thursday, May 14	Food Pantry – 8AM – 10AM
Friday, May 15	Yoga - 6:15PM
Sunday, May 17	Discipleship Classes – 9:30AM YD Worship – 11AM Prayer Circle – 9:30AM
Monday, May 18	JB's Café—8AM—1PM
Tuesday, May 19	Session – 6:30PM – Church School Hall
Wednesday, May 20	Clothing Closet—10AM—12PM Pickleball—10AM—12PM Staff meeting – 12PM Community Dinner – 5:30PM Choir rehearsal—7PM—8:30PM
Thursday, May 21	Food Pantry—8AM—10AM
Friday, May 22	Yoga—6:15PM
Saturday, May 23	Alzheimer's Support Group – 11AM
Sunday, May 24	Discipleship Classes—9:30AM Worship —11AM
Monday, May 25	MEMORIAL DAY/CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, May 26	JB's Café—8AM—1PM
Wednesday, May 27	Clothing Closet—10AM—12PM Pickleball—10AM—12PM
Thursday, May 28	Food Pantry—8AM—10AM Prayer Zoom – 7PM
Friday, May 29	Yoga – 6:15PM June newsletter article deadline
Sunday, May 31	Discipleship Classes – 9:30AM Worship – 11AM Congregational Conversation—following Worship



YD Worship - April 19, 2026

Earth Day Celebration

The joy of the
Lord is our
strength!
Nehemiah 8:10



Biography for Rev. Andre C. Barnes, Sr.

Rev. Andre C. Barnes Sr. is an inspirational and motivational speaker and conference leader.

His sessions address issues related to Men, Women, Youth Engagement, Domestic and Relational Matters, Family Support, and Restorative Relational Leadership Principles.

As the President and CEO of Interpersonal CORE Consulting (ICC), Barnes combines his extensive knowledge with practical experience. His academic credentials include a Bachelor of Arts in Theology, a Bachelor of Science in Human Services (Summa Cum Laude), and a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Columbia International University (CIU).

Additionally, he is a Certified Master Mental Health Coach (AACC) for Veterans and First Responders and an ARISE Certified Master Trainer in Life Skills and Practical Living.

Barnes is a Certified Life Coach (CLC) in the following focus areas: Leadership Development, Relationship Building, Veterans and First Responder Trauma-Informed, and Spiritual Growth and Development.

He has also obtained Certifications in Multicultural Training, Conflict Resolution, Effective Communication, Anger Management, and Effective Parenting.

With over 35 years of experience, he is a sought-after leader in family and youth professional circles.

As an accomplished author, Barnes shares his insights through two influential books: "Crippled, But I've Got a Right to Be Here!" "Can't Go Back, Can't Stay Here, What's Up Over There?", and "There's a Leader in Me!" Each of these works confronts the pressing cultural crises of our time while highlighting the leadership necessary to navigate them.

With unwavering dedication to guiding individuals toward clarity and growth, Andre Barnes is a beacon of inspiration for congregations, students, corporations, radio listeners, and colleagues alike.



First Friday Walks for Justice and Peace

Friday, May 1 from 5:30PM—6PM



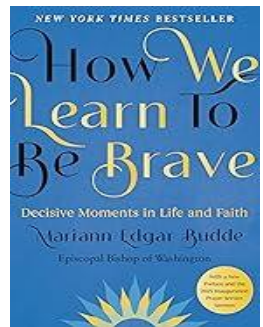
Join us for this peaceful, prayerful walk through the center of Wilmington to promote an end to racial and social injustice. We gather in the SsAM parking lot (719 Shipley Street) with people from various faith communities to share in this active, visible commitment to justice and peace in our community. 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



FIA Book Discussion

Join us after church on **Sunday, May 3** for a discussion of ***How We Learn to Be Brave*** by **Mariann Edgar Budde**. The author is the bishop and spiritual leader of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington and the Washington National Cathedral. In the inaugural prayer service at the National Cathedral in January 2025, she asked Donald Trump to protect those afraid of deportation, children fearing parental separation, and those fleeing persecution, emphasizing, "our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the stranger".



How We Learn to Be Brave is part memoir, part history, and part theology. It centers on courage as a deliberate choice. Bishop Budde examines the many kinds of decisions that call for courage, highlighting the pivotal moments when we consciously choose a path—often with uncertain or difficult consequences.

Bishop Budde also reflects on how to act with integrity in the face of fear, injustice, and circumstances beyond our control. Instead of being passive, she shows us that individuals can act as co-creators of their lives, even in challenging situations.

This is a timely book, as we are in a time when we all need to be brave and stand up for what is right.

~ Maggie Alexander



"You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."
– Christopher Robin to Pooh

HANOVER CHURCH
&
JEFFERSON STREET CENTER
ARE HOSTING A

Community Cookout Dinner

Join
Us!



All are
welcome!

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 20, 2026
5:30PM
(WEATHER PERMITTING)**

**HANOVER CHURCH
1801 N. JEFFERSON ST.
WILMINGTON, DE
19802**

Bring your favorite bag of
chips and a drink, and
we'll be grilling
hamburgers and hot dogs
for a great community
event!

Here's
What's
Happening!

Thank You, Amanda!

During this year's Worship In The Park service, we will show our appreciation for Amanda August who has served as the Executive Director of Jefferson Street Center for the past five years. Amanda will be leaving her position at the end of June.



Amanda will be joining us at Fox Point on **Sunday, June 14**. Let us show her how much we have appreciated her work with a love offering. You can make your check out to Hanover church with (a gift for Amanda) in the memo line. Please turn in your gift to the church office by Monday, June 1st.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Pastor Stephany

TRAVELING PEACE TAKES OFF

Launching the Traveling Peace Youth Art Exhibition



Pacem in Terris's Traveling Youth Art Program is coming to Hanover from **May 11—June 11!**

Be on the lookout for these wonderful expressions of peace coming to our sanctuary in a couple of weeks.

What's Happening



Food Pantry - There is still one more week to go in April, but we have had a busy four weeks already. Many larger families are coming to us, and we are happy to say we have been able to accommodate them all. That is thanks to all of you and the many organizations that support us. As the summer looms before us, please think of the Food Pantry when you are shopping. Children will be out of school, and parents will be looking for healthy food to have on hand to feed them.

JB'S Cafe - Please join us on May 5 as it marks our "true" morphing into an Outdoor Cafe. The Ramblers will be on hand to entertain with lots of great music. The grill will be hopping with our Jolly Griller cooking up a storm! Breakfast inside from 8-10am, and then lunch outside 10am - 1pm. All this and water ice, too!



Female Harmony Tea - There were at least 60-70 people on hand Saturday, April 18th to help us honor Alfred and George Turner for their contribution to the Education Program at Hanover. Female Harmony is pleased to manage this fund, and going forward it will be known as the Alfred and George Turner Continuing Education Fund. Thank you to all who made this day a success. If you brought a desserts for the tea and need to retrieve your storage containers and trays, they are waiting for you in the Church Office.

~ Becky Arnold



The Prayer Corner . . . The world is changing, but God's love and protection remains the same.

We will gather for prayers and reflection on **Thursday, May 28, at 7PM on Zoom.**

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





During our Earth Day Service last week, Judy Van Rooyen talked about her Instagram account that she has run for several years - it is called EverGreen Guardians. Check it out at:

[EverGreen Guardians Instagram](#)



Judy is happy to post any nature photos that you'd like to send her. Please let her know if you want to post your photo(s) either anonymously or with your name as a credit. All photos will be accepted. Please help share the good news of God's creation!



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News from Jefferson Street Center

Did you miss the transportation workshop presented by DelDOT and Jefferson Street Center at Hanover on March 31st? Thanks to Leah Saxberg-Turner, working with JSC and Hanover, we have updates to share with you.

Baynard Boulevard will be repaved, with preparations starting on April 18, 2026.

Construction will be one-way at a time and block by block.

Repaving will take approximately 2 months.

Do you have more questions? Please check out this link.

<https://deldot.gov/public.ejs...>





“The world’s favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May.”
– *Edwin Way Teale*

Weekly/Monthly Happenings

- ◇ Prayer Circle—Mondays, 9:30am
- ◇ 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—May 23, 11am
- ◇ May Zoom Prayer Call—Thursday, May 28, 7pm
- ◇ June newsletter article deadline—Friday, May 29

May Birthdays

- 1 Herman Pulliam
- 3 BJ Kennedy
- 4 Karen Hudson
- 4 Jane Putscher
- 5 Del Boulden
- 6 Sanet Van Rooyen
- 8 Ingrid Dark
- 9 Bill Klawitter
- 10 Ralph Headley
- 13 Kathryn Thompson
- 16 Marc Pulliam
- 19 Russ Buckley
- 21 Nancy Bayard
- 22 Tommy Tucker
- 26 Katie Leep
- 27 Miranda Garrett
- 28 Dev Vaghela
- 31 Lorie Tudor

Looking ahead to June . . .

- 21st Street Block Party—Saturday, June 13**
- Worship & Picnic at Fox Point—Sunday, June 14**
Special recognition for Amanda August
- Man’s Cave Breakfast—Saturday, June 20**
- Special Service for Men—Sunday, June 21**
Rev. Andre Barnes, guest speaker



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