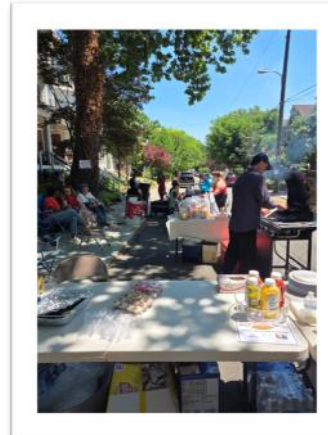


Glimpses of Grace

June has been a very busy month at Hanover and at 73 Bristle Cone Drive. We have been preparing to sell our house and move into a temporary apartment for over a month now. We will live in the Luxor Apartments on South Market Street until September when our 55+ community home in New Castle will be completed.

Still in the midst of all the purging, packing and planning, there have been fun opportunities to meet new people and to discover more the hidden gems of Wilmington.

I had the opportunity to represent Hanover at a 21 st Street Block Party on Saturday, June 13. This event was a partnership between The Baynard Village Neighborhood Association, The Hanover Church, Jefferson Street Center, Pacem in Terris, Let's Play, and the New Dreamers Academy. You can tell by the photographs that we enjoyed working together and meeting our neighbors.



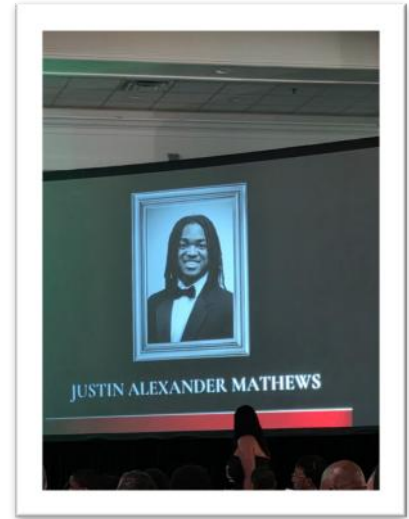
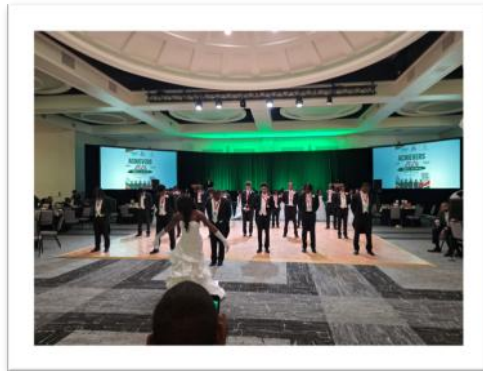
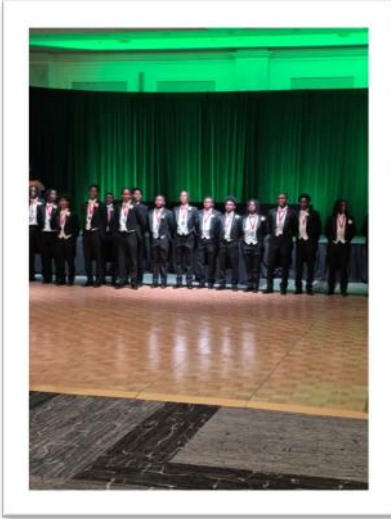
On Saturday, June 20, we celebrated the men of Hanover by serving them breakfast and leaving them to discuss issues unique to men and to men of faith. We were blessed by the men's choir and leadership the following Sunday.



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Glimpses of Grace (continued)

On Sunday June 28, I was so inspired and encouraged as I watched several African American young men receive scholarships and awards at the Achievers Affair of Honor at the Chase Center. I have spent the past months in Wilmington advocating for people who are homeless and live beneath the poverty line. The magnitude of this reality can sadden the heart. I was blessed however, hearing the goals and dreams shared by these young men. That experience gave me so much hope for future generations. The single photo below is that of the young man who received the Female Harmony Scholarship.



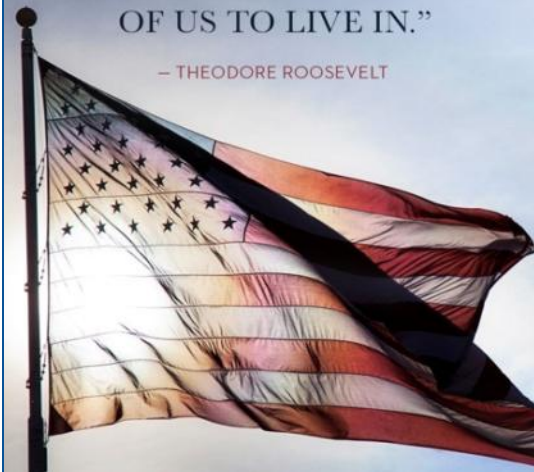
Thank you for your support during this time of transition. I hope July will be a time of rest and renewal for all of us as we prepare for a full fall season.

By Faith,
Pastor Stephany



“THIS COUNTRY WILL NOT BE A GOOD PLACE FOR ANY OF US TO LIVE IN UNLESS WE MAKE IT A GOOD PLACE FOR ALL OF US TO LIVE IN.”

— THEODORE ROOSEVELT



God of hope, freedom, justice, and peace, we ask for the grace to walk in deeper solidarity with immigrant communities and all who seek safety and opportunity.

May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to uphold the dignity of every human person, to welcome the stranger with compassion, and to advocate for policies that provide protection, justice, and accompaniment for vulnerable populations.

In this moment of national celebration, may our prayer renew our commitment to building a society rooted in mercy, justice, and the common good.

Amen.

COME JOIN US!

18th
JULY



Female Harmony Society
ANNUAL MEETING
BRUNCH

A morning of good food, conversation, and seeing what Female Harmony is doing this year - everyone is welcome!

SATURDAY, JULY 18
10AM

at the home of Becky Arnold
2105 N. Van Buren Street
Wilmington, DE 19802



COMMUNITY COMPOSTING The Delaware Community Composting Initiative is working to bring composting to Wilmington. DCCI, in collaboration with the DSWA and the Red Clay School District, has applied for permits to place a composting site next to Warner Elementary School's student garden.



Community Composting is a great way that we as individuals can take climate change action with students, our friends and neighbors. Keeping green waste out of the city waste stream reduces GHG emissions, sequesters carbon, and produces nutrient rich reusable compost.

The initiative will be seeking 30–40 households to sign up. The acceptable waste will be green (fruits, vegetables, and yard waste), and each household will be asked to volunteer one hour per month to manually turn and screen the compost.

There is a DCCI site already up and running at Talley Day Park. Warner will be the first one within the city limits. It will become a model for community composting and will be the blueprint for additional sites throughout the city.

For more information, please visit PlasticFreeDelaware.org or email the Program Director: Elisa King (EKing@PlasticFreeDelaware.org).

~ Peter Anto

First Friday Walks for Justice and Peace

Friday, July 3 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.



This is an article excerpt from our neighboring church, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

One Table - Food, Faith, and First Sundays

Every first Sunday of the month, something quietly profound happens at Westminster. We gather at the Lord's Table — and then we set a longer one. On the first Sunday of each month, two acts of faith unfold side by side: we receive Communion together inside our sanctuary, and we collect food together in our parking lot for our neighbors who are hungry. It would be easy to see these as separate events — one sacred, one practical. But they are, at their heart, the same gesture. Both are about a table with room for everyone.

The Supper That Doesn't End at the Door. When Presbyterians gather for the Lord's Supper, we come as we are — regardless of our place in life. Ours is an open table. All baptized people are welcome. That openness is not incidental to what Communion means; it is what Communion means. We are enacting, in bread and cup, the abundance of a God who withholds nothing essential. But Jesus's life, freely shared with us, doesn't stay contained within Westminster's walls. If the Lord's Supper teaches us anything, it is that abundance is meant to move outward into the world. Feeding those among us who face food insecurity is not an add-on to our worship — it is worship continued.

The Neighbors at Our Door - The need is not abstract. Thousands of people in our community struggle to put food on the table for themselves and their families. Rising grocery prices, shrinking assistance, and the quiet reality of food deserts make what seems like a basic task — feeding your household — genuinely difficult for far more of our neighbors than we might imagine. Children go to school hungry. Seniors choose between groceries and prescriptions. Families stretch a can of soup across two meals.

The Hanover Food Closet stands in that gap, run by volunteers and serving thousands each year. Food comes from Westminster and other local churches and individuals, and from the Food Bank of Delaware. Every donation matters. Canned proteins, shelf-stable milk and juices, soup, rice, pasta, and personal care items are among the most urgently needed — the staples that keep a household going when money runs short.

Come to the table. Receive what Christ has given so freely. And then carry that gift a little further into the lives of the thousands of people in our community that we're called to help feed. When we share our plenty, we extend the Lord's Supper to every hungry neighbor. The table is longer than we think.



What's Happening

Food Pantry - Numbers are slowly going up since schools are closed and children are at home more. Your donations are always welcome. Personal care items are much appreciated. Thanks as always for your support.

Our Community Dinners are taking a break for July and August. We expect to start again in September. Have a safe and happy summer!

JB'S is busier than ever when the weather is nice and we can be outside. We will be taking Tuesday, July 14 off. Thanks to all our "regulars" for coming out each week rain or shine and to all who just happen to stop by to see what all the hub bub is about on the corner! Check out our pictures!

~ Becky Arnold



CONGRATULATIONS

to Miranda Garrett and Ryan de Haas on their wedding last weekend! Here's a picture of the lovely bride with her mother, Chris Garrett, having a "mother/daughter dance." What a joyous celebration! We send them best wishes for a wonderful life together!



A NOTE OF



Dear Hanover,

Thank you so much for the kind and generous gift.
I am so thankful for my time here and will not be a stranger.
Much love and peace to you all.

Love, Amanda August

Dreamers Academy Summer Camp—Learn – Explore – Grow

There was a joyful noise around Hanover church during the week of June 22nd, and those of us fortunate enough to be around the church during that week loved it! Guess what? The joyful noise will last through August 14! Drop in and maybe you will get a chance to share in the joy.

Dreamers Academy Inc., which is owned and operated by Daneisha Coleman, has transformed the conference room on the second floor of the community wing of Hanover church into a summer camp for children, ages 5 through 12. They have all kinds of activities planned, including field trips, and learning about science, art, and creativity. Nutrition and fitness is part of the camp also, and the children are taking advantage of the Hanover gym, when it is not in use by another group. It is wonderful to have the sound of children's voices in the halls and in the gym, and to see the smiles on their faces. Daneisha is working in partnership with Open Arms Academy and the camp has been embraced by our friends at Pacem in Terris and Let's PLAY.

~ Ellen Casson



The Achievers

Hanover was pleased to provide space to The Achievers Program, Inc., during the week of June 22nd to practice for the Affair of Honor held at the Chase Center on June 28, 2026. The Achievers Program was formed in 1987 by the Wilmington chapter of The Links, Inc. and the Wilmington Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. The mission of the organization is to promote excellence in African American young men. For more information check out the web site: <https://www.theachieversinc.org/about-us>

The Hanover gym was used for practicing for the Affair of Honor, which is an elegant banquet and ceremony where the young men are presented to the community and receive honors, scholarships, and awards. The photo included here is from the 2023 Affair of Honor. Hanover is honored to share in supporting this event.



CONTINUING TO GIVE . . .

The work of Christ is going strong at Hanover, and we rely on your pledges to keep us running smoothly. Here are the ways that you can continue to give your pledge and other offerings:

Sunday morning Worship: The offering plates are ready!

Mail: Please send your check to:

Hanover Presbyterian Church, 1801 North Jefferson Street, Wilmington, DE 19802

Drop-off: You can go to the Jefferson Street Open Arms Academy/Church Office entrance and put your envelope inside the gray mailbox on the left door. It is safe and secure there, and Herman and/or Twyla will pick them up.

Drop-off in person: If you want to hand your check to the office in person, the office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9am—5pm.

On line: Go to our website: www.hanoverchurch.org - scroll down to the bottom of the screen and you will see Online Giving. Click on the yellow highlighted word Donate - the next screen will be ready for you.

Thank you so much for supporting Hanover all year long.

~ *The Finance and Stewardship Committees*





"July is hollyhocks and hammocks, fireworks and vacations, hot and steamy weather, cool and refreshing swims, beach picnics, and vegetables all out of the garden."

— Jean Hersey

Weekly/Monthly Happenings

- ◇ Prayer Circle—Mondays, 9:30am
- ◇ JB's Café—Tuesdays, 8am - 1pm
- ◇ Zumba—Tuesdays, 6pm—7pm
- ◇ Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10am - 12pm
- ◇ Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10am
- ◇ Zumba—Thursdays, 6pm—7pm
- ◇ Yoga—Fridays, 6:15pm - 7:30pm
- ◇ August newsletter article deadline—Friday, July 24
- ◇ Alzheimer's Support Group—July 25, 11am
- ◇ July Zoom Prayer Call—Thursday, July 30, 7pm

July Birthdays

- 3 Stephanie Hinson
- 5 Jerri Harmon-Matthews
- 5 Darren Undercuffler
- 6 Michael Corbin
- 6 Ruth Howell
- 7 Becky Arnold
- 12 Viola Smith
- 14 Marybeth Auld
- 15 Ayinde Flores
- 15 Tracey Turner
- 18 Diane Murphy
- 18 Bill Tudor
- 20 Leandra Moore
- 22 Maricela Rosario
- 28 Bill Balascio
- 28 Jude Harlan
- 31 Sophia Moore

The Prayer Corner . . .



The world changes, but God's love and protection remains the same.

We will gather for prayers and reflection on **Thursday, July 30, at 7PM on Zoom.**

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

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