

The Hanover Herald—October 2026

To God Be The Glory!

As we all prepare for another transition at Hanover let us remember that the church is always transforming. Hanover is not the same congregation that it was three years ago, and it will not be the same congregation three years from now that it is today. Our only constant in this life is change. Change can be good. It helps us to keep our focus where it belongs, not on people, but on the One True Sovereign God who planned for our paths to cross far in advance of our meeting.

God is at the center of why the church exists and how we become community. It was my plan to apply to serve as the part-time installed pastor of Hanover and serve until retiring. Over the years, I have learned by faith, that God's plans, while disruptive, and often inconvenient, are the better plans.

Thank you, Hanover! The three years that I have had the privilege of being in partnership with you will be remembered as one of the most meaningful experiences I have had in ministry. Although we will no longer be partners in ministry as pastor and members, we will remain partners in "kindom" work.

I leave you in the best of hands with a loving and experienced pastor, preacher, teacher, and community activist. Love him and listen to him while he is here as his season with you will also change.

I am convinced that there are blessings in store for us beyond what we could ask or think, because the same God of three years ago is the same God we continue to serve!

By Faith,

~ Stephany



My involvement at Hanover Church the last four years has been a great source of joy for me, and not just as the Jolly Griller!

Worshipping on Sundays, singing in the choir, helping out at Wednesday night dinners, and making so many good friends have all provided a church home for me I wasn't sure I would find after retiring. And now I get to serve among you for a brief period of time as your bridge pastor. Some of you know I said I'd never do this again, that I was made for retirement. But how could I pass up this opportunity among the people I've grown to love? And how could I ever deny that God has a wonderful sense of humor?

Be patient with me as I'm a little (a little?) rusty. My schedule is not solidified yet, but Twyla will let you know when it is.

But please know this, that I'm looking forward to being with you in a different capacity from October through December! Then I'll just be back to the grill!

~ Bill Getman



The Future of YD Worship



Pastor Stephany has established a beloved youth Sunday worship experience, and our Discipleship Team has taken the reigns and will continue it. Our teachers are Nancy and Jeff Long, Beth Undercuffler, and Martha McFarland. Thank you for putting your time and efforts into making worship services that specifically engage our young people!

Here are their plans for the upcoming services:

October 18 – Leader - Ruthie McFarland; Liturgist – Jeff Long

Our wonderful Ruthie McFarland is leading the service and already has her message prepared—it is a play that she wrote about Moses and the Israelites when he went up on Mount Sinai. We'll have French bread pizzas and games and music!

November 15 – Leader - Beth Undercuffler

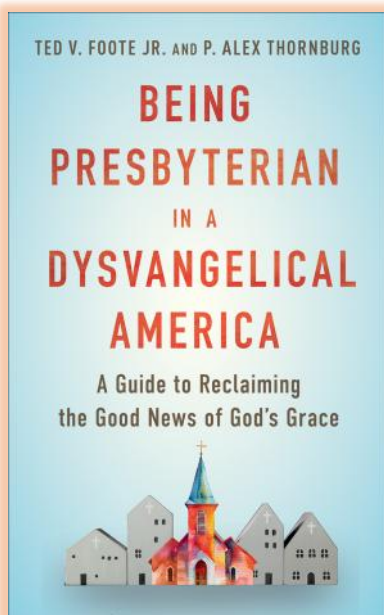
Beth will focus on "Giving From Your Heart" - we'll see what Faith in Action are offering for this year's UnGifts. The children will make coupon books and look at how to make handmade gifts for their loved ones. They will also make Christmas cards to send to our homebound members and friends. Maybe we'll have some traditional foods—come and find out!

December 20 – Leader – Nancy Long; Liturgists – all the kids!

The service will be in Sanctuary; crafts, music, & food in Church School Hall. Nancy will be looking at Celebrations Around the World; Dwahli, Kwanza, Hanukkah, and Christmas. We'll have some special foods along with turkey and ham to celebrate everyone!



FIA Book Review



The Faith in Action Committee is kicking off their Fall book discussions with a reading of *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical World* by Ted V. Foote, Jr, and P. Alex Thornburg. In a time that Christianity has been hijacked by vocal, divisive, dystopian views of who is a good Christian, the authors seek to counter this environment. In our time, Jesus might be considered a failed evangelist: he lived an itinerant life, no big, beautiful church building. He was open to all kinds of people, especially those living on the margins of society, not just the "righteous." Yet we are called to be Christ-like, living out his example in today's world. Foote and Thornburg provide a modern context for affirming and celebrating the core Presbyterian values of "grace, community, humility, and ongoing reform."

Join us for a three-part discussion at Hanover on **Sundays, November 1, November 8, and November 22**. You may attend all three or stop in for one session. For more information, contact Karin Wilson. There are two copies of the book in the Church Office.

~ Karin Wilson, Co-Convener of FIA

What's Happening



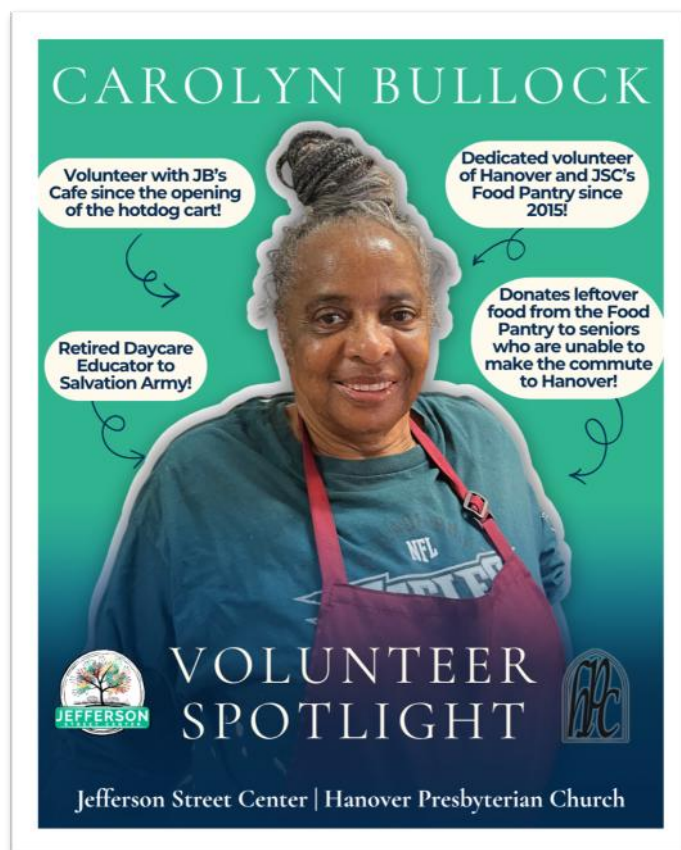
Our September **Community Dinner** was very well attended. It would be great to have some Hanover members join us around the tables. It's a great way to share Hanover hospitality and to learn something about our neighbors. Looking forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, October 16 at 5:30PM**. Featured on the menu: Chili and Cornbread!

Food Pantry - The FP continues to roll along. Each week our shelves are depleted and each week we manage to fill them again. I would like to begin a "new thing." Each month, I will highlight one of our volunteers. It is time they got some recognition for coming every Thursday many of them for at least five years or more. First up is Carolyn Bullock. Carolyn started helping out at the FP and at JB'S Cafe over 10 years ago when James Brewer was still with us. She is a life-long friend of mine and a real ambassador for Hanover!

~ Becky Arnold

JB'S Cafe - Fall has arrived (at least on the calendar) and we are still hoping to be able to have lunch outside thru October. Even if it is a little chilly to sit outside, our Jolly Griller will most likely be on the corner doing his thing and patrons can pick up their food and move into the Gathering Place if needed. As the weather gets a little cooler, we will be starting having soup on the menu. Life can get a bit stressful this time of year, so take a breather and stop by JB'S. After all, did you know that Flour is a food, Sugar is a food, Chocolate is a food - so a cookie is a tossed salad! Come and enjoy !!

~ Becky Arnold



Welcome, Dreamers Academy!

Hanover Church members, friends, and neighbors, please welcome Dreamers Academy into our family, under the leadership of Daneisha Coleman, owner and operator. Open Arms Academy, under the direction of Kathleen Hughes, has been a valuable partner since 2012. The families and children and some staff are continuing, and we know that Dreamers Academy will be a special partner going forward.

Hanover Church and Jefferson Street Center have both been committed to supporting families and children, especially when it comes to education and a safe environment for learning. We will work together with Dreamers Academy to offer a positive environment for children to feel comfortable and play and learn together. In Daneisha Coleman's words, *"As we transition to Dreamers Academy, my commitment is to build upon the strong foundation that Open Arms Academy has established while creating an environment that fosters creativity, curiosity, academic readiness, social-emotional growth, and meaningful relationships."*



Dreamers Academy is licensed through the Delaware Office of Child Care Licensing under the Department of Education. Dreamers Academy will be open Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and offers a full day program for children ages 6 weeks to 4 years old, as well as "Before and After Care" for school-aged children. To learn more about Dreamers or schedule a tour, please contact 302-384-8485 or Admin@dreamersacademyinc.com. You can also follow Dreamers on IG and Facebook for updates [@dreamersacademyde](https://www.instagram.com/dreamersacademyde).

~ Ellen Casson



There's always something artistic going on here at Hanover, whether it's music, dance, or drama—here's an overview of what's happening in the next few months:

Sunday, October 4 – World Communion Sunday – 11AM—Rev. Casey Carbone is our guest preacher, and we'll have a special anthem: "Baba Yetu" (The Lord's Prayer) from the Hanover choir w/Anthony Condoluci-Smith, soloist and Skip Bailey on the djembe.

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day w/Communion—we have The Ramblers, musical guests, joining our service.

Sunday, December 13 – Advent 3 with our friend Glenn Davis, guest trumpeter.

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve service - 5PM—Christmas Eve is always a special night of music. The Hanover Choir will be joined by Gus Mercante as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

As always, we lift our praises to God in an endless song of praise!

Soli deo gloria, *(In God alone is the glory)*

~ Twyla



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 10—9:30AM—11:30AM

Calling all men! You're invited to a light breakfast of pastries and coffee and some good conversation. Join with the other men as Bill Getman leads a morning of good fellowship.



The Wilmington Library and Delaware Pacem in Terris are thrilled to announce that acclaimed activist, educator, and movement leader Loretta Ross will be speaking on **Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00 pm at the Wilmington Library.**

For more than 50 years, Loretta Ross has worked at the forefront of peace, justice, human rights, and social transformation. Her groundbreaking new book, *Calling In: How to Start Making Change with Those You'd Rather Cancel*, offers a powerful and timely vision for healing division, building relationships across differences, and creating lasting social change.

Rather than deepening conflict through shame, exclusion, or polarization, Ross teaches practical tools for engaging difficult conversations with honesty, accountability, compassion, and respect. Her work demonstrates that peace is not the absence of conflict but the ability to move through conflict in ways that strengthen relationships and communities.



Annual Peace Speaker

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Hanover Presbyterian Church
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Wilmington DE, 19802

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CELEBRATING SIX YEARS OF FIRST FRIDAY WALKS FOR

Friday, October 2, 5:30PM—6PM— Rain or Shine

Start – The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew (SsAM), 719 N. Shipley Street

End – Rodney Square

On May 25, 2020, the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police shocked the country as a video spread widely across the Internet. Likened to the public reaction to the image of murdered Emmett Till in 1955, the outrage spread across the country. In response, First & Central Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew (SsAM) launched a monthly series of peaceful protests in downtown Wilmington on the first Friday of each month. More recently sponsored by SsAM and Westminster Presbyterian Church, we invite everyone who has participated in a Walk during these past six years to join us for our **final First Friday Walk on October 2nd**. We offer deep gratitude to all who have shared in this public witness to our commitment to peace and justice in our community. Please join us!

~ Bill Getman

"The Meaning of Sight" by Bob Cox (remembering Maude Dudley | 1924-1986)

In Hanover Presbyterian Church,
Sunday mornings arrived
with stained glass,
wooden pews,
the rustle of coats,
and the soprano voice of a woman
who could not see us.
She stood before the choir
with her fingers soaring
over the small raised dots
of her Braille hymnal
as though reading a secret
the rest of us misplaced.
I wondered
how she could sing to a congregation
of faces she never knew.
How could she know
when we were listening?
How could she know
where to send a note
so it would rise above us
and find the ceiling,
the rafters,
and perhaps God Himself?

But she knew.
She felt the words beneath her fingers
and let them enter her
before she gave them back to us,
not merely as music
but as something like a window
opening in the dark.
This was the lesson
of those early Sundays:
she, who could not see our faces
was helping us see.
Not a stained glass God,
not the one behind the organ pipes,
but the God who might be known
in a trembling note,
in the silence after it,
in the sudden awareness
that we were all together
inside something larger than ourselves.
I suppose I thought
sight was the way we knew the world.
She taught me another way.
Her fingers found the words.
Her voice found us.
And for a few minutes
each Sunday morning,
a blind soprano
showed us
the meaning of sight.

Remembering Maude . . .

Maude was a member of Hanover for a very long time, at least back to when Charlie Reid was the choir director. She was blind from birth. Maude had a beautiful soprano voice and sang many solos on Sunday mornings. Bob Cox who wrote this, is the son of Sandy and David Cox, who were long-time members as well. His family goes way back in the annals of Hanover.

~ *Becky Arnold*





The Legacy Ball

**Saturday,
September 12,
2026**



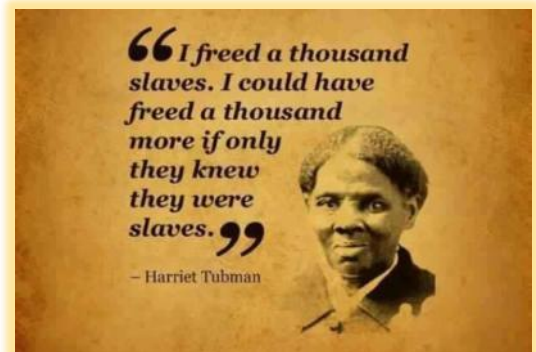
 **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**
FREEDOM FESTIVAL
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<https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/1035074/>

Silverside Church Presents
2026
FALL CONCERT SERIES

 **DOUBLE SHOT**
September 27, 3PM
 This 8-piece ensemble plays iconic music from the '60s, '70s and '80s, along with a new selection of popular "Yacht Rock" favorites and "One-Hit Wonders".
 Outdoor concert.

 **HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR:**
The Phantom of the Organ
October 25, 4PM
 Featuring haunting favorites from Bach to Broadway, this concert will bring Halloween spirit to life through the thrilling sounds of the pipe organ. Presented in collaboration with the DE Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A reception will follow the performance. Costumes are welcome—and encouraged!

THE WILMINGTON HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
An American Christmas
DECEMBER 6, 3PM 

Ring in the holidays with the Wilmington Handbell Ensemble!
 Performing seasonal favorites including Sleigh Ride, Blue Christmas, Mary Did You Know, White Christmas, Wizards in Winter and many more.

\$10 Per-Person Suggested Donation for all concerts.

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TOGETHER, WE CAN GIVE CHILDREN MORE INDEPENDENCE, MOBILITY & HOPE.



5K RUN FOR KOURTNEY AND OTHERS

A TENDER HEARTS 5K & FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us as we honor Kourtney and support medically fragile children throughout Delaware by helping provide access to **mobility** equipment, **accessibility** modifications, **educational** support, and **opportunities** that insurance often doesn't cover.



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 11, 2026
9:00 AM



GLASGOW PARK
227 Pulaski Highway
Newark, DE 19702



JOIN
OUR FAMILIES
OF RUNNERS &
SUPPORTERS!

A DAY OF FUN. A LIFETIME OF IMPACT.



5K
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MEET KOURTNEY

Kourtney's strength and determination inspire our community every day.

The 5K Run for **Kourtney and Others** was created to help children like Kourtney gain access to life-changing resources that improve mobility, independence, and quality of life.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Adaptive bikes can cost \$3,000-\$5,000+
- Wheelchair ramps can cost \$5,000+
- Vehicle modifications can exceed \$20,000

Tender Hearts helps bridge the gap so children can live with greater **mobility, independence** and joy. Your support makes a **difference!**

REGISTER TODAY!

Join us for the 5K Run for Kourtney and Others.
YOUR STEPS CAN HELP CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE.



SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!

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Thank you!

Proceeds from this event support medically fragile children across Delaware by providing life-changing equipment, services, and opportunities that insurance often doesn't cover.



Follow **@tenderheartsde** for race updates, family stories and event announcements!



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**Calling All
Hanover Church
Family &
Friends!**

We are inviting everyone who is willing to participate and/or support Kourtney Bibbs as she has been selected to serve as an Ambassador for Tender Hearts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families receive much-needed medical equipment and other essential supplies.

We are incredibly proud of Kourtney and grateful for the opportunity to share her story and help bring awareness to the amazing work Tender Hearts does for families in need.

If you are willing to support, participate, share, donate, or simply help spread the word, we would truly appreciate you being a part of Kourtney's journey. Every bit of support makes a difference!

Thank you for continuing to love, pray, encourage, and support Kourtney and our family!

~ Marshae Pulliam-Bibbs



**From Delaware Shakespeare's September performance at Hanover:
"The Complete Works of Shakespeare: Abridged, Revised Again"**





"October is the month for painted leaves . . .
As fruits and leaves as the day itself acquire a
bright tint, so do we."

~ Henry David Thoreau

Weekly/Monthly Happenings

- ◇ JB's Café—Tuesdays, 8AM - 1PM
- ◇ Zumba—Tuesdays, 6PM—7PM
- ◇ Pickleball—Wednesdays, 10AM - 12PM
- ◇ Clothing Closet—Wednesdays, 10AM—12PM
- ◇ Choir rehearsal—Wednesdays, 6:30PM—8PM
- ◇ Food Pantry—Thursdays, 8-10AM
- ◇ Zumba—Thursdays, 6PM—7PM
- ◇ Yoga—Fridays, 6:15PM - 7:30PM
- ◇ November newsletter article deadline—Friday, October 23
- ◇ Alzheimer's Support Group— Saturday, October 24—11AM

October Birthdays

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| 6 | Jerry Howell |
| 6 | Isheta Smith |
| 13 | Tim Arnold |
| 21 | Janette Dally |
| 26 | Art Werner |

Looking ahead to November . . .

All Saints' Sunday—November 1
Stewardship Sunday—November 8
YD Worship—November 15
Gratitude Sunday—November 22
First Sunday of Advent—November 29



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