

The Hanover Herald—November 2026



Dear Friends,

While we will be talking about financial stewardship in worship in preparation for Stewardship Sunday on November 8, I want to address another way, also critical to the life and health of our church, that God calls us to share our gifts. In my nearly five years here as an active non-member (retired clergy are not allowed to actually join a church - a puzzle to me still), and in my very brief time as bridge pastor, I have observed that a very small number of folks carry the vast amount of volunteer responsibility.

Although I experienced a similar dynamic in the three churches I served before retiring, that dynamic is more prevalent here. The necessary ministries all get fulfilled by devoted servants. But I've sensed that a number of those servants are weary and perhaps edging toward exhaustion; not good for them and unhealthy for our congregation.

So, while I'm here in the church office on Wednesdays and with you on Sundays and at the cafe on Tuesdays, let me know how you can offer the gifts God has given to you. Share the work and so share the joy of serving Jesus together in this wonderful family of faith. And if you are already doing your share and more, don't talk to me!!

~ Bill Getman, Bridge Pastor



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Please remember to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Join us for a joyous celebration of the saints of the church from all of our lives. We have musical guests The Ramblers who will lead us in this service of honor and remembrance.



Our Discipleship Team has taken the reigns of YD Worship, which is the third Sunday of every month. Our teachers are Nancy and Jeff Long, Beth Undercuffler, and Martha McFarland. Thank you for putting your time and effort into making worship services that specifically engage our young people! Here are their plans for the upcoming services:



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.

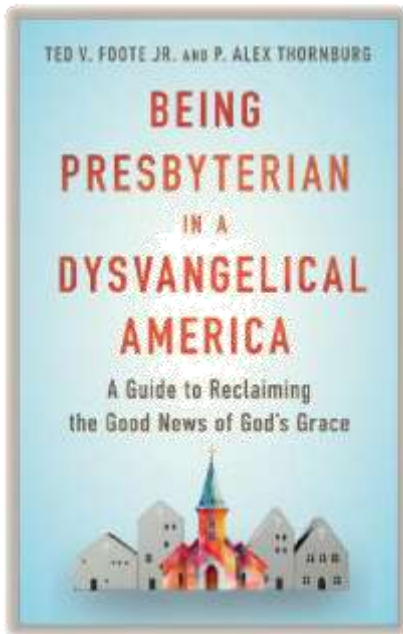
December 20 – Leader – Nancy Long; Liturgists – all the kids!

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!



"We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends." — Mary McLeod Bethune

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



STEWARDSHIP NEWS FOR 2027

The stewardship season is upon us. This week letters were mailed to ask all to consider how each of us might support the mission of the church in 2027, especially financially. Our congregation is vital and important to all of us and to the community around us. The church building is the place we meet for worship, but it's also a center for the community and for multiple missions and activities, like the Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, and multiple activities in the gym, that benefit both members and neighbors. Our staff inspire us, teach us, lead us in worship, keep us organized, and maintain the space we share seven days a week. However, all of that requires money.

If you've been giving in support of the church and its mission, thank you! Do you have room in your monthly budget to increase how much you give in 2027? We have a lot to do in this world, and your help makes it happen.

Join us on **Sunday, November 8**, as we celebrate the many gifts that God gives us and how we can return our thanks. You can bring your pledge card in on that day, and we will make our presentation as a community!

~ Jeff Long, Stewardship Committee



Food Pantry

How can it be almost November? Seems like it rolls around pretty quickly! Nevertheless, it will be turkey time before we know it and when you are shopping for items for your Thanksgiving table, please remember our neighbors who come to our Food Pantry. We will be giving out turkeys again this year and will need some items for our "fixings" bags. Cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and gravy are always welcome. Thanks in advance for your help!



This month in our **"Volunteer" corner** I would like to introduce Robert Anderson. He has been helping for over 10 years. "Funny and Entertaining" is how others have described him. I would add the word "helpful" as well. He is always ready to lend a hand and make our clients feel right at home. In addition to helping us he is on the Community Council at Lutheran Community Services and is the Vice President of the Tenant Council at Terry Apts. He looks out for a lot of people! We are very grateful to have him as part of our team. Thanks, Robert for all you do!

JB'S Cafe - Not much to report, except that Bill and Becky have made a pledge to keep the cart outside until we can't. Temps will have to dip a bit for us to give in to Mother Nature and move inside. Just because we are outside cooking doesn't mean anyone has to shiver and eat, though. The Gathering Place will be a nice warm place to enjoy good conversation and food as always. Join us any Tuesday from 8AM – 1PM.

~ Becky Arnold

Prayer:

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them, through our hands, their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give joy and peace.

~ Mother Teresa

It Takes a Village

Caring for the community does “take a village.” One way that Hanover Church and Jefferson Street Center have partnered with the community is through beautification efforts. For example, the dead and dying cherry trees, outside of Hanover on Jefferson Street, were replaced with fastigate hornbeam trees with funding obtained by Jefferson Street Center. They were planted in the spring of 2024. Our Sexton, Herman Pulliam, was careful to keep them watered, and they grew healthy and strong. What a beautiful difference they have made.



This year, we had a storm and part of a neighbor's tree came down on the hornbeam closest to 19th Street, and then employees from the city cut it down. Through the efforts of the Baynard Village Neighborhood Association, we now have a beautiful replacement. We are fortunate to have neighbors who care and want to be involved in keeping the neighborhood looking great! In this picture we have Lloyd Pierce on the left, Peter Anto, and Iran Garcia on the right.



We also have Jeremiah on the left with the rake and Syaire on the right with the shovel lending their hands to the project. The children from Dreamers Academy will be stepping out to add plants and flowers in the “bump-out” on 19th Street. Thanks to everyone for working together to keep the neighborhood beautiful.

~ Ellen Casson



Time for a Fall Clean-Up!

The Visioning Team will be holding a sprucing up of the outside areas around the church on **Saturday, November 14 around 9AM.**

There is weeding to be done and always trash to pick up. Anyone interested in helping us make the church look a bit less overgrown, please join us at 9AM in the front of the church. (Baynard Blvd.) Remember to bring gloves and clippers. No green thumbs necessary. This could be fun!

~ Becky Arnold



"Peering from some high window, at the gold of November sunset and feeling that if day has to become night, this is a beautiful way."
~ E.E. Cummings

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
- Alzheimer's Support Group— Saturday, November 21—11AM
- December newsletter article deadline—Friday, November 27

November Birthdays

- 1 Heather Dorsey
- 6 Denny Schreyer
- 6 Austin Wilson
- 19 Devin Pulliam
- 20 Fred McFarland
- 23 Lillian Grasty
- 26 Ralph Fortney

Coming in December . . .

- **Advent Christmas Brunch - Sunday, December 13**
- **Christmas Eve Service - Thursday, December 24 at 5PM**
Guest musical artists at 4:45PM



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