



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here.

March 2013

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Rev. Bob Undercuffler
Pastor

How best define Christian living? I suggest, **following Jesus**. Those two words introduce a continuing adventure of moving through life in the ways Jesus leads us.

Our path is not easy. However, we don't follow Jesus alone. We have the gift of Holy Spirit, the care of the Christian community— the church -- and

the presence of Jesus himself as our divine companion. The stories of Jesus calling his first disciples to "Follow me" always amaze me. The record is that immediately they left what they were doing and followed Jesus. I wonder why? What prompted them to immediately leave all? Did they know what they were getting into by traipsing after this itinerate preacher who would change their lives in such dramatic ways? Their decision to follow gave them a new identity. Their adventure of faith led them through trials, as well as joys. They gave Jesus an allegiance, a commitment and obedience unlike those given to anyone else. Their response to Jesus' call to follow is what made all the difference in their lives and the lives of those who followed. Jesus call still comes to us. He invites us to respond, to be his followers, to commit our lives to him, to live in obedience to his will and his way. Our Lenten journey is a time of focusing strongly on what it means to be a disciple, or follower of Jesus Christ. Discipleship begins with steps of faith. We move to a new understanding of ourselves. We follow the ways Jesus points us toward. We experience the joys of living in Christ and of Christ living in us and through us. We hear Jesus say, "Follow me." Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Grace to you, and peace,

Bob



Kate LeFranc
Outreach Associate

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.... Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

Lent is a difficult season. Instead of listening to our culture's constant messages of youth, and

growth, and pleasure, and buying more things, we as Christians turn to a quiet and more reflective way. We begin the season by remembering our own mortality on Ash Wednesday. In the face of a culture that is terrified of death and spends a lot of money and energy pretending that bodies do not age and then die, Ash Wednesday itself is a radical act.

In this season, we set ourselves and our days apart. Many people choose to fast in some way, which reminds us of our reliance on God, and it also reminds us that every moment of our lives belongs to God. We remember God's presence in our lives not just on Sundays, but every time we sit down with our Lenten devotions, every time we crave chocolate or coffee or sweets, every time we take a moment for our daily prayer.

The kingdoms of this world are powerful, and it is easy to get swept up in their thrall. But in this season, we remember that God calls us to a better way. We draw closer to God in our spiritual practice, and closer to one another in our reflection, and closer to those whom Jesus calls us to serve.

We remember that even as we look unflinchingly at the pain of this world, the hope of Easter is coming.

Blessings,

Kate

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Betty Kackley

Sharing Brings Joy...To Others, To God, and to Us

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterians have provided assistance in areas ravaged by wars, to those who are victims of natural disasters, and, in addition, through this ecumenical effort have supported projects in more than 100 countries, including the U.S. and Canada.

Disaster Assistance, a hunger program, and self-development are all a part of One Great Hour of Sharing which began in 1949 and is still going strong! This is a wonderful effort which gives us all hope for a better tomorrow.

Special offering envelopes are available in the pews for our One Great Hour of Sharing offering which will be on March 24th. You can make your offering anytime between now and then.



HELP WANTED FOR COFFEE HOUR

Rosi White

Please join us for Coffee Hour...We all enjoy the company and fellowship found at our Coffee Hours after worship. Members of our church take turns hosting our Coffee Hours, but we could sure use some more volunteers. All you have to do is make the coffee (training provided), bring snacks (homemade or store bought)—*coffee hour fare doesn't have to be elaborate*—or contribute \$\$\$ towards the snacks.

Our main goal is getting together after the service to share conversation and fellowship. More volunteers are needed, so we'd greatly appreciate your willingness to sign-up to be host/hostess. Our sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you!

The Care and Fellowship Committee

SALLY CAIRNS MEMORIAL FUND

Ed Cairns

There are some things that individuals do that can guide to the betterment of mankind. They are usually not earthshaking, but in their small way, make this earth a better place for others. That was Sally's skill and she used it in subtle ways to correct wrongs and create rights. For over 305 years, Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church has added blessings to the lives of its congregation in the form of friendships, services and positive interactions. It should continue to provide these functions to as broad a group as it can. That is something that Sally embraced.

So her family and friends have created the Sally Cairns Memorial Fund. This fund rekindles thoughts of joy and gratitude. It is a special tribute to an exceptional wife, mother and friend. It would be Sally's intention that the Fund be used consistent with her actions and ambitions while she was with us here on earth. In simple language, it is intended to help Head of Christiana Church expand and prosper and continue to provide the services it has delivered over three centuries. Session should use their best judgment to support initiatives to extend hospitality and programs to attract young adults to the church. Members and friends are welcome to add special gifts to the Fund as they see fit.



Sally Cairns

Bill Witt has just completed installing seven new exterior doors around our building which were gifted to us by members of our church. That means new keys will have to be issued to those who have a key to the office door because the old ones no longer work. Ed Crispin will coordinate the issuing of new keys. You can also stop in and see Nancy in the office for a new one. Please discard or return your old key. Replacement keys are available now.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY



Do you recognize the oath? If you do, you know a Girl Scout, you were a Girl Scout, or you live with a Girl Scout.

Whichever is the case, we are inviting all Girl Scouts (past and present) to join us for Girl Scout Sunday on March 10, 2013 during the 11:00am service at Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church. Following worship, everyone is invited to enjoy refreshment hour featuring a Girl Scout theme.

So, if you are a Girl Scout, or have ever been a Girl Scout, dig out your Girl Scout pins and badges and put them on. Gather any memorabilia also. We look forward to seeing you on Girl Scout Sunday. And, if you know a Girl Scout, or a friend of Girl Scouting, please invite them and their family to join us as well.

CARE & FELLOWSHIP

Rosi White



Refreshment hour after our Worship Service is a great place to meet and enjoy fellowship. You may also find a new recipe for cake or bread. Our soups for the Annual meeting went over very well and now we are planning Irish stew for St. Patrick's Day. Come taste the yummy food and save yourself time in the kitchen cooking and cleaning up. A free-will offering will be accepted. Hope you can join us.

Visits and calls go on every month and a meal delivery or two take place. We send many cards out for different occasions. In your prayers, please remember those who are ill along with our caregivers.

Caregivers-Coffee!

Our next meeting will be *Monday, March 25th* at 2pm in the Chapel room. See you in church! God Bless you all.

The Care & Fellowship Committee



TAKE NOTE

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on Sunday, March 10th. Don't forget to turn your clocks **ahead** an hour before you go to bed!



**Maude Smith has a new address;
please update your directory...**

12442 Old Bridge Road
Ocean City, MD 21842



H.O.P.

**To visit the Pencader Heritage Museum
and the Cooch House on March 12, 2013**



Our own John Slack, a founding member of the Pencader Heritage Museum has arranged for the Happy Older Presbyterians to receive a private tour of the Pencader Heritage Museum. This museum is dedicated to preserving the history of the Pencader Hundred with artifacts and historical records dating from the American Revolution to present day. Highlighting this tour will be a short discussion period with Mr. Wade Catts who will tell us about the Revolutionary War Battle of Cooches Bridge.

Following the Pencader Museum visit we will drive a short distance to the Cooch House. Judge Richard Cooch has graciously invited us to visit his family homestead which was occupied by British General Cornwallis during the battle.

We will finish with an Italian style lunch at nearby La Casa Pasta....Bring your appetites!

We'll gather at the church at **10:00 a.m.**

The cost for the visit is \$8.50 per person.

The lunch cost is on-one's- own.

Pick up a brochure in the church narthex to register
or call Alex Oakes @ 302-366-8016 or e-mail him at ao468@aol.com or
call Kay Brook at 302.737.7050 or email her at jbrook@udel.edu

Please have your registration in by March 6.

Looking Ahead April 9

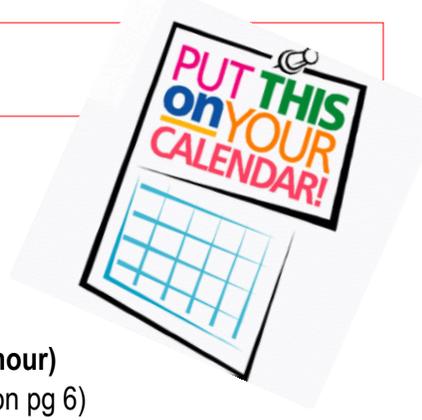
Kay Brook is putting together a unique and interesting tour at Winterthur Gardens
and one at the house entitled "Antiques and Architecture."

Stay tuned for more information to follow!



**May you live as long as you want,
And never want as long as you live.**

HOC CALENDAR — March Happenings



Mon.	Mar	4	7:00pm	Admin & Finance Commission
Mon.	Mar	4	7:00pm	Building & Grounds Commission
Wed.	Mar	6	5:30pm	Care and Fellowship Committee
Fri.	Mar	8	12:00pm	Hope Dining Room
Fri. & Sat.	Mar	8 & 9	2013 Beach Retreat @ Dunes Manor, Ocean City, MD	
Sun.	Mar	10	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS (clocks ahead 1 hour)	
Sun.	Mar	10	3:00pm	Newark Community Band Concert (see flier on pg 6)
Mon.	Mar	11	6:30pm	Session
Tue.	Mar	12	10:00am	HOP trip to Pencader Heritage Museum and Cooch House
Tue.	Mar	12	4:00pm	Worship Commission
Tue	Mar	12	▶ LOOKING TREE DEADLINE (articles are due today!)	
Mon.	Mar	25	2:00pm	Caregiver's Coffee
Tue	Mar	26	7:00pm	Women's Circle (@ Marion's)
Wed.	Mar	27	11:30am	Nifty-Wifty @ Wesley's
Thur.	Mar	28	7:30pm	Tenebrae Service (Service of Gathering Shadows)
Fri.	Mar	29	All Day	Good Friday (Day of Personal Reflection)
Sun.	Mar	31	7:00am	Easter Sunrise Service followed by Continental Breakfast
Sun.	Mar	31	11:00am	Easter Service

CHOIR PRACTICE — THURSDAYS — 7:30PM

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, "I will try again tomorrow."

NEW MEMBERS
 We would love to welcome you into membership of Head of Christiana. Pastor Bob will meet with those considering this step on Sunday, March 17th at 9:30am in his study. New members will be received on Easter. For more information, please speak with Bob.

March Birthdays



Mar. 3	Betty Fetell	Mar. 22	Scott Lammers
Mar. 4	Sonia Combs	Mar. 24	Frances Harris
Mar. 4	Donna Lilly	Mar. 26	William Brook
Mar. 5	Jane Murray	Mar. 26	Sophia Marianiello
Mar. 5	Mark Mankin	Mar. 29	Claire Monahan
Mar. 5	Alan Southmayd	Mar. 30	Jane Brautigam
Mar. 6	Becky MacKenzie	Mar. 30	Phyllis Gardner
Mar. 16	Erica Sutton	Mar. 30	Ann Southmayd
Mar. 18	Fiona Monahan		



Under the Direction of Mr. David Harris

Sunday, March 10th @ 3:00 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church
292 West Main Street, Newark, DE 19711**

**Marking three decades of performing
for Newark and the tri-state area!!!**

*The concert will feature marches, novelty tunes,
classical music and classic Broadway **AND** our
own Lucy Marianiello playing a flute duet!*

**Free and Open to the Public!
Plenty of Free Parking Available!**

For additional information,
contact 302.731.5026
or visit our website at:
www.newarkcommunityband.com

