



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

October 2014

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Rev. Bob Undercuffler
Pastor

We celebrate World Communion this Sunday, October 5th. On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of a violent and breaking world.

Yet, in the Invitation to Communion we affirm:

***Sisters and brothers in Christ,
this is the joyful feast of the people of God.
All will come from north and south, east and west,
and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.***

I wonder, "How can we be joyful at this feast that celebrates Jesus' last supper with his disciples?" And in days that are filled with terror and fear. So we are solemn. Sad. We know Jesus is going to his death on a cross. So, our remembering at Holy Communion has a moment of looking back to that final supper Jesus shared with his closest friends. That was, no doubt, a gloomy time.

But further, Holy Communion is celebrated in the presence of our living Lord who conquered death, accompanies us on our journey, and is host at our table. That's an excellent reason to look up and to appreciate the feast.

And more than that, Holy Communion is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet hosted by Jesus in God's eternal realm. That's powerful picture language affirming that God rules. God has the whole world in his hands. God's love never ends. No sadness there. Rather, overwhelming joy and gratitude.

Come, let us keep the feast,

Bob



Rev. Kate LeFranc
Associate Pastor

As I write, several members of the Head of Christiana family are getting ready to travel down to Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, for an exciting 3-day conference called *Faith in Our Music: Many Voices, Diverse Chords, Common Hopes*. It will be three days full of worship in a variety of styles, panel discussions

and workshops, all focused around the possibilities and realities of music in ministry.

The leaders include John Bell of the Iona Community, whose music we regularly sing in worship and whose passion is making faithful congregational singing accessible and comfortable for non-singers; New Castle Presbytery's own Bev Bailey, leading a workshop on children's music; and many others from a variety of backgrounds, speaking on topics all the way from using world music in worship, to music as pastoral care, to music and the sacraments.

Music both old and new is a rich part of our history and our present worship as a community, and we have the opportunity to make our present even richer! I am certain that this conference will inspire those of us attending, and hopeful that we will learn some new ways to enhance our worship lives into the future, respecting our abilities and our traditions while helping our worship to further serve the glory of God.

Meanwhile, we will be singing, worshiping, and learning with you all in our hearts!

Peace,

Kate

SUMMARY OF CHURCH FINANCES

Summary of Church Finances as of August 31, 2014

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 105,548	\$118,160	-\$12,612
Expenses	\$121,306	\$122,715	-\$ 1,409
Net Activity	-\$ 15,758	-\$ 4,555	-\$11,203

Thanks to all for your continued faithful stewardship.
As we begin our Stewardship campaign, let's consider things like change,
where we're heading, and what plans are moving forward?

How about *"Becoming Even Stronger?"*

That's what we're about. That's who we are!

Let's make 2015 our best year ever!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, October 5, 2014



This banner at the denominational offices in Louisville, KY was created to illustrate the Peacemaking Offering for World Communion Sunday on October 5, 1997. This design was originally drawn in oil pastels by Dorothea B. Kennedy and was translated into fabric by Gloiela Yau Dolak. As the mountains and hills rejoice, the thirsty of all nations are invited to come to the water; the hungry are invited to come to the table.

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. The tradition originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933, was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations, and is now celebrated in congregations around the world. The Peacemaking Offering is received in Presbyterian congregations and is an important part of the World Communion celebration.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Meet Katie Gillespie

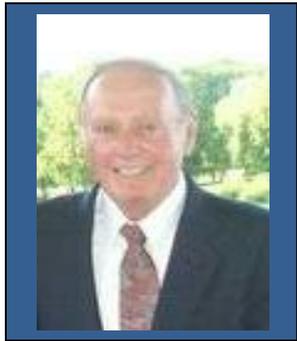


The youngest of four children, Katie grew up in New Castle, Delaware. She attended the New Castle Presbyterian Church and graduated from William Penn High School in 1976.

She worked at Delaware Motor Club, AAA and in 1979 met and married Jeff Gillespie.

Katie then went to the University of Delaware and graduated with a degree in Psychology. During her senior year, and for about a year afterward, she worked in the Psychology Department Rat Lab. She then went to work at the DuPont Experimental Station as a Laboratory Technician in the Ag Products Department until the birth of her first child, Sarabeth in 1987. Jillian was born 2 years later and Katie became a stay at home mom running kids to various activities and later volunteering at school. She joined Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church in 1990 and has been very active ever since. Currently Katie is chair of the Christian Education Commission and Clerk of Session. Her interests include reading and mosaic art.

Meet John Slack



John W. Slack Sr. has been a member of Head of Christiana Church for the past 24 years. He has served as Treasurer and as chairman of Administration and Finance, Outreach, Building and Grounds and Worship commissions. He also participates in most church activities. He is a native of Newark, as were the five generations that preceded him (starting in 1780).

He graduated from Newark High School in 1955 and the University of Delaware in 1959. After serving his mandatory active duty in the U.S. Army, he founded his Nationwide Insurance agency in 1960 and spent the next 50 years managing it. In 1967 he was Nationwide's Man of the Year in the Tri-state area.

It seems that he was predestined to be treasurer of many organizations, starting in high school where he served as treasurer of Student Council, he has since served as reporting treasurer at the Newark Senior Center and the active treasurer at the Iron Hill Museum, the Pencader Heritage Area Association, and at Head of Christiana.

He loves history and this great country we live in. Each year John and his wife, Merle, spend the first two weeks of May in Key West, Florida and a few months later one week in Surry, Maine. They enjoy the many HOP trips offered throughout the year.

John is most thankful that his health permits him to do outdoor work such as gardening, cutting wood, and keeping four acres of grass mowed. He also enjoys maintaining and renovating rental properties.

He was twice president of the old Newark Kiwanis Club and currently serves as president of the Head of Christiana Cemetery Association. He has a very dry sense of humor and can provide a story for almost any occasion. He has often said that many of the people he most admires and loves are members of the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church.

FALL NATURE WALK

Please join us for the annual Head of Christiana Fall Nature Walk on Sunday, October 12th at 2:00pm.

We will meet at Betty and Jim Kniskern's home at 7 Bristol Knoll Road, Newark to begin our walk.

There will be a whiffle ball game, food, friendship and plenty of fun.

We hope you'll plan on joining us for a glorious afternoon taking in the fall splendor. Please bring your friends and neighbors so they can share in the fun. See you there.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Kate LeFranc

The Feasting on the Word bible study classes are starting back up, so here are the texts we'll be preaching on for the month of October:

Oct. 2 & 5 - Matthew 21:33-46

Oct. 9 & 12 - Philippians 4:1-9

Oct. 16 & 19 - Matthew 22:15-22

Oct. 23 & 26 - Matthew 22:34-46



CARE AND FELLOWSHIP

Jeanne Hastings

It was a busy month with many various cards being sent to HOC members in sympathy and to get well and just to say "thanks." Our Coffee Hour on October 19th will be our "Apple Festival." We will serve hot cider and each C & F commission member will bring an apple item to serve. The next Caregivers' Coffee will be held on October 28 at 1:00pm.

Mark your calendars for our "International Night at the movies when we will show "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" on Saturday, November 1st at 5:30pm. Those attending are asked to bring an "international" appetizer to share with the group.



YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes recently started at Head of Christiana for those of you who might be looking for something a little "tamer" than Piloxing.

The October classes will have a 30-minute meditation/gentle yoga focus from 7:00pm-7:30pm followed by a beginner vinyasa class (7:30pm-8:30pm).

You are invited to join us for one or both of these options.

Class schedule: October 6 No class
 October 13 7:00-8:30pm
 October 20 7:00pm-8:30pm
 October 27 7:00pm-8:30pm

For further information please email Sarah Mester at smester@comcast.net.





THE "HOP" EVENT

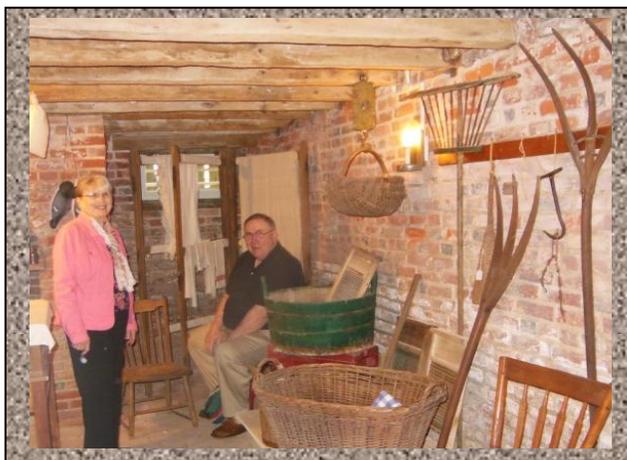
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The trip to Chestertown, MD on September 9th proved to be a popular destination as 19 people attended the tour and we had 21 for lunch! It must have been the Eastern Shore charm that brought everyone...plus we're all sensing the end of summer and wanted to make sure we took advantage of the lovely weather we've been experiencing for at least one more time.

We were not to be disappointed on either reason...the tour of the Geddes-Piper House proved a most interesting (even the damp and moldy basement) beginning that continued down to the water and then along some of the most elegant colonial homes you'll find anywhere.

Following the tour, we walked to the Lemon Leaf Café where we had a private room to ourselves in order to better evaluate the day's activities. Oh, and by the way, the lunch was pretty good, too.

It's great to be a H.O.P.....Why not join us?



Next Month: We visit Wheatland, James Buchanan's mansion.

HOC CALENDAR — October Happenings

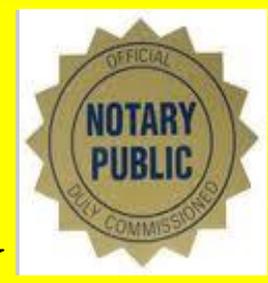
Wed.	Oct	01	5:30pm	Care & Fellowship Commission
Wed.	Oct	01	6:00pm	Missions Commission
Tue.	Oct	06	7:00pm	Admin & Finance Commission
Tue.	Oct	06	7:00pm	Building & Grounds Commission
Wed.	Oct	08	11:00am	Outreach Commission
Fri.	Oct	10	12:00pm	Hope Dining Room
Sun.	Oct	12	2:00pm	Fall Nature Walk
Mon.	Oct	13	6:30pm	Session
Tue.	Oct	14	8:45am	HOP trip to James Buchanan's mansion
Tue.	Oct	14	4:00pm	Worship Commission
Wed.	Oct	15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (for Nov. Looking Tree)
Sun.	Oct	19	12:00pm	Apple Festival Coffee Hour (after worship)
Wed.	Oct	22	11:30am	Nifty-Wifty @ Wesley's
Tue.	Oct	28	1:00pm	Caregivers' Coffee



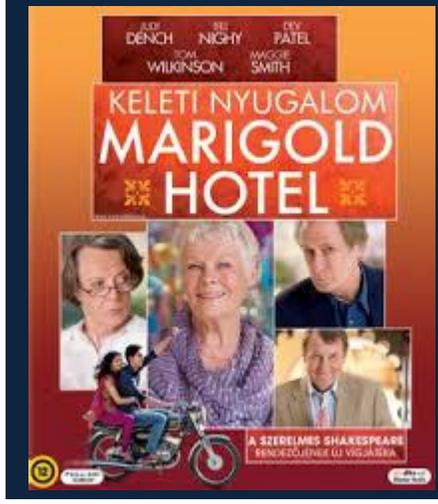
PILOXING CLASS:
 Weds. Oct 1
 Weds. Oct 8
 Weds. Oct 15
 Weds. Oct 22
 Weds. Oct 29

SCORPIO (the scorpion)
 oct. 24 - PASSIONATE.
 nov. 22 - TENACIOUS. *
 COMPLEX. investigative.
 clever. MAGNETIC.
 BRAVE and LOYAL. * SOCIAL.
 protective. good memory.
 resourceful. deep.
 DYNAMIC. self-reliant.
 intuitive. DETERMINED.
totally HYPNOTIC.

SAVE THE DATE



Contact Steve Graham at (302) 368-3794 to schedule an appointment. This is a free service for Head of Christiana members.



SAVE THE DATE for
 International "Night at the Movies" on Saturday, November 1st at 5:30 pm featuring "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" plus an international appetizer potluck



October Birthdays

- Oct 5 Trevor Christian
- Oct 18 Charlotte Condliffe
- Oct 25 Kayleigh Davis
- Oct 26 John Murray
- Oct 27 Sam Uffelman
- Oct 28 Maude Smith

