



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

October 2015

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



BLESSED are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. *Matthew 5:9*

JESUS' FOLLOWERS have been called to peace. When he called them they found their peace, for he is their peace. But now they are told that they must not only have peace but make it. And to that end they renounce all violence and tumult. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "The Cost of Discipleship"*

Peacemaking is a work of God. For peace means reconciliation, and God's way is peace and reconciliation. It follows, therefore, that the specific blessing which is extended to peacemakers is that we "shall be called children of God." For we are seeking to do what our Father has done, loving people with his love.

Being a peacemaker is part of being committed to God, for God brings peace. We abandon the struggle to get our needs met through the destruction of enemies. God comes to us in Christ to make peace with us; and we participate in God's grace as we go to our enemies – even to those we don't like very much -- to make peace.

The peace God intends is not merely that of political and economic stability, as in the Greco-Roman world, but peace in the biblical, inclusive sense of wholeness, well-being and harmony. Peacemakers are those who actively work making peace, bringing about wholeness and well-being among the alienated. Peacemakers work to bring their corner of the world in-tune.

Making peace makes us God's children — and kinfolk to one another. So we join in unity as a congregation to annually bring our PEACEMAKING OFFERINGS. Certainly World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2015, is an exceptional time to make clear that we are peacemakers.

Grace to you, and peace,

Bob



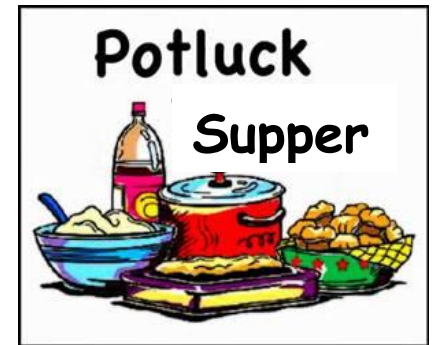
POTLUCK SUPPER/HYMN SING

Jeanne Hastings

Make a
Joyful noise
Unto The
Lord!

Come join us for an evening full of good food, good song, and good company! Bring a dish to share and enjoy the hymn sing after supper. Look in the pews for request cards so you can request a favorite hymn or two. The cards can be put in the offering plate so we can pass them along to Linnea.

Saturday, November 7 at 5:30pm



CARE AND FELLOWSHIP

Jeanne Hastings



We love our after-church Coffee Hours! They are such a great opportunity to catch up with friends you may see only once a week. However, Care and Fellowship members are getting worn out and need your help. Please check out the sign-up sheet in the preNarthex (on the podium), and sign up to host for a Sunday. Make sure you sign the sheet because that's the only way we know if a Sunday is covered. Thank you in advance for helping us continue a valued tradition enjoyed by all. Remember—it can be simple.



HOPE DINING ROOM NEEDS YOUR HELP

Jeanne Hastings

After helping serve at Hope Dining Room for many years, our friend and former HOC member, Al Pohling, is retiring. We are very grateful for his longtime support of HOC's mission; he will be greatly missed. That being said... **WE NEED MORE HELP AT HOPE!!!**

We have a great team that works at Hope on the second Friday of every month. But we don't have much "padding" on our team, and team members frequently need to miss a month here and there for a variety of reasons. We need "a few good people" who are willing to be added to the roster.

The way it works is: two weeks before our Friday serving date, I send out an email to everyone on the team asking who is available to help that month. You are free to reply "yea" or "nay". When I get those responses, I can determine if I need to ask for additional help from the congregation. We must have at least 7 volunteers every month to make it run smoothly. And if you commit to helping, we depend on your showing up.

The best part about serving lunch at Hope Dining Room is aside from helping the needy, we have lots of fun. Please consider joining the team. Contact Jeanne Hastings if you want to help... jmwhastings1@yahoo.com.



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Meet Mary Jo Mankin

Born in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, Mary Jo was baptized Presbyterian at her mother's family's church, and lived in Kennett for the better part of her first 8 years. In 1964, her family moved to Seaford, Delaware and joined her father's family's church, St. John's Methodist.

She was Girl Scout for 9 years and earned the First Class award. She graduated from Seaford High School in 1974 and completed a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a master's degree in Education in secondary guidance from the University of Delaware. She began working at the University of Delaware, first as a counselor coordinator for the INFO program, sponsored by the Delaware Department of Education, and then as a career counselor/academic advisor for the University's ACCESS Center. She remained at the ACCESS Center for 17 years, before she moved to the Registrar's Office. She eventually oversaw the Registrar's student services operation, as well as all transfer credit, transcripts, and academic progress reports. After 13 years in the Registrar's Office, she retired from the University in 2012.

Mary Jo has 2 children, Katie (29 yrs) and Zachary Clark (32 yrs). Katie is a dedicated Hokie and an engineer and has been living in Wisconsin and Minnesota for the past 7 years. This past week she and her fiancée moved to Costa Mesa, California where Katie has secured a new job. She and her fiancée are getting married in Temecula, California on April 4, 2016. Zach lives outside Princeton, New Jersey with his wife and one year old daughter. Zach is a professional baseball player, signed by the Orioles' system the day after he graduated from UMBC. He played in the minor leagues for 7 years before being called up to the Orioles in May of 2013. He was with the team for 3 games, pitching in 1.5 innings. He now plays for the Somerset Patriots in the professional Atlantic League.

Mary Jo married Mark Mankin at HoC in October 2001. Mark retired this past February and he and Mary Jo are adjusting well to not having to go to work every day! In addition to her HoC activities, Mary Jo has begun to relearn the guitar and piano, and enjoys Jazzercise, Piloxing, ballet, knitting, sewing, and various other activities that she didn't have time to pursue while she was working and raising her children.

Note: Mary Jo, a ruling Elder, is a member of our Worship Commission and the Task Force for New Ideas. She has also served Head of Christiana in the past by chairing the Worship Commission.



FALL NATURE WALK

Please join us for the annual Fall Nature Walk! It will be held on Sunday, October 11th at 2:00pm.

We will meet at the Kniskern's (7 Bristol Knoll Road in Newark) to begin our walk.

There will be food, friendship and fun!!!

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

See you there!!!



Flu vaccines cause antibodies to develop in the body about two weeks after vaccination. These antibodies provide protection against infection with the viruses that are in the vaccine. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against the influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season.



HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE FLU VACCINE?

How well the flu vaccine works (or its ability to prevent flu illness) can range widely from season to season. The vaccine's effectiveness also can vary depending on who is being vaccinated. At least two factors play an important role in determining the likelihood that flu vaccine will protect a person from flu illness:

- 1) characteristics of the person being vaccinated (such as their age and health), and
- 2) the similarity or "match" between the flu viruses the flu vaccine is designed to protect against and the flu viruses spreading in the community.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF FLU VACCINATION?

How well the flu vaccine works can vary, there are a lot of reasons to get a flu vaccine each year.

- Flu vaccination can keep you from getting sick from flu. Protecting yourself from flu also protects the people around you who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness.
- Flu vaccination can help protect people who are at greater risk of getting seriously ill from flu, like older adults, people with chronic health conditions and young children.
- Flu vaccination may also make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of more serious flu outcomes, like hospitalizations and deaths — a 71% reduction for adults, a 77% reduction among adults over the age of fifty.
- Flu vaccination is an important preventive tool for people with chronic health conditions. Vaccination was associated with lower rates of some cardiac events among people with heart disease, especially among those who had had a cardiac event in the past year.
- Flu vaccination also has been shown to be associated with reduced hospitalizations among people with diabetes (79%) and chronic lung disease (52%).

GET YOUR
FLU SHOT



BEAT the Flu BUG
Get your Shot!



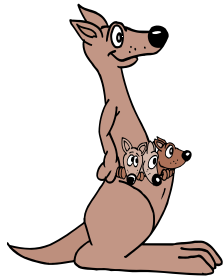
because
we want
you to be
— not just
smart and
good-looking
— but also
HEALTHY!

Fight The Flu



Don't Pass it On





"Hoppy"

THE "HOP" EVENT

FONTHILL CASTLE & THE MERCER MUSEUM

Alex Oakes, HOP Event Coordinator, Outreach Commission Chair



A good way to test everyone's HOP resolve is to get them up extra early. We did this for the one and a half hour trip to Doylestown, PA to see the Fonthill Castle and Mercer Museum. Eleven hearty souls answered the call and were in the Chapel room at 8:15am sharp! Now, your author wasn't there...rumor has it he was not able to get up in time and the bus left without him...but don't believe rumors...

Our first stop was the Fonthill Castle which our brave group thoroughly inspected for ghosts and goblins. Finding none, they withdrew to the nearby Plumsteadville Inn to compare notes and enjoy lunch. Following lunch, they proceeded to the Mercer Museum to view the eclectic collection of Henry Mercer, the architect and owner of Fonthill Castle and owner of the famous Moravian Tile works. For an interesting day....become a "Happy Older Presbyterian"!

October 13.....Fort McHenry

HOC HISTORY PRESENTATION

Debbie Harper



"The period from 1890-1920 is considered the heyday of stained glass windows in American architecture. During this time, many older churches chose to update their sanctuaries by adding new interpretations of this ancient art form. In the case of Head of Christiana, however, it wasn't merely fashion that motivated the change. The late 1800s was a time of transition for the congregation, and many factors influenced the church's decision to turn a new face to the world at the start of its third century.

Join us on Sunday, October 4, at 1:00pm as we examine the windows in detail and hear again their messages of memory, family, status, and its loss; community, perseverance, leadership, and service for a new age."

OUTREACH'S END OF SUMMER FUN FEST

Alex Oakes

Last spring Pastor Bob challenged the Outreach Commission to come up with a summer event that would attract some of the neighborhood children and parents. So, we put together a combination of attractions we thought would appeal to a wide range of people. A fire engine, antique cars, Kilby ice cream from the Moo Mobile, and our feature attraction, a puppet show by famous puppeteer, Jack Foreaker, turned out to be a formula for fun that brought out a lot of new faces as well as HoC "kids", young and old. We also found out that Bob has been hiding his saxophone skills from us!



HOC CALENDAR — October Happenings

Saturday	Oct	3	6:00pm	Care & Fellowship Movie Night "Woman in Gold"
Sunday	Oct	4	11:00am	World Communion Sunday
Sunday	Oct	4	1:00pm	Debbie Harper presents "HoC Windows"
Monday	Oct	5	7:00pm	Admin and Finance Commission
Tuesday	Oct	6	6:00pm	Mission Commission
Wednesday	Oct	7	1:00pm	Worship Commission
Wednesday	Oct	7	2:30pm	Care and Fellowship Commission
Sunday	Oct	9	11:00am	Elisa Diller - Guest Preacher
Sunday	Oct	9	2:00pm	Fall Nature Walk (start at Kniskern's)
Monday	Oct	12	6:30pm	Session
Tuesday	Oct	13	8:45am	HOP Trip to Fort McHenry
Tuesday	Oct	13		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (for Nov.)
Wednesday	Oct	14	11:00am	Outreach Commission
Sunday	Oct	18	12:00pm	Girl Scout's Preparing Pancake Brunch
Wednesday	Oct	21	7:00pm	Covered Bridge Farms Civic Assoc. using Chapel Room
Sunday	Oct	25	11:00am	Anne Gunn - Guest Preacher
Wednesday	Oct	28	11:30am	Nifty-Wifty @ Wesley's
Wednesday	Oct	28	T.B.A.	Newark Community Band practicing in Chapel Room

**Save
the
Date**

CHOIR PRACTICE — THURSDAY — 7:30PM



Girl Scouts®



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE,
THE GIRL SCOUTS
WILL TREAT US TO A WONDERFUL
PANCAKE BREAKFAST.
PLEASE JOIN US.



October Birthdays



- Oct 5 Trevor Christian
- Oct 18 Charlotte Condliffe
- Oct 25 Kayleigh Davis
- Oct 26 John Murray

