

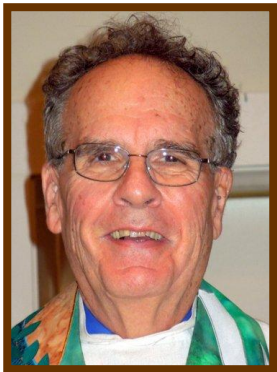


# The Looking Tree

*Love lives here, Love flows from here.*

**November 2013**

**Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,**



**Rev. Bob Undercuffler**  
Pastor

This Sunday is **All Saints' Sunday**, the day we remember and celebrate in worship those who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. Our worship reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living community of saints. In our All Saints' worship we express our gratitude for all who in ages

past enlivened our church and kept the faith.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses. It lifts us out of preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds. The Bible reading, Hebrews 12 is a good way to prepare for All Saints' Sunday. Reminded that God accompanied the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today. God moves us, and all creation toward the fulfillment of God's reign.

At Head of Christiana we will continue our All Saints' tradition, lighting candles celebrating the life and witness of those of our membership who have died during the past 12 months. In addition, the liturgy will include opportunity for all to light candles in memory of family and friends whom we continue to carry in our hearts and minds.

During our All Saints' worship, we will sing "For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest" and "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God." As we conclude the service we will joyfully sing, "O When the Saints Go Marching In."

Come, let us worship with vivid memories and vibrant hopes.

Grace to you and peace,

*Bob*



**Kate LeFranc**  
Associate Pastor

You all might have noticed by now that I like computers and gadgets. Last week, Apple Computer made a big announcement of new versions of the iPads and their desktop operating system!

As soon as a friend mentioned there was a new iPad announced, rather than asking my friend where I could find the details, I just clicked on Apple's website.

And – not more than an hour or two after the product announcement – the first thing I saw on their home page was a photo of the new iPad, with links to videos, more photos, all the technical specifications, and pricing.

What makes their company website so useful is that I can count on the fact that it will always have the most updated, accurate information, as well as photos, videos, and other ways to learn more. Now, I'm not suggesting we as Head of Christiana PC are in the same league as Apple, but as we enter the final stages of our new website development, there are some things we can learn from them!

**Up-to-Date Information:** Our new site is being built in WordPress, which is what's known as a Content Management System, or CMS. This software will make it extremely easy for us to add new events, photos, and other info as often as we want. In addition to the latest newsletter, each week we will add a transcript of the sermon, a copy of the bulletin, and periodic blog-style notes from your pastors.

**Lots of (Useful) Information:** Because we can easily keep the site updated, we will have a built-in archive of newsletters, sermons, and bulletins, as well as meeting calendars, the latest photos from church events, and more! This makes our website more than a marketing tool; it will also be a useful place to check in for a whole variety of reasons.

**Not a One-Person Job:** Let's face it; Apple has a whole team of people working to keep their website flashy and new. We don't have that kind of resources, but we do

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have a whole community of people who already work to keep this church running! The CMS software allows us to give several different people access to update particular parts of the site. We will have at least one person from each commission with access to their specific area, and training on how to keep it up to date! With multiple people pitching in and taking responsibility for small pieces, we will easily keep up a welcoming and inviting public face for anyone who might be interested in visiting our church. Keep an eye out – our new site will launch later in November, and it's going to be beautiful!

Peace, *Kate*

## SUMMARY OF CHURCH FINANCES

*Steve Graham, Administration & Finance*

### Summary of Church Finances as of July 31, 2013

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income (including Trail Race)	\$145,189	\$134,715	\$10,474
Expenses (including Trail Race)	\$137,512	\$128,372	\$ 9,140
Net Activity	\$ 7,677	\$ 6,343	\$ 1,334

Thank you for your continuing support of Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church. It's time to think about what we want to accomplish in 2014. Our Stewardship Campaign is going strong. Thanks to all of you for your quick reply and continuing generosity.

## CARE & FELLOWSHIP

*Rosi White, Chair*

We continue our ministry of care by sending cards to those who are ill, who have lost loved ones, or just need to know we are thinking of them and by our visitations to those who are ill.

We hope you'll join us during our usual Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 27th and that you will sign up to take a turn hosting our Coffee Hour in the coming months. Find a friend to share the fun with you and don't worry about making your "spread" elaborate...it's the fellowship that counts! Think about it.

There will be no Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 1 after worship so we will have ample time to prepare the reception that will follow the 4pm concert by the Brandywine Harp Orchestra.

In your prayers, please remember all those who are ill, as well as our caregivers.

### Caregivers-Coffee!

We will meet on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the Church. Pastor Bob will be our advisor. Hope to see you there!

God Bless! The Care & Fellowship Committee

## INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

This year's Interfaith Thanksgiving worship will take place at St. Thomas Episcopal,  
276 South College Avenue, Newark, DE 19711 ♦ 302.368.4644

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Our Pastor Kate will be participating so we hope many of you will attend.  
Those who wish to add their voices to the choir should meet there at 7:00pm.

## The “HOP Event”

Since this edition of the “Hop Event” needs to be written before the October HOP trip to the Barnes Foundation it won't be possible to report on that event until next month. However, the HOP Event year is rapidly drawing to a close and I thought it might be a good time to reflect on what worked in 2013 and start to plan what we want to do in 2014. With that in mind, I would like to hear suggestions from HOP participants (and non-participants who are interested) for things to do in the coming year. As in 2013, we plan to meet in January to discuss the possibilities and plan out the year. ***So please, drop me a note or an e-mail ([ao468@aol.com](mailto:ao468@aol.com)) with any ideas you might have.*** I can't guarantee we'll use them, but at least they'll be considered.

As a newer member of the Head of Christiana Church and of the Newark vicinity, the HOP activities have been a wonderful experience for MaryLou and myself. We've met so many great people from Head of Christiana while experiencing many new places close to our new home that we would otherwise never have seen. But, for all that, the best part has been the welcoming to this community of GOD's people. Please join us if you can. You'll be glad you did.....



Dickinson Plantation in winter

### CALLING ALL BAKERS ...

Coming up on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas Dinner for Elkton Community Kitchen. We have been asked to again provide dessert — bagged Christmas Cookies — for approximately 125 guests. Bring your cookies to church on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Several numbers of our congregation will be helping to prepare and serve the meal.

If you have any questions, please call Margaret Holland at 410-398-6483.





# HOC CALENDAR — November Happenings



Mon.	Nov	4	7:00pm	Administration & Finance
Mon.	Nov	4	7:00pm	Building & Grounds Commission
Wed.	Nov	6	5:30pm	Care & Fellowship (@ HOC)
Fri.	Nov	8	12:00pm	Hope Dining Room
Mon.	Nov	11	6:30pm	Session
Tue.	Nov	12	4:00pm	Worship Commission
Tue.	Nov	12	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Tue.	Nov	19	7:30pm	Interfaith Worship at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church
Wed.	Nov	20	8:30am	HOP trip to U of D's Roselle Theater Center ( <i>A Servant of Two Masters</i> )
Tue.	Nov	26	1:00pm	Caregiver's Coffee
Wed.	Nov	27	11:30am	Nifty-Wifty @ Wesley's
Thur.	Nov	28	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	

**CHOIR PRACTICE THURSDAY NOV. 7, 14, and 21 @ 7:30pm**

## THANKSGIVING FACTS

- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States.
- Sarah Josepha Hale, an American magazine editor, persuaded Abraham Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday. She is also the author of the popular nursery rhyme "*Mary Had a Little Lamb*"
- Abraham Lincoln issued a 'Thanksgiving Proclamation' on third October 1863 and officially set aside the last Thursday of November as the national day for Thanksgiving.
- The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade tradition began in the 1920's.
- In 1939, President Roosevelt proclaimed that Thanksgiving would take place on November 23rd, not November 30th, as a way to spur economic growth and extend the Christmas shopping season.
- Congress passed a law on December 26, 1941, ensuring that all Americans would celebrate a unified Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of November every year.
- Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation has presented a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President. The President does not eat the live turkey. He "pardons" it and allows it to live out its days on a historical farm.

## November Birthdays



Nov 2	Andre Marianiello	Nov 19	Gerry Cole
Nov 11	Dick Benson	Nov 23	Granville McVey
Nov 13	Jim Kline	Nov 26	Linda Dunn
Nov 13	Melissa Witt	Nov 28	Landon Gill
Nov 16	Lewis Riess	Nov 29	Lillian Crispin
Nov 16	Lauren Riess		

# ONE SHOT SUNDAY



On Sunday, October 13, Nicole Gill, Abby Condliffe, Charlotte Condliffe and Sophia Marianiello, along with Rebecca Condliffe, took part in the One Shot Sunday event at Red Clay Presbyterian Church.

Youth from Presbyterian churches in the area gathered to package meals for Stop Hunger Now, an organization that brings healthy, inexpensive meals to countries where hunger is a major problem.

About 200 people attended the event and packed 21,722 meals. Afterwards, a pizza dinner was provided for everyone present, followed by a youth-focused worship service.





# ONE SHOT SUNDAY







# CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT

## The Brandywine Harp Orchestra

# A CHRISTMAS ADVENT CONCERT

Sunday, December 1, 2013  
at 4:00pm

Head of Christiana  
Presbyterian Church

1100 West Church Rd,  
Newark, DE 19711

302.731.4169 ♦ [headofchristiana.org](http://headofchristiana.org)

**FREE — Donations only**



# DONATE A TURKEY and/or CANNED GOODS



## CHRISTMAS 2013

The Newark area Welfare Committee's Holiday Food Box Program requests your help in acquiring frozen turkeys and/or non-perishable food for the estimated 400+ food baskets we expect to assemble for local families in need this season. The centerpiece of each basket filled with canned goods and other non-perishable food will be a 10-15 pound frozen turkey.

Local grocery stores have their lowest prices and coupon campaigns before Thanksgiving. We request that you pledge a turkey and/or canned goods now so you can take advantage of the upcoming holiday sales. You can store the non-perishable food items and/or frozen turkey in your home, or you can contact **Rosemarie White at 302.731.1573** to make arrangements to find storage until the items are needed.

If you would like to participate by donating a turkey, canned goods and/or by helping with the sorting, assembling, and/or assisting with the pickup at First Presbyterian Church of Newark, *please fill out the bottom portion of this form and return it to **Rosi White at Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church.***

If you store a turkey at home, please let Rosi know so she can get it to the freezer plant so they can keep a count of how many turkeys they have to use as centerpieces for the Christmas Baskets.

If you are collecting non-perishable food for the Christmas Basket Program, please deliver it to Head of Christiana Church by Thursday, Dec. 19th, or simply contact Rosi and we will gladly pick it up from you.

If you would like to make a cash donation to this project, please mail it to the Newark Area Welfare Committee, PO Box 951, Newark, DE 19715-0951.

*Thank you for your kind consideration and generous help.*

### OUR PLEDGE

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATELY

- Will bring turkey to First Presbyterian Church of Newark between 8:30-9:30am, Saturday, Dec. 21st.
- Will bring non-perishable food to Head of Christiana Church in Newark by 2:00pm on Thursday, Dec. 19th.
- Would like to arrange storage/pick-up for our donation:    \_\_\_ Turkey    \_\_\_ Canned Goods
- Please accept a monetary donation. Enclosed: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Would like to volunteer to help in other ways: First Presbyterian Church, Newark (**CHECK ONLY ONE**)
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup> — Sorting Food	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00am - Noon	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00pm - 3:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup> — Putting Food in Boxes	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00am - Noon	<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00pm - 3:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> — Clients Pick up Food	<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00am - 11:30am	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:30am - 2:00pm

**Contact: Rosemarie White — 302.731.1573**