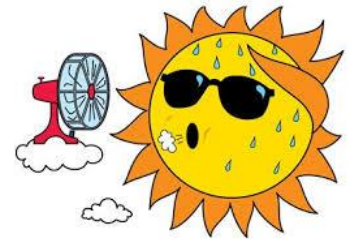




The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

July 2017



Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

So, What Is Confirmation Anyway?

As you may have been reading in previous newsletters, the youth at HoC have been going through a confirmation class. After completion of the class, the students made the decision to get confirmed and join our church as active members. But, you may be thinking, what is confirmation anyway? What does it mean to get confirmed? In Christian tradition, confirmation is the sealing of the covenant created in baptism. (A covenant is a special, binding relationship between two parties, often where each party makes promises to do certain things as part of the relationship). Baptism is a sacrament of initiation into the body of Christ. In baptism, a person is sprinkled with water as a sign of cleansing from sin, dying to an old, sinful way of life, and entering a new life in Jesus Christ.

In Presbyterian tradition, we baptize infants as an acknowledgement that they are part of the covenant of faith. The parents profess faith on behalf of the child, and they promise to raise the child in the faith until the child can make his or her own profession of faith. The church also promises to help instruct the child in the faith. At confirmation, a young person (usually around middle or high school age, though it can be any age), receives specific instruction in the faith with the goal of helping the youth make their own profession of faith.

When a young person decides to make their own profession of faith, they are *confirming* the faith in which they were raised. That is, they are accepting the faith in which they were raised as their own. When youth are confirmed, they publically make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. If they had not been previously baptized, they receive the sacrament of baptism. If they had been baptized as infants, they reaffirm the baptismal covenant promises that were made on their behalf by their parents and the local church. They publically reject evil and sin, and turn toward Jesus Christ, acknowledging Jesus as Lord of their life. The youth then become a member of the local church, because by being confirmed, they are recognizing that they are part of the body of Christ. They agree to live out their faith as part of the body of Christ through active worship and service in a local church.

Confirmation is a special time in the life of young people who make their own profession of faith and become part of a local church. Confirmation is a continuation of the faith journey that began at baptism and continues throughout their whole lives. Confirmation is an opportunity to celebrate the youth of our church and their decision to make a public profession of faith. It is also a time to remember our own baptismal covenant and the faith we profess in Jesus Christ. It is a time to recommit ourselves to greater spiritual growth and discipleship.

May you remember your baptism and be thankful!

Blessings, Hilary
Hilary

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS JOIN THE CHURCH

On Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017, five confirmation students made a public affirmation of faith in Jesus Christ and joined our congregation as full church members. Two students received the sacrament of baptism, and three students reaffirmed the faith and promises their parents made at their baptisms as infants. Students made their profession of faith after completing a 12-week confirmation class where they learned about the basic teachings of the Christian faith, the Bible, church history, and Presbyterian tradition. They were assisted in their journey by adults in the congregation who served as their sponsors. Sponsors met with students regularly and prayed for them throughout the process. We are very excited to have these young people as members of our church!



Welcome to our newest members:
Janice Harper, Abby Condliffe, Charlotte Condliffe,
André Gill and Nicole Gill.

CONFIRMATION SPONSORS AND CLASS



Confirmation Class Sponsors: Jane Murray, John Burmeister, Aileen Burmeister, Mary Lou Oakes and Alex Oakes



Confirmation Class and their Sponsors

SUMMER COFFEE HOURS



Rather than listing coffee hours by the month in the Looking Tree, during the summer months, please check the notice that is up on the Fellowship Hall doors in order to find out what each Sunday's coffee hour will entail. Please remember that when a commission—or individual—takes on the responsibility of a specific coffee hour, **they are responsible for the entire coffee hour**—coffee set-up, drink set-up (and refills if needed), putting out plates, utensils, etc, and clean-up (including picking up/taking out all the trash). There is a checklist in the kitchenette spelling out hosts' responsibilities. Thank you!

C & F HOSTS CUBAN FESTIVAL

Cindy Taber

"Carnival de Santiago De Cuba"

July 23 after church

Our HoC Mission Commission is hosting a "Celebration of Carnival of Santiago de Cuba" on July 23rd during the fellowship hour after the worship service.

The purpose of this celebration is to have fun, enjoy some traditional Cuban food, and to learn about Cuba and our Mission co-workers who are working in the Seminary at Matanzas, Cuba.

Please join us for this festive event.



CARE AND FELLOWSHIP

Jeanne Walter-Hastings



Coffee Hours



July 2	Pot luck
July 9	Pot luck
July 16	Pot luck
July 23	Carnavale de Santiago de Cuba Celebration
July 30	Pot luck
Aug 6	Pot luck

***Remember — YOU can host any “pot luck” coffee hour. Simply contact Julia Busick if interested.

WELCOME BACK JEFF



He’s b-a-a-a-c-k!!! What a pleasure it is to tell you that Jeff Greenfield, our Facilities Caretaker, is back to work after his amazing recovery from a heart attack right before Christmas last year. Jeff has recovered nicely and is back here on a somewhat limited basis until he works up his strength and stamina, which he will do during the summer months.

While we are thrilled to have Jeff back, we would be remiss if we didn’t extend our heartfelt appreciation to David (Leroy) Harris, who filled in for Jeff while he was recuperating. Leroy kept our facilities clean and did a comendable job filling Jeff’s rather large shoes. Thank you Leroy for all you did for us!

Welcome back, Jeff!!! It’s good to have you back!

June 25th marked the last day Verizon would be offering email service. Our email has been changed over to Outlook. If you have not yet made the changes in your email contact list, please do so to avoid not getting emails from us.

Please make note of the changes and start using new addresses:

For Head of Christiana PC formerly: headofchristiana@verizon.net new: headofchristiana@outlook.com

For Nancy Crawford formerly: nancy.hoc@verizon.net new: nancy.hoc@outlook.com



VBS - Save the Date!

Sunday, August 6 - Thursday, August 10, 2017

5:30 - 8:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Newark

292 West Main Street Newark, Delaware 19711



This year, we are partnering with our friends at **First Presbyterian Church of Newark** for **Vacation Bible School**.

Our theme is **"Passport to Peru"** – a fun, interactive program that will teach us about God's love in Jesus Christ through the eyes of children from a different culture.

PROGRAM BEGINS WITH POTLUCK DINNER EACH EVENING AT 5:30 PM. CLASSES FOLLOW AT 6:00 PM.

Classes are available for all ages — Pre K through Adult

There's something for everyone—Children, Youth, and Adults!

Volunteer opportunities are available:

Help with food, set-up/clean-up, teaching, crafts/activities, and more!

You can register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/2017VBSPeru>

For more details, contact **Pastor Hilary at the church office at (302)-731-4169**, or contact **Rev. Emma Horn at First Presbyterian Church of Newark at (302)-731-5644** or **emmahorn@firstpresnewark.org**

**WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS THIS SUMMER.
WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THIS EVENT!**

2017 CONFIRMATION AT HoC



2017 TRIPLE CROWN TRAIL FESTIVAL



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HOC CALENDAR — July Happenings



Tuesday	July	11	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE (for August)
Wednesday	July	12	11:00am Outreach Commission
Wednesday	July	12	7:00pm Concert Under the Trees at HoC Newark Community Band Concert
Friday	July	14	12:00pm Hope Dining Room
Sunday	July	23	12:00pm "Carnival de Santiago de Cuba" Coffee Hour
Wednesday	July	26	11:30pm Nifty-Wifty at Wesley's

PILOXING — MONDAYS — 7:00PM

COMING IN AUGUST

Sunday	Aug	6	12:30pm Worship Commission
Sunday	Aug	6	5:30pm VBS starts!!!
Friday	Aug	11	12:00pm Hope Dining Room
Monday	Aug	21	7:00pm Admin & Finance Commission



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July	2	Erin DePaul	July	10	David Price
July	3	Travis Christian	July	10	Sarah Tipton
July	8	Katherine Brook	July	26	Kelley DePaul
July	9	Debbie Reeves	July	28	Virginia Cullum
July	10	Betty Kackley	July	28	Aileen Murray

