



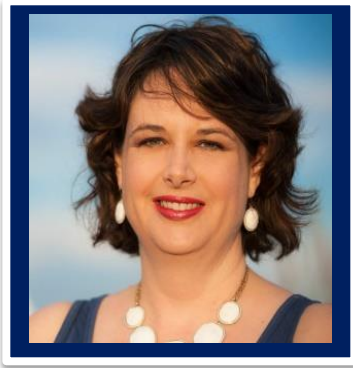
The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

August 2018



Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

As many of you know, I recently lost my father who died after a period of declining health. In the midst of grief, it can be difficult to see the hope of eternal life through the pain of death and loss.

Some Christians in the early church became troubled when members of their fellowship experienced physical death. If Christ had been raised from the dead, why were Christians dying? Some began to doubt if promise of resurrection in Christ would indeed come to pass. In 1 Corinthians 15, often known as the "Resurrection Chapter" of the Bible, the Apostle Paul reassures the Corinthian Christians of the hope they have in Jesus' resurrection for their own resurrection to eternal life. In verses 21-22, Paul explains, "*For since death*

came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ." Because Christ has been raised from the dead, we too have the promise of resurrection from the dead.

Even though we will all experience physical death, in Christ, scripture tells us that we will one day experience resurrection to eternal life. Here and now, we grieve those who die, those loved ones who are no longer with us. Believing in resurrection does not mean that we don't feel sad or don't grieve those we've lost. We experience grief and loss, but we do so with hope in Jesus Christ. Elsewhere in the New Testament, Paul affirms, "*We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.*" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Death brings loss and sorrow. It is perfectly natural to grieve the loss of those we love. God's presence comforts us in our grief. Yet, even in the midst of grief, we have the great promise from scripture that death is not the end...it is not the final word. I miss my dad very much, and know that I will be grieving his loss for a long time to come. Yet, even as I experience grief and sadness at Dad's passing, I have hope in Jesus Christ that one day we will all experience life for eternity in him.

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54-56)

May this promise comfort us in our times of grief and loss.

Blessings,

Hilary



INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP IN HoC?

If you are interested in becoming a member here at Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church, or have questions about church membership, please contact Pastor Hilary at the church office (302-731-4169) or at heliving@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and support I received on the passing of my father, Jack Livingston. His last major trip in life was to Head of Christiana for my installation. He really enjoyed meeting everyone and was so pleased he was well enough to be here for that event. I miss him dearly. Thank you for all your kind condolences.

Pastor Hilary



COMING THIS FALL TO HoC –

“The Story” ADULT CLASS AND SERMON SERIES

Join us for a very special study beginning this fall:

“The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and God’s People.”

The adult Sunday School class will be learning about the story of the Bible.

There will be a corresponding sermon series to this study. All are invited to participate on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:30 AM in the parlor.

Watch for registration details in the Sunday bulletin throughout the month of August.

If you are unable to join us for class, consider reading along on your own. Let’s explore together the story of God’s love and redemption of human beings in the Bible this fall at HoC!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Downes Elementary School

School will be starting in a few short weeks, so let's get started! Our goal is to ensure that every child at Downes is prepared with the supplies required to start the year off right.

We need your help!

Please help us collect school supplies for a child in need. A list of requested items is printed below. Donations may be deposited in the box marked "School Supplies" located in the vestibule.

- #2 pencils
- soft pencil pouch (no boxes)
- 2-pocket folders different colors with holes
- Marble type composition books
- one subject tablets
- box of 24 (at most) crayons
- pencil sharpener with lid
- bottle of hand sanitizer
- large boxes of tissues
- glue sticks (large preferred)
- wide-rule lined loose leaf paper
- small zip lock baggies
- large zip lock baggies
- Colored Pencils
- Post-it notes (any size/color/brand)
- Scissors (Fiskars for kids, pointed end preferred)
- white copy paper
- Clorox Wipes/Lysol dual action wipes
- Jumbo stretchy book covers
- 1/2 inch 3-ring binder
- 1 cm/inch ruler



- 1 protractor (clear)
- Hand Soap
- Crayola markers
- Elmer's glue
- Small pink erasers
- Ticonderoga pencils (sharpened if possible)
- Black dry erase markers (skinny / fine point)
- Hand wipes
- 1 flash drive (cheapest one is fine)
- Sharpies
- Highlighters

Wish List (optional)

- scotch tape and / or masking tape
- colored copy paper
- fine felt tip pens (blue or black)
- Bag feathers
- Paper towels
- White or colored card stock



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018





August Coffee Hours

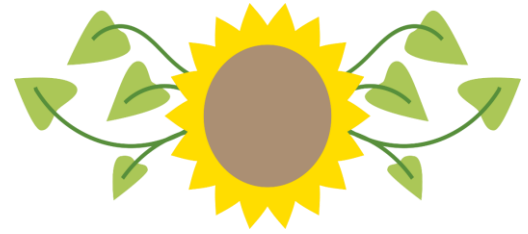
August 5 — Pot Luck

August 12 — Pot Luck

August 19 — Pot Luck

August 26 — Pot Luck

Sept. 2 — Pot Luck



Would you like to host a coffee hour??

Just speak to Jeanne Hastings (302-368-9416). For the most current information regarding coffee hours, please check the notice posted on both doors to Fellowship Hall. Often people will ask to host a coffee hour after The Looking Tree has published, so changes will be updated on the notices.

VACATION PLANS

Pastor Hilary will be on vacation from Saturday, August 25th through Friday, September 7th. If you have any pastoral needs, please contact one of our Deacons: Cindy Taber, Kay Brook or Mary Lou Oakes.

Our Guest Preacher on Sunday, August 26th will be Carl Mazza and Nona Holy will be our Guest Preacher on Sunday, Sept. 2nd.





Elementary Sunday School Teacher needed for grades Kindergarten through 2nd

Our eager elementary school kids are looking for an enthusiastic and creative person to help them learn about the Bible and discover their church home here at Head of Christiana PC.

Classes run from 9:30am to 10:30 am (before worship) and curriculum can be provided. Church school will begin on September 9th.

You may contact Becky Condliffe at 302-559-7278 to volunteer or to get more information if you have any questions.



It's OUTREACH

THE FIFTH ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT UNDER

June 27, 2018

by Alex Oakes

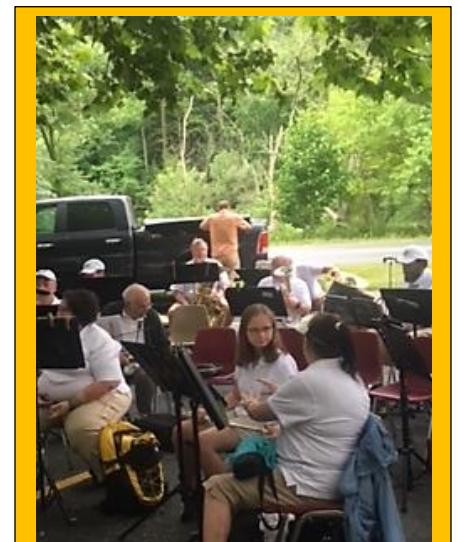
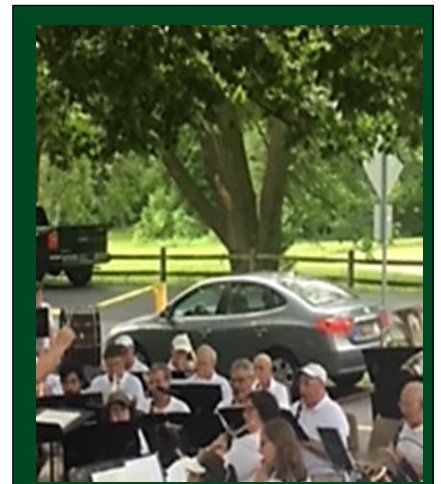
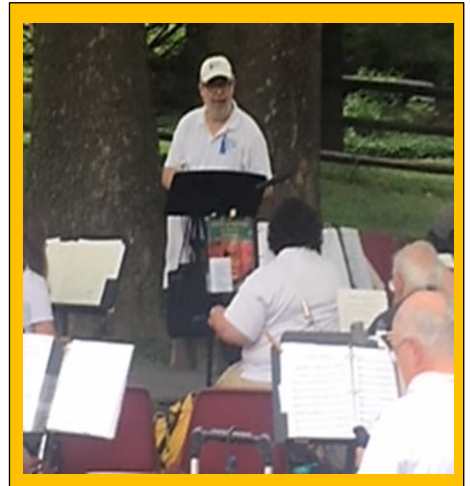
Rain? What rain? What's a light drizzle have to do with having a great outdoor concert? Apparently it means nothing to the Newark Community Band and the brave folks who enjoy their great music.

Yes, it was a wet beginning, but it stayed dry enough for folks to sit out on the lawn for the entire event. As one of the organizers, I was amazed at the response from the band, audience and volunteers, all of whom made the evening a success. Only the Kilby Cream Ice Cream truck had to be cancelled, but hopefully next year we'll make up for it by getting them to bring twice as much!

As most of you know, this year's donation benefactor was a group named "Warriors Helping Warriors," represented at the event by Bill and Marsha Conley. Bill's opening remarks moved a lot of hearts and we were able to collect a record amount for his worthy cause. Our hopes and prayers are with the "Warriors Helping Warriors" organization for the great things they are doing for our veterans.



CONCERT UNDER THE TREES



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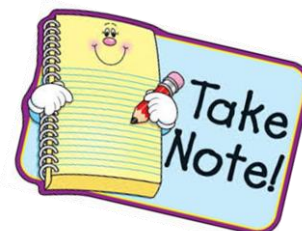
Hymn Sing

July 15, 2018



HOC CALENDAR — August Happenings

Wednesday	Aug	01	11:00pm	Youth Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre
Sunday	Aug	05	12:30pm	Care & Fellowship
Friday	Aug	10	12:00pm	Hope Dining Room
Saturday	Aug	11	10:00am	Zebley Memorial Service
Sunday	Aug	12	12:30pm	Worship Commission
Monday	Aug	13	6:00pm	Session
Tuesday	Aug	14	LOOKING TREE DEADLINE	
Monday	Aug	20	7:00pm	Admin & Finance Commission
Wednesday	Aug	22	11:30am	Nifty-Wifty @ Wesley's



PILOXING — TUESDAYS — 7:00PM



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Aug 5	Charlotte Dudkewitz	Aug 15	Vanessa Marianiello
Aug 7	Ed Crispin	Aug 17	Jeff Gillespie
Aug 7	Becky Taber	Aug 17	Audrey Harper
Aug 8	Alex Oakes	Aug 23	Brian Huffman
Aug 11	Christopher Sutton	Aug 27	Ruth Stafford
Aug 13	Jim Kniskern	Aug 31	Mims Hildabrant

