



# The Looking Tree

*Love lives here, Love flows from here...* January & February  
2019

*Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,*



Pastor Hilary Livingston

## Inspiration for the New Year

By the time you read this, we will likely be in a new year. The New Year brings the opportunity for new possibilities and a fresh start – a time to let go of the old baggage of the previous year and set new intentions for the year before us.

Here are some inspirational quotes from scripture and voices from the Church throughout the ages to inspire you at the beginning of this new year:

*“Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto man His Son hath given;  
While angels sing with tender mirth,  
A glad new year to all the earth.” -Martin Luther*

*“Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within the reach of every hand.” - Mother Teresa.*

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” - 1 Peter 1:3*

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” - Lamentations 3:22*

*“I wish, my brothers and sisters, that during this year you may live nearer to Christ than you have ever done before. Depend upon it, it is when we think much of Christ that we think little of ourselves, little of our troubles, and little of the doubts and fears that surround us.” - Charles Spurgeon*

*“If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” - 2 Corinthians 5:17*

May the new year be filled with promise and many blessings from God!

Blessings,

*Hilary*

# HoC HAPPENINGS

## *Tea and Hygge*

We will continue to meet on **Wednesdays at 1:00 PM** in the **Pastor's Study** for tea and Scandinavian-themed refreshments.

We will continue our discussion of the book, *"Scandinavian Living Tips with Hygge and Lagom DIY Bundle."*

Please see the schedule below for the chapter we will be discussing each week.

### Tea & Hygge Schedule 2019:

January 9<sup>th</sup> – "Hygge at Work" (chapter 4)

January 16<sup>th</sup> – "Hygge Food, Drinks & Clothing" (chapters 8 & 9)

January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Review of "Hygge at Home" (chapter 3)

January 30<sup>th</sup> – "Hygge Outside the Home" (chapter 10)

February 6<sup>th</sup> – **Begin "21 Days of Hygge Challenge" during the month of February** (chapter 11)

February 13<sup>th</sup> – "21 Days of Hygge Challenge" (chapter 11)

February 20<sup>th</sup> – "21 Days of Hygge Challenge" (chapter 11)

February 27<sup>th</sup> – "Beyond the 21-Day Hygge Challenge" (chapter 12)





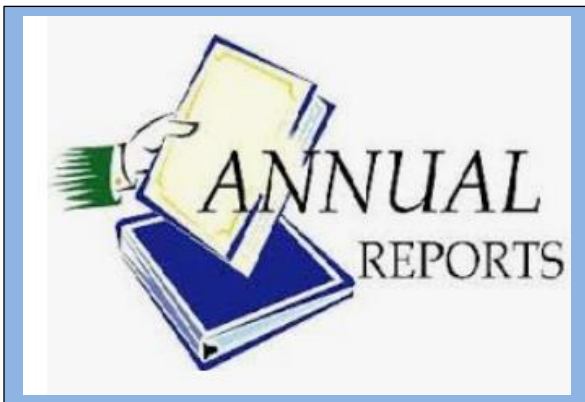
## Important Dates:

Please make a note of these important dates coming up in 2019!

**Annual Reports Due:** Tuesday, January 8, 2019

**Ordination/Installation of Officers:** Sunday, January 13, 2019

**Annual Meeting/Ministry Celebration:** Sunday, February 10, 2019



Please have your submissions for this year's Annual Report turned in no later than Tuesday, January 8, 2019. If you are able, email them to Nancy at:

[nancy.hoc@outlook.com](mailto:nancy.hoc@outlook.com)

If you don't have email, please submit your report in writing by the deadline date.

*Thank you!*



Sunday, February 3 – Souper Bowl of Caring  
**Sunday, February 10 – Annual Congregational Meeting**

Tuesday, February 10 – Looking Tree Deadline  
Thursday, February 14 – Valentine's Day

# A NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

MAY THE COMING YEAR BE ONE OF INCREASED  
RICHES OF GRACE...

HEARING HIS VOICE MORE CLEARLY,  
KNOWING HIS HEART MORE DEEPLY,  
RESTING IN HIS LOVE MORE FULLY,  
TRUSTING IN HIS CARE MORE COMPLETELY,  
WALKING HIS PATHWAY MORE PEACEFULLY,  
KNOWING HIS PRESENCE MORE INTIMATELY,  
BEING BLESSED BY HIS GOODNESS MORE  
ABUNDANTLY.

Count your blessings instead of your crosses.  
Count your gains instead of your losses.  
Count your joys instead of your woes.  
Count your friends instead of your foes.  
Count your smiles instead of your tears.  
Count your courage instead of your fears.  
Count your full times instead of your lean.  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.  
Count your health instead of your wealth.  
Love your neighbour as much as yourself."

# January

## January Coffee Hours

- Jan. 6 — Pot Luck
- Jan. 13 — Pot Luck
- Jan. 20 — Pot Luck
- Jan. 27 — Pot Luck
- Feb. 03 — Pot Luck



Coffee Fellowship

Interested in hosting a Coffee Hour??  
Speak to any member of the Care & Fellowship Commission  
and it can be arranged.



# HOC YOUTH DECORATE CHRISTMAS TREE



# HOC CALENDAR — January Happenings

Tuesday	Jan	01		<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>
Wednesday	Jan	02	2:00pm	Care & Fellowship Commission
Sunday	Jan	06	11:00am	Epiphany of the Lord
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>08</b>		<b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b>
Wednesday	Jan	09	1:00pm	Tea & Hygge resumes
Friday	Jan	11	12:00pm	Hope Dining Room
Saturday	Jan	12	10:00am	Presbytery Meeting @ Limestone PC
Sunday	Jan	13	11:00am	Ordination/Installation of Officers
Sunday	Jan	13	12:30pm	Worship Commission
Monday	Jan	14	6:00pm	Session
Tuesday	Jan	15	6:00pm	Mission Commission
Saturday	Jan	19	9am-1pm	Session Retreat
Monday	Jan	21	7:00pm	Admin & Finance Commission
Wednesday	Jan	23	11:45am	Nifty-Wifty @ Wesley's



CHOIR PRACTICE — MONDAYS @ 7:30pm  
 PILOXING — TUESDAYS — 7:00PM  
 TEA & HYGGE – WEDNESDAYS – 1:00PM



## JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Jan	8	Lucy Marianiello
Jan	12	Rosi White
Jan	21	Simon Condliffe
Feb	1	Kathy Graham
Feb	13	Margaret Holland
Feb	13	Kay Wood
Feb	19	Rebecca DiGiovanni
Feb	20	John Burmeister
Feb	27	Linnea Raffaele

