



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

June 2019

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Dear HoC members and friends,

After Jesus' resurrection, he gave his disciples a new commission: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8). Jesus then ascended to heaven, and shortly afterwards, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, empowering them for the work of spreading the gospel to all the world. The commission that Jesus gave his first disciples is the same that is given to us in our time and place. We have the same power of the Holy Spirit that fuels our spreading the gospel throughout our community.

In this season of Pentecost, we are embarking on a new period of discernment and seeking the Spirit's power afresh for ministry. Our church is going to be taking part in the **Unglued Church Project** – a presbytery initiative designed to help churches discern their ministry vision and see how God is calling us to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in new ways in our community. I am joining members and friends of HoC as part of a leadership team that will spearhead this project for our church. We will be working with an adviser, Rev. Duke Dixon from Easton Presbyterian Church, as well as "Unglued" consultants who will be coaching us through this process. We gathered with 13 other churches in the presbytery for an inspiring kickoff event on May 18th. I'm excited to have our church be part of this initiative, and I look forward to seeing what God open up for us through this process. Please keep us in prayer throughout this process. We will be updating you on our work, as well as seeking your input as the project unfolds.



HoC HAPPENINGS

Pastor Hilary's Vacation Schedule:

Pastor Hilary will be away on vacation from June 1st through June 15th.
Rev. Tracy Keenan will be preaching/leading worship on Sunday, June 2nd.
Rev. Jessie MacMillan will be preaching/leading worship on Sunday, June 9th.
If you need pastoral care, please call on one of our Deacons:
Kay Brook, Mary Lou Oakes or Lillian Crispin.

Father's Day Fun:

On June 16th during the coffee hour, Care and Fellowship will be celebrating the wonderful Dads we have in our congregation. Please come and celebrate with us. We promise it will be yummy!!!



Summer Schedule:

Sunday school classes will end on May 26th for adults and June 2nd for children and youth.

Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday, September 8th – Rally Day!

Session will also be on break for the summer and will resume regular meetings in September.

World Vision Global 6K Walk for Clean Water

Thank you to all who supported me in the World Vision Global 6K Walk to raise funds to supply clean water to people in need around the world.

Pastor Hilary walked with the team at West Nottingham Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 4th. She joined other members of New Castle Presbytery, including Rev. Tom MacMillan and Connectional Presbyter Jessie MacMillan. There were four other walk sites in our presbytery where teams raised money for this cause.

All in all, over 52,000 people from all 50 states and 22 countries participated in the walk to raise funds for clean water. Thank you for sponsoring Pastor Hilary in the walk! Your generous contributions will provide clean water to those in need around the globe!

THOUGHTS ON



DOES GIVING MATTER?

by John Brook

We all support our church with varying amounts of funds and personal service. The blessings we derive and share with others are generally self-evident, but perhaps there is a program we support that is not fully known or appreciated.

A special program, which has been financially supported with money given in memory of Sally Cairns, has allowed this church to augment the music program by retaining the services of students from the University of Delaware. One serves as Choir Director and two sing. We all appreciate the resulting enhancement to our music. What might not be realized is the important impact this program has for our student employees. All of them are music majors and seek a career in music, primarily as teachers. The experience they gain with us helps them in their professional development and adds meaningfully to the resumé they can provide to prospective employers.

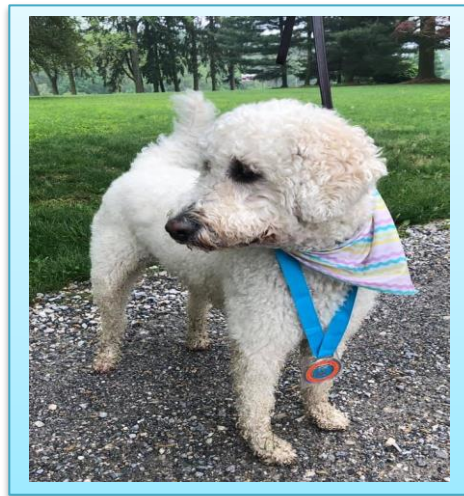
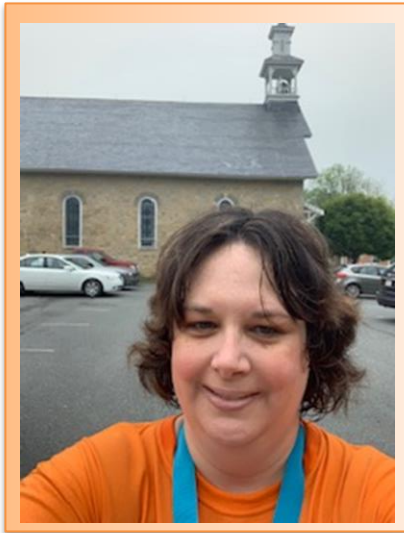
Zack Doimi, a University of Delaware Senior Music Major said, *"My experiences singing in the choir and as Choir Director have enhanced my professional development and increased my qualifications for employment when I graduate. To say that I have valued and enjoyed my experiences at Head of Christiana would be an understatement."*

The professional growth of these students is readily observable to the members of your choir. It is also a blessing to have them participate as part of our church family.

GIVING DOES MATTER



World Vision Water Walk in pictures...





Charlotte Condliffe — Graduating from Avon Grove High School. She will be attending West Chester University in the Honors College. Her major is Pre-med: Cellular and Molecular Biology. (Charlotte is the daughter of Becky and Simon Condliffe).

James Paul “JP” Heide — Graduating from Cape Henlopen High School. He will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall. He was a member of the Swim team and Lacrosse team.

(JP is the grandson of Claire and Jim Herrington)

Lauren Nicole Boehm — Lauren received her M.D. degree from the Tufts University Medical School on May 19th. She will be a resident (family medicine) at the Eastern Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. (Granddaughter of Aileen and John Burmeister)

Emily Southmayd — Received a PhD in Kinesiology from Penn State University. (Kinesiology is the scientific study of human or non-human body movement. Kinesiology addresses physiological, biomechanical, and psychological dynamic principles and mechanisms of movement)

(Emily is the granddaughter of Ann and Alan Southmayd)

Natalie Erika White from J.M.U. in Communication Studies from the College of Arts and Letters. (Rosi White’s granddaughter)

Devon Marie Wolk from Penn State in middle level Math Education. Devon received a \$500 outstanding teacher award and was asked by her teachers to stay and substitute until the end of the school year. (Granddaughter of Rosi White)



June Coffee Hours

June 2 — Pot Luck

June 9 — Pot Luck

June 16 — Father's Day hosted by C & F

June 23 — Hosted by Virginia Cullum

June 30 — Pot Luck

July 7 — Pot Luck



REMEMBER - YOU can host any "Pot Luck" Coffee Hour. Simply contact Jeanne Hastings at 302-368-9416 if you are interested.



TEA & HYGGE LUNCHEON AT AILEEN BURMEISTER'S HOME

Wednesday, May 1, 2019





Only a Dad

by Edgar Guest

Only a dad, with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame,
To show how well he has played the game,
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him come, and to hear his voice.

Only a dad, with a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more.
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd
Toiling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent, whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing, with courage stern and grim,
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen,
Only a dad, but the best of men.

SOME
Super Heroes
Don't have
CAPES...
They are
called DAD



HoC OUTREACH

by Lucy Marianiello

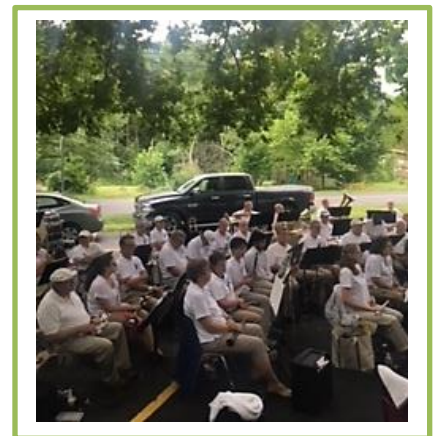


On Sunday April 7th the church hosted the Cecil County Choral Society for one of their spring concerts. There were a number of lovely selections along with a special intermission of piano & organ duets featuring the conductor on the organ and the long-time pianist as she was retiring from the group. There were 106 people present including 40 musicians. Special thanks to the Care & Fellowship Commission for the reception following the concert. Kudos to the parking team as that went exceptionally well.

On **Wednesday June 26th at 7:00 pm** – The Newark Community Band will perform for our annual **Concert Under the Trees**. The Kilby Cream Moo Mobile is scheduled to be here from 6:30pm to 8:30pm selling their ice cream.

If it's raining that evening, a subset of the band, *The Dixie Ramblers*, will play in the sanctuary instead.

Donations will be collected as we support the “*Warriors Helping Warriors*” organization again this year.



Mark Your Calendars...On **Sunday, November 24th at 3:00 pm** – A group of **The Imagination Players** will be performing. The Imagination Players are a group of 85+ talented area children and teens (ages 7 to 18 years of age) who use song and dance to entertain families in the Delaware area. A portion of all proceeds generated by The Imagination Players will benefit local, national and international charities, especially those which benefit children and families.” Nicole Gill is currently a member of this organization and her brother Andre has been in the past. A light reception will be held following the concert.

HOC CALENDAR — June Happenings

Sunday	June 2	11:00am	Rev. Tracy Keenan, Guest Preacher EDUCATION RECOGNITION
Sunday	June 9	11:00am	Rev. Jessie MacMullan, Guest Preacher DAY OF PENTACOST
Tuesday	June 11		LOOKING TREE DEADLINE
Friday	June 14	12:00pm	Hope Dining Room
Sunday	June 16		HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Tuesday	June 18	4:30p-7:00p	NCP using Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	June 26	7:00pm	Concert Under the Trees

PILOXING — TUESDAYS — 7:00PM
TEA & HYGGE – WEDNESDAYS – 1:00PM



"Never regret a day in your life. Good days give you happiness and bad days bring you experience!"



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Sallie Christian	June 16	Ciella Murray
June 1	John Slack	June 17	Debbie Harper
June 3	Carol Cole	June 19	Sarabeth Gillespie
June 6	Jim Sawyer	June 25	Elisabeth Gallaher
June 7	Jim Herrington	June 25	Al Harper
June 10	Clarence Cox	June 29	Mary Lou Oakes
June 14	John Brook		

