



# The Looking Tree

*Love lives here, Love flows from here...*

July 2019

*Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,*



Pastor Hilary Livingston

**Dear HoC members and friends,**

## **We're on a Mission from God!**

In his book, *Start with Why*, author Simon Sinek argues that the most successful organizations can effectively understand and articulate their overall mission and purpose—their big “why”, if you will. They clearly understand and can articulate why they exist, and they get others around them to support their vision.

God made his overall vision, his big “why” for the church known in scripture. In our series on *The Story: The Bible as One Continuous Story of God and God's People*, we followed God's big redemption project for all of humankind – rescuing humanity from sin and death and renewing the whole creation in Jesus Christ. The Church is called to carry on this mission and be part of this redemptive work. Our local church is also part of this mission, and we carry out this work of God's mission here in our community.

Over the next year, our church will be participating in the Unglued Church Project, an initiative of our presbytery to assist churches in discerning their big “why” – their overarching mission and purpose. The hope is that this clarity of vision will inform our specific ministry activities and guide us in the overall direction God desires us to go. You'll be hearing more about our church's progress in this process, and at key points along the way, you will be given the opportunity to contribute your ideas and feedback. Please pray for our Unglued leadership team. Pray also for God to make clear our church's big “why” – our overarching purpose that is part of God's overarching plan for the renewal of the whole world!

*“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.*

*And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:18-20*

Blessings,

*Hilary*

# THOUGHTS ON



## BBB

*by John Burmeister*

In this case, "BBB" means "Burgeoning Benefits of Bequests" - think of a pebble being tossed into a pond, and the series of expanding circles produced thereby.

In last month's LOOKING TREE, John Brook described the impact of the Sally Cairns bequest in terms of the impact that it has made in the experiential portfolios, both professional and faith-based, of the students who have participated as directors and singers. In turn, I have chosen to concentrate on the impact it has made on our choir's performance, both collectively and individually. Several points stand out:

- ★ Having trained voices participating automatically makes the choir's performance better.
- ★ This also helps the regular choir members to improve (especially those whose initials are JB, who cannot read music).
- ★ Gaps in the musical register, e.g., tenor, can be filled by the student participants.
- ★ Having a separate director frees Linnea to concentrate on being a virtuoso at the piano and organ keyboards.

In summary, this has been a prototypical example of beneficial synergism.

While the Cairns bequest was used in a specifically targeted manner, the value of an open bequest, e.g., the recent bequest from the Lilly Peterson estate, cannot be overstated. Unforeseen circumstances, with attendant expenses, frequently arise, especially when the Church buildings, like ours, are already old and getting older. The "other" JB nailed it:

## GIVING DOES MATTER



# Tea and Hygge Group Visits LaDew Gardens

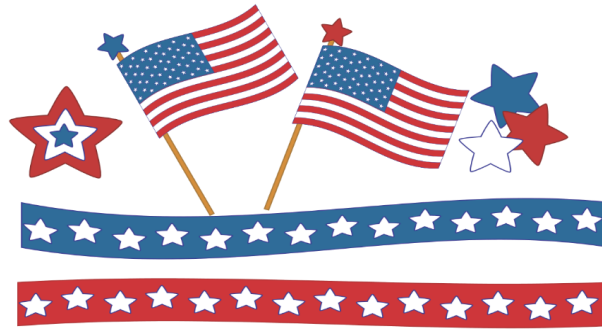


Head of Christiana's Vacation Bible  
School program, "Awakening to  
God's Beauty," will be on  
Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and  
Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>



Our youth will help serve at Hope  
Dining Room and there will be games,  
activities, bible study and a cookout!

Details will be announced soon.  
Helpers will be needed.  
Contact Becky Condliffe if you have any questions.



## July Coffee Hours

July 7 — Pot Luck

July 14 — Salad Luncheon (see below)

July 21 — Father's Day hosted by C & F

July 28 — Hosted by Virginia Cullum

Aug 4 — Pot Luck



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



## CARE & FELLOWSHIP SALAD LUNCHEON



Sunday, July 14, 2019

Please join us after worship on July 14<sup>th</sup>  
for a **Salad Luncheon**.

Everyone is invited to bring a salad to share. Any variety of salad is welcome – vegetable, fruit, pasta, potato, protein – the only limitation is your imagination. If you bring a green salad, please bring dressing too.

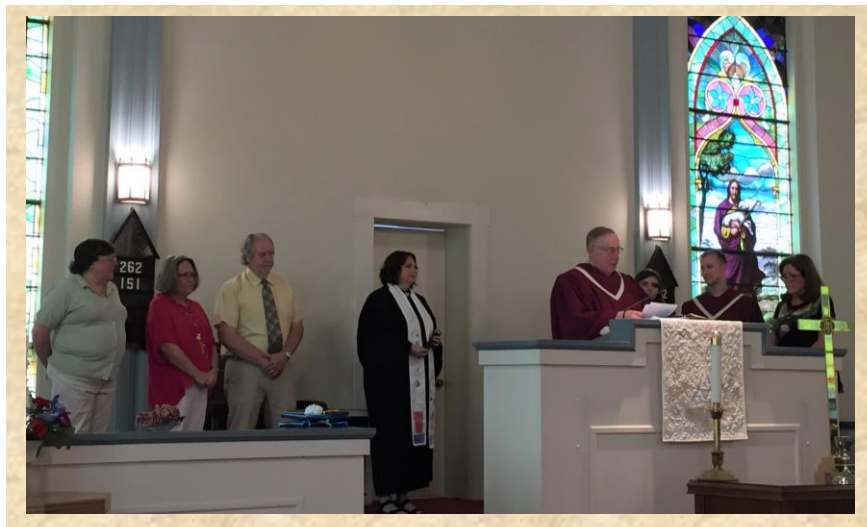
Care and Fellowship will provide drinks and breads.



# RECOGNITION SUNDAY

JUNE 2, 2019





# The Unglued Church Initiative



by Alex Oakes

Please meet your team looking to the future of Head of Christiana: Debbie Reeves, Holly Williams, Katie Gillespie, Linda Huffman and Alex Oakes.

June 6<sup>th</sup> found the group and our local advisor, the Rev. Duke Dixon of Easton Presbyterian Church in Easton, MD, in a video conference with the Rev. Susan Rothenberg, who conducted the meeting. We spent two full hours soul-searching and learning things about ourselves and about HoC that make us who we are. All of it good, of course!

This is just the start, but please stay tuned each month as we report on this journey to determine where we are going as a church and how to let God show us the way.



**Ware Presbyterian Village Auxiliary** invites you to come to our third annual Christmas in July Craft Fair and more on **Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm** in the Pavilion auditorium at Vista Ridge Apartments in Ware Presbyterian Village in Oxford, PA.



Shop at more than 50 unique craft tables, purchase fresh flowers, and browse the “New to You” Thrift Shop and The Gift Box, located in Stewart Place. Visit the Ware Model Railroad display and Workshop Tool Sale in the Ware Mansion. Box lunches and beverages will also be available for purchase.

New this year is a Food Court with cheese, local honey, jams and jellies, wine, truffles and more for sale. There will also be a silent auction for a beautiful handmade quilt and plenty of Door Prizes!



Proceeds are used to enrich the lives of all residents including those in the Oxford Health Care Center and Stewart Place.

The venues are air conditioned for your comfort. Come and enjoy this outstanding event. For more information email: [cijatware@zoominternet.net](mailto:cijatware@zoominternet.net)

# HOC CALENDAR — July Happenings

Thursday July 04 HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY  
 Tuesday July 09 LOOKING TREE DEADLINE  
 Friday July 12 12:00pm Hope Dining Room

Friday Aug 09 & 10 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
 PILOXING — TUESDAYS — 7:00PM



*"Start where you are.  
 Use what you have.  
 Do what you can."*



## JULY BIRTHDAYS



Happy July Birthdays!

July 3	Travis Christian	July 10	Sarah Tipton
July 8	Katherine Brook	July 28	Virginia Cullum
July 9	Debbie Reeves	July 28	Aileen Murray
July 10	Betty Kackley		

