



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

March 2020

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Deepen Your Walk with Jesus During Lent

In March, we will be in the liturgical season of Lent – a season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Lent is a somber season. It is a season of penitence when we reflect upon our sin and our need for a savior. It is also a season of repentance – turning away from self-centered living and turning toward Christ in a more disciplined way.

Christians from a variety of traditions observe Lent by engaging in spiritual practices that deepen their walk with Christ. These practices include both giving something up for the Lenten period (like a particular food or an activity like social media), or engaging in a spiritual activity (such as Bible reading or prayer). These practices strengthen us and train us to become more like Jesus – more loving, more patient, more forgiving, and more generous. Of course, it is always beneficial to engage in spiritual practices together, as we encourage one another and hold one another accountable in our practice.

This Lenten season, we have the opportunity as a church to engage in spiritual practices together as a church and with our ecumenical partners. We're going to be participating in the Lenten study "*The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*" by Adam Hamilton. I'll be preaching on the themes of the book during Lent. Also, there are several opportunities for you to join a study group either here at church, or with our ecumenical partners at First Presbyterian Church of Newark. In the group, you'll engage these spiritual practices with others while building deeper relationships with them and with Christ. Look for more details on these opportunities in this month's edition of our newsletter. We hope you'll join us in deepening your walk with Christ during Lent!

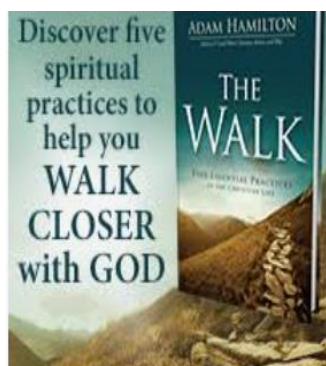
Blessings,

Hilary

HoC HAPPENINGS

ONLINE BIBLE READING and PRAYER CALENDAR

Watch for daily posts beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26, on our HoC Facebook page. Hard copies can also be obtained from Pastor Hilary if you prefer.



ADULT LENTEN STUDY: *“The Walk”* by Adam Hamilton

Adult Sunday School Class

Sunday mornings at 9:30a in the Calvin Room

and/or:

Community Adult Small Group Study

Sunday evenings in March at 1st Pres Church of Newark

292 West Main Street

5:30pm Potluck Supper followed by study til 8pm

The Unglued Church Project

by Alex Oakes

After a month's hiatus over the holidays, the HOC Unglued team met on January 23rd to review what we discovered about our church and ourselves last year. Helping our understanding was what we learned from other churches at the “mid-cycle gathering” in Chestertown last November.

The team was then challenged to compare the strengths, barriers and resources of our own congregation. Fortunately there are a lot more strengths than barriers at HoC and it's those strengths that we must focus on. With God's help we'll use those strengths along with what we've learned to generate changes that will grow our church. Please join us in our prayers for the success of this endeavor.





Easter Sunday - April 12th

Sunrise Service - 7:00 AM

Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church (Cemetery)
in partnership with New Ark UCC

Potluck Continental Breakfast to follow in Fellowship Hall
(Please bring a breakfast item to share.)



Traditional Service – 11:00 AM

Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church (Sanctuary)





March Coffee Hours

February 23 — Casserole Luncheon hosted by C & F

March 1 — Pot Luck

March 8 — Café Church

March 15 — St. Patrick's Day Luncheon hosted by C & F

March 22 — Pot Luck

March 29 — Pot Luck

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



From our HoC Youth:

Thank you for your generosity
and support in the **SOUPER BOWL!**

We raised **\$332.00** to give to the
Newark Empowerment Center!!!



Join us after church on March 15th for a
St. Patrick's Day luncheon hosted by
Care and Fellowship featuring
Shepherd's Pie
Salads
Breads and Spreads
"Green" Desserts

*"May your day be touched with a bit of Irish
luck, Brightened by a song in your heart, and
warmed by smiles from the people you love."*



March 8, 2020

**Set your clocks ahead Saturday
night when you go to bed**



SOCIAL SECURITY SCAMS ALERT

Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams
Be on the lookout for fake calls and emails



Securing today
and tomorrow

Telephone and email scammers are pretending to be government employees. They may threaten you and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action. Do not be fooled!

If you receive a suspicious call:

1. **HANG UP**
2. **DO NOT GIVE MONEY OR PERSONAL INFORMATION**
3. **REPORT THE SCAM AT OIG.SSA.GOV**



What to look out for



The caller says there is a **problem** with your Social Security number or account.



Any call asking you to pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, wire transfers, pre-paid debit cards, internet currency, or by mailing cash.



Scammers **pretend** they're from Social Security or another government agency. Caller ID or documents sent by email may look official but **they are not**.



Callers threaten you with arrest or other legal action.

Be Alert

Social Security may call you in some situations but will **never**:

- » Threaten you
- » Suspend your Social Security number
- » Demand immediate payment from you
- » Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer
- » Ask for gift card numbers over the phone or to wire or mail cash



Be Active

Protect yourself, friends, and family!

- » If you receive a questionable call, hang up and report it at oig.ssa.gov
- » Don't return unknown calls
- » Ask someone you trust for advice before making any large purchase or financial decision
- » Don't be embarrassed to report if you shared personal information or suffered a financial loss
- » Learn more at oig.ssa.gov/scam
- » Share this information with others

HOC CALENDAR — March Happenings

Sunday	Mar	01	11:00am	1 st Sunday in Lent
Tuesday	Mar	03	12:00pm	NCP using Fellowship Hall
Thursday	Mar	05-08		Pastor Hilary – Beach Retreat/Study Leave
Sunday	Mar	08	Daylight Saving	Times begins – turn clocks ahead 1 hour
Sunday	Mar	08	11:00am	Café Church in Fellowship Hall
Monday	Mar	09	6:00pm	Session
Friday	Mar	13	12:00pm	Hope Dining Room
Sunday	Mar	15	12:00pm	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon hosted by Care & Fellowship
Sunday	Mar	15	3:00pm	Newark Community Band at 1 st Newark PC
Tuesday	Mar	16	6:00pm	Admin & Finance Commission
Wednesday	Mar	18	11:30am	Nifty-Wifty @ Wesley's
Sunday	Mar	22	12:30pm	Worship Commission
Tuesday	Mar	31	10:00am	HOP trip to Tilton Museum



*"Try to be the rainbow
in someone's cloud."
~Maya Angelou*

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

**Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8th
Turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night at bedtime.**



First
signs
of
Spring!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Mar	4	Sonia Combs
Mar	5	Mark Mankin
Mar	5	Jane Murray
Mar	5	Alan Southmayd
Mar	16	Erica Sutton
Mar	26	Sophia Marianiello

