



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

May 2020

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Dear HoC members and friends,

We are certainly living in strange times, aren't we? Here we are in the midst of a global pandemic! Our physical doors may be closed, but our church is very much open for business, albeit in a new way. **Know that your church family is here for you and praying for you!** **We're gathering for worship!** Worship has moved online to our website and Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church Facebook page (see the "Important Information" page inside for details on how to join us). We will do our best to make our virtual worship services as accessible to as many people as possible during this time. Please join us for worship & fellowship!

We're taking care of one another! Session members, deacons and Care & Fellowship folks are calling to check in with everyone regularly. I will also be calling to check in on folks during this time. We will do our best to stay connected, but **please take the initiative and reach out to us if you need anything!**

We're taking care of our neighbors in our community! Our Mission & Outreach volunteers are continuing their work to help the homeless and hungry in our community during this time. If you would like to donate or assist in their efforts, please contact Debbie Reeves at (302)-598-2569 or Debbie_Reeves@comcast.net.

Thank you for giving to our church! We really appreciate you sending in your financial gifts. This keeps us financially stable during this time when we're not meeting in-person. **Please continue to give as you are able.** You can send in a check to the church. We're also setting up an online giving option – watch for more details.

Think like a deacon! Our ordained officers and volunteers are working hard to check in with folks. but **we all need to take responsibility for taking care of one another.** Reach out daily to at least one person in the church or in the community to see how they're doing. And **pray for one another.** Use the HoC directory to pray through a certain number of names daily. Let's minister to one another during this time! Let's stay connected!

We're all learning how to be the church in this new situation! They don't teach "How to Pastor During a Global Pandemic" in seminary! Fortunately, I have a lot of support from you all, as well as from the presbytery and ministry colleagues. Thanks for your patience and support as we learn how to be the church together during this challenging time.

We'll get through this together! Jesus promised to never leave us or forsake us. Let us take comfort in Christ's presence with us through the Spirit, and let's share Jesus' love and comfort with one another during this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at any time.

Blessings,

Hilary

The Unglued Church Project

by Debbie Reeves

During these unsettled times we are “stuck” in our homes and meetings cancelled. But, a need arose in our community and your congregation answered the call. Because it has been closed, we have not been able to serve at Hope Dining Room this month. So, we were asked if we could put together 24 Zip-lock bags of luncheon variety to be handed out at the Empowerment Center in Newark. While practicing “social distancing,” HoC was able to produce 79 luncheons. These were much-needed. It is imperative that we take care of each other and not just in times of need. We will make it through these hard times with Hope, Faith and Love in our hearts, all while sharing that love for our God and each other. While we are “glued” in place away from our community, friends and family, let's take this time to think of ways we can become “unglued” and spread God's love.

HoC Graduates

Our annual listing of graduates will appear in the June issue of our newsletter and our June 2nd bulletin. Please send pertinent information to Nancy at nancy.hoc@outlook.com no later than Friday, May 15th so your graduate will be listed. Include graduate's name, school they're graduating from, future educational or career pursuits, and any honors, awards, or degrees they've received.

Thanks everyone!



I hope your dreams take you...
to the corners of your smiles,
to the highest of your hopes,
to the windows of your opportunities,
and to the most special places
your heart has ever known."



Important Notice



All HoC in-Person worship services, activities and meetings are suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus.

Please join us for Virtual Worship on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am

on our Website at: <https://hocpc.org/online-worship/>

or on our Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/HeadOfChristiana/posts/>

You don't need a Facebook account to access the page.

We will also be having a Zoom Fellowship Hour

on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am prior to our virtual worship service.

Watch your email each week for details on how to join the meeting.

If you don't have internet access, please contact Pastor Hilary or a deacon to receive a phone number to access the Zoom Fellowship.

You can call in just like you would call someone on a regular phone.

We will also be mailing hard copies of the weekly bulletin and sermon to those who don't have internet access. Please let Nancy or Pastor Hilary know if you would like to be added to the mailing list.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please reach out to us if you need anything!!!

*Think
like a
deacon...*

We should all check in with one another
and pray for one another.

- Check in with at least one person per day by phone, email, or social media.
- Send a card to someone in the mail.
- Leave a care package on someone's porch.
- Help a neighbor with grocery shopping or errands (if you can do so safely).

HoC HAPPENINGS

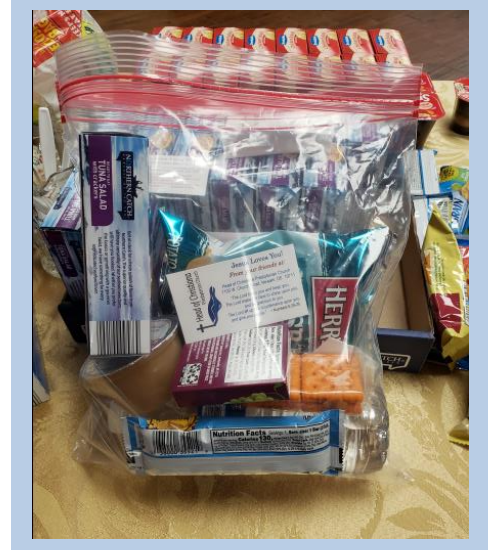
Head of Christiana
Presbyterian Church



Jesus Loves You!
From your friends at:

Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church
1100 W. Church Road, Newark, DE 19711

*"The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace." ~ Numbers 6:24-26*



MISSION and OUTREACH REACHING OUT

by Debbie Reeves

Instead of serving lunch at Hope Dining Room because of the social distancing requirements in place, we packed up 79 lunch Go-bags that were delivered to the Empowerment Center. At the time of delivery, there were already ten people waiting in line. Our Lunch Go-bags contained Beefaroni or Tuna and an assortment of other goodies.

Thanks to the joint efforts of Hilary, myself, and Nancy, special gift cards were designed and produced to include with our lunches that contained our address and an inspirational verse. We will keep a supply on hand for future outreach projects. If you need any, please let Nancy know so she can make some up for you.

Thanks to all of you who helped out on this effort, especially Jeanne for dropping them off. We will be organizing another drop-off in a couple weeks.

One of the gentlemen who was there to receive a lunch, is a regular at Hope Dining Room. It was all he could do to stay 6' away because he definitely wanted to deliver a hug. He said how much he and many of the others miss us at Hope Dining Room and that he really missed the sloppy joes. So please know that what we all do at Hope Dining Room makes a huge impression and has a huge impact on the lives of many people—not just the food, but the personal connection as well.



Church Offerings

A number of HoC church members and friends have been asking, “How, during this pandemic period, do I continue to support the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church with my offerings?” The answer to that question is:

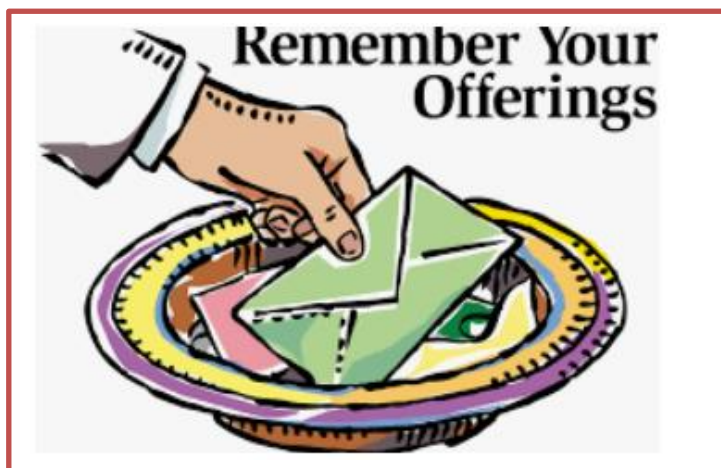
Mail your offering (checks are much preferred – please make checks payable to Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church) to:

**Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church
1100 West Church Road,
Newark, Delaware 19711.**

Your offering will be received and within a very short period of time, it will be deposited in our PNC bank account. And, for an overview of the Church and its functioning, “Yes, the Church is continuing to function at full steam, although for the COVID-19 pandemic period that means primarily electronically/virtually which also includes telephonically.” But we know that **the date and time will arrive when we’ll be able to come back together.**

So for now our watchword must be to stick together and keep in contact with each other be that by computer, telephone, Facebook, or even the U.S. Mail! And again, as for one’s offerings, “Yes, they will be gratefully received and will be properly deposited at PNC.”

With Blessings to All,
Ed Crispin
Administration and Finance Commission Chair



Word Search Puzzle



Mother's Day Sunday, May 10, 2020



APPRECIATION
BEAUTIFUL
BREAKFAST
CANDY
CHARMING
COMFORT
DEVOTED
FLOWERS
FORGIVING
GIFTS

GUIDANCE
HUGS
JEWELRY
JOY
KISSES
LAUGHTER
LOVE
MATERNAL
MOM
MOTHER

NURTURE
PERFUME
PROTECTIVE
SHARE
TELEPHONE
TENDER
THE BEST
WARM
WISE



Across

- 1. Bribery and corruption
- 6. It's incontrovertible
- 10. Word of woe
- 14. ___ Dame
- 15. Pines, e.g.
- 16. Urbane fellow
- 17. All-time home run leader
- 18. Lee of Marvel Comics fame
- 19. "Hurry Sundown" director
Preminger
- 20. Home to comedian Steven?
- 23. Holstein's greeting
- 24. Willing to bet the farm
- 25. Application check box
- 26. It may be dead
- 27. One of Lee's men, for short
- 30. It may be rolled out in the
rain
- 32. "Blast!"
- 34. Nabisco treat
- 36. Radio talk show host Don
- 38. Satchmo's first name
- 41. Home to actor Christopher?
- 44. One of the Fab Four
- 45. River through Nubia

- 46. Renaissance family name
- 47. Simba's den
- 49. Thumb (through)
- 51. Boar's beloved
- 52. Serengeti critter
- 54. Sushi bar choice
- 56. Golden Gate, e.g.
- 58. Chopper kin
- 59. Home to singer Britney?
- 64. Old Testament book
- 66. World Poker Tour
contribution
- 67. It's held true
- 68. Gemini org.
- 69. Check
- 70. Change, as the Constitution
- 71. Leg up, at Wimbledon
- 72. Swift and Cruise
- 73. Spanish appetizers

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Down

- 1. Chew on
- 2. Sound of an angry
mob
- 3. Longfellow's bell town
- 4. The second plague, in
Exodus
- 5. Marching command
- 6. Bass boat occupant
- 7. Regarding
- 8. Name on seasonal mail
- 9. Grew rigid (with "up")
- 10. In the past
- 11. "I'll take a stab"
- 12. "The Cherry Orchard"
playwright Chekhov
- 13. Showed respect, in a
way
- 21. Thomas the Tank
Engine, for one
- 22. Put on a pedestal
- 27. Spreadsheet divisions
- 28. Part of QED
- 29. Landau's Oscar role
- 31. Student of
optometry?
- 33. Alaskan outpost
- 35. Pods used in
Southern cooking
- 37. Product pushers
- 39. Word with bump or
jump
- 40. Fret over
- 42. Great Lakes natives
- 43. Harvests

- 48. Large dinner
- 50. Rich contributor
- 52. Ivory Coast neighbor
- 53. Wanderer without
roots
- 55. Slow, musically
- 57. Marilyn, originally
- 60. Basic bit
- 61. "Read 'em and ___!"
- 62. Author Ferber
- 63. Axles
- 65. ___ Jose



A little busy work to
keep your mind fit!



God's Helpers

by George W. Wiseman

*God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.*

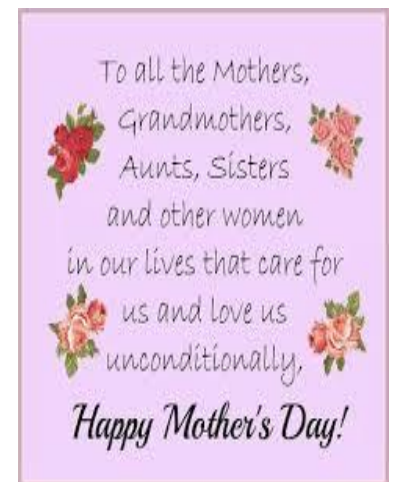
*He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.*

*God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.*

*And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.*

*The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.*

*And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.*





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To Our Faithful Supporters,

While we all work diligently to ensure the safety and protection of those we love, I'm reminded of those who give so selflessly to Deep Roots for the benefit of those homeless families we've been blessed to walk with.

We want to let you know we're praying for you and your family at this time of uncertainty and hope you're able to stay in your home for maximum safety. If you happen to fall into one of the "Essential Business" fields, we want to say Thank You for your sacrifice and courage for the sake of others. Maybe you're a first responder or in the medical profession, a grocery store clerk or an electrician, the list goes on. You continue to exhibit the love and kindness for mankind that comes straight from the heart of an amazingly wonderful person, Thank You!

As we move forward, we remain committed to praying for you, our partners, and look forward to seeing you on the other side of this pandemic. Let this time be an opportunity to get closer to those who mean the most to you!

Blessings always,

Pastor Terri Martin

Pastor Terri Martin
Board President
Deep Roots, Inc.



HOC CALENDAR — May Happenings

Sunday	May	10	
Tuesday	May	14	
Friday	May	15	
Monday	May	18	6:00pm OR 7:00pm
Thursday	May	21	
Monday	May	25	

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
LOOKING TREE DEADLINE
 Deadline for submitting Graduates' information
 Admin & Finance Commission (Calvin Room)
Virtual Meeting
ASCENSION of the LORD
HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY



*"Accept what is.
 Let go of what was.
 Have faith in what will be."*

The struggle of life
 is one of our greatest
 blessings. It makes us
 patient, sensitive, and
 Godlike. It teaches us that
 although the world is full of
 suffering, it is also full of
 the overcoming of it.
 HELEN KELLER

Happy Mother's Day
To the world you are a mother,
To our family, you are the world!



MAY BIRTHDAYS



May	1	Christine Sutton	May	21	Amy Uffleman
May	9	Jeanne Hastings	May	26	John Tipton
May	13	Betsy Van Culin	May	27	Bill Witt

