

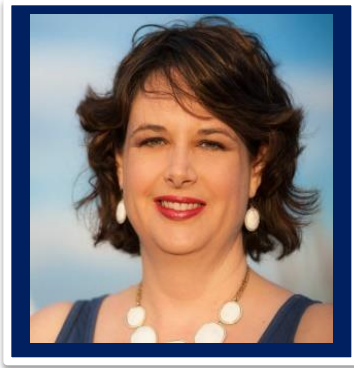


The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

June 2020

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Dear HoC members and friends,

...So, when are we going back to worship in our building? This is a question many are beginning to ask as the state begins its reopening phase after this period of social distancing to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. The governor of Delaware recently issued safety guidelines for places of worship who wish to return to in-person services. Both our presbytery and our denomination have also issued their own guidelines, recommendations and considerations to congregations as they prayerfully discern reopening plans. It will take a lot of careful planning, coordination, and hard work to be able to resume in-person worship at HoC safely.

Session will be convening in early June to begin this conversation about resuming in-person worship services. We will be reviewing all the guidance, recommendations, considerations, and best practices as outlined by our state, public health officials, our denominational leaders, and our own ministry context. We will be moving slowly in this process, with the understanding that, **just because we can reopen soon doesn't mean we should**. We will not be in any rush to resume any in-person activities until we fully understand all available health and safety information, assess the risks involved, and believe that we can safely implement a reopening plan.

There are also spiritual concerns to take into consideration in our decision to resume in-person worship and activities. Over these past few months as we have been experimenting with online virtual worship and faith formation experiences, we have discovered that we are reaching people beyond our members and friends who regularly attend in-person worship services. We've been discerning as a church how we can better engage our neighbors who may never come to our church building for a traditional church service. There's a lot of ministry potential for developing an online community of people who are interested in learning more about following Jesus and serving others, but may not be interested in coming to a church building to do so. By returning to in-person worship too soon, we may be short-circuiting the work of the Holy Spirit who is moving us toward such new ministry opportunities. I would like to see us continue to develop our online presence beyond the time of the pandemic. I could see us perhaps having a hybrid ministry that encompasses both an in-person and an online community. There is great potential, and we don't want to uproot the tender shoots of these new possibilities as they are just beginning to sprout!

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Pastor's Message

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So friends, there is no simple answer to the question, "when are we going to return to in-person worship services?" I know we all miss being together, seeing each other in person, and worshipping in our beautiful sanctuary together! We do hope to eventually return to in-person worship services. We do not currently have a timeline for such a reopening. We will move slowly, carefully, and prayerfully to discern when and how we can resume in-person worship and activities safely. All the while, we will be doing our best to keep in step with the Holy Spirit, who may be calling us to slow down, watch, wait, listen, and pray for the new things God is doing in our midst. We're in the season of Pentecost, after all! We don't want to get ahead of the Holy Spirit!

Please be praying for our church and our leadership as we discern this process! Stay safe and well!

Blessings,

Hilary



HoC HAPPENINGS

THANK
YOU!

We are so grateful for Jeff Greenfield and his 23 years of service to our congregation! Jeff is leaving as our sexton, and we wish him all the best on his future endeavors.

Leroy Harris will be filling the position, and we welcome him to this position.

ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

If our meeting can be in-person, it will be held on Monday, June 15th at 6:00pm in the Calvin Room.

If we cannot meet in person, we will have a Virtual Meeting the same day, Monday, June 15, at 7:00 pm. Depending on the state's pandemic posture, we will determine which it will be and let you know. Thanks for your understanding.

HoC HAPPENINGS

VIRTUAL PULPIT EXCHANGE



HoC has been invited to participate in a **virtual pulpit exchange** with our friends at **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**.

We will be joining with **St. Andrews** in their **virtual worship service livestream** on **Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM**. The virtual service will be **simulcast** on **both St. Andrews and HoC's Facebook pages** (the recording will be available afterwards for anyone who isn't able to join us live.)

Pastor Hilary will be preaching, and we'll be **celebrating virtual communion together** (please have your own elements available – bread and something to drink.)

Then, on **Sunday, June 14, 2020, Rev. Victoria Bethel** from **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church** will be preaching for our prerecorded virtual service, which we will post on both of our churches Facebook pages. We're pleased to strengthen our ecumenical relationships through this virtual pulpit exchange, and we hope you will join us!



Online giving at Head of Christiana

Head of Christiana now has the option of online giving through our website using a computer or mobile device (phone or tablet). In order to provide this service, we have partnered with Tithe.ly, a faith-based organization that creates products to enable online communities for churches.

This service allows you to give using a debit or credit card or via electronic funds transfer. You can make a one-time donation or set up weekly or monthly recurring donations.

To access online giving, navigate to our website's giving page via <https://hocpc.org/give/>.

After navigating to this page, you will have the option to give or get answers to questions you may have. You may also email Brian Huffman (bhuffman@graze.net) if you have additional questions. It's safe and secure. And in this time of social distancing it provides a way to easily continue to support our Church!



Betty Kniskern

Obituary

Betty H. Kniskern passed away peacefully on May 6, 2020 at the age of 88. She was deeply loved and will forever be remembered by her loving husband of 65 years, James; and their children, Timothy, Jennifer, Jonathan; and her beloved grandson, Jonny.

Betty Jean was born in Covington, VA in 1931 to the late Forrest L. and Lillian S. Hostetter. She met her husband James there and they moved with their children to Newark, DE in 1973. Betty was an active member of the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church and a volunteer at Hope Dining Room. She was an avid reader who enjoyed gardening, knitting, cooking and playing duplicate bridge with her husband and her friends.

A private family service was held at Bethel Cemetery in Chesapeake City on May 10th. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Newark Free Library, 750 Library Avenue, Newark, DE 19711, Hope Dining Room, 300 Marrows Road, Newark, DE 19713, or an animal rescue of your choice in Betty Kniskern's name.

To leave online condolences, visit: spicermullikin.com





Rachel VanCulin — Graduated from College Park Academy (College Park, MD), a charter school in Prince George's County on the campus of the University of Maryland where she will be attending and studying Business/Cyber Security. Rachel is a member of the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and will be wearing blue and gold tassels with her graduation cap and gown. (Granddaughter of Betsy VanCulin)

Amanda Marie Boehm — Received her BS from Worcester (MA) Polytechnic Institute with Highest Distinction in Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering. She will be starting her new career in June with DEKA in Manchester, NH (DEKA was founded by DEan KAMen, the inventor of the Segway). (Amanda is the youngest granddaughter of Aileen and John Burmeister)

Chase Truitt — Graduating from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Finance. He will be starting his new career with Deloitte in Philadelphia this fall. (Grandson of Rosi White)

Haylee Jordan Mulvena — Graduated from Caravel Academy. She received a certificate from the Delaware Athletic Association for maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher and for earning a Varsity letter for girl's lacrosse. She plans on attending the University of Salisbury (MD) majoring in the health sciences field. (Haylee is the granddaughter of Sara Jordan)

Elizabeth Anne Roeske received a MS in Environmental Science and Management from Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Sciences at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. (Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Margaret and Russell Holland)

Jillian Gillespie graduated from the University of Delaware (in December) with a BS in Exercise Science. She will be attending graduate school at Temple University for Kinesiology. (Jillian is the daughter of Katie and Jeff Gillespie)

Sophia Marianiello When Sophia was 11 years old and being introduced on Kids Jeopardy, she told them she wanted to be a mechanical engineer when she grew up. Now 11 years later, she's graduating from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree. She has a Minor in Theatre Production and was the winner of the W. Francis Lindell Mechanical Engineering Award — Distinguished Senior. Since she has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the Honors Program throughout her time at UD, her degree will be designated as Summa Cum Laude. (Sophia is the daughter of Lucy and Vince Marianiello)

Nicole Gill graduated from Newark Charter (High) School. This past year brought several awards and honors Nicole's way including: Award for Excellence in Science, Presidential Scholar Candidate, Governor's School, for Excellence Inductee – Theater AP Scholar, Technology Student Association - 1st place Children's Stories, Science Olympiad - 3rd place Meteorology, 5th place Designer Genes, National History Day - 3rd place paper. Nicole plans to enter the University of Delaware Chemical Engineering program in the fall. (Nicole is the daughter of Leslie and Julian Gill, and the granddaughter of Sonia Combs)

Congratulations Graduates!!!



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.

Click this link to access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84174843481?pwd=WUd2NGZhOUUvNHh0VkpyblJkWkpJdz09>

Meeting ID: 841 7484 3481

Password: 251254

If you don't have internet access, you can call **1-929-205-6099**

or **1-301-715-8592.**

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).

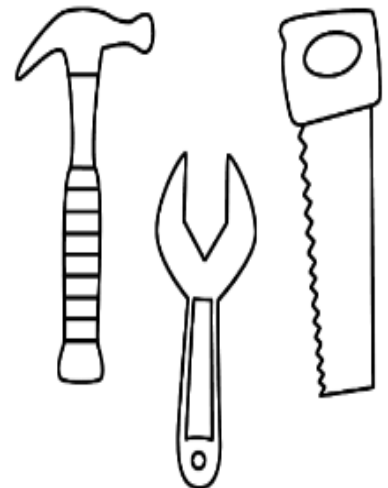
Father's Day Word Search

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden Father's Day words in the word search puzzle below.
(Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



Word List

ADVICE	ENCOURAGING	HONEST
CARING	FRIEND	RESPECT
COLLECTED	HARDWORKING	TOUGH
COMMITTED	HELPFUL	UNDERSTANDING
DEPENDABLE	HOME	WONDERFUL





Fathers Are Wonderful People

by Helen Steiner Rice



Fathers are wonderful people
too little understood.
And we do not sing their praises
as often as we should...
For somehow Father seems to be
the man who pays the bills,
While Mother binds up little hurts
and nurses all our ills.
And Father struggles daily
to live up to his image
As protector and provider
and survivor of the scrimmage...
And perhaps that is the reason
we sometimes get the notion
That fathers are not subject
to that thing we call emotion,
But if you look inside Dad's heart
where no one else can see,
You'll find he's sentimental
and soft as he can be...
But he's so busy every day
in the grueling race of life,
He leaves the sentimental stuff
to his partner and his wife...
But fathers are just wonderful
in a hundred different ways,
And they merit loving compliments
and accolades of praise.
For the only reason Dad aspires
to fortune and success
Is to make his family proud of him
and to bring them happiness
And like our heavenly Father
he's a guardian and a guide,
Someone who we can count on
to be always on our side.

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



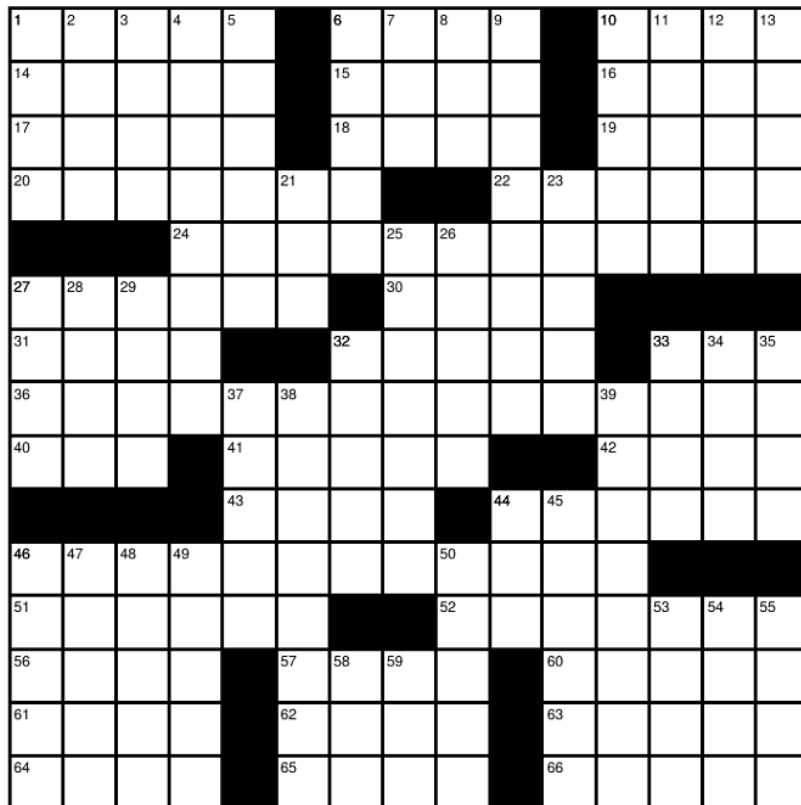
Nice Try

ACROSS

1. Popular chutney ingredient
6. It may be rowed
10. Stats. that supplement your SATs
14. Voter reg. grp. in the news
15. Gothic cathedral feature
16. Small songbird
17. It's bound for harvest
18. Lug
19. Ancient theaters
20. "I" minded
22. Total
24. Contractor's offering
27. Famous balcony occupant
30. Fryer's fat
31. Gray subj.
32. Jamaican fruits
33. It has salt within it and salts above
36. Nintendo booklet
40. PST part
41. Shoot up like _____
42. Smew, e.g.
43. Bronze age arm band
44. They may be rowed
46. Past the breaking point
51. Passes on
52. It may help you regain your focus?
56. Burn a bit
57. Fog
60. Target, on the diamond
61. Seed covering
62. Infernal quality
63. Following
64. Totals
65. Drains
66. Lawman Earp

DOWN

1. Photon's lack
2. Pine
3. Yuletide
4. Tagger's art



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5. Playing at peak
6. Use the tub
7. Guillermo's gold
8. Tread the boards
9. Flamboyant
10. Murkiness
11. "The Taming of the Shrew" locale
12. Fail to be
13. Travel round the rink
21. Word with chess or opening
23. Thick
25. "View of Toledo" painter
26. Health to Hernando
27. 1975 move about Amity horror
28. Tesla, for one
29. Word before up, down, back, or low
32. In ____ (unborn)
33. Heart's partner
34. SASE, typically
35. Pops the question
37. Bumpo the Deerslayer
38. Designs on Nike shoes
39. Distinguish
44. Place for rooting
45. Kornfield Kounty comedy hour
46. Keiko's kin
47. India's first P.M.
48. Miner's filing
49. Sandwich and Salisbury, e.g.
50. Is sensitive
53. Singer James
54. Correction for a correction
55. Injury that brings you before the bench
58. Hollywood Gardner
59. Kind of code or car

HOC CALENDAR — June Happenings

Sunday	June 07	11:00am	Joint Virtual Worship with St. Andrews
Sunday	June 14	11:00am	Rev. Victoria Bethel preaching online
Monday	June 15	6:00pm Or... 7:00pm	Admin & Finance Meeting in Calvin Room Virtual Meeting
Tuesday	June 16		LOOKING TREE DEADLINE
Saturday	June 20		First Day of Summer!!!
Sunday	June 21		HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Sometimes we are tested not to show our weaknesses, but to discover our strengths.

A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.



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		

