



# The Looking Tree

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

July 2020

*Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,*



Pastor Hilary Livingston

**Dear HoC members and friends,**

This has been my catchphrase throughout this pandemic... *think like a deacon*. Of course, we're blessed to have ordained deacons in our church who fulfill the particular calling God placed on them to perform works of service for our members and friends, as well as those in our broader community. Yet, we shouldn't place all the work of caring for one another in the church and community on our deacons alone. We're all called to love and serve one another in Christ. Especially now, during this pandemic.

This is a unique situation, requiring us all to step up and "*think like a deacon*" and consider all the ways we can be of extra support to one another during this time. In this spirit, I will be starting a summer sermon series on the "**one another**" passages of the Bible. Did you know that there are 59 "one another" passages in the Bible? (At least, according to the internet, anyway.) We're not going to cover all of these passages, but we will look at several in particular that are key to us being the body of Christ to one another. Passages like:

- Love one another (John 13:34)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)
- Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)
- Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)

This series will hopefully get us thinking of practical ways the Holy Spirit may be calling us to "*think like a deacon*" and go the extra distance in taking care of one another during this unprecedented time.

Friends, let's continue to "*think like a deacon*" as we learn about, and hopefully put into better practice the Bible's "one another" passages!

Blessings,

Hilary



## VIRTUAL CHURCH

Please join us for virtual worship on Sunday mornings at 11:00am 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/87809131177?pwd=V1h5VnowWXRCZ2ZMS0UyWkFXSVBrUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 0913 1177

Password: 411266

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!!!**



## HoC Pandemic Time Capsule

We're a historic church...and we're living through a historic event with the COVID-19 global pandemic of 2020. I thought it would be interesting to preserve accounts and objects of this event for a time capsule!

I thought we could preserve written accounts of people's experiences with the pandemic, as well as some "artifacts" – small items that represent your experience with the pandemic that we could keep for future generations. Also, since we're in a digital age, I thought about perhaps making some sort of digital record of this time period.

We could collect these items and have them available for future generations to explore. We could perhaps even send some things (written records and/or digital items) to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia.

If you would like to contribute writings, photos, videos or other items, please send them to me at [heliving@gmail.com](mailto:heliving@gmail.com).

Also, if you would like to help put together the "time capsule" or whatever we will be utilizing to preserve these historical items, please let me know.

*Pastor Hilary*

### TODAY

Today...before you say an unkind word,  
think of someone who can't speak.

Today...before you complain about the taste of your food,  
think of someone who has nothing to eat.

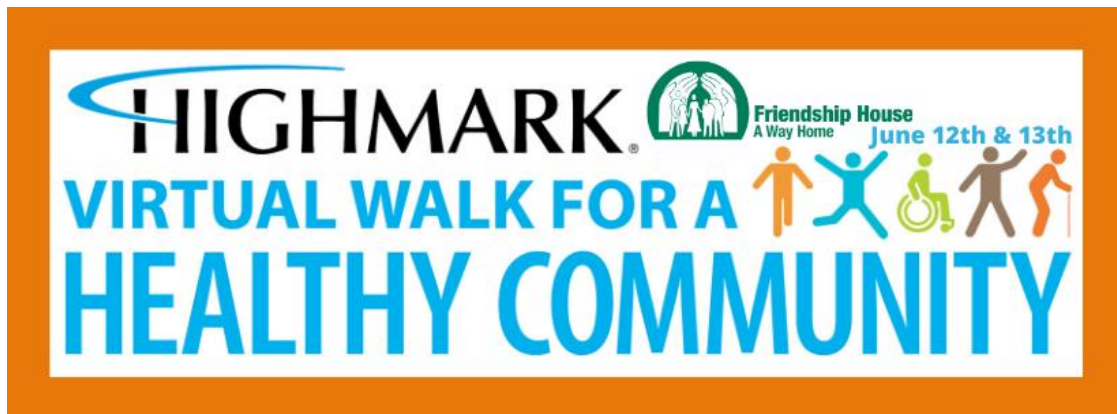
Today...before you complain about your husband or wife,  
think about someone who's crying out to God for a companion.

Today...before you complain about life,  
think about someone who went too early to Heaven.

Today...before whining about the distance you drive,  
think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.

And when you are tired and complain about your job,  
think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down, put a smile on your face  
and thank God you're alive and still around.



Thank you to all those who donated and/or participated in the Virtual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community! **The Newark Faith Communities Team** exceeded their fundraising goal, raising **over \$5,600** for Friendship House of Wilmington, Delaware.

From our friends at Friendship House: *"We'd like to say a special thank you to each and every walker and donor who supported Friendship House in the Virtual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community! Because of you, we raised more money and had more walkers than any year prior. We are truly blessed to have such a loving, supportive community who walked for #AWayHome virtually! Thank you!!"*

Our church also provided 45 lunches to those in need.

Thanks to everyone for their generosity and service!

## **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](mailto: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!





# Summertime Joys in the Time of COVID-19

How I've been spending my time in spite of the virus...

~ *Betsy VanCulin*



Cruising the Sassafras from North East to Georgetown



Flower Garden in full bloom!



Betsy's Fairy Garden and Flower Beds

## WARRIORS HELPING WARRIORS

Our Minute for Mission this month is Warriors Helping Warriors.

To donate, please visit <https://www.whwonline.org/>

or send a check to: Warriors Helping Warriors,  
104 S. Broad Street, Middletown, DE 19709.





# "Food" for Thought

Shared by Jeanne Hastings

## Tater People



Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Speck Taters".

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters".

There are those who say they will help, but some-how just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters".

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters".



## A Universal Prayer

*Heavenly Father,*

*Thank you for each and every day  
You have blessed me with here on earth.*

*Thank you for Your tender mercies.*

*Thank you for giving me friends and family  
to share joys and sorrows with.*

*I ask you to bless my friends, relatives,  
brothers and sisters in Christ  
and those I care deeply for.*

*Where there is joy, give them continued joy.*

*Where there is pain or sorrow,  
give them your peace and mercy.*

*Where there is self-doubt, release a renewed confidence.*

*Where there is need, fulfill their needs.*

*Bless their homes, families, finances, and their goings  
and comings.*

*In Jesus' name. Amen.*







# 4th of July Word Search



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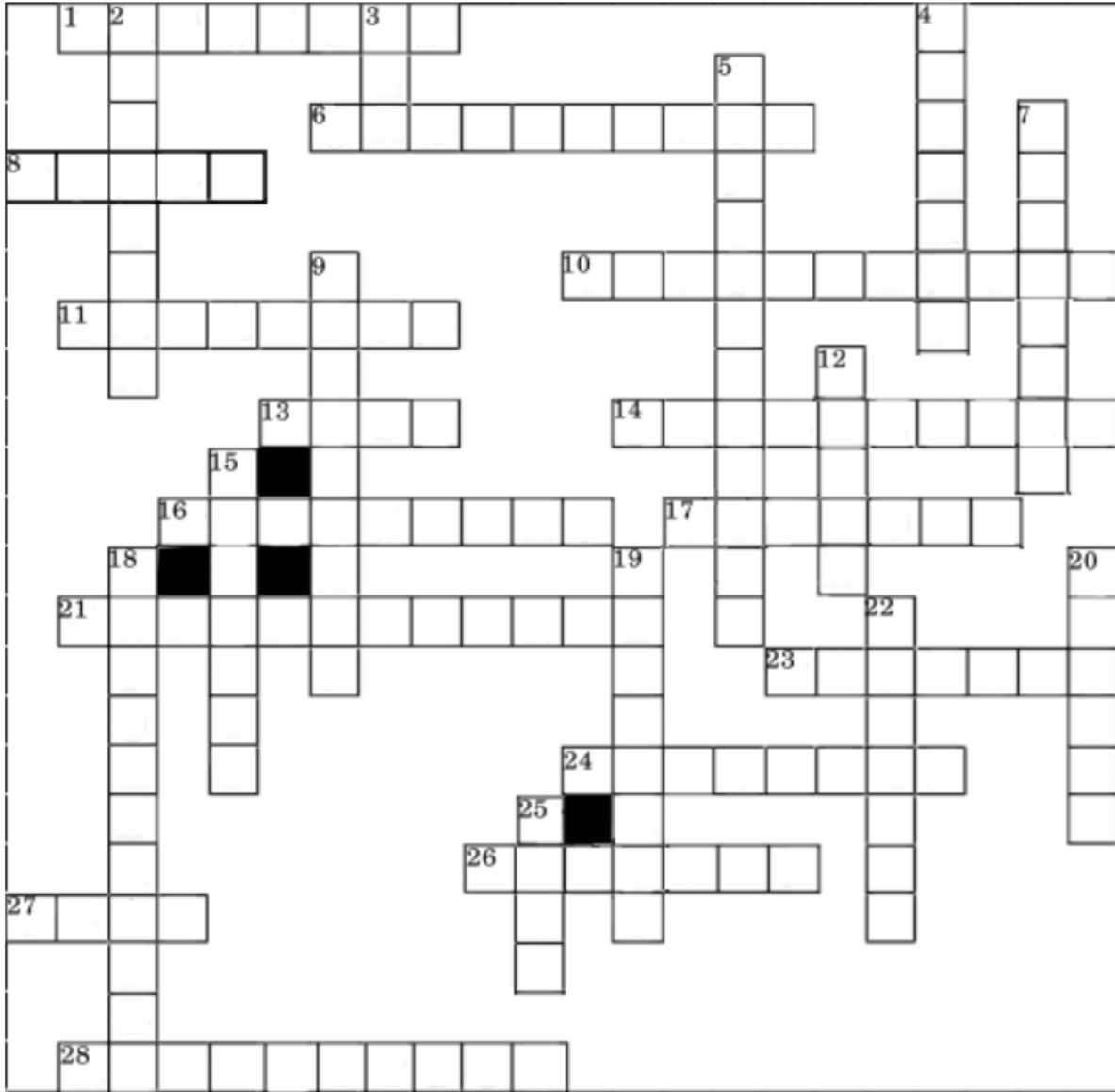
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STARS  
STRIPES  
TRADITION  
TRIBUTE  
USA  
WATERMELON  
WHITE



# 4th of July Deluxe Crossword



## ACROSS

- 1 Loyal to their country
- 6 Colonial army leader
- 8 Valley fort
- 10 First American Congress
- 11 Payment to government
- 13 Nation's birthday month
- 14 Made midnight ride
- 16 Bursts in the air
- 17 A big win
- 21 Freedom of choice
- 23 Bands march in
- 24 Original states
- 26 Record of events
- 27 Betsy Ross made one
- 28 British colonial war

## DOWN

- 2 Citizen of USA
- 3 Colonist threw in harbor
- 4 Part of Great Britain
- 5 "We the People" document
- 7 Washington crossed it
- 9 60 second fighters
- 12 Not lies
- 15 No tyranny
- 18 \_\_\_ ACTS
- 19 British soldiers
- 20 Tea Harbor
- 22 Right of choice
- 25 George's title

# HOC CALENDAR — July Happenings



**Saturday**    **July**    **04**    **HAPPY FOURTH of JULY**  
**Monday**      **July**      **13**    **LOOKING TREE DEADLINE**  
**Monday**      **July**      **20**    **7:00pm      Admin & Finance Virtual Zoom Meeting**



*“When one door of happiness  
 closes, another opens, but often  
 we look so long at the closed  
 door that we don't see the one  
 that has been opened for us.”  
 ~ Helen Keller*



## 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		

