



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

November 2020



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Dear HoC members and friends,

A Reformer's Advice for Christians During a Pandemic

We just commemorated Reformation Sunday, the anniversary of the great reformer, Martin Luther nailing his "95 Theses" to the door at Wittenberg, thus beginning the Protestant Reformation.

Martin Luther, who himself lived through a pandemic, had some advice for his fellow Christ followers that is relevant for us today as we live through this COVID-19 period. Luther's advice to Christians during a pandemic:

"Use medicine; take potions which can help you; fumigate house, yard, and street [wash your hands, use hand sanitizer]; shun persons and places where your neighbor does not need your presence or has recovered, and act like a [person] who wants to help put out the burning city. What else is the epidemic but a fire, which, instead of consuming wood and straw, devours life and body? Therefore I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid persons and places where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me, and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely, as stated above. See, this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God."

Basically, Luther advised Christians in his day to do the modern-day equivalent of wearing masks, washing our hands, practicing social distancing, and taking the pandemic seriously.

Sound advice for all of us as we continue to navigate this pandemic! Stay safe and well!

Blessings,

Hilary

Dear Friends,

On behalf of The Newark Partnership, I wanted to highlight our school supply drive that was announced in our last newsletter.

Last year, this drive benefited the teachers at the City of Newark's four elementary schools. We collected over 5,000 supplies. This year we hope to "collect" over 6,000. Given social distancing challenges, we moved our "collection" to an online platform.

Click or type into your browser, the link below and you can shop for specific supplies that teachers asked for, or you can use a credit card to enter an amount and we will pick for you. I would like to encourage you to support The Newark Partnership by contributing and sharing with your networks.

<https://www.roonga.com//tnpnewark>

Our drive will run through November 10, 2020. Then, all supplies will be shipped directly to the elementary schools. A flyer is also attached to this email.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Reeves at: Debbie_Reeves@comcast.net or Polly Sierer, TNP Chair at: pasierer@comcast.net or on her cell 302-690-1741



VETERAN'S DAY 2020

Veteran's Day this year falls on Wednesday, Nov. 11th so we will have our annual **HoC Salute to Veterans** insert on **Sunday, November 8th**. Please let me know if you need to add someone to our list, or if you have changes no later than Nov. 5th.

Thank you!

Contact me at nancy.hoc@outlook.com

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Thank You

by John Brook

Hello Friends,

The Stewardship Campaign for the Church's 2021 budget year has just concluded. On behalf of your Administration and Finance Commission, "Thank You" to both those who estimated or pledged a commitment of financial support, and to those who did neither, but faithfully give to the Church throughout the year. The financial support of all of us is vital to the ability of our Church to function, bringing God's word, helping friends and neighbors in need, and endowing each of us with spiritual understanding, support, care and guidance.

Not unexpectedly, to this date, giving during 2020 has decreased, but not as much as feared. Likewise, our expenses have declined, but not as much as hoped. Most of our expenses are incurred to pay our staff and to maintain our programs and facilities. Many costs are fixed and ongoing, so our deficit exceeded our 2020 budget income expectations. Spending has been reduced where feasible and some personnel costs have been reduced. We still depend on each other to provide needed financial support, therefore, I challenge all members of our Church, even though they may have pledged, to consider giving more in the event their financial condition so allows during the coming year.

By now, many of us are growing tired of the inconveniences and restrictions necessitated by the coronavirus. One thing we all miss is being able to join together as a family. I think we all appreciate the extra efforts undertaken to bring us a virtual Sunday Service, a Vespers Service and the many calls and cards sent and received by all of us. These efforts will serve to preserve those bonds that bind us together as a congregation until we can safely meet again.

Better Days Are Ahead...





2021 Stewardship Campaign

November

- 8th Announce pledge results during Sunday service
- 9th Session meeting / Second reading & Budget approval

In all things, give with an attitude of gratitude!



Thank you to everyone who sent cards and gifts to me during October for Clergy Appreciation Month!
Your thoughtful words and kindness mean so much to me!

Pastor Hilary



Autumn Prayer

God of all seasons,
we thank you for Autumn.
We thank you for the touch of coolness
in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,
for the coloring of trees
that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,
for the falling leaves that reveal
the strength of the branches,
for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,
for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,
for the fall harvest which brings us gratitude
for the bounty of our land,
for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.
God of all seasons, as you transform the earth,
transform us by your Spirit. Amen.

Thanks to Betsy VanCulin for sharing this Autumn Prayer with all of us!

SESSION MEMBERS

There are only five copies of the
20-21 Presbyterian Planning Calendars
available to the first five who request one.
Please contact Nancy in the church office
via email at:

nancy.hoc@outlook.com





VIRTUAL CHURCH

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 YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjuPGVIASRtLTGrDabSTpJA>

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 10:00am prior to our virtual worship service.

Click this link to access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85307878063?pwd=SWhXOEJCR1dvWnY1TEN5S3FXVmNiQT09>

Meeting ID: 853 0787 8063

Passcode: 957260

(This is a new link – it is valid through January 3, 2021.)

If you don't have internet access, you can call **1-646-558-8656**

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

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



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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).

WORD SEARCH 3: AUTUMN

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 MNIRUSRAINCOAT
 HASEEICONDOSSP
 ASTUNALRINRGUW
 LNHENDPTEENVOE
 LHIRYFRLLEAUF
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 NSWJDRPPTPEPCDA
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ACORN HAY
 APPLE HAYRIDE
 CHILLY LEAF
 CIDER CORN MAIZE
 CRISPY NUTS
 DECIDUOUS PUMPKIN
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 GOURD RAINCOAT
 HALLOWEEN SCARECROW
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SUDOKU 6

CANNING Solution on page 22

ACROSS

- 1 Daddy
- 5 Dreaded school subject
- 9 Haze
- 13 Any substance in a class of sour compounds
- 14 Fake butter
- 15 Capital of Ghana
- 16 Bonito
- 17 Noise
- 18 Angers
- 19 Cool, dry, semi-dark place where food can be kept
- 21 Narrow opening
- 23 Japanese money
- 24 Holy woman
- 25 Published
- 29 Compass point
- 30 Moderate
- 32 Not amateur
- 33 Layered rock
- 36 Alders
- 37 Rested
- 38 Dogie
- 39 Bake unshelled eggs

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- 41 River (Spanish)
- 42 Board game
- 43 Ahoy there ___!
- 44 Southwestern Indian
- 45 Alone
- 46 Lip
- 47 National capital
- 49 Canoe propeller
- 50 Camp bed
- 53 Lone
- 55 Locate
- 57 Special case only (2 wds.)
- 60 Not ins
- 62 Stringed instrument
- 63 Yankee's enemies
- 64 Reverse
- 65 Usages
- 66 Hebrew 8th letter
- 67 Bed or living ending
- 68 Meager

DOWN

- 1 Easily cheated
- 2 Angle less than 90 degrees
- 3 Pine nut
- 4 Jewish calendar month
- 5 Mortuary
- 6 Foreign-born
- 7 Decade
- 8 Swine
- 9 Gets out
- 10 Microgram
- 11 Miner's goal
- 12 Petrol
- 15 Gets up
- 20 Green Gables dweller
- 22 Metric unit of measure similar to a US quart in volume
- 26 Defeat unexpectedly
- 27 Rub out
- 28 Absurd
- 29 Fairy
- 30 Salt water solution used in pickling or when preserving other foods
- 31 Air (prefix)
- 33 Rub clean
- 34 Island
- 35 Soothing agents
- 36 Other ___
- 39 National capital
- 40 Spread made by combining crushed or chopped fruit with sugar then cooking
- 42 Submerge a food in boiling water for a short period of time to loosen skin
- 43 Morass
- 46 Redeem
- 48 ___ sayer (prophet)
- 49 Trounce
- 50 Small bottle
- 51 Swimming mammal
- 52 Not those
- 54 Not mine
- 56 Ingredient used in older pickling recipes to add crispness and firmness
- 57 Fire remains
- 58 Buck's mate
- 59 Shack
- 61 Card game



Thanksgiving Word Scramble

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HOC CALENDAR — November Happenings



Sun	Nov 01		All Saints Day
Sun	Nov 01		<i>Daylight Saving Time Ends (Turn clocks back 1 hour)</i>
Mon	Nov 02	7:00pm	Worship Commission (Virtual Meeting)
Mon	Nov 09	7:00pm	Session (Virtual Meeting)
Tues	Nov 10		LOOKING TREE DEADLINE
Mon	Nov 16	7:00pm	Admin & Finance Commission via Zoom
Thur	Nov 26		HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Sun	Nov 29		1 st Sunday of Advent



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- Nov 2 Andre Marianiello
- Nov 13 Melissa Witt
- Nov 19 Gerry Cole
- Nov 26 Linda Dunn
- Nov 28 Landon Gill
- Nov 29 Lillian Crispin

