



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

MAY 2021

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Cultivating Spiritual Fruit

We're in the season of Easter – celebrating Jesus' resurrection and new life we have in him!

We're also back to worship in our sanctuary, and it is wonderful to be back together again in-person!

I'm so grateful for all of you and how you've been able to endure this COVID-19 pandemic with all its challenges. When I think about all the creative ways we've been able to adapt to being the church toward one another and our community over this past year, I am amazed!

As you know, I've been preaching a new sermon series, "Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit" about how we grow to maturity in Christ as we abide in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to produce spiritual fruit in our lives and our church.

As we come out of this pandemic and move back toward "normal" (whatever that is), I want to encourage us to continue to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in our fellowship, especially as we navigate this precarious in-between time when we're slowly coming back to life as we knew it before the pandemic, yet we're still not fully there yet. I encourage us, with God's help, to cultivate:

Love – Practicing loving God, one another, and our neighbors as ourselves, understanding that love is not a feeling, but an action that puts others' wellbeing and protection above our own desires for comfort and control.

Joy – Practicing joy that acknowledges the losses we've experienced over the past year, while still affirming the unexpected blessings we've gained; a joy that celebrates the things we have and the things we can do, rather than regret the things we don't have or are not yet able to do.

Peace – Practicing the "peace the passes all understanding" (Phil. 4:6) that is granted to us in Jesus Christ, on whom we can place all our cares and anxieties, knowing he will calm our hearts and minds as he calmed the storm on the sea.

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Patience – Practicing patience with others, with God, and especially with ourselves as we weather what are hopefully the final throes of this pandemic leading soon to happier times.

Kindness – Practicing kindness toward one another, especially as this pandemic has strained us all in so many ways (physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually). May we seek the Spirit’s strength to extend an extra measure of kindness toward one another, as none of us know the full extent of another’s struggle.

Generosity – Practicing generosity by expressing gratitude for the many gifts God has given us, and by sharing the abundance of God’s gifts with others in need.

Faithfulness – Practicing faithfulness in continuing to show up for one another, worship God together, serve our community, and follow Jesus as his disciples, even in the midst of the challenges we face.

Gentleness – Practicing gentleness with one another, particularly when nerves are frayed, tempers are short, and we’re tempted to react rather than respond to one another.

Self-Control – Practicing self-control with our thoughts, emotions and actions, remaining even-keeled, steady and disciplined, even when the world around us seems chaotic, and the ground underneath us seems constantly shifting.

Above all, let us stay firmly rooted like branches in Jesus Christ, the True Vine, allowing the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit to flow in and through us, producing sweet, juicy spiritual fruit to nourish our community (John 15:1-5). God who calls us is faithful, and he will do this!

Blessings,

Pastor Hilary

Live Streaming – Coming soon!

The HoC sanctuary will soon be equipped to live stream our worship services online. Soon, folks worshipping virtually will be able to participate in the same worship service as those gathering in-person. Live streamed services will also be recorded and available for viewing afterwards on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. We will let you know the date of when our first worship service will be streamed online.

Opening Phases and COVID Safety Protocols:

We plan to resume in-person worship in our sanctuary in phases. The first phase will have full COVID protocols and restrictions. As conditions with the virus improve, we hope to loosen restrictions and resume full regular Sunday morning activities.

Phase one restrictions/safety protocols include the following:

- Worship will be limited to the sanctuary and/or outdoor spaces only. The Christian Education building/Fellowship Hall will remain closed, with the exception of restroom facilities. Please use the restroom facilities marked for HoC members and friends' usage. The other restroom is reserved for presbytery staff who utilize our Christian Education building during the week.
- Worship service in the sanctuary will be limited to 30 minutes (to reduce the time people are within an enclosed area).
- Social distancing will be observed both outside and inside the sanctuary. Tape-marked Xs will indicate safe standing distances for those waiting to enter the sanctuary. Inside the sanctuary, certain pews will be taped off for non-use to promote appropriate distancing.
- Ushers will individually seat family units inside the sanctuary one-at-a time. Once seated, you are asked to remain in your pew until the service has concluded. Afterwards, ushers will dismiss family units one-at-a-time to exit.
- Those attending worship will be asked to sign in inside the narthex before entering the sanctuary (to collect information for possible contact tracing, if necessary). Bulletins and communion elements will be given upon entry.
- Masks must be worn inside the sanctuary. Disposable masks will be available for those who need them. Hand sanitizer will also be available.
- No singing, shaking hands, hugging or other contact is permitted inside the narthex or sanctuary.
- To improve air circulation, the sanctuary windows will be open during the worship service. Please dress in layers to accommodate temperature fluctuations.
- To make cleaning/sanitizing easier, pew cushions have been removed. Please feel free to bring your own cushion.
- Offering plates will be available in the narthex. You may place your offering in the plate upon entry or exit from the sanctuary. You may also mail checks to the church, or use our online giving platform at hocpc.org/give.
- There will be no fellowship hour or Christian education classes inside the building. These may be reinstated as conditions improve.
- To minimize virus transmission, the sanctuary will be closed outside of Sunday morning worship times.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at HoC

Welcome Back!!!



HoC Sanctuary Re-opens Easter Sunday



JOHN BROOK OBITUARY

John Trimble Brook, age 82, of Newark, DE, died on Friday, April 16, 2021, from cancer. He was born on June 14, 1938, in Parkersburg, WV, across the Ohio River from his hometown of Belpre, OH, to the late Lee Scott and Irma Breetz Brook. John was the oldest of three brothers and he remained close to his brothers, Richard and David, and their families, throughout his life. John attended Belpre High School, where he played football and basketball for the Golden Eagles. And because he was the only band member strong enough to carry it, he played the double-bell euphonium with the Belpre High band!

John graduated from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA, with a degree in history. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and Pi Gamma Mu honor society, and was on the track and field team. At Allegheny, John met his best friend and the love of his life, Katherine "Kay" Ellis. After his graduation, John and Kay were married and the couple moved to Columbus, OH, where he earned his juris doctor degree from Ohio State University. John was a member of the Ohio Bar, and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

John was recruited by the FBI after earning his law degree. For the next seven years, he served as an FBI special agent, investigating bank robberies, kidnappings, and other crimes. In one of his more challenging assignments, he served as the case manager for a spy from the former Soviet Union. John's FBI assignments took him from Springfield, IL, to Rock Island, IL, Baltimore, MD and Wilmington. At every stop, John and Kay made lifelong friends with his fellow agents and their families.

When an opportunity opened for a Director of Public Safety at the University of Delaware in 1970, John took the job. It was a time of student protests and turmoil. He was hired to provide a steady hand while building a professional security department capable of sensitively handling law enforcement issues on campus. Over the course of the next several years, John modernized the security department into a professional police force, introduced the campus bus system, installed student safety measures and built the parking garage on Main Street.

His work led to increasing responsibilities. John was named assistant to the president for special projects, then vice president of personnel and employee relations, before being named vice president of government and public relations. He became a fixture advocating for university funding in the legislative halls of Dover and Washington, D.C., until retiring in 1997, following a 27-year university career.

John's retirement enabled him to do what he loved best: spend time with his family. He was the patriarch, whose natural charm, good nature, ability to sense what really matters, and deep love for Kay, his three children and six grandchildren, made him the true rock of the family. He was always there to help or give advice.

John was a truly wonderful grandparent. He was the kind of grandpa who took his grandchildren on month-long camping trips; who responded to knock-knock jokes with a deep, booming laugh; who volunteered to babysit at every opportunity; who always had a candy bar in his glove compartment; who everyone wanted to sit next to during Sunday family dinner; who hinted at forbidden limericks; and who loved unconditionally.

John seemed to know everyone in Delaware, and he served his adopted state well. For two years, he served as chairman of the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce. After retiring from the University of Delaware, John served as executive director of the Small Business Alliance of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Historic Review Board of New Castle County, the corporate Board of Directors and Management Committee of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware, the Committee of 100 and the board of the Diabetes Association. John was also a long-time member of the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church, where he sang in the choir and served as an elder. He also served as president of the Head of Christiana Church Cemetery board.

John never forgot his roots, especially his time at Allegheny. He was awarded a Blue Citation from the Allegheny College Alumni Association for his volunteer work and fundraising efforts. John served as an Allegheny Ambassador, and he and Kay were longtime members of Allegheny's Timothy Alden Council and the William Bentley Legacy Society.

John and Kay traveled extensively, and he was never happier than when camping in the Rocky Mountains. John remained an avid follower of the University of Delaware football and basketball teams.

John is survived by his wife of 60 years, Katherine E. Brook; three children who were precious to him, Laura B. Tipton (Daniel) of Landenberg, PA; Susan Stauffer Brook and William Scott Brook (Lori), both of Newark; a source of constant joy to him were his six grandchildren, John Daniel Tipton, Sarah Brook Tipton, Michael Scott Tipton, Matthew Thomas Tipton, Megan Nicole Brook and Cara Rylee Brook. He is also survived by his brothers, Richard (Sonja) of Huntley, IL and David (Mary Ashley) of Raleigh, NC; two nieces; and two nephews.

A visitation will be held from 9 am until 10 am on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church, 1100 West Church Road, Newark, DE, followed by a memorial service at 10 am. Interment will follow in Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Face masks will be required for all in attendance.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in John's name may be made to Allegheny College, 520 North Main Street, Meadville, PA 16335, or the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church, 1100 West Church Road, Newark, DE 19702.

HoC HAPPENINGS



Our June issue of The Looking Tree always features a page that recognizes our recent graduates.

If you have any graduates in your family, please send me their name, their relationship to you, the name of the school they're graduating from, any awards, honors, or recognition they received, the name of the school they're moving on to, or the company they'll be employed at.

Please have your information to me no later than **Tuesday, May 11th** so it can be included in our June issue. Email me at nancy.hoc@outlook.com



HoC VIRTUAL WORSHIP INFO



VIRTUAL CHURCH WORSHIP INFO:

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/UCjuPGVlASRtLTGrDabSTpJA>

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.



Beginning April 11, 2021, we will be having a Zoom Fellowship Hour on Sunday afternoons at 1:00pm after our virtual worship service.

(PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!!!)

Click this link to access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81691102111?pwd=QTB1MFMvclZsTmhvbHdGK3h2cGlSdz09>

Meeting ID: 816 9110 2111

Passcode: 482678

(This link is valid through May 30, 2021.)

If you don't have internet access, you can call 1-**312-626-6799** or **1-646-558-8656**.

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.

HoC CONTACT INFO



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



A Mother's Love

There's no love like a Mother's.
Her heart is filled with care
with Christ as her example,
her Savior's love she'll share.

A Mother's love is endless,
not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
a Mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
and special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,
a Mother's love lives on.
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our Mothers
who love with higher love.
From power God has given
and strength from up above.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

TOYS AND GAMES Solution on page 26

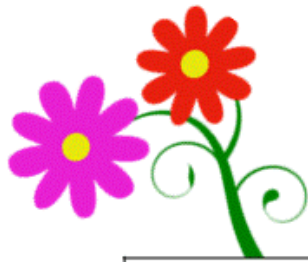
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- 1 Wander
- 6 Her
- 9 Thick soup
- 13 Metes
- 14 Nonprofessional
- 15 Smooth track that persons can travel downward on
- 16 Crowd
- 17 Lager
- 18 Mary Moore
- 19 Web-like
- 20 Nodal
- 22 Vane direction
- 23 Antlered animal
- 24 Wooden leg
- 25 Los Angeles football team
- 27 Sugar-free brand
- 29 Site of ancient Olympic games
- 33 American College of Physicians (abbr.)
- 34 Leather worker's tool
- 35 Canoe propellers
- 36 Game of knights, kings and queens
- 39 Ship initials
- 40 Traveler's lodging
- 41 Brad _____, actor
- 42 Pen stuff
- 43 Fold-up bed
- 44 Rises
- 46 Louse
- 49 Small cubes with dots on the sides
- 50 _____ Lanka
- 51 Women's partners
- 53 Body of water
- 56 Irritated
- 58 Father
- 59 God of Islam
- 61 Sever
- 62 Rebound
- 63 Round or spherical object on which a map of the earth is depicted
- 64 Epoch
- 65 Snap
- 66 Perceives with eye
- 67 Delaware (abbr.)
- 68 Zip

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- 1 Confused
- 2 Team spirit
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- 4 Pine
- 5 Compass point
- 6 Informal speech
- 7 Nimbus
- 8 Often plucked
- 9 Foxy
- 10 Roof covering
- 11 Eve's garden
- 12 "as you _____"
- 15 Hinder
- 20 Store
- 21 Round object of many sizes that bounces or rolls
- 24 Upper body muscles (abbr.)
- 26 Suave
- 28 Sampled
- 30 Caress
- 31 Wrath
- 32 American Sign Language
- 34 Question
- 36 Accountant
- 37 Possessive pronoun
- 38 And so forth
- 39 Opened
- 40 Shoshonean
- 42 Annoying, like a bug bite
- 43 Small pieces of thick paper, plastic or cardboard
- 45 Alcove
- 47 Stain
- 48 Remove the bones
- 50 Floral leaf
- 52 Appointed
- 53 Droops
- 54 Women's magazine
- 55 Lotion ingredient
- 57 Forward
- 58 Retired persons association (abbr.)
- 60 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
- 62 Hertz



Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May

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APPRECIATION
BEAUTIFUL
BREAKFAST
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CHARMING
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GIFTS

GUIDANCE
HUGS
JEWELRY
JOY
KISSES
LAUGHTER
LOVE
MATERNAL
MOM
MOTHER

NURTURE
PERFUME
PROTECTIVE
SHARE
TELEPHONE
TENDER
THE BEST
WARM
WISE



HOC CALENDAR — May Happenings



Sunday	May	09		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Sunday	May	09		Rev. Scott Burkley, Guest Pastor (Pastor Hilary on Vacation)
Monday	May	10	7:00pm	Session (ZOOM)
Tuesday	May	12		Looking Tree Deadline
Thursday	May	13		Ascension of Our Lord
Monday	May	17	7:00pm	Admin & Finance Meeting (ZOOM)
Sunday	May	23		Pentecost
Monday	May	31		HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY



You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are, and change the ending!
~ C. S. Lewis



MAY BIRTHDAYS



- May 1 Christine Sutton
- May 9 Jeanne Hastings
- May 13 Betsy VanCulin
- May 27 Bill Witt

