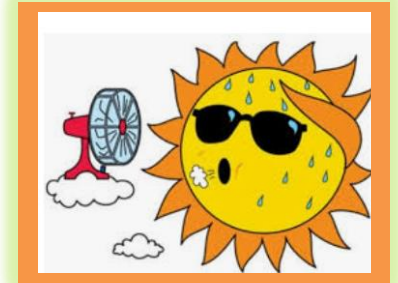




# The Looking Tree

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

August 2021



*Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,*



Pastor Hilary Livingston

**Dear HoC members and friends,**

**A Time to Reflect:**

As we slowly come out of the COVID-19 pandemic and return to “normal,” it is a good opportunity to reflect upon the ways we’ve changed and grown during this period. We’ve acknowledged many losses, but it’s also good to reflect on the things we gained that we may not have expected.

*Here are some questions to help you reflect on your experience over this pandemic period:*

- What are some of the things you have learned over the course of the pandemic?
- What are some of the things you are more mindful of and appreciate more after the pandemic?
- What were some of the things that got you through the pandemic? What things did you begin during the pandemic that you hope to continue into the future?
- How has your faith/relationship with God changed as a result of the pandemic? What faith practices, if any, did you develop over the pandemic that you hope to continue?
- What are your hopes for the future coming out of the pandemic?
- What was your biggest challenge you overcame during the pandemic? What are you most thankful for?

Feel free to add and answer other questions that come to mind.

The pandemic was no doubt a very difficult season for us all. There were many sacrifices we made, as well as many things we lost. However, there were also ways we learned and grew during this time. I hope these questions help you reflect upon your experience during the pandemic so you can emerge living more intentionally into the future.

God is in the business of redeeming the difficult and painful times in our lives, bringing us through to new life and new beginnings. My prayer is that God will reveal moments of his grace and blessing, even in the midst of this difficult season.

Blessings,

*Hilary*

# “NEWTON,” OUR HoC FIG TREE

This summer marks “Newton’s” third birthday. At one year old, he yielded one fig. He rested during his second summer, producing no figs. A few weeks ago, a couple of us walked to the tree and saw many figs on it on branches close to the wall. Hilary and Aileen inspected some of the fruit and picked a big one that was soft and ripe. And now, “Newton” is yielding a good crop of figs. However, Hilary and Aileen were shocked to see Lantern Flies near the one they picked so we are going to have to be vigilant and destroy any eggs (and flies) we see.

The fig tree is not mentioned very often in the Bible, but there is a well-known story that features a fig tree. Jesus showed anger when he stopped under one in full bloom, hoping to ease his hunger, but finding the tree to be barren of fruit. He cursed the fig tree causing it to die.

When Aileen was mulling over doing a fun project for VBS that would produce a lasting interest in our church for the kids, she thought of planting a fig tree and watching it yield fruit and memories. She bought one in early Spring and nurtured it until VBS started so it would thrive and be ready for planting. They lucked out finding just the right spot to plant it—right at the corner next to the herb garden. So after their class session, they all went out and the kids had fun taking the shovel and digging the hole and watering it. They decided to call the fig tree “NEWTON.”

When Lucy heard the discussion about planting a fig tree, she was reminded of a VBS program she attended in her youth and suggested the title for our upcoming VBS. We titled our VBS program that year, “Faith In God,” (FIG).

Aileen has always thought this about the fig tree after it was planted:

*"May it give food to the traveler and shade for the weary to rest"*



Check out “Newton” – all grown up!

# Newton's Baby Pictures

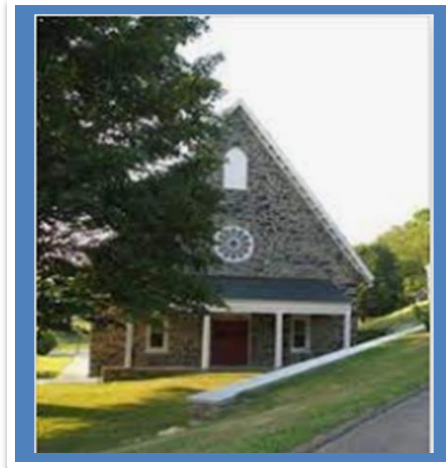


# GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

*Submitted by Debbie Reeves*



John R. Downes Elementary School



The Rock Presbyterian Church

HOC will collect school supplies for the Downes Elementary School again this year. I am awaiting word from the principal as to what their procedure is going to look like for our mission. I will keep you notified as soon as I get confirmation.

Also... There is a need for food, school supplies, clothing, etc. that is being collected and dispersed to those in need. A lot of children are feeding themselves after school. For that reason, we are asking for things that can be warmed up in the microwave or consumed without cooking.

Mission and Outreach will be partnering with The Rock Church which has a small congregation also. They're located 4.8 miles from us. As soon as I have the lists of specifics, I will pass them along. **In the meantime, don't wait for me!** Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Collect school supplies, food (single servings), snacks, etc.

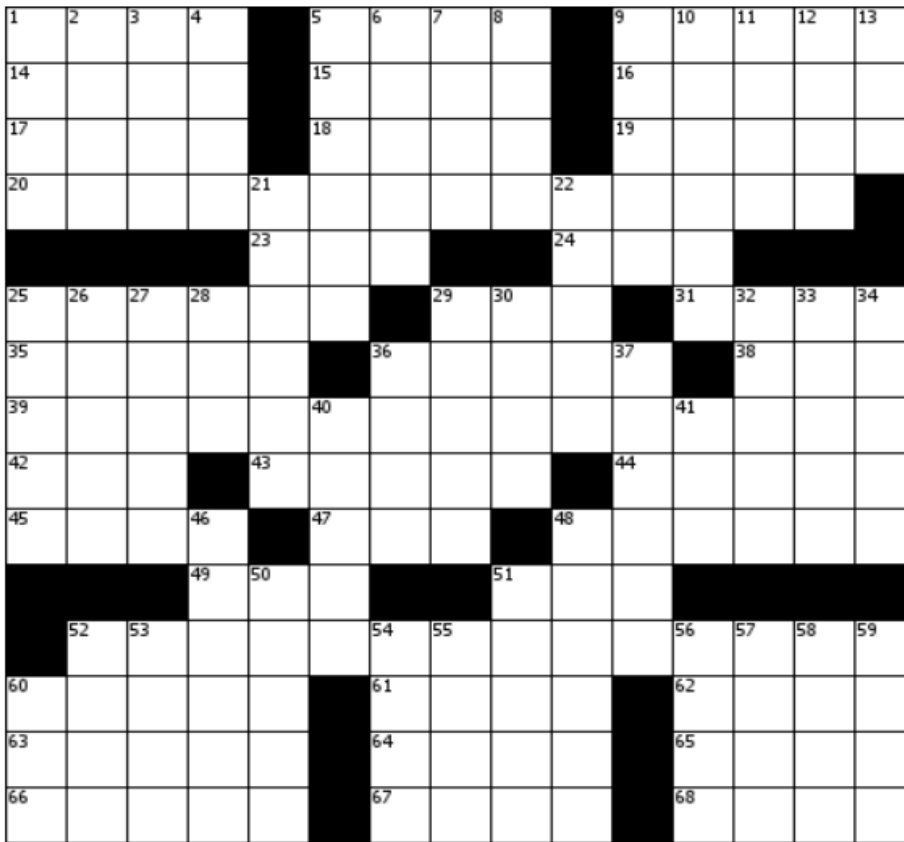
Thank you so much for always taking care of our neighbors and surrounding community. If you know of anyone who can use our help, please pass along the information to me. We are here to serve our community and those who need a little help during these uncertain times.





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- SUMMER
- SUNGLASSES
- SUNSCREEN
- SUNSHINE
- SWIMMING
- SWIMSUIT
- THUNDERSTORM
- VACATION
- WATERMELON



**Across**

- 1. Law of current flow
- 5. British baby buggy
- 9. Wharf catches
- 14. Jack and Jill's implement
- 15. Jeweler Lalique
- 16. Former enemy capital
- 17. Hemingway's "The Sun --- Rises"
- 18. Dogfight participants
- 19. Stage presence?
- 20. Almost make it
- 23. Agent, shortly
- 24. Named at birth
- 25. Crosby-Hope co-star
- 29. The i's have it!
- 31. Rumors
- 35. Sure way to fatherhood
- 36. Country doings
- 38. Grassland
- 39. Almost made it
- 42. Musical gift
- 43. Like otter fur
- 44. Honshu seaport
- 45. Yucatán "You bet!"
- 47. Antediluvian
- 48. Flatfoot's collar
- 49. Classical preceder
- 51. Parenthesis shape
- 52. Almost make it
- 60. Guy in a whale of a tale
- 61. Hand out
- 62. Family history
- 63. Like lamb chops
- 64. Equal
- 65. "Picnic" playwright
- 66. Type of nut or palm
- 67. Ballerina-like
- 68. Appear

**Down**

- 1. Milky gem
- 2. Ring above the collar?
- 3. Fail to attend
- 4. Base of a gin fizz
- 5. Partner of wing
- 6. News summary
- 7. Again, in different form
- 8. Fit well together
- 9. Oater feature
- 10. Serving need
- 11. Pony up
- 12. Party pooper
- 13. "Dear" one
- 21. Uncouth chaps
- 22. Emcee's forte
- 25. Pigskin feature
- 26. Vice president Stevenson
- 27. Ties up
- 28. Photo --- (camera sessions)
- 29. Obsolete
- 30. Sound for Old MacDonald
- 32. Pond accumulations
- 33. Security problems
- 34. Gold unit
- 36. Gasohol, e.g.
- 37. Parch with heat
- 40. Bialystock's partner in "The Producers"
- 41. Nation founded in 1948 (Abbr.)
- 46. Ready for commitment
- 48. Main conduit
- 50. Waters of jazz
- 51. Fall flower
- 52. "By ---!"
- 53. Rental space
- 54. Little troublemakers
- 55. Slow flow
- 56. "--- Coming" (Three Dog Night tune)
- 57. Eye receptor cell
- 58. Compulsion
- 59. Pour down
- 60. Slacker's bane



# HOC CALENDAR — August Happenings



Monday	Aug	9	6:30pm	Session Meeting at HoC
Wednesday	Aug	11		<b>LOOKING TREE DEADLINE</b>
Monday	Sept	17	7:00pm	Admin & Finance Zoom Meeting



*Don't let yesterday  
take up too much  
of today.  
~ Will Rogers*



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Aug 5	Charlotte Dudkewitz	Aug 15	Vanessa Marianiello
Aug 7	Ed Crispin	Aug 17	Jeff Gillespie
Aug 7	Becky Taber	Aug 17	Audrey Harper
Aug 8	Alex Oakes	Aug 23	Brian Huffman
Aug 9	Nancy Crawford	Aug 27	Ruth Stafford
Aug 11	Christopher Sutton	Aug 31	Mims Hildabrant

