



# The Looking Tree

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

September 2021

*Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,*



Pastor Hilary Livingston

## Happy Fall, Y'all!

It's hard to believe we're already on the cusp of the fall season once again! We've had quite a year, filled with both challenges and hope for the future. I've always felt like fall is a season of new beginnings.

As churches tend to follow a school schedule, fall is a time to begin a new year with new possibilities. We're hopeful to bring back some of the things we had to put on hold last year.

We're having Rally Day on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> on which Sunday school classes will begin after more than a year on hiatus. We are also planning on bringing back the choir to worship, joined by several music students from the University of Delaware as part of our choral scholar program.

We'll also be kicking off our annual Stewardship Campaign – an opportunity to express gratitude for the many bountiful gifts God has given us, while also prayerfully making a financial commitment to support the ministry God is calling our church to do in our community.

It has been a challenging season, but God is faithful and there is hope on the horizon. As we begin this season of new hope and new possibilities, let us give thanks to God for all God has done for us!

Blessings,

*Pastor Hilary*

*"The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors."*



## **RALLY DAY/KICK-OFF SUNDAY** **September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday school for children and youth begins at 11:00am**

Adults who are interested in Sunday school and/or midweek Christian education activities are invited to join **Pastor Hilary in her office at 9:30am** for light refreshments to discuss possibilities for the fall and beyond. Hope to see you there!



The choir will be returning this fall and will be joined by several music students from the University of Delaware.

The choir will begin rehearsal in September and plans to sing for World Communion Sunday on October 3, 2021.



*\* A Request for Us to Financially Support our Church \**

*By Ed Crispin*

That time of year is here again. September is the month in which our Church Stewardship Campaign begins. And this year, like all previous years, the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church “Stewardship Campaign” will begin in mid-September and continue to November.

But this year’s Campaign can be looked at as a very special one in the life of our Church. This has been a year in which the work of the Church has extended into the realm of almost overwhelming technology. Zoom meetings have become a major means of coming together for planning the work of the Church with Church services now held both in-person and virtually. But in this new world of virtual communication, the Church has also made certain that those who do not have the technological resources are absolutely included in the life of the Church via the U.S. Post Office and telephone.

At this point, we must acknowledge that the leadership for keeping all members actively involved in the life of the Church, both virtually and in person, has come through the efforts of our Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Hilary E. Livingston. But also, we absolutely cannot overlook Nancy Crawford, Linnea Raffaele, and Leroy Harris with many of their responses being very innovative to the challenges that we have faced. They, with Pastor Hilary, have and are bringing us through this pandemic period, in an unbelievable fashion.

To be expressed in bold letters, **the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church is coming through this pandemic period stronger and with solid commitments by our members to keep our post-pandemic Church in that strong position now and for the future.**

*During our upcoming Stewardship period, we ask that everyone acknowledges through their financial ability their desire to retain the strong bond that the Church during the past year has strengthened within each one of us.*





## HEAD OF CHRISTIANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

\* Fall/Winter Administration & Finance Action Dates \*

Month	Date	Action
September	9	Personnel Committee Initial Meeting
	19	Introduction of Stewardship Campaign
	27	Commission Budgets Due to A & F
October	11	Preliminary Budget Presented to Session ~ Elect Officers / Terms of Call
November	1	Stewardship Campaign Ends
	8	Session Final Approval of Budget
	29	2022 Session-Approved Budget Sent out
December	12	Congregation Meeting: ~ Receive Session Approved Budget ~ Elect Officers / Terms of Call

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

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## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP INFO:



Please join us for worship on  
**Sunday mornings at 11:00am for  
In-Person Worship** in our HoC Sanctuary.

or **Virtual Worship livestream** on our  
YouTube channel at:  
<https://youtu.be/Z4nb55ZuQaQ>



Join Pastor Hilary for a **Facebook Live** session following the  
worship livestream between **11:45 – 12:00pm** 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.*



Due to the spread of the delta variant, session is **recommending  
indoor masking for everyone, regardless of vaccination status.**

Mask use is **not required**.

Masks are available in the narthex for those who would like one.

# YOUTH RECOGNITION

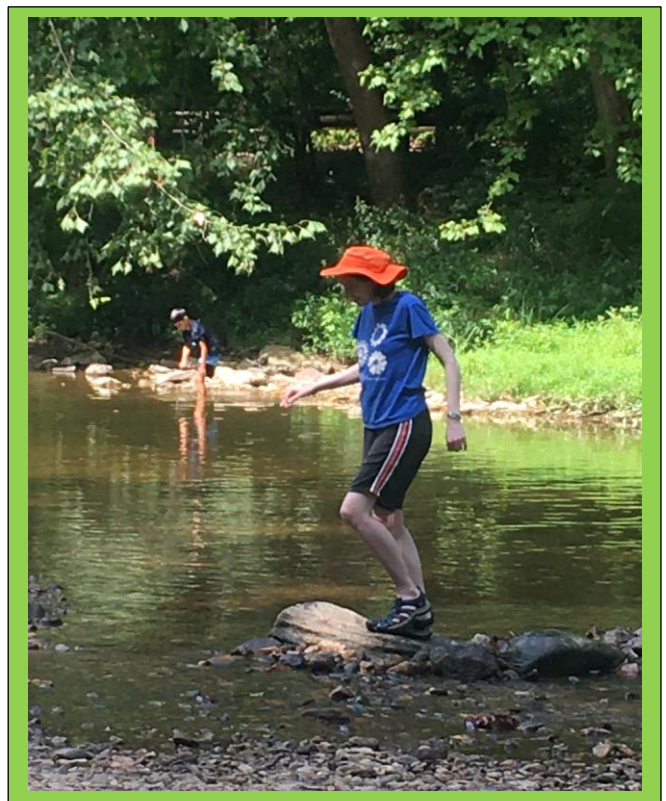
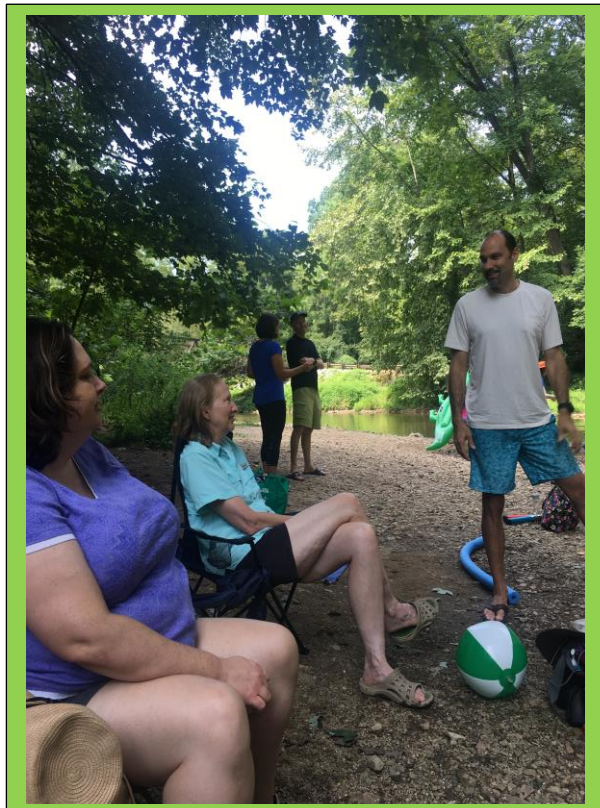
"On Sunday, August 15th we spent a few minutes during worship service to celebrate our Sunday school participants. Their classes, like so many things, were interrupted by the pandemic - so this Sunday we made up for lost time and celebrated a few milestones! Landon Gill was presented with a Bible because he has finished the second grade. It was beautifully inscribed to him on behalf of the congregation by John Burmeister. Abby Condliffe and Nicole Gill were recognized as recent graduates and given gifts. Nicole just finished her first year at the University of Delaware in the Chemical Engineering program and Abby heads to the Stern School of Business at New York University in just a few days. Katie Gillespie presented all members of our Sunday School classes with t-shirts to remind them that "God is greater than the highest highs and the lowest lows". These students included: Sophia Marianiello, Nicole, Andre and Landon Gill, Charlotte and Abigail Condliffe and Brendan and Annabelle Huffman."



# FUN AT FAIR HILL CREEK



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**Pastor Hilary will be having surgery on September 16, 2021.  
She will be on medical leave until September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Missional Presbyter Tracy Keenan will be preaching on  
Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sara Snowden, NCP member under care (in the ordination  
process) will be preaching on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please contact one of our deacons for pastoral care  
emergencies during this time.**

**DEACONS:**

**Kay Brook: (302)-737-7050**

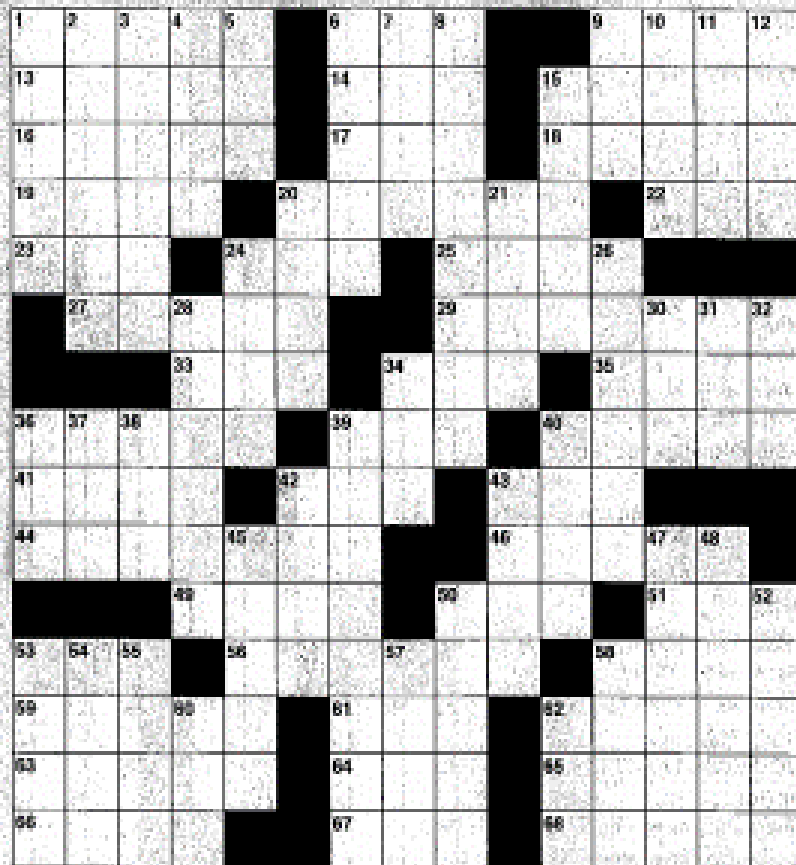
**Lillian Crispin: (410)-398-7036**

**Mary Lou Oakes: (302)-366-8016**

# TOYS AND GAMES

## ACROSS

- 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



## DOWN

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| 1 Confused  | 24 Upper body muscles                                | 45 Alcove                              |
| 2 Team spirit                                       | (abbr.)  | 47 Stain                               |
| 3 Solid piece of hard material, usually square      | 26 Suave   | 48 Remove the bones                    |
| 4 Fine  | 28 Sampled   | 50 Floral leaf                         |
| 5 Compass point                                     | 30 Cares   | 52 Appointed                           |
| 6 Informal speech                                   | 31 Wrath   | 53 Droops                              |
| 7 Nimbus  | 32 American Sign Language                            | 54 Women's magazine                    |
| 8 Often plucked                                     | 34 Question  | 55 Lotion ingredient                   |
| 9 Foxy  | 36 Accountant  | 57 Forward                             |
| 10 Roof covering                                    | 37 Possessive pronoun                                | 58 Retired persons association (abbr.) |
| 11 Eve's garden                                     | 38 And so forth                                      | 60 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)           |
| 12 "as you ___"                                     | 39 Opened  | 62 Hertz                               |
| 15 Hinder   | 40 Shoshonean  |  |
| 20 Store  | 42 Annoying, like a bug bite                         |  |
| 21 Round object of many sizes that bounces or rolls | 43 Small pieces of thick paper, plastic or cardboard |  |



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 wave runner  
 waterpark

# HOC CALENDAR — September Happenings



Mon	Sept 06		HAPPY LABOR DAY
Mon	Sept 13		LOOKING TREE DEADLINE
Mon	Sept 13	7:00pm	Session
Sun	Sept 19	11:00am	Tracy Keenan, Missional Presbyterian, Guest Preacher
Mon	Sept 20	7:00pm	Admin & Finance ZOOM Meeting
Sun	Sept 26	11:00am	Sara Snowden, NCP Member under care, Guest Preacher

\*\*\*CHOIR PRACTICE –Thursday, Sept. 16 @ 7:30-pm\*\*\*



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Sep 3	Cindy Taber	Sep 27	Merle Slack
Sep 9	Barbara Johnston	Sep 28	Rebecca Condliffe
Sep 11	Claire Herrington	Sep 28	Katie Gillespie
Sep 12	Janice Harper	Sep 29	Steve Graham

