



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

APRIL 2022

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Celebrate the Holy Week in Community!

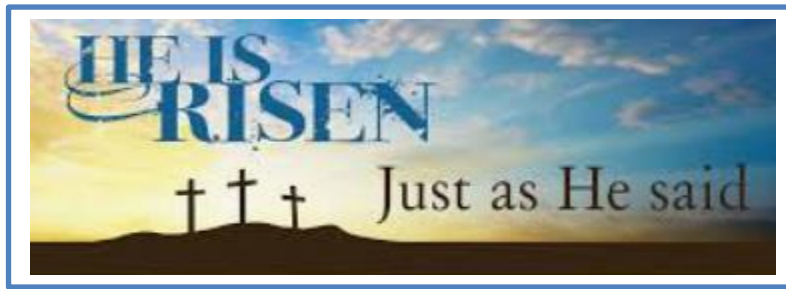
This month, we observe Holy Week - the highlight of the Church year. This week commemorates the suffering, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. Holy week can be challenging to observe, particularly the days that focus on Christ's betrayal and suffering on the cross. But, if we commit to observing this important week, we can grow in our faith in powerful ways.

Holy week begins on Palm Sunday. It commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday is observed on the Thursday following Palm Sunday. The English term "Maundy" comes from the Latin term *mandatum novum* which means "new commandment," as recorded in John 13:34, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." On this night, Jesus washed the disciples' feet before celebrating the Passover meal with them before his arrest. Good Friday is observed on Friday of Holy Week. "Good" refers to "a day or season observed as holy by the church." Good Friday is also called "good" because on this day, Christ showed his love for humanity by dying on the cross for our salvation. Easter Sunday is the culmination of Holy Week when we commemorate the disciples' discovering the empty tomb and celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. We celebrate the promise that because Jesus lives, we too will have eternal life in him!

Holy week gives us the opportunity to enter the powerful story of God's redemption of humanity in Christ. As we ponder Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross, the joy of Easter becomes all the more meaningful to us. This year, we will observe Holy week with some of our ministry partners in community worship services. Read the details inside this month's newsletter for more details. We hope you will join in observing Holy week this year!

Blessings,

Hilary



2022 HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Once again, HoC will be joining with our ecumenical partners for Holy Week and Easter services. Please join us for the following worship opportunities:

Community Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 14, 2022 (time – TBA)
First Presbyterian Church of Newark
292 West Main Street
Newark, DE 19711

Good Friday Video Meditation

Friday, April 15, 2022 @ 12:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Newark
292 West Main Street
Newark, DE 19711

Good Friday Cantata

Friday, April 15, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Newark United Methodist Church
69 East Main Street
Newark, DE 19711



Please join us for Easter worship:

Community Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 17th at 7:00am in the HoC Cemetery

(if inclement weather, service will be in the sanctuary).

Worship will be followed by a Pot-luck Continental Breakfast
in Fellowship Hall.

**We will also have a traditional Easter worship service at
11:00am in our sanctuary.**





GOOD NEWS!

Hope Dining Room is once again serving inside the building. Thank you Jesus! I am so grateful for our clients who stuck it out these long months. They are well, in need of a warm meal, and fellowship with a friendly face. And, let's not forget the glasses of milk they have missed as well.

We will be serving inside on June 10, 2022





Head of Christiana
Presbyterian Church

Jesus Loves You!
From your friends at:

Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church
1100 W. Church Road, Newark, DE 19711

*"For surely I know the plans I have for you,
says the Lord, plans for your welfare
and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope,"
~ Jeremiah 29:11*

Mission / Outreach has been using "Hello" cards like this one for over a year now. The cards are inserted with bagged lunches we prepare for Elkton Community kitchen, "Go Bags," and similar items we produce for distribution to organizations in our community. The scripture and the colors are changed occasionally. Packets of 10 cards were given to Session members so they could discuss other ways to use them by their committee members. A Suggestion Box has been set up in Fellowship Hall to receive possible feedback for our "Hello" cards. Please feel free to turn in any suggestions you might have. All ideas will be considered. Thanks for your support.

A Season of Peace



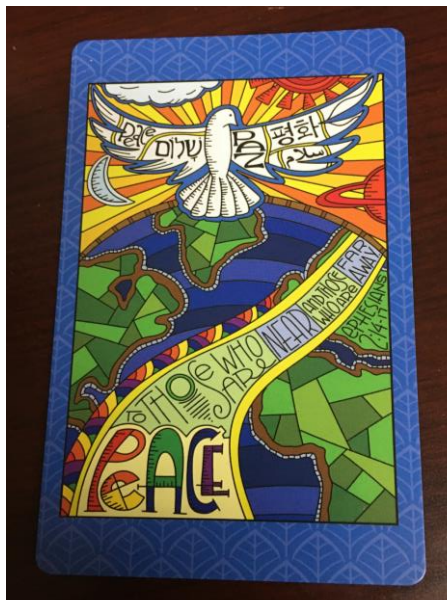
Peace Cards

The Mission/Outreach Committee recently purchased some Peace Cards and is currently considering the best possible ways to use them.

Peace Cards are straightforward and easy to use. Each card offers a question for reflection, an action to be taken, and a prayer to be spoken. The cards can be used in a variety of settings and occasions – as a daily or seasonal practice with family members, as a sharing activity for small and large groups, as a table activity at church events, or for conversation while on a trip. There are six areas for peacemaking represented on the cards.

We are all called to be peacemakers: reflecting more deeply on peace, doing things to promote peace, and praying for peace in all parts of life. Let these cards lead you to new perspectives and practices for making peace.

If you have any thoughts on how we can best use these cards, please use our Suggestion Box in Fellowship Hall or discuss with Debbie Reeves, any member of our Mission/Outreach team or Pastor Hilary. Thank you!



On This Easter Day

May each one be blessed with
Complete and miraculous
Healing and renewal

May each one be resurrected
To complete wellness

In heart in body in mind and in spirit

May hope freedom happiness love togetherness

And prosperity abound anew for all

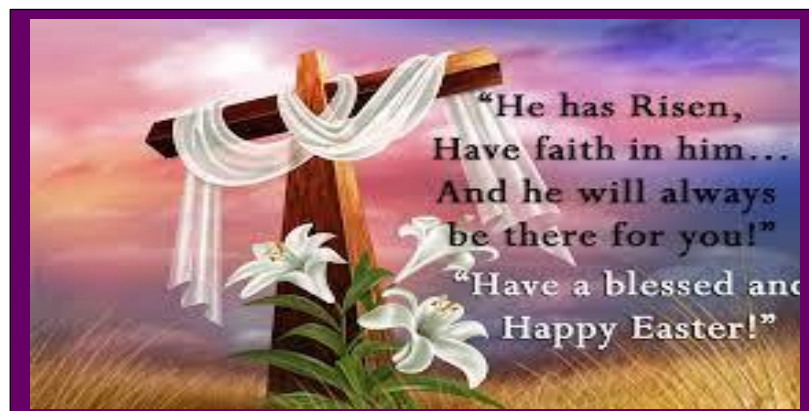
May today be a fresh new start

And may each one feel and know the meaning of

The Resurrection within us

In the name of The One most glorious

Amen





Concert Under The Trees

The Newark Community Band will once again be here at HoC to play a Concert under the Trees on **Wednesday, July 13th**.

The time will be from **7:00 – 8:00pm**

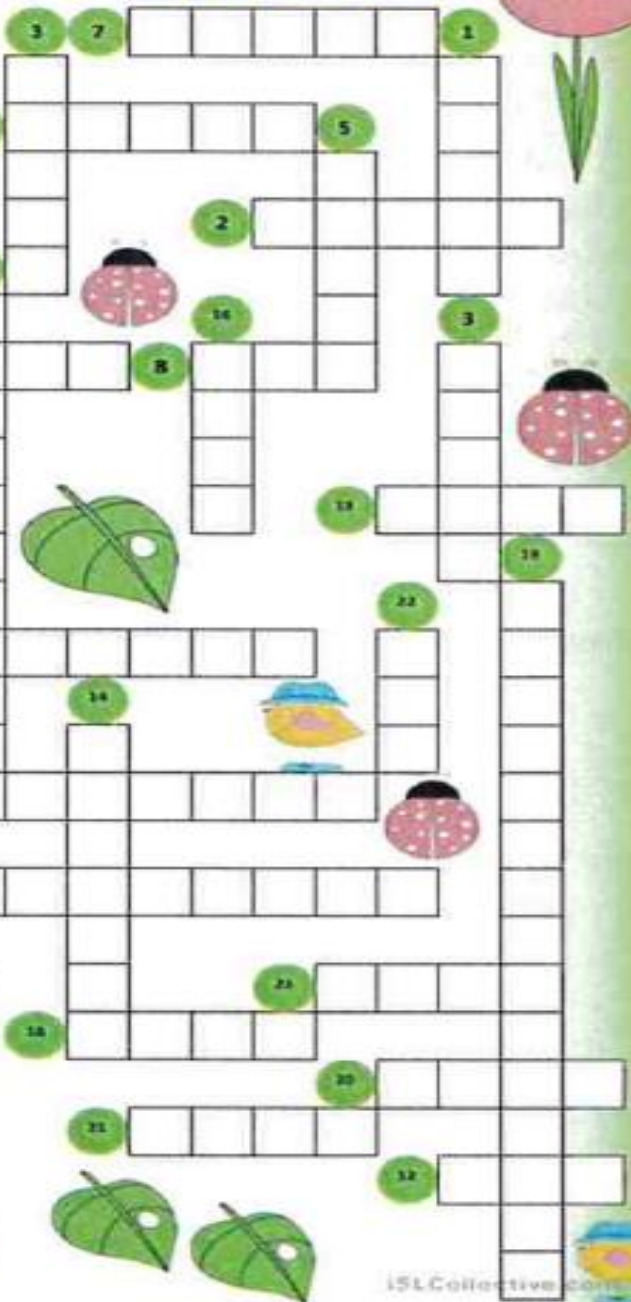
Bring family and friends!



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SPRING

1. A spring month.
2. A spring flower.
3. The young of a chicken.
4. A colour of spring.
5. A young rabbit.
6. A flower especially of a fruit tree.
7. Plants that have narrow green leaves, that are eaten by cows, sheep, horses etc.
8. The fifth month of the year.
9. To come out of an egg.
10. See picture.
11. A rounded part of a plant that is under the ground and that grows into a new plant during the growing season.
12. A baby goat.
13. The place where a bird lays its eggs.
14. See picture.
15. Spring, winter, summer, fall.
16. What snow does in spring.
17. When the sun shines.
18. A long, thin animal that has a soft body with no legs or bones. It lives in the ground.
19. An indoor or outdoor spring activity.
20. To stop being frozen.
21. A baby sheep.
22. A small part that grows on a plant and develops into a flower, leaf, or new branch.
23. A baby horse.



Word Search Puzzle

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| Love | Mary | Cross |
| Divine Mercy | Good Thief | Crucifix |
| Passion | Stations | Fasting |
| | Forty Days | Jesus |
| | Last Supper | Purple |
| | Catholic | Prayer |
| | Good Friday | Palm Sunday |
| | Sacrifice | Ashes |
| | | Lent |
| | | Alms |



HOC CALENDAR — April Happenings



Wednesday	April	11		Looking Tree Deadline
Thursday	April	14	6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Service partnering with First Presbyterian Church of Newark
Friday	April	15		Good Friday — Day of Personal Reflection
Sunday	April	17	7:00am	Easter Sunrise Service with Newark United Church of Christ
			11:00am	Continental Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall afterwards
				Festive Easter Service in our sanctuary
Wednesday	April	12	7:00pm	Session Meeting (ZOOM)
Friday	April	22		Earth Day
Monday	April	25	7:00pm	Admin & Finance Meeting (ZOOM)



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



April	3	Linda Huffman	April	19	Branch Murray
April	6	Vince Marianiello	April	20	Allen Gallaher
April	9	Aileen Burmeister	April	23	Leo Marianiello
April	15	Ed Cairns	April	28	Abigail Condliffe
			April	29	Susan Brook

