



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

MAY 2022

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Sabbatical Update:

Thank you to all who participated in our sabbatical Zoom call with Connectional Presbyter Cindy Kohlmann and participated in our sabbatical coffee hour. I found the conversation encouraging and energizing. I appreciated the authenticity of the discussion, and I loved all the creative ideas that came out of those events. At our April meeting, session approved my sabbatical leave for next spring/summer. I will be on leave from April 17 – July 23, 2023. My plan is to spend time in the beauty of God's creation by touring and hiking through several national parks. I plan to tour the "Mighty Five" National Parks in Utah (Arches, Canyonland, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion), along with Grand Canyon, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

I plan to take a spiritual retreat at a Franciscan house in Arizona. I also plan to spend some time reconnecting with friends and family, as well as visit other places of worship. If time and funding permits, I will also travel to Maine for a couple of weeks. This will be a time of rest and renewal, as well as an opportunity to explore new places and enjoy God's presence in the beauty of his creation. I hope to return rejuvenated for more effective ministry at HoC. The session will hire a part-time bridge pastor to provide worship leadership and pastoral coverage while I'm on leave. The congregation will also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of fellowship activities to keep everyone connected. I hope this time of sabbatical leave will be beneficial to the congregation as well as to my own wellbeing.

Per the presbytery policy on sabbatical leave, the church will continue to pay my salary and benefits during the leave period, as well as expenses for the bridge pastor. The funds will come from our regular congregational giving and the endowment. To fund my sabbatical activities, I will utilize rolled-over funds from my professional expense and study leave portion of my terms of call from this year and next year, as well as personal savings. I can also apply for grant funding through the denomination's Board of Pensions.

We have also applied for a significant grant through the Eli Lilly Foundation which funds clergy sabbaticals through their Clergy Renewal Program. This grant is up to \$50,000 total - \$15,000 of which can be used by the congregation to fund a bridge pastor and other congregational activities during the sabbatical leave period. The remaining amount can be used to fund the pastor's sabbatical activities and travel. If we receive the grant, all sabbatical costs to the church and the pastor will be covered. We will be notified in late August on the status of the grant.

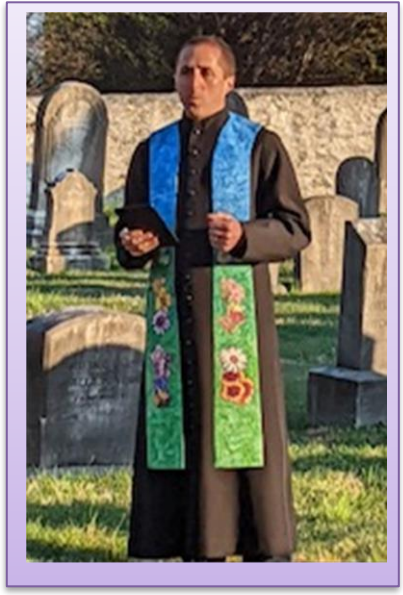
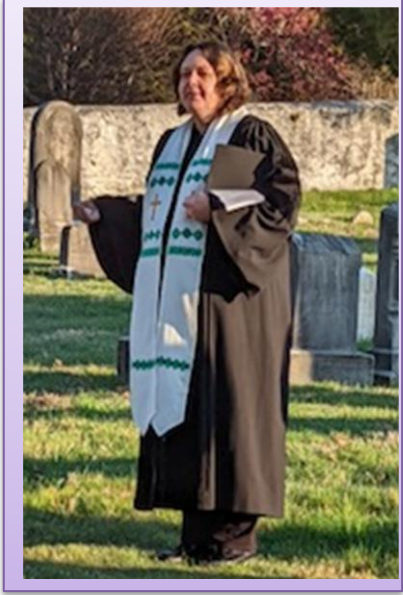
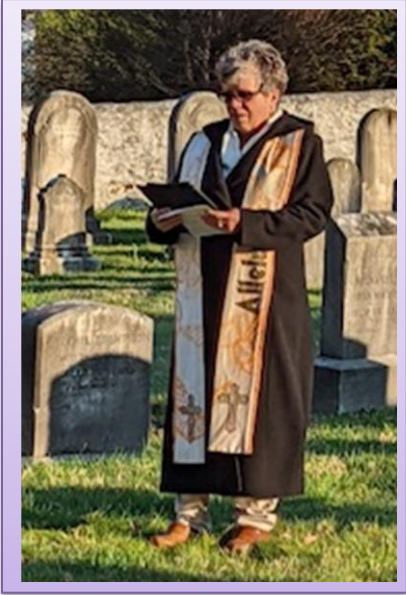
We will keep everyone updated on how the sabbatical plans are coming together. Please keep me and the session in prayer as we make plans for the sabbatical leave. Please also pray that our Lilly grant application is favorably received. I'm truly blessed to have this opportunity, and I am very grateful to you all for giving me this time of extended rest and renewal. Thank you all for your support and prayers!

Blessings,

Pastor Hilary

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 17, 2022



HoC HAPPENINGS



News from Care & Fellowship



Coffee
Hours

May 1—Jeanne

May 8—Mother's Day (C&F)

May 15—Debbie

May 22—Claire

May 29—Lillian

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June 5—Rosi

June 12—Marylou

June 19—Father's Day (C&F)

*** Would you like to host a coffee hour?? Contact
Jeanne Hastings at 302-368-9416 or speak to any
member of Care and Fellowship ***

HoC HAPPENINGS



HOC DIRECTORY

Starting on Sunday, May 8th, there will be a copy of our current directory on the table in the Narthex. Please take a few minutes to look it over and, **using the red pen provided**, make any changes or corrections as needed.

I will make the revisions as soon as possible following the deadline date of Sunday, May 29th. It will be printed and distributed in June.

Thanks for your help everyone!

~ Nancy Crawford



THANKS EVERYONE!

Big thanks to everyone for remembering me on Administrative Professionals Day in April. I loved the tulips and look forward to planting them in the garden! The gift card and the card signed by all of you are very much appreciated. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, your generosity and your kind words. Thanks again to all of you!

~ Nancy Crawford



HoC HAPPENINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Movie Night

Saturday, May 21st @ 5:30pm

Featuring

"News of the World"



Bring an appetizer to share. Drinks will be provided.

If you need a ride, call Jeanne Hastings (302-528-6915)

or talk to any member of Care and Fellowship.

See you there!!!!



HoC HAPPENINGS



Please join us on **Mother's Day, May 8th** and **Father's Day, June 19th**
for
special coffee hours (hosted by Care and Fellowship) honoring the mothers and fathers in our congregation.



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 special 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 10th** so it can be included in our June issue. Email me at nancy.hoc@outlook.com



HoC HAPPENINGS

EASTER SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

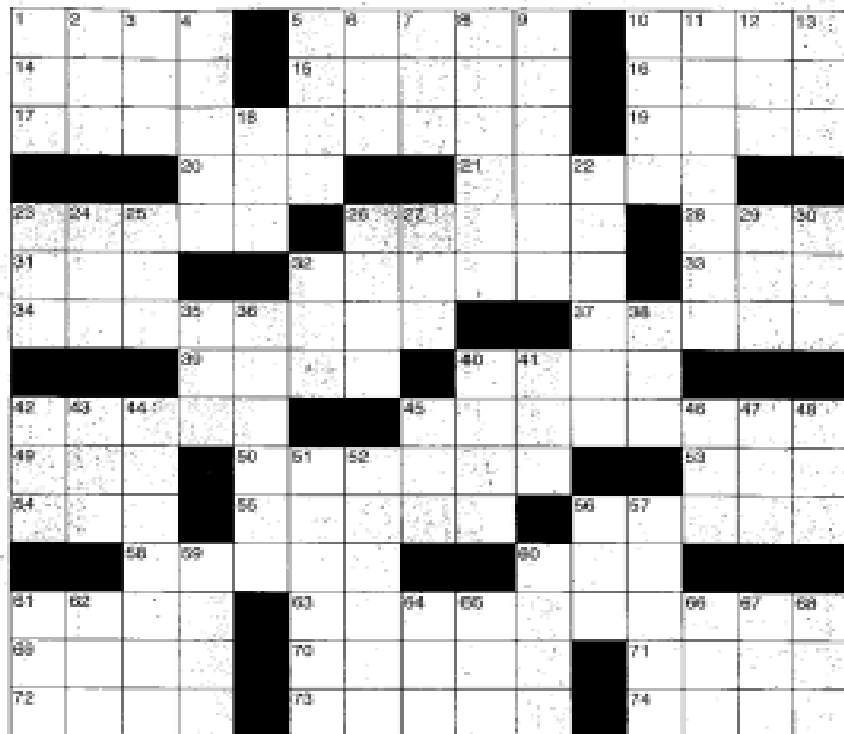


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

FOOD

ACROSS

- 1 Gather
- 5 Morning bread
- 10 Very soft metal
- 14 Satisfy
- 15 Drill
- 16 Nimbus
- 17 Niece's daughter
- 19 Annoying, like a bug bite
- 20 Grows acorns
- 21 Negative battery terminal
- 23 Regain weapons that have been taken away or lost
- 26 Bluish-white metals
- 28 Flee
- 31 Fire remains
- 32 Beginnings
- 33 Pressure unit
- 34 High school memoir
- 37 Utopian
- 39 Chess piece
- 40 Couch
- 42 Wishes
- 45 Religious book (2 wds.)
- 49 Writing tool
- 50 Enter another country or territory with military forces
- 53 Imitate
- 54 Mr.'s wife
- 55 Wants
- 56 Humorous
- 58 Out-of-date
- 60 Human
- 61 Demeanor
- 63 Crossing
- 69 Account (abbr.)
- 70 Famous brand of blue jeans
- 71 Canal
- 72 Allot (with "out")
- 73 Water retention
- 74 Smartphone message



DOWN

- 1 Monosodium glutamate
- 2 Hearing part
- 3 Estimated time of arrival (abbr.)
- 4 Singing voice
- 5 Large armored vehicle used in military operations
- 6 French "yes"
- 7 Stage of life
- 8 Trigonometric function
- 9 Deep, narrow excavation, furrow or ditch
- 10 Put down
- 11 Greek muse of music
- 12 Electric spark
- 13 Telegraphic signal
- 18 Barrier
- 22 Change into bone
- 23 Shaft of light
- 24 Compass point
- 25 Expression of surprise
- 26 Paradise
- 27 Make angry
- 29 North American nation
- 30 Nothing
- 32 Archer's weapon
- 35 Revolutions per minute
- 36 Vessels
- 38 Pat lightly
- 40 Turfs
- 41 Bullfight cheer
- 42 Typing rate
- 43 Possessive pronoun
- 44 Audit
- 45 Owned
- 46 Grain
- 47 Choose
- 48 Legend
- 51 Snuggle
- 52 Shifted
- 56 Waging an armed conflict with an enemy
- 57 Set in
- 59 Stakes
- 60 Plateau
- 61 Military-aged male
- 62 Frozen water
- 64 Street (abbr.)
- 65 Vitality
- 66 Wrath
- 67 Withholding of permission
- 68 Understand a joke

Word Search Puzzle

BIBLICAL PLACES

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C	H	K	M	M	R	A	A	N	L	C	K	U	C	L	A	G	L
I	M	N	M	H	I	M	X	Y	I	W	P	N	P	H	T	P	V
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ARABIA
ARAM
ASSYRIA
CAPPADOCIA
CILICIA
EBLA
EDOM
ELIM
EMMAUS

ETHIOPIA
GALILEE
GOSHEN
JORDAN
JUDAH
JUDEA
MAGAN
MAMRE PLAIN
MANNEA
MOAB

MOUNT NEBO
MOUNT SINAI
MOUNT ZION
PARAN
PUNT
PUQUDU
SINAI
TABAL
TARSHISH
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HOC CALENDAR — May Happenings

Sunday	May	08		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Monday	May	09	7:00pm	Session (Hybrid-in person & online)
Tuesday	May	10		Looking Tree Deadline
Monday	May	17	5:30pm	Movie Night @ HoC ("News of the World")
Thursday	May	26		Ascension of Our Lord
Thursday	May	26	7:00pm	Worship Commission
Monday	May	30		HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY



*Don't wait until you've reached your goal to be proud of yourself.
Be proud of every step you take toward reaching your goal!*



MAY BIRTHDAYS



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

