



# The Looking Tree

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

**JULY 2022**

*Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,*



Pastor Hilary Livingston

## Vital Signs

We've all gone to the doctor and had our vital signs taken. The doctor checks our heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, height, weight, etc. These tests are done to develop a baseline for our health. If the numbers are in a normal range for our age and circumstances, our body is healthy and working the way it should. If the numbers are abnormal – too high or too low, or otherwise indicate a variance from what they should be – then there may be a problem that needs addressed. We may require medication or certain lifestyle changes to restore our body to its proper functioning.

We know the basic vital signs for a person, but do we know the vital signs of a church? How do we assess if our church is functioning in a healthy way? Our denomination's Presbyterian Mission Agency has developed a list of seven marks, or vital signs, of a healthy church. These include:

- Lifelong discipleship formation
- Ecclesial health
- Intentional Authentic Evangelism
- Outward Incarnational Focus
- Empowering Servant Leadership
- Spirit-Inspired Worship
- Caring Relationships

Our presbytery will be taking part in a denominational initiative to help churches better cultivate these vital marks. I will share more about this initiative and how our congregation may wish to participate as more details become available. I'm excited to see how God will work in and through us to produce these signs of vitality that we may be a blessing in our community.

Blessings,

*Hilary*



## Summer Bible Study

Pastor Hilary will be leading a Summer Bible Study  
on the book of Acts

Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Pastor's study,  
beginning June 28<sup>th</sup>.

We will be using the

Max Lucado study guide, "Life Lessons from Acts."

You can purchase the study guide on Amazon,  
Christian Book Distributors, or wherever you buy books.

*Hope you can join us!*

# HOC HAPPENINGS



## Salad Luncheon

July 10th

Please join us after church on July 10th for a **Pot Luck Salad Luncheon**. Everyone is invited to bring a salad to share. Any variety of salad is welcome—vegetable, fruit, pasta, potato, protein—the only limitation is your imagination (if you bring a green salad, please bring dressing, too).

Care and Fellowship will provide drinks and breads.



# HOC HAPPENINGS



SUMMER CONCERT  
**MUSIC UNDER THE TREES**  
CONDUCTOR: DAVE HARRIS

**WEDNESDAY JULY 13, 2022**

**7:00PM – 8:00PM**

HEAD OF CHRISTIANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
1100 WEST CHURCH ROAD – NEWARK, DE 19711  
[WWW.NEWARKCOMMUNITYBAND.COM](http://WWW.NEWARKCOMMUNITYBAND.COM)

Alexander's Ragtime Band • Scarborough Fair •  
Bohemian Rhapsody • Variations and Theme •  
Americans We • Pop Rock Legends: Elton John •  
Camelot Chronicles • Music Man • Abide With Me •  
Washington Post March • Roller Coaster • Stars and  
Stripes Forever

Goodwill Donations collected at the concert will benefit "Warriors Helping  
Warriors" ([www.whwarriors.org](http://www.whwarriors.org)), an organization founded to help  
veterans and their families "win the war at home."

# HOC RECOGNITION SUNDAY



# “A Nation’s Strength”

*by William Ralph Emerson*



What makes a nation's pillars high  
and its foundations strong?  
What makes it mighty to defy  
the foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand  
go down in battle shock;  
its shafts are laid on sinking sand,  
not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust  
of empires passed away;  
the blood has turned their stones to rust,  
their glory to decay.

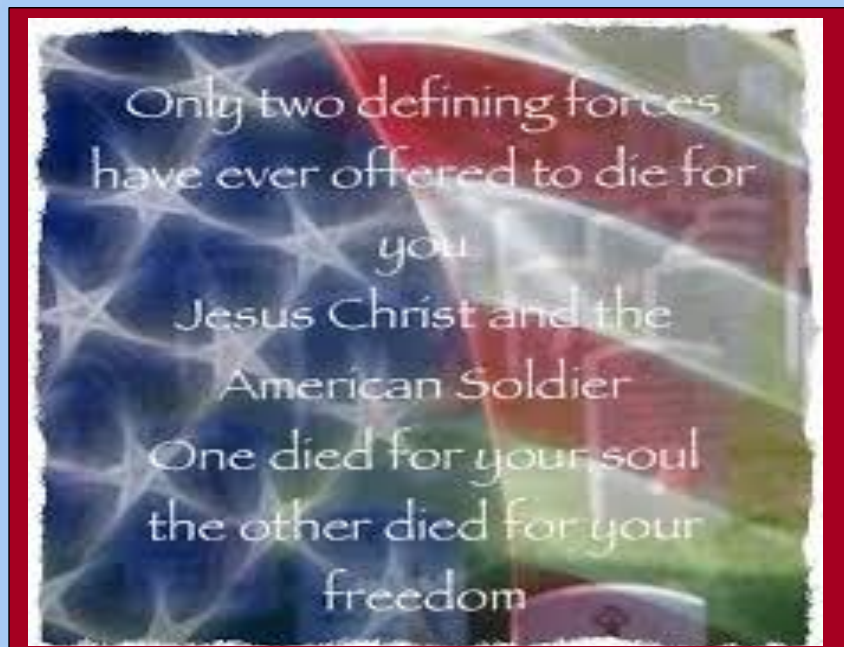
And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown  
has seemed to nations sweet;  
but God has struck its luster down  
in ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make  
a people great and strong;  
men who for truth and honor's sake  
stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,  
who dare while others fly...  
they build a nation's pillars deep  
and lift them to the sky.



# Independence Day



# NEWARK WESLEYAN CHURCH YARD

*Submitted by Debbie Reeves*

Let me start by stating that the day started at 6:30am when my husband went to the church with me to pick up a table and three chairs. We arrived at the Wesleyan Church and I set up what I had accumulated. Merle showed up at 6:30am sharp as well to price everything. We were ready by 7:30am.

Thank you, Lord, for Pastor Steve! He brought us ice water. The Yard Sale was scheduled to be open from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Sonia stopped by and dropped stuff off to add to our table. By 10:00am the heat was unbearable 😞. We stole every little bit of shade we could find which amounted to nothing. We shared a rain umbrella to keep the sun off us. I was dying. Meryl was a trooper to the end. Sonia came back with support at 12:00pm fortifying us with hot dogs, chips, and soda.

Sales slowed down. Everybody was 🍌 HOT! We discovered that air conditioning vents were right inside their Fellowship Hall. Stacy came in and said that they were closing it up at 1:00. Everyone was hot, sales had stopped—it was time. Didn't have to tell us twice. We literally threw everything in our cars!

Thank you so much to Donna, Sonia, and Pastor Steve. We made connections and spread God's word. We also spread the word about our upcoming Concert Under the Trees. Invitations and "Hello" cards were given out.

Pastor Steve is anxious to share between our churches. As he said, "we may not be the same denomination but, we work for the same Guy!" He started there in October last year; their Congregation count was 35. They are now at 60. Youth class of 3 is now at 12. Hmm.

BIG THANKS to Merle Slack. I could not have done this without her. She was there and suffered right along with me. I greatly appreciate your friendship and support.





# 4th of July Word Search



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USA  
WATERMELON  
WHITE



# Crossword

## ACROSS

1. Annoys
5. "So long"
8. Mouth parts
12. Christmas carol
13. Put down (carpeting)
14. Madonna, to fans
15. Music sound
16. King Kong, for one
17. Classy woman
18. Mink relatives
20. Sheep cry
22. Companion animal

23. Not as poor
27. Bit of paper
30. Neither's partner
31. Gardner of Hollywood
32. Truth-challenged one
33. Uncooked
34. Dress opening
35. Mr. Carney
36. Cheer-leader's quality
37. Entire
38. Causes disorder
40. Foot digit
41. Beer spout
42. Friendly greetings
46. Sandwich shop
49. Be in debt

51. Oft-hailed vehicle
52. Tehran's land
53. Denial words
54. Level
55. Halloween purchase
56. Stag's mate
57. Assign a position to

6. Sharp b
7. Expressi facial feature
8. Pale pur
9. Lupino t films
10. Vegetabl casing
11. Devious
19. Blushing color
21. Surroun ing atmo sphere

## DOWN

1. Concerned with
2. Under-ground plant part
3. Clark of "Super-man"
4. Railroad car with berths
5. Dynamite explosion

24. Angelic glow
25. Dastard
26. Speed of action
27. Shut (a door) noisily
28. Take on (an employe
29. Urban pests
30. Short re
33. Answer
34. Oasis, in way
36. Item in 10-Down
37. Grief or misery
39. Nasty oc
40. Items mention
43. Volcano output
44. Beasts o burden
45. Plumme
46. Cloudy
47. Noted ti period
48. \_\_\_\_\_ Veg
50. Act the suitor

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# HOC CALENDAR — July Happenings



Saturday	July	04		HAPPY FOURTH of JULY
Sunday	July	10	12:00pm	Care & Fellowship Salad Luncheon following .
Tuesday	July	12		LOOKING TREE DEADLINE
Wednesday	July	13	7:00pm	CONCERT UNDER THE TREES at HoC



*“Success is not final.  
Failure is not fatal.  
But it’s the courage to  
continue that counts.”*

Funland is a family amusement center located on the boardwalk in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. A family owned and operated business since 1962, Funland provides family fun at reasonable prices for those who visit us each summer. The park offers great entertainment for the whole family, featuring 19 rides, 14 midway games, a redemption center, Skee-ball, and an arcade.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS



- July 8 Kay Brook
- July 9 Debbie Reeves
- July 10 Betty Kackley
- July 28 Virginia Cullum

