



# The Looking Tree

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

MAY 2022

*Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,*



Pastor Mark Douyard

## “Re-remarks” from Pastor Mark...

Greetings. I look forward to serving you as your Bridge Pastor for the next couple of months. I also look forward to getting to know you over the next couple of months as we journey together while Pastor Hilary takes this time for rest and renewal.

I generally, with few exceptions, follow the Revised Common Lectionary when preaching. It not only provides a disciplinary framework for me (you can't skip over the challenging stuff), but it also

provides an opportunity for the congregation to read ahead and become familiar with the various texts each week.

My plan is to have office hours one day per week during this sabbatical time. The day will vary based on my schedule, but my plan is to be in the office 3-4 hours on my office days. Look for my office days in the bulletin each week. My Sabbath day is Friday.

Starting Sunday April 30 our Sunday morning study group will be looking at the *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, And Delight In Our Busy Lives* by Wayne Muller. This will be a seven-part study covering Rest, Rhythm, Time, Happiness, Wisdom, Consecration, and A Sabbath Day. Muller shows us how to create a time of rest, delight, and renewal – a refuge from the busyness of our daily lives. A brief Sabbatical for us as well. A path on how to find Sabbath time for our own renewal and refreshment. I have ordered the books and they will be available starting Sunday April 23.

As the weeks go by, I hope to get to know all of you, but I'll start by sharing a little bit about myself. My wife Barbara and I have been married 24 years. We live in Smyrna now but originally moved to Delaware in the Spring of 2016. I took the position as the Director of Physician Recruitment at Bayhealth Medical Center, from which I retired this past October. We enjoy hiking, reading, cycling, camping and travel. I have two sons and three grandchildren. My older son, his wife and son live in Haddam CT. Chris narrates audio books and his wife is a graphic designer. My younger son, his wife and two children live in Northville MI where Jon is a CFO in manufacturing.

*Pastor Mark*

# Thank YOU

Thank you to everyone who sent me birthday cards, gifts, treats and well-wishes!

Thank you also to the session for giving me this beautiful compass as a sabbatical present. It will remind me to keep focused on God's direction during my time away.

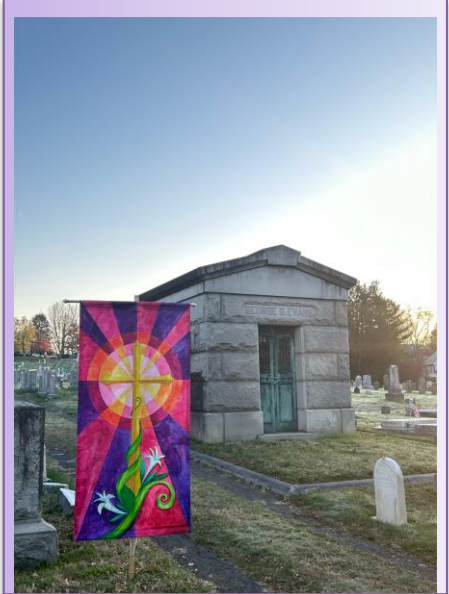
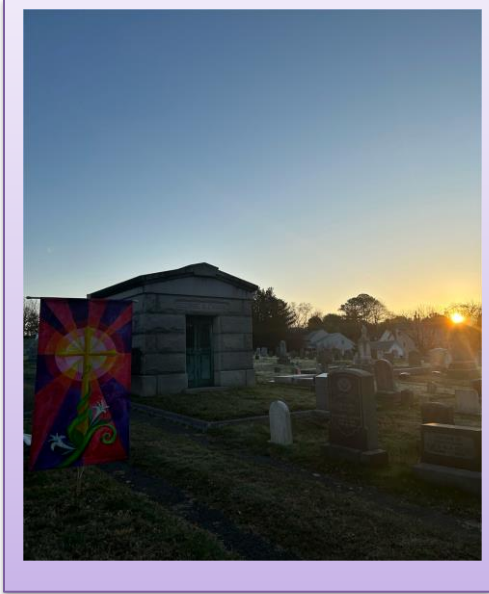
Blessings,  
Pastor Hilary





# EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 9, 2023



# HoC HAPPENINGS



## News from Care & Fellowship



### Upcoming Events hosted by C/F

May 7<sup>th</sup>—“Cinco de Mayo” coffee hour

May 14<sup>th</sup>—Mother’s Day coffee hour

June 18<sup>th</sup>—Father’s Day coffee hour

Please join us for all of these special events and enjoy good food and good fellowship.

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### Spring Movie Night

June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm (gather at 5pm, fill your plates and be ready for the movie to begin at 5:30pm)

Bring a snack/appetizer to share

What will we be viewing???

Stay tuned and you’ll find out!!!

# HoC HAPPENINGS

**Save  
the  
Date**

## **CONCERT UNDER THE TREES**

**Mark your calendars now...**

**Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> is  
the date of our summer concert.**

**More details to follow!**

**Stay tuned!!!**



## **CRAFTING TO-GATHER**

**at HoC**

Come enjoy crafting with us on  
Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am to  
12 noon.

All the materials needed to make  
this delicious house will be  
provided. All you have to do is  
bring your creativity!





# HoC HAPPENINGS



Continental Breakfast following Easter Sunrise Service.



# HoC HAPPENINGS

*submitted by Donna Reed*



Thank you for all of your help, prayers and support for HOC's ministry at Hope Dining Room.

On Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, we served: 28 full meals, 25 seconds, and 30 bowls of soup. Our menu was pulled pork sliders, pork and bean soup, green bean casserole, coleslaw, and Twinkies or cupcakes and sweet tea. We did have an issue with two clients who were not able to eat pork, but Lillian and Orlando quickly offered them tuna fish croissants which they loved. They enjoyed the rest of the meal and had seconds on side dishes.

We offered a table full of religious books for all ages. About half of the books were taken. Pray that they can feed their souls in addition to their bodies.

Kathy Graham donated a handmade lap quilt. A woman living in her car took it. Most of the other items such as clothing, bags, backpacks, and household items were taken to new homes. Orlando set aside two items size XXL for a man in need. He is asking for more clothes that size to help this man.

James was back at Hope this month. He asks for our prayers as he prepares for another cancer surgery in two weeks.

A new-to-Hope young man named, Ryan, came in early and stayed late. He had second helpings on all parts of the meal and four cups of milk. He seemed to nap between bites. It felt as if he needed a safe place to sleep and perhaps his only meal of the day. Please pray for him. He could have been anyone of our sons.

Another new client was a woman wearing her bathrobe. She said she used to work as a school nurse, but went on disability because of a bad back. She is now on prescription oxycodone. She had just returned from selling her plasma across the street to help pay her rent. She wants to get her life back so she can return to work.

Another new man came in to eat. He said that for the past 6 months he had been in a very bad place. He could not remember the last time he had eaten any vegetables. He was very grateful for the meal and gave thanks many times to different workers. I saw him talking to Ruth and Kay. I didn't hear what he said, but after he walked away, I heard Ruth say, "I think we just went to church."

Thank you for all you do the help these our brothers and sisters.

May God reward you for your ministry to Him.



# 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 9<sup>th</sup>** so it can be included in our June issue. Email me at [nancy.hoc@outlook.com](mailto:nancy.hoc@outlook.com)





# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## ACROSS

1. India's continent
5. Fireplace residue
8. Stare at
12. Scarlet and crimson
13. Expected to arrive
14. Spoil
15. Shopping center
16. Cried out in horror
18. Like a nearly vertical slope
20. Car's honker
21. Before, to posts
23. One more time
27. Rank below sergeant
32. Otherwise
33. President Lincoln, to friends
34. Factions
36. Aardvark's nibble
37. Enjoy a novel
39. Table of \_\_\_\_\_, book directory
41. Pancake topper
43. Paving material
44. Brightly colored jewel
47. Truck stopper
51. Train operator
55. Length times width

56. Eerie-voiced lake bird
57. Merry
58. Puppy's bites
59. Hopping amphibian
60. That woman
61. See socially

## DOWN

1. Biceps sites
2. Chair or bench
3. Unoccupied
4. Dozing
5. Product-pitching announcements
6. \_\_\_\_\_ as, for example
7. Parade honoree
8. Juice flavor
9. Confection made just for chewing
10. Tell a whopper
11. Conclude
17. Historic time
19. Paid athletes
22. Guitarist Clapton
24. Mr. Alda
25. Fails to be
26. Tennis-court dividers
27. Train segments
28. Carry out (an order)
29. Raise (children)
30. Big fuss
31. Gave temporarily
35. Pierce with a knife
38. In the course of
40. Messenger's chore
42. Play on words
45. Pleads
46. "Uh-huh!"
48. Opera solo
49. Held onto
50. Comfort
51. One of Santa's helpers
52. Neither's partner
53. Sticky stuff
54. Hearty bread

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# Word Search Puzzle

## BIBLICAL PLACES

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# HOC CALENDAR — May Happenings

Tuesday	May	02	7:00pm	Mission & Outreach (via Zoom)
Tuesday	May	09		Looking Tree Deadline
Sunday	May	14		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Monday	May	15	7:00pm	Admin & Finance (via Zoom)
Thursday	May	18		Ascension of Our Lord
Sunday	May	28		Pentecost
Monday	May	29		HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY



*Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen!*



## MAY BIRTHDAYS



- May 1 Christine Sutton
- May 9 Jeanne Hastings
- May 27 Bill Witt

