



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

November 2023



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Dear HoC members and friends,

In light of the violence and unrest going on in our world, I've been drawn to this prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. I encourage us all to pray this prayer, praying for peace in our world:

The Peace Prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

- Matthew 5:9

In peace,

Pastor Hilary



ELKTON COMMUNITY KITCHEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Calling all HOC bakers!

Once again we've been offered the opportunity to contribute cookies for the annual Elkton Kitchen Christmas luncheon on December 22nd. We're hoping to provide 25 dozen cookies, packed in sandwich bags of four cookies each.

Please help us continue this HOC tradition by signing up now! Contact Alex Oakes or Debbie Reeves to put your name on the list of cookie volunteers.

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Other giving opportunities coming up: Flannel Shirts for Men's Shelter and Warriors Helping Warriors; Mitten and Hat Tree in Narthex; possible "adopt a needy family" (still under consideration).

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Stay tuned for more information and details...



VETERAN'S DAY 2023

Veteran's Day this year falls on Saturday, Nov. 11th so we will have our annual **HoC Salute to Veterans** insert on [Sunday, Nov. 12th](#). Please let me know if you need to add someone to our list, or if you have changes no later than Nov. 6th.

Thank you!

Contact me at nancy.hoc@outlook.com



HoC HAPPENINGS

Donna Reed

Thank you all so much for your faithful support of Hope Dining Room. On Friday, Oct. 13th we completed our monthly service to God and his children. We served pulled pork sliders or white chicken chili, bean soup, coleslaw, apples, pickles, pear sauce and cookies. Thank you Rosi for your donation of chili. Many were grateful for the meal and very complimentary. One man ate three sandwiches, and two bowls of beans along with all the other food. Folks were hungry today, and we ran out of all the food except the sandwiches and apples. "Blessed is the man who shares his food with the poor."

James did not come today. Ryan was hungry and asked me to tell everyone how much he appreciated this meal. Greg said that he has MS, and he came to HOPE directly following a medical test. He was glad a warm meal was available. One woman found a coat Sonia had donated. She put it on and wore it during her meal as if she was cold or did not want anyone else to take it. She told me that she had been worried about what she would do for a winter coat this year.

Several men were excited about the men's blue jeans that Ruth donated. They said they were perfect work pants. Chris donated key chains to each of our clients to celebrate Friday the 13th. We also offered new Christian books which were very popular.

Thanks again to everyone for your help and support!



Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM

Saint John the Baptist/Holy Angels Catholic Parish
(Possum Park location) 82 Possum Park Rd, Newark, DE

*Join us for an inspiring time of worship and
thanksgiving with our interfaith friends!*



Have you ever seen anyone so happy to be painting? Our Sexton, Leroy Harris, has his usual big smile on his face as he paints our sign out front!

Thanks for all you do for us, Leroy!



Pastor Hilary slicing the first cut of cake celebrating Pastor Appreciation month!

We are truly blessed to have her with us!

Thank you for all you do.



All Saints Sunday Worship Service – Sunday, November 5, 2023 In Memoriam Candle Lighting

On **All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023**, we will continue our tradition of remembering our members and friends who have died over the past year by lighting candles in their memory.

During worship, we will light large pillar candles in memory of those members who have passed away since our last observance. We will also invite those in attendance to come forward and light a tealight candle in memory of other loved ones and friends they wish to remember.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS: If you will be attending worship virtually, and you would like to have a loved one's name read and have a candle lit in memory, **please return the form below with the names to be read to Pastor Hilary by no later than 12:00 PM on Saturday, November 4th.**

You may return the form by email Pastor Hilary at heliving@gmail.com or regular mail to the church office.

Please contact Pastor Hilary with questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Your name: _____

Name of family/loved one(s) to be remembered:

Thank You

After fifteen years of service, Melissa Witt will be stepping down as treasurer here at HoC at the end of this year.

Thank you, Melissa, for your hard work and dedication to this position!
We really appreciate all you have done for us over the years!



The Session along with the Administration and Finance commission are beginning the work of finding a new person to fill the role of treasurer. If you believe you have the skills and interest to serve in this position, please contact A & F chairperson, Linda Huffman at lhuffman@graze.net by November 30th. If there are no volunteers from the congregation, we will consider hiring a paid staff person.



For Session members who are interested in obtaining a 2023-24 Presbyterian Planning Calendar, you can go to Cokesbury.com online and order one. The cost is \$16.95. We used to order them from New Castle Presbytery who ordered them in bulk for all the churches that needed them, but they no longer do that, and we now have to order our own. So if you would like one, please go to Cokesbury.com and place your order.

Thank you.



THANKSGIVING TABLE

As is our long-standing tradition, our Mission efforts in November will support Deep Roots and our Blessing Box.

To provide the most balanced Thanksgiving baskets, the following items are requested for donation by Sunday, November 19th. Place your items on the white shelves located at the front of the sanctuary.

*Canned Fruit, Cranberry Sauce
Bags/boxes of Stuffing, Canned Meals
(for days beyond Thanksgiving)*

*Bags/boxes of Starchy Sides
(potatoes, rice, pasta, etc.)*

Bring fresh items in on Sunday, November 19th

Fresh potatoes (sweet, white), squash, beans, apples, or other ***fresh*** produce.

*Thank you for your
support and generosity!*



Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the session has decided to adjust the liturgical calendar in November and December to better accommodate the needs of our congregation during the holiday season.

We are moving the liturgical calendar up one week beginning in mid-November. This will give us the opportunity to observe the four weeks of Advent and Christmas Eve, each on their own Sundays.

Liturgical schedule for November/December worship:

Sunday, November 19th – Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 26th – First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 3rd – Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 10th – Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 17th – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve (*Evening candlelight service only – No morning service*)

Sunday, December 31st – (*Virtual worship only*) – Café gathering in Fellowship Hall (*watch the virtual service together on the big TV*)

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **NO MORNING SERVICE** on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th. We will have our traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service of lessons and carols in the evening at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary.

On Sunday, December 31st, there will be **VIRTUAL WORSHIP ONLY**, with a café church gathering in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to watch the virtual service together on the big TV.

CRAFTING TO-GATHER

The October crafting event at HOC on Saturday, October 28th was a resounding success. Thank you, Chris Reed, for the donation of your time and the kits. Keep your eyes peeled for more information about our November/December crafting event which promises to be another great time together with friends.





Thanksgiving Word Scramble

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HOC CALENDAR — November Happenings



Tue	Nov 01	2:00pm	Care & Fellowship
Sun	Nov 05	11:00am	All Saints Day
Sun	Nov 05	Daylight Saving Time Ends (Turn clocks back 1 hour)	
Mon	Nov 06	7:30pm	Worship (via Zoom)
Thur	Nov 07	11:30pm	Nifty-Wiftys @ Wesley's
Tues	Nov 08	LOOKING TREE DEADLINE	
Mon	Nov 13	7:00pm	Session (in person)
Mon	Nov 21	7:00pm	Admin & Finance Commission (via Zoom)
Tue	Nov 21	7:30pm	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Thur	Nov 23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
Sun	Nov 26		1 st Sunday of Advent
Mon	Nov 27	7:00pm	Vital Congregations Mtg



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- Nov 2 Andre Marianiello
- Nov 13 Melissa Witt
- Nov 26 Linda Dunn
- Nov 28 Landon Gill
- Nov 29 Lillian Crispin

