



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here... **MARCH 2024**

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Lent 2024 – Discipleship Deep Dive

The first mark of a vital congregation is discipleship. Discipleship is responding to Jesus' call, "Follow me!" Scholar and writer Dallas Willard defines discipleship as "the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you." Discipleship is a process of becoming a student or apprentice of Jesus, learning to do the things he did and become the kind of person he was. I see discipleship as the hub of a wheel – all the other vital marks come from the central focus of discipleship. As we grow as disciples, we become better able to demonstrate the other vital marks.

Discipleship is foundational to the Christian life. We can't really call ourselves Christians if we do not commit to becoming Jesus' disciples. The word "Christian" occurs 3 times in the New Testament, while the word "disciple" occurs 269 times. Clearly discipleship is essential to being a Christian. So, how do we become disciples of Jesus? Discipleship is both an initial commitment and a lifelong pursuit. We won't fully mature as disciples until we meet Jesus face-to-face, but we can begin the process of becoming Jesus' disciples and make progress in spiritual maturity.

This Lent, we're going to do a deep dive into the topic of discipleship. I will be preaching a **sermon series** on the topic as well as leading an **adult Sunday school class at 9:30 AM in the parlor** based upon **the video series, "From the Inside Out"**. In this class/sermon series, we'll explore the following questions:

- What is Discipleship?
- What is Spiritual Formation?
- What is My Picture of God?
- What is My Picture of Myself?
- What is My Picture of the Gospel?
- How Do People Change?
- How Do I Follow Jesus?

I hope this series will help us learn about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, as well as how to grow to maturity as Jesus' disciples. Jesus calls us with the command, "Follow me!" Let's learn how to follow Jesus more closely as his disciples this Lenten season and always!

Blessings,

Hilary

HoC EASTER SERVICES

Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, March 31, 2024

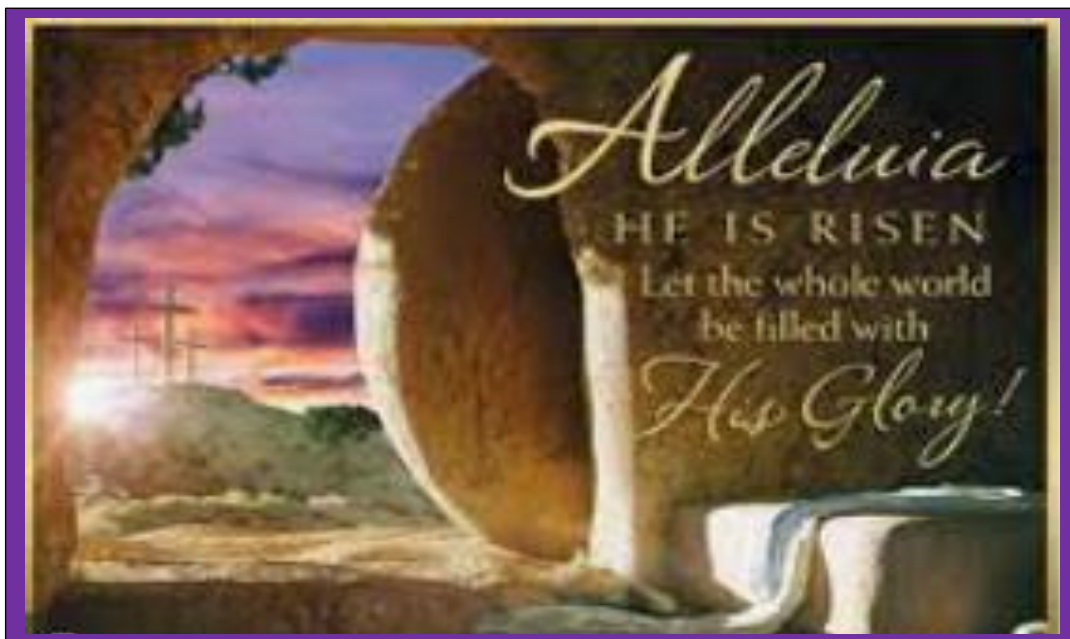
HoC will once again be hosting our **Community Sunrise Service** (Weather permitting) in the cemetery at 7:00am.

Service will be led by various Christian ecumenical partners.

Following the sunrise service, everyone is invited to our **Fellowship Hall for a Coffee and Donuts**.
(Sponsored by the Worship Commission).
Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!



HoC will also have a **traditional Easter Sunday worship service** in the **sanctuary at 11:00am**. This service will be **livestreamed** for those who cannot attend in person.



Hope Dining Room in February

Submitted by Donna Reed

HOC 's latest service at Hope was on February 9th. We fed 39 firsts and 12 seconds. There was plenty of food available.

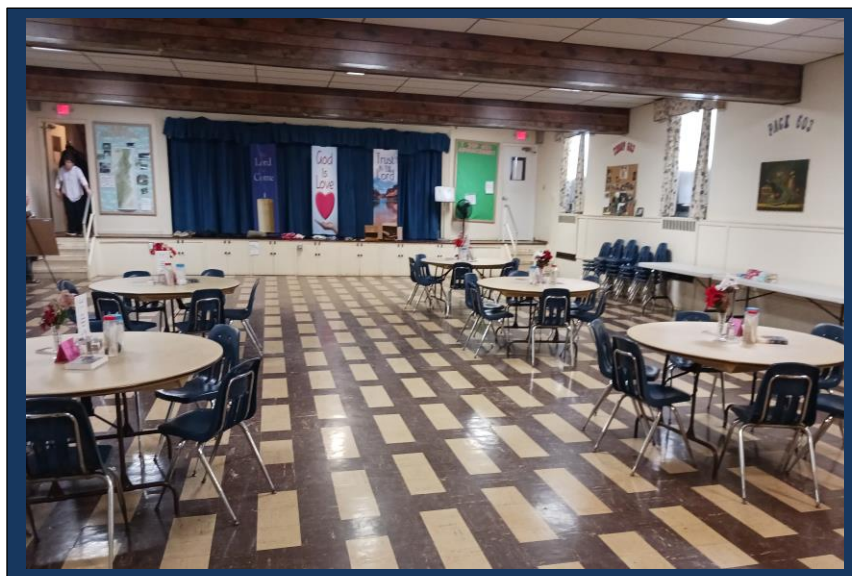
We served pulled pork sliders, corn, fruit cocktail, milk and two types of soup. Sonia made her famous split pea soup which one of our clients said was 'banging.' We also had pickles, crackers, and fig jam available on each table. There were donuts for dessert.

We should have also offered Sloppy Joes, but I grabbed the wrong bag of frozen meat from the church freezer. Sorry.

Several clients asked about our church. One man asked us to pray for him to find a job. One woman asked for prayer that she could find a place to live. One client was grateful for the sleeping bag we donated to him. One man gave glory to God for his health. He is battling MS but can't afford the medicine that the doctor recommends, but he knows God is helping him.

One woman told me she comes to Hope Dining Room as much as she can as long as the weather is good for walking. She lives alone since her husband's death in 2021. She likes the warm meals that she doesn't make just for herself. Plus she wants the company.

We always offer religious books when we're there. One woman took a huge stack and told me how excited she was to get these new books to share with her mom. Thanks for your love and service to these people who God loves. BTW- that group picture was the best of what our friend took.



Hope Dining Room in February





Join us after church on March 17th for a
St. Patrick's Day coffee hour hosted by
Care and Fellowship
You have heard of "wearing o' the green"—well we'll
be "eating o' the green".
Come and enjoy!!!

*"Bless us with good food, the gift of gab and hearty laughter.
May the love and joy we share, be with us ever after!"*

~ Irish Kitchen Prayer



Thank you all so much for your
generous contributions this year.
Our youth collected \$342.97 which
will be donated to
Hope Dining Room.





Hello everybody. Yes, I cannot say it any better, Thank You! What a productive day. Lillian and her kitchen crew were amazing. And the remainder of servers, runners, tray keepers and everyone else kept the machine running. Wow! 82 meals served. Wow!

And, I was told many times that I did the job of "Chief" very well. If I did, it is because Alex left me all his spreadsheets, rosters, job descriptions and Time Schedule. Bet you didn't know how "Organized" the event had become. So, thank you Alex for leaving us so prepared. I'd feel terrible if I forgot anyone. If I did, it is not intentional.



*As often as you did it for one
of my least brothers, you did
it for me.*

Daylight Saving Time Begins



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night, March 9th before you go to sleep. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10th!

And go to bed an hour earlier so you can wake up fresh as a daisy!



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Object of worship
5. Get a glimpse of
8. Go for a dip
12. Fork prong
13. Opposing vote
14. Jack rabbit
15. December 24th and December 31st
16. Previously, to poets
17. Shaped like an egg
18. Untidy condition
19. Everyone
20. Penny
21. Acorn tree
23. Bible boat
25. Prayer responses
28. Blaze residue
29. Waiter's bonus
32. Boy
33. Like the skin of a person with chicken pox
35. Boxing's Muhammad
36. Magazine fillers
37. Small, round speck
38. Syrup-producing tree
40. That woman
41. Do a tailor's job
42. Father
45. Negative word

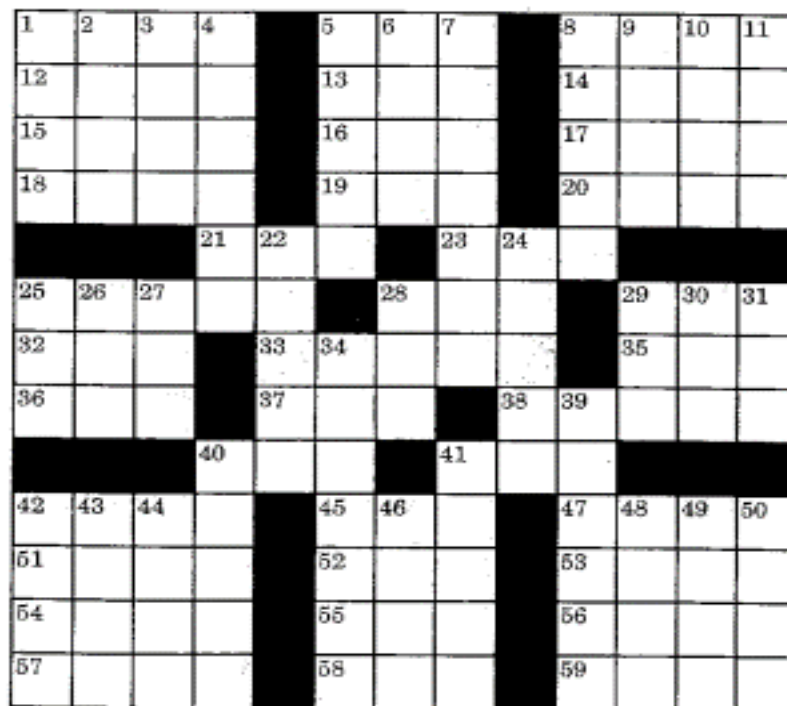
47. Highest point
51. Puts to work
52. Big fuss
53. Highway
54. Shopper's memory aid
55. Dress in
56. Rounded roof
57. Behind schedule
58. Mine extraction
59. Reach across

DOWN

1. Article on a 54-Across
2. Do a jackknife
3. Small bills
4. Something to be learned

5. Move so as not to be seen
6. British nobleman
7. Mascara target
8. Extreme surprise
9. Surfer's quest
10. Persia, today
11. Dissolve
22. Out of the way
24. Verse feature, sometimes
25. Like: 2 wds.
26. Angry
27. Sullivan and Asner
28. Play a role
29. Knock softly
30. Not in good health

31. Dessert pastry
34. Twister
39. Prizes
40. "_____ makes waste!"
41. Small rock
42. Word on a door handle
43. China's locale
44. Tiny trouble-maker
46. Smell
48. Chicken house
49. Mate for 42-Across
50. Adam and Eve's home





Word Search Puzzle



ANGELS
APOSTLES
BETRAYAL
BLOOD
CALVARY
CROSS
CROWN OF THORNS
CRUCIFIXION
DARKNESS
DEATH
EARTHQUAKE
EASTER
GOLGOTHA

HIGH PRIEST
JESUS CHRIST
JOSEPH
JUDAS ISCARIOT
KING
LAMB
MARY
NAILS
PASSEOVER
PIECES OF SILVER
PIERCED
PILATE
RESURRECTION

ROBE
ROMANS
SACRIFICE
SIMON OF CYRENE
SOLDIERS
SON OF GOD
SPEAR
STONE
TEMPLE
THIEVES
THREE DAYS
TOMB

HOC CALENDAR — March Happenings

Sunday	Mar	03		Third Sunday in Lent
Monday	Mar	04	7:00pm	Vital Congregations Meeting
Wednesday	Mar	06	2:00pm	Care & Fellowship
Sunday	Mar	10	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS (Turn clocks ahead 1 hr)	
Sunday	Mar	10		Fourth Sunday in Lent
Monday	Mar	11		Looking Tree Deadline
Tuesday	Mar	12	11:30am	Nifty Wiftys @ Wesley's
Sunday	Mar	17		Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday	Mar	23	10-12pm	Crafting To-Gather
Sunday	Mar	24		Palm Sunday
Monday	Mar	25	7:00pm	Session (in person)
Thursday	Mar	28		Maundy Thursday
Friday	Mar	29		Good Friday (Sanctuary open 12-1pm)
Sunday	Mar	31	7:00am	Easter Sunrise Service
			11:00am	Traditional Easter Service

*** Choir Practice—Thursdays 7:30pm***



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Mar 4 Sonia Combs
 Mar 5 Mark Mankin
 Mar 5 Jane Murray
 Mar 16 Erica Sutton
 Mar 26 Sophia Marianiello

