



The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

APRIL 2024

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Resurrection Promise at Easter

We recently celebrated Easter here at Head of Christiana. On Easter Sunday, we hear once again the proclamation, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised as he said.” (Matt. 28:5-6). In Christian tradition, Easter lasts more than just a day – it lasts for an entire season until Pentecost.

During this season on the church calendar, we reflect upon Jesus’ resurrection and what it means for our lives as Christians.

Why is Jesus’ resurrection so important? First, Jesus’ death and resurrection give us freedom from sin and death. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 says, “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Second, Jesus’ resurrection gives us the promise of eternal life. Jesus says in John 11:25-26, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” Third, Jesus’ resurrection gives us the power to live the kind of righteous life God intended us to live. Colossians 3:9-10 tells us that in Christ, we have “stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.” In our new self in Christ, we can live a life of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. In Christ, we can bear with one another, forgive one another, and live in love with one another (Col. 3:12-14).

Let us strive to live the kind of resurrection life made possible to us in Jesus Christ, at Easter and always!

Blessings,

Hilary



Join us for Bingo Night at HoC!!!

When: Friday, April 26, 2024

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Attendees are asked to bring your favorite appetizer or snack to share.

Prizes will be awarded!



HoC HAPPENINGS



HEAD of CHRISTIANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church is hosting a Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, May 18th from 9 am to Noon

Location: Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church,
1100 W Church Rd, Newark, DE 19711

Rain Date: Saturday, May 25th

Community members are invited to join us by hosting your own table in our parking lot, or by having a sale in your own yard.

Parking lot spots are free, but you need to pre-register by emailing Donna Reed at: db1reed@hotmail.com

HoC will be hosting our own table raising funds to support Warriors Helping Warriors, a Delaware home for Veterans located in Middletown. Veteran Resource Center | Warriors Helping Warriors | United States (whwonline.org)

Any HoC members who have items to donate, can bring them to church and put them in the Nursery. Or contact Debbie Reeves or Donna Reed to have them picked up and brought to church.



HoC HAPPENINGS

Submitted by Lillian Crispin



Many thanks to you all for the work you did for our St. Patrick's Day observation at our Head of Christiana Coffee Hour. It was truly a wonderful example of a team effort by all of you. From the decorations by Jeanne with Aileen's Irish hat, to the Irish Potato candy from Aileen, to the green eggs by Kay Wood, and Shamrock cookies from Kathy, and all of the rest of us in-between, it was a lovely effort and time. Everyone there seemed to find a favorite or two or three and more. I know Jeanne took a picture or two at some point. Memories.

Afterward, Ed and I took a plate of some of everything to Claire and Jim Herrington. They appreciated all your hard work, too. Jim is fine, wearing a brace on his left leg and will be having in-home PT for a while.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



Pastor Hilary will be on vacation from April 8-14.

Rev. David Lovelace will be preaching/leading worship/teaching adult Sunday school on Sunday, April 14th.

Contact a deacon for any pastoral care emergencies during this period.

HoC HAPPENINGS

Submitted by Donna Reed

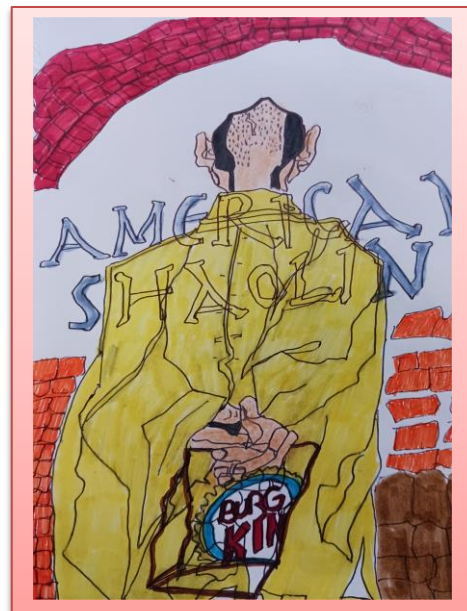
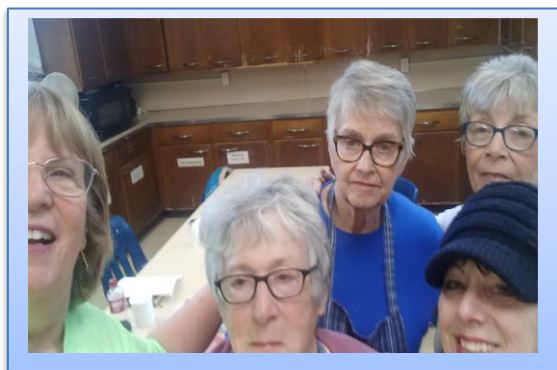


Hope Dining Room

We had a small but mighty crew working Hope Dining Room on March 8th. Kay B., Lillian, Ruth, and I. We accepted the help of one of our clients, Donna Marie. We served sloppy joe mix left over from Elkton Community Kitchen along with grilled cheese for folks who are going meatless Friday for Lent. Orlando gave us a bag of salad and a container of green beans that were left over from earlier this week. We also served frozen peaches and blueberries from Hope.

We served a large crowd of 43 people. James was there looking pale and drawn. His cancer is taking its toll, but at least he was well enough to come today. Steve brought his artwork to show us. Some of his work is displayed here. One of the women talked to us about abuse she suffered from her ex-husband. We also served 6 kids this month, and several of them took books for children about the meaning of Easter.

I will be out of town next month on the second Friday, so Lillian has agreed to coordinate the meal. Thanks so much for your continued support!

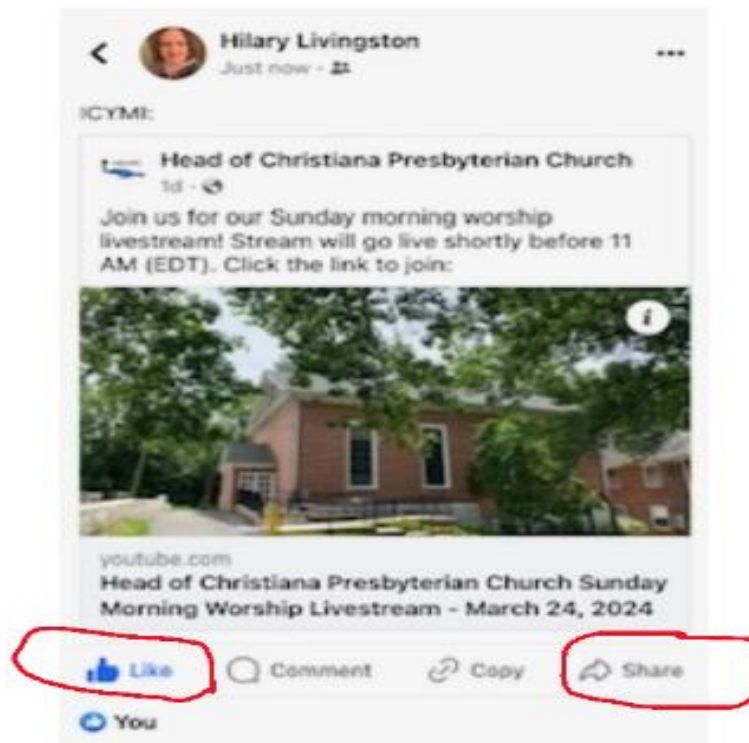


Share HoC on Social Media!

Help us share the good things we're doing here at Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church on Facebook!

Here's how you can help us spread the word:

1. If you haven't done so, like and follow our church page on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/HeadOfChristiana/>
2. When we have events/posts on our page, like them, and share them on your own page.
 - Hit the "thumbs up" button to like the post.
 - Hit the curved arrow to share the event/post on your own Facebook page.
 - Liking a post helps a little...sharing it on your own page helps A LOT.



You can also subscribe to our **YouTube** channel:

[Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church - YouTube](#)

And visit our website:

[Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church \(hocpc.org\)](http://hocpc.org)



SMALL CHURCH SATURDAY

April 13, 2024
10 a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Welcoming church members,
sessions and pastors!

Gathering Location:

First Presbyterian Church of Chesapeake City
351 Biddle Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915

Focus:

Learning from one another to take back
concrete solutions for problem solving and
new programs/ideas

Table topics, planning for your
participation and registration:

Visit the Presbytery website:

www.ncpresbytery.org/communications

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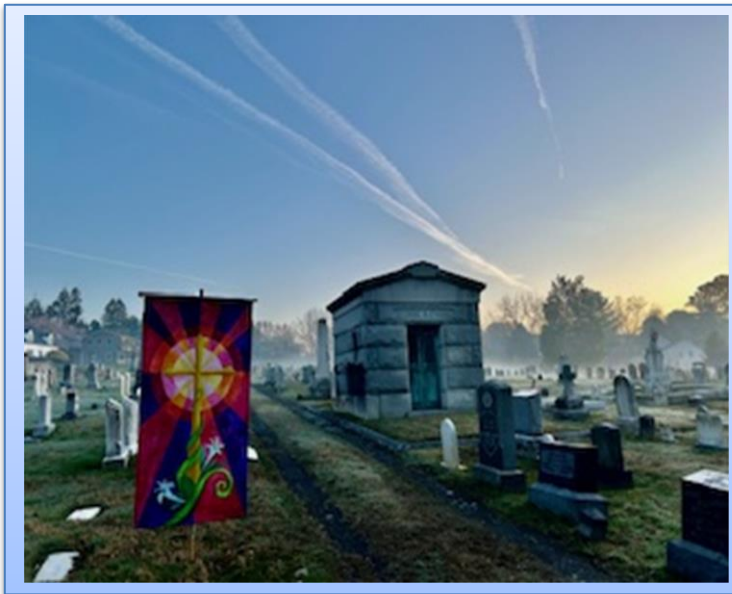
**SONGS OF GRATEFUL
PRAISE**

A Hymn Festival sponsored by the Delaware Chapter
of the American Guild of Organists

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 – 3:00 PM

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
503 Duncan Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19809





Word Search Puzzle

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HOC CALENDAR — April Happenings



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| Tuesday | April | 09 | 11:30am | Nifty Wiftys @ Wesley's |
| Saturday | April | 13 | 10-12pm | Small Church Saturday at First PC in Chesapeake City |
| Sunday | April | 14 | 3:00pm | Hymn Festival Pres. Church of the Covenant 18 Duncan Rd, Wilmington 19809 |
| Monday | April | 22 | 7:00pm | Vital Congregations Meeting |
| Tuesday | April | 23 | 7:00pm | Mission & Outreach Meeting |
| Wednesday | April | 24 | 2:00pm | Care & Fellowship |
| Friday | April | 26 | 5:30pm | Bingo Night |
| Saturday | April | 27 | 10-12pm | Crafting To-Gather |



Choir Practice—Thursdays—7:00pm



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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| April | 3 | Linda Huffman | April | 19 | Branch Murray |
| April | 6 | Vince Marianiello | April | 20 | Allen Gallaher |
| April | 6 | Hilary Livingston | April | 23 | Leo Marianiello |
| April | 9 | Aileen Burmeister | April | 28 | Abigail Condliffe |
| April | 15 | Ed Cairns | April | 29 | Susan Brook |

