

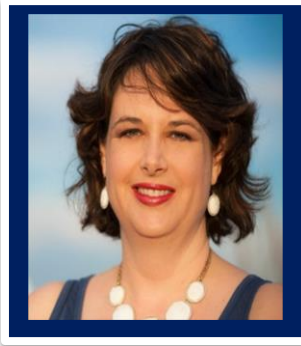


The Looking Tree

Love lives here, Love flows from here...

June 2024

Hello Members and Friends of Head of Christiana,



Pastor Hilary Livingston

Summer is a Time for Sabbath

We're moving into the summer season – longer days, warmer weather, and a time to slow our pace a bit. Lots of folks travel for vacations to the lake or the beach or the mountains to enjoy some time of rest and relaxation before the busyness of the fall season comes upon us. It was a year ago that I was in the middle of my sabbatical – an extended time of rest and renewal that gave me the opportunity to step back from regular ministry responsibilities to recharge and gain a new perspective on my

life and calling. It was such a blessing to have that time and those experiences. I've been trying to incorporate more rhythms of rest and renewal into my routine as I've returned to pastoral responsibilities. I've been intentionally observing my Sabbath day, as well as taking time for physical activity, prayer, and being out in God's creation on a regular basis. These practices have kept me grounded in the ministry work to which God has called me.

Whatever age or stage of life we're in – whether we are still in our working years or retired, raising children or enjoying grandchildren, caring for the young or the old in our lives – we can all take time for rest and renewal. God gave his people the Sabbath as a gift of renewal and restoration. God designed us to be creatures who need and desire periods of rest from our labor and activities. Summer is a great opportunity to look for ways to engage in personal forms of Sabbath, whether that be taking at least one full day off from work every week, to incorporating down time into our daily routines, to making space for enjoying the little pleasures of daily living (savoring an ice cream cone, walking barefoot through fresh green grass, sipping lemonade, taking a nap). What are some ways you can take times of intentional rest and renewal during this summer season? How is God calling you to rest and enjoy his many blessings, both great and small, in your life? Before we know it, the cooler winds of fall will be upon us. Let us take time to savor the summer season and its opportunities for rest and renewal.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Hilary

Choral Student Recognition

We recognized our choral student singers and apprentice choir director from the University of Delaware at a special coffee hour cohosted by the Worship and Care and Fellowship commissions following worship service on Sunday, May 19th. The students received gifts and cards signed by the congregation.



Our 2023-2024 Choral Students:

Rob Smith, Shaun Gibbons (choral director), Meaghan Walsh, Alena Carhart, Garrett Thomas, and John Murphy (not pictured).

HoC HAPPENINGS

**Save
the
Date**

CONCERT UNDER THE TREES

Mark your calendars now...

**Wednesday, June 26th at 7:00pm is
the date of our summer concert.**

**Please bring a lawn chair or blanket
to sit on so you're comfortable.**

And bring family and friends too!!!



Adult Sunday School will be on
break from June through August.

We'll resume in September.

Watch for details for Rally Day!



HoC HAPPENINGS



Congratulations to our HoC family graduates listed below.

William Verlaque — Grandson of Mary Lou and Alex Oakes, graduated from Valencia High School, Valencia, CA. He will be going to college at Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR this fall.

Haley Alice Crispin — Granddaughter of Lillian and Ed Crispin, will be graduating from Monacan High School for the Humanities in Chesterfield County in Richmond, VA.

Daniela Elizabeth Garcia—Granddaughter of Steve and Kathy Graham, graduated on May 25th from Lincoln High School [Nebraska]. She will be attending Nebraska Wesleyan University this fall.

Nicole Alexa Gill—Granddaughter of Sonia Combs, graduated from UD with an honors degree with distinction in chemical engineering. She was one of 36 students in the entire university to earn a degree with distinction. Nicole will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall to pursue a PhD in pharmaceutical engineering.



It was a cool rainy day for our Second Friday service to God at Hope Dining Room. The highlight (or low light) of the day, was that Ruth slipped getting out of her car. Her Life Alert did its job. They called an ambulance and her emergency contact person. But the blessing of this bad event was what I witnessed in ordinary people. A workman came into the kitchen to let us know she needed help. Lillian offered her coat. A man driving by stopped to help and loaned his umbrella. A woman saw Ruth fall and brought a blanket. Two men stayed holding umbrellas helping to make Ruth as comfortable as possible while we waited for the ambulance. Word spread among the clients at Hope. I was truly touched by how many of them asked if we had heard how she was doing. Many said they were praying for her. Susan Brook graciously came to help fill in the gap. It was a blessing to witness the kindness and caring of others.

Thanks also to Merle, Sonja, and Rosi for donating shoes and clothing for Hope clients.

Not sure how many folks we fed. We ran out of soup, gave a small bit of coleslaw and sloppy joe mix to one man to take home, and had two containers of pulled pork left over. Thank you, Ruth, Lillian, Kay W. Kay B., and Susan Brook, for serving with love to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you all for your forty-eight years of service to God through the ministry at Hope Dining Room.

In His Service, until next month,

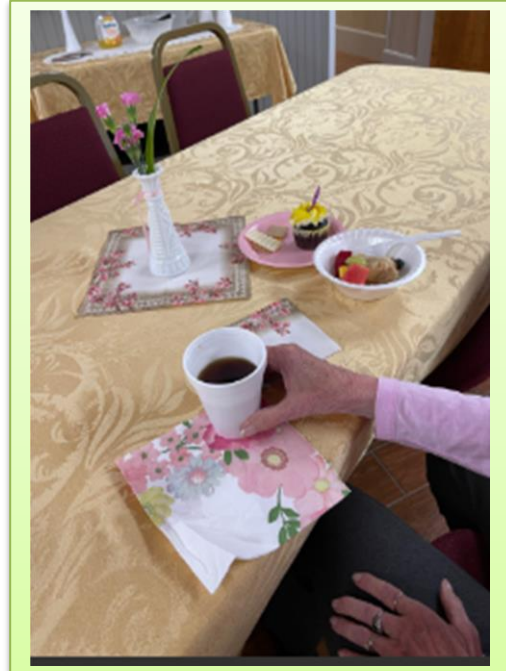
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On Sunday, June 16, Care and Fellowship will host a special Father's Day Coffee Hour as a salute to all fathers everywhere.

Please join us as we honor these special people.

MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR



MEMORIAL DAY COFFEE HOUR



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HOC CALENDAR — June Happenings



Tuesday	June	11	11:30am	Nifty-Wiftys @ Wesley's
Tuesday	June	11		Looking Tree Deadline
Sunday	June	16		HAPPY FATHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR
Thursday	June	20		FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

*Be there for others,
but never leave
yourself behind!*



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



June 1	Sallie Christian	June 25	Elisabeth Gallaher
June 3	Carol Cole	June 25	Al Harper
June 7	Jim Herrington	June 29	Mary Lou Oakes
June 19	Sarabeth Gillespie		

