



Summer Camp Returns After 2020 Absence

After a nearly two-year absence due to COVID-19, the sounds of laughter and singing can be heard again at Camp Hanover.

On June 20, Camp Hanover welcomed kids back for the start of summer camp.

Exceeding 2021 goals, nearly 500 campers are registered for overnight camp; 200 are enrolled in on-site day camp. Registration for day camp is double the amount Camp Hanover has ever experienced.

“We have made it to this point and navigated the past 18 months through the grace of God,” shared Executive Director Doug Walters at the presbytery meeting in June.

In recent months, volunteers also have returned to the property, contributing hours of sweat equity to prepare the camp for children and young people.



Robert Fidler from the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg led a group that moved the Celtic cross dock into its final position at the lake.

The POJ Disaster Relief Ministry, spearheaded by Brown Pearson of Southminster Church, made numerous trips to work on needed projects, including construction of a boardwalk, a bridge, and a bell tower.

As COVID arrived, the board of directors had just embarked on a strategic planning process. Despite the disruption caused by social distancing, the board continued its work and is now in the final stages of developing a road map for the next three to five years.



New Covenant Church closed at the end of 2020, but its bell will continue to ring at Camp Hanover. In April, a team of volunteers removed the bell from New Covenant and built a new tower for it outside Wise Lodge at the camp. The members of the church also found a new home, being welcomed to nearby Southminster Church.

To register for summer camp or find out the many ways you can be involved at camp, visit camphanover.org.



Inclusion Workshop

Join PC(USA)'s intercultural justice office for a virtual workshop on gender and inclusion October 19 at 6:00 p.m. Learn basic concepts and terms to become a more inclusive church. Learn more at presbyteryofthejames.com/event/inclusion-workshop.