



People's to People  
*The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover*  
*United Church of Christ*  
46 South Bradford Street  
Dover, Delaware 19904  
(302) 674-4177 - Office, (302) 674-3423 - Fax  
Email Address: [peopleschurch@dmv.com](mailto:peopleschurch@dmv.com)  
Webpage: <http://www.peopleschurchofdover.org>

---

JUNE 2009

*Under the Bell Tower*

## A NEW CENTURY

... and just like that the centennial celebration is over. What comes next? We're going to have to go some to match what those who went before us accomplished. Now we start doing the deeds that those a hundred years from now will read about, write about, dig out photographs of. What will they learn about us?

Well, first of all, in this present worst economic slump since the Great Depression the People's Church family has pulled together, written a reasonable budget, subscribed that budget, and has been giving even more than expected. The "Acts of Faith" program is working. Since we are not able to draw as much from endowment dividends this year, we must attend to our giving. I'm confident that we will.

But do we have any vision of what People's Church can be and do in the longer run? We have a very focused vision called "A Ministry of Health and Healing." Everyone has had an opportunity to review the early drafts of this proposal, and several groups have studied it in depth. Now we need to implement those aspects of "A Ministry of Health and Healing" that have the affirmation and enthusiasm of the congregation.

Two years ago the Lenten Study group caught a vision based on the identity of our church: it's not a "project"—it's doing what a church with our identity does. There are three elements in this identity: worship, hospitality and healing. The "Ministry of Health and Healing" draws these elements together so that they are mutually supportive. It is not about some kind of magic: it's about BEING People's Church of Dover. There are four aspects of the vision:

1. **The Liturgical Aspect** means worship. We already conduct services of anointing with oil and prayers for healing once a quarter. What additional worship-related "healing" can we do? That's going to be something to explore.
2. **The Clinical Aspect** encourages each of us to become and stay more healthy. Some churches have a parish nurse program. We can certainly invite medical professionals into our church to conduct blood pressure checks, exposed skin checks, etc. And hospitality can become a part of such a program.
3. **The Educational Aspect** offers various groups in the church opportunities to have health-related programs, training events, etc.; and I'd like to see us again using the gym and the bowling alley for group-type exercise such as a yoga class, a bowling tournament, you name it.

4. **The Social Action Aspect** means reaching out into our community in service to health and healing needs, including advocacy for people in our community who now have no health care. This won't be everybody's "bag," but it certainly will be for some of us.

Join hands with me, and let's see what God is going to do among us in this second hundred years!



-Dan

## PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

**Mary Alice Bailey** – dealing with cancer.

**Connie Biddle** – was in KGH with pneumonia

**Hattye Mae Biddle** – recuperating from broken hip surgery, in Westminster Care Center

**Christine Hopkins** – recuperating on the go after hip-joint replacement surgery

**Fred Hotchkiss** – repeated knee problems.

**Barbara Moore** – was in KGH for internal bleeding

**Louise Moore** – home, under Hospice care.

**Ginny Read** – recuperating at home.

**Mary Reed** – cardiac arrhythmia.

**Laura Ryan** – in cancer therapy.

**A.J. Senato** – waiting after spinal-cranial surgery for re-assessment.

**Jan Waite** – Calvin's wife is struggling with cancer.

## PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

**Drexel Biddle** – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.

**Shawn Carhart** – Jennifer Myer's nephew in N.J. hospitalized for tests.

**Leon "Buddy" Carter** – Brenda Polasko's brother: COPD.

**Faye Downey** – Marian DePue's friend in MO with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

**Eichelberger family** – Allbees' friends: several medical problems.

**Casey Garcia** – Friend of Jane Dodd, in treatment for respiratory problems.

**Bill Henry** – Dodds' friend suffering from advancing Alzheimer's Disease.

**Lucille Horsey** – Carol Skadsberg's friend.

**Jeanne Hutchings** – Marian DePue's daughter in Richmond fell and broke her leg: after surgery she will be recuperating for four months.

**Sue Leonard** – Cleah Muntz's sister: pain from spinal deterioration.

**Morgan Morris** – 7 yr-old son of Robin Hinderer's friend: recuperating from surgery

**Chloe Niehorster** – Jackie's granddaughter in NJ: mauled by a dog.

**Keith Nicolls** – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.

**Debbie Yates** – friend of Pat Thompson, hospitalized with infection, recuperating at home.

**Martin Zagari** – Sue Dodd's uncle, hospitalized for cranial tests.

## PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

**Sylvia Cooper** – friend of Jean Hitchens

**Faye Denkenberger** – friend of Marie Clement.

**Mary Ford** – Betsy Stewart's friend.

**Dale and Carole Hammond** – friends of Pat Thompson

**Michelle Hill** – Sue Dodd's cousin.

**Barbara Jackson** – Cleah Muntz's cousin.

**Howard Killian** – Angela Downs' father.

**Gordon Minner** – friend of Jeff and Judy Reed.

**Charlena Murdock** – Reeds' friend in South Carolina.

**Christina Neustad** – Betsy Stewart's niece.

**Diane Nickelson** – friend of Brenda Polasko.

**Lillian Schrantz** – Cleah Muntz's sister-in-law.

**Judy Smith** – Phyllis Simkins' niece.

**Michele Stevenson** – friend of the Allbee family.

**Jean Stulir** – friend of Lyn Arnold: has 3 small children.

**Ethan Williams** – 7-yr.-old friend of Hotchkiss family.

**"Ann Marie"** – friend of the Allbee family.

**Deborah VanNess** – friend of the Allbee family.

### DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

**Spc. Adam Conard** – Joan Conard's grandson: Army: to Iraq.

**Darlene Casebeer** – Cleah Muntz's niece: Air Force: to Iraq.

### NEW BABY !

Congratulations to Debbie and Tim Rudis on the birth of a daughter, **Olivia Christine**, April 14. She weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces.

### NEW BABY !

Congratulation sto Lynn and Chris Smith on the birth of a son, **Nathan William**, May 4. He weighed 10 pounds 4 ounces. The proud grandparents are Bill and Jo Ellen Smith.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to **Michelle Caulk** who was chosen Teacher of the Year in her elementary school. This nominates her for Teacher of the Year in the Lake Forest School District.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **Kathy Hanebutt** who has been honored as the Education Psychologist of the Year for the State of Delaware.

## THREE 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

During worship on May 17 the Board of Christian Education presented Bibles to three third-graders: **Kaitlyn Clendaniel**, **Sarah Cole**, and **Harry Cooke**. Congratulations, guys!

## SYMPATHY

The church's love and sympathy are expressed to Eileen Lockwood and the Goldsmith family in the death of Eileen's husband of 52 years, **E. C. Lockwood** on Saturday May 16, after a long illness.

## Special Thanks

to **Dr. Paul Hanebutt, Jr.**, our choir director, for composing two new pieces of music for the Centennial celebration: a setting of **Psalms 134** commissioned by organist Philip Betts, and a choral anthem "**All People Come**" dedicated to the glory of God and appreciation to members of People's Church who have given of their talents; to his parents and their musical gifts, and to wife Kathy and children Christopher and Megan for their love and support.

## A VERY THOUGHTFUL BIRTHDAY GIFT

Our thanks and appreciation to **Erin Biddle**, who after browsing in our church library commented, "There aren't any books for younger people in there!" So for her birthday May 3 she asked for books, and books she did receive. Erin has given sixty new books to the **George Kent Memorial**

**Library** especially for younger people. Thank you, Erin!

## WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to **Laura Cahall and Jesse Connor** on their marriage at People's Church on Saturday May 9.

Congratulations to **Erika Zingaro and Tom Opalecky** on their marriage May 16 in People's Church.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

May 10 we received into membership three who have already been part of our "family" for awhile.

**Ethel Baldauf** 744-9422

171 Westminster Dr, 2-F  
Dover, DE 19904

**Maisha D. Britt** 674-4321

837 Sunset Terrace  
[martibritt@ymail.com](mailto:martibritt@ymail.com)  
Dover, DE 19904

**Joseph Zingaro** 284-0946  
143 Marions Way [jzingaro@comcast.net](mailto:jzingaro@comcast.net)  
Felton, DE 19943

## Thank You, Sue Harris-Hunt

Sue and the Board of Mission and Outreach have led several service and fund-raising projects—most recently the prep and sale of food for Old Dover Days and production of our Centennial Cookbook. She has also made great use of the new church van, transporting men in the ecumenical homeless shelter program from their check-

in site to the housing site, evening and morning since the beginning of the year. She has had the help of many people in all these projects, but she does the driving herself. She is asking YOU to be part of the homeless shelter program: for People's Church to **prepare and serve the food** the week of June 7.

**Holy Communion** and **anointing with oil** with prayers for healing, during the worship service on Sunday June 7.

### **UCC NEWSPAPER GOES ONLINE**

Back in 2003 the Diaconate sent the names and addresses of all the active members of People's Church to the denomination's newspaper, the United Church News, along with a sizeable donation; and since then the paper has been mailed to homes. Now there's a problem. Just like several daily newspapers around the country, the United Church News has had some very difficult financial reverses. The decision has been made to **stop publishing the paper edition** completely—it will no longer be delivered to your home. From now on the United Church News will **publish online**: you can get it on the internet. The address is: [www.ucc.org/ucnews](http://www.ucc.org/ucnews)  
Check it out!

### **OTHER UCC WEBSITES**

[www.peopleschurchofdover.org](http://www.peopleschurchofdover.org)

[www.chesapeakeucc.org](http://www.chesapeakeucc.org) – Chesapeake Association

[www.cacucc.org](http://www.cacucc.org) – the Central Atlantic Conference

[www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) – denomination's website

There is also an "electronic church" website—a UCC fellowship of people on the internet:

[www.i.ucc.org](http://www.i.ucc.org)

### **"THANK YOU" TO HARD WORKERS**

To **Fred Hotchkiss** for chairing the Centennial Committee, spending hours making arrangements, working out problems, giving moral support to the other members of the Committee. To **Louise Warfield** for serving as the Committee's secretary, and for doing the actual work of planning, obtaining and selling the commemorative plates. To **Connie Biddle** and **Brenda Polasko** for their research into the church's historical records, and writing the history text published in the Centennial Booklet, and for the History Display. To **Jeff Reed** for his energy and his family memory of the church. To **Jane Kent**, **Christine Hopkins**, **Art Lewis Sr.** and **Bob Hawkins** for their significant contributions identifying people, times, heritage and friends. To **Terry Jaywork** for publicity and support. To **Glenn Hitchens** for both editorial work and guidance in the financing of the Committee's work. To **Dick Yerger** for his skills in researching the history of the property. To **Gerald Rice** and **Melissa Rice Normington** for collating and preparing the photographs of weddings in this church, and creation of materials to be placed into the cornerstone. To **Pat Thompson** for photography and for her excellent editing skills. To **Mark Biddle** for arranging for the removal and replacement of the cornerstone. To **Jean Hitchens** for "new eyes" proofreading. To **Betsy Stewart** who tirelessly labored to obtain financing and to compile and edit the Centennial

Booklet, and to arrange for the Delaware Choral Society concert. To **Fernando Ruis** for professional photography. To **B. J. VanKavelaar** and the **Board of Management** for getting the property ready for the celebration. To **Paul Hanebutt** for writing new music for the worship services, to the **Choir** and **Philip Betts** for great

performances. And to everyone who provided food, meal prep and clean-up, sponsorship and ads, purchases, and attending support for the Centennial Celebration of The People's Church of Dover. What a great party we had!