



People's to People
The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover
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Under the Bell Tower

There Is Only One Centennial

It only happens once. A "centennial," that is. It is forever after a centenary church—there will be a 125th anniversary, a 150th, a bicentennial; but a "centennial" happens only once. And this month People's Church of Dover is 100 years old. Let's celebrate! Here is the schedule of events.

Sunday May 17

10:00 AM – Associate Conference Minister, the Rev. Patricia Barth preaching

11:15 AM - Covered-Dish Luncheon

12:00 Noon - Opening the Cornerstone

4:00 PM - DE Choral Society concert -- (tickets required)

Saturday May 23

5:30 PM - Catered Dinner (tickets required)

6:15 PM - "A Little History Goes a Long Way" – short presentation

Sunday May 24

10:00 AM - Former pastor, the Rev. George Higgins preaching

11:15 AM - Photography: the whole church in front of the church

11:30 AM - Replacing the Cornerstone

A Centennial Planning Committee chaired by **Fred Hotchkiss** has been at work for a year putting everything in order. The Commemorative Plate has already arrived, and there are plenty more available for anyone who wants one. **Louise Warfield** helped design the plate, write the brief history on the back, order and distribute them. **Sue Harris-Hunt** devoted an incredible amount of time compiling a Centennial Cookbook that includes pictures from around the church: the cookbook is already here and available for purchase in the church office. **Betsy Stewart** has worked harder than anybody knows to compile, edit, and prepare for publication the Centennial Booklet: it contains many photographs all the way back to 1910, a short biography of the founding pastor the Rev. Albert H. Lightbourne, a newly written history of The People's Church, and recognitions. The Memorial Booklet is professionally printed and bound: it will be a keepsake.

Friends new and old will be attending, and they will want to see you. The **Delaware Choral Society** concert on the afternoon of May 17 is presented as a memorial tribute to **George and Margaret Young**. There will be a formal display of memorabilia and greetings from former members and pastors. Jimmy's Grill is providing the food for the **Catered Dinner** on Saturday May 23, but our own people are cooking and preparing for the **Covered-Dish Luncheon** on Sunday May 17: this is still "the eatin'est church" I've ever known.

A centennial only happens once. Don't miss it! I hope to see you there. –Dan



STEWARDSHIP REPORT
APRIL 30, 2009

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$216,390
Income Weekly	4,161
Budgeted Income to Date	74,898
Income Received to Date	68,848
Budget Expenses to Date	- 74,606
Net Difference	\$ - 5,758

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

	2008		2009	offerings
04/06	112	04/05	148	6,022.00
04/13	128	04/12	208	3,927.98
04/20	127	04/19	112	2,256.50
04/27	<u>126</u>	04/25	<u>99</u>	<u>2,471.16</u>
	493		591	\$14,677.64

May Birthdays

05/02	Jeffrey LEWIS
05/03	Erin BIDDLE
05/03	Kathryn HANNAH
05/04	William R. DARLING
05/04	Joan CONARD
05/07	Joyce GRAVES
05/07	Gerald E. RICE
05/08	Molly MAYAN
05/08	Faith PARKER
05/09	Josephine STRONG
05/10	Angela HEALEY
05/11	Mary R. REED
05/12	Michelle ANDREWS
05/14	Sandra McNINCH
05/16	Brenda POLASKO
05/16	Mary Beth GOLDSMITH
05/18	Victoria HEALEY
05/20	Joyce DARLING
05/21	Robert DePue
05/23	William A. HUFNAL
05/23	Harry OTTO
05/24	Adolph WEISSENFLOH
05/26	Dale STEWART
05/26	Hattye BIDDLE
05/27	Andrew POLASKO
05/27	Jackie NIEHORSTER
05/28	Carolyn Ann LEWIS
05/29	Dillon HOTCHKISS
05/31	Denese R. LINDSEY

If we missed anyone, please notify the church office to get your name on the list.

May God Bless You on Your Birthday



PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

- Mary Alice Bailey** – dealing with cancer.
Hattye Mae Biddle – recuperating in Westminster Care Center after surgery April 27th for a broken bone from a fall.
Ann Grove – recuperating from gall bladder surgery.
Christine Hopkins – in rehab at home after knee-joint replacement surgery.
Fred Hotchkiss – injured his knee again.
Louise Moore – home after a hospital stay, being aided by Hospice.
Roz Pierce – recuperating from gall bladder surgery
Andy Polasko – recuperating from gall bladder surgery
Ginny Read – recuperating at home.
Mary Reed – coronary arrhythmia.
Laura Ryan – in Silver Lake Center for rehab after knee-joint replacement surgery, and continuing chemotherapy
A.J. Senato – home after his surgery: waiting for doctor's recommendations
Jan Waite – Calvin's wife is battling cancer.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

- Drexel Biddle** – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.
Leon "Buddy" Carter – Brenda Polasko's brother: COPD.
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.
Sue Leonard – Cleah Muntz's sister: pain from spinal deterioration.
Chloe Niehorster – Jackie's granddaughter in NJ: mauled by a dog.
Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.
Martin Zagari – Sue Dodd's uncle, hospitalized for cranial tests.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

- Faye Denkenberger** – friend of Marie Clement.
Mary Ford – Betsy Stewart's friend.
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.
Morgan Morris – Robin Hinderer's friend's daughter had surgery for a brain tumor at AI.

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.

SYMPATHY

The church's love and sympathy are expressed to Pat Brown and her family in the death of nine-year-old **Hannah Davies**, daughter of Greg and Lisa Davies, in an automobile accident in Milford.

New Climate Control System

After vandals destroyed the external unit for the heating and air conditioning system to the rooms on the north side of the church (offices, bride's room, classroom, Fellowship Room) the Board of Management has had a new HVAC system installed. Using this system saves money over turning up the whole-building heating and air conditioning when needed.

Newly Signed Church Van

Thanks to the commercial design skills of Rick Hill, the direction of the Board of Management, and the go-to guy Jeff Reed, the new church van now has signage featuring the UCC theme "God is still speaking" with the large Comma (never place a period where God has put a comma), the church's name and contact information. The van is already seeing use by the Youth Group and the Board of Mission and Outreach (for the homeless shelter program). Groups or individuals who want to use the church van for church business must meet certain qualifications, and sign the keys out and in at the church office.

Influenza Precautions

Due to the possibility of spreading flu germs in gatherings, the church is providing hand sanitizer containers at the entrances, and facial tissue boxes throughout the church. If the alert should become a national or regional epidemic, you can find out if People's Church worship schedule is changed by listening to:

WDOV-AM WRTX-FM WBOC-TV

45th Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference

June 12-14, University of DE, Newark

Theme:

"Save the Rock—Lord lead us to greener pastures."
Registration information and business items will soon be available on the conference website:

www.cacucc.org

Please contact us with your email address so that we can inform you when items are available:

1-800-441-1965

ajones@cacucc.org

We look forward to seeing you there.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Men's Breakfast – 3rd Thursday each month, at
the Countrie Eatery on N. State Street.
May 21st.

BOARD OF DIACONATE

Celebrating 100 Years at Peoples Church of Dover

Come Celebrate May 17, 2009

Guest speaker Rev. Patricia Barth, ACM

Cornerstone Removal

Cover Dish Luncheon

Choral Society Concert

May 23, 24, 2009

Special Speaker Rev George Higgins

Quests Speakers

Special Services

Catered Banquet

View History Display (do you have anything
to display)

Plan to Attend

Notice

Please if you were married in People's Church we would like to have you bring in your Wedding picture to display and be scanned to be placed on a CD to be put in to the Cornerstone for the next anniversary.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The time to celebrate is fast approaching and we need to start to pull things together!

If you have anything that you want to display at the event we need to have it brought to the Church before May 8th so we can define the space needed to exhibit our historical treasure.

The responses to the Bridal Pictures have been great, but if you want to place one on the disc we have to receive them before May 8th!

The program has gone to the publisher! We want to thank all that have placed ads in the program!

We still have some plates for sale see Cindy in the office or Louise Warfield to purchase one!

The next Diaconate meeting will be announced.

Our Church's Website

Have you looked at our church's website lately? www.peopleschurchofdover.org Special thanks to Elinor Baker for all the work she puts into her job as our webmaster.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education will meet May 3, after the worship service. We will recognize our teachers and lay leaders during the May 17th worship service, and that Sunday will end our Sunday School classes until September. We heartily recognize and thank the following teachers, helpers, and leaders:

Tiffany and Chris Rumbley
Cleah Muntz and helpers Linda Paradee and Annamay Decker

Cheryl Goldsmith
Erica Richard
Debra Cole
Craig Lindsey
Jennifer Myer

There are Vacation Bible School volunteer opportunities available! VBS will be the week of June 21-25, and Jennifer Myer, director, has listed the opportunities on the Youth Bulletin Board. Please help us make this the best VBS ever!

The board looks forward to the Centennial Celebration, when we honor ourselves and those members who have preceded us as the People's Church family of committed, dedicated stewards of God's work on earth!

Jean Hitchens, Chairperson

THE GEORGE KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The church library is always open on the second floor landing, above the nursery. Please come and visit this wonderful collection of books! It includes religious works, works of inspiration...as well as contemporary self-help books on finance, parenting...to political biographies, like the life of Barbara Bush...to authors, the likes of Tony Hillerman and John Jakes. There are videos and children's books, as well. Make this the month you visit the library and sign out a book!

Youth Group 2009 Children Ages 6-11

Purpose: To create a group that not only teaches children about Jesus, but also involves them in community service and social activities that reinforce His teachings.

Mission Statement: Teach children to incorporate the lessons of Jesus into their own lives through community service and social activities.

The youth group met in April and made Easter Crafts, which were handed out Easter morning. We will not be meeting in May or June due to the 100-year celebration and Vacation Bible School. Watch the newsletter, youth group bulletin board, and church bulletin for information about our next meeting, either July or August.

We are looking forward to the fall, with the possibility of singing a special song for the congregation in November. We are also discussing the option of meeting more than once a month, to be able to really get into learning more about Jesus and His impact in our lives today. Stay tuned!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 21-25, 2009, 6:30-8:30 pm, People Church
All children 3-13 years old

We are going to rock the dock this year! Children will explore God's love in the Bayou right here in Delaware. There will be singing and dancing, games and crafts, movies and treats- all bringing a lesson of God's word to the children.

We're going high tech! After May 1, check the church's website for a link to our very own crocodile dock website. You'll find more information about our program and even be able to register your child.

I need volunteers. Please consider joining me in this great adventure. Meetings will be Monday evenings in May, at 6:30. There is a variety of positions available, you're sure to find one that works for you. Vacation Bible School is a lot of time and energy but it is so worth it when you see the kids understanding and learning and having fun. I promise you will have a blast this week. It may sound hard, but it really isn't and you may think you can't do something like this but really, you can.

Please see or contact Jennifer Myer for any questions or concerns at 734-5107.

Jennifer Myer, Youth Group Director

BOARD OF FINANCE

ACTS OF FAITH

When we approved the 2009 church budget we included as income some special gifts and offerings we all can make through the year to fulfill the church's obligations. The "White Paper Gathering" sponsored by the Diaconate is one specific Act of Faith. For other opportunities, please see the easel display in the narthex.

ACTS OF FAITH received to date are

\$409.00	Office
900.00	Where needed
100.00	Checking acct. for van
310.00	Youth Group
\$1,719.00	

WHITE ITEMS RECEIVED to date are

Copy paper - 3 reams
Bathroom Tissue - 5 bundles
Paper Towels - 5 bundles
Envelopes - 2 box of 500
Plastic forks & spoons - 1 box each
Paper table cloths - 3

Thank you so much for everything.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management met last on March 29th, 2009. Windows in the basement have been replaced and we are looking into some type of security protection for these windows. The new heating/air conditioning system was approved and has been installed. The State Fire Marshall's office was in recently to complete their building inspection and was approved. Estimates are being received for replacing the structural bolts in the bell tower and for adding a silicon protection coating to the outside

brick wall where we have been experiencing leaking in the sanctuary. A roofing contractor will also be looking at the leaking problems as multiple roofs come together at this point.

The board asked Scott Engineering to do a structural review of the sanctuary ceiling beams and of the balcony and north/south walls. The written report will show that the engineer found the structures to be very sound, there are no problems with the sanctuary beams, the walls are double-walls and are 20-inches thick, the balcony has good supports and that these areas are only showing some age. The board will continue to monitor these areas. The next board meeting was pushed back to May 3rd following the service. If you should have any questions or concerns for the board, please contact Chair BJ VanKavelaar or any of the members.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

COOKBOOKS are in and ready to be picked up by those who reserved a copy. They have sold so well that we have sold all 100 ALREADY!!!!. I am going to place a second order on May 11th, so if you did not get one and would like one, please call the office or sign up on the order sheet on the bulletin board. They are \$20 each and look GREAT!!!

I am hoping to offer People's Church as host for the Emergency Homeless Shelter again for the week of June 8-15. I need volunteers to cook meals and serve. Please call me at 423-6049 if you are interested in helping with this project.

A special Thank you to everyone who continues to help with the Food Bank. These days are hard for everyone, but especially hard for those who struggle just to feed their families and keep them in safe and secure housing. Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis Fund is vital to our community and contribute to untold families to help them through these tough times. The churches who support Kent Ecumenical continue to make this possible and I am so grateful for the consistent support that People's Church provides.

Thank you for your continued support for all of the Board of Mission and Outreach projects.

On behalf of the Board of Mission and Outreach
Sue Harris-Hunt

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

We have received \$920.00 so far for the O G H S offering. Thank you for your generous donations to such a good cause.



Food Bank Sunday is April 5th. The items needed this month include **Beef Stew, Spam, Applesauce (cans), Jello, small boxes, and any other non-perishable items.** All donations will go to **Holy Cross Samaritans Food Bank.** Thank you for your kind donations, they are greatly appreciated. People's Church is asking that all checks be made payable to the **People's Church of Dover**, so that one check can be given to the designated Food Bank for that month. Thank you for all your generous donations.

There are folders provided in each **pew hymnal rack containing Food Bank envelopes.** Your donation can be put in the collection plate on any Sunday. Thank you for your kind donations to the **First Baptist Church** Food Bank for the month of March. There were 60 food items donated and \$40.00 collected. All gifts were given to the **First Baptist Church Food Bank** for the month of March. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.

Sue Hunt and Ruth Harris
Board of Mission & Outreach

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

05/03	Jackie Niehorster
05/10	Mary & Dori Hill
05/17	Phyllis Tarburton
05/24	Barbara VanSant
05/31	Nancy Guth

Liturgist

05/03	Ruth Harris
05/10	Les Gallihue
05/17	Centennial
05/24	Centennial
05/31	Jennifer Myer

Greeters

05/03	Carol Skadsberg, Bill Hufnal
05/10	Connie Biddle
05/17	Sandy McNinch
05/24	Rich & Kathy Kashmar

Ushers

05/03	Mary Beth Goldsmith Cheryl Goldsmith Joyce Warrington
05/10	Karl Swift Richard Merriwether Vic & Roz Pierce
05/17	Vic & Roz Pierce
05/24	Vic & Roz Pierce Art & Ann Lewis
05/31	Rich & Kathy Kashmar

Sermons & Scriptures

May 3 **"The Good Shepherd"**
First John 3:16-24; Gospel of John 10:11-18
Holy Communion

May 10 **"Mother of Faith"**
Genesis 21:8-21; Acts 12:8-17

May 17 **"Abiding" -Rev. Patricia Barth**
First John 5:1-6; Gospel of John 15:8-17

May 24 **"From Belfast to Washington"**
-Rev. George Higgins
First John 5:9-13; Gospel of John 17:6-19

May 31 **"Receive the Spirit"**
Romans 8:22-27; John 20:19-23

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a spring luncheon tour. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will visit the **new De. Hospice Center and De. Veterans' Home in Milford** and then enjoy a lunch at the Georgia House. We will be carpooling from the church parking lot at 10:45am on Wednesday, May 6th. Please call Jean Hitchens or BJ Van Kavelaar if you would like to attend so we can make reservations for lunch.

Our meetings are always open to everyone...not just women of the church!

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)

Thank you to all who helped with our Easter program. We served 48 families, 140 children, with baskets, bunnies and goodies.

We are currently accepting gently used spring and summer clothes. We particularly need the larger sizes (XL, 2X etc.) and teen clothing. We will accept furniture, small appliances, kitchen items, linens, gently used board games (with all the pieces included) and always need cleaning supplies, paper products, personal hygiene items, and gifts for teen birthdays.

Our office hours are every Tuesday, 10 am - 2 pm; the first Wednesday evening of each month, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm and the first and third Saturday of each month, 10 am - 12 pm. We are always looking for volunteers to help sort and hang gently used donations that come into our warehouse next to Jonathan Landing Golf Club house. Please feel free to come by any time.

If you are interested in helping or know of any teens or college students who need hours of community service, we would be happy to have their help as well.

Thanks again for all your support.

Fran Clinton and BJ Van Kavelaar
