



People's to People

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



Dear Friends,

As I drove to church this morning the news was bleak. Dozens killed and injured in bomb explosions at the Brussels Airport and a metro station. 500 shootings in Chicago since the first of the year. And Ron's mother just passed away the day before yesterday (March 20). It's the Tuesday of Holy Week and I'm preaching on Maundy Thursday, we're participating in the Ecumenical Services and Cross Walk on Good Friday, so there's several days of anxiety, death and mourning to go until we rejoice together at the news of Resurrection.

If anything, I realize today how important it is to pause our daily routines to be sad, to grieve, to ask, "Why?" at times like this, to lift up to God our anger and anguish and grief. And then, to listen. Perhaps if those who are spreading hate and violence in the world had stopped to cry out to God not for revenge, but for comfort, this cycle of hatred and violence we're trapped in would cease. It's worth a try, because what we're doing now is not the solution. And as the prophet Isaiah promises, God makes a way in the wilderness where there was no way before, and sends rivers through the desert. What seems impossible for us is possible when we proceed hand in hand with God.

Long before the event of Jesus the Christ, God was always up to something new and resurrection has been on the divine agenda. Whether freeing slaves in Egypt, returning captives from Babylon, then interrupting the ways of the world with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God is on the move, instigating hope, and yearning for us to notice God's next new thing and join in rather than stay stuck in the past. For only God's ways can heal this wounded world. Only by God doing something new can Resurrection happen.

I hope as you're reading this it's a bright fresh new day and all seems right in the world. Even if that's not the case, know that in every death is the possibility of Resurrection.

May the fresh breath of the Spirit give you New Life today and always.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ellen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH –FEBRUARY 29, 2016
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Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$217,827	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	4,189			
Income Received				
Income members		30,232.54	21,088.25	9,144.29
Transferred from Invest. Savings		33,000.00	23,000.00	10,000.00
Expenses to Date		<u>- 52,055.61</u>	<u>- 43,288.79</u>	<u>- 8,766.82</u>
Net Difference		11,176.93	- 799.46	10,377.47

ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY 2016

	<u>02/2015</u>	<u>Offerings</u>		<u>02/2016</u>	
03/08	73		03/06	70	2,110.50
03/15	65		03/13	78	1,290.50
03/22	81		03/20	80	745.50
03/29	<u>95</u>		03/27	<u>118</u>	<u>2,906.17</u>
	314			346	7,052.67

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04/01	Joshua DODD	04/02	Heather ALLBEE
04/03	Casey POLASKO	04/04	Shelby COLE
04/09	Linda ALLBEE	04/10	Craig L. LINDSEY
04/11	Phyllis SIMPKINS	04/13	Allison SMITH
04/14	Olivia RUDIS	04/18	Constance BIDDLE
04/20	Carolyn LEWIS	04/21	Julie LEWIS
04/23	Debra COLE	04/30	Barbara MOORE
04/30	Susan SMITH		

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

May God Bless You on Your Birthday



The Prayer List for Members & Friends of the Church

The list is kept current. For a copy please call the church office: 674-4177; peopleschurchdover@verizon.net

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Philip Betts – recuperating from medical concerns
Mirsha Britt - checking out some medical problems
Louise Ferguson – relocated to her daughter home in Maryland
Daisy Hill—at home cared for by son Rick Hill recovering from a fall
Amanda Middleton- recovering from medical procedures
Mary Reed – Westminster Village rehab 232A recovering from fall
Rose Mary Ressel – at Westminster Village Assisted Living, Apt. 243
Betty Tomlinson – Westminster Health Center
Adolf Weissenfluh – home, dealing with advancing Parkinson’s disease

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

Donna Dawson – sister of Sandy Yurga, dealing with heart-related issues
Liam Gallihue – home after being at Johns Hopkins having tests
Verna James – The Hufnal’s aunt: reoccurrence of Breast Cancer and other health issues due to aging
Chris Lambertson – son of Kasey Stokes, friends of the Deckers, just diagnosed with ALS decease
Jacqueline Lenox – Jim Miller’s aunt - broken pelvis, shoulder/neck pain
Samuel Lenox – Jim Miller’s Uncle - extreme back pain
Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss’ uncle - kidney failure
Phillip Pemberton, Sr. – friend of Paul Hanebutt acutely ill in hospital
Freda Sammons – friend of Jane Dodd, broke her foot 3 places, had surgery
George Sawyer – brother-in-law of Brenda Polasko, recovering from a stroke

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Willard Irwin – Lyn Arnold’s colleague
Pat Morrison – friend of John Downs, Jr.
Diana Oswell – Vicky Healey’s sister
Lillian Schrantz – Cleah Muntz’s sister-in-law
Donald Tatman – friend of Kathi Thomas

SYMPATHY

The church’s sympathy is expressed to **Glenn & Billie Boehmer** and family and friends in the death of his brother, **Bruce Boehmer**, at Hospice Home in Milford on Thursday, March 10th. Services were held at Holy Cross Church on Thursday, March 17th. at 10:00 AM.

SYMPATHY

The church’s sympathy is expressed to **Ronald Witko** and Rev. Ellen and family and friends in the death of his mother, **Evelyn Witko** on Sunday, March 20th. A Memorial Service will be held in San Diego, California latter this year.

SYMPATHY

The church's sympathy is expressed to **Angie Baca** and family and friends in the death of her husband, **Albert A. Baca** on Wednesday, March 23rd. A Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, March 29th. at Holy Cross Church

SYMPATHY

The church's sympathy is expressed to **Lois Albert** and family and friends in the death of her husband, **Rev. Douglas S. Albert, 77**, passed away on Friday, March 25, 2016 at Coastal Hospice at the lake. Services are Saturday, April 2nd, at the Thomas Funeral Home in Cambridge at 2:30 pm.

CAREGIVERS

The next meeting to coordinate will be **April 20th** at 10:30 AM at the church. All are welcome, we would love to see some new faces join us. Shirley Hawkins

CHURCH VAN MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is interested in riding to worship and back home each Sunday in the church van, OR if you would like to volunteer as a van driver for this ministry, please call the church office and let us know. The Van Ministry is ready to respond to your call. The list is kept current. For a copy please call the church office: 674-4177; office@peopleschurchofdover.org

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

04/03	White Spare
04/10	Sarah Hastings
04/17	Christine Hopkins
04/24	Joe and Judy Zingaro

Liturgist

04/03	Richard Merriwether
04/10	Kathi Thomas
04/17	Bill Hufnal
04/24	Jim Caldwell

Sunday Lessons

April 03:	Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Acts 5:27-32
April 10:	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 9:1-6, 7-20
April 17:	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:36-43
April 24:	Fifth Sunday of Easter Rev. 21: 1-6

Ushers

04/03	Dick Yurga Jeff Hastings Paula Hastings
04/10	Cheryl Goldsmith Joyce Warrington Phyllis Simpkins Bill Hufnal
04/17	Dick Yurga
04/24	Cheryl Goldsmith Phyllis Simpkins

BOARD OF DIACONATE

"Hey! Are you plugged in to the internet at home? Well Peoples Church has not only had a great website for years: peopleschurchofdover.org (maintained religiously by Elinor Baker), it now has its own Face Book (FB) and YouTube page (administered fastidiously by Sally Childears). All three sites have a trove of useful information about People's and with FB, members can interact instantaneously. And if you happen to miss church because you are busy squishing beach sand between your toes? Videos of the Sunday sermons are now being posted on the FB page and UTube. So come join the congregation online. Post a photo or comment of interest to your fellow members, post a prayer or word of praise to the Lord, or just come and see what everyone else is up to. The Diaconate"

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

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt, including our Easter Bunny!

Sunday School for children ages 3-12 are held from 11:15-noon every Sunday unless otherwise announced. Parents/grandparents/guardians are encouraged to come to service with their child(ren). We have activity packs available and there is a special "Time with Young Disciples" during service each week. The nursery will be open for those who need it during service and there is usually coffee, light snacks and adult conversation after service in the fellowship room while you wait for class to finish. We have a great curriculum and are eager to share it with the youth of People's Church and the community around us. Please consider having your child participate each week.

If you have or know a teenager interested in Christian Education, please contact Jennifer Childears for the schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Jennifer Childears, via email jenniferchildears@yahoo.com or by text at 302-535-2988.

All are invited to join us March 27 for our annual Easter Egg Hunt following service. It is always a good time watching the children gather eggs and react to the Easter Bunny. Please bring a basket for your child(ren) to gather eggs.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Git R Done Saturday

The Git-R-Done Saturday will be APRIL 10th.

WHITE PAPER CHALLENGE

We are challenging all members of People's Church to donate, needed paper supplies for the church coffees, for example; paper towels, toilet paper or printer paper. However any donations would be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

Thanks to everyone that donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on March 6th. We collected **\$670.00** to send for this worthy cause. Thanks for all your donations; they are much appreciated!



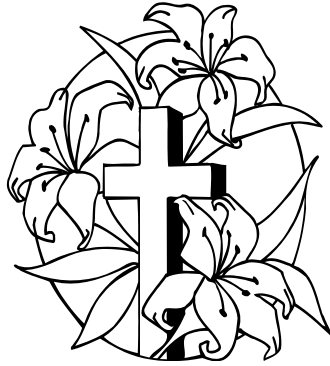
Feeding the Community

Food Bank

We will be collecting food for First Baptist Church Food Bank in April. Items needed are canned fruits and vegetables, tuna, beef stew, cereal, and especially **saltine crackers**. We collected 107 items and \$330.00 in March for Holy Cross Food Bank. Envelopes for cash donations are in the hymnal rack in the pews. Thanks for all your donations; they are much appreciated!

Code Purple

Code Purple officially ended the winter season in March. The Presbyterian Church provided a sanctuary for 26 days last winter, three of which were 24 hour days. They averaged 18 men per night with a peak night of 26 men and a low of 13. They probably served about 40 different men. Thank you to all who volunteered for Code Purple this past winter



In loving memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hobteld and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker parents of Nell & Jim Baker.

In loving memory of Bert and Ralph Boyer from their son Charles, grandsons Jeff & Chris Boyer great-granddaughters Jennifer and Megan Boyer, great-grandson Matthew Boyer.

In memory of Loved Ones by the Caldwell Family.

In memory of Sean Carhart

In honor of Sally Childears, Sr.

In memory of Loved Ones by William and Joyce Darling

In honor of all those who contribute their time and talents to the music program at People's Church from Paul and Kathy Hanebutt.

In loving memory of my parents Ralph and Dorothy Russ by Vicky Healey.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. E. Dallas Hitchens and Mr. & Mrs. Harold M. Tucker parents and grandparents of the Hitchens family.

In loving memory of our parents, grandparents, brother, sisters and grandson, by Fred and Cynthia Hotchkiss and family.

In memory of Austin P. & Irene E. Hufnal, their son Fred, A. Hufnal from their family Bill, Pat, Tom & Martha Hufnal..

In memory of Pearl Glover and Jack and Stuart Walker, by Ruth Ann Kemp.

In loving memory of Bill Muntz' Bill's parents, Thelma and Alvin Muntz, and all other family and friends by Cleah, and Krystle Muntz, and Tiffany, Chris, Nevaeh and Connor Rumbley.

In loving memory of Rebecca M. Muntz, daughter of Cleah Muntz and sister of Tiffany and Krystle; and also in memory of Cleah's parents and brother, Arlene and

Russell Schrantz and Richard Schrantz, by Cleah, and Krystle Muntz, and Tiffany, Chris, Nevaeh and Connor Rumbley.

In memory of “Dutch Niehorster, Mon & Pop Batot, brother Charles Batot, given by Jackie Niehorster.

In memory of Robert and Vivian Reed and Horace and Irene Wilkinson, by Jeff and Judith Reed

In memory of Frank & Nettie Bacon, from Phyllis & Larry Simpkins.

In memory of Nay’s & Marie Simpkins, by Phyllis and Larry Simpkins.

In loving memory of Marie and Wallace C. Ougheltree, Jr., by their daughter Joan Slaughter.

In honor of our children, Charles and John Stewart, from Ginny and Chip Stewart.

In memory of our parents, Edith and Harry Hunter and Cecyl and Albert Stewart from Ginny & Chip Stewart.

In memory of Earl Clinton and Frances Clinton, by Dave & B J Van Kavelaar.

In loving memory of Harry E. Warrington and Mr. & Mrs. Howard Willey, by Joyce Warrington.

In honor of the members and friends of the People’s Church of Dover, UCC, by Pastor Ellen & family.

Women’s Fellowship

A big thank you to Bob Hawkins for his informational, enlightening and entertaining presentation of our history here at People’s Church. We all learned some things we didn’t know or didn’t remember.

February 7th was our pancake breakfast. We brought in \$262. A big thank you to all who attended and all who helped out.

Another big thank you to all who bought slices of pies and cakes at the Slice is Nice on Palm Sunday. We collected \$170. And thank you to all of our bakers.

Our **next meeting will be Sunday, April 10th at 11:20 am** at the church. We will have a guest speaker from the University of Delaware Master Gardeners program. Everyone is welcome.



Spring is here!

Prepare your garden to attract butterflies

Master Gardener, “Ms. Beverly Gimmell” will show you how!

Sunday April 10th at 11:20 in the chapel.

Time for questions after presentation. Presented by the Women’s Fellowship “all ages welcome”



Mark your calendars for our spring luncheon trip to the Ocean Gypsy (1703 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island) on Sunday, May 22nd. We will be carpooling in the van after worship service. Everyone is welcome; please RSVP to BJ or Dave Van Kavelaar (697-9426).

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (phone 698-1900)

Doing a little spring cleaning??!! We are accepting new and/or clean gently used clothing, furniture, small appliances, kitchen items, linens, toys and board games (with all the pieces included) and always need cleaning supplies, paper products, personal hygiene items, and gifts for teen birthdays. Items can be left in the box marked for Caring Hearts Helping Hands at the back of the sanctuary.

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. Please feel free to come by any time, email us at caringhearts@verizon.net or check out our website: **“chhde.org”**.

If you shop at Redner’s and use your “pump perks” card, please send us your grocery receipts as Redner’s gives 1% of those tapes to charities. We have already collected over \$130,000 in receipts and received checks for over \$1,300 which helps provide Christmas gifts for the children of low-income working families here in Kent County who have not been sponsored by a wish-grantor.

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.

BJ Van Kavelaar
Secretary/Director

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	2 1:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
3 10:00 am – worship 11:00 am coffee 11:15 am – Board of Trustees	4 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	5 07:00 PM-AA	6 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	7 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	8 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	9 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
10 10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 am – Coffee 11:10 Board of Mgt. Meeting 11:20 AM – W F meeting Master Gardner	11 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	12 07:00 PM-AA	13 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	14 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	15 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	16 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
17 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 am - Coffee 11:20 AM- Board of Diac. meeting	18 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	19 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast at Country Eatery 07:00 PM-AA	20 10:30 AM – Care Givers 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	21 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	22 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	23 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
24 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 AM-Coffee	25 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	26 07:00 PM-AA	27 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	28 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	29 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	30 01:00 PM-C. O. D.
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THE PURPOSE / MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH OF DOVER
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The purpose of this church shall be to worship God who embraces all people:

to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our Revealer, Lord and Savior; to celebrate the sacraments; to facilitate spiritual growth;

to practice Christian fellowship and unity within this church and the Church Universal; to proclaim the Bible as the story of our faith and to educate and nourish that faith among all ages; to render loving service towards humankind; to be faithful in our stewardship responsibilities with our time, talent and treasures; and to strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

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Worship Service 10:00 AM

Philip S. Betts Assist Organist

Kathy Hanebutt Organist

Robin Hinderer Treasurer

Cynthia Hotchkiss Adm. Assist.

Dr. Paul Hanebutt

Randal Revay

R. Jefferson Reed

Choir Director

Sexton

Head Usher

Board Chairpersons

Richard Merriwether - Moderator

Gerald Rice - Diaconate

Robin Hinderer - Management

Sue Hunt - Mission and Outreach

Jennifer Childears - Christian Education

Lyn Arnold - Finance

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