



# People's to People

The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover  
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## FEBRUARY 2016

*Under the Bell Tower*



Dear Friends,

FINALLY, we will have a time to gather for food and discussion! Our Lenten Suppers and Study begin on Wednesday, February 10 at 6 pm. Supper will be provided each week by one of our boards or groups, followed by a time for discussion. By recommendation I've chosen to form our discussion time around Kay Warren's book, Choose Joy:

Because Happiness isn't Enough. Kay is the wife of Rick Warren, author of the Purpose Driven books. Although the words "joy" and "happiness" are often used interchangeably by most of us, theological "joy" has a deeper, richer meaning.

My hope is that through our discussion time each of one of us comes closer to the Joy inside us, and that Joy helps us to let go of our anxiety and fear for the future.

I will order several books to have available by February 7th. The cost of the book is \$11.50. Please make checks payable to Ellen Witko. It will not be necessary to read anything before our first meeting.

An exciting addition to this year's Lenten Supper and Study times is that we have been invited to participate in The Presbyterian Church of Dover's Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. on February 10. So, we will eat, have a brief intro to our topic and go over and meet with the our Presbyterian friends for worship, who have also been invited to join us at our Wednesday meetings throughout Lent.

I leave you with some thoughts on joy:

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.” — Rabindranath Tagore

“There are moments when I wish I could roll back the clock and take all the sadness away, but I have the feeling that if I did, the joy would be gone as well.” — Nicholas Sparks, *A Walk to Remember*

“Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.” — Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Ellen

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH -December 31, 2015**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$217,827	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	4,189			
Income Received				
Income members		17,370.83	5,799.80	11,571.03
Transferred from Invest. Savings		10,000.00	13,000.00	- 3,000.00
Expenses to Date		<u>- 18,152.25</u>	<u>- 12,903.17</u>	<u>- 5,249.08</u>
Net Difference		9,218.58	5,896.63	3,321.95

**ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY 2016**

	<u>01/2015</u>	<u>Offerings</u>		<u>01/2016</u>
01/04	70		01/03	72 2,795.00
01/11	86		01/10	67 1,223.50
01/18	77		01/17	71 2,018.50
01/25	68		01/24	Snowed
	<b>301</b>		01/26	Savings 10,000.00
			01/31	<b>70</b> 2,407.80
				<b>280</b> 17,433.30

**FEBRUARY 2015 Birthdays**

02/01	Todd ANDERSON	02/01	John DOWNS Sr.
02/01	John PARADEE	02/01	Kevin SALMON
02/02	Chloe HANNAH	02/02	Ethan PARADEE
02/03	Glenn BOEHMER	02/03	Louise WARFIELD
02/04	James L. BAKER	02/05	Mary COOKE
02/06	Renee LINDSEY	02/07	Cheryl GOLDSMITH
02/07	Dan GRIGGS	02/09	Virginia BASON
02/13	Suzanne HOTCHKISS	02/15	Krystle R. MUNTZ
02/19	Cynthia HOTCHKISS	02/20	Carolyn DUNCH

02/20 Lester GALLIHUE  
02/21 Kathy HANE BUTT  
02/22 Delia Middleton-Hall  
02/25 Christopher SMITH

02/20 Nancy JAYWORK  
02/22 Christine HOPKINS  
02/25 Shannon BIDDLE

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](mailto:peopleschurchdover@verizon.net)

### **PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS**

**Philip Betts** – recuperating from medical concerns  
**Mirsha Britt** - checking out some medical problems  
**Louise Ferguson** – in Capitol Healthcare, room 225-B.  
**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  
**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 disease  
**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

### **PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS**

**Willard Irwin** – Lyn Arnold’s colleague  
**Diana Oswell** – Vicky Healey’s sister  
**Lillian Schrantz** – Cleah Muntz’s sister-in-law  
**Donald Tatman** – friend of Kathi Thomas

### **THANK YOU**

We would like to extend a warm thank you to those individuals and groups who remembered us at Christmas time with cards, gifts, baked goods, etc.. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a giving congregation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.  
Paul and Kathy Hanebutt

## CAREGIVERS

The next meeting to coordinate will be **January 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30 AM at the church. 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](mailto:office@peopleschurchofdover.org)

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## VOLUNTEERS

### Flowers

02/07 Eileen Lockwood  
02/14 Lyn Arnold  
02/21 John & Linda Paradee & grandsons  
02/28 Marian DePue & grandchildren

### Liturgist

02/07 Betsy Stewart  
02/14 Phyllis Tarburton  
02/21 Vicki Healey  
02/28 Joe Zingaro

### Sunday Lessons

**February 07: Transfiguration Sunday**  
**Holy Communion**  
Luke 9:28-43

**February 14: First Sunday in Lent**  
Luke 4:1-13

**February 21: Second Sunday in Lent**  
Luke 13:31-35

**February 28: Third Sunday in Lent**  
Luke 4:14-21

### Ushers

02/07 Joyce Warrington  
Bill Hufnal  
Helaine Jones

002/14 Cheryl Goldsmith  
Helaine Jones  
Phyllis Simpkins  
Ginny Stewart

02/21 Jerry Rice  
Helaine Jones

02/28 Cheryl Goldsmith  
Helaine Jones  
Phyllis Simpkins  
Ginny Stewart

## Lenten Organ Concerts Series for 2016

Ash Wednesday is February 10<sup>th</sup>. the beginning of Lent and the Lenten Concerts begin on Thursday after Ash Wednesday. Listed is the lineup for this year.

### Fourteenth Annual Lenten Concert Series 2016 Presenters

February 11	Ellen Harbeson Grace Presbyterian Church
February 18	Phyllis Moses, Retired St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
February 25	David Wilkins Wesley United Methodist Church
March 3	Melanie Leinbach Presbyterian Church of Dover
March 10	Rick Givens, Retired Christ Episcopal Church
March 17	Kathy Hanebutt, Organist People's Church of Dover, UCC
March 24	Kurt Collin Aldergate United Methodist Church Wilmington, Delaware

### **BOARD OF DIACONATE**

#### **The Diaconate Fund**

which is used to provide assistance to our neighbors encountering emergency needs, was used heavily during the bitter winter months. As a result the fund has been reduced to just a couple hundred dollars. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the fund so that we can have ample resources as we move into the Winter months. You may prepare a check to Peoples Church with "Diaconate Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

"Hey! Are you plugged in to the internet at home? Well Peoples Church has not only had a great website for years: [peopleschurchofdover.org](http://peopleschurchofdover.org) (maintained religiously by Elinor Baker), it now has it's 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](http://www.peopleschurchofdover.org) Special thanks to Elinor Baker for all the work she puts into her job as our webmaster.

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **INTRODUCING: PEOPLE'S CHURCH WILDLIFE GROUP**

BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE RE FUGE located in Smyrna, Delaware is approximately twenty minutes from our church property. Sally Childears will escort a group to and through the refuge on February 21, 2016, directly after service. Bring your own brown bag lunch and drink and be ready to explore birding and nature at its finest. If you have binoculars and/or a camera, bring them with you. Dress in layers with comfortable walking shoes for exploring outdoors (optional). We will stop at the visitor's center for bathroom breaks going into and leaving the refuge. Expect to spend at least two hours inside the refuge. Come fellowship and explore God's wonders.

Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway if you are interested. If you have any questions contact Sally Childears at 734-5107.

Youth Education classes for children ages 3-12 will be held weekly after service starting January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The classes will run about 45 minutes. Parents can enjoy fellowship and coffee in the women's fellowship room while the children enjoy a 45 minute lesson in our upstairs classroom from 11:00 AM to 12 noon. The program will run every Sunday unless otherwise announced. Parents/grandparents/guardians are encouraged to come to service with their child(ren). We have special activity packs available for the children and there is a special Time with Young Disciples during service each week. The nursery will be open for those who need it and there is usually coffee, light snacks and adult conversation 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. The nursery is also open for use during service.

The teen program will be announced as it occurs.

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

## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

Git R Done Saturday

### **WORKDAY FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2016**

**Be at the church at 8:30 AM.**

#### **THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

The board has worked very diligently through 2015 to keep the facility and physical plant of our 106 year old church running smooth and efficiently.

We have started the process of the feasibility study for updating the bell tower, new HVAC, and putting in an elevator.

We have done mechanical updates as well as updates to the other systems, such as lighting.

This is a synopsis of some of the things that the Board of Management accomplished in 2015. We will continue to keep you up to date on the management of God's house through 2016.

We have started the process for the engineering study for the bell tower repair, HVAC, and Elevator. The study will be to show what needs to be done and potential costs. The work will be done in stages, with most imperative and necessary repairs done expediently.

#### **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.

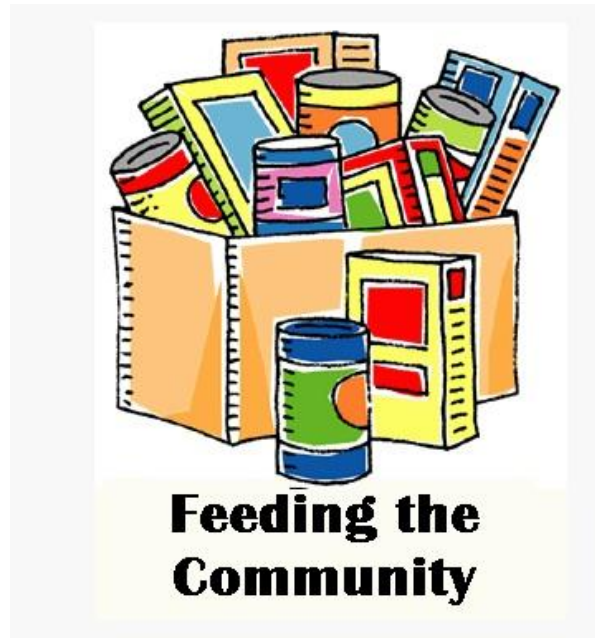
## BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

### Food Bank

We will be collecting for First Baptist Church Food Bank in January. Items needed are canned fruits and vegetables, tuna, beef stew, cereal, and especially **saltine crackers**. We collected 113 items and \$ 5.00 in January for Holy Cross Food Bank. Envelopes for cash donations are in the hymnal rack in the pews. Thanks for all your donations.

### Code Purple

We are helping our friends at the Presbyterian Church with Code Purple by supplying meals to serve 20 and volunteers to help with hospitality. Please see Sue Harris if you can help with anything. Volunteering for hospitality a very rewarding experience and all you need is time.



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### Women's Fellowship

We collected \$400 from the Family Thank bags. \$200 was given to the Diaconate Fund; \$100 to Stockley Auxiliary; and \$100 to Caring Hearts Helping Hands. A check was written for \$60 to cover two nights of lodging for our homeless resident, Bill.

Our **spring luncheon trip** to the Ocean Gypsy is scheduled for Sunday 5/22. Our welcome back **covered dish luncheon** scheduled for 9/11 will be combined with the Trustees/Finance/Choir. It was suggested that the theme be birthday celebrations...a separate table and birthday cake for each month of the year.

As the spaghetti dinner by Christian Education was moved up to Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> our date to make **crafts for the homebound and cranberry relish** to sell will be Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. The cranberry relish will be sold after church service.



**February 7<sup>th</sup> is our pancake breakfast.** Phyllis Tarburton will chair this event. Tickets will be \$5 for age 11 and above; \$3 for age 10 and below. The brunch will be immediately after worship.

**Our next meeting will be Sunday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:20 am** at the church. Bob Hawkins will speak to us about the last 60 years here at People's Church.

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## **Caring Hearts Helping Hands (phone 698-1900)**

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](mailto:caringhearts@verizon.net) or check out our website: "[chhde.org](http://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 \$80,000 in receipts and received checks for over \$800 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

# FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	6 1:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
7 <b>10:00 am – worship</b> <b>11:00 am coffee</b> <b>11:00 am Pancake Brunch</b> <b>Soup &amp; Sub</b> <b>Sale after worship</b>	8 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	9 07:00 PM-AA	10 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  6:00 pm - Lenten dinner & study	11 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING  12:05 am - Organ Concert – Ellen Harbeson  07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	12 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	13 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
14  10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 am – Coffee  11:10 Board of Mgt. Meeting 11:20 AM – W F meeting	15 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	16 07:00 PM-AA  <b>8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast at Country Eatery</b>	17  10:30 – CAREGIVERS 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  6:00 pm - Lenten dinner & study	18 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING  12:05 am - Organ Concert – Phyllis Moses  07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	19 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	20 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
21 10:00 AM-	22 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	23  07:00 PM-AA	24  12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  6:00 pm - Lenten dinner & study	25 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING 12:05 am - Organ Concert – David Wilkins  07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	26 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	27 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
28 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 AM-Coffee  11:20 AM- Board of Diiac. meeting	29 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>MARCH</b> 				
		1 07:00 PM-AA	2 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  6:00 pm - Lenten dinner & study	3 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING  12:05 am - Organ Concert – Melanie Leinbach  07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	4 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	5 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
6 10:00 AM Worship <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> 11:00 AM Coffee						

**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.

**Church Office – 302-674-4177, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. hours**

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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

Cheryl Goldsmith & Jennifer Childears - Christian Education

Lyn Arnold - Finance

**\*\*DEADLINE FOR MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 20, 2016\*\***