



People's to People

*The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover
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JUNE 2016

Under the Bell Tower

Dear Friends,

It sure has been a cool and wet May, but as I write this the day promises sunshine and warmth—there is always hope! I thought I would bring you up to date on some things that have happened in May and some things to anticipate for June.

During May I missed out on Dover Days (something I hope not to do next year!), and Mission and Outreach organized a very successful Chicken Salad Luncheon (using the special People's Church Chicken Salad recipe, of course!) and yard sale, while I attended the Central Atlantic Conference Board meeting in Catonsville, MD on May 6 & 7. On those same two days I also had the pleasure of rehearsing and then officiating the wedding of Megan Dempsey and Kyle Byler in Warwick, MD. On May 10th the Kent Ecumenical Crisis and Food group met in our Fellowship Room for lunch and conversation about the needs of our community.

On Friday, May 13, my husband Ron and I attended the Investiture of Joe Slights III to the Court of Chancery at the Kent County Courthouse where I offered the Invocation and Benediction. Many of you probably remember Joe and his family. He grew up here in Dover and at People's Church. He and his wife, Ellen, will be moving back to Dover in the near future and look forward to renewing membership with us!

On May 14 members and guests of our Board of Trustees met for a Retreat at the Fenwick Island beach home of Paul and Kathy Hanebutt. We brought each other up to date on the state of People's Church and spent the afternoon exploring possibilities for our future.

On May 15, Pentecost Sunday, we welcomed in 5 new members! Sarah Woods, Bonnie Pennewell, Suzanne Schwarz and Peg Green, and I became part of the family as we celebrated together the birth of Christ's Church.

On May 22, the Choir sang their final anthem before taking a break for the summer, and Shirley Hawkins retired after 55 years of singing with the Choir! Thank you, Shirley, for your dedication and love for the choir and our church! After Worship several of us piled into the church van and travelled to BJ and Dave's place at Fenwick Island for a delicious Women's Fellowship lunch! Thanks for driving, Robin, and thanks for the hospitality and the lunch, BJ and Dave!

On May 23rd volunteer carpenters met at Victory Church to begin building a model Tiny Home for Port Hope, a mission founded by Sue Harris and others. Victory Church has donated 4.5 acres of land for a proposed Tiny House village to provide homes for chronically homeless Dover residents. Please keep the project in your prayers as it moves forward through the various processes necessary for success. If you can help with donations and/or labor, that's great, too!

Also on May 23rd, Jean Hitchens and I attended the AAUW meeting at the Biggs Museum where our group was given a tour of one of the galleries. Afterward we had wine, hors d'oeuvres, and socialized. What a wonderful group of women! I have found joining this organization a great way to get to know people in the Dover community.

We are back on the calendar for providing meals for the Kent Interfaith Mission for Housing shelter on the last Sunday of the month. Please touch base with your board, committee, family and friends and let Sue Harris know when you are able to provide a meal for the guys at the shelter. We only need to provide the meal, the residents clean up. The guys really appreciate a good dinner and conversation with the volunteers.

So, we're up to June! June 10-12 I'll be at the Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference in Newark. June 26-30 is Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest!! Sign up your kids, their friends, neighbors and volunteer to help. We'll meet from 6-8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. I'm teaching the Imagination Station and have some really cool stuff to explore with the kids as we go spelunking through the Bible finding God's love.

Friends, lots of things are happening in and from our congregation, inside and outside our walls. Joy abounds! Our worship continues through the summer, of course. See you on Sunday!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ellen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH—MAY 30, 2016
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Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$217,950	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	4,191			
Income Received				
Income members		52,038.40	16,157.89	35,880.51
Transferred from Invest.Savings		38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00
Expenses to Date		<u>-88,075.32</u>	<u>-75,049.52</u>	<u>-13,025.80</u>
Net Difference		1,963.08	-20,891.63	22,854.71

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 2016

<u>05/2015</u>		<u>05/2016</u>		<u>Offerings</u>
05/03	87	05/01	66	2,408.96
05/10	78	05/08	86	2,048.46
05/17	85	05/15	65	1,919.46
05/24	56	05/22	60	1,013.46
05/31	<u>56</u>	05/29	<u>55</u>	<u>1,294.46</u>
	362		332	8,684.80

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06/01 Maria MYER	06/02 Tom MERCER
06/07 Richard MERRIWETHER	06/08 Sophia RUDIS
06/09 Finnley NORMINGTON	06/10 David PETROSKY
06/10 Frankie WILDERMUTH	06/13 Kaitlyn Beth CLENDANIEL
06/13 Maddox DOWNS	06/13 MacKenzie DOWNS
06/15 Laura BORTZ	06/15 Charles DEMPSEY III
06/17 David VAN KAVELAAR	06/17 James WOODRUFF
06/22 Megan DEMPSEY	06/23 Gertrude WEISSENFLUH
06/25 Sarah HASTINGS	06/27 Kelly JAYWORK
06/28 Daisy W. HILL	06/30 Jackson PARADEE

If we missed anyone, please notify thechurch 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

Maisha Britt- checking out some medical problems

Louise Ferguson – new address, % Gwen Gibbons, 425 Ruth Road, Arnold, MD
21012-1237, phone # 410-544-7124

Daisy Hill—at home cared for by son Rick Hill recovering from a fall

Amanda Middleton- recovering from medical procedures

Jackie Niehorster – home after knee surgery

Mary Reed – **Westminster Village Assisted Living, room 242**

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

Margaret Foyle – Ruth Gallihue's sister in New Jersey, recovering from a stroke

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

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

Kayla Storr – friend of Chip & Ginny Stewart, with many health problems

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

Uncle Pete – Pastor Ellen's uncle

CAREGIVERS

The next meeting to coordinate will be June 8th at 10:30 AM at the church. All are welcome, we would love to see some new faces join us.

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

06/05 Betsy Stewart
06/12
06/19 Phyllis Simpkins
06/26 John & Linda Paradee

Liturgist

06/05 Vickie Healey
06/12 Jean Hitchens
06/19 Bill Hufnal
06/26 Ruth Gallihue

Sunday Lessons

June05: Third Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
I Kings 17:8-24

06/05 Phyllis Simpkins
Ann
Jeff

June12: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Coffee Hour
Galatians 1:11-24

06/12 Cheryl Goldsmith
Phyllis Simpkins

June19: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Galatians 3:23-29
Fathers Day

06/19

June 26: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

06/26 Cheryl Goldsmith

BOARD OF 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

Vacation Bible School **Sunday June 26-Thursday June 30, 6-8 pm**

Children 4-12 are invited to join us for Cave Quest- Sunday, June 26 through Thursday, June 30 from 6-8 pm for a rocking good time! We will be learning about following Jesus- The Light of the World, through music, games, bible adventures, crafts and of course snacks! To register, visit <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/peoples2016>. Everyone that registers before June 15th receives a copy of the Cave Quest music CD before we begin VBS! You may also text 535-2988 for more information. We are looking forward to this great week of sharing God's love with your children.

Sunday School for children ages 3-12 is on hold until further notice. But don't take a break from service! We still have activity packs available and "Time with Young Disciples" during service each week. The nursery will be open for those who need it during service.

We are planning a Paint Day fundraiser for July. Keep an eye and ear out for announcements.

Happy Father's Day to all our wonderful fathers!

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.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Git R Done Saturday

The Git-R-Done Saturday will be JUNE 4th.

"Board of Management is waiting on the final report from the engineering firm. We have had a primarily report & meeting from the firm. We are replacing the 3rd floor windows due to deterioration of the windows. We also turned the front door into an handicap accessible door.

If anyone from the congregation has any information regarding the building that they feel needs reviewed please mention to any members of the Board of Management."

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

DIMH Dinners

Monthly dinners for DIMH (Men's homeless shelter) will continue on the last Sunday of the month by People's Church. If you, your board, committee, or family would like to help on June 26, please contact Sue Harris.



Feeding the Community

FOOD BANK

June donations for the Food Bank will go to the First Baptist Food Bank. Items specifically needed are saltine crackers, oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, canned beef stew and chili, tuna and canned fruits and vegetables. Monetary funds can be put in the Food Bank envelopes found in the hymnal rack. Please make checks payable to People's Church. We collected 58 items and \$ for Holy Cross Food Bank in May. Thanks for your help!

Chicken Salad Lunch and Yard Sale

Our chicken salad lunch during Old Dover Days was again successful. We made \$528. With this and the profits from our soup/sub sale in February, we have met our \$1,000 obligation to Habitat for Humanity. We made \$194

in the yard sale. This will be used to buy some lightweight tables for the dining room.

Soup/Sub Sale

Mark your calendars for Father's Day, June 19 for a soup and sub sale. More information to follow.

May Mission

Thank you to everyone who donated disposable diapers for Shepherd Place. They were greatly needed and appreciated.

Women's Fellowship

A dozen members and auxiliary members attended the **spring luncheon** at the Ocean Gypsy in Fenwick Island, on Sunday, May 22nd. It was a wonderful opportunity to fellowship.

Our next gathering will be our welcome back luncheon on Sunday, September 11, after church. We will be hosting this covered-dish event with the Board of Trustees, Board of Finance and the Choir. Sounds like a lot of good eating!!

Have a wonderful summer; be safe!!

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.

We will be gathering school supplies for our "Heart and Sole" program where each school-age child of our approved families will receive a fully-packed, grade-appropriate book bag and a gift card for a new pair of shoes. We will be packing the book bags on Tuesday August 9th (10am-2pm) if anyone wants to some help.

We have been doing a lot of up-grading at the warehouse. Hope some of you will come by to see our facility. 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 \$150,000 in receipts and received checks for over \$1,500 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	2 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING	3 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	4 1:00 PM-C. O. D. A. 9:00 AM-GET-ER-DONE Work day.
5 10:00 am – worship 11:00 am-Mission & Outreach Coffee	6 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	7 07:00 PM-AA	8 10:30 AM - Caregivers 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	9 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING	10 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	11 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
12 10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 am – Coffee 11:10 Board of Mgt. Meeting	13 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	14 07:00 PM-AA	15 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	16 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING	17 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	18 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
19 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 am - Coffee FATHERS DAY	20 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	21 07:00 PM-AA 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast at Country Eatery	22 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	23 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING	24 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	25 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
26 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 AM-Coffee Vacation Bible School	27 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA Vacation Bible School	28 07:00 PM-AA Vacation Bible School	29 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE Vacation Bible School	30 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING Vacation Bible School	JULY ↓	
					1 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	2 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
3 10:00 AM Worship COMMUNION	4 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE OFFICE CLOSED	5 07:00 PM-AA	6 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	7 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING	8 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	9 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.

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

Dr. Paul Hanebutt Choir Director

Kathy Hanebutt Organist

Randal Revay Sexton

Robin Hinderer Treasurer

R. Jefferson Reed Head Usher

Cynthia Hotchkiss Adm. Assist.

Board Chairpersons

R. Jefferson Reed- Moderator

Sue Hunt - Mission and Outreach

Gerald Rice - Diaconate

Jennifer Childears - Christian Education

Robin Hinderer - Management

Lyn Arnold - Finance

****DEADLINE FOR JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 20, 2016****