



## People's to People

*The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover  
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## JANUARY 2016

*Under the Bell Tower*



**Dear Friends,**

I hope you all had a warm and soulful Christmas and New Year. Now it's 2016—what will we do together as a congregation in the year ahead?

I came across the article below about a month ago and posted it on the People's Church of Dover - UCC Facebook page. Lots of good stuff comes to my email and on my Facebook page which I want to share with you all. Please read this, at least two or three times, and let's find time to talk about it. I know we'll be setting up some small group meetings soon, and I think this article is a good

starting point for us. I also hope to host a conversation right here at the church. Enjoy the read!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Ellen

This article was written by Rebekah Simon-Peter who blogs at [rebekahsimonpeter.com](http://rebekahsimonpeter.com). It was posted at [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com):

The number one thing I hear church leaders around the country say is: We'd like to have more young people in worship. That's a terrific aspiration. But don't say it if you don't mean it. Digitals (born around 1999 and onward) and millennials (born around 1982-1998) will bring their own set of experiences, expectations, hopes and dreams to church. Which may or may not match yours. How willing you are to accept them on their own terms is a sign of your true readiness.

Here's a 10-point checklist, with a bonus 11th point, to help you know if you are truly ready for young people. Or just wish you were.

*You know you're ready for young people if...*

- 1 You have an online presence. In 1999, when I arrived at the Wyoming church I served, it was my job to pull them into the late 20th century just as we crossed over into the 21st century. That meant getting an answering machine, updating the copy machine, getting a working computer and setting up an email address. Eventually it included launching a website and installing screens and projectors. Today, getting the church up to speed means all of that plus a Facebook page, a Twitter account, perhaps other social media and keeping it all updated. An online presence is another way of saying we care about you, and we want you to know about us. It also says we have some stuff going on that is worth talking about.
- 2 You spend as much time being the church as going to church. Churches on the downward slope of decline focus a great deal of their time on maintaining the structures of the congregation. They spend a lot less time focused on enacting the gospel through new ministries and new relationships. In other words, the primary activities of churches in decline are more about *going to church* than

*being* the church. Younger people are more likely to be interested in churches that show they can make a real difference in the world rather than in churches that are just in survival mode.

- 3 You're willing to engage real issues in the world. Jesus restored people to independent living, fed hungry people, gave hope to persecuted people, healed those who were ill, helped the clueless see the error of their ways and reached across divides to connect with people of different ethnic and religious backgrounds. What is your church doing along these lines? While the political process can positively or negatively impact people dealing with these issues, don't tell young people how to vote. Rather, show them that people who face these issues are being helped by the church.
- 4 You're willing to deviate from three hymns and a sermon. Surprisingly enough, most young people don't necessarily need a praise band and an "easy" or nonexistent liturgy. What they do need is worship that's meaningful and that helps them experience God. Make use of ritual, nuanced liturgy, testimony, lectio divina, lighting of candles, Communion, visuals, special offerings, high quality music and a variety of prayer styles to fully communicate the power of the gospel. This will not only touch the under-33 crowd, but older folks as well.
- 5 Smartphones are welcome in church. People use their phones for all kinds of things: consulting an uploaded Bible or commentary, searching out a resource mentioned in worship, snapping a picture of something post-worthy, texting in a prayer request, or sending a friend a hopeful nugget they just heard. Smartphones are here to stay. Used rightly, they can definitely enhance worship by keeping people engaged. It's also perfectly okay to ask people to mute them or put them on vibrate before worship begins.
- 6 You focus on the "brilliant future God has for us." This, in the words of Jeremy Steele, is a lot more attractive than harping on the sinfulness of humanity. Frankly, it may be more biblical too. If Jesus did inaugurate the kingdom of heaven, if his life, death and resurrection did change the world forever, if our prayers do matter, if worship does change us, then doesn't it make sense that we are living into God's brilliant future even now? Why not celebrate that? Worship shouldn't be a recounting of the nightly news, but a retelling of the Good News for our day and time.
- 7 You're willing to have beliefs questioned. Young people are willing to engage, question, consider, reject and even reconsider beliefs. That sort of intellectual honesty should not be a turn-off for the church, but rather a chance to reimagine or reclaim your own faith, and traditions. Engage young people in honest conversations and open discussions. Be prepared for your faith, and theirs, to grow as a result. Not to mention some discomfort.
- 8 Your leadership reflects generational and racial diversity. Ethnic and racial groups are reaching a plurality in the U.S. That means there are as many black, brown, beige and tan complected people in the U.S. as there are pink ones. At the same time, there are more millennials than boomers. Bottom line: The face of America, and the world, is changing. How about in your church? Wherever possible, let your leadership reflect this diversity. If not in full-time or paid staff, then in volunteer staff or in lay leadership.
- 9 Love is a reality not a slogan. You may say you have open hearts, open minds, and open doors. But it needs to be a reality in your church, not just words. You can start by praying on a regular basis for people who are very different from you. Let these prayers open your hearts. You'll know you're there when a transgendered, gay, ethnic, disabled, street person, refugee, or person from another country or with a different accent is welcomed as warmly as someone who looks or seems just like you. Young people are watching.
- 10 You're willing for things to get a little messy. If you're willing to do some or all of the above then you've noticed that things are probably a little messy. Life is unpredictable when we open up to

accommodate people who are different than we are. The unexpected can and does happen. Consider this the beginning of unpredictability, and not the end of it.

I am throwing in a bonus to the checklist. Here it is, #11. It may be the most important one of all. 11. You have a vision bigger than “attract young people to church.” One lay led church I am working with is in the process of shifting their vision from growing a strong youth group to engaging young people in serving their neighbors. In their first vision, the young people are the objects of mission. In the second vision, the young people are seen as capable change agents who can impact their own world for the better. That’s a very different focus. One that’s a lot more energizing for both the adults and the young people.

So, how’d you do? If you answered 8-10 with a *yes* then feel very confident that you have a place that young people will feel welcome. Ask, invite and engage the 33-and-under crowd eagerly and joyfully. Be ready to continue to grow and change.

If you answered 5-7 with a *yes*, you are probably headed in the right direction. But you still have some significant work to do. The good news is that doing this work will make your church stronger in many ways. Not just for extending an authentic welcome to younger people, but to truly be the church. Have an open discussion with the leaders in the congregation. Ask yourselves, *what additional steps can we take to move toward a 10?* Then do them.

If you answer 1-4 with a *yes*, ask yourself why you want to have young people in the church. If it’s just to keep the church from shutting down, it’s time to get more imaginative. Spend time in prayer, asking God to show you the divine will for your building, your resources, and your legacy. Ask God if there’s anything you need to let go in order for these things to come to pass. Then be willing to do those things.

Here’s the bottom line: Young people want more from the church, not less. This is an opportunity to flex our own faith muscles, showing the world all the church can be. Not merely a silent witness but an active participant. Not simply a throwback to an earlier time but a sacred gathering of people who live as if their faith truly matters — to the world.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Ellen

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

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$227,230		
Income Weekly	4,370		
Income Received			
Income members	121,750.00	114,168.28	- 7,581.72
Transferred from Invest. Savings	100,000.00	95,000.00	-5,000.00
Expenses to Date	-292,780.00	-212,809.18	-79,970.82
Net Difference	-71,030.00	-3,640.90	-67,389.10

## ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2015

<u>11/2014</u>		<u>12/2014</u>		<u>11/2015</u>		<u>12/2015</u>		<u>Offerings</u>
11/02	93	12/07	80	11/01	84	12/06	79	2,795.00
11/09	92	12/14	98	11/08	77	12/13	85	2,064.00
11/16	93	12/21	127	11/15	71	12/10	savings	10,000.00
11/23	77	12/28	<u>63</u>	11/22	66	12/20	104	3,035.00
			<b>368</b>			12/24	90	786.00
11/30	96			11/29	<u>87</u>	12/27	54	1,656.00
	<b>451</b>				<b>385</b>	12/31	<b>412</b>	<u>2,799.00</u>
								<b>23,135.00</b>

## JANUARY 2016 Birthdays

01/05	Judith REED	01/05	Ethel SEDULE
01/08	Ruth Ann KEMP	01/08	Arthur S. LEWIS Sr.
01/08	Barbara VAN SANT	01/10	Sarah COLE
01/14	Robert ROOS III	01/15	Phyllis TARBURTON
01/17	Ryan DODD-STERLING	01/18	Clara DOWNES
01/19	Ronald ZINK	01/20	Eileen D. LOCKWOOD
01/20	Tina POTTS	01/21	Peter BORTZ
01/21	Walter "Bud" WOREK	01/22	Jason HONESTY—HARRIS, Jr.
01/25	Jennifer GOLDSMITH	01/25	William WHARTON
01/27	Joseph ZINGARO	01/28	Jane KENT
01/28	Nevaeh RUMBLEY	01/29	Sylvia LATOURETTE
01/31	Elinor BAKER		

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

Beth Goodwill – Jerry Rice’s friend and former co-worker, is at home being treated for gullain-barre syndrome.

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

James Reeves – Jackie Niehorster’s son is hospitalized in Philadelphia

### PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Diana Oswell – Vicky Healey’s sister

Lillian Schrantz – Cleah Muntz’s sister-in-law

### SYMPATHY

The church’s sympathy is expressed to Terry Warfield’s family and friends in the death on Sunday evening , December 6<sup>th</sup>. of his brother, **Ed Warfield** in Texas.

### SYMPATHY

The church’s sympathy is expressed to Jean Latourette and family and friends in the death on Sunday evening, January 9, 2016, of her mother, Sylvia Latourette. Service are scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2016.

### 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)

### VOLUNTEERS

#### Flowers

01/03 Charles Stewart  
01/10 Ruth Ann Kemp  
01/17 Cheryl, Mary Beth & Jenny Goldsmith  
01/24 Phyllis & Larry Simpkins  
01/31 Jo Ellen Smith

#### Liturgist

01/03 Jennifer Childears  
01/10 Jim Caldwell  
01/17 Richard Merriwetherl  
01/24 John Downs, Sr.  
01/31 John Downs, Jr.

## Sunday Lessons

**January 03: Second Sunday after Christmas**

### **Holy Communion**

John 1:1-18

**January 10: First Sunday after Epiphany**

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

**January 17: Second Sunday after Epiphany**

John 2:1-11

**January 24: Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Luke 4:14-21

**January 31 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Luke 4:21-30

## Ushers

01/3

Jackie Niehorster

Dick Yurga

Helaine Jones

Phyllis Simpkins

01/10

Cheryl Goldsmith

Helaine Jones

Paula Hastings

Jeff Hastings

01/17

Jackie Niehorster

Helaine Jones

Phyllis Simpkins

01/24

Cheryl Goldsmith

Helaine Jones

01/31

Paula Hastings

Jeff Hastings

Helaine Jones

## **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**

A big thank you to Chris Senato and Dave Van Kavelaar for all their hard work and splendid cooking talents for the annual spaghetti dinner on November 15<sup>th</sup>. We raised a little over \$700 for the church! A special thank you to all our youth and Board members that lent a hand either by shopping, serving or cleaning. And finally, thank you to all who attended and made it a great evening.

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

BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 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/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 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.

**Youth Education is changing times!** The Board has decided to move youth education from Sunday nights to Sunday mornings, starting immediately after service. Parents can enjoy fellowship and coffee in the women's fellowship room while the children enjoy a 45 minute lesson in our upstairs classroom. This will start Sunday, January 3, 2016, from 11:00 AM to 12 noon. The program will run every Sunday unless otherwise announced.

Remember, we have special activity books to keep your child(ren) engaged during service. There is a special "Time with Young Disciples" during service- a short sermon and message with the pastor- just for your child! The nursery is also open for use during service.

Jennifer

## **BOARD OF FINANCE**

Our Advent offering was \$615.00 it is very much appreciated.

## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

Git R Done Saturday

**WORKDAY FOR JANUARY 16, 2016**

## **BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH**

### **Dover Interfaith Men's Homeless Shelter**

People's Church will supply the meal for the Dover Interfaith Men's Homeless Shelter on the last Sunday of the month which would be January 31 this month. Thanks to the Diaconate who prepared the meal on December 27. Contact Sue Harris at 423-6049 if you or your Board would like to help in the coming months.

### **Food Bank**

We collected 91 items and \$150 in December for the First Baptist Church Food Bank Christmas food baskets. In January we will collect food for the Holy Cross Church Food Bank. Items needed are beef stew, tuna fish, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, cereal, baked beans, canned tomatoes, and saltine crackers. Food Bank envelopes are in the hymnal rack; make checks payable to People's Church. Thanks for all you do for the local food banks. It is much appreciated.



### **Feeding the Community**

### **Kent Ecumenical Council Food Banks**

On Friday, November 20, People's Church participated in the annual food drive for local food banks at West Dover Redners. Helping out that day were Pastor Ellen, Gwen Senato, BJ and Dave Van Kavelaar, Lyn Arnold, Louise Warfield, and Sue Harris. We were quite successful!

### **Caring Hearts and Helping Hands - Christmas Gifts for Children**

We provided clothes, toys and other wants and needs to six children (three families) through Caring Hearts and Helping Hands. You put gifts under their tree that

would have had nothing. It is sad that a child has to ask for sheets, winter coats and other bare necessities for Christmas. Thanks for putting a smile on these children's faces.

### **Code Purple**

Code Purple has officially begun for the winter. We partner with our friends at the Presbyterian Church supplying volunteers, dinners and snacks. Please talk to Sue Harris if you would be willing to volunteer at the shelter or make a dinner. Dinners for 20 people can be made ahead and placed in the kitchen freezer.



## **Soup and Sub Sale**

On Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. the Board of Mission & Outreach will be having a Soup / Sub Sale. The soup and subs can be picked up after worship.

## **February 7, 2016 Soup / Sub Sale**

**Subs** (\$5.00 each)

**American Italian** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ham, salami, bologna, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion)

**Turkey** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Turkey, Provolone cheese, Lettuce, Tomato and onion)

**Vegetable Soup** (\$7.00)

Quart \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \_\_\_\_\_ CA \_\_\_\_\_ CK \_\_\_\_\_.

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## **Women's Fellowship**

Phyllis Simpkins invited the members and auxiliary members to her home again for the annual covered dish Christmas luncheon. It is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in their Smyrna home Everyone is welcome to come and participate.

The members discussed program ideas for 2016. We put together a draft to be voted upon at the Nov. meeting. The 2016 trifold will include the budget, the calendar of events and meetings and the list of officers.

**DATE CHANGE IN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PANCAKE BRUNCH  
From February 7<sup>th</sup>. to February 14<sup>th</sup>. please mark your calender.**

## **CARING HEARTS HELPING HANDS (phone 698-1900)**

**Caring Hearts and Helping Hands - Christmas Gifts for Children** We are gearing up for Christmas!! Last year, we purchased Christmas gifts for over 300 children. If you are interested to becoming a wish-grantor (sponsoring a family) or a shopper for the children, please give us a call.

We are currently accepting gently used and new 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.

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 new and improved **website: "chhhde.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 \$60,000 in receipts and received checks for over \$600 which pays for Christmas gifts for the children of low-income working families here in Kent County..

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. If you like to shop but are not able to sponsor a family for Christmas, we are also looking for shoppers.

Thanks again for all your support.

BJ Van Kavelaar, Secretary/Director

**We have contacted** BJ at Caring Hearts and Helping Hands and have two families to help by buying presents for their children at Christmas. These children would probably get little or nothing if caring people like you didn't help. A small Christmas tree will be put up in the front of the sanctuary with "ornaments" describing a certain gift for a child. Sue Harris will keep track of who takes the ornaments. Please help these deserving children with a gift(s) of your choice from the tree so they can have a memorable Christmas.

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 new and improved **website: "chhhde.org"**.

Thanks again for all your support. BJ Van Kavelaar, Secretary/Director

# JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>2</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>5</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>6</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>7</b> 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM-CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>8</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>9</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
<b>10</b> 11:30 AM-BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  11:10 Board of Mgt. Meeting 11:20 AM – W F meeting	<b>11</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>12</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>13</b> 10:30 - CAREGIVERS 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>14</b> 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM-CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>15</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>16</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
<b>17</b> 10:00 AM-  11:20 PM- Board of Diac. meeting	<b>18</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA <b>Office Closed-MLK Day</b>	<b>19</b> <b>8:00 am – Men's Breakfast at Country Eatery</b>  07:00 PM-AA	<b>20</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>21</b> 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING	<b>22</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>23</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
<b>24</b> 11:00 AM-Annual Meeting  11:15 AM-Coffee	<b>25</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>26</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>27</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>28</b> 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM-CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>29</b>  12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>30</b>  01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
<b>31</b>  10:00 AM – Worship  11:00 AM - Coffee	<b>FEB.</b> ↓					
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:00 AM - Worship 11:00 AM - Coffee Soup & Sub Sale after worship						

**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 FEBUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 20, 2016\*\***