



People's to People

*The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover
United Church of Christ*

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Under the Bell Tower

JULY2016

Dear Friends,

As I write this we have completed the first two days of our Vacation Bible School program, "Cave Quest." The children are loving it—and what's not to love! They are singing, dancing, praying, creating, playing, learning and using their imaginations. We have NINE children this year, nearly double from last years five! So far the children have learned that Jesus gives us hope and courage: Follow Him! They also can tell a stalagmite from a stalactite (just ask them) and have made a new friend—Chrissy Caverns (hilariously played by Sally Childears).

My thanks to all who made this program possible. It takes a LOT of work to decorate, plan and implement VBS. It also takes a lot of LOVE and FAITH. I have been involved in Faith Formation (Christian Education) for many years, and the dedication of those who have brought our VBS to fruition cannot be beat. Thank you Sally, Jennifer, Maria, Cheryl, Mary Jo, Jean, and Phyllis T for sharing your time and talents with our children. And thank you to EVERYONE who helped make our Cave Quest awesome by cleaning or donating or decorating. Our children will come away with a stronger faith and the knowledge that they are loved in this faith community.

On another note, July 3rd we say good-bye to Richard Merriwether, who is moving to live near his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren in Portland, Oregon. I hope you will come to Worship this Sunday AND stay for cake afterward as we bid him Godspeed. We will miss you, Richard. You have been an integral part of this congregation for a number of years, most recently serving as moderator and search committee member. While this is the right move for you, know that you will always have a place in our hearts and in our prayers.

Grace and Peace,
Ellen
Reverend Ellen Witko

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH-JUNE 31, 2016

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$217,950	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	4,191			
Income Received				
Income members		61,192.58	53,826.39	+7,366.19
Transferred from Invest. Savings		48,000.00	48,000.00	0.00
Expenses to Date		-105,470.46	89,205.03	-16,265.43
Net Difference		+3,722.12	-12,621.36	+8,899.24

ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE 2016

<u>6/2015</u>		<u>6/2016</u>		<u>Offerings</u>
06/07	62	06/05	61	1404.00
06/14	54	06/12	39	1802.00
		Savings		15000.00
06/21	51	06/19	44	1583.96
06/28	<u>67</u>	06/26	<u>55</u>	<u>1695.71</u>
	234		199	21485.67

JULY BIRTHDAYS 2016

07/01 B. Lance CAULK	07/01 Aubrey HEALEY-RAKSNIS
07/02 Jenna DAVIS	07/03 Jordan ALLBEE
07/04 John W. CLENDANIEL	07/05 Annah POLASKO
07/05 Robin Hinderer	07/07 Cynthia DEMPSEY
07/07 John Downs, Jr.	07/08 Patricia BROWN
07/09 Richard L. JOHNSON	07/10 Frederick HOTCHKISS
07/11 Dillan POLASKO	07/14 Louise FERGUSON
07/14 Jocelyn JONES-TERRANOVA	07/18 Mark BIDDLE
07/18 Jean HITCHENS	07/18 Betty Ann WHARTON
07/19 Christopher RUMBLEY	07/21 Bill MORRIS
07/23 Winona FLYZIK	07/24 Carl REED
07/25 Gladys CALDWELL	07/28 Cawood COSDEN JR.
07/29 William SMITH	07/29 Wilbur 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

Virginia Bason –new address %Kathy Bason, 717 Bicentennial Blvd., Dover, DE 19904

Connie Biddle – respiratory problem

Maisha Britt - checking out some medical problems

Cawood Cosden –in hospital for evaluation. Soon to move to Cove facility

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

Jeff Reed–recovering from heart problems

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

Louise Warfield's father – fell and broke his hip and is in rehab.

Jane Zink's Caregiver –family tragedies

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

Jeff Sheppard –Sarah Wood's partner Andy's father

Donald Tatman – friend of Kathi Thomas

Kelly Schmidt – Terry Warfield's niece

Uncle Pete – Pastor Ellen's uncle

John Zingaro– Joe's brother

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

07/03 Phyllis Simpkins
07/10 Cheryl Goldsmith
07/17 Fred & Cynthia Hotchkiss
07/24 People's Church
07/31

Liturgist

07/03 Peg Green
07/10 Jeff Reed
07/17 Jennifer Childears
07/24 Betsy Stewart
07/31 Suzanne Schwarz

Sunday Lessons

July03:Seventh Sundayafter Pentecost

Holy Communion

Luke 10:11, 16-20

July10:Eighth Sundayafter Pentecost

Luke 10:25-37

July17: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 10:38-42

July24: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 11:1-13

July 31: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Luke12:13-21

Ushers

07/03 Phyllis Simpkins
Phyllis Tarburton
Cheryl Goldsmith

07/10 Cheryl Goldsmith
Phyllis Simpkins

07/17

07/24 Cheryl Goldsmith

07/31

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 summer 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 (maintained religiously by Elinor Baker), it now has it's own Face Book (FB) page (administered fastidiously by Sally Childears. Both sites have a trove of useful of information about Peoples 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. 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"

We are in need of friends to donate just a few minutes on Sunday mornings to usher. Please find it in your heart and schedule to volunteer once a month or every other month, or volunteer for the whole summer. Pick an open slot on the sign-up sheets in the rear of the sanctuary, or call the church office.

CHURCH VAN MINISTRY

**** We are in current need of someone to help with our Sunday morning Transport Ministry. Please call or email the office if you are able to help fellow members enjoy worship . ****

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

Pastor Relations Committee (PRC)

" While Pastor Ellen encourages and, in fact, prefers open and direct communications with all, the Diaconate's 2016 Pastor Relations Committee (PRC) was impaneled this past month and is here for you. Please feel free to contact any member if you have a question or concern you would like passed on. However, in order to be fair, comments will not be forwarded anonymously. In meetings, if having a member or members of the PRC present will make for a more comfortable conversation with the Pastor, a member(s) will make themselves available. Members of the committee are Bob Hawkins, Jean Hitchens, Jerry Rice (ricege@comcast.net/302-943-8871), and Rev. Judy Zingaro. -- 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

The Board of Christian Education is holding a "Paint Night" Day on Sunday July 17th starting at 11:30 in the downstairs dining room. No skill is required- the artist will walk you through the painting step by step. This is such a fun time and you go home with a beautiful painting that you created! Everyone is invited- ages 15-99. You can bring friends too! Refreshments will be provided. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please RSVP by July 10th. You can text 535-2988 for Jennifer, or contact any member of the Board.

Thank you to all who came out and helped with Vacation Bible School.

More details about VBS will be in the August newsletter.

We are looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School this year. We are moving the Sunday School time back to during the Worship service. The children will begin in Worship with their families and then go to Sunday School right after the Message for Young Disciples. We are hoping for enough volunteers so that the teachers can rotate Sundays, and we need two teachers for each Sunday. If we get 8 teachers, then you would only have to teach one Sunday per month! If you are interested in teaching, please contact Jennifer Childears or Pastor Ellen. Classes will start in September. We have great curriculum and experience is NOT necessary.

Don't be afraid of questions from the children, either. A good answer is always: "Gee, I don't know! I wonder where we could find the answer to that? Maybe we could ask Pastor Ellen for help!" Since the children will be in worship for a while, Sunday School will only be about 40 minutes long. Parents will be able to pick their children up right after worship.

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 not be until September.

"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 July 31, please contact Sue Harris.



Feeding the Community

FOOD BANK

July donations for the Food Bank will go to the Holy Cross 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 \$30.00 for First Baptist Food Bank in June. Thanks for your help.

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: "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 \$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

JULY 2016

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	4 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	5 07:00 PM-AA	6 10:30 AM - Caregivers 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	7 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING	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 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	15 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	16 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
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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	29 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	30 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
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HE 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, hours Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00NOON

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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

R. Jefferson Reed - Moderator

Gerald Rice - Diaconate

Robin Hinderer - Management

Sue Harris-Hunt - Mission and Outreach

Jennifer Childears - Christian Education

Lyn Arnold - Finance

****DEADLINE FOR AUGUST2016 NEWSLETTER IS JULY 20, 2016****