



People's to People

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

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, Sally Childears posted an article on church Facebook page (People's Church of Dover - UCC) entitled, *Why Nothing Seems to get People Back to Church — The Issue at the Core of Decline*, by Rev. Erik Parker who blogs as The Millennial Pastor. Jerry Rice also handed out photocopies of this same article to everyone at the Diaconate meeting

Rev. Parker's point is that "Most churches are, at their core, institutions formed around a social or societal commitment. The core of churches have been based on the fact that people are expected to attend because of societal pressures. When society taught us...that being church attenders was important, churches organized around social commitment worked well...These churches did good ministry, they reached people with the gospel and they were servant communities...But now that society is no longer providing the pressure to be church attenders, attracting people to a social commitment doesn't work...In fact, it may be the very thing that is driving people away."

What is that "social commitment" that Rev. Parker is speaking about? It used to be that showing up was expected—so people did! But that is no longer the case. Today, people show up for the things they are passionate about. Rev. Parker reports "My church-going peers are interested in following Jesus."

Me, too. How about you? In the past, church was the place to be seen, to do good works, to worship and pray, and to gather and socialize with others. Today, we have many more options and Sunday morning is no longer reserved for church. That means that in order for people to show up, we need to be a place that is passionate about following Jesus.

Are you passionate about Jesus? If so, stay tuned, because my hope is that the word on the street about us will become that we are the People's Church—filled with People Passionate about following Jesus.

So, think about that, tape the 23rd Psalm to your bathroom mirror, and we'll talk more after the Trustees Retreat on the 14th.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ellen
Rev. Ellen Witko

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH –APRIL 30, 2016

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$217,950	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	4,191			
Income Received				
Income members		30,232.54	29,229.37	1,003.17
Transferred from Invest. Savings		33,000.00	15,000.00	18,000.00
Expenses to Date		<u>- 69,661.30</u>	<u>- 55,439.79</u>	<u>- 14,221.51</u>
Net Difference		- 6,428.76	- 11,210.42	4,781.66

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 2016

<u>04/2015</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>04/2016</u>
04/05 145	04/03 70	2,902.00
04/12 77	04/10 79	1,445.96
04/19 81	04/17 81	3,162.95
	Savings	15,000.00
04/26 <u>73</u>	04/24 <u>70</u>	<u>1,288.21</u>
376	300	23,799.12

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05/01 Roger M. WHARTON	05/02 Jeffrey LEWIS
05/03 Erin BIDDLE	05/03 Kathryn HANNAH
05/04 Joan CONARD	05/04 William R. DARLING
05/04 Nathan SMITH	05/06 Jane ZINK
05/09 Gerald E. RICE	05/10 Josephine STRONG
05/11 Angela HEALEY-RAKSNIS	05/11 Ethan GOLDSMITH
05/13 Mary R. REED	05/15 Sandra McNINCH
05/16 Mary Beth GOLDSMITH	05/18 Brenda POLASKO
05/18 Victoria HEALEY	05/22 Joyce DARLING
05/22 Robert DePUE	05/23 Brantley LINDSEY-KLUGE
05/23 William A. HUFNAL	05/23 Harry OTTO
05/24 Adolf WEISSENFLUH	05/27 Jackie NIEHORSTER
05/27 Andrew POLASKO	05/28 Ann (Carolyn) LEWIS
05/31 Denese R. LINDSEY	

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
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
Grant – young grandson of Bonnie Pennewell, recovering from a broken leg
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

Shirley Hawkins retiring from the choir

Shirley Hawkins joined the People’s Church Choir in the Spring of 1956. Except for a few years when she and Bob moved North, Shirley has been a faithful member of our Choir ever since. Along the way, she has had the leadership of eight Choir Directors.

When Shirley first joined the Choir she sang alongside “Ma” Burton who had been in the Choir since 1909. In addition to the current members of the Choir; Shirley was honored to sing along with five women still in our congregation –Jane Kent, Sarah Hastings, Nell Baker, Connie Biddle and Brenda Polasko. After this month Shirley will be in the congregation with Bob and her daughter Kathy, but she will still be singing the praises of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

CAREGIVERS

The next meeting to coordinate will be **MAY 11th** 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

WHEEL CHAIR AVAILABLE

I have left in the church Virginia's manual wheel chair which she received when she first lost the use of her legs about seven years ago. She used this chair only for a few weeks and most of the time since it has stayed in our attic. I have loaned it out twice; once for some months to a member of our motor home group and more recently to a member of People's Church. I don't feel it serves any purpose sitting in my attic. If kept at church it could be used for emergencies there or it could be loaned to members of the church with a temporary need. I would prefer it not be loaned to relatives or friends of members since from experience I have found this is when things come back damaged or do not come back at all.

Bill Read

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

05/01	Linda Paradee
05/08	Charles & Virginia Stewart
05/15	Jackie Niehorster
05/22	Andy & Brenda Polasko
05/29	Gallihue Family

Sunday Lessons

May 01:	Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Acts 16:9-15
May 08:	Seventh Sunday of Easter Coffee Hour – Mission & Outreach Acts 16:16-34 Mother's Day
May 15:	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-21 Strengthen the Church Offering

Liturgist

05/01	Craig Lindsey
05/08	Richard Merriwether
05/15	Judy Zingaro
05/22	Maria Myers
05/29	Lyn Arnold

Ushers

05/01	Jerry Rice Jeff Hastings Paula Hastings Ginny Stewart
05/08	Cheryl Goldsmith B J VanKavelaar David VanKavelaar Jerry Rice
05/15	Bill Hufnal B J VanKavelaar David VanKavelaar Ginny Stewart

May 22:	Trinity Sunday Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	05/22	Cheryl Goldsmith Helaine Jones Ginny Stewart
May 29:	Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 7:1-10	05/29	Cheryl Goldsmith Helaine Jones Phyllis Simpkins

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 is coming!

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! 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 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.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mothers!

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 MAY 14th.

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



**Feeding the
Community**

Food Bank

May donations for the Food Bank will go to the Holy Cross Food Bank. Items specifically needed are oatmeal, powdered milk, jelly, canned beef stew and chili, and 1 lb cans of coffee. 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 84 items and \$ 15.00 for First Baptist Church Food Bank in April. During 2015, First Baptist Church Food Bank distributed one week of groceries for 339 families consisting of 798 individuals. The pantry also packed 27 Thanksgiving Baskets feeding 132 people and 25 Christmas Baskets feeding 149 individuals. Each basket included ingredients to prepare a complete meal including a frozen turkey and desert. Thanks for your continued support; it is greatly needed. You helped feed a lot of families!!

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 May 29, please contact Sue Hunt.



PEOPLE'S CHURCH OF DOVER
"CLEAN OUT THE CHURCH'S CLOSETS"

YARD SALE
CHICKEN SALAD LUNCH
During Dover Days



Saturday May 7th
10:00 - 2:00 pm



Downstairs in the
Dining Room



Women's Fellowship

Beverly Gemmill from the University of Delaware's Master Gardener's Program spoke to several members and friends on Sunday, April 10th. Her topic was "Bright Jewels of the Garden", plantings to attract various butterflies to your yard and garden. She was so informative and interesting. The University of Delaware Extension Service, located at the Paradee Center next to the Department of Transportation on Bay Road, has so much information about plants, trees, yards and gardens. They will also test you soil for \$15. Their help line is 730-4000 and a Master Gardener is on hand from 10 am to 1pm weekdays from April through October. At other times, you will reach an extension agent.

Mark your calendars for our next meeting, **our spring luncheon trip** to the Ocean Gypsy (1703 Coastal Highway, Fenwick Island), on Sunday, May 22nd. Carpooling will be available 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: "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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am – worship Holy Communion 11:00 am coffee	2 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	3 07:00 PM-AA	4 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	5 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	6 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	7 1:00 PM- C. O. D. A. Dover Days Yard Sale & Chicken Salad Luncheon
8 10:00 am – worship 11:00 am-Mission & Outreach Coffee MOTHERS DAY	9 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	10 07:00 PM-AA	11 10:30 AM - Caregivers 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	12 8:00 – 10:00 am – Board of Mgt. with Becker Morgan about heat 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	13 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	14 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
15 10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 am – Coffee 11:10 Board of Mgt. Meeting Strengthen the Church Offering	16 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	17 07:00 PM-AA 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast at Country Eatery	18 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	19 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	20 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	21 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
22 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 am - Coffee 12:00 NOON-W F Spring Luncheon, Rehoboth	23 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	24 07:00 PM-AA	25 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	26 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	27 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	28 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
29 10:00 AM-Worship 11:15 AM-Coffee	30 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	31 07:00 PM-AA	JUNE 			
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5 10:00 AM-Worship COMMUNION	6 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	7 07:00 PM-AA	8 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	9 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. 07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	10 MESSAGE OF HOPE	11 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN MAY 15TH.
There will be envelopes on the tables in the back or you can mail
them to the church. Thanks you for your donations.

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

Jennifer Childears - Christian Education

Lyn Arnold - Finance

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