



# People's to People

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

*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

<b>STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH –APRIL 30, 2016</b>
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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>
	<b>376</b>		<b>300</b>	<b>23,799.12</b>

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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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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



## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

Git R Done Saturday

**The Git-R-Done Saturday will be MAY 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. Carpooling will be available in the van after worship service. Everyone is welcome; please RSVP to BJ or Dave Van Kavelaar (697-9426).

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## 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](mailto:caringhearts@verizon.net) or check out our website: "[chhhde.org](http://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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# MAY 2016

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

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>.**  
**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\*\***