



# People's to People

The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover  
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## MARCH 2016

### Under the Bell Tower



Dear Friends,

Four months have passed and we are all settling in together, having learned some basics about each other. During these past four months I have done three funerals. Each one has given me the opportunity to do what brings me the greatest joy in ministry, which is *being there* for my people during significant events in their lives, showing them that God is always present. Funerals, Weddings, and Baptisms and other significant life events such as graduations, award-ceremonies, and confirmations draw us together and your life stories are shared with me, enabling to understand more about the person you are and giving me further insight into your walk with God. This knowledge helps me be a better pastor.

Being church together means that we share our lives, rather than holding back. From hearing you talk about each other I know that you love and care for each other, even when you disagree on the best way to move into the future. There's nothing like singing together, praying together, sharing a meal together—including the Meal we share together at God's Table—on a regular basis to open the eyes of our hearts to each other.

And, at times, we will disagree. There will be misunderstandings and miscommunications. The best thing to do in these instances is to come and talk with me. It may *feel* better to vent someone else, but that person will not be able to resolve the issue. Just make an appointment with me for a chat. I promise to listen carefully.

As we continue on our Lenten journey together, may we resolve to be a congregation that values healthy practices of communication, both in how we speak and how we listen.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Ellen, Rev. Ellen Witko

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH –FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$217,827	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	4,189			
Income Received				
Income members		20,250.86	13,252.58	6,998.28
Transferred from Invest. Savings		23,000.00	23,000.00	0,000.00
Expenses to Date		<u>- 34,828.05</u>	<u>- 27,168.51</u>	<u>- 7,659.54</u>
Net Difference		8,422.81	9,084.07	661.26

**ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY 2016**

<u>02/2015</u>		<u>Offerings</u>	<u>02/2016</u>	
02/01	93	-	02/07	86
				2,795.00
02/08	78		02/14	49
				2,179.00
02/15	33		02/21	66
				1,152.05
02/22	<u>snowed</u>		02/28	<u>75</u>
				<u>1,525.88</u>
	<b>204</b>		<b>276</b>	<b>7,651.93</b>

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03/04	Ruth GALLIHUE	03/04	Amanda DOWNES
03/05	Mary WILSON	03/06	Elaine EWING
03/06	Judy ZINGARO	03/07	Glenn HITCHENS
03/08	Rod THOMPSON	03/13	Helaine JONES
03/14	Sage COLE	03/15	Sandra COSDEN
03/15	Charles DEMPSEY, Jr.	03/16	Robert HAWKINS
03/19	Courtlyn WITTE	03/23	Sue DODD
03/24	Jim CALDWELL	03/24	Rosamond PIERCE
03/27	Philip S. BETTS	03/27	Cody LLOYD
03/27	Bette Jo VAN KAVELAAR	03/27	Ethan ZINGARO OPALECKY
03/28	Shirley HAWKINS	03/30	Judith DOWNS
03/30	John C. (Jack) LEWIS		

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

**Donna Dawson** – sister of Sandy Yurga, dealing with heart-related issues  
**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 decease  
**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

### PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

**Willard Irwin** – Lyn Arnold’s colleague  
**Diana Oswell** – Vicky Healey’s sister  
**Lillian Schrantz** – Cleah Muntz’s sister-in-law  
**Donald Tatman** – friend of Kathi Thomas

### SYMPATHY

The church’s sympathy is expressed to William Read and family and friends in the death of his wife, Virginia (Ginny), who passed on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Services are private.

### CAREGIVERS

The next meeting to coordinate will be **March 09<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**

03/06      Connie Biddle  
 03/13      Linda Paradee  
 03/20      Bob & Shirley Hawkins  
 03/27      Lilies

### **Liturgist**

03/06      Kathi Thomas  
 03/13      B J VanKavelaar  
 03/20      Judy Zingaro  
 03/27      John Downs, Jr.

### **Sunday Lessons**

**March 06:      Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Holy Communion**  
                     Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**March 13:      Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
                     John 12:1-8

**March 20:      Palm/Passion Sunday**  
                     Luke 19:28-40

**March 27:      Easter**  
                     Luke 24:1-12

### **Ushers**

03/06      Helaine Jones  
                     Jeff Hastings  
                     Paula Hastings

03/13      Cheryl Goldsmith  
                     Helaine Jones  
                     Kathi Thomas

03/20      Brenda Polasko  
                     Helaine Jones  
                     Andy Polasko

03/27      Cheryl Goldsmith  
                     Ginny Stewart

## **Lenten Organ Concerts Series for 2016**

Ash Wednesday is February 10<sup>th</sup>. the beginning of Lent and the Lenten Concerts begin on Thursday after Ash Wednesday. Listed is the lineup for this year.

### Fourteenth Annual Lenten Concert Series 2016 Presenters

February 11	Ellen Harbeson Grace Presbyterian Church
February 18	Phyllis Moses, Retired St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
February 25	David Wilkins Wesley United Methodist Church
March 3	Melanie Leinbach Presbyterian Church of Dover
March 10	Rick Givens, Retired Christ Episcopal Church

March 17

Kathy Hanebutt, Organist  
People's Church of Dover, UCC

March 24

Kurt Collin  
Aldergate United Methodist Church  
Wilmington, Delaware

## BOARD OF DIACONATE

### Special Holy Week Worship Services:

**A Maundy Thursday Service** will be held at The Presbyterian Church at 7 pm on Thursday, March 24. Pastor Ellen will preach and our choir will sing.

On **Good Friday, March 25**, a Way of the Cross Walk will begin at Noon with a short service at Christ Episcopal Church. The Walk will then proceed down State Street and end at People's Church with another short time of Worship together. This event is great for people of all ages--a meaningful and intergenerational time to remember and give thanks for Jesus' love for us.

### **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

All are invited to join us March 27 for our annual Easter Egg Hunt following service. It is always a good time watching the children gather eggs and react to the Easter Bunny. Please bring a basket for your child(ren) to gather eggs.

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.

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 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 can enjoy fellowship and coffee in the women's fellowship room while the children enjoy a 45 minute lesson in our upstairs classroom from 11:00 AM to 12 noon. The program will run every Sunday unless otherwise announced. 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 nursery is also open for use during service.

The teen program will be announced as it occurs.

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## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Git R Done Saturday

**There will be NO Git-R-Done in MARCH**

## **THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

The board has worked very diligently through 2015 to keep the facility and physical plant of our 106 year old church running smooth and efficiently.

We have started the process of the feasibility study for updating the bell tower, new HVAC, and putting in an elevator.

We have done mechanical updates as well as updates to the other systems, such as lighting.

This is a synopsis of some of the things that the Board of Management accomplished in 2015. We will continue to keep you up to date on the management of God's house through 2016.

We have started the process for the engineering study for the bell tower repair, HVAC, and Elevator. The study will be to show what needs to be done and potential costs. The work will be done in stages, with most imperative and necessary repairs done expediently.

### **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**

### **FOOD BANK**

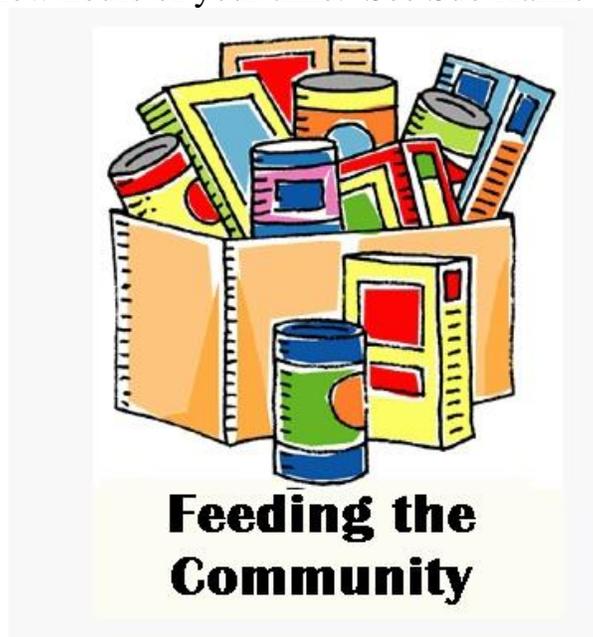
We delivered 155 items and \$ 30.00 to the First Baptist Food Bank for February. March donations will go to the Holy Cross Food Bank. Items specifically needed are oatmeal, powdered milk, jelly, canned beef stew and chili, and 1 lb. cans of coffee. Holy Cross Food Bank is doing Easter food baskets for families. Items needed for the baskets are canned hams, canned sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, and canned veggies and fruits. These are due by Palm Sunday. Monetary funds can be put in the Food Bank envelopes found in the hymnal rack. Please make checks payable to People's Church. Thanks for your continued support; it is greatly needed.

### **SOUP/SUB SALE**

Thank you everyone for buying soup and subs on February 7. We made \$469! We committed \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity again this year and we will put it towards that. Habitat will be building five homes in Dover this year and one will be designated the Apostles Build. More information on that as we receive it.

## CODE PURPLE

We are helping our friends at the Presbyterian Church with Code Purple. At this time, they need volunteers for intake and hospitality. The men are so nice and appreciative of all we do. Intake involves signing the men into the facility. Hospitality duties are putting out snacks and drinks before the men arrive; preparing and serving dinner and then cleaning up the kitchen. All you need to donate is a few hours of your time. See Sue Harris for more details.



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## Women's Fellowship

We collected \$400 from the Family Thank bags. \$200 was given to the Diaconate Fund; \$100 to Stockley Auxiliary; and \$100 to Caring Hearts Helping Hands. A check was written for \$60 to cover two nights of lodging for our homeless resident, Bill.

Our **spring luncheon trip** to the Ocean Gypsy is scheduled for Sunday 5/22. Our welcome back **covered dish luncheon** scheduled for 9/11 will be combined with the Trustees/Finance/Choir. It was suggested that the theme be birthday celebrations...a separate table and birthday cake for each month of the year.

As the spaghetti dinner by Christian Education was moved up to Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> our date to make **crafts for the homebound and cranberry relish** to sell will be Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. The cranberry relish will be sold after church service.

**February 7<sup>th</sup> is our pancake breakfast.** Phyllis Tarburton will chair this event. Tickets will be \$5 for age 11 and above; \$3 for age 10 and below. The brunch will be immediately after worship.

Our **next meeting will be Sunday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:20 am** at the church. Bob Hawkins will speak to us about the last 60 years here at People's Church.

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# Caring Hearts Helping Hands (phone 698-1900)

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 \$80,000 in receipts and received checks for over \$800 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

## MARCH 2016

**Sunday                      Monday                      Tuesday                      Wednesday                      Thursday                      Friday                      Saturday**

		1 07:00 PM-AA	2 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  6:00 pm - Lenten dinner & study	3 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING  12:05 am - Organ Concert – Melanie Leinbach  07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	4 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	5 1:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
<b>6</b> 10:00 am – worship 11:00 am coffee 11:00 am Pancake Brunch <b>Soup &amp; Sub Sale after worship</b>	<b>7</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>8</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>9</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  6:00 pm - Lenten dinner & study	<b>10</b> 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING  12:05 am - Organ Concert – Rick Givens  07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>11</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>12</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
<b>13</b> 10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 am – Coffee  11:10 Board of Mgt. Meeting 11:20 AM – W F meeting	<b>14</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>15</b> 07:00 PM-AA  <b>8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast at Country Eatery</b>	<b>16</b> 10:30 – CAREGIVERS 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  6:00 pm - Lenten dinner & study	<b>17</b> 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING  12:05 am - Organ Concert – Kathy Hanebutt  07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>18</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>19</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
<b>20</b> 10:00 AM— Worship	<b>21</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>22</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>23</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  6:00 pm - Lenten dinner & study	<b>24</b> 12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. MEETING 12:05 am - Organ Concert – Kurt Collins  07:00 PM -CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>25</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>26</b> 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

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

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