



People's to People

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

OCTOBER 2016

Dear Friends,

The month of October begins with World Communion Sunday. Our sanctuary will be clothed in materials from around the world, reminding us that the fabric of God's creation is multicolored and multi-dimensional, and that, yet, we are all one in the body of Christ. On this Sunday, congregations from around the world remember that every time we come together at Christ's table in our location, we also are seated at the largest and most inclusive dining table to be seen on earth as it is in heaven.

Yesterday I travelled to the Central Atlantic Conference's headquarters in Catonsville, MD, to meet Rev. Sheldon Culver, who is serving as our Acting Conference minister. Sheldon will be with us for just two-three months until we have an interim conference minister in place. She has a clear vision of what we must do to prepare for the interim time and what gifts and skills the new interim must have to successfully lead us through. I enjoyed meeting her, and I am confident we are in good hands.

While at lunch with the other clergy gathered to meet Sheldon, I had a conversation with my friend and colleague, Rev. Catherine Oatman, pastor of United Evangelical UCC in the Canton neighborhood of Baltimore. Like us, Cathy's congregation has a huge building—and theirs is much bigger than ours—that was mostly empty when I toured it a few years ago. Today, the building is home to THREE neighborhood arts organizations. Today the building is bustling with singing, dancing and acting; filled with life!

On World Communion Sunday we are given the opportunity to donate to the UCC special offering, Neighbors in Need. Please give generously! Through this offering congregations may apply for grants for up to \$10,000 to implement ideas, programs, activities, events that fill neighborhood needs for community building. These grants allow us to offer hope where life seems hopeless. These grants offer life in the shadow of the valley of death.

As People's Church follows God's lead into ways of enlivening our space while giving hope to Dover and beyond, please pray for our neighborhood. Please imagine, dream and vision what we can do, with God's help, with the great resources we have. Do you know of a community

arts group, mentoring program, book club, sports team, scouting group looking for space? How can we share what we have and build good relationships with the neighborhood?

May our dreams, visions and imaginings be blessed and fruitful!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ellen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

| | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Annual Church Budgeted Income | \$217,950 | Budgeted | Actual | Difference |
| Income Weekly | 4,191 | | | |
| Income Received | | | | |
| Income members | 90,670.12 | | 77,631.33 | +3,038.79 |
| Transferred from Invest. Savings | 70,000.00 | | 75,000.00 | +5,000.00 |
| Expenses to Date | <u>158,829.85</u> | | <u>144,409.61</u> | <u>-14,420.24</u> |
| Net Difference | +1,840.27 | | - 8,221.72 | - 6,381.45 |

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

| <u>09/2015</u> | | <u>Offerings</u> | <u>09/2016</u> | |
|----------------|------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 09/04 | 60 | 09/04 | 49 | 1,539.58 |
| 09/11 | 107 | 09/11 | 74 | 1,388.46 |
| | | 09/11 SAVINGS | | 15,000.00 |
| 09/18 | 74 | 09/18 | 57 | 2,219.46 |
| 09/25 | <u>96</u> | 09/25 | <u>58</u> | <u>838.46</u> |
| | 337 | | 238 | 20,960.96 |

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS 2016

| | | | |
|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|
| 10/01 | Kathleen THOMAS | 10/03 | Roger S. LEWIS |
| 10/03 | Amanda MIDDLETON | 10/04 | Ann M. GROVE |
| 10/05 | Elva A. STITES | 10/09 | Cora Marie YODER |
| 10/11 | Jace RICHARD | 10/12 | Charles BOYER |
| 10/12 | Alexis JONES | 10/12 | Mikell REED |
| 10/14 | Erica RICHARD | 10/18 | Betsy STEWART |
| 10/20 | Jenna CLENDANIEL | 10/21 | Randal REVAY |
| 10/21 | Lynn SMITH | 10/22 | Maisha BRITT |
| 10/28 | Alyssa SENATO | | |

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; peopleschurchover@verizon.net

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Virginia Bason – new address %Kathy Bason, 717 Bicentennial Blvd., Dover, DE 19904
Maisha Britt - checking out some medical problems
Gladys Caldwell – home recuperating from hospital stay
Cawood Cosden –
Jane Dodd – ankle operation on Cotober 27th
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
Mary Johns – home recuperating fro hospital stay
Amanda Middleton - recovering from medical procedures
Krystle Muntz – suffering from an infection
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
Gertrude Weissenfluh – in recovering from stay in Hospital

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

Verna James – The Hufnal’s aunt: reoccurrence of Breast Cancer and other health issues due to aging
Sgt. Darlene Kirk - Cleah Muntz’s niece – in service in Kuwait for 3 ½ months, 120 degrees- sandstorms
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
Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss’ uncle - kidney failure
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

Judy Hudson – friend of BJ & Dave VanKavelaar
Willard Irwin – Lyn Arnold’s colleague
Pat Morrison – friend of John Downs, Jr.
Diana Oswell – Vicky Healey’s sister
Jeff Sheppard – Sarah Wood’s partner Andy’s father
Kelly Schmidt – Terry Warfield’s niece

HELP WANTED COFFEE HOUR - need someone to set up the coffee hour cups, sugar, cream, goodies, napkins. Also someone to perform cleanup. Time: Once a week for half an hour to set up and half an hour to clean up. Any bakers who wish to contribute to the edible goodies are most welcome.

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

10/02 Cheryl Goldsmith
 10/09 Lyn Arnold
 10/16 Betsy Stewart
 10/23 Glenn & Jean Hitchens
 10/30 Cheryl Goldsmith

Liturgist

10/02 John Downs, Jr.
 10/09 Suzanne Schwarz
 10/16 Lyn Arnold
 10/23 Bill Hufnal
 10/30 Peg Green

Sunday Lessons

Ushers

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| October 02: | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion <i>Psalms:139:1-6, 13-18</i> | 10/02 | Cheryl Goldsmith Ginny Stewart |
| October 09 | Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Luke 17:11-19 | 10/09 | |
| October 16: | Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Luke 18:1-8 | 10/16 | Ginny Stewart |
| October 23: | Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Luke 18:9 -14 | 10/23 | |
| October 30: | Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 19:1-10 | 10/30 | |

We are in need of friends to donate just a few minutes on Sunday mornings to usher. Please choose an open slot on the sign-up sheets in the rear of the sanctuary, or call the church office.

BOARD OF DIACONATE

The Diaconate Fund

Please prayerfully consider contributing to the fund so that we can have ample resources as we move into the fall and winter months. You may prepare a check to Peoples Church with "Diaconate Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

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), Phyllis Tarburton and Rev. Judy Zingaro. -- Diaconate"

Videos of the Sunday sermons are 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.

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

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School

Sunday School is off to a great start. This month we will be learning all about Moses and the Israelites' escape from Egypt. Classes will be October 9, 16, 23 and 30.

The Board of Christian Education needs help staffing the Spaghetti Dinner, which is scheduled for Nov 6th. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Please consider helping as there is a great need.

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 FINANCE

NOMINATIONS- remember your time and talents are needed to operate the church. There are many places for your skills. Please prayerfully consider volunteering. There will be vacancies on all committees.

Here are a few positions available for 2017. Other committees will post job descriptions later on.

HELP WANTED: Volunteers to assemble the weekly Sunday bulletin. Time approximately one hour on Thursday or Friday each week. Distribute in sanctuary.
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HELP WANTED: Volunteers to perform data entry functions for attendance. Time approximately one hour per week.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. TELLERS: Teams of two members are responsible for tallying the collection each week. Count and sum cash. This takes about half an hour per week for two people. The Tellers are on for 4 months of the year. Schedule is fluid to accommodate members' plans. Members willingly substitute for each other when needed.
2. Stewardship falls under the finance committee. There are 3 major campaigns per year: estimate of giving, Easter and Advent. These funds are applied to the general fund for operating the church.
3. Finance budget pays for the annual accounting review or audit. Works with the auditors to assure that the proper accounting principles are used.
4. Weekly one person is needed to take the deposit to the bank, usually on Mondays. That person may also sign checks. Treasurer signs checks as well. Signers review for appropriate accounts and that there are funds available to cover.

2016 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN THEME "Go and do the same" (Luke 10:37)



[Luke 10:36](#)

Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁶ ["The one who showed him" mercy, replied the expert in the law. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."](#)

The beginning of pledge season approaches. Please take time to prayerfully consider your commitment to the church of your time, talent and treasures.

Pledge cards will be available soon. Please submit the cards before October 15, 2016. This allows the Trustees to use this information to formulate the church's budget for 2017.

In addition to your weekly pledge, there is plenty to do to run the church. The nominations team will announce the openings on the various committees. Your talents are always welcome. **The other committee chairs** may want to post job descriptions as well for the nominations process.

Thanks ever so much, Lyn Arnold

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Board of Management is waiting on the final report from the engineering firm.

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

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 **October 30th** this month. **The Board of Diaconate** has volunteered to provide it. If you would like to do November or December please contact Sue Harris. Thanks for preparing and serving the dinner.

FOOD BANK

We delivered 25 items and \$ 10.00 to the Holy Cross Food Bank for September. October donations will go to the First Baptist Food Bank. Items needed are saltine crackers, stewed tomatoes, beef stew, chili, and cereal. Monetary funds can be put in the Food Bank envelopes found in the hymnal rack. Please make checks payable to the People's Church. Thanks for your continued support; it is greatly needed.



**Feeding the
Community**

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). The Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM) is the voice for American Indian people in the UCC. CAIM provides Christian ministry and witness to American Indians

and to the wider church. Justice issues that affect American Indian life are communicated to the whole UCC by CAIM.

Historically, the forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. CAIM supports these local churches and their pastors. In addition, CAIM strives to be a resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations and to strengthen their participation in the life of the church.

Two-thirds of the Neighbors in Need offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

The Neighbor in Need offerings will be accepted Oct 2, 2016.

Board of Mission and Outreach will host a sub and soup sale to benefit our local missions on October 16. Please look for order forms in bulletins or call the office to place your order.

October 16, 2016 Soup / Sub Sale

Subs (\$6.00 each)

American Italian _____@**\$6.00** = \$ _____

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

Turkey _____@ **\$6.00** = \$ _____

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

Vegetable Soup (\$7.00)

Quart _____ @\$7.00 \$ _____

Name _____

Paid _____ CA _____ CK _____

Women's Fellowship

Our next gathering will be Sunday, October 16th, at 11:20 AM. We will be hearing about the Dover Modern Maturity Center programs. Sounds very interesting.

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (phone 698-1900)

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: "chhde.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.

We are also a named charity for Amazon-Smile. If you shop Amazon, look to name us as your charity and Amazon will donate .5% of qualified purchases to Caring Hearts Helping Hands.

And if you donate to United Way, our code # is #12803.

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.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 1:00 PM- C. O. D. A. |
| 2 10:00 am – worship HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 am - coffee 10:15 am – Sunday School | 3 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA | 4 07:00 PM-AA 6:00 PM – Bible Study | 5 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE | 6 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 Choir Practice | 7 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA | 8 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A. |
| 9 10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 am – Coffee 10:15 am – Sunday School | 10 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA | 11 10:00 AM – Caregivers 07:00 PM-AA 6:00 PM – Bible Study | 12 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE | 13 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 Choir Practice | 14 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA | 15 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A |
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