



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

SEPTEMBER 2016



Dear Friends,

You are Invited investigate the Book of GENESIS beginning on Tuesday evenings from 6-7 pm beginning September 20 in the Fellowship Room. Eat your dinner before or after—or bring it with you! People from high school age and up are invited to join in the exploration of the stories and themes in this book about beginnings: growing up with God, growing away from God, and returning to God's embrace. We'll use multiple sources for our study—our bibles (or borrow one from here), the UCC *Listen Up! Bible Study* curriculum on Genesis, interesting articles, videos, book excerpts, etc. This will be an informal gathering. Come in and out of the group as your schedule allows, and if you can make a commitment to keep Tuesdays from 6-7 free, that would be great! We'll meet on Tuesdays from September 20 through November 15. (continued...)

If you are interested in a daytime gathering, please contact me. If at least three people commit to meeting on Tuesdays (or another day) in the morning or afternoon, I am happy to facilitate an additional group.

There may be some reading between classes, but not a lot. There will be nothing to purchase—copies will be provided at each class. As the facilitator of this group I am interested in what you have to say, what you've previously been told about Genesis, and what questions you have as we go along. I hope our time together will be engaging and informative. I hope our faith will grow as together we discern where the understanding of the God and Scripture of the ancient Hebrew people intersects our understanding of God and Scripture today.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ellen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH –AUGUST 31, 2016
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Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$217,950	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly		4,191		
Income Received				
Income members		74,655.94	71,400.37	- 3,255.57
Transferred from Invest. Savings		60,000.00	60,000.00	- 0.00
Expenses to Date		<u>-140,998.50</u>	<u>- 120,897.16</u>	<u>+20,101.34</u>
Net Difference		- 10,503.21	- 6,342.56	-16,845.77

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 2016

	<u>08/2015</u>	<u>Offerings</u>		<u>08/2016</u>
08/09	82	08/07	52	2,009.96
08/16	65	08/14	47	852.96
08/23	57	08/21	53	991.46
		08/24 SAVINGS		15,000.00
08/30	<u>57</u>	08/28	<u>43</u>	<u>724.46</u>
	279		203	19,578.84

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2016

09/02	Ryan LLOYD	0902	Ti'Yan WILLIAMS
09/05	Jennifer CHILDEARS	09/05	Trish MERCER
09/08	Patricia HEATHER	09/10	Harriet GRIGGS
09/10	Jared WITTE	09/12	William DODD
09/12	R. Jefferson REED	09/13	Mary Anderson
09/19	Nell BAKER	09/24	Deborah JACK

09/25 Patricia HUFNAL
09/26 Cleah MUNTZ
09/28 Brian WITTE
09/29 Zoe PETROSKY

09/26 Kim CLENDANIEL
09/28 Kathryn JAYWORK-Watkins
09/29 Courtney MYS
09/29 Valerie WOODARD

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

Maisha Britt - checking out some medical problems

Cawood Cosden –

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

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

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

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

Donald Tatman – friend of Kathi Thomas

Kelly Schmidt – Terry Warfield's niece

SYMPATHY

The church's sympathy is expressed to the family and friends in the death of **Connie Biddle** who passed on July 31st. Services are Saturday, September 17th at 2:00 PM. Visitation will take place from 1:00-2:00 PM.

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

09/04 Jim Caldwell
09/11 Cheryl Goldsmith
09/18
09/25 Kathy Hanebutt

Liturgist

09/04 Joe Zingaro
09/11 Jim Caldwell
09/18 Victoria Healy
09/25 Jennifer Childears

Sunday Lessons

September 04: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Psalms: 139:1-6, 13-18

September 11: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 15:1-10

September 18: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 16:1-13

September 25: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 16:19-31

Ushers

09/04

09/11 Cheryl Goldsmith
Bonnie Pennewell

09/18

09/25 Cheryl Goldsmith
Bonnie Pennewell

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](mailto:ricege@comcast.net)), 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.

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.

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

Hello parents! Sunday School **starts September 11**. Children ages 3-12 will be dismissed during service after Time with Young Disciples. This month we will be joining the Deep Blue crew in learning about Joseph and his time in Egypt (Genesis, chapters 39-42). There will be videos, songs and a great lesson each week. Join us and the Deep Blue crew each week.



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?"

³⁷“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 September 25 this month. If you, your Board, or committee would like to volunteer, please contact Sue Harris. Thanks to Sue Harris, Phyllis Tarburton, Serena Leiser and Pastor Ellen for preparing and serving the August 28th dinner.

FOOD BANK

We donated 32 food items and \$ 5.00 to the First Baptist Church Food Bank in August. We will collect for Holy Cross Food Bank in September. Items needed are oatmeal, powdered milk, jelly, canned beef stew and chili and 1 lb cans of coffee as well as all canned fruits and vegetables. Checks can be made payable to Peoples Church. Thanks for your continuing support.



Women's Fellowship

Our next gathering will be our welcome back luncheon for the entire congregation 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!!

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.

BJ Van Kavelaar
Secretary/Director

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING	2 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	3 1:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
4 10:00 am – worship HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 am - coffee	5 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	6 07:00 PM-AA	7 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	8 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 Choir Practice	9 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	10 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
11 10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 am – Coffee 10:15 am – Sunday School Begins Welcome Back covered dish	12 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA Rev. Witko – Continuing Ed	13 07:00 PM-AA Rev. Witko – Continuing Ed	14 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE Rev. Witko - Continuing Ed	15 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 Choir Practice Rev. Witko - Continuing Ed	16 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	17 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A 2:00 PM-Connie Biddle's Memorial service
18 10:00 AM-Worship 10:00 AM-Rev. Caldwell, preaching 11:00 am - Coffee	19 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	20 07:00 PM-AA	21 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	22 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 Choir Practice	23 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	24 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
25 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 AM-Coffee 11:15 - Board of Christian Ed meeting	26 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	27 07:00 PM-AA	28 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	29 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 Choir Practice	30 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	OCT.
						1 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A

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10:00 AM Worship COMMUNION 11:00 AM Coffee Hour	12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	07:00 PM-AA	12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	12:00 PM-F.A.I.R. Meeting 7:00 Choir Practice	12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF	01:00 pm C.O.D.A

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 12:00 NOON

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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 OCTOBER 2016 NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 20, 2016****