



# People's to People

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

## **APRIL 2017**

Dear Friends,

Even if you have not been attending our Lenten Dinner and Discussion Group on Wednesday nights, I encourage you to read Kathleen Norris' book, *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*. Some of the words we have encountered, such as: Eschatology, Incarnation, Antichrist, Idolatry, Blood, Grace, even Faith, are often either unknown, misunderstood, or taken for granted. At the very least the book is a good read, but at its best, the book leads us ever deeper into just what it may mean to each one of us to be a person of faith involved in a congregation.

One word that is not given its own chapter is "Resurrection." Are we supposed to know exactly what that means, I wonder? If I ever again go hear Norris speak (as I did while a seminary student), I will ask her why she left that word out.

As Easter approaches, Resurrection is on our minds. What do we mean when we say that Jesus was resurrected? Do you believe in bodily resurrection, metaphorical resurrection, or some combination of the two? And why?

As we draw closer to Holy Week, consider what Resurrection means to you and how your thinking about Resurrection has changed your life. Do some research, reflect and wonder on this mysterious word.

Finally, mark your calendars for two key events in Holy Week.. On Thursday, April 13, at 7 pm, we will gather at the Presbyterian Church of Dover for a Maundy Thursday Service. Choirs from both congregations will sing. On Good Friday, April 14th, an ecumenical gathering of congregations will meet at Christ Church at noon. After an opening service there, at which I have been invited to preach, we will walk to People's Church for closing worship. On the way, we will pause to read and reflect on the Passion story. I've always found that participating in services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday makes Easter Sunday even more joyful!

Grace and Peace,  
 Pastor Ellen

### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – MARCH 31, 2017**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	155,906			
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$4,167			
Income Received				
Income members	\$27,885.49	\$ 21,075.74	<b>-\$6,809.75</b>	<b>Under donated</b>

Transfer from Invest. Savings	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	<b>0.00</b>	<b>taken</b>
Expenses to Date	-\$51,913.46	-\$54,284.08	<b>-\$2,370.62</b>	<b>overspent</b>
Net Difference	<b>\$ 20,972.03</b>	<b>-\$11,791.66</b>	<b>-\$9,180.37</b>	<b>Underspent</b>

<b>ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2017</b>				
<b>03/2016</b>		<b>03/2017</b>		Offerings
03/06	70	03/05	51	\$2299.00
03/13	78	03/12	44	2174.00
03/20 Palm	80	03/19	60	2,063.00
03/27 Easter	118	03/26	52	\$1,189.46
		03/30	Savings	\$15,000.00
	<b>346</b>		<b>207</b>	<b>\$22,725.46</b>
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>86</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>\$1,931.37</b>
<b>BUDGETED</b>				<b>\$43,250.86</b>
<b>UNDER BUDGETED INCOME</b>				<b>-\$3,783.70</b>

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2017**

04/01	Joshua DODD	04/02	Heather ALLBEE
04/02	Delaney Downs	04/03	Casey POLASKO
04/04	Shelby COLE	04/09	Linda ALLBEE
04/10	Craig L. LINDSEY	04/11	Phyllis SIMPKINS
04/13	Allison SMITH	04/14	Olivia RUDIS
04/20	Carolyn LEWIS	04/21	Julie LEWIS
04/23	Debra COLE	04/24	Richard Yerger
04/30	Barbara MOORE	04/30	Susan SMITH

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**

**Cawood Cosden** – Courtland Manor

**Jane Dodd** – is at home recuperating

Louise Ferguson – new address, % Gwen Gibbons, 425 Ruth Road, Arnold, MD 21012-1237, phone # 410-544-7124

Mary Johns - Westminster Village Assisted Living

Amanda Middleton- recovering from medical procedures

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

Sarah Woods – recovering from surgery

### **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

Brenda Leister – Cleah Muntz's sister, knee surgery

Kayla Storr – friend of Chip & Ginny Stewart, with many health problems

Chloe Sharp – Sally Childers: 9 year old friend, receiving chemo and radiation in prep for surgery

### **PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS**

Warren Hoover – friend of Ginny and Chip Stewart

Willard Irwin – Lyn Arnold's colleague

Pat Morrison - friend of John Downs, Jr.

Diana Oswell – Vicky Healey's sister

Kelly Schmidt – Terry Warfield's niece

Uncle Pete – Pastor Ellen's Uncle

### **SYMPATHY**

We are sad to share that John Downs Sr. passed from this life to the next on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. John's funeral service were held at People's Church of Dover UCC at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 27. Our love and condolences go out to his wife, Judy; daughter, Jennifer; and son, John Jr., as well as to his siblings and grandchildren, please keep them in your prayers.

Winter has been hard on our church family.  
Our prayers and condolences to all who have  
lost a loved one since January:

Jeffrey Lewis, son of Art Lewis	January 18, 2017
Dorothy Pardee	February 6, 2017
Daisy Hill	February 7, 2017
Mary Reed	February 22, 2017
Sarah Hastings	March 6, 2017
Elsie "Polly" Campbell, Pat Thompson's mother	March 7, 2017
John Downs, Sr.	March 21, 2017

Thanks from the Family of Elsie "Polly" Campbell (96)

Our family thanks all of you who nurtured us at the time of Mom's (Polly Campbell's) passing. We appreciate your cards, calls, emails, offers of help, and participation in her memorial service on March 19 in the chapel. Mom enjoyed her years at People's and her relationships with you.

-- Rod and Pat Thompson, Taylor Jones, Jocelyn Terranova

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**VOLUNTEERS**

**Flowers**

04/02 Charles and Virginia Stewart  
04/09  
04/16 Lilies  
04/23 Joe & Judy Zingaro  
04/30

**Liturgist**

04/02 Maria Myer  
04/09 Jennifer Childears  
04/16 Jim Caldwell  
04/23 Joe Zingaro  
04/30 Vicky Healey

**Sunday Lessons**

**APRIL 02 FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT**  
**Holy Communion**  
Matthew 11:1-45

**Ushers**  
**04/02** Heliane Jones  
Alexis Jones

**APRIL 09 SIXTH SUNDAY in LENT**  
Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

**04/09**

**APRIL 16 EASTER SUNDAY**  
John 20:1 - 18

**04/16** Heliane Jones

**APRIL 23 SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER**  
John 20:19 – 31

**04/23**

**APRIL 30 THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**  
Luke 24:13-35

**04/30**

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

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 or just come and see what everyone else is up to.

### CHURCH VAN MINISTRY

We continue to need someone to help with our Sunday morning Transportation Ministry. Please call or email the office if you are able to help fellow members enjoy worship or know of someone in need of a ride. 302-674-4177 or [office@peopleschurchofdover.org](mailto:office@peopleschurchofdover.org).

Thanks to all who have begun wearing your name tags in worship and during fellowship time. It makes getting to know one another a lot easier. If you have other ideas about how to make our worship more meaningful please feel free to contact someone on the Diaconate or complete one of the index cards in the pews and drop in the collection plate.

Our next meeting is April 23 after worship.

Peace,  
Judy Zingaro, Chairperson

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School classes in March will show the love of Jesus to others and his disciples as we go into the Easter Season. Classes will be March 12, 19 and 26. Any child age 4-12 is welcome to join us. Our last Sunday School class before summer break will be April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our Sunday School Teachers are: Mary Beth Andrews, Jennifer Childears, Jean Hitchens, Gwen Senato, Suzanne Schwarz-Green, Cheryl Goldsmith, Tracy Williams and Judy Zingaro with Peg Schwarz-Green and John Downs as substitutes.

### **SAVE THE DATE AND GATHER THE KIDS**

Vacation Bible School is coming! July 9-13, 2017 Maker's Fun Factory

Mary Beth Andrews will be directing this year's fun-filled week of learning about God and the amazing love He has for us! Children 4-12 are encouraged to join us.

If you have any  
Jennifer Childears,  
text at 302-535-



questions or concerns, please reach out to  
via email [jenniferchildears@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferchildears@yahoo.com) or by  
2988.

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

**Git – R – Done. April 1, 2017**

**(work done around church)**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Coffee & Donuts**

**Please bring: rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, leaf blowers(battery operated)**

# BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

## FOOD BANK

We delivered 58 food items and \$ 30.00 to the Holy Cross Church Food Bank. We will collect for First Baptist Food Bank in April. Items needed are canned goods, oatmeal, powdered milk, stewed tomatoes, jelly, peanut butter, canned beef stew and chili and saltine crackers. 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.

Code Purple is winding down after a busy winter. Peoples Church hosted homeless men for five weeks from December through March when the temperature was 32 degrees and under. It was also used for overflow on extremely cold nights and for housing women and children when needed. We had an average of 25 homeless per night with some nights up to 50. Thank you for supplying food, supplies, and clothing. It was greatly appreciated. Please consider helping next year. The men are so thankful for a good meal and shelter – they can't thank you enough

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## Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship met Sunday, March 12, and greeted Carolyn Fredericks, the executive director of the Modern Maturity Center, who gave us a history of the center and described its mission and ministry in Kent County. A wonderful speaker, Carolyn described the Meals on Wheels, Day Activity Center, and the Front Porch program, all of which provide needed senior services.

The minutes were approved as read, and the treasurer reported a balance of \$2678.37, once recent checks are paid. The Women's Fellowship has given \$1800 to the church this past year. In addition, our commitment to Lancaster Seminary has been paid, as well as our memorial donations for 2016.

Jean will take a prayer shawl to Judy Downs, and Pastor Ellen will take one to Mary Johns.

The May trip will be to Shady Maple, near Lancaster, most likely on May 10. It will include lunch and time for shopping in the gift shop.

Serena and Pastor Ellen reported that a second Women's Retreat is being planned for May 13, more information to follow.

"Slice is Nice" will be held after worship on May 7.

Our next meeting will feature Julie Lewis, a master gardener, who will speak on patio/deck gardening. It is set for April 9, and all members of the church are welcome.

Jean Hitchens, secretary

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## EASTER LILIES



If you would like to donate a Easter Lily "in memory" or "in honor" of someone for the church services of April 16<sup>th</sup>, please call the office, drop in offering plate or mail your order. The Lilies will all be the same size, color, and pot size (6 1/2). The office would like to have your orders by April 09<sup>th</sup>. The Lilies are \$10.00 each

No.

Amount

In memory or honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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# APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 1:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
<b>2</b> 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – coffee hour <b>11:15 am</b> – Board of Christian Ed meeting <b>4:00 pm</b> – Board of Management meeting	<b>3</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  07:00 PM-NA	<b>4</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>5</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>6</b> 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING <b>7:00 PM</b> - Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  07:00 PM-AA	<b>8</b> 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
<b>9</b> Palm Sunday 10:00 AM – Worship <b>10:15 am – Sunday School Hour</b> 11:00 am – Coffee 11:10 am – W F meeting	<b>10</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  07:00 PM-NA	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM – Caregivers  07:00 PM-AA	<b>12</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>13</b> 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING <b>7:00 PM</b> - Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  07:00 PM-AA	<b>15</b> 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
<b>16</b> Easter Sunday 10:00 AM-Worship <b>10:15 am – Sunday School</b> 11:00 am - Coffee	<b>17</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  07:00 PM-NA	<b>18</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>19</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>20</b> 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING <b>7:00 PM</b> - Choir Practice	<b>21</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  07:00 PM-AA	<b>22</b> 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
<b>23</b> 10:00 am - Worship <b>10:15 am – Sunday School</b> 11:15 AM-Coffee <b>11:15 AM</b> – Board of Diaconate	<b>24</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  07:00 PM-NA	<b>25</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>26</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>28</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  07:00 PM-AA	<b>29</b> 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
<b>30</b> 10:00 am - Worship <b>10:15 am – Sunday School</b> 11:15 AM-Coffee <b>10:15 am – Sunday School last class before summer.</b>	<b>MAY</b> ↓					
	<b>1</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE <b>07:00 PM-NA</b>	<b>2</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>3</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE  07:00 PM-AA	<b>6</b> 01:00 pm C.O.D.A

**7**  
10:00 am – worship  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
11:00 am – coffee  
11:10 am – Board of Christian Ed

**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, hours Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 P.M.**

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Worship Service 10:00 AM

Philip S. Betts 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**

Joseph Zingaro - Moderator

Rev. Judy Zingaro - Diaconate

Robin Hinderer - Management

Sue Harris-Hunt - Mission and Outreach

Jennifer Childears - Christian Education

Lyn Arnold - Finance

**\*\*DEADLINE FOR MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 20, 2017\*\***