



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

FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Friends,

As I consider the state of our church, I find myself filled with hope and joy. Many things are happening here to enliven our life together.

Tracy Williams has begun a program for neighborhood children two afternoons a week. It's great seeing Tracy and the kids arrive for an exciting afternoon of music, games, and fellowship as they embark on learning how to be put on a fashion show! Tracy is ably assisted by her friend Shavonne, as well as, Jacqui Sedmont. The kids—all boys so far, they could use some female participants!—have also been coming to church on Sunday. What a wonderful group!

New folks have joined us in worship since the summer months. There will be a meeting for prospective new members on Sunday, February 5, after Worship in the Chapel. If you are leaning towards joining, or just want to know more about People's Church and/or the United Church of Christ, please join us! I know that several people are already planning on becoming members on Sunday, February 12. It will be an exciting day!

Our Women's Fellowship has a lot going on. A big Thank You to Serena Leiser for leading our Women's Retreat on January 21. Seventeen women spent the day together learning, talking, releasing and being refreshed. And who knew that there were guided meditations on youtube?! At the next Women's Fellowship meeting, People's church member and member-in-discernment, Suzanne Schwarz-Green, will tell us about her trip to Haiti last year. Suzanne went to Haiti last year with other classmates and professors as part of her seminary coursework at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Suzanne will graduate in May!!

Bible Study is going strong! We'll be finished with Genesis sometime this month, in time for a break before our Lenten dinners begin in March. I'm still considering what book to choose for that. I'll let you know ASAP. I have a couple I'm considering.

I thought you might also like to know how the Witko family is doing. So far, 2017 has started off well for us. Kristine, 29, will not be so much of a world traveler this year, although she will spend several weeks this summer in Brazil and possibly Europe. Currently she is an ESL writing tutor, as well as a writing coach (two part-time positions) at Montclair State University in NJ. She has been hired as a full-time classroom teacher at an elementary charter school in Brooklyn, NY, for the 2017-2018 school year.

In the beginning of January, our son, Dan, 27, began a new job as an IT guy for an IT company in Lebanon, PA . Dan lives in Easton, PA, with his two cats, Princess and Little Dude. Kevin, 23, still lives at home with us in Queenstown and continues to deliver pizza for Dominos. Kevin plans to continue coursework at the local community college in the fall.

My husband, Ron, will be old enough for Medicare beginning in May, but has no real plans for retirement soon. Maybe just knowing that he can retire if he wants to is what keeps him working! Ron really enjoys doing projects around the house, and is currently renovating our upstairs bathroom.

My family may not be seen much here at church, but I want you all to know that they provide the support I need to be a pastor. They are proud of what I do, and they think the congregation I serve is just wonderful. Please keep them in your prayers.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ellen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – JANUARY 31, 2017

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$155,906			
	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Comment
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$4,167			
Income Received				
Income members	\$11,992.17	\$5,310.00	-\$6,682.17	Under donated
Transferred from Invest. Savings	\$	15,000.00	\$15,000.00	taken
Expenses to Date	\$16,669.68	\$18,193.04	-\$1,523.36	overspent
Net Difference	-\$ 4,677.68	\$2,116.96	-\$2,560.72	Under spent

ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY 2017

01/2016		01/2017		Offerings
01/03	72	01/01	51	\$760.00
01/10	67	01/08	snow	0.00

01/17	71		01/15	62	\$2,061.00
			01/19	Savings	\$15,000.00
01/24	snow		01/22	65	\$1,384.00
01/31	70		01/29	50	\$ 644.00
	280			228	\$19,849.00
AVERAGE	70			57	\$4,962.25
BUDGETED					\$11,992.17
UNDER BUDGETED INCOME					-\$7,029.92

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS 2017

02/01	John DOWNS, Sr.	02/01	John PARADEE
02/02	Chloe HANNAH	02/02	Ethan PARADEE
02/03	Glenn BOEHMER	02/03	Louise WARFIELD
02/04	James BAKER	02/06	Renee LINDSEY-YARRINGTON
02/07	Cheryl GOLDSMITH	02/07	Dan GRIGGS
02/13	Suzanne HOTCHKISS	02/15	Krystle R. MUNTZ
02/19	Cynthia HOTCHKISS	02/20	Carolyn DUNCH
02/20	Lester GALLIHUE	02/20	Nancy JAYWORK
02/21	Kathy HANE BUTT	02/22	Christine HOPKINS
02/22	Delia Middleton-HALL	02/25	Shannon BIDDLE
02/25	Christopher 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

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

Daisy Hill – at home cared for by son Rick Hill

Mary Johns

Serena Leiser

Amanda Middleton - recovering from medical procedures

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

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

Jason & Rachael Mingora – Cleah Muntz's niece and husband

Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle - kidney failure

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

Chloe Sharp – an 8 year old friend of Sally Childears, receiving chemo treatment and has been very sick

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

Kelly Schmidt – Terry Warfield's niece

Uncle Pete – Pastor Ellen's Uncle

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

02/05 Eileen Lockwood
02/12 Lyn Arnold
02/19 John & Linda Paradee
02/26 Marian DePue

Liturgist

02/05 Phyllis Tarburton
02/12 Judy Zingaro
02/19 Ruth Gallihue
02/26 Betsy Stewart

Sunday Lessons

February 05 FIFTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY
Holy Communion
Matthew 5:13-20

February 12 SIXTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY **02/12**
Matthew 5:21-37

February 19 SEVENTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY **02/19**
Matthew 5:38 - 48

February 26 LAST SUNDAY after EPIPHANY **02/26**
TRANSFIGURATION
Matthew 17:1 - 9

Ushers

02/05

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 next Diaconate meeting is February 26, 2017 after worship.

The Diaconate is ready for a new and busy year. We ask for your support as we strive to make People's Church all God is calling us to be.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to the "Diaconate Fund" as we continue through the winter months so that we can continue to help those in need. You may prepare a check to Peoples Church with "Diaconate Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

If you have 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.

Peace,
Judy Zingaro, Chairperson

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

February's Sunday School classes will cover some of Jesus' more popular parables. Classes will be February 12, 19 and 26. Any child age 4-12 is welcome to join us.

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.

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. The next meeting for Christian Ed is February 5th.



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

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

FOOD BANK

We delivered 30 food items and \$10 to Holy Cross Food Bank. We will collect for First Baptist Food Bank in February. Items needed are canned goods, oatmeal, powdered milk, jelly, 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.



**Feeding the
Community**

Code Purple Ongoing Shelter Needs

Peoples Church will be hosting about 20 men for Code Purple for several weeks during the winter. Please help with the following shelter needs during the winter. They can be placed in the Food Bank bins. Thank you for your caring and kindness. We could also use volunteers. See Sue to discuss these rewarding opportunities.

Clothing

Athletic socks & Underwear
Boots & Gloves
Warm clothing and coats
Snacks (hopefully some that are nutritious)
Cereal

Food

Bottled water
Cans of coffee
Containers of iced tea mix
Containers of lemonade mix

Other

Hand warmers
Toiletry bags: travel size toothpaste, tooth brush, disposable razor, shaving cream, soap, wash cloth, small hand towel, deodorant, foot powder/spray
Cleaning supplies
Toilet bowel cleaner
Pine sol & Lysol spray
Bathroom cleaner & Toilet paper
Large black plastic garbage bags

Thank you for your contributions to date for Code Purple. They are truly appreciated. Items we seem to need a never-ending supply of are – **socks, paper dinner plates and bowls, plastic cutlery, cereal, coffee, and breakfast bars.** Thanks again for caring.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship is open to all women of the church. Please join us the second Sunday of each month. Our presentations are, of course, open to both men and women of the church.

The Women's Fellowship met January 22, and Ruth Gallihue led us in devotions, which will be shared in the future as "Moral Moments".

Upcoming meetings and programs include the following:

February 12: Suzanne Schwartz-Green will present a program on Haiti

February 26: Pancake Brunch, with pancakes, toppings, sausage and fruit

March 12: a presentation by the director of the Modern Maturity Center

April 9: a presentation by Julie Lewis, master gardener

May, time and date to be announced: road trip, possibly to Lancaster A prayer shawl will be taken to Sarah Woods, by Pastor Ellen.

Jean Hitchens, secretary

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: ["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.

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.

FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	2 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	3 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	4 1:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
5 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – coffee hour 11:15 am – Board of Christian Ed meeting 12:00 pm – Board of Management meeting	6 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	7 07:00 PM-AA 6:00 PM – Bible Study	8 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	9 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	10 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	11 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
12 10:00 AM – Worship 10:15 am – Sunday School Hour 11:00 am – Coffee 12:00 pm – Board of Diaconate meeting	13 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	14 10:00 AM – Caregivers 6:00 PM – Bible Study 07:00 PM-AA	15 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	16 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	17 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	18 09:30 am – 3:30 pm – Women’s Retreat 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
19 10:00 AM-Worship 10:15 am – Sunday School 11:00 am - Coffee	20 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	21 07:00 PM-AA 6:00 PM – Bible Study	22 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	23 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 7:00 PM - Choir Practice	24 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	25 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
26 10:00 am - Worship 10:15 am – Sunday School 11:15 AM-Coffee 11:15 AM – Board of Diaconate	27 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	28 07:00 PM-AA 6:00 PM – Bible Study	MARCH ↓			
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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 MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 20, 2017****