



People's to People

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

JUNE 2017

Dear Friends,

The first Sunday in June sees us change from the season of Easter to that of Pentecost! We will celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit in Wind and Flame in our worship together on June 4. ***I invite you all to wear red, orange, pink or yellow to church!***

We have begun our time of Testimony on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Thank you to Joe Zingaro and Jeff Reed for going first. I hope you will consider giving your testimony, too. Where have you felt or seen God's presence at the People's Church of Dover UCC? When has being part of our church family made a difference in your life and strengthened your faith? What yearning led you here? How has being part of our church brought you closer to God?

I know we all have a story to tell. I hope you will share yours. Why? Because by sharing our spiritual stories, we become closer and stronger as a congregation. Everything we do *together* helps us to be closer. One example was the recent Women's Fellowship trip to Shady Maple Smorgasbord. The two-hour-each-way drive gave us lots of time to share what's happening in our lives now, past experiences, and pics of our latest grandchildren. Plus, we shared a delicious meal. We'll have to go back—the selections were endless and delicious!

We'll have a Hymn-Sing Service of Worship on Sunday, July 30th In preparation for that there will be an insert in the bulletin each Sunday of June asking for your top three favorite hymns. Please fill out the form (once!) and place it in the offering plate. Won't it be wonderful to sing all our favorites?!

I'll be doing some traveling this month, but won't miss any Sundays. June 1-3 I'll be visiting friends in Dunbarton and Moultonborough, NH. June 12-14 Ron and I will visit the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, with my cousin, Skip, and his wife,

Karen (they have visited Peoples a few times), then June 14-17 to New Paultz for a wedding at the Mohonk Mountain House which I'll officiate on Friday evening. Summer is a great season to get together with people you care about. I hope your summer is filled with love, joy and laughter. And I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ellen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – MAY 31, 2017

Annual Church Budgeted Income	155,906			
	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Comments
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$4167			
Income Received				
Income Members	37057.15	36852.19	-204.96	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings	53500.00	53500.00	0.00	Taken
Expenses to Date	-85147.55	-79538.62	-5608.93	overspent
Net Difference	5409.60	10813.57	5403.97	Underspent

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 2017

05/2016		05/2017		Offerings
05/08	86	05/07	61	\$ 2221.50
05/15	65	05/14	45	2261.00
05/22	60	05/21	53	1738.69
05/29	55	05/28	51	\$ 784.00
		05/25 Saving		8500.00
	266		210	\$ 15,505.19
AVERAGE	67		53	\$ 3,876.30
Y T D BUDGETED				\$85,147.55
UNDER BUDGETED INCOME				-\$5,409.60

JUNE 2017 BIRTHDAYS

06/01	Maria MYER	06/02	Tom MERCER
06/07	Richard MERRIWETHER	06/08	Sophia RUDIS
06/09	Finnley NORMINGTON	06/10	David PETROSKY
06/10	Frankie WILDERMUTH	06/13	Kaitlyn Beth CLENDANIEL
06/13	Maddox DOWNS	06/13	MacKenzie DOWNS
06/15	Laura BORTZ	06/15	Charles DEMPSEY III
06/22	Megan DEMPSEY BYLER	06/23	Gertrude WEISSENFLUH
06/30	Jackson PARADEE		

If we missed anyone, please notify the church office to get your name on the list.

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

New Members at People's

We are pleased to introduce our newest members at People's Church:

Warren and Brenda Bouton come to us from Laconia, New Hampshire, where Warren was pastor at the Congregational Church of Laconia UCC. Since retirement, he has become an avid nature photographer.

Brenda is a pianist and organist. She is recently enjoying being grandmother to three grandchildren, who are in nearby Maryland.

Doug Griffin and Su Frey are very well-known to us, since Doug was our interim pastor and now serves in that capacity at the Dover Presbyterian Church. Su, having retired from a government job in D.C., is now serving as the church office manager. Doug and Su built a home in Smyrna, and have 2 sons and four grandsons. We hope they will join us soon in worship.

Virgil and Vicky Hogue hail from Chambersburg, PA. originally, but most recently from the Allentown area. Virgil is retired from the Internet Technology field, and, Vicky, as a social worker in a nursing home. Both were educated at Shippensburg University. They have a daughter, Bridget, who has worshipped with us when she is in town.

Serena Leiser hails from Massachusetts originally and has a certificate of pastoral and spiritual care from Andover-Newton Seminary. She has worked with the homeless, special needs persons, and has led retreats for 20 years. She will hold a second retreat at People's on September 23rd. She has a daughter, who recently married, and another woman with whom she enjoys a mother-daughter relationship. Serena has been in Dover for a year.

Tom and Katelyn McNally, with children Brycen and Kassidy live in Dover. Katelyn was drawn to People's because the sanctuary is very similar to her home church. Tom is in the Air Force, and Katelyn is a children's' yoga instructor.

Bonnie Pennewell is originally from Newfoundland, where her dad was in the service. Bonnie works part-time at a local internal medicine practice in the accounts receivable department. She and husband, Bill, have a son, Jimmy, and two grandsons, Grant and newly born, Grey.

Peg and Suzanne Schwartz-Green join us, as a recently married couple (at People's). Suzanne graduated this month from Lancaster Theological Seminary and is preparing her profile as a UCC pastoral candidate. Peg runs the New Life Thrift Shop in Lewes. They look forward to a new life in "pastorhood". Suzanne has a son and granddaughter, Jade.

Jacqui Sedmont grew up in Cheswold, DE, and has a son, Jimmy, age three, who delights our congregation. Jacqui is a certified massage therapist, who has recently opened, in Smyrna, Delaware Thai Sports Massage, offering Hawaiian Japanese deep tissue massage. Jacqui quickly joined the choir and is an valuable volunteer in the neighborhood youth program, held at our church.

Sarah Woods lives in Felton and is a nutritionist at the Food Bank of Delaware. Along with her boyfriend, Andy, they enjoy camping and four wheeling with their friends.



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 –

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

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 Childears: 9 year old friend, receiving chemo and radiation in prep for surgery

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Warren Hoover – friend of Ginny and Chip

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

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

06/04 Cheryl Goldsmith
06/11 Betsy Stewart
06/18 Cheryl Goldsmith
06/25 Rev. Ellen Witko

07/02 Phyllis Simpkins
07/09 Cheryl Goldsmith
07/16 Fred Hotchkiss
07/23
07/30 Cheryl Goldsmith

Liturgist

06/04 Phyllis Tarburton
06/11 Brenda Bouton
06/18 Keith Gallihue
06/25 Jim Caldwell

If anyone would like to donate the flowers for a Sunday or two during the year Please call the office to give the details. Thank you.

Sunday Lessons

		<u>Ushers</u>
JUNE 04	PENTECOST SUNDAY Holy Communion Acts 2:1-21	06/04
JUNE 11	TRINITY SUNDAY Gen.1:1 – 2:4a	06/11
JUNE 18	ELEVENTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Gen. 18: 1-15, 21: 1-7	06/18
JUNE 25	TWELFTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Matthew 10:24-39	06/25

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 continues to stay busy looking for ways to make People's Church a stronger church.

We had the pleasure of helping you welcome 10 new members. We look forward to utilizing their many gifts, some of which we have already had the pleasure of enjoying.

I hope you have had the opportunity to welcome the new caregiver for our nursery. Brittney is doing a great job making the nursery a welcoming place and the children like her.

We are happy to be able to welcome one of our newest members to the Board of Diaconate. Warren Bouton has agreed to serve and will be joining us at our May meeting.

The Diaconate has agreed to serve at the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing in July and November. I hope you and/or your boards have made a commitment to this worthwhile project this year.

The Diaconate joined Pastor Ellen in celebrating Suzanne's seminary graduation (5/20) at a reception on Sunday May 21. Please congratulate Suzanne when you see her.

Videos of the Sunday sermons are posted on the FB page. So come join the congregation online.

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

The Board is thankful this month for many things:

1. Thank you to our Sunday School teachers for a great year: Mary Beth Andrews, Jennifer Childears, Jean Hitchens, Gwen Senato, Suzanne Schwarz-Green, Cheryl Goldsmith, Tracy Williams and Judy Zingaro. We are moving into the planning phase for our next school year and are open to all suggestions, comments and ideas from the congregation.
3. Thank you to all who made our Easter Egg hunt a success: Cheryl Goldsmith for

supplying and filling the eggs, Mary Beth Andrews, her step-daughter and Maria Myer for hiding them, and the Easter Bunny for once again being a great host.

4. Thank you to all the moms and mom-like folks at People's Church. We are blessed to have you and wish God's blessings upon you and your family.

SAVE THE DATE AND GATHER THE KIDS

Vacation Bible School is coming! July 9-13, 2017 - 6-8 pm.

Please pray for our endeavor as we strive to share God's great love with our community's children! Mary Beth Andrews will be directing this year's fun-filled week. Children 4-12 are encouraged to join us. Volunteers are needed, please see Mary Beth or Jennifer for details.



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Thank you to all the members of the Board of Management who do so much to keep our wonderful church running maintenance wise. There are so many things that get done during the week, like the fencing around the excesses on the North side, to the fixing of the light on the sign at Reed and Bradford.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

CHICKEN SALAD LUNCH

The Board of Mission and Outreach is pleased to announce that we made \$378.25 at the chicken salad fundraiser. Thanks to all who made it, donated towards it, and bought it. We will use this for one of our local missions.

FOOD BANK

We delivered 38 food items and \$25 to the Holy Cross Food Bank. We will collect for First Baptist Food Bank in June. Items needed are canned goods, oatmeal, powdered milk, 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.

Women's Fellowship

On May 18, six women headed north in the church van, which Pastor Ellen ably drove, to Shady Maple Smorgasbord, near Lancaster, PA. After a three course meal at a huge buffet, we visited an equally huge gift shop, where everyone found "something" to purchase.

It was a fun-filled day of Food and Fellowship. This trip finished our year. Please join us in September, when we will begin our year with a covered dish luncheon following worship.

Jean Hitchens, secretary

JUNE 2017

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 PENTECOST SUNDAY 10:00 am – Worship HOLY COMMUNION 11:00 am – coffee hour 11:15 am – Board of Christian Ed meeting	5 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	6 07:00 PM-AA 4:00 PM – Youth Group	7 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 4:00 PM – Youth Group	8 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 4:00 PM – Youth Group	9 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	10 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
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18 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 am – Father's Day BBQ 11:15 AM – Board of Diaconate	19 12:15 PM- NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	20 07:00 PM-AA 4:00 PM – Youth Group	21 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 4:00 PM – Youth Group	22 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 4:00 PM – Youth Group	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	26 12:15PM-NA- MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	27 07:00 PM-AA 4:00 PM – Youth Group	28 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 4:00 PM – Youth Group	29 12:00 PM - F.A.I.R. MEETING 4:00 PM – Youth Group	30 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	JULY ↓

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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 12:00 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 JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 20, 2017****