

# People's to People

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

**OCTOBER 2017**

Dear Friends,

As I write this I'm at my mom's condo in Myrtle Beach, SC. She had a knee-replacement done on Monday, September 18, and I've been here since then. I'll be going home tomorrow evening, Thursday, so I'll be in Dover for our big Neighborhood Party on Saturday, September 30th from 2-4 p.m. Free hot dogs, free ice cream, free crafts and games for kids! We're also giving away a door prize donated by downtown Dover merchants—isn't that great?!

Back to my mother, her recovery has been quicker than expected. Because I was there to care for her, she was able to skip going to rehab. On the day after surgery she was going up and down the stairs at the hospital! She still gets tired and sometimes achy, sometimes it's two steps forward and one step back, but she is getting stronger and stronger.

Life is like that, isn't it? Things don't always go as expected. Sometimes better, sometimes not as well as we hoped. What matters is that we keep our trust, our hope, our faith, in God's goodness, kindness and grace, and keep putting one foot in front of another—even if it hurts.

If you've ever recovered from a surgery, you know how you have to sometimes push through the pain in order to make progress. And then we also have to take time to rest.

In some ways, Church in the 21st century is like having surgery. Some parts have been taken out, or fixed, or replaced. Bad growth has been removed. All so that we are able to function in a new way in this ever-changing world. And grow! We have grown so much already!

Just as my mom looks forward to a new day when she can walk with little or no pain, so do we look forward to the new day in store for the People's Church of Dover UCC.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Ellen

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$155,906			
	<b>Budgeted YTD</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Difference YTD</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$4167			
Income Received from Members	81,420.48	63,991.44	- 17,429.04	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings	45,000.00	83,500.00	<b>38,500.00</b>	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	<b>126,420.48</b>	<b>147,491.44</b>	<b>21,070.96</b>	
Expenses to Date	-158,041.79	-141,790.50	<b>-16,251.29</b>	Underspent
Net Difference	<b>- 31,621.31</b>	<b>5,700.94</b>	<b>-37,322.25</b>	Underspent

**ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2017**

<b>09/2016</b>		<b>09/2017</b>		Offerings
09/04	49	09/03	41	\$2,306.00
09/11	74	09/10	39	858.87
09/18	57	09/17	49	2,008.00
09/25	59	09/24	55	1,028.46
	<b>239</b>		<b>184</b>	<b>6,201.33</b>
AVERAGE	<b>59</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>\$ 1,715.48</b>
Y T D BUDGETED				<b>\$126,420.48</b>
UNDER BUDGETED INCOME				<b>\$ 21,070.96</b>

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS 2017**

10/03	Roger S. LEWIS	10/03	Amanda MIDDLETON
10/04	Ann M. GROVE	10/05	Elva A. STITES
10/12	Charles BOYER	10/12	Alexis JONES
10/12	Mikell REED	10/18	Betsy STEWART
10/21	Randal REVAY	10/22	Maisha BRITT
10/28	Alyssa SENATO		

*May God Bless You on Your Birthday*

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



## **The Prayer List for Members & Friends of the Church**

The list is kept current. For a copy please call the church office: 674-4177; [office@peopleschurchofdover.org](mailto:office@peopleschurchofdover.org)

### **PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS**

**Cawood Cosden** - Courtland Manor

**Mary Johns** -

**Amanda Middleton** - recovering from medical procedures

**Rose Mary Ressel** -

**Lily Stewart** - Betsy Stewart's 2 year old great granddaughter

**Betty Tomlinson** - Westminster Health Center

**Adolf Weissenfluh** - home, dealing with advancing Parkinson's disease

**Gertrude Weissenfluh**

**Ronald Zink**

### **PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS**

**Ted Brickhuse** - a longtime family friend of Bonnie Pennewell, age 93

**Zachary A. Davis** - Bill Hufnal's grandson, son of Michelle, is home to heal before more surgery.

**DeWayne Hogue** - Virgil Hogue's brother had open heart surgery May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Verna James** - The Hufnal's aunt: reoccurrence of Breast Cancer and other health issues due to aging

**Roberta Klees** - Kathy Hanebutt's mother, in Room 103 at Westminster Village Rehab. Center

**Barbara Moore** - Carol Skadsberg's mother, healing for many health problems

**Bill Pennewell** - recovering from foot 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**

- Rella Goodson** – friend of Lyn Arnold
- 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

**SYMPATHY**

**Louise Ferguson** passed away on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at her daughter's, Gwen Gibbon, home in Maryland. A service of committal will take place at Lakeside Cemetery on North State, Dover, on Sunday, October 1, at 1:30 pm.

**SYMPATHY**

The **Sidney Collison** Memorial Service will be on Saturday, October 7th at 11 a.m. here at People's Church.

**SYMPATHY**

The church's sympathy is expressed to **Vickie Hogue** and family and friends in the death of her mother, who passed on September 07<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers.

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**VOLUNTEERS**

**Flowers**

10/01	Cheryl Goldsmith Gwen Gibbon
10/08	Lyn Arnold
10/15	Fred Hotchkiss
10/22	Glenn & Jean Hitchens
10/29	Cheryl Goldsmith

**Liturgist**

10/01	Peg Schwarz-Green
10/08	Judy Zingaro
10/15	Suzanne Schwarz-Green
10/22	Vickie Healey
10/29	Bill Hufnal

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.

**Ushers**

**Sunday Lessons**

**October 01**    **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**10/01**

**Holy Communion**  
**Exodus 17:1-7**

<b>October 08</b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20</b>	<b>10/08</b>
<b>October 15</b>	<b>Nineteenth SUNDAY after Pentecost</b> <b>Exodus 32:1-9</b>	<b>10/15</b>
<b>October 22</b>	<b>Twentieth SUNDAY after Pentecost</b> <b>Exodus 33:12-23</b>	<b>10/22</b>
<b>October 29</b>	<b>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Deut. 34:1-12</b>	<b>10/29</b>

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.

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**BOARD OF DIACONATE**

The Diaconate is back to work this fall after taking a short break from meeting this summer. As we continue to work with you to make People's Church the place to be in Dover, we welcome any comments you may have as we move into an exciting future for our church.

The Diaconate will be hosting the Spaghetti Dinner this year and have set November 12 as our tentative date. Please mark your calendar to attend. We are also looking for a few good people to fill vacant positions on our board, one beginning at any time and one to begin in January. Please let a board member know if you are interested in serving your church in this capacity.

Videos of the Sunday sermons are posted on the FB page. So let's thank Sally Childears and come join the congregation online if you are not able to be there in person.

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).

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**

Sunday school will be every Sunday, including the first Sunday of the month\*, unless otherwise announced. Class runs from immediately after "Time with Young Disciples" to 11:15. Children 4 to 12 are welcome to join us.

\*The first Sunday of each month will be a special class dedicated to learning songs and prayers. We will break for communion and continue our lesson afterwards. All children are welcome to join us on these Sundays for singing, dancing and praying.

Mary Beth and Maria are teaching the story of Moses and the Israelites' escape from Egypt. The children are enjoying singing and making quilt squares. Don't worry if you child has missed a few Sundays, we have "take home quilt block kits" available so everyone can keep up. No sewing required!

Thank you to everyone that helped with/came out for/donated to the Neighborhood Party. A full write up will be in the November newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Jennifer Childears, via email [jenniferchildears@yahoo.com](mailto:jenniferchildears@yahoo.com) or by text at 302-535-2988.

## **BOARD OF FINANCE**

STEWARDSHIP



**THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH OF DOVER**

# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**

Welcome back to the fall season leading into Advent. It's time to consider your estimate of giving for 2018.

Stewardship is an expression of love for God and love for others. Indeed, one way we express love for God is by loving others. Stewardship of time, talent, money, and other resources is a practical way to express love for God and love for others.

As givers we want to know that our gifts will have impact and significance. People's Church members give generously to causes such as and not exclusively:

<b>Missions</b>		<b>Christian Ed</b>
Hurricane relief		Sunday School
Code Purple		Vacation Bible School
Homeless Shelter		<b>Church Property</b>
<b>Choir &amp; Finance teams each week</b>		Workdays in garden and building
<b>Community Outreach</b>		<b>Church Family</b>
Neighborhood Party After School program		Coffee Hour
Diaconate/Communion fund		Lend-a-Hand

These activities make People's Church a vibrant and vital church.

The mundane things such as basic utilities and payroll may not seem to have the significance and impact of helping people in the community. The leadership hears from parishioners if it is too hot or too cold. Is that significant enough?

Services were held in the chapel for the small summer attendance in order to save on utilities. Does it make sense to air condition the sanctuary when there are 25 people at services?

It takes about \$225,000 to operate our church.

Payroll and Benefits year-to-date were:

\$74,830

Utilities & Insurance year-to-date were:

\$31,677

**\$106,507**

Giving by parishioners for the same period was:  
Difference not supported by giving

**\$46,498**

**\$(60,009.00)**

The balance is pulled from the Trustees' Endowment. There are about 8 years left in the endowment at the current rate. Does your household survive on savings for 60% of its expenses?

Please think and prayerfully consider how you wish to contribute to People's Church in 2018. You can be generous to the causes and be steadfast in supporting the basic functions of the church.

Thank you for your continued generosity to People's Church

### Stewardship Committee

Jennifer Downs  
Glenn Hitchens  
Phyllis Tarburton  
Lyn Arnold (Chr)

Judy Downs  
Lois Williams  
Ginny Stewart  
Treasurer Robin Hinderer

### [Colossians 3:17](#)

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Do you know that there are members of our church family giving in a quiet and grateful way that goes unrecognized?

Let's celebrate all that the church family does around the church and the community.

Not all activities will be listed here even though the good people of People's Church continue to give of their time, talents and treasures to the various projects that the church participates.

LARGE DONATIONS OF CASH receive no public acclaim.

CHOIR MEMBERS practice and perform for nine months

FINANCE team has two people each week to count the collection

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL involves setting up and collecting the items needed to create the theme

LENTEN SUPPERS Provide sustenance for Lenten study

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Code Purple people help get the shelter ready for homeless visitors

Dover Days staffing the booth and serving along with the preparation of the chicken salad. Members also donate the supplies, drinks and



snacks

Dover Pride the welcoming booth that shares the People's Church mission in the LGBT community

The Youth group provides a safe place for children in the neighborhood, staffed by church members

Feeding the homeless the last Sunday of every month by preparing food and serving

THE DIACONATE OR COMMUNION FUND that pays for utility bills and hotel rooms and groceries for people in need

COFFEE HOUR donating food stuffs and supplies, setting up, cleaning up.

The DIACONATE takes care of the vestments on the altar. The communion supplies and clean up

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP cleaning the kitchen and organizing the cabinets  
George Kent Library has books available. There is a bibliography that needs updating in the back of the church.

THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TEAM

Ensures that the building is operating with heat and air conditioning,

That the lawn is mowed,

The bell tower secure,

The roof fixed and pursues major construction of things such as an elevator.

Sponsors workdays. On workdays people come in and clean and paint and weed

CAREGIVERS visit the homebound. Make crafts to cheer the homebound.

ELECTRONIC LIFE

Videographing the sermons

Posting the bulletin and sermon videos on the internet,

Maintaining the church's webpage.

OFFICE CHORES

Volunteers help with assembling the Bulletin and distributing throughout the sanctuary

Volunteers help with filing in the office, fill in when Cindy has other commitments

Perform data entry functions for attendance records

There is so much more that goes on in the church. Applaud these volunteers who give gratefully of their time and talents

Give yourselves a round of applause

## Coffee Hour Sponsor Schedule

January	Diaconate
February	Management
March	Finance
April	Christian ED
May	Missions
June	Women's Fellowship
July	Diaconate
August	Management
September	Finance
October	Christian ED
November	Missions
December	Women's Fellowship

## **BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH**

### **FOOD BANK**

People's Church delivered 12 food items and \$ 20.00 to Holy Cross Food Bank for the month of September. We will collect food items for First Baptist Church during October. Items needed are Saltine crackers, canned fruit and vegetables, beef stew, tuna, and stewed tomatoes. Thank you.

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### **Women's Fellowship**

The Women's Fellowship opened the year with a covered dish luncheon at the home of Dick and Sandy Yurga. Twelve women and four men attended and enjoyed a delicious meal. The programs for the year were announced, as well as the planned fund raisers, the Pancake Brunch and Slice is Nice.

In October, Jacqui Sedmont will give a presentation on Massage and Relaxation, open to the entire church. Jacqui has recently opened a studio in Smyrna. Put October 8 on your calendars.

In November, we will make gifts for our home bound members of the church, with plans to visit all of them. We will also make cranberry relish and chile to sell at the Spaghetti Dinner.

The Women's Fellowship thanks Sandy for her generous hospitality.

All women of the church are always welcome at our meetings and programs.

Jean Hitchens, Secretary

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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

Dr. Paul Hanebutt Choir

Director

Kathy Hanebutt Organist  
Sexton

Randal Revay

Robin Hinderer Treasurer

R. Jefferson Reed Head

Usher Cynthia Hotchkiss Adm. Assist.

**Board Chairpersons**

Joseph Zingaro - Moderator  
Outreach

Sue Harris-Hunt - Mission and

Rev. Judy Zingaro - Diaconate  
Education


Jennifer Childears - Christian

Robin Hinderer - Management  
Finance

Lyn Arnold -

**\*\*DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 20, 2017\*\***

# OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>1</b> 10:00 am – Worship <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> 11:00 am – coffee hour- Christian Ed. <b>11:15 am</b> – Board of Christian Ed meeting	<b>2</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>3</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>4</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>5</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>6</b> 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>7</b> 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.	
<b>8</b> 10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 am – Coffee – Christian Ed. <b>11:15 – W F –</b> <b>Jacgui Sedmont –</b> <b>Massage Therapy</b>	<b>9</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>10</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>11</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>12</b> 7:00PM – Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>14</b> 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A	
<b>15</b> 10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 am – Coffee – Christian Ed.	<b>16</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>17</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>18</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>19</b> 7:00PM – Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>21</b> 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A	
<b>22</b> 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 am – coffee – Christian Ed. 11:10 AM – Diaconate meeting	<b>23</b> 12:15 PM- NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>24</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>25</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>26</b> 7:00PM – Choir Practice	<b>27</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>28</b> 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.	
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<b>5</b> 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 AM-Coffee – Missions Board <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	<b>6</b> 12:15PM-NA- MESSAGE OF HOPE <b>07:00 PM-NA</b>	<b>7</b> 4:00 PM – Youth Group 07:00 PM-AA	<b>8</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>9</b> 7:00PM – Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>11</b> 01:00 pm C.O.D.A	

