



# 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 2017**

Dear Friends,

**I'm excited!** *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven —Ecclesiastes 3:1.* September means the children and youth and teachers are back at school, toward the end of the month the days and nights get a bit cooler and crisper, and the Life and Work of the Church is back in full swing. Choir practice, Sunday School, Afterschool Youth Group, Fellowship Group, Board and Committee meetings all begin again in September.

**There are three events** which are especially good to invite your neighbors and friends to participate in:

— On Sunday, September 10, Sunday School begins again, followed by a Welcome Back Lunch.

— On Saturday, September 23, Serena Leiser will facilitate a Fall Retreat for us, this time on Spiritual Practices.

— On Saturday, September 30, we will host a Neighborhood Party outside on the lawn for members, friends and all our neighbors!

Yes, we will need your help, if you are available. We'll be offering free hot dogs, ice cream, conversation and more.

You'll find more info about these events inside this newsletter.

**While our program year is getting back in the swing of things**, church life and work has continued over the summer. Special music offerings and personal testimonies have enhanced our Worship. Meals were served at the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing. Code Purple now rents storage space here. VBS was a big success. General Synod in Baltimore was a blast. Brittney in the Nursery continues to provide excellent loving care for our youngest members. Christian Ed provided school supplies for our Blessing of the Backpacks ritual, and continues to plan Sunday School for the coming year. Thank you, Suzanne Schwartz-Green for your immense help with planning and

preparing the Exodus quilt squares the Sunday School children will put together this fall.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all back from the beach, tanned, and happy. And hungry not only for our after-Worship fellowship, but for the hearty, refreshing, life-giving and saving grace of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Ellen

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – AUGUST 31, 2017**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	155,906			
	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Comments
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$4167			
Income Received				
Income Members	71,658.65	58,347.83	-13,310.82	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings	45,000.00	83,500.00	+38,500.00	Taken
Expenses to Date	<b>-137,861.48</b>	<b>-127,222.72</b>	<b>- 10,638.76</b>	underspent
Net Difference	- 21,202.83	14,625.11	35,827.94	Underspent

**ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 2017**

<b>08/2016</b>		<b>08/2017</b>		Offerings
08/07	48	08/06	35	\$1,239.00
08/14	45	08/13	41	551.26
08/21	57	08/20	38	3,118.46
08/28	53	08/27	46	1,001.46
		08/10	Savings	15,000.00
	<b>203</b>		<b>160</b>	<b>20,909.92</b>
AVERAGE	<b>50</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>\$ 5,227.48</b>
Y T D BUDGETED				<b>\$116,658.65</b>
UNDER BUDGETED INCOME				<b>-\$ 5,227.48</b>

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2017

09/02	Ryan LLOYD	0902	Ti'Yan WILLIAMS
09/05	Jennifer CHILDEARS	09/05	Trish MERCER
09/10	Harriet GRIGGS	09/10	Jared WITTE
09/12	William DODD	09/12	R. Jefferson REED
09/25	Patricia HUFNAL	09/26	Kim CLENDANIEL
09/26	Cleah MUNTZ	09/28	Brian WITTE
09/29	Zoe PETROSKY	09/29	Valerie WOODARD

*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** – is back home

**Amanda Middleton** – recovering from medical procedures

**Rose Mary Ressel** – at Westminster Village Assisted Living Health Center, room 105, after fall.

**Lily Stewart** – Betsy Stewart's 2 year old great granddaughter – beginning chemo

**Betty Tomlinson** – Westminster Health Center

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

**Gertrude Weissenfluh**

### **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 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

### **SYMPATHY**

The church's sympathy is expressed to **Terry Warfield** and family and friends in the death of his niece, **Kelly Schmidt**, who passed on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **SYMPATHY**

The church's sympathy is expressed to **Cheryl Goldsmith's** family and friends in the death of her mother, **Eileen Lockwood**, who passed on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The visitation will be at Pippins Funeral Home in Camden on September 9<sup>th</sup>. from 10:00 AM until noon

### **"SPIRITUAL PRACTICES" RETREAT FOR WOMEN AND MEN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017 9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

Do you have a spiritual practice? If not, would you like to start one? If you do, would you like to strengthen it? Most people are probably most familiar with the spiritual practices of prayer and meditation, but it goes so far beyond that. A spiritual practice is anything that creates a connection between you and God. It could be through music, art, walking, dancing, and so much more.

Join us on September 23rd for a time of learning, sharing, praying and more. We will learn about and experience some familiar and some new spiritual practices. You may even find a new one that works for you. There is no charge for the retreat and lunch will be provided. We just ask that you bring a snack to share. Also please bring an item that is special to you to place upon the retreat altar. Please register by emailing Serena Leiser at sleiser1@verizon.net giving your name, phone and email address. There will also be a sign up sheet on the church bulletin board. If you have any questions please call Serena at 508 870 3242.

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### **VOLUNTEERS**

#### **Flowers**

09/03	Jim Caldwell
09/10	Cheryl Goldsmith
09/17	Cheryl Goldsmith
09/24	Richard & Sandra Yurga

#### **Liturgist**

09/03	Maria Myer
09/10	Jim Caldwell
09/17	Jennifer Childears
09/24	Phyllis Tarburton

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**

<b>September 03</b>	<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>09/03</b>
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
	<b>Exodus3:1-15</b>	
<b>September 10</b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>09/10</b>
	<b>Exodus12:1-14</b>	
<b>September 17</b>	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after Pentecost</b>	<b>09/20</b>
	<b>Exodus 14:19-41</b>	
<b>September 24</b>	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after Pentecost</b>	
	<b>Exodus 16:2-15</b>	<b>09/27</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**

After taking a break from meetings for the summer, the Diaconate is ready get back to work this fall, as we continue to work with you to make People's Church the place to be in Dover. We look forward to your ideas as we move forward into an exciting future for our church.

Videos of the Sunday sermons are posted on the FB page. So lets 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 BEGINS**

The first day of Sunday school will be September 10. We will have class every Sunday, including the first Sunday of the month\*, unless otherwise announced. Class runs from immediately after “Time with Young Disciples” to 11:15. Our first block of lessons, led by Mary Beth Andrews and Maria Myer will explore the book of Exodus. Each week, children will be making quilt blocks based on the lesson. At the end of the lesson, the children will have the option to make a pillow, a throw or a hanging quilt out of their blocks. Children 4 to 12 are welcome to join us. And don’t fret about missing a Sunday, we will have “take home quilt block kits” available so everyone can keep up.

\*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.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY**

The Board of Christian Education (with the help of everyone) will be holding a neighborhood party for the community on Saturday, September 30 from 1-3:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join us for food, games and crafts. Donations, volunteers and suggestions are welcome.

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.

Jennifer



## **BOARD OF FINANCE**

## STEWARDSHIP

### 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.

### 2 Corinthians 9:7 –

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

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

## **BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH**

We collected 11 food items and \$ 10.00 in August for the First Baptist Food Bank. Items needed for the Holy Cross Food Bank are saltine crackers, canned fruits and vegetables, beef stew, and chili. Thanks for your help.

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### **Women's Fellowship**

**Women's Fellowship** at People's Church has an exciting year planned (and not just for the women of the church). The following dates and programs are tentative, with information to follow.

September 17, 2017: covered dish, place to be announced, at 12:00 noon.

October 8, 2017: Jacqui Sedmont will do a program on massage therapy and relaxation, with demonstrations. All members of People's Church are welcome.

November 12, 2017: we will once again be making a gift for our home bound members for the holidays. We will also make a batch of cranberry relish for sale at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Betsy Stewart has agreed to chair a "Chile-for-Sale" campaign, the chile will be on sale at the dinner as well.

December 3: Christmas Brunch at the Hitchens, open to all, at 11:30 A.M

January 14, 2018: "Women of the Bible", presented by Pastor Ellen, open to all.

February 11, 2018: the annual **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, after the worship service.

March 11, 2018: the annual **SLICE IS NICE**, a special bake sale after church, with cake/pie slices and Easter candy.



April 8, 2018: program t.b.d.

May 20, 2018: our annual road trip, this year, to Pastor Ellen’s house in Queenstown, for a covered dish luncheon.

Join us in September as we begin our year of fellowship, fun, and spiritual growth.  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

Jean Hitchens,  
 Secretary

## SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>2</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
<b>3</b> 10:00 am – Worship <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> 11:00 am – coffee hour <b>11:15 am</b> – Board of Christian Ed meeting	<b>4</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>5</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>6</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>7</b> 7:00PM – Choir Practice	<b>8</b> 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>9</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A
<b>10</b> 10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 am – Coffee  11:30 –Trustees meeting in Chapel  Welcome Back Lunch	<b>11</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>12</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>13</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>14</b> 7:00PM – Choir Practice	<b>15</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>16</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A
<b>17</b> 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 am – coffee  12:00 AM-WF-covered dish	<b>18</b> 12:15 PM- NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>19</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>20</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>21</b> 7:00PM – Choir Practice	<b>22</b> 12:15 PM-NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>23</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.  Fall Retreat
<b>24</b> 10:00 am-Worship 11:15 AM-Coffee	<b>25</b> 12:15PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	<b>26</b> 07:00 PM-AA	<b>27</b> 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	<b>28</b> 7:00PM – Choir Practice	<b>29</b> 12:15 PM-NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	<b>30</b> 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A  Neighborhood Party

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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.

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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 OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 20, 2017\*\***