



People's to People

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

APRIL 2018

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this letter on the third-to-last day of March. Supposedly, Spring began a week ago, but I don't feel like its here. Sure, the daffodils in my yard are beginning to bloom. The grass turned mostly green. We're in daylight savings time! But, the wind still has a bite to it, even if last week's snow has disappeared.

We're always looking for signs. Signs of spring. Signs of life. Signs of hope. Signs of God's love in the world. By the time you read this, the weather *may* have gotten warmer. What had been a fierce wind may now be a steady, or even a gentle breeze. Experience tells us that Spring *will* arrive, as will summer, fall and winter after it. Experiencing God's love instills in us the faith that God will always love us, no matter what is happening in our lives. Through all the seasons of our lives—doubt, depression, boredom or anger, youth, middle-age, elder years, contentment, satisfaction and joy— we know the one thing we can truly count upon is that we are beloved of God.

Develop and practice your faith this spring. Let it grow like a garden— silently, steadily, readily. Make way for spiritual growth by making room for God through times of silence, prayer, wondering, pondering, reflecting. These practices will enrich every part of your life.

I'll be in Spain during the second half of April learning about the life and teachings of St. Teresa of Avila. Traveling with a group of colleagues, we'll visit Madrid, Toledo, Avila, Cordova and Seville. Teresa was an incredible woman of God. I expect to return with a broadened perspective on Roman Catholic faith and on Spanish culture.

While I'm away, please call the church office (674-4177) if you have a pastoral need or emergency. Cindy will contact a member of the diaconate to assist you. I'll be away April 16-30, followed by a short staycation at home, then back in the pulpit on May 6.

And remember to mark your calendars for Suzanne Schwarz-Green's Ordination here on Sunday, April 15 at 3 pm!

MEDITATION CLASS APRIL 10TH, 6:30 pm

Please join Serena Leiser for a one hour session on meditation on Tuesday, April 10th. We will explore different forms of meditation including a short breathing exercise, a relaxation meditation, a guided meditation and a Biblical meditation called Lectio Devina. Whether you are curious about starting a meditation practice, would like to rekindle a former meditation practice or share your current meditation practice with others, please feel comfortable joining in this evening's program.

Any questions call or text Serena at 781-492-1478 or email me at sleiser1@verizon.net.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – MARCH 31, 2018

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$114906.00			
	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD	Difference YTD	Comments
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$2210.			
Income Received from Members	28,785.47	22,358.89	-6,426.58	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings	0.00	31000.00	31000.00	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	28,785.47	53,358.89	24,573.42	
Expenses to Date	-49,494.52	-59,869.18	-10,374.66	Overspent
Net Difference	20,709.05	-6,510.29	14,198.76	

ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH 2018

03/2017			03/2018		Offerings
03/05	51		03/04	55	2,520.30
03/12	44		03/11	45	2,362.41
03/19	60		03/18	47	1,242.00
03/26	52		03/25	65	1,304.00
			Savings		16,000.00
	207			212	23,428.71
Monthly AVERAGE	51			53	\$ 5,857.17
Y T D BUDGETED					\$28,785.47
UNDER BUDGETED INCOME					\$ 6,426.58

APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2018

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

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

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Philip Betts

Jean Hitchens – recovering from broken pelvis

Amanda Middleton – recovering from medical procedures

Lily Stewart – Betsy Stewart's 2 year old great granddaughter

Sandy Yurga – recovering from shoulder surgery

Jane Zink – is at Courtland Manor

Ronald Zink

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Mary Bender – Cleah Muntz's sister in PA, had 2 stents put in on 2-15-18

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

Brenda Schrantz – Cleah Muntz's sister-in-law in PA getting chemo

James E. Smith - Carol Skadsberg, adopted Dad in State Street Assist. living

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.

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers		Liturgist	
04/01	Lilies	04/01	Phyllis Tarburton
04/08	Virginia & Charles Stewart	04/08	Suzanne Schwarz-Green
04/15	Suzanne Schwarz-Green	04/15	Jim Caldwell
04/22	Joe & Judy Zingaro	04/22	Jennifer Childears
04/29	Cheryl Goldsmith	04/29	Peg Schwarz-Green
If anyone would like to donate the flowers or a Sunday or two during the year , Please call the office to give the details. Thank you.			

Sunday Lessons

Ushers

April 01

EASTER
Holy Communion
Mark 16:1-8

04/01

April 08

Second Sunday of Easter
John 20:19-31

04/08

April 15

Third Sunday of Easter
Luke 24:36b-48

04/15

April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter
John 10:11-18

04/22

April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter
John 15:1-8

04/29

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 be very busy this year as we look forward to Easter and an ordination, and hopefully spring.

The Lenten season ended the last week of March with a joint Maundy Thursday service with the Presbyterian Church and a community Good Friday walk ending at our church. Our Lenten meals and study sponsored by the Diaconate were well attended.

On March 4 we began the first phase of our new approach to our annual survey. Joe Zingaro did a well attended training after worship on "We Are All Right" as we looked at

the relationship between feelings, thoughts and behaviors. We hope to start our "Listening Groups" in May. Please watch your bulletin for more information.

In April the Diaconate is planning for the ordination service for Suzanne as she prepares to move to her new church in June. Suzanne will be preaching the Sunday after her ordination.

We continue to need help in providing transportation to church for some of our members who are unable to drive. If you are able to help in anyway please contact a member of the diaconate or Pastor Ellen.

Videos of the Sunday sermons are posted on the Facebook page. Come join the congregation online if you aren't able to attend in person. You may also post a photo or comment of interest to your fellow members, post a prayer or word to praise, or just come and see what everyone else is up to.

We look forward to your continued support and ideas as we strive to make this the church we need to be for this community.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Cheryl Goldsmith will be teaching throughout April.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ALERT

Travel back in time to Babylon during Daniel's captivity and explore the amazing stories with us. Save the date for **June 25-29** and see what our adventures await.

Please visit the donation board in the fellowship room to help us open the palace!

We are moving in 2018!

The Board is planning on renovating the "brides' room" into a kid friendly Sunday School sometime this year. It is more spacious than the basement classroom, has more light and is a better location for our needs. Stay tuned for opportunities to help with this project.

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.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Easter is upon us again. Please remember to give generously to the Easter offering. There are envelopes in your box. **Can't spell church without U.**

Thank you,
Finance Committee

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

FOOD BANK

Items needed are canned green beans, sweet potatoes, turkey gravy, boxes of mashed potatoes and stuffing and boxed cake mixes and frostings. Cash is needed to purchase turkeys. Thank you.

Code Purple

People's Church was again a sanctuary for the homeless this winter for Code Purple. Thank you for all your help.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is open to all women of the church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Jean Hitchens, Secretary

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 AM – Worship 11:00 AM-Coffee- Christian ED	2 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	3 07:00 PM-AA	4 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	5 7:00PM – Choir Practice	6 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	7 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
8 10:00 AM–Worship Holy Communion 11:00 am – Coffee – Christian ED 11:10 AM-Board of Christian ED 11:30 AM-Victory Church	9 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	10 07:00 PM-AA 6:30 PM-Meditation Class	11 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	12 7:00PM – Choir Practice	13 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	14 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
15 10:00 AM–Worship 11:00 am – Coffee – Christian ED 11:20 AM –Diaconate meeting 11:30 AM-Victory Church 3:00 PM-Suzanne Schwarz-Green Ordination	16 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	17 07:00 PM-AA	18 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	19 7:00PM – Choir Practice	20 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	21 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
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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, Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. hours

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Worship Service 10:00 AM

Philip S. Betts Assist Organist

Kathy Hanebutt Organist

Robin Hinderer Treasurer

Cynthia Hotchkiss Adm. Assist.

Dr. Paul Hanebutt

Randal Revay

Cheryl Goldsmith

Choir Director

Sexton

Head Usher

Board Chairpersons

Joseph Zingaro - Moderator

Judy Zingaro - Diaconate

Robin Hinderer - Management

Sue Hunt - Mission and Outreach

Jennifer Childears - Christian Education

Lyn Arnold - Finance

****DEADLINE FOR MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 20, 2018****