



People's to People

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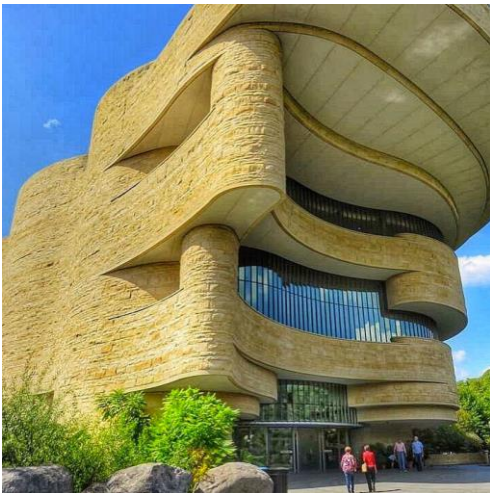
Under the Bell Tower

AUGUST 2018

Dear Friends,

We're halfway through summer! How has your summer been going? My husband and I just had a staycation filled with visiting family and friends, as well as a couple of days in Washington DC.

While in DC we visited the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, which made a big impression upon us. First of all the architecture is amazing—we felt like we were by the pueblos in New Mexico. Here's a picture:



Inside, a wide variety of tribal nations were represented. What struck me most was that each nation has its own spiritual story of creation, and the depth in which spirituality is infused in tribal life.

Sadly, native spirituality has been mostly unrecognized and unappreciated. From the first, European settlers were determined to “save” Indian souls by forcing them to give up their own religions and embrace Christianity.

Where the idea came from that Christianity should include genocide, is beyond me. Unfortunately, this is what happens when “others” are dehumanized. Indians

were not viewed by white folks as human beings, but as less than human, creatures who needed to be taught how to be civilized. If only the European settlers had learned and appreciated the richness of American Indian civilization. I am grateful that an attempt is being made to address this right in the heart of our nation's capital.

Historically, Quakers have found God in American Indian spirituality. In 1765, Quaker missionary John Woolman preached to the Munsee and Delaware. He felt that the Delaware were already communing with the divine light inside them and he sought spiritual tutelage from the Indians (nativeamericanroots.net). Some tribal members have been able to find ways to merge native spirituality and Christianity into something beautiful.

Let us hope and pray that we learn to see the image of God in all people, rather than only looking for images of ourselves.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Ellen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – JULY 31, 2018

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$114906.00			
	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD	Difference YTD	Comments
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$2210.			
Income Received from Members	65,574.77	48,241.82	17,332.95	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings	0.00	63,000.00	63,000.00	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	65,574.77	111,241.82	- 45,667.05	
Expenses to Date	-116,200.88	-111,298.80	4,902.08	Overspent
Net Difference	+50,626.91	- 56.98	- 50,569.13	

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY 2018					
07/2017			07/2018		Offerings
07/02	32		07/01	35	1,900.00
07/09	40		07/08	47	1,884.50
07/16	44		07/15	39	1,501.00
07/23	42		07/22	48	1,843.46
07/30	45		07/29	37	1,225.00
	203			206	8,353.96
Monthly AVERAGE	40			41	\$ 1,670.79
Y T D BUDGETED					\$56,757.61
OVER BUDGETED INCOME					\$50,569.13

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS 2018

Birthday:

Art LEWIS Jr.	08/02	Nancy GUTH	08/19
Kirstin Warfield HANNAH	08/04	Lyn ARNOLD	08/22
Paul HANE BUTT Jr.	08/08	Lauren CAULK	08/22
Wyatt HOTCHKISS	08/08	Jennifer WITTE	08/22
William READ III	08/13	Jane DODD	08/27
Laurie BIDDLE	08/14	Billie BOEHMER	08/29
Richard YURGA	08/14	Michelle CAULK	08/31
Linda PARADEE	08/16	Connor RUMBLEY	08/31

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

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

SUMMER BOOK GROUP

The Summer Book Group is reading the book, "Tattoos on the Heart" by Father Greg Boyle. The book is available from the library, bookstores, Amazon (hardcover, kindle, used paperback) and other online sources. Pastor Ellen has copies for sale for \$7.50. Please read the book before the discussion on Tuesday, August 14th. The group will meet from 10:30 to Noon in the Pastor's Office.



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

Mary Johns – Westminster Health Center for rehab

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

Ronald Zink & Jane Zink – Ronald has cancer and Jane is at Courtland Manor

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
08/05	Chip & Ginny Stewart	Glenn Hitchens	
08/12		Lester Gallihue	
08/19	Cheryl Goldsmith	Serena Leiser	
08/26	Richard & Sandy Yurga	Lyn Arnold	
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.			

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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Sunday Lessons

August 5	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Communion	John 6:24-35
August 12	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	John 6:35, 41-51
August 19	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	John 6:51-58
August 26	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	John 6:56-69

BOARD OF DIACONATE

The Diaconate did not meet in July, although we did host coffee hour. We will resume meeting in September.

The diaconate did keep in touch with Philip Betts and he will be returning to the organ one Sunday in August. The diaconate will work on an organ schedule when we meet in September.

The Pastor Relations Committee met with Pastor Ellen in July and will meet again in August to finalize plans for the Listening Groups scheduled to begin in September.

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

We cannot express thanks enough for the amazing help received before, during and after vacation bible school. From those who helped craft scenery, decorate and tear down to those who led stations, it made the week wonderful. A great blessing on all involved, you know who you are and we thank you!

The Board is one member short. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the church office or Jennifer Childears.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and good luck to all our students as school begins again.

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.

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

AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	2	3 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	4 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
5 10:00 AM-Worship Holy Communion 11:00 am-Coffee- Management 11:30 AM-Victory Church	6 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	7 07:00 PM-AA	8 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	9	10 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	11 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 SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER IS**
AUGUST 20, 2018**