



People's to People

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

DECEMBER 2018

Dear Friends,

This month we begin another season of serving our homeless neighbors through Code Purple. Our Code Purple Dates are:

December	1-5 and 23-25
January	2-5, 13, 27-31
February	6-10 and 24-26
March	17-19 and 26-31

If the temperature or windchill are predicted to go to 32 or below, Code Purple is in effect.

Volunteers are needed to provide meals for 30 which we can freeze and warm up when needed or brought in ready-to-go for that evening, snacks, drinks, breakfast foods, and other supplies such as paper plates, bowls, cups, napkins, paper towels and plastic utensils.

We will also need help with doing the laundry each week at a local laundromat as CP no longer has its own washer/dryer or staff to do it.

Code Purple is running on a shoestring budget this year, so cash donations are also welcome. Checks can be made out to People's Church with Code Purple written in the notation.

Also needed, of course, are folks to serve and clean up the meals, set up and put away the cots, and be present during the time the men are in the building—5 pm until 7 am. Overnight hosts are asked to cover the time period of 10 pm until 7 am, and to stay away during that time.

Do you like to play cards or other games? You can volunteer to play with the guests in the evening from 7-10.

Sounds like a lot, doesn't it? However, if we each discern the way we are called to help, it will happen. And, we will be following what Jesus called the Greatest Commandment: To love God with everything we are, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

I hope we all will find a way to be bearers of Advent light in the darkness.

Please contact me to volunteer or arrange to donate a meal.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Ellen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$114906.00			
	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD	Difference YTD	Comments
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$2210.			
Income Received from Members	104077.40	77,612.18	-26,465.22	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings	0.00	74,000.00	74,000.00	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	104,077.40	151,612.18	47,534.78-	
Expenses to Date	1 8 9 , 9 8 2	1 8 2 7 2 0	7,268.34	Overspent
Net Difference	-85,904.84	31,101.72-	- 54,503.12	

11/2017			11/2018		Offerings
11/05	?		11/04	43	1,504.00
11/12	?		11/11	45	795.00
11/19	46		11/18	42	1,633.50
10/26	52		11/25	41	1,635.50
			Savings		9,000.00
	98			171	8,305.98
Monthly AVERAGE	49			43	\$2,913.60
Y T D BUDGETED					\$ 214,944.00
OVER BUDGETED INCOME					\$54,503.12

DECEMER BIRTHDAYS 2018

12/07	Theresa LLOYD	12/11	John DODD
12/07	Nancy OTTO	12/11	Thomas DODD
12/07	Ellen WITKO	12/22	Carol SKADSBERG
12/26	Dori HILL	12/28	Alexander SENATO

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

May God Bless You on Your Birthday



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

- Jane Dodd** – recovering from foot surgery
- Lily Stewart** – Betsy Stewart’s 2 year old great granddaughter
- William Read** – broken rib
- Sandy Yurga** – recovering from shoulder surgery
- Ronald Zink & Jane Zink** – Ronald and Jane is at Westminster Village

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

- 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
- Willard Irwin** – Lyn Arnold’s colleague
- Pat Morrisen** - friend of John Downs, Jr.

Date	Flowers	Liturgist	Ushers
12/02	Fred & Cynthia Hotchkiss	Phyllis Tarburton	
12/09	Ellen Witko	Les Gallihue	
12/16		Vicky Healey	
12/23	Poinsettias	Jennifer Childears	
12/30	Poinsettias	Maria Myer	
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.

SUNDAY LESSONS

<u>DECEMBER 02</u>	First Sunday of Advent	Luke 21:25-36
	<u>Holy Communion</u>	
<u>DECEMBER 09</u>	Second Sunday of Advent	Luke 3:1-6
<u>DECEMBER 16</u>	Third Sunday of Advent	Luke 3:7-18
<u>DECEMBER 23</u>	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:39-45
<u>DECEMBER 30</u>	First Sunday after Christmas	Luke 2:41-52

BOARD OF DIACONATE

The Diaconate met in November to begin planning for the upcoming Advent /Christmas season. We also approved a reduced budget for 2019 and looked at our need for a new member on the Diaconate.

We made plans for decorating the sanctuary for the holiday season as well as discussing weekly lighting of the Advent wreath.

We are also hoping to recruit more individuals to serve as acolytes for Sunday services.

As we continue in the colder months we encourage you to contribute as you are able to the Diaconate fund which supports those in need in our own community.

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

The Board of Christian Education wishes all members, young and old, a very blessed Christmas!

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

Advent

Please remember your Advent contribution. The church depends on this for year-end expenses

Stewardship

Thank you to all the folks who have submitted their pledge cards The annual budget is up for vote on December 9. It is about \$200,000. Every one of 136 pledging families needs to contribute \$28.99 each week to support that.

The largest expenses are utilities, and salaries. To save money consider wearing extra clothing so the heat can be turned down. In summer the air conditioning can be set at a higher temperature. If you see a leak report it immediately. A leaking toilet cost a great deal extra in water. Turn off lights when leaving a room. Theses are things you do at home. Your church is your home too. It is you who support it.

Thank you for your generosity

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship sponsored an enjoyable and inspirational presentation on our own stained glass windows. Our hearty thanks go to Pat Thompson, the presenter. The talk was open to all in the church, and about 15-18 people attended.

On December 2, after worship and a light lunch, the women will gather to assemble gifts for our home bound members. This year's gift is a "sheep ornament" and candy cane shepherd's crook, a wonderful reminder of our Savior's birth. We plan to visit before Christmas, bearing our gifts. Thank you to Cheryl Goldsmith, who graciously provided us with the directions and some supplies.

We wish all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jean Hitchens, secretary

To begin our Advent Season, Les Gallihue wrote this Sonnet for us.

ADVENT SONNET, BY Les Gallihue

The lesser light that fills the night and moves across our minds;
It probes the dark with eerie white some deeper thoughts to find.

A bristling wind stirs up the trees, makes music for a dance,
And amber leaves appear to tease surrounding smaller plants.

Paired eagles gather in a nook and crows crisscross the lawn,
White folk who dream an ancient Book recall a primal dawn!

Old servant Earth is born again New Peace comes forth from Bethlehem!



If you would like to donate a Christmas Poinsettia “in memory” or “in honor” of someone for the church services of December 23rd and December 30th, please call the office, drop it in the offering plate or mail your order. The office would like to have your orders by December 16th.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
2 10:00 AM-Worship Holy Communion 11:00 am-Coffee- WF 11:30 AM-Victory Church	3 12:15 PM- NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM- NA	4 07:00 PM-AA	5 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	6	7 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	8 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
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16 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 am-Coffee- WF 11:10 AM – Board of Diaconate 11:30 AM-Victory Church	17 12:15 PM- NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	18 07:00 PM-AA	19 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	20 7:00 PM – Choir Practice	21 12:15 PM-NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	22 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
23 10:00 AM-Worship 11:15 AM-Coffee- WF 11:30 AM-Victory Church	24 7:00 pm – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 12:15PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM- NA	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 07:00 PM-AA	26 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	27 7:00 PM – Choir Practice	28 12:15 PM-NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	29 01:00 PM-C. O. D
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FOR SALE

Recliner like new beautiful Blue and white fabric \$200.

Scooter (Golden Tech. Buzz around XL) 14 months old good condition \$500

Call Mary Johns for more info 302-535-3117

THE PURPOSE / MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S CHURCH OF DOVER
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The purpose of this church shall be to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Vision: United in Christ's love, a just world for all.

Mission Statement: United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.

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

Kathy Hanebutt Organist Dr. Paul Hanebutt Choir Director

Robin Hinderer Treasurer Randal Revay Sexton

Cheryl Goldsmith Head Usher Cynthia Hotchkiss Adm. Assist.

Board Chairpersons

Joseph Zingaro - Moderator

Sue Hunt - Mission and Outreach Judy Zingaro - Diaconate

Jennifer Childears - Christian Ed

Robin Hinderer- Management Lyn Arnold - Finance

****DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 20, 2018****