



People's to People

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

February 2018

What shall I give up for Lent?

The month of February takes us from the end of Epiphany into the beginning of Lent. Epiphany is a time to celebrate the light of Jesus the Christ, coming to us as a tiny infant—a mere speck of humanity—yet truly the Light of the World. The last reading in Epiphany is the Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-9), where Simon, James and John accompany Jesus to the mountaintop and see him become radiant in the company of Moses and Elijah, two of Israel's most famous prophets.

And then, back down to earth. Literally, as they descend the mountainside and Jesus appears to be once more simply a man. And yet, I think that if we were to look into his eyes, we would see God's light in them. If he were to place his healing hand on our fevered brow, we would be well again. If we were to pour out our heartbreak to him, we would once again be made whole.

This man, so gifted, so grounded by heaven, knows that he will have to give over his life in more ways than one in order to fulfill God's purpose for him. And so Lent begins.

What shall I give up for Lent? Jesus gave his life, which kinda makes giving up chocolate or ice cream a bit of a letdown.

So why not do something life-giving? We're hosting Code Purple from February 11-17th. That's a whole week worth of dinners for 35 people that we will need (not all people who come for dinner stay overnight with us). Can you make dinner for one night? Maybe get together with a couple of family members, friends or family and make chili, or spaghetti and meatballs, chicken, or mac and cheese (and maybe some ham), some big meatloaves? Or donate the ingredients for the meals—because we have a volunteer chef and some helpers who can make the meals here in our kitchen. Add in some salad fixings, bread, butter, and dessert.

Just think, if we had 7-8 groups do this, all our dinners would be covered for February—and we could do it again in March! Once April comes Code Purple will wrap up the season until next December.

What do you think? Could you give up some dollars, shop for ingredients, drop them off here OR prepare the meal yourself?

And if you want, give up the chocolate, too, and donate it to the guys.

God bless you!

Pastor Ellen

PS—Please see Sue Harris to schedule your meal OR sign-up on the Code Purple sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board.

A joint **Ash Wednesday Service** with the Presbyterian Church of Dover will be held at The People’s Church of Dover on Wednesday, February 14, at 7 pm. Choirs from both churches will sing. Ashes and communion will be offered. The Rev. Ellen Witko will preach.

LENTEN DINNER AND DISCUSSION GROUP

We will meet during Lent on Wednesdays evenings in the Fellowship Room from 6-7 for a light supper and discussion on readings from the Lenten Devotional, “Lovers and Fools,” written by the UCC Writer’s Group. Books are \$4.00 and available from Pastor Ellen.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – JANUARY 31, 2018

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$114906.00			
	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD	Difference YTD	Comments
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$2210.			
Income Received from Members	9578.49	7068.46	- 2510.03	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings	0.00	15000.00	15000.00	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	9578.49	22068.46	12489.97	
Expenses to Date	-11486.84	-10913.45	-573.39	Underspent
Net Difference	- 1,908.35	11155.01	13063.36	Underspent

ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY 2018					
01/2018			01/2018		Offerings
01/08	51		01/07	36	760.00
01/15	snow		01/14	57	2,061.00
01/22	65		01/21	46	1,384.00
01/29	57		01/28	51	644.00
			Savings		15,000.00
	235			190	19,849.00
AVERAGE	59			48	\$ 4,962.25
Y T D BUDGETED					\$11486.84
UNDER BUDGETED INCOME					\$ 2,510.03

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS 2018

02/01	John PARADEE	02/02	Chloe HANNAH
02/02	Ethan PARADEE	02/03	Glenn BOEHMER
02/03	Louise WARFIELD	02/06	Renee LINDSEY-YARRINGTON
02/07	Cheryl GOLDSMITH	02/07	Dan GRIGGS
02/13	Suzanne HOTCHKISS	02/15	Krystle R. MUNTZ
02/19	Cynthia HOTCHKISS	02/20	Carolyn DUNCH
02/20	Lester GALLIHUE	02/21	Kathy HANEBUTT
02/22	Delia Middleton-HALL	02/25	Shannon BIDDLE
02/25	Christopher 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 – Jean will be home from Rehab (after suffering a broken pelvis in an accident) the week of February 5th. She can be reached by e-mail (jth630j@gmail.com), and/or cards (630 N. State Street, Dover 19901). Jean's spirits are good and hopes to heal by keeping immobile (no operation planned). Please call before visiting. Our help will be needed more when she returns from Rehab when there may be a need for meals, driving, etc.

Amanda Middleton – recovering from medical procedures

Rose Mary Ressel –

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

Jane Zink

Ronald Zink

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

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

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 sis

<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>				
<u>Flowers</u>			<u>Liturgist</u>	
02/04	Cheryl Goldsmith		02/04	Bill Hufnal
02/11	Lyn Arnold		02/11	Carol Skadsberg
02/18	John & Linda Paradee		02/18	Joe Zingaro
02/25	Marian DePue		02/25	Ruth Gallihue
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

February 04

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Communion

Mark 1:29-39

02/04

02/11

February 11

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 9:2-9

February 18

First Sunday in Lent

02/18

Mark 1:9-15

February 25 Second Sunday after Epiphany 02/25
Mark 8:31-38

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 is ready and excited to begin a new year. January offers new opportunities for celebration in our church. We are always looking for new and Innovative ways to make worship a meaningful experience. Please let us know your ideas.

We start the new year with new members, which means fresh ideas. We welcome Cheryl and Mary Beth Goldsmith and Vicky Healey, as we say goodbye to Bill Hufnal and John Downs, Jr.

Lent will be here soon and with that the pancake brunch as well as the Lenten study and meals. The pancake brunch is scheduled for February 11, 2018. The Diaconate is suggesting the following groups host the Lenten meals. If the date suggested doesn't work for your group please change with someone else.

Feb. 21	Choir
Feb. 28	Christian Education
Mar. 7	Mission & Outreach
Mar. 14	Trustees & Finance
Mar. 21	Diaconate
Mar. 28	Management

As we start the new year we are also reminded that cold weather is upon us and our neighbors around us have great needs. Please contribute to the Diaconate Fund as you are able so that we can better meet the needs of our neighbors and friends.

We will also be implementing a new approach to our annual survey early this year. Please watch your bulletin for more information.

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 you.

We look forward to continued support and ideas as we move into this new and exciting year.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Maria Myer will be teaching throughout February.

Sunday school starts right after Time with Young Disciples and ends at 11:15. This may be later than service ends. If so, please visit the fellowship room for coffee and time with other church members. We won't be late bringing the kids up to you!

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.

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 then 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 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 will again be a sanctuary for the homeless this winter for Code Purple. See Sue if you would like to volunteer. We will be needing the following items through March – paper dinner plates, dessert plates, and bowls, hot cups and plastic silverware. Bathroom cleaning supplies and toilet paper. Large bags of chips, pretzels, popcorn for snacks and granola bars and other snacks. Coffee, hot chocolate, tea, and cereal. And SOCKS. Please put these items in the Food Bank bins. We will also need dinners for 25 which can be frozen ahead of time. Please see Sue about dinners. Thank you for all your help.

Women’s Fellowship

The Women’s Fellowship will have their annual Pancake Brunch next Sunday, February 11th following the worship service in the basement. The price is \$6.00 per plate and \$3.00 for children. Please come and join us.

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

Jean Hitchens, Secretary

FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00PM – Choir Practice	2 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE	3 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.

4 10:00 AM–Worship Holy Communion 11:00 am – Coffee – Management Board 11:10 AM–Board of Christian ED 11:30 AM-Victory Church	5 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	6 07:00 PM-AA	7 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	8 7:00PM – Choir Practice	9 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	10 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
11 10:00 AM–Worship 11:00 am – Coffee – Management Board 11:15 AM – W F Meeting – Pancake Brunch 11:30 AM-Victory Church 5;00 Code Purple	12 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 5;00 Code Purple 07:00 PM-NA	13 07:00 PM-AA 5;00 Code Purple	14 Ash Wednesday 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 5;00 Code Purple	15 7:00PM – Choir Practice 5;00 Code Purple	16 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 5;00 Code Purple	17 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A 5;00 Code Purple
18 10:00 AM–Worship 11:00 am–Coffee Management Board 11:10 AM – Diaconate meeting 11:30 AM-Victory Church	19 12:15 PM- NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	20 07:00 PM-AA	21 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 6:00 PM – Lenten Study- Choir	22 7:00PM – Choir Practice	23 12:15 PM-NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	24 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
25 10:00 AM–Worship 11:15 AM–Coffee Management Board 11:00 AM–Annual Meeting 11:30 AM-Victory Church	26 12:15PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	27 07:00 PM-AA	28 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 6:00 PM – Lenten Study - Christian ED	MARCH ↓		
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