



People's to People

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

MARCH 2018

Dear Friends,

March! Lots of endings/beginnings this month. We march from winter to spring, from early darkness to brighter evening-time as we begin Daylight Savings time on March 11, and to the finish of Lent on the final day of the month.

Our final week of Code Purple for the season is March 11-17. My gratitude to all the volunteers who made it possible for us to host CP this winter, especially to Sue Harris for keeping things organized and running. Thank you all for your donations of food, clothing and supplies.

Our Lenten Dinner and Discussion continues on Wednesday eves from 6-7 PM. We are using the UCC's 2018 Lenten Devotional by the Stillspeaking Writers' Group, entitled, "Lovers and Fools." Come join us even if you haven't yet. Each week a different board/committee provides us with a simple and delicious dinner. The book is only \$4 and you don't necessarily have to do any reading in advance to be part of the discussion. I have the books here in the office. Checks (made out to me) or cash are accepted as payment.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29, we'll join in worship with the Dover Presbyterian Church at their church at 7 pm. Once again our choirs will combine for the service.

On Good Friday, March 30, there will be an Ecumenical Worship Service at Christ Church beginning at noon. After the service, there will be a Cross Walk from Christ Church to People's Church. This is an especially good opportunity for participation by our youth! We'll finish worshiping at People's Church. Our choir will sing an anthem and we will leave the sanctuary contemplating the death of Jesus. All of which makes Easter particularly meaningful.

See you in church!

Grace and peace, Pastor Ellen

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	19,456.98	15,583.88	- 3,873.10	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings	0.00	15000.00	15000.00	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	19,456.98	30,583.88	11,126.90	
Expenses to Date	-23,073.68	-31,262.34	-8,178.66	Overspent
Net Difference	- 3,616.70	668.46	2,948.24	

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2018

02/2017		02/2018		Offerings
02/05	51	02/04	54	2,088.46
02/12	75	02/11	57	1,521.00
02/19	61	02/18	53	1,370.00
02/26	55	02/25	50	1,413.00
		Savings		15,000.00
	242		272	21,392.46
AVERAGE	60		48	\$ 4,278.49
Y T D BUDGETED				\$19,456.98
UNDER BUDGETED INCOME				\$ 2,948.24

MARCH BIRTHDAYS 2018

03/04	Ruth GALLIHUE	03/04	Amanda DOWNES
03/05	Mary WILSON	03/06	Elaine EWING
03/06	Judy ZINGARO	03/07	Glenn HITCHENS
03/08	Rod THOMPSON	03/13	Helaine JONES
03/14	Sage COLE	03/15	Sandra COSDEN
03/15	Charles DEMPSEY, Jr.	03/19	Courtlyn WITTE
03/23	Sue DODD	03/24	Jim CALDWELL
03/24	Rosamond PIERCE	03/27	Philip S. BETTS
03/27	Cody LLOYD	03/27	Ethan ZINGARO OPALECKY
03/30	Judith DOWNS	03/30	John C. (Jack) LEWIS

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.

<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>				
<u>Flowers</u>			<u>Liturgist</u>	
03/04	Cheryl Goldsmith		03/04	Les Gallihue
03/11	Linda Paradee		03/11	Peg Green
03/18	Cheryl Goldsmith		03/18	Warren Bouton
03/25	Potted Palms		03/25	Vicki Healey

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

March 04	THIRD Sunday in Lent Holy Communion John 2:13-25	04/04
March 11	FOURTH Sunday in Lent John 3:14-21	04/11
March 18	FIFTH Sunday in Lent John 12:20-36	04/18
March 25	SIXTH Sunday in Lent Mark 11:1-11	04/25

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 new and exciting things for our church.

We started the Lenten season on February 14 with a joint Ash Wednesday service with the Presbyterian Church. Our Lenten meals and study began on February 21 with a dinner hosted by the Diaconate and a study on the book “Lovers and Fools” led by Pastor Ellen. These meals and study will continue through the Lenten Season.

Mar. 7 Mission & Outreach
Mar. 14 Trustees & Finance
Mar. 21 Choir
Mar. 28 Management

On March 4 we will begin the first phase of our new approach to our annual survey. Joe Zingaro will be doing a training after worship on **“We Are All Right”** as we look at the relationship between feelings, thoughts and behaviors. We hope to start our “Listening Groups” sometime after Easter. 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.

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

Jennifer Childears will be teaching throughout March.

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 will bring 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.

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 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 held a very successful Pancake Brunch on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. We thank all who dined with us and all who helped. The proceeds of \$273.00 will be used to support our church's budget and its missions.

We will hold our annual "Slice is Nice" after church on March 11. Anyone who wants to donate a pie, cake, or cookies may do so, as our proceeds will again benefit our local mission projects. Mark your calendars now and stock your freezer with an assortment of goodies for Easter.

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

Jean Hitchens, Secretary

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	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 – Finance Board 11:10 AM–Board of Christian ED 11:15 AM Presentation “We Are All Right” in Chapel 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 6:00 pm – Lenten Supper-Mission & outreach 7:00PM – Choir Practice	8	9 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	10 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
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APRIL ↓						
1 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 AM-Coffee – <i>Board of Christian ED</i> HOLY COMMUNION 11:10 AM – Board of Christian ED meeting 11:30 AM- Victory Church	2 12:15PM-NA- MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	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

EASTER LILIES



If you would like to donate a Easter Lily “in memory” or “in honor” of someone for the church services of April 1st, please call the office, drop in offering plate or mail your order. The Lilies will all be the same size, color, and pot size (6 ½). The office would like to have your orders by March 26th.

Lily _____ No. _____ Amount \$10.00

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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 APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 20, 2018****