



People's to People

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

APRIL 2019

Dear Friends,

It's spring! The weather is still fluctuating, but the signs around us tell us that warmer and more pleasant weather is on the way. My daffodils have already bloomed and the grass is green. Here at the office Randal is already talking about fitting the grass-cutting into his weekly schedule. He's got it all worked out, don't worry!

Our Lenten discussion has been around Professor Amy-Jill Levine's book, "Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week." The group has been very small, so we have decided to meet for a bite to eat at a local inexpensive restaurant and have our discussion there. This changes our meeting time to 7 pm. This week (Wednesday, April 3) we'll meet at Grotto's. I still have books here at the office, so you can pick one up and read chapter 2 before Wednesday. OR, I can bring one for you on Wednesday and you can follow along with our discussion. The book is \$10. It's easy reading and so interesting! Please email me at pastor@peopleschurchofdover.org or call/text me at 908-425-6362 if you will be joining us and/or need me to bring a book for you.

Easter is rather late this year (and last year it was very early!), so I thought you might be interested in knowing why. This info came from The Old Farmer's Almanac at almanac.com:

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the full Moon that occurs on or just after the spring equinox.

Interestingly, in 2019, the full Moon and the spring equinox fall on the SAME day—Wednesday, March 20.

On religious calendars, the first full moon of spring is called the "Paschal Full Moon." Traditionally, Easter is observed on the Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon. (If the Paschal Moon occurs on a Sunday, Easter lands on the subsequent Sunday.)

EASTER COULD HAVE BEEN IN MARCH!

Following these rules, the full Moon on March 20 (the first full Moon of spring) should be the “Paschal Full Moon.” So, why isn’t Easter on Sunday, March 24?

As it turns out, to make things a little simpler for the Christian Church calendars, the spring equinox was determined to always be fixed on March 21. (In reality, the equinox can happen on March 19, 20, or 21.)

Given this, the first full Moon after March 21 doesn’t occur until April 19 this year. That means ... Easter will be celebrated on Sunday, April 21.

Got that?!

This year we will once again participate in Maundy Thursday Worship at the Presbyterian Church of Dover. The time is 7 pm. Choirs from both churches will join as one. I hope to see you there. Rev. Kim Jackson has planned a lovely and meaningful service.

Dover area churches will join together for our Good Friday Worship and Cross Walk beginning at Noon at Christ Church and ending here at People’s Church at 1:30 p.m. This is a great event for people of all ages. After Worship at Christ church, we will follow the Cross, stopping to read the story at various points along the way. Once we arrive at People’s Church we will join together for a brief closing Worship. I hope to see you there!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ellen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – February 28, 2019

	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD	Difference YTD	Comments
Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$114906.00			
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$2210.			
Income Received from Members	18,651.49	16,521.88	-2,129.61	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	18,651.49	36,521.88	17,870.39	
Expenses to Date	49,494.	61,090.00	11,595.48	Overspent
Net Difference	30,843.03	- 24,568.12	- 6,274.91	

03/2018			03/2019		Offerings
03/04	55		03/03	51	3,104.50
03/11	47		03/10	44	1,302.76
03/18	47		03/17	49	1,536.96
03/25	45		03/24	47	1,424.00
			03/31	41	2,407.00
	194		Savings	03/03	20,000.00
				232	\$29,775.22
Monthly AVERAGE	48			46	4,962.33
Y T D BUDGETED					\$18,651.49
OVER BUDGETED INCOME					\$11,595.48

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2019

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

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



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

PRAYER LIST

Michael Camparella, recovering from an episode of congestive heart failure.

Mary Johns

Serena Leiser, recovering from back surgery

Amanda Middleton, she is recovering at home

Barbara Moore, mother of Carol Skadsberg

Cleah Muntz, has pneumonia.

William Read – home recovering

Lily, Betsy Stewart's great-granddaughter

Rose Mary Ressel, is at Skilled Nursing Center at Westminster, broken hip

Conner Rumbley, recovering from leg surgery

Sarah Sheppard, surgery was successful

Betsy Stewart

Phyllis Tarburton, broke her hip is home now

Ron and Jane Zink (Ron and Jane are both in Westminster Village, room #207.)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
04/07	Friends of Peoples	Joe Zingaro	
04/14	Palm – Ellen Witko	Jean Hitchens	
04/21	Lilies	Maria Myer	
0428	Cheryl Goldsmith	Brenda Bouton	
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 a date and let the office or Cheryl Goldsmith know.

APRIL LESSONS 2019

APRIL 07

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Holy Communion

John12:1 - 8

APRIL 14

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LUKE 22:1 - 49

APRIL 21

EASTER

LUKE 24: 1-12

APRIL 28

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LUKE 13:31-35

Join the Chamber Choir for this Easter season concert featuring two Baroque works by J. S. Bach (Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 4) and Antonio Vivaldi (Gloria, RV590), directed by James Wilson and featuring countertenor, Augustine Mercante. KCC is a 20 voice chamber choir and will be joined by a Baroque chamber orchestra with Amos Fayette, concertmaster, and T. J. Thomas, harpsichord. Thickets \$10 (students free w/ID), available starting March 1 on www.kentchamerchoir.org or at the door. The performance will be at the Presbyterian Church on April 13 at 7:00 pm.

BOARD OF DIACONATE

The Diaconate continues to be very busy this year as we look forward to Easter and hopefully spring.

Lenten season will end the third week of April with a joint Maundy Thursday service with the Presbyterian Church and a community Good Friday walk. Our Lenten study was enjoyed by those who were able to attend.

We look forward to celebrating Easter on April 21st with communion and an egg hunt for the children sponsored by Christian Ed. Hope to see you all there.

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

The Board of Christian Education is excited to welcome two new members for 2019: Jacqui Sedmont and Tracy Williams.

The Board will be using 2019 to reorganize and refresh. The goal is to prepare our programs and the church facilities to better serve the congregation in the coming years. To that end, we are embarking on 5 specific clean-up/reorganize tasks. They are:

1. Clean Out/Inventory Downstairs Classroom and Closet;
2. Move Library to Nursery;
3. The Adult Ed Program;
4. The Youth Ed Program; and
5. VBS Inventory and Organization

If you are interested in helping us with any of these tasks, please see any of our members. We love volunteers!

Any questions, comments or suggestions should be directed to Jennifer Childears in person, by email at jenniferchildears@yahoo.com or by phone/text 302-535-2988.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Dear Friends,

Spring has arrived, the date tells us. We are seeing the beginnings of new life in our yards: crocuses, snowdrops, and daffodils. The Lenten roses. In bloom now, remind us of the time of Lent, a period of fasting and of reflection.

We reflect on our church and the struggles we have seen, with diminishing attendance and the resulting loss of income.

We have a core of devoted parishioners, who love this church, and are anxious to see growth and expansion of our missions. We love our aging building, realizing the amount of funds it takes to maintain it.

As Easter approaches, may we be reminded of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May we also feel the renewal or rebirth of our commitments to our church. Our Easter offering supplements our weekly gifts, allowing the church to maintain and beautify our property, to publicize our services, and announce our intentions to help our members and our community.

We want and need to grow, to reconnect with former members, to enrich our worship with song and praise, to nurture our spiritual lives.

Please be generous as you enjoy the Easter season. Let us joyfully give, at this special time, to support our church, to hear God's word, and to join in song, praising His name. Come to worship and do His work, as He would have us do.

Peace and blessings,

The Finance Committee

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.

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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 Jennifer Childears – Christian ED

Judy Zingaro - Diaconate Lyn Arnold - Finance

Robin Hinderer – Management Sue Harris –Mission and Outreach

DEADLINE FOR **APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER IS **MARCH 20, 2018****

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	2 07:00 PM-AA	3 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 7:00 PM – Lenten Study	4	5 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	6 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
7 8:45 AM – Choir Practice 10:00 AM-Worship Holy Communion 11:00 am Coffee-Christ. ED 11:30 AM-Victory Church	8 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	9 07:00 PM-AA	10 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 7:00 PM – Lenten Study	11	12 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	13 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
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21 8:45 AM – Choir Practice 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM-coffee 11:10 AM – Board of Diaconate 11:30 AM-Victory Church	22 12:15 PM- NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	23 07:00 PM- AA	24 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	25	26 12:15 PM-NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	27 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
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