



People's to People

*The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover
United Church of Christ*

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Under the Bell Tower

DECEMBER 2019

Dear Friends,

For the past three years I have had the honor of serving as the Moderator of the People's Church. It has been an interesting journey - one I could never have predicted when I began three years ago. Mr. Rogers, the television personality who made public television interesting for children, would advise children to "look for the helpers" whenever there was something going on that could be frightening, like the 9/11 tragedy.

Mr. Rogers could have been talking to me - because I have found lots of helpers. David Popham, our former Associate Conference Minister, who facilitated discussion groups for us in the fall of 2018. Gregg Carlson, from The Center for Progressive Renewal, who facilitated discussion groups and then helped us with developing our mission statement and profile. Freeman Palmer, our Conference Minister, who is doing the search for our Designated Pastor.

And there are lots of "local" helpers. Last Sunday I was standing in the back of church during choir practice. We have helpers and quiet heroes. I saw them. Congregants who volunteer their gifts and talents to make our services nothing short of little miracles. Great sermons, great music, great fellowship. Our numbers may be fewer, but our energy and faith is enormous.

On December 8, we will be voting on our 2020 budget and nominating two new members to our Board of Trustees. Jennifer Childears will be on the ballot as our Moderator and Mary Beth Andrews will be filling the slot with Les Gallahue retiring from the Board. Les and his family have contributed in time and talents and I want to personally thank him and his sons, Ian and Keith for the special work they do in sharing their talents with us. Did you know Keith was visiting shut-ins and playing his violin for them? Your own personal concert - what a treat.

Cynthia Hotchkiss will be retiring at the end of December. She has given our church countless hours of service over the years and we wish her the very best. She has probably forgotten more about the church than I will ever know.

In addition to voting on our 2020 budget and welcoming our new Board of Trustees members, I will give a report about Rev. Freeman's progress in his search for our designated pastor.

Thanks for all of the support and prayers you sent my way over this past three years. We made a great team.

Joe Zingaro
Moderator

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – NOVEMBER 30, 2019

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$114906.00			
	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD	Difference YTD	Comments
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$2210.			
Income Received from Members	104,077.40	76,931.67	-27,145.73	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings		75,000.00 9,500.00	75,000.00 9,500.00	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	104,077.40	161,431.67	-12,854.26	
Expenses to Date	189,982.24	-179,646.21	-10,336.03	Overspent
Net Difference	-85,904.84	-18,214.54	-67,690.30	

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 2019

11/2018			11\2019		Offerings
11/04	43		11/03	35	3,285.50
11/11	45		11/10	35	2,259.50
11/18	42		11/17	32	2,022.96
11/25	41		11/24	40	1,844.50
				Trustees	84,500.00
	171			142	\$ 33,912.46
Monthly AVERAGE	43			36	\$ 5,652.08
Y T D BUDGETED					\$80,565.38
OVER BUDGETED INCOME					\$ -36,854.27

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2019

Birthdays

12/04	COLE, Bruce
12/07	LLOYD, Theresa
12/07	OTTO, Nancy
12/11	DODD, John
12/11	DODD, Thomas
12/11	WAGNER, Jean W
12/12	MOORE JR., J. Kenneth
12/14	LINDSEY, Amanda
12/18	SKADSBURG, Carol
12/22	HILL, Dori
12/26	SENATO, Alexander 12/28

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

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Tony – Jim Caldwell's brother-in-law

Gary Cole, friend of Robin Hinderer, has received a new lung and is doing very well.

Anna Dourgherly, friend of Anita Masias, starting radiation and had a car accident resulting in a broken sternum. Also prayers for her family.

Mary Johns

Amanda Middleton, ongoing health concerns

Barbara Moore, mother of Carol Skadsberg

Diana Oswell, Vicky Healey's sister, is doing very well at home

Rose Mary Ressel,

Kim Schrantz – hospital in Bethlehem, PA Cleah Muntz's niece

Sarah Sheppard

Betsy Stewart

Henry Zargari, nephew of Jane Dodd, in South Carolina.

Marty Zargari, Jane Dodd's brother-in-law, lives in Newark, DE, has a lot of health problems. Keep him in your prayers.

Jane Zink (Jane is in Westminster Village, room #208)

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Willard Irwin – Lyn Arnold's colleague

Pat Morrison - friend of John Downs, Jr.

<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>			
<u>Flowers</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>	
12/01	Jim Caldwell	12/01	Joe Zingaro
12/08	Joyce Warrington & Janet Finn	12/08	Brenda Bouton
12/15	Cheryl Goldsmith	12/15	Vicky Healey
12/22	Poinsettias	12/22	Jennifer Childears
12/29	Poinsettias	12/29	Jim Caldwell
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.			

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ED

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

When children are present, Sunday School will run as follows unless otherwise noted:

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month: Younger students (5-10) in the Nursery

3rd and 5th Sundays of each month: Older students (11-teens) in the Chapel

Class starts after time with young disciples.

Please see Cheryl Goldsmith to volunteer.

Merry Christmas everyone! May the hope and blessings found in the manger last the whole year through!

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 DIACONATE

The Diaconate did not meet in November since plans for the remainder of the year were made in October. We continue to make arrangements for filling the pulpit, providing for meaningful worship, and visiting our homebound members during the time we have no minister. If you have suggestions for worship please let us know. We would also appreciate any help with visiting our members who are unable to attend on Sundays. If this is something you would be willing to help

with, please contact a member of the Diaconate. If you are new to visiting, someone on the Diaconate would be happy to visit with you.

As we enter the colder months there will be more requests for assistance with heating, housing and food. Please continue to give to the Diaconate fund as you are able.

Diaconate members and other church members joined forces to decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season on November 27th. Various members of the congregation have agreed to participate in lighting the Advent wreath each Sunday and at the Christmas Eve 7 PM service. Thank you all for your continued support of our church.

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.

Judy Zingaro, Chairperson

Preaching Schedule January - March 2020

January 05 - Jim Caldwell
January 12 - Judy Zingaro
January 19 - Serena Leiser
January 26 - Warren Bouton
February 02 - Judy Zingaro
February 09 - Serena Leiser
February 16 - Jim Caldwell
February 23 - Warren Bouton
March 01 - Serena Leiser
March 08 - Judy Zingaro
March 15 - Jim Caldwell
March 22 - Warren Bouton
March 29 - Serena Leiser

BOARD OF FINANCE

Finance Report

Now that we have put the bylaws aside, I am seeking volunteers to tally the collection. Current folks have agreed to continue and there is always a need for tellers. Contact me at

lbpaws1110@gmail.com

Stewardship

We have about 20 pledges for a little less than \$50,000. Good job! Thank you all for your pledges.

ADVENT

The envelope box contains an envelope for Advent. This envelope is for a special offering budgeted [and voted on](#) by the congregation. The Advent Collection is a significant investment by the congregation to the financial health of Peoples Church. The offering helps to cover operating expenses. The congregation elected to contribute \$2500 for the [Advent](#) collection. That totals about \$38 to \$40 per family. **WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH**

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The church is in need of Ice Melt Salt for the Winter, so if you could help with one bag, a total of four for the Winter, the church would be very thankful.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

THE CHRISTMAS FUND

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund has been a tangible expression of God's love and light in the world for over 115 years. One of the four Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ, The Christmas Fund provides UCC congregations and members an opportunity to reach out in compassion to those who have faithfully shepherded our Church and who now find themselves facing worrisome needs. The United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance, the charitable arm of the Pension Boards, on behalf of the whole church, passes on this direct support so that these needs may be met and our support may be felt.

Through your gifts to the Christmas Fund, you can help ensure that "The Light Shines in the Darkness" for those who have so faithfully served our church. The offering will be taken next Sunday, December 22nd.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

At the end of November, twelve women of our church met to create holiday gifts for our homebound members. Sally Childears was our leader, teacher. We created reindeer ornaments, turkeys for Thanksgiving, and put together our "prayer squares". We had sandwich triangles and chocolate cookies, made by C.J. Santiago...all creating fun and fellowship. We signed Christmas cards, to be sent to those at home or in nursing homes.

We divided up the list, ensuring that all will be visited before Christmas.

Cleah has made at least two dozen "thank bags" for our collected change this winter, the proceeds going to the oft-used Diaconate Fund for **those in the community needing help.**

These bags will be passed out in January.

Thanks again to Sally, C.J., and all who attended. The spirit of Christmas is alive and well at People's Church!

Jean Hitchens, Secreta

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 1:00 p.m. hours

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Worship Service 10:00 AM

Kathy Hanebutt Organist

Randal Revay Sexton

Cheryl Goldsmith Head Usher

Dr. Paul Hanebutt

Robin Hinderer

Choir Director

Treasurer

Admin. Assist.

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 JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 20, 2019****

COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR SCHEDULE

January

Diaconate

February

Management

March

Finance

April

Christian ED

May

Missions

June

Women's Fellowship

July

Diaconate

August

Management

September

Finance

October

Christian ED

November

Missions

December

Women's Fellowship

DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 AM –Choir Practice 10:00 AM–Worship Holy Communion 11:00 am – Coffee – W. F. 11:30 AM-Victory Church	2 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	3 07:00 PM-AA	4 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	5	6 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	7 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
8 9:00 AM –Choir Practice 10:00 AM–Worship 11:00 am – Coffee – W. F. 11:10 AM-Board of Christian ED 11:30 AM-Victory Church	9 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	10 07:00 PM-AA 06:30 PM-Meditation	11 10: AM Meditation 12:15 PM-NA- Message of Hope	12	13 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	14 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
15 9:00 AM –Choir Practice 10:00 AM–Worship 11:00 am – Coffee – W. F. 11:30 AM-Victory Church	16 12:15 PM-NA - Message Of Hope 07:00 PM-NA	17 07:00 PM-AA	18 12:15 PM-NA - Message of Hope	19	20 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	21 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A
22 9:00 AM –Choir Practice 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM–Coffee- W. F. 11:30 AM-Victory Church 10:00 AM-Christmas Fund Offering	23 12:15 PM-NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	24 07:00 PM-AA	25 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	26	27 12:15 PM-NA – MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	28 01:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
29 9:00 AM –Choir Practice 10:00 AM-Worship 11:15 AM-Coffee- W. F. 11:10 AM-W F Luncheon. 11:30 AM-Victory Church	30 12:15PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	31 07:00 PM-AA	JAN. 			
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If you would like to donate a Christmas Poinsettia “in memory” or “in honor” of someone for the church services of December 22nd. and December 29th, 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.

Poinsettias No Amount
 _____@10.00 _____

In memory or honor of _____



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