



People's to People

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

MARCH 2019

Dear Friends,

Lent is almost here! We open this season of reflection and repentance on **Wednesday, March 6, with a joint Ash Wednesday Service of Worship in our sanctuary with the Presbyterian Church of Dover.** The Service begins at 7 pm and features choirs from both churches. Communion will be served and ashes offered.

This Service will be somewhat different from the past couple of years. Instead of hymns, we will be singing Taize chants. Have you heard of Taize?

The Taize community has its beginnings in WWII. It was founded as a safe place for refugees fleeing the war by Brother Roger. His sister, Genevieve, assisted him. Soon they were joined in their work by other religious brothers. From their website (taize.fr):

Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred brothers, Catholics and from various Protestant backgrounds, coming from around thirty nations. By its very existence, the community is a "parable of community" that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.

The brothers of the community live solely by their work. They do not accept donations. In the same way, they do not accept personal inheritances for themselves; the community gives them to the very poor...

Over the years, young adults have been coming to Taizé in ever greater numbers; they come from every continent to take part in weekly meetings.

Taize community members continue to go out into the world to be present with the desperately poor and the refugee.

Taize chants, which we will sing on Ash Wednesday, are prayer songs. Simple melodies with lyrics from scripture are repeated several times, followed by a brief time of silence.

I hope you will join us as we begin this holy season of Lent.

Our **Lenten Dinner and Discussion group** begins on **Wednesday, March 13, from 6-7:30 pm**. Simple and delicious meals will be prepared for us by our boards and committee members. We will be reading “Entering the Passion of Jesus: The Beginner’s Guide to Holy Week,” by Professor Amy-Jill Levine. AJ (as she likes to be called) teaches New Testament at Vanderbilt University School of Divinity in Nashville, TN. The book is engaging (I had my mom test-read it and she approves!) and involves the story of Holy Week as it is told in all of the Gospels. And by the way, AJ is Jewish, so we will receive her unique perspective which will enhance our understanding Jesus’ last week. Each session will begin with a video introduction of the topic by AJ.

The book is \$10 and available in the church office. Hope you join us!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ellen.

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, January 6, we celebrate Epiphany, the arrival of the Three Kings at the Manger where the Child lies. That this little infant is King of the Jews has Mary pondering and Herod festering. Soon the Holy Family will be on the road to Egypt to escape Herod’s murderous plans.

Although we usually read the scripture story of the arrival of the Three Kings on Christmas Eve, the story doesn’t have them getting to Bethlehem until well after that night. That they declare Jesus to be God’s own son, the Incarnation, had made Epiphany much more important than Christmas until the past few hundred years. Recognition of who this child is, (What Child is This? This, This is Christ the King) is what matters.

I took my Christmas tree and other decorations down on January 1st, and received much ribbing from other clergy friends that since I didn’t wait until Epiphany, the Three Kings would not be able to find my house. Google “Epiphany” on your computer and you’ll find there are a variety of customs about it. Oh—and this all has to do with the 12 Days of Christmas which in some countries begins on December 25th and others begins on December 26th.

So, regardless of our customs and traditions, what matters is that we know who Christ is. Regardless of our politics and religion, what matters is that once we know who Christ is, we spread the Good News near and far. Regardless if how Christ lived his life makes sense to us, what matters is that we meditate on that life in order to understand why Jesus’ mission was to free the captives, heal the sick, lift up the lame, love the sinner, feed and clothe the poor. How he lived his life is how we are called to live ours. It’s not easy, but the rewards are great. No one deserves forgiveness, but we are called to forgive, and we are forgiven.

May we all realize that God's grace is undeserved and unearned, yet it is freely given to us and to every one we meet.

May the Light always shine from within you!

Pastor Ellen

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – February 28, 2019

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$114906.00			
	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD	Difference YTD	Comments
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$2210.			
Income Received from Members	19,456.98	8,025.50	11,431.45	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	19,456.98	23,025.50	3,568.52	
Expenses to Date	23,073.	26,539.	3,465.68	Overspent
Net Difference	11,383.30	3,513.86-	- 7,034.20	

02/2018		02/2019		Offerings
02/03		02/03		17,310.52
02/10		02/10		576..21
02/17		02/17		2,805.46
02/24		02/24		758.00
				21,450.19
		Savings	02/2003	15,000.00
				\$1,612.50
Monthly AVERAGE	49		43	19,456.98
Y T D BUDGETED				\$19,456.98
OVER BUDGETED INCOME				\$11,431.48

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

GARRISON, Gamaliel E.	01/01	LINDSEY-YARRINGTON, Hadley	01/02
REED, Judith	01/05	PETROSKY, Cole	01/06
KEMP, Ruth Ann	01/08	LEWIS Sr., Arthur S. "Art"	01/08

VAN SANT, Barbara	01/08	COLE, Sarah	01/10
MASIAS, Anita	01/13	ROOS III, Robert	01/14
TARBURTON, Phyllis	01/15	DODD-STERLING, Ryan	01/17
DOWNES, Clara	01/18	ZINK, Ronald	01/19
BORTZ, Peter	01/21	WOREK, Walter "Bud"	01/21
HONESTY -HARRIS, JR., Jason	01/22	CHASE, Jessica	01/24
GOLDSMITH, Jennifer	01/25	WHARTON, William	01/25
ZINGARO, Joseph	01/27	KENT, Jane	01/28
RUMBLEY, Nevaeh	01/28	BAKER, Elinor Lee	01/31

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

ANDERSON, Todd	02/01	PARADEE, John	02/01
HANNAH, Chloe	02/02	PARADEE, Ethan	02/02
LINDSEY-YARRINGTON, Renee	02/06	GOLDSMITH, Cheryl	02/07
GRIGGS, Dan	02/07	HOTCHKISS, Suzanne	02/13
MUNTZ, Krystle R.	02/15	HOTCHKISS, Cynthia	02/19
DUNCH, Carolyn	02/20	GALLIHUE, Lester	02/20
HANE BUTT, Kathy	02/21	MIDDLETON-HALL, Delia	02/22
BIDDLE, Shannon	02/25	SMITH, Christopher	02/25

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

DOWNES, Amanda	03/05	EWING, Elaine	03/06
ZINGARO, Judy	03/06	HITCHENS, Glenn	03/07
THOMPSON, Rod	03/08	JONES, Helaine	03/13
COLE, Sage	03/14	DEMPSEY Jr., Charles	03/16
WITTE, Courtlyn	03/19	DODD, Sue	03/23
CALDWELL, Jim	03/24	PIERCE, Rosamond	03/24
ZINGARO-OPALECKY, Ethan	03/27	DOWNS, Judith	03/30
LEWIS, John C. (Jack)	03/30		

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Prayer List for Members & Friends of the Church

The list is kept current. For a copy please call the church office: 674-4177;
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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
01/06	Fred & Cynthia Hotchkiss	Brenda Bouton	
01/13	Ellen Witko	Joe Zingaro	
01/20		Warren Bouton	
01/27	Poinsettias	Jean Hitchens	
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.

Date	Flowers	Liturgist	Ushers
02/03	Lyn Arnold	Jean Hitchens	
02/10	Cheryl Goldsmith	Jim Caldwell	
02/17	John & Linda Paradee	Vicky Healey	
02/24	William Read Family	Phyllis Tarburton	
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03/10	Ellen Witko	Judy Zingaro	
03/17	Linda Paradee	Les Gallihue	
03/24	Kathy Hanebutt	Jennifer Childears	
03/31	Cheryl Goldsmith	Serena Leiser	
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SUNDAY LESSONS 2019

<u>January 06</u>	EPIPHANY	Matthew 2:1-12
	<u>Holy Communion</u>	
<u>JANUARY 13</u>	BAPTISM OF CHRIST	Luke 3:1-6
<u>JANUARY 20</u>	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	MARK 1:14-20
<u>JANUARY 27</u>	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	Luke 4:14-21
FEBRUARY 03	FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	LUKE 4:21-30
FEBRUARY 10	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	Luke 5:1-11
FEBRUARY 17	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	LUKE 6:17-26
FEBRUARY 24	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	LUKE 6:27-38
MARCH 03	LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	LUKE 9:28-43
	TRANSFIGURATION	
	HOLY COMMUNION	
MARCH 10	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	LUKW 4:1-13
MARCH 17	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	LUKE 13:31-35
MARCH 24	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	LUKE 13:1-9
MARCH 31	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	LUKE 15:1-3, 11b-32

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 met in January to begin planning for this new church year. We started the new year with new member Keith Gallihue and look forward to the new ideas he will bring to the Diaconate. We said goodbye to Jim Caldwell and thanked him for his many years of service. We also said goodbye to Sandy Yurga in September. In February the Diaconate met with the trustees to discuss ongoing budget issues.

Lent will begin March 6 and with that the pancake brunch as well as the Lenten study and meals. The pancake brunch is scheduled for March 3, 2019. 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.

March 13 - Choir, **March 20** - Christian Education, **March 27** - Mission & Outreach,
April 3 - Trustees & Finance, **April 10** - Diaconate, **April 17** - Management

The Diaconate hosted the coffee hour in January. We are suggesting the following schedule for the remainder of the year.

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

We also continue to be 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 also 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 year.

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

JANUARY 2019

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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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 Hunt - Mission and Outreach

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