



People's to People

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

MAY 2019

Dear Friends,

I'm excited! This month is the 110th Anniversary of the founding of People's Church!

I just re-read the history of our church from the 100th Anniversary booklet. A lot has changed in the past 110 years, and certainly over the past 10 years.

It's an honor to be the first woman Pastor of this congregation. Times have really changed—many of my ministry colleagues in Dover are also women.

We will celebrate our 110th Anniversary in Worship on Sunday, May 19th. We will also give thanks to the Choir for the beautiful music and worship leadership they have gifted us with since September, as well as for the gifts and leadership of Paul Hanebutt, music director, and Kathy Hanebutt, organist and pianist. Our music program is a blessing for us all.

As we look forward to the next 110 years I hope you will take time to pray and meditate upon the direction God is taking us now and in the future. This morning I met with a woman who was called by God to a feeding ministry. A resident of Queens, NY, she began with a friend to bring hot meals into Manhattan and give them away. A few years ago she moved to Dover and continued this ministry in her spare time and at her own expense. She would like to continue this ministry one night every other week in our basement dining room.

What amazes me is how God sends people to this place. This faithful woman asked us because she heard People's Church was a welcoming place. We receive income from three other congregations who meet here because they came and asked if our space would be open to them. Code Purple knows that our basement space is available as scheduled and in emergency overflow situations.

It's not easy sharing space with others. Sharing is never easy. However, it seems to me that we are earning a reputation as a place of prayer for all people. Prayer of every kind: silent, aloud, in words, music and action.

Praise God for the gifts you all have contributed to our community as the congregation of The People's Church of Dover of the United Church of Christ. We are truly an inclusive and welcoming congregation!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ellen

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – APRIL 31, 2019

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$114906.00			
	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD	Difference YTD	Comments
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$2210.			
Income Received from Members	38,113.96	47,832.62	19,718.66	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings		10,000.00	10,000.00	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	38,113.96	57,832.62	26,250.89	
Expenses to Date	-65,006.36	-75,622.32	-10,285.96	Overspent
Net Difference	-26,892.40	- 17,459.70	-19,995.38	

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 2019

04/2018		04/2019		Offerings
04/01	90	04/07	42	3,831.00
04/08	52	04/14	43	2,982.47
04/15	57	04/21	56	1,776.50
04/22	46	04/28	38	1,896.50
04/29	47			
	292		179	\$10,486.47
Monthly AVERAGE	58		44	\$ 2,621.61
Y T D BUDGETED				\$38,113.96
OVER BUDGETED INCOME				\$ 19,718.66

MAY BIRTHDAYS 2019

05/03	Erin BIDDLE	05/03	Kathryn HANNAH
05/04	Joan CONARD	05/04	William R. DARLING
05/04	Nathan SMITH	05/06	Jane ZINK
05/04	Gerald E. RICE	05/10	Josephine STRONG
05/11	Angela HEALEY- RAKSNIS	05/11	Ethan ANDREWS
05/15	Sandra McNINCH	05/16	Mary Beth ANDREWS

05/18 Victoria Healey
 05/22 Robert DePUE
 05/23 William A. HUFNAL
 05/27 Jackie NIEHORSTER

05/20 Joyce DARLING
 05/23 Brantley LINDSEY-KLUGE
 05/23 Harry OTTO
 05/31 Denese R. LINDSEY

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

Mary Johns

Amanda Middleton, she is recovering at home

Rose Mary Ressel,

Conner Rumbley, recovering from leg surgery

Sarah Sheppard,

Lily Stewart – Betsy Stewart's great granddaughter

Betsy Stewart

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

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Michael Camparella, recovering from congestive heart failure.

Gary Cole, friend of Robin Hinderer, has been placed on the list for a lung transplant.

Jessie Gillespie, Roberta Klees' sister, she has been in a New Jersey hospital for several days with double pneumonia and congestive heart failure.

Roberta Klees, Kathy Hanebutt's mother

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

James E. Smith - Carol Skadsberg, adopted Dad in State Street Assist. living

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Willard Irwin – Lyn Arnold's colleague

Pat Morrison - friend of John Downs, Jr.

Brenda Schrantz, sister-in-law of Cleah Muntz, suffering from cancer, recently had fluid removed from her lungs. Please also keep her husband, Russ, and the family in prayer.

VOLUNTEERS

<u>Flowers</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>	
05/05	Joe & Judy Zingaro	05/05	Anita Masias
05/12	Mike & Mary Beth Andrews	05/12	Jim Caldwell
05/19	Ethan Andrews	05/19	Glenn Hitchens
05/26	The Gallihue Family`	05/26	Vicky 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

May 05	Third Sunday of Easter Holy Communion John 21:1-19	05/05
May 12	Fourth Sunday of Easter John 10:22-30	05/12
May 19	Fifth Sunday of Easter John 13:31-35	05/19
May 26	Sixth Sunday of Easter John 14:23-29	05/26

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.

Moderator's Report

When we met on January 27 of this year for our Annual Meeting I asked you to support our hiring the Center for Progressive Renewal to conduct a survey of our congregation. The cost for the survey was taken care of by six families who donated the funds.

When I met with the Board of Trustees in January, I said I had a goal of having a plan to deal with our financial shortfall and have a future direction of our congregation by June 1. I had no idea how that was going to happen - I just knew if I said it, it was more likely to happen than if I just thought about it or hoped it. Saying it out loud made me reach when I might have preferred to just hold back. I am inviting all of you to reach.

We have had a once in a lifetime infusion of money from one of our congregants, Christine Hopkins, who passed away last year. I hope we will use that money to help us evolve into the future as our new best selves and not as an old congregation reminiscing about or trying to recreate the past.

At our basic cellular level we are creatures that grow or die. There are no other options. We don't 'stand still' in life. I like to think we, members of People's Church, are going through a pruning of sorts. A good pruning can revitalize a plant and make it hardier and healthier than if it was never pruned. It might not be as large as the pre-pruned plant - but it is more likely to be the best plant it can be. On June 1st and 2nd, we will all have a chance to sit down and talk to Gregg Carlson, one of the group leaders for Progressive Renewal. He wants to hear our concerns and ideas, our strengths and weaknesses. But most of all he wants to provide us with an opportunity to stop being wall flowers and speak up about what you want your church to be and stand for. A sign up sheet to attend a meeting with Gregg will be in the back of the church every Sunday or you can call Cindy Hotchkiss (302-674-4177) and let her know which group time you want to attend. The times are 10 and 11 AM, 1, 2 and then 3:30 and 4:40 PM. If you join one of the groups - you are also committing to join us Sunday for the training on healthy communication skills which will begin after service on Sunday, June 2 and run until around 3:30 or so. A luncheon will be available. Gregg will be leading our Sunday service - join us.

For those of you who think you have nothing to contribute, please meditate on 1 Corinthians 12: (selective lines) "There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone...The body is one and has many members, but all the members, many though they are, are one body; and so it is with Christ...If the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," would it then no longer belong to the body? If the body were all eye what would happen to our hearing?...God has set each member of the body in the place he wanted it to be. If all the members were alike, where would the body be? There are, indeed, many different members, but one body."

Joe Zingaro

BOARD OF DIACONATE

The Diaconate enjoyed celebrating Easter with the congregation at People's Church as we joined together in communion.

We are now looking forward to a time of reflection and hard work as we meet with other members of the congregation and with our consultant, Gregg Carlson, to better understand how to communicate with one another and work together in formulating a mission for our church as we move forward. Members of the Diaconate will be attending these small groups the end of this month and the beginning of June so that we can be move effective in providing leadership for our church. We hope all of you will choose to participate as well.

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.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We look forward to your continued support and ideas as we strive to make this the church we need to be for this community.

Thank you to all that participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Special thanks to Cheryl Goldsmith for organizing the event!

The Board is 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. Stay tuned for updates on our progress.

If you are interested in helping, please see any of our members. We love volunteers and there is a lot to be done!

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

Easter offering totaled 810.00. Thank you for your generous donations .
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. Thank you.

MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	4 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
5 8:45 AM Choir 10:00 AM–Worship Holy Communion 11:00 am – Coffee – Missions 11:10 AM–Board of Christian ED 11:30 AM-Victory Church	6 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	7 07:00 PM-AA 6:30 PM-Meditation Class	8 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	9	10 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	11 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 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 JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 20, 2018****

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