



People's to People

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

OCTOBER 2019

Dear Friends,

Future Directions - October, 2019

October looks to be an important month for our church. On October 27, the congregation will vote on an amendment to our By-laws. Copies of the proposed amendment were sent out via email and are posted on the bulletin board. If, however, you did not get a copy, please contact our church Secretary, Cynthia Hotchkiss and she will see that you get one. The amendment reflects what is currently happening on the Board of Trustees and standing committees. Current By-laws require a change of membership on the Board and committees that is not really possible given our much smaller numbers than in years past. The current amendment allows for greater flexibility of Board and committee membership and, I believe, will create a more stable group during the next three years of our life as a church. The three years will coincide with the three-year term of a designated pastor. At the end of three years, the congregation can vote to continue with the proposed amendment or return to the By-laws as adopted from January 2018.

Gregg Carlson, from the Center for Progressive Renewal, met with a number of us for a weekend work session in early September. The group he is meeting with is a good cross section of our congregation, being composed of men and women, individuals from several church committees and members representing different geographical locations. Notes from that meeting are posted on the bulletin boards in the church. The group's goal is to develop a "mission and vision" for our church to help us in our search for a designated pastor. As you may recall, rather than organizing a search committee for an interim pastor – and then a search committee for a pastor – a process that can take several years, we have decided to hire a designated pastor (a new position developed in our conference). The designated pastor will be with us for a period of three year. After three years the congregation can ask the individual to stay or the

congregation can end the relationship.

Rev. Freeman Palmer, our Conference Minister, will use the mission and vision statement we develop to do a search of applicants for the designated pastor position. In a recent email to me, he wrote “I have reviewed Gregg's notes from his time with you and have had a conversation with him as well. I think you all are on the right track with these sessions. This work will be important for the preparation of an abbreviated profile that I will send to you after the Annual Meeting. So my advice is the continue with these sessions with Gregg, and I will send you the document the second or third week in October.”

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas about what is happening, please ask me, or a member of the Board of Trustees or someone in the work group with Rev. Carlson. Their names are listed each week in in the church bulletin.

Joe Zingaro
Moderator

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH – SEPTEMBER 31, 2019

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$114906.00			
	Budgeted YTD	Actual YTD	Difference YTD	Comments
Income Weekly Budgeted	\$2210.			
Income Received from Members	84,220.42	105,015.96	-15,540.03	Under donated
Transfer from Invest. Savings		60,000.00	-60,000.00	Taken more than budgeted
Total Income	84,220.42	120,015.96	44,459.44	
Expenses to Date	157,683.56	-150,619.39	-7,064.17	Overspent
Net Difference	-73,463.14	-21,939.53	-51,523.61	

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

09/2018		09\2019		Offerings
09/02	34	09/01	38	884.11
09/09	49	09/08	33	3,319.00
09/16	40	09/15	32	1,878.23
09/23	34	09/22	37	892.50
09/30	30	09/29	35	1,384.50

	203			175	\$ 8,358.34
Monthly AVERAGE	40			35	\$ 1,671.67
Y T D BUDGETED					\$84,220.42
OVER BUDGETED INCOME					\$ -51,523.61

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS 2019

10/02	RUMBLEY, Tiffany
10/03	LEWIS, Roger
10/03	MIDDLETON, Amanda
10/04	GROVE, Ann M.
10/05	STITES, Elva A.
10/12	BOYER, Charles
10/12	JONES, Alexis
10/12	REED, Mikell
10/18	STEWART, Betsy
10/20	CLENDANIEL, Jenna
10/21	REVAY, Randal
10/22	BRITT, Maisha
10/28	SENATO, Alyssa

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

Gary Cole, recovering from a lung transplant

Anna Dougherty – friend of Anita Masias starting radiation and had a car accident resulting in a broken sternum. Please pray for Anna family

Mary Johns

Amanda Middleton, ongoing health concerns

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

Diana Oswell - Vicky Healey's broke her femur as a result of her cancer. She is home now and doing very well.

Rose Mary Ressel,

Sarah Sheppard,

Betsy Stewart

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

Marty Zagari, 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>VLUNTEERS</u>				
<u>Flowers</u>			<u>Liturgist</u>	
10/06	Brenda & Warren Bouton		10/06	Glenn Hitchens
10/13	Glenn & Jean Hitchens		10/13	Bill Hufnal
10/20	Lyn Arnold		10/20	Joe Zingaro
10/27	Cheryl Goldsmith		10/27	
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 BEGINS OCTOBER 13!

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.

We need teachers! If you have any interest in sharing your love of God and Jesus with our younger generation, please consider helping out. We need two unrelated adults to teach. The curriculum is already bought and no special skills are needed. You do not need to commit for a full year of teaching (ends in May), if you can give a few weeks or even one week, we will take it! Please see Cheryl Goldsmith to volunteer.

ADULT BIBLE DISCOVERY IS COMING!

Work in being done to start an adult bible discovery (or study if you prefer that term) session in late October/early November. Stay tuned for announcements concerning this.

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 met on September 22, 2019 after taking a break for the summer. 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.

We would also appreciate any volunteers to transport some of these members to church occasionally. Please see a member of the Diaconate if you are interested in providing this service.

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, Chairperson

Ms. Teri Whalen, Mentor Coordinator at Central Middle School in Dover, is looking for mentors to work with students 30 minutes a week. The school offers FREE background checks and training. Consider making a difference in the life of a young person. Call 302-672-1772 if you are interested.

Preaching Schedule October - December 2019

October 6	Warren Bouton
October 13	Jim Caldwell
October 20	Judy Zingaro
October 27	Serena Leiser
November 3	Jim Caldwell
November 10	Serena Leiser
November 17	Warren Bouton
November 24	Judy Zingaro
December 1	Serena Leiser
December 8	Warren Bouton

December 15
December 22
December 24
December 29

Jim Caldwell
Serena Leiser
Warren Bouton
Judy Zingaro

BOARD OF FINANCE

Happy Volunteers

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver

Please be sure to thank the volunteers for whatever job they are doing. There are many unrecognized givers. The few do great things for many. Ron Zink insisted we have a coffee hour of fellowship. Bill Read brought in the milk for the coffee each week. How about someone take up the milk task? People bring in supplies. Ushering and greeting are unappreciated duties. If something within your ability needs doing consider doing it. A pat on the back goes a long way to make people feel appreciated for their efforts. Recognition makes a happy giver and a happy volunteer.

A hearty thank you for all the volunteers!

Finance

The August Newsletter! Gosh, time flies. The time for budgets and pledging begins in September. Please give prayerful consideration to your 2020 pledge. The budget doesn't change much. We still spend far more than we gather in contributions. Thank you for your generous giving.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship at People's Church is open to all women of the church. And, again this year, we will be sponsoring some programs and fellowship opportunities for all members of the church.

We begin with a "Women's Luncheon", on Sunday, September 29, after worship, in the Women's Fellowship Room. No need to bring anything. Lunch will be provided. We do need any ideas you have for programs and ideas for service to our church and its members.

Mark your calendars and plan to stay:

OCTOBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 AM –Choir Practice 10:00 AM–Worship Holy Communion 11:00 am – Coffee –Christ..ED	2 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	1 07:00 PM-AA	2 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE	3	4 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	5 01:00 PM-C. O. D. A.
6 9:00 AM –Choir Practice 10:00 AM–Worship 11:00 am – Coffee –Christ.ED 11:10 AM-Board of Christian ED 11:30 AM-Victory Church	7 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	8 07:00 PM-AA 6:30 PM – Meditation Group	9 10:30 AM – Meditation Group 12:15 PM-NA-Message of Hope	10	11 12:15 PM-NA MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	12 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 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

Cynthia Hotchkiss

Choir Director

Treasurer

Adm. 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 NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER IS OCTOBER 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