



People's to People

The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover
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Dear Friends,

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40: 28-31

June will be an exciting month for us. Things are happening! Our new pastor - Rev Dr. G. Derrick Hodge is arriving this month, having bought a house in Dover. The Super Spring Clean Up is in full swing and areas of the church are being cleared of clutter and new spaces are emerging. Governor Carney has lifted some restrictions and provided guidelines for people to go out and about, including being able to worship together in the same space.

Our excitement is contained though, because we are separated from each other. And that longing to be back together, not only at church on Sunday, but anywhere outside our homes, can become exhausting. The constant state of uncertainty does take its toll. And that is why the verses from Isaiah 40 are so relevant to us in these times. As Christians, we have the advantage and comfort of knowing that God is with us, that he carries us, restores us and refreshes us. We will run and not grow weary; we will walk and not faint. That truth will carry us through these next few months as we come out of our homes and reacquaint ourselves with the world around us.

We will see each other soon.

Blessings,

Jennifer

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 6/10 **Frankie Wildermuth (Jennifer Downs' son)**
6/12 **Rod and Pat Thompson**
6/13 **Mackenzie and Maddox Downs (John Downs' children)**
6/14 **Harry and Nancy Otto**
6/23 **Gertrude Weissenfluh**

May God Bless you on your Birthday and Anniversary

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

Jim Caldwell and family

Gary Cole – friend of Robin Hinderer

Mary Johns

Barbara Moore – mother of Carol Skadsberg

Diane Oswell – Vicky Healey's sister

Rose Mary Ressel

Kim Schrantz – Cleah Muntz's niece

Willard Irwin – Lyn Arnold's colleague

Pat Morrison – friend of John Down's, Jr.

John and Jennifer Downs

Sarah Shepherd

Betsy Stewart

Henry Zargari – nephew of Jane Dodd

Marty Zargari – Jane Dodd's brother-in-law

Jane Zink – Westminster Village, room 208

Roberta Klees – Kathy Hanebutt's mother

Les Gallihue

Nick – Ileana's nephew

Robbie Smith

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Because of the coronavirus, activities at the church had to be put on hold. We hope to be able to offer some type of Christian Education experience this summer.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to volunteer to help with contacting our home bound members, or other members of our congregation, please contact Jennifer Childears or Judy Zingaro for a list of individuals that you can keep check on during this time of being home. Please also consider helping the trustees with the **Super Spring Clean Up** as work continues in our building.

WORSHIP NEWS

Because we are not currently able to meet face to face to worship, many of you are taking advantage of opportunities being made available on Facebook and Zoom. Thank you to Jennifer, Sally and Maria, Paul and Kathy, Jim Caldwell, Serena Leiser and Warren Bouton for their continued contributions to our online worship experience. Our target date for in-person

worship is July 5th. There is a task force in place developing procedures and getting the sanctuary ready for people to come and worship safely. Information and guidance will be coming throughout the month of June so be sure to read your emails from People's Church when you receive them. We are looking forward to that day with great excitement as we anticipate a new beginning for our church. Until that time, we will continue to worship online. Please feel free to call the church office in mid-June to welcome Rev. Hodge to our church. The June preaching schedule is as follows:

June 7 – Judy Zingaro; June 14 – Serena Leiser; June 21 – Warren Bouton; June 28 – Serena Leiser. Thank you all for your continued support.

Judy Zingaro

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Randal continues cleaning the church and helping get it ready for the day that we will all be able to join together in worship in our sanctuary. Various individuals have already begun the clean-up process in anticipation of our new minister arriving. We have had several companies in to do estimates on painting the first floor of our building.

MISSION & OUTREACH

The following is taken from an email from the UCC this week. Please support this offering as you are able. Thank you for your continued support of our church.

“Please join us in common mission, vision, and purpose by taking up the Strengthen the Church offering on May 31, 2020.

I pray that you and your family are well during these challenging times. As we listen to God and seek guidance to see our way through this crisis, we are exploring new practices and ways of being church, making gifts to Strengthen the Church all the more important this year.”

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

Join the Super Spring Clean Up

What is it?

The Board of Trustees discussed the need for us to start moving forward on the appearance of our church building. With our new pastor coming, it is time. This is the first small step we are taking! It is a church-wide clean up. And we need a lot of help!

Why are we doing this?

There is a lot of stuff in this old building. Some things we no longer need or can no longer use. Cleaning out the old, unusable items will give us a better idea of what space we have available, open up areas of the church for storage of items we need to keep and improve our sense of pride in our building.

Who is doing this?

Every able body member of the church is needed for this project. You can do as little as one closet or as much as a whole floor!

How are we doing this?

When you come in, you will find a labeled tote on each floor of the church. That tote will contain instructions and supplies to complete the tasks. Pick your area and get started.

We are taking a 4-step approach: Assess-Move-Clean-Organize. Do as many steps as you are able in the area you are in.

1. Assess

Go through area and use the provided post-it notes to label items as:

KEEP- Historical papers dealing with church; classroom supplies in good working conditions; VBS decorations; Christian Books and Biographies; safe and clean nursery items; furniture that is usable and less than 10 years old (the older furniture is starting to emit odors).

SHRED- anything with personal information that is not being kept with historical papers.

RECYCLE- all acceptable recycle material that is not being kept- follow the available guide.

TRASH- everything that cannot be used because it is broken, outdated, not relevant to church life, unusable.

DONATE- good quality items we no longer need that can be used by shelters, goodwill or others in the church that can give it a good home. **WE WILL HAVE TO STORE DONATABLE ITEMS UNTIL AFTER THE PANDEMIC**

UNSURE- you just don't know what it is, why the church has it, what it was or is used for but it's in good condition and you don't know where it belongs.

SELL- furniture, chairs, electronics that might be profitable for the church to sell.

2. Move

Put all the items in a central area of the room. You or other folks will come along and take items to their final destination (trash, shredder and so on).

3. Clean

Lightly clean the area. Rags are provided, please bring your own cleaning solutions if you want. Check for obvious structural damage and cosmetic needs (if it has mold, leaks, needs a paint job, new carpet), identify area for possible use (storage, classroom, office space, play area.....). If shelving or cabinets are needed to make the area useful and/or keep the items neat and secure, be sure to record that in the provided notebook.

4. Organize

Based on room type, put back what needs to go back in an orderly fashion, making note of what the room contains in the provided notebook. Ideally, this would be so that the church would know how much of an item is available for use before purchasing more (examples are classroom supplies, coffee hour supplies, paper products).

When are we doing this?

May 9, 2020 through June 30, 2020

Due to current restrictions we can't have everyone in the church at the same time. We need to limit the amount of people in the church to less than 10 and if you are working on the cleanup, you can only do so with members of your household. You should also take precautions by wearing gloves and masks as needed. If you have times and days you can come in, please call Judy at 302-632-2877 or the church office to coordinate unlocking the door for you.

Important Notes

- We would like to concentrate our initial efforts on the main floor of the church so that we can have it painted.
- If you have items at the church that you want to keep and do not want someone else to go through please arrange to go to the church before May 9th and mark your items clearly with a label and DATE so we know it's current.
- We need a group of 3-5 people to redecorate the Fellowship Room once it is cleaned up new furniture and such. The space needs to be more open and inviting, with space for conversations and eating without falling over each other. Volunteers will have to work through remote discussion for the time being. Please text or call Jennifer at 302-535-2988 or email me at jenniferchildears@yahoo.com.
- If you have the skill or ability to sell items on-line or in other ways, please let Jennifer know.

Questions?

Call or text Jennifer Childears at 302-535-2988 with any questions. Thank you for your willingness to clean up our church building. This will most definitely give us a good start towards renovation and improve our ability to use the church in new ways.

****DEADLINE FOR July 2020 NEWSLETTER IS June 20, 2020****

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. - 1:00 p.m.

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Worship Service	10:00 AM	Rev. Dr. G. Derrick Hodge	Pastor
Kathy Hanebutt	Organist	Dr. Paul Hanebutt	Choir Director
Randal Revay	Sexton	Robin Hinderer	Treasurer
Cheryl Goldsmith	Head Usher	Judy Zingaro	Admin. Assist.

Board of Trustees

Jennifer Childears - Moderator

Helaine Jones - Clerk

Judy Zingaro - Diaconate

Robin Hinderer - Facilities Management

Paul Hanebutt - Music/Facilities Mgmt.

Sue Hunt - Mission and Outreach

Serena Leiser - Pastor Parish Relations

Mary Beth Andrews - Christian Education

Lyn Arnold - Finance

Kathy Hanebutt - Music, Missions