



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

March 2020

Dear Friends,

Marching forward

March – the only month that is also a verb. Thinking about what to write this month and the word march, I was reminded of the 11- day march that took the Israelites 40 years to complete. I wonder if they realized how close they were to the promise land, and if they had known, would they have trusted God more and complained less? Then I wondered if I'm in my own 40-year march about certain areas of my life. I probably am, as some mountains look very familiar as I pass by them! But I know if I continue to trust God and do good, I'll get to the promised land at the right time.

We are in the season of Lent now, and there is another march that brought **all** peoples to the promised land: the march our Savior, Jesus Christ, took from Pilate's house to Calvary, sacrificing himself for all our sins. Never would there be a more important march than this for us. We mourn with the disciples on Good Friday and rejoice with Mary Magdalene on Easter Sunday. I hope you all will find this Lenten season a time to reflect on the marches you take in your life and how best to serve the Lord and your fellow people. Be sure to check back in April for information on Holy Week services, and I look forward to seeing you at Easter Sunday service.

Blessings

Jennifer

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

3/4	Fred and Cindy Hotchkiss	3/13	Helaine Jones
3/5	Amanda Downes	3/18	Joe and Judy Zingaro
3/6	Judy Zingaro	3/21	Jim Caldwell
3/7	Glenn Hitchens	3/23	Sue Dodd
3/8	Rod Thompson	3/30	Judy Downs

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

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

Tony – Jim Caldwell’s brother-in-law
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.

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

LENTEN STUDY

Please join Jennifer on Wednesdays in March (6:30-7:30) as she leads our Lenten Bible Study. We will be discussing *Hinds’ Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hunard. She would love everyone to be able to attend, so if you are hesitant about coming to church at night, please contact her to arrange rides and escorts. If you are willing, we can make it happen.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help is needed with coffee hour following worship. If you can bring in boxes of granola bars or other non-perishable snacks, they can be kept in the fellowship room for coffee hour each Sunday. Thank you for supporting your church in this way.

If you would like to volunteer to tally the collection contact Lyn Arnold at lbpaws1110@gmail.com. Thank you to those current counters who generously give of their time.

If you would like to volunteer to help with visiting our home bound members, please contact the church office, or Jean Hitchens or Phyllis Tarburton. Someone will be happy to visit with you.

Please see Cheryl Goldsmith or Jennifer Childers to volunteer your time to help with Sunday School.

Volunteer Worship Leaders

Liturgists		Flowers	
March 1	Rev. Jim Caldwell	March 1	Open
March 8	Vicky Healey	March 8	Open
March 15	Glenn Hitchens	March 15	Glenn and Jean Hitchens
March 22	Jean Hitchens	March 22	Paul and Kathy Hanebutt
March 29	Cheryl Goldsmith	March 29	Jim Caldwell

WORSHIP NEWS

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.

We joined the Presbyterian Church on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, for a joint service. Music was provided by a combined choir. Thank you to those who were able to attend.

We continue to get requests for assistance with heating, housing and food. Thank you for your continued support of the Diaconate Fund.

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.

Worship attendance in February: Feb. 2nd - **37**, Feb. 9th - **51**, Feb. 16th - **38**, Feb. 23rd - **39**

Judy Zingaro

Preaching Schedule March 2020

March 1 - Serena Leiser

March 8 - Judy Zingaro

March 15 - Jim Caldwell

March 22 - Warren Bouton

March 29 - Serena Leiser

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

All is well from the Board of Management. There are always on-going repairs. We needed to do some work on the boilers to keep a consistent temperature in the building so after several new parts and a dedicated technician from Messina, we are hoping to continue into the spring with no new problems. Randal is doing a great job keeping on top of all issues in the building. He is responsible for cleaning and monitoring the physical plant. If you identify any concerns, please put them in writing and leave them with Judy in the office so Randal and the BOM and BOT can address them most appropriately. WE would like to organize a "Git-R-Done" Saturday in the near future to be able to do yard work and in-house re-organization. There is a lot of old stuff in the building that we need to re-purpose, re-home or discard. Plans will be announced as to a schedule for these events. Get fired up!

Paul Hanebutt

MISSION & OUTREACH

The UCC has 4 special mission offerings. They exist to allow congregations and individuals to meet people at points of critical need in their lives. Beginning this month you will begin seeing flyers and envelopes for One Great Hour of Sharing, which will be collected March 22, 2020. This offering offers assistance in places lacking health and educational resources and/or where disaster has struck. Please give as you are able.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The 'Share the Love' bags for collecting our change this winter, were collected on February 16th. The proceeds that will be made available to the Diaconate Fund for those in the community needing help is \$569.40. Thank you for sharing so generously so that those in our community can receive the assistance they need.

Jean Hitchens, Secretary

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily "in memory" or "in honor" of someone for the church services of April 12th, please call the office, place in collection, or mail your order. The Lilies will all be the same size, color, and pot size (6 1/2). The office would like to have your orders by April 5th.

Lily Order: No. _____ Amount \$10.00 (each) _____

In memory or honor of _____

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees met in February and discussed options for increased building security and the possibility of offering our building to the Dover Police to use as a downtown substation. We will provide more information and comments if the offer gains momentum with city council and police.

Another initiative discussed is a Super Spring Clean Out. Our building has gotten a little over cluttered these past few years and it's time to clear the cobwebs and spruce up our spaces. This idea is in its beginning stages, but we are looking at times in April and May to go through the entire building and clean it up. This would be the first step to future renovations and revitalizations.

Jennifer Childears, Moderator

****DEADLINE FOR April 2020 NEWSLETTER IS March 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		
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

March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9 AM –Choir Practice 10 AM–Worship Holy Communion 11:00 am – Coffee 11:30 AM-Victory Church	2 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-NA	3 7:00 PM-AA	4 12:15 PM-NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 6:30 PM Lenten Study	5	6 12:15 PM NA - MESSAGE OF HOPE 07:00 PM-AA	7 Coptic Church 1:00 PM- C. O. D. A.
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