



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

May 2020

Dear Friends,

When Maria was younger, she wanted to learn to ride horses, so we gave it a go and I found a place that gave lessons. She enjoyed it for about a month, then didn't. When I asked why she said "Well I thought I could go and ride the horse but first you have to brush the horse and then saddle the horse and then do a bunch of other chores before you can even ride the horse. I just wanted to ride the horse."

I can relate to that. I think we all can. We want to do something or achieve a great thing and we get very excited. But then we tire of it quickly because it doesn't happen right away. It takes time for things to happen and we don't have time, we are impatient. We all want to start at the finish line.

It took Jesus 30 years to start his ministry, 3 years to lay the foundation and then thousands of years for it to grow into what it is today. And it's still growing. But it took a really long time, by our standards. Would you start a project, even one you were really excited about, if you knew it would take 33 plus a thousand years to finish? I hope so...read on.

Last year we started a project- reigniting and revamping People's Church. We set out to find a new designated pastor that could lead us in a new direction while keeping our core values and beliefs. Rev. Dr. G. Derrick Hodge will be here June 1st. But this isn't our finish line. There will be a waiting period as he gets to know us, and we get to know him. But this isn't our finish line either. Once we are comfortable with each other and have figured out our direction, we have to start the work. Work that will eventually create a People's Church that is part of the community, part of our lives and the people around us. But this still isn't our finish line. We are actually on a long journey where there is no tangible finish line, only a continuation of our faith into the next generation and the generation after that. We have started the project and now

we must do the work of that project, for as long as we can, so that those that come after us can continue it until the day Jesus returns. That, my friends, is the finish line.

So yes, there will be times along the way where we just want to ride the horse and we'll get flustered and impatient with the chores and the waiting. But if we focus on the chores one at a time, we will get closer to riding the horse without realizing how long it is taking to get there. I'm excited to get the chores done with all of you and am looking forward to seeing how we move People's Church closer to the final finish line.

Blessings, Jennifer

Brief Bio of Rev. Dr. Derrick Hodge

In addition to being a UCC minister, Derrick Hodge is an economic anthropologist, a life-long educator, Latin American missionary, and multiply-published author. His undergraduate work was in European History at Suffolk University. While in Boston he became a street activist, and he still embraces a commitment to significant social change for the wellbeing of God's people. Derrick graduated from Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1996, after which he earned two more Master's degrees and a Ph.D. (2005) in anthropology from the Graduate School University Center of the City University of New York. His doctoral work was with street youth in Cuba, where he is also an occasional guest lecturer at the Protestant seminary. He has been a university professor, gym trainer, amateur boxer in the New York Golden Gloves, prison minister. He has lived and worked in New York, Boston, Kansas City, the District of Columbia, Costa Rica, and Cuba. He has published a number of articles and one book on medical anthropology and written two best-practice manuals (for the United Methodist Church) related to cross-racial ministry, multiculturalism, and community engagement.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

5/3	Erin Biddle	5/3	Kathryn Hannah
5/4	William Darling	5/4	Jane Zink
5/6	Phyllis and Larry Simpkins	5/7	Jerry Rice
5/11	Bill and Jane Dodd	5/11	Ethan Andrews
5/14	Sandy McNinch	5/16	Mary Beth Andrews
5/17	Colby Masias	5/18	Vicky Healey
5/23	Harry Otto	5/23	Bill Hufnal

May God bless you on your birthdays and anniversaries

If we missed anyone, please notify Judy Zingaro (302) 632-2877

Prayer List for Members & Friends of the Church

Please call Judy Zingaro - 302-632-2877 for corrections/additions or
email at revjudy@comcast.net

John, Jennifer and Judy Downs

Sarah Shepherd

Gary Cole – friend of Robin Hinderer

Betsy Stewart

Mary Johns

Henry Zargari – nephew of Jane Dodd

Barbara Moore – mother of Carol Skadsberg

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

Diane Oswell – Vicky Healey’s sister

Jane Zink – Westminster Village, room 208

Rose Mary Ressel

Roberta Klees – Kathy Hanebutt’s mother

Kim Schrantz – Cleah Muntz’s niece

Les Gallihue

Willard Irwin – Lyn Arnold’s colleague

Nick – Ileana’s nephew

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

Robbie Smith

Anita & Kolby Masias

Jim Caldwell and family

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 offering 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 during the month of May.

Please also feel free to post positive messages on the church’s Facebook page.

WORSHIP NEWS

Because we are not currently able to meet face to face to worship, many of our members are making opportunities available on Facebook and Zoom. Thank you to Paul and Kathy as well as Jim Caldwell, Serena Leiser and Warren Bouton for their contributions to our online worship experience.

Judy Zingaro

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Randal continues to work at the church during this time of quarantine. He has been maintaining the lawn and shrubbery, doing some painting around the building, making small but needed repairs, cleaning the floors, and other projects that present themselves as he goes about helping keep the church in good running order during this time of our absence.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Thank you to all of you who have continued to send in your tithes and offerings to the church. Although we are not using the building we do continue to have bills. Thank you also for your continued prayer support as well as your support of our online worship experiences.

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 so we can get the door unlocked for you.

Important Notes

1. We would like to concentrate our initial efforts on the main floor of the church so that we can have it painted.
2. 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.
3. 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 re-

mote discussion for the time being. Please text or call Jennifer at 302-535-2988 or email me at jenniferchildears@yahoo.com.

4. 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

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 June 2020 NEWSLETTER IS May 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 (Judy Zingaro 302-632-2877) (Office currently open on a limited basis)

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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	Sue Hunt - Mission and Outreach
Helaine Jones - Clerk	Serena Leiser - Pastor Parish Relations
Judy Zingaro - Diaconate	Mary Beth Andrews - Christian Education
Robin Hinderer - Facilities Management	Lyn Arnold - Finance
Paul Hanebutt - Music/Facilities Mgmt.	Kathy Hanebutt - Music, Missions