



People's to People

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The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover
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Our Revitalization Has Begun!

This past weekend, a church visioning and revitalization expert from the UCC guided us through a process that will launch People's Church of Dover into a new phase of faithful ministry!

On Friday evening, we broke into small groups to answer a series of questions: What kind of church is PCD called to become? What new ministries do we feel called to launch? How do we feel called to minister to members and friends, and how should we minister to our neighborhood? Do we want to remain in our current location, or should we build a new building elsewhere? How could we best use the resources that God has entrusted to us?

By Saturday lunchtime, we had whittled down our many possibilities to three "mission priorities":

1. Ministry to members and friends of the congregation. We will revitalize our programs of Christian education, faith formation, house churches, prayer groups, and we will revamp the sanctuary.
2. Ministry to children and youth. We feel called to resume and enhance our mission to help local children. This will include programs for after-school recreation, tutoring, and feeding. We also hope to have an athletic program for teenagers.
3. Ministry with our neighbors. We will enter into a new era of mutually nurturing relationship with the neighborhood. We know that ministry is never one-way; we have things to offer people in the neighborhood, but they also have much to teach us. So, we will help them through times of food and shelter emergencies, but most of all, we want to have real *relationships* with neighborhood residents.

On Saturday afternoon and again on Sunday afternoon, we talked about the ministries we envision, and the assets we currently have. The building needs an enormous amount of work, but a clear consensus emerged from our prayer and discernment: We are willing to use the resources God has entrusted to us, to make a building a solid, shining, attractive place of hope for the entire neighborhood. A community center perhaps, with a strong focus on Christian mission. The consensus was that our current location is a great asset, so we will stay put, refurbish the building, and become – once again – a place that *matters* in Dover!

Close your eyes and imagine the future of People's Church of Dover: a vital place for worship, prayer, fellowship, and Bible; a well-equipped People's Community Center to give young people a place to learn and grow into healthy adults; a shelter and food program to keep people alive while they rebuild their lives. What could be more exciting?!? It *will* happen! So, get ready: God is doing something BIG! All we need is to take that leap of faith and *trust*!

Visioning and Revitalization of People's Church of Dover

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
I. Visioning and Repurposing Launch					
II. Asset Mapping and Building Planning					
III. Strategic Planning and Ministry Design					
IV. Building Rehabilitation					
V. Launch New Ministries					
VI. Evaluation and Adjustments					

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Prayer List for Members & Friends of the Church

We rely on you to let the office know when members or friends have a special pastoral need. Reverend Hodge will be glad to call, write, or visit anyone with a particular concern. Call the office to let Sheila know about prayer list changes. Henceforth, names will be left on the prayer list for three weeks, and then removed unless you request that they remain.

- Barbara Moore – mother of Carol Skadsberg
- Claire Zaragoza
- Ms. Pat Hufnal
- Ricco Bonilla
- Paul Terranova – neighbor of Jim Caldwell
- Hannah Jones and her family – friends of Robin Hinderer

October Birthdays

Charles Boyer 10/12
 Betsy Stewart 10/18
 Randal Revay 10/21

Alexis Jones 10/12
 Jenna Clendaniel 10/20
 Alyssa Senato 10/28

WORSHIP NEWS

We have enjoyed worshipping in person in our sanctuary since July, 2020. We continue to practice social distancing and are beginning to see a few new faces. We continue to enjoy uplifting music, inspiring and challenging sermons, and the joy of seeing our church family face to face in the midst of these challenging times. We are seeing a few new faces and feel excited as we look to the future of People's Church with renewed hope and energy. We hope to continue to see new and returning faces in the future. If you are not able to safely join us in worship, the service is still available on YouTube.

Judy Zingaro

October Sermon Schedule

*As of today, this is what Dr. Hodge anticipates preaching about.
But the Spirit sometimes moves unexpectedly! A new problem or insight might arise at any time,
necessitating an adjustment of scriptures or titles.*

Date	Title	Focus Scriptures
4	The Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-17
11	Idolatry	Exodus 32:1-14
18	“I will go before you.”	Exodus 33:12-23; Isaiah 45:1-7
25	Sadducees and Pharisees	Matthew 22:34-46

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, Christian Education activities at the church continue to be on hold until it is safe to begin again. Continue to be safe and practice social distancing, as we anticipate exciting new things happening in our church.

MEDITATION

MEDITATION RETURNS!!

The meditation group will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30pm in the meditation room on the second floor (if we have more than 5 people, we will move to a larger location in order to keep the required distance). All are welcome! If you have never meditated before and are curious about it, please come. I will be happy to give you a brief introduction to meditation. We take a short time to relax and center ourselves and then do an easy guided meditation that lasts about 20 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact me. Serena Leiser 781-492-1478 or sleiser1@verizon.net. If anyone is interested in a morning group, let me know and I will set that up as well.

Blessings, Serena

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

"As we come into the fall, we have completed the first floor painting project. Still waiting to hear from the second and third window contractors to try to waterproof the basement windows. Much of the furniture has arrived for the re-furnishing of the Fellowship room. New drapes will be arriving shortly. Randal reports that with a few cool days already in our forecast, the boiler heating system is functioning fine. We will keep you posted. We are investigating video systems for the sanctuary. It is the hope that these systems will allow us to efficiently stream the services and other church activities to the Internet. We will continue to investigate those options. If you notice building issues that you feel need to be addressed, please write a note and leave it in the office with Sheila or Rev. Hodge.

Paul Hanebutt

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

It's time to pledge for your 2021 faith promise. We have exciting things happening. In October everyone is invited to the weekend seminar to focus on the future. As a reminder, the 25% club is encouraged to keep up the good work increasing your donation by 25%.

Thank you,
Lyn Arnold and the Stewardship Committee

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The church is in need of someone to take minutes at the Board of Trustee meetings. If this is something you are able and willing to do, please notify the church office.

We also need individuals who would like to serve as liturgists as well as provide flowers for the altar. Please contact Vicky Healey if you would like to serve as liturgist and Cheryl Goldsmith if you would like to provide flowers. Or you may contact the church office.

If you would like to volunteer to help with contacting our home bound members, please contact Jennifer Childears or Judy Zingaro for a list of individuals that you can keep check on during these difficult days. Please also consider helping the trustees as we continue the clean-up/clean-out in our building.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND LITURGIST SCHEDULE		
	FLOWERS	LITURGIST
Oct 4	Joe and Judy Zingaro	Cheryl Goldsmith
Oct 11	Lyn Arnold	Lyn Arnold
Oct 18	Glen and Jean Hitchens	Jim Caldwell
Oct 25	Jennifer Downs	Judy Zingaro

TRUSTEES

The Trustees continue to meet monthly to discuss matters that relate to the operations of the church. We have been blessed to not have anything of major concern.

We are looking for a permanent Clerk to handle meeting minutes and announcements. If you want to be “in the room where it happens,” then please reach out to Jennifer Childears.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers during these trying times. When we are on the other side of COVID, we will celebrate! Stay safe and healthy.

Jennifer Childears

****THE DEADLINE FOR the November 2020 NEWSLETTER IS October 23, 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 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 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
Dr. Randal Revay	Sexton	Robin Hinderer	Treasurer
Cheryl Goldsmith	Head Usher	Sheila Kay-Lawrence	Administrative Assistant

Board of Trustees

Jennifer Childears - Moderator

Vicky Healey - Clerk (Interim)

Judy Zingaro - Diaconate

Robin Hinderer - Facilities Management

Paul Hanebutt - Music/Facilities Mgmt.

Sue Hunt - Mission and Outreach

Serena Leiser - Pastor Parish Relations

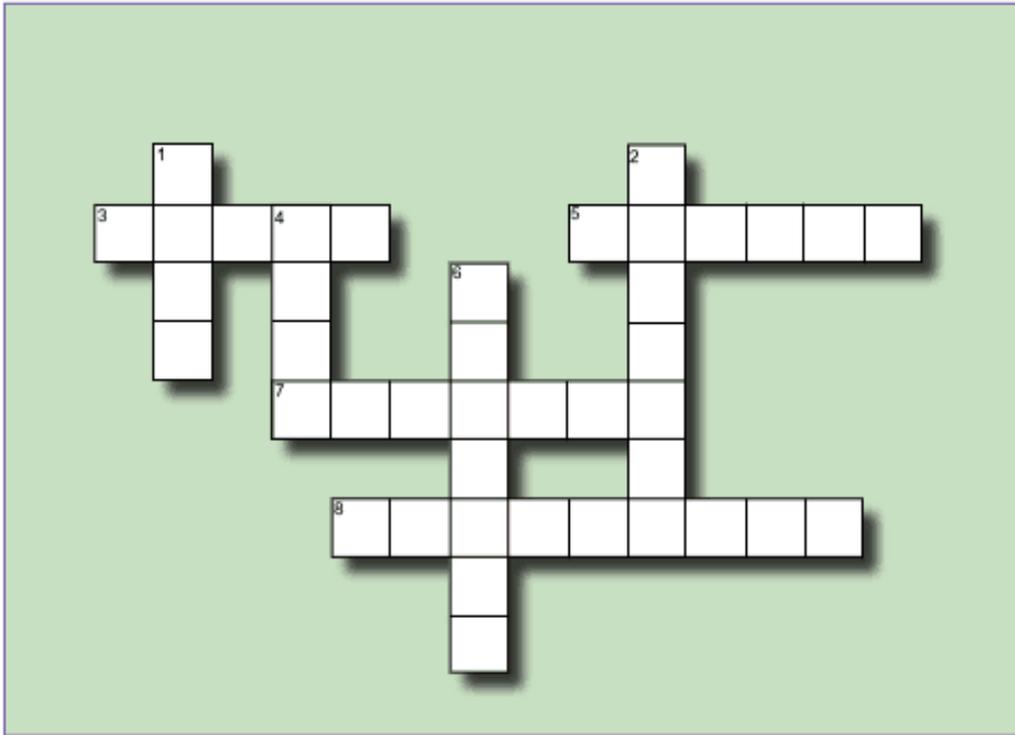
Mary Beth Andrews - Christian Education

Lyn Arnold - Finance

Richard Johnson - Management

Bible Crossword

Jesus Raised Lazarus From the Dead Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. Opposite of life
5. When she heard Jesus had come, she went to meet him.
7. Not sister, but _____
8. This group plotted to kill Jesus.

DOWN

1. Another word for "cried"
2. Jesus raised him from the dead.
4. Like a grave; where a dead person is placed
5. Village where Mary, Martha and their family lived

Quiz: Word Scramble



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORKSHEET

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WORD SCRAMBLE

1. XOEUDS: _____
2. EINEGSS: _____
3. TICLEVUIS: _____
4. EAEHNIMH: _____
5. HTSREE: _____
6. CTSESEECLIAS: _____
7. ASIIASH: _____
8. SUOHJA: _____
9. ICAMH: _____
10. IODBAAH: _____
11. EPIZNHAA: _____
12. GAGAH: _____
13. ZEAR: _____
14. BUMRNES: _____
15. OUMENOETDRY: _____
16. HUTR: _____



UCC POLITY SEMINAR FOR LOCAL CHURCHES
Friday, October 30, 2020, 6:00 - 8:00 pm and
Saturday, October 31, 2020, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

You are Invited!

**A seminar on UCC History, Theology and Polity
for Local Churches**

This 2-day seminar **sponsored by Heritage UCC** will explore these questions, *What is the **polity** of the UCC? Does the UCC have a **theology**? What do we believe? From where has the UCC come? How does our historical foundation inform who we are today and where we are going?*

The seminar will cover topics such as:

- * Covenant and covenantal polity within the United Church of Christ (UCC)
- * Past and present structure of the United Church of Christ
- * Patterns of accountability and autonomy in the various settings of the church
- * Theological documents and texts (e.g. Statement of Faith, Basis of Union, ecumenical documents, pronouncements of General Synod, etc.)
- * Creeds and confessions (“testimonies, not tests” of what is commonly held among us)
- * Origins, development, significant documents, major events, important persons in the four primary constituent traditions (Congregational, Christian, Evangelical, Reformed)
- * Selected other traditions and/or groups within the UCC
- * Founding of the United Church of Christ
- * Developments in the United Church of Christ from 1957 to the present

Please join us:

Friday, Oct. 30 at 6:00 - 8:00 pm **and** Saturday, Oct. 31 at 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Rev. Audrey C. Price, Ph.D., Associate Conference Minister and UCC Polity Instructor

If you have any questions please contact Dorothy King by cell 410-627-1638, or email dorothyking@msn.com.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)