



People's to People

The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover

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Mapping Our Progress

This congregation has an awful lot going on! But not everything happening is visible, yet. Some folks may start wondering when the changes will begin. When are we finally going to start the major construction, we have been talking about for years? What about the ministry with children that we have been exploring with the United Way? Whatever happened with the new basement toilets, showers, and laundry rooms? Some folks are tired of waiting!

I have a few exciting announcements, and one *mea culpa*. The *mea culpa* is that I was too ambitious when constructed a timeline last fall. Everything is taking far longer than I thought it would! But that does not mean that progress has stopped. Here is what has happened in the last month:

- On Tuesday, 20 April, the City approved the permit to allow us to continue the construction downstairs! The work resumed the very next day. It will take several weeks to complete, after which we will begin a mid-week program of offering showers, toilets and laundry to the homeless. Hooray!
- You will notice spray paint and flags on the grass of our lawn. This paint marks underground utilities, and is necessary for the engineers to construct plans for the new storm pond and drainage system. By the end of summer, we will have new basement windows and a system to redirect the rainwater that now pours into the basement.
- We now have a complete set of engineering and architectural drawings for the major construction work to make the building ADA compliant (elevator, new restrooms, interior reconstruction, new HVAC, electrical, and plumbing). It has taken us four years to get to this point, but we finally see the results!
- We have identified a potential source of *major* funding, so the congregation may not have to spend its endowment to do this construction. The Trustees have decided to delay construction until we can explore this possibility. This will mean an additional six months delay, but it is *well* worth it because it may be worth as much as \$500,000 to us!
- In the meantime, we are full-steam ahead with improvements to our internally focused ministry: significant sanctuary improvements, new Bible study plans, and a Trustees' initiative to re-engage with former and straying members. All this is great, great stuff!

The Pastor's message is continued on the next page.

Here is a revised timeline for Phase One of our revitalization work (2021)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ministry to Members and Friends												
Sanctuary Improvements												
New Bible Studies												
Re-Engaging Relationships												
New Pastoral Care System												
Ministry to Children and Youth												
Learning Pod (afternoon tutoring)												
Youth Recreation Program												
Ministry with our Neighbors												
Winter Homeless Shelter												
Mid-Week Showering and Laundry												
M-F Summer Meal Program												
Spiritual & Psychological Counseling												
Building Improvements												
Painting and Wall Repair												
New Basement Facilities												
New Stormwater Drainage System												
New Signs and External Flags												
New Administrative Systems												
Banking, Accounting, Investments												
Office Procedures, Software, Equip.												
Major New and Renewed Partnerships												
Central Atlantic Conference												
UCC Church Building and Loan Fund												
Two Local Ministerial Alliances												

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Plans for Phase Two of our revitalization work (2022)

Launch the People's Community Center!!

Ministry to Members and Friends

- Establish a network of house churches

Ministry to Children and Youth

- Evaluate, enhance, and intensify our ministry with local children and youth
- Launch the People's Center for Children and Youth

Ministry with our Neighbors

- Launch the People's Center for Returning Neighbors (anti-recidivism)

Building Improvements

- Major constructions of elevator shaft, new ADA-compliant restrooms, and HVAC system
- Restoration of Bell Tower

Membership



Prayer List

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. Names will be on the prayer list for three weeks, unless someone requests that they remain.

- David Dubuque – Friend of Rod & Pat Thompson
- Michele Davis – Daughter of Bill Hufnal
- Jeff and Judy Reed – Members
- Pat Hufnal - Member
- Tony Bucco – Father of Jennifer Childears
- Judy Smith and family – Friend Robin Hinderer
- Claire Zaragoza – Friend of Bill & Joyce Darling
- Denise Hoffert – Sister of Cleah Muntz
- Karen Trittenbach – Sister of Cleah Muntz
- Patricia M. Bartley – Friend of Paul Hanebutt
- Mark Goforth – Son-in-law of Serena Leiser

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 05/03 – Erin Biddle
- 05/03 – Kathryn Hannah
- 05/04 – Joan Conrad
- 05/04 – William Darling
- 05/06 – Larry & Phyllis Simpkins
- 05/07 – Jerry Rice
- 05/11 – Ethan Andrews
- 05/11 – Bill & Jane Dodd
- 05/14 – Sandy McNinch
- 05/16 – Mary Beth Andrew
- 05/17 – Colby Masias
- 05/18 – Vicky Healey
- 05/20 – Joyce Darling
- 05/23 – Bill Hufnal
- 05/23 – Harry Otto
- 05/27 – Alyssa Middleton-Hall

Worship



We are enjoying worshipping in person as we practice social distancing and other safety measures. We celebrated Holy Communion on Easter Sunday, April 4, as we welcomed a nice crowd to worship. We also welcomed and recognized some of our Code Purple guests in worship in April. In May we will be celebrating Holy Communion on Mother's Day. Great care continues to be taken to ensure that our worship experience as well as the celebration of the sacraments, is as safe as it is spiritually uplifting. Worship continues to provide opportunities to enjoy uplifting music, and inspiring and challenging sermons, enhanced by the addition of the new screens in the sanctuary and an improved Wi-Fi system that enables life streaming of our services. And there is always the joy of seeing our church family face to face in the midst of these challenging times. As changes continue to happen in our church 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 being live streamed on Facebook or taped for later viewing on YouTube.

Rev. Judy Zingaro

	Flowers	Liturgist
05/02	Lyn Arnold	John Downs
05/09	Cheryl Goldsmith	Lyn Arnold
05/16	Cheryl Goldsmith	Serena Leiser
05/23	Glen & Jean Hitchens	Judy Zingaro
05/30	Barbara VanSant	Warren Bouton

Scriptures and Sermons		
2 May	Serena will preach and choose the text.	
9 May	1 John 5:1-6	How to Obey
16 May	John 17:6-19	The "Name" of God
23 May	Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost
30 May	John 3:1-17	The Trinity

Trustees



Imagine, if you will, that you are on the main drag in your town with family and friends waiting for the annual 4th of July Parade to come down the street. There are children laughing, your engaged in conversations and waving to your neighbors sitting across the street. The air is warm and electrified. There is a feeling of anticipation in the air. Then the police office waves the last vehicle through and blocks off the street. Parents gather their children and conversations wind down. You think you can hear the faint rumbling of the motorcycle escorts and maybe even the rhythmic cadence of the marching band's drum line. The excitement builds as you look down the street and see the lights from the police motorcycle. The parade is starting! The parade is starting! You get up on your feet and are ready to see all the floats and bands and fire trucks come by.

That excitement, that anticipation you feel when the parade starts is where we are now at People's Church. We know what's coming down the road and we can see the start of it. It hasn't made its way front and center, but the first lights can be seen.

The basement transformation will be the first "float" of our revisioning parade. We expect it to be completed and operational this summer, giving those in our neighborhood a safe place to wash their clothes and clean off with a warm shower.

Major projects are coming. Their start dates are a little further down the parade route, but we're excited for them just the same. I hope you will be with me when they get to the head of the line!

Jennifer Childears

Administration

- The June newsletter deadline is May 27.
- Folks *got to* tell Sheila about event days & times!

Who We Are

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.

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Staff

Rev. Dr. G. Derrick Hodge, Pastor
Kathy Hanebutt, Organist
Dr. Paul Hanebutt, Choir Director
Dr. Randal Revay, Sexton
Sheila Kay-Lawrence, Administrator

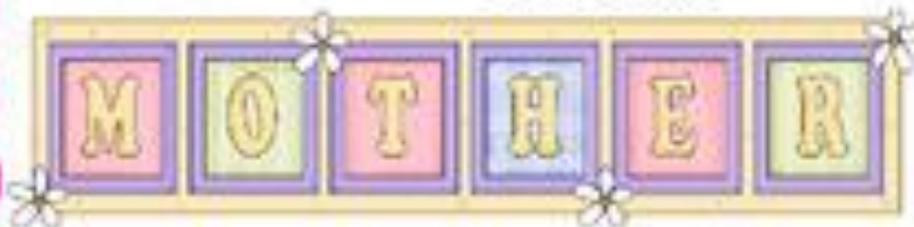
Board of Trustees

Jennifer Childears - Moderator
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Vicky Healey - Clerk (Interim)
Serena Leiser – Pastoral Relations
Judy Zingaro - Diaconate
Mary Beth Andrews - Christian Education
Robin Hinderer - Treasurer
Lyn Arnold - Finance
Paul Hanebutt - Facilities Management
Richard Johnson - Management



Mother's Day Word Scramble #2

1. SWMOID -----
2. EMHROT -----
3. EOVL -----
4. FEOLRSW -----
5. CPAITPAERE -----
6. ROHTMADENRG -----
7. ETRNPA -----
8. RHHCEIS -----
9. OHORN -----
10. NNIKDSSE -----
11. OMM ---
12. YILAMF -----



Flowers For Mom

Here are seven pretty flowers you could give your mother on Mother's Day. The names are scrambled. Can you straighten them out and answer the riddle?

1. PUITL

1

4. SAERT

4

2. OESR

2

5. CIDHRO

5

3. YIADS

3

6. FAFDDLIO

6

7. CTNROIANA

7

Ronaldo's Mom has four children. The first is named April, the second May, and the third June. What is the name of her fourth child?

5 2 7 4 1 3 6