



People's to People
The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover
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Under the Bell Tower

The Celebration of our Redemption

April 12 is Easter Day this year. There will be movies on television about the life of Christ, coverage of the Easter services in Rome and Jerusalem, special services on TV from various Protestant sources, a "spring break" from school, Easter Egg hunts all over town, chocolate bunnies to your heart's content, Easter cards, Easter emails, new warm-weather clothes to wear to church—big doings. It's almost as if the meaning of the celebration is the celebration itself.

The celebration of Easter is, for Christians, a great symbol containing many lesser symbols, all pointing to the Christian gospel message—that in Christ, God has forgiven our sin, renewed our hope, provided us an example of humanity, and has begun Eternal Life already. Palm Sunday Jesus was greeted wildly by the people as he rode into Jerusalem, and then drove the merchants out of the temple courtyard. Maundy Thursday Jesus met with his disciples in an upper room where he instituted the Lord's Supper as a memorial and prepared them for his death. Good Friday Jesus was led through a series of trials that brought him to a severe lashing and then his execution by crucifixion by the Roman garrison. Easter Day God raised Jesus from the dead, a promise to us all that our lives, too, are more than three-score-and-ten—that God intends for us the quality of Eternity itself.



Come celebrate our redemption with your sisters and brothers at People's Church of Dover.

-Dan

PEOPLE'S CHURCH CENTENNIAL EVENTS: MAY 17, 23 & 24

Sunday May 17 – The Centennial Celebration Begins

- 10:00 AM** - Worship: guest preacher, The Rev. Patricia Barth, Assoc. Conference Min.
- 11:15 AM** - All-Church-and-Guests Covered-Dish Luncheon in the dining room
- 12:00 Noon** - Opening of the 1909 Cornerstone
- 4:00 PM** - Memorial Concert by the Delaware Choral Society (tickets required)

Saturday May 23 – The Centennial Celebration Intensifies

- 5:30 PM** - Catered All-Church-and-Guests Dinner (tickets required)
- 6:15 PM** - "A Little History Goes a Long Way"

Sunday May 24 – The Centennial Celebration Reaches Its Peak

- 10:00 AM** - Worship and Holy Communion
The Rev. George Higgins, guest preacher
- 11:15 AM** - Photography Session of everybody in front of the church
- 11:30 AM** - Formal Replacing of the 1909 Cornerstone newly stuffed with memories

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH
MARCH 31, 2009**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$216,390
Income Weekly	4,161
Budgeted Income to Date	53,085
Income Received to Date	52,775
Budget Expenses to Date	- 60,243
Net Difference	\$ - 7,468

ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

	2008		2009	offerings
03/02	108	03/01	96	2,372.50
03/09	104	03/08	111	4,231.50
03/16	121	03/15	116	3,252.50
Maundy Thurs. 36		Transfer		15,000.00
03/23	187	03/22	127	4,843.50
03/30	<u>122</u>	30/29	<u>141</u>	<u>2,389.50</u>
	678		591	\$32,089.50

April Birthdays

04/01	Joshua DODD
04/02	Zackery PARKER
04/03	Casey POLASKO
04/04	Shelby COLE
04/06	Casey JAYWORK
04/07	Wesley WOODRUFF
04/08	Sarah HASTINGS
04/10	Christopher HANE BUTT
04/10	Craig L. LINDSEY
04/13	Allison SMITH
04/18	Constance BIDDLE
04/20	Carolyn LEWIS
04/21	Julie LEWIS
04/15	Ava SHRADER
04/23	Debra COLE
04/24	Dorothy BIDDLE
04/28	Erin McCLEARY
04/29	Abby BOLLER
04/30	Susan Smith SHANER
04/30	Barbara MOORE

If we missed anyone, please notify the church office to get your name on the list.

May God Bless You on Your Birthday



PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

- Mary Alice Bailey** – dealing with cancer.
Christine Hopkins – had knee-joint replacement surgery April 1.
Fred Hotchkiss – recuperating at home after a re-injury of his knee
Ginny Read – home after weeks of physical therapy at Jefferson-Magee Hospital in Philadelphia.
Laura Ryan – in chemotherapy for cancer of the spleen.
A.J. Senato – recuperating at home from spinal-cranial surgery.
Jan Waite – Calvin's wife is struggling with cancer.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

- Drexel Biddle** – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.
Leon "Buddy" Carter – Brenda Polasko's brother: COPD.
Eichelberger family – Allbees' friends: several medical problems.
Casey Garcia – Friend of Jane Dodd, in treatment for respiratory problems.
Bill Henry – Dodds' friend suffering from advancing Alzheimer's Disease.
Lucille Horsey – Carol Skadsberg's friend.
Sue Leonard – Cleah Muntz's sister: pain from spinal deterioration.
Chloe Niehorster – Jackie's granddaughter in NJ: mauled by a dog.
Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.
Martin Zagari – Sue Dodd's uncle, hospitalized for cranial tests.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

- Faye Denkenberger** – friend of Marie Clement.
Mary Ford – Betsy Stewart's friend.
Janice Harnish – friend of Bill Hufnal in South Dakota.
Michelle Hill – Sue Dodd's cousin.
Barbara Jackson – Cleah Muntz's cousin.
Howard Killian – Angela Downs' father.
Gordon Minner – friend of Jeff and Judy Reed.
Charlena Murdock – Reeds' friend in South Carolina.
Christina Neustad – Betsy Stewart's niece.
Diane Nickelson – friend of Brenda Polasko.
Lillian Schrantz – Cleah Muntz's sister-in-law.
Robert Sisson – Jeff Reed's friend, home after improvement, but very weak
Judy Smith – Phyllis Simkins' niece.
Michele Stevenson – friend of the Allbee family.
Jean Stulir – friend of Lyn Arnold: has 3 small children.
Ethan Williams – 7-yr.-old friend of Hotchkiss family.
"Ann Marie" – friend of the Allbee family.

Deborah VanNess – friend of the Allbee family.

DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

Sp. Adam Conard – Joan Conard's grandson: Army: to Iraq.

Darlene Casebeer – Cleah Muntz's niece: Air Force: to Iraq.

SYMPATHY

The church's sympathy is expressed to Sally Childears and her family in the death of her father **James Childears** following a stroke.

SYMPATHY

The church's love and sympathy are expressed to Elaine Ewing and Barbara VanSant in the death March 24 of their cousin **Emily Thompson** in a traffic accident on Route 10.

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of our church is extended to Chris Rumbley and his family in the death of his grandmother **Ida Coker** March 24 after a fall.

STORK ALERT !

Congratulations to David and Nadia Hitchens on the birth of their fourth child, a daughter, **Maliha Sarah Hitchens** who weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce when she was born March 16 in Richmond, VA.

Congratulations to Jena Pearce and George Joseph LaRock, IV on the birth of a daughter, **Ava Christine LaRock** born on February 18, 2009 weighed 6 lb. 1 oz. Grandparents are Valerie and Duane Woodard, Great-grandmother Barbara VanSant.

Congratulations

To Erica Zingaro and Tom **Opalecky** in the birth of a son **Ethan Thomas** on March 27th.

Holy Week Schedule

April 5 – Palm Sunday – palms but no Communion

April 9 – Maundy Thursday –

12:05 PM – Final Organ Concert in this season

7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 10 - Good Friday – 12:00 N --

Ecumenical Service at Christ Episcopal

April 12 – Easter Day –

10:00 AM – Service of Holy Communion

11:00 AM – Easter Egg Hunt (south lawn):

everyone is invited to watch the children.

Thank you !

A special word of appreciation to everyone who has responded to the Diaconate's call for "White Paper Gathering." Your acts of faith have strengthened your church and confirmed the belief of the congregation in

meeting in December when we approved a budget beyond dollar and cents probabilities. Love acts. Thank you.

THANK YOU NOTE

From

Kids Wish Network

Dear Rev. Griggs;

Thank you so much for your church's generous donation. Wish granting would not be possible without people like you. You are a part of making Ta'Kiyah's dream come true.

Many Wishes,

Megan Bieleck

Wish Fund specialist

Saturday April 25: WE ARE THE HOSTS

As part of our church's centennial, we will host the Chesapeake Association Spring Meeting on 4/25. The choir will sing during the devotional service. The program will be a video presentation by ACM Rev. Patricia Barth on Boundary Issues as they relate to laypersons. People's Church is going to put on a real Delaware welcome with a wonderful luncheon. We need volunteers to help with the meal (to be served at 12:45), to set up and take down the dining room. If you can help, please sign the **VOLUNTEER SHEET** on the bulletin board, or call or email the church office (674-4177 peopleschurchdover@verizon.net)

Members Home-Bound or in Long-Term Recuperation

During this Lenten season, our home-bound members would appreciate contact from members of their home church.

At the Heritage of Dover

Howard & Thelma Lewis

At Green Valley Pavillion

Betty Tomlinson

At Silver Lake Center

Helen Singleton

At Westminster Retirement

Monti Bowen

Hazel Clendaniel

Kathryn Coverdale

Don Griffith

Mary Reed

At Home

Mary Alice Bailey

Ed & Dorothy Cox (in Jacksonville)

Irene Hufnal Deamer

Leonard Guth

Daisy Hill (at Rick's)
Louise Moore
Ginny Read
Rose Mary Ressel
Dale Stewart
Fred Stites
Adolf Weissenfluh

**45th Annual Meeting of the
Central Atlantic Conference**

June 12-14, University of DE, Newark

Theme:

"Save the Rock—Lord lead us to greener pastures."

Registration information and business items will soon be available on the conference website:

www.cacucc.org

Please contact us with your email address so that we can inform you when items are available:

1-800-441-1965

ajones@cacucc.org

We look forward to seeing you there.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW

Men's Breakfast – 3rd Thursday each month, at
the Countrie Eatery on N. State Street.

April 16th

BOARD OF DIACONATE

**Celebrating 100 Years at Peoples Church
of Dover**

Come Celebrate May 17, 2009

Guest speaker Rev. Patricia Barth, ACM

Cornerstone Removal

Cover Dish Luncheon

Choral Society Concert

May 23, 24, 2009

Special Speaker Rev George Higgins

Quests Speakers

Special Services

Catered Banquet

View History Display (do you have anything
to display)

Plan to Attend

Notice

Please if you were married in People's Church we would like to have you bring in your Wedding picture to display and be scanned to be placed on a CD to be put in to the Cornerstone for the next anniversary.

PLATES

The Commemorative Plate is here. The Price is \$20.00 each! We would like to have them all picked up and paid for ASAP as we have

30 days to pay the bill and these monies upfront will be very helpful. Contact Louise Warfield or Cynthia Hotchkiss in the office

Thank You!!!

Your response to the White Gathering was great! The Church received Toilet Paper, Napkins, Paper Towels, miscellaneous items and a box of business sized Envelopes. At this time we are in good shape with what we received. We may have to do this again at a later date.

We are still in need of Business sized envelopes and Reams of Copy Paper if you happen on to a sale pick some up and bring to the Office

The next Diaconate meeting will be April 19, 2009 at 11:10 AM.

Our Church's Website

Have you looked at our church's website lately?

www.peopleschurchofdover.org Special thanks to Elinor Baker for all the work she puts into her job as our webmaster.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On Sunday, April 5, after the worship service, the Board of Christian Education is sponsoring an OPEN HOUSE IN THE GEORGE KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, on the landing above the church nursery. We will be there to welcome members and show them how easy it is to use our church library. We have new book plates, to identify donated books and their donors,

and the board will use this time to insert these book plates.

The board will be hosting the last of the Lenten Suppers, on Wednesday, April 1. We will again serve our famous tomato soup, cheese, crackers, fruit and dessert supper.

The EASTER EGG HUNT will take place this year, AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE, ON EASTER SUNDAY. We hope all will join us on the South Lawn, as our youngsters search for colored eggs. And...as a surprise, I believe there will be a visit from someone special. Thanks to Cheryl Goldsmith and our youth leader, Jennifer Myer, for their leadership of this event.

The Board of Christian Education thanks the entire congregation for its support of classes and activities this year. We wish everyone the joy and love that the resurrection and the Easter celebration brings to us!

The Youth Group met for the second time on February 14, and the kids decorated placemats for the patients' meal trays, at Bay Health Medical Center. They talked about how to show love without using words. They will be getting a list of children with illness from Al Du Pont Hospital, so our youth can include them in prayers. Their next meeting, in March, will be an outing to Chuck E Cheese. Check the Youth Bulletin Board or with leader, Jennifer Myer for details.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 12. The nursery will be open, and school-age children are encouraged to attend the worship service with their parents. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place, in the church yard, after the worship service this year. We expect a larger turn-out at this time, and the members of the congregation will have the opportunity to see this fun and exciting activity. Cheryl Goldsmith will be the leader, and I am told that the "Easter Bunny" will make an appearance.

The Adult Class enjoyed a discussion of Science and Religion, led by the Reverend Courtney Mys. We thank her for her willingness to share her ideas and lead the discussion. The March class will be March 29, after worship, and the topic will be the History of People's Church, a prelude to our Centennial Celebration.

The next meeting of the Board of Christian Education will be March 8, after the worship meeting.

Jean Hitchens, Chairperson

Youth Group 2009 Children Ages 6-11

Purpose: **To create a group that not only teaches children about Jesus, but also involves them in**

community service and social activities that reinforce His teachings.

Mission Statement: **Teach children to incorporate the lessons of Jesus into their own lives through community service and social activities.**

The Youth Group will meet on Sat., April 11 from 10-12. We will be doing a special Easter craft and discussing the Easter story.

There will be a Vacation Bible School meeting on April 19 after service. Anyone interested in volunteering for this year's program please plan to attend. If you are interested and cannot attend, please call Jennifer Myer at 734-5107.

Jennifer Myer, Youth Group Director

BOARD OF FINANCE

New to the George Kent Memorial Library:
Dave Ramsey Total Money Makeover
Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Revisited
Dave Ramsey More Than Enough
Learn how to live on a budget, get out of debt and serve the lord.
The best gift you can give your family is to live debt free.

ACTS OF FAITH

When we approved the 2009 church budget we included as income some special gifts and offerings we all can make through the year to fulfill the church's obligations. The "White Paper Gathering" sponsored by the Diaconate is one specific Act of Faith. For other opportunities, please see the easel display in the narthex.

ACTS OF FAITH received to date are

\$100.00	Stamps for office
500.00	Where needed
85.00	Repair Office Equipment
100.0	Open checking acct. for van
100.00	Copy paper for office
<u>50.00</u>	
\$935.00	

WHITE ITEMS RECEIVED to date are

Copy paper - 2 reams
Bathroom Tissue - 4 bundles
Paper Towels - 3 bundles
Envelopes - 1 box of 500
Plastic forks & spoons - 1 box each
Paper table cloths - 3

Thank you so much for everything.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management has not met since the last newsletter submission and will be meeting after service on March 29th. In the interim, the board has been working through contract proposals through emails. The board is entertaining several proposals for projects associated specifically with the Centennial Celebration, although these project would likely need to be done in the long term anyway. The most important being the support of the balcony in the anticipation of a large crowd. Along with this, the walls which the balcony ties into may be sagging or leaning. We have contracted with a structural engineering firm to give us their expert analysis. The sanctuary was repainted and repaired for any cracks or chipping. Any touch-up areas may need further work and the board will discuss this at the next meeting. The board is discussing how best to show the two stained glass windows (which are in storage) with other Boards and members of the church. This includes a possible plan for a permanent display of the windows, not just for the Centennial Celebration. As always, the board welcomes any input and if you should have questions or concerns, please contact BJ VanKavelaar (Chair) or any other member.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

The **100th Anniversary Cookbooks** will be going to the publisher on the 30th of March. They are expected to arrive by the 2nd or 3rd week of May. The cookbook is filled with 208 recipes contributed by 41 individuals. The cost of the cookbook will be \$20.00 and is filled with color pages that highlight recipes, church history and dedications. If you would like to reserve a copy of the cookbook please contact the church office or call Sue at 302-423-6049. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will help benefit the 100th Anniversary Celebration and our Local Ministries.

The Board of Mission and Outreach would like to invite everyone to join us on May 2nd at the People's Church Booth during Dover Days in Downtown Dover.

We will once again be sponsoring a booth, with tables that you can sit and eat lunch at and watch the crowds. This year we have changed our menu and will be serving the renowned People's Church Chicken Salad.

Please be sure to tell your families, friends and co-workers to come out and enjoy some good old fashioned "People's Church Chicken Salad" at the People's Church Booth on May 2nd in Downtown Dover.

There are also flyers available at the church for anyone that would be interested in displaying one at their place of business.

We are also looking for help making the Chicken Salad and working the booth through the day. Please call Sue at 302-423-6049 if you would be interested in making the Chicken salad dressing, cutting up chicken and mixing

the salad, or working the booth during Dover Days. This is a big job and our small board needs some help. Thanks for taking this into consideration.

I am pleased to report that the Men's Emergency Shelter has received support from local churches to enable them to continue serving the homeless men of Dover longer into the year. Although all the Church sites have been established, there is still some need for Church hosts. I would like to offer to host the week of June 1-8 and am reaching out for volunteers. We would again need breakfast casseroles cooked, frozen and donated for breakfasts as well as dinners cooked and served for 7 days for approximately 30-35 men.

I have been blessed to have the opportunity to use our new van to transport the shelter guests from the intake center to the church sites on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and have therefore enjoyed learning more about their lives and in turn being more grateful for my own. If you can possibly help in anyway during this week of hosting, I encourage you to do so. It is a very fulfilling experience. If you are interested in helping from cooking a pot of corn to serving dinner for an evening, please call Sue at 302-423-6049. I very much appreciate the support for this an all of our mission activities.

Sue Hunt, Board of Mission and Outreach

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

We have received \$720.00 so far for the O G H S offering. Thank you for your generous donations to such a good cause.



Food Bank Sunday is April 5th. The items needed this month include **Beef Stew, Spam, Applesauce (cans), Jello, small boxes, and any other non-perishable items.** All donations will go to **Holy Cross Samaritans Food Bank.** Thank you for your kind donations, they are greatly appreciated. People's Church is asking that all checks be made payable to the **People's Church of Dover**, so that one check can be given to the designated Food Bank for that month. Thank you for all your generous donations.

There are folders provided in each **pew hymnal rack containing Food Bank envelopes.** Your donation can be put in the collection plate on any Sunday.

Thank you for your kind donations to the **First Baptist Church Food Bank** for the month of March. There were 60 food items donated and \$40.00 collected. All gifts were given to the **First Baptist Church Food Bank** for the month of March. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.

Sue Hunt and Ruth Harris
Board of Mission & Outreach

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

04/05 Joy Hall
04/12 Easter Lillies
04/19 Sarah Hastings
04/26 Irene Hufnal Deamer

Liturgist

04/05 Betsy Stewart
04/12 Craig Lindsey
04/19 Courtney Mys
04/26 Phyllis Tarburton

Greeters

04/05 Rich & Kathy Kashmar
04/12 Frances & Earl Clinton
04/19 Rich & Kathy Kashmar
04/26 Sandy McNinch

Ushers

04/05 Mary Beth Goldsmith
Cheryl Goldsmith
Richard Merriwether
William Wharton

04/12 B J VanKavelaar
Dave VanKavelaar
Ann Lewis
Art Lewis

04/19 Louise Warfield
Betty Wharton
William Wharton

04/26 Karl Swift
Kathy Kashmar
Rich Kashmar

Sermons & Scriptures

April 05 **"Hosanna Hey-sanna Sanna-sanna Ho"**
Psalm 118:1-2, 21-29; John 12:12-16

April 9 **"Guests at Christ's Table"**
First Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:20-25
Service of Tenebrae and Holy Communion

April 12 **"The Good News"**
Isaiah 25:6-9; John 20:1-18
Holy Communion

April 19 **"A Bullwhip in His Hand"**
Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

April 26 **"God, a Snake and the World"**
Number 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

Women's Fellowship

Our guest at our meeting of March 4th was from the State Department of Justice and spoke to our members about identity theft, a very timely topic!

The pancake supper for Shrove ("Fat") Tuesday, Feb. 24th, was successful and a wonderful opportunity to work together and build fellowship.

For our May luncheon trip, we will visit the new De. Hospice Center and De. Veterans' Home in Milford and then enjoy a lunch at the Georgia House.

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 6th at 12:30pm. Nancy Guth will lead us in a special Easter program.

Our meetings are always open to everyone...not just women of the church!

The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a spring luncheon tour. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will visit the **new De. Hospice Center and De. Veterans' Home in Milford** and then enjoy a lunch at the Georgia House. We will be carpooling from the church parking lot at 10:45am on Wednesday, May 6th. Please call Jean Hitchens or BJ Van Kavelaar if you would like to attend so we can make reservations for lunch.

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)

Thank you to all who helped with our Easter program. We served 48 families, 140 children, with baskets, bunnies and goodies.

We are currently accepting gently used spring and summer clothes. We particularly need the larger sizes (XL, 2X etc.) and teen clothing. We will accept furniture, small appliances, kitchen items, linens, gently used board games (with all the pieces included) and always need cleaning supplies, paper products, personal hygiene items, and gifts for teen birthdays.

Our office hours are every Tuesday, 10 am - 2 pm; the first Wednesday evening of each month, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm and the first and third Saturday of each month, 10 am - 12 pm. We are always looking for volunteers to help sort and hang gently used donations that come into our warehouse next to Jonathan Landing Golf Club house. Please feel free to come by any time.

If you are interested in helping or know of any teens or college students who need hours of community service, we would be happy to have their help as well.

Thanks again for all your support.

Fran Clinton and BJ Van Kavelaar

Dorothy Gooden Memorial

Sunday, April 5th at 3:00 PM, the Kent County SPCA will conduct a dedication service for the new SPCA building named in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Gooden. Rev. Griggs has been asked to participate in the ceremony as a representative of People's Church. The SPCA address is 32 Shelter Circle off Willow Grove Road (Route 10 W.). Mrs. Gooden left a sizeable bequest to the SPCA at her death November 16, 2007. All are welcome.