



People's to People

The Newsletter of the People's Church of Dover

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Under the Bell Tower

Ouch! It's Eastertide

Easter is not just one day. Easter, or "Eastertide," is a season in the church's year: it begins on Easter Day and continues for seven weeks until Pentecost Day (this year from April 4 until May 23). The Gospels include a number of stories about Jesus' disciples during this time and the different ways in which they met the Risen Lord and came to realize that God had liberated him from death. Jesus walked with two disciples from Jerusalem to Emmaus and stayed for supper, and "was known to them in the breaking of the bread." He came to ten of them in the upper room in Jerusalem, and Thomas (who was absent) didn't believe them; so the next week he came among them when Thomas was present. He met them on the shore of Lake Galilee and prepared a meal of fish and bread for them—this was when he confronted Peter for his denials, and told John that he would live to great age. And the fortieth day after Easter is Ascension Day—a commemoration of Jesus' assumption into the realm of God—into Eternity. During this forty days Jesus had been teaching his disciples what they had not been ready to learn before his crucifixion. And ten days after the Ascension, as the twelve disciples were gathered in the upper room, the Holy Spirit moved among them like a fire and gave them the church's mission into all the world.

Lent has been the season of self-review and correction. Eastertide is the season of spiritual growth and new openness to what Christ has to say to you. Don't just put Easter Day behind you and return to "the way we always are." Embrace the spiritual disciplines of Eastertide—the disciplines of inward growth, of new insights, of learning to wait for God's next move in your life and then stepping out to embrace it.



There's a professor of Youth, Church and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean, who will be teaching a week-long study in Wisconsin in June: "Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling the American Church." She says that today's church youth perceive the mainline church as teaching and living "a benign whatever-ism," and that they seek a passionate spiritual life. Glancing at the ads for her seminar made me say, "Ouch!" Eastertide is here: time to listen for what God is up to, and then get with it.

-Dan

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH
MARCH 31, 2010**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$200,100
Income Weekly	3,848
Budgeted Income to Date	56,077
Income Received to Date	58,966
Budget Expenses to Date	<u>- 58,845</u>
Net Difference	\$ 121

ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

	2009	2010	offerings	
03/08	111	03/07	110	2,387.12
03/15	116	03/14	110	2,987.66
03/22	127	03/21	115	3,347.06
03/29	<u>141</u>	03/28	<u>162</u>	<u>15,045.51</u>
	495		497	\$23,767.38

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
04/30	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

- Sylvia Latourette** – recuperating from a fall at home.
Barba Merriwether – in chemotherapy.
Cameron Ridgeway – progress at A. I. DuPont Hosp.
A.J. Senato – waiting after spinal-cranial surgery for re-assessment.
Adolf Weissenfluh – hospitalized for back pain.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

- Drexel Biddle** – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung.
Tom Bullard -- Kevin Gilliam's brother-in-law, on the kidney transplant list.
"Buddy" Carter – Brenda Polasko's brother: COPD.
Sally Childears – our Sally's mother is recuperating from knee-joint replacement surgery.
Bill Henry—Dodds' friend with Alzheimer's Disease.
Lucille Horsey – Carol Skadsberg's friend.
Sue Leonard – Cleah Muntz's sister: pain from spinal deterioration.
Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.
Tom Rice – Jerry's brother in PA.
Jean Tilley – Billie Boehmer's mother in PA, diagnosed with Lewie Body Disease.
Debbie Yates – friend of Pat Thompson, many issues.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

- Melanie Giangrant** -- friend of Judy Reed.
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.
Diane Nickelson – friend of Brenda Polasko.
Lillian Schrantz – Cleah Muntz's sister-in-law.
Donna Stanley – friend of Bill Hufnal, breast cancer
Michael Williams – 12-year-old grandson of Pat Thompson's friend.
Tracy Zlock – Phyllis Tarburton's niece recuperating from breast cancer surgery.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: HELP !

The Central DE Habitat for Humanity invites you to a gathering Saturday, April 17, 10:00 AM, at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, to learn about Habitat and how to get involved. A project for this spring is already in the works, and workers are needed. If you are interested in attending the April 17 meeting, please let Rev. Griggs know right away, so he can tell the leaders how many of our people will be coming.

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Erica Richard** on her being selected Teacher of the Year at East Dover Elementary School.

New Church Sexton

Welcome to our new church Sexton, **Mr. Randal Revay**. Mr. Revay will be working a limited number of hours: to help us use those hours effectively, please present any requests for his services to the Board of Management chairman Mr. Cal Waite, to Mrs. Hotchkiss, or to Rev. Griggs.

SYMPATHY

The church's sympathy is expressed to David VanKavelaar and his family in the death of his sister-in-law, **Margaret "Peg" VanKavelaar** after a fall in Wilmington.

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The church's sympathy is expressed to Maisha Britt and her family in the death of her brother **Retired Bishop Henry L. Dorrah** on March 18, in Bethlehem, PA.

SPECIAL THANKS

to everyone—a very large number of both adults and youth—who set up, cooked, served, cleaned up, and dealt with stopped-up toilets and oppressive heat for our **Spaghetti Dinner** March 28. It was a great crowd who came to eat and enjoy each other's company. Thanks to everyone!

Chesapeake Association Spring Meeting

Saturday April 17: 11 AM – 3 PM

Our regular representatives are unable to attend, so we have openings for anyone interested in the fellowship of 24 UCC churches in our Association. Please contact Rev. Griggs so he can send in a count for lunch.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY **AN INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM**

The **April 25** Adult Learning Opportunity will be an introduction to Islam led by two Muslims.

Mashoor Awad, a native of Jordan, is a businessman in Delaware. He has been in America for 25 years and is well respected in the community. Accompanying him will be **Sheikh Abdulhadi Shehada** from Egypt, who is an imam (spiritual leader) of the Islamic Society of Delaware, Masjed Ibrahim mosque in Newark. The program will begin at 11:15, after the worship service, with a light lunch. The presentation will last about 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

Give to the UCC Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund

If you would like to give specifically for Haiti, Church World Service provides the highest possible percentage of your gift to the people for whom you give. Here are three ways you can give for Haiti.

1. Online www.ucc.org, click on the link, use credit card.
2. Check to People's Church of Dover, marked "Haiti Earthquake Relief," and place it in the offering.
3. Send check to "Wider Church Ministries" marked "Haiti Earthquake Relief," to *OGHS Haiti Relief, Wider Church Ministries, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115.*

DIACONATE FUND

The Board of the Diaconate is the committee in People's Church that oversees worship, fellowship, evangelism, and some of the benevolence. The fund used for benevolence to individuals and families who run into a financial crisis in their utility payments or rent, and travelers stranded in Dover, is called the "Diaconate Fund." There are standards governing the certification of need when Diaconate funds are spent. Last year at this time there was \$3,000 in the Diaconate Fund, and as you can imagine, most of it was used. We retained about \$500 to keep the fund alive until we could rebuild it. During November and December the Diaconate Fund received about \$100. With winter upon us and unemployment still high, needy people qualified to receive our help will have to be turned away, *unless you help*. Please give what you can to the Diaconate Fund. In your box of offering envelopes, at the first of each month there is an offering envelope marked "Communion Offering." What you place in that envelope goes into the Diaconate Fund to serve the needs of the poor. Won't you help!

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion on Sunday April 4th.

Men's Breakfast
Thursday April 15
8:00 AM at the
Countrie Eatery

BOARD OF DIACONATE

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

The Board of Christian Education wishes all a most joyous Easter! On Easter Sunday, after the worship service, there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all children on the south lawn of the church property. All are encouraged to watch, take photos, and enjoy the hunt. Children are asked to bring a basket, bucket, or bag with them. There will be no Sunday School, but the nursery will be open. I heard, via the grapevine, that the Easter Bunny will make a visit to the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks, in advance, to Cheryl Goldsmith and family, and to Sally Childears for their help with this event.

Again, our Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success! We served 105 people, and the profit nears \$700 for our church's many missions. A special thanks to Chris Senato and Dave Van Kavelaar, our chefs and to the other 20 adults who helped in this effort. We had the help of our youth, 15 of them, as servers, ticket sellers, salad and dessert servers, and "cheese boy and girl". A hearty thanks to all!

The Adult Learning Opportunity will next meet on Sunday, April 25, after the worship service, where our guest speaker will be Mashoor Awad, the Muslim representative to Dover's Inter-faith

Council. Dan knows this man from the council, and Mashoor is prepared to present to the class a brief introduction to the religion of Islam. Please come to meet and greet this speaker and learn about this faith. As usual, we will serve a light lunch before the program.

Sunday School will end for the spring on Mother's Day, May 9, since the following weekend is Nascar Race weekend in Dover. We will formally recognize and thank our Sunday School staff on May 23.

The next Board of Christian Education Board meeting will be April 18, after the worship service.

Jean Hitchens, chairperson

Youth Group 2010 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.

Jennifer Myer, Youth Group Director

BOARD OF FINANCE

Dear members and friends of People's Church

Jesus is the reason for the season. This phrase is often used at Christmas time. We celebrate Christ's birth and we are humbly grateful at Easter. Christ hung tormented on the cross for our salvation.

Please look deeply into your heart when you contemplate your Easter Offering this year.

The Easter offering contributes to the operation of the church. The members voted to allocated 1% of the estimated income to this offering. That works out to about \$25 per person. Can you give \$30 or more?

The congregation of People's Church continues to be very generous with their time, talents, and treasures. Thank you for your personal generosity.

Christ is Risen!

The Stewardship Committee

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board is happy to announce and welcome Randall Revay as the new church Sexton. Mr. Revay will be able to work the hours desired by the board. Please remember, this is a part time position with many responsibilities to take care of. The Sexton will be reporting directly to the board and the church office.

The church roof repairs were much more extensive than originally estimated and the north

side repairs will continue. Afterward, the south side roof will be evaluated. Roof repairs may near \$10,000 which is almost double what was budgeted. The sanctuary walls may take as long as 6 months to dry out after the roof is repaired. At that time, the walls will be repaired and repainted.

The board is currently gathering bids for many small jobs around the facility. Some of these are electric and some are structural repairs. This includes basement window grates, the bell tower gates, the Narthex doors, and securing a new contract for the heating and a/c service. A few board members are in the process of learning the intricate details of the bell tower chime operation. Dr. Harry Otto is currently the only person who knows the operation and the board thanks Harry for his long-standing commitment and assistance in training others.

If you should have questions or concerns regarding any part of the facility, please contact one of the board members. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 11 following the service.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The offering for One Great Hour of Sharing totaled \$1,183.00. Thank you for your donations.

Board of Mission and Outreach



Food Bank Sunday is April 4th. 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 \$60.00 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

04/04	Lilies
04/11	Joy Hall
04/18	Sarah Hastings
04/25	W F

Liturgist

04/04	Mary Johns
04/11	Joan Caulk
04/18	Jennifer Myer
04/25	Courtney Mys

Greeters

04/04	Bill Hufnal
04/14	Ginny Read Sandy McNinch
04/18	Cheryl Goldsmith
04/25	Cheryl Goldsmith Ginny Read

Ushers

04/04	Karl Swift Cheryl Goldsmith Bill Hufnal Phyllis Tarburton
04/11	Karl Swift Cheryl Goldsmith

04/11 Richard Merriwether
Bill Read

04/18 Louise Warfield
Ann Lewis
Art Lewis
Karl Swift

04/25 Karl Swift
Sandy McNinch
Bill Read

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Call Sandy McNinch at 538-6646.

Sermons & Scriptures

April 4 "What Can You See"
Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12
Holy Communion

April 11 "A Sanctuary for Meeting God"
Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-31

April 18 "To See This God-Enchanted World"
Psalm 104; John 21:1-19

April 25 "The Shepherd's Psalm"
Psalm 23; John 10:22-30

YOGA ANYONE?

IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A ONCE-A-WEEK FREE YOGA CLASS AT PEOPLE'S CHURCH FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS THIS WINTER, PLEASE GIVE CINDY HOTCHKISS, IN THE CHURCH OFFICE, YOUR NAME AND NUMBER. IT WILL BE ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION AND EASY, NON-STRESSFUL STRETCHING.

Women's Fellowship

New Curtains in the dining room

Thanks to Marion DePue who donated the curtains and the rods and to Phyllis Simpkins who refitted the curtains and hung them.

Thanks to both Women!!

The ladies gathered on Monday, March 1st for a presentation on Fire Safety in the Home by Sharon Passwaters from the State Fire School.

RADA cutlery and more are still available. Please see one on the members to order.

Members met on Saturday March 13th to prepare the kitchen for our delayed "Fat Tuesday" pancake supper which was rescheduled for an after service brunch on March 14th. This was a big success as we served approximately 75 people. If you missed it, you missed a great brunch.

Our next **meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5 at 12:30pm.**

Women's Fellowship sponsors trip to Longwood Gardens - Wednesday, May 5th - Reservations required! Everyone is welcome to attend.

In 1906, Pierre S. du Pont purchased the Peirce Arboretum to save its trees from being cut for lumber. Over the next nearly half century, Mr. du Pont developed Longwood Gardens into what it is today, a magnificent horticultural showplace. We invite you to visit **Longwood Gardens**, which now encompasses 1,050 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows. Enjoy over 11,000 types of plants, more fountains than any other garden in the US, educational and visitor programming, and over 400 performances

a year. Longwood Gardens welcomes visitors traveling in groups by offering discount admission rates to groups of 15 or more ticketed individuals. **Adults:** \$12; **Seniors (ages 62+):** \$11. Wheelchairs (\$4) and electric scooters (\$15) are available for rent on a first come, first serve basis.

Longwood Gardens presents its first major exhibition, ***Making Scents: The Art and Passion of Fragrance*** on view from April 10 through November 21, 2010. An intersection of flora, fashion and science, this exhibition will transform the Gardens' gemlike Conservatory into a museum for the senses. Experience the actual plants and flowers behind iconic perfumes, explore the mysterious power of the sense of smell, discover the unique combination of creative artistry and intricate science behind perfume composition, and have the opportunity to compose a basic fragrance at the *Make Your Own Fragrance* stations located in the Music Room.

The exhibition is divided into four major sections: *Into a Fragrant World*, *The Art of Perfume & Fragrant Gardens*, *The Science of Fragrance*, and *Your Fragrant Garden*. Longwood's conservatory and gardens will overflow with nature's fragrant plants and flowers and as a focal point, an 18-foot tall sculptural trellis in the shape of a perfume bottle has been specially crafted. The exhibition will continue to engage the senses throughout the grounds of Longwood Gardens with outdoor plantings for visitors to see, touch and smell. More than 260 different Genera of aromatic plants and flowers have been added specifically for the exhibition, joining more than 5,500 types of plants from around the world already housed in the historic conservatory.

Making Scents: The Art and Passion of Fragrance also will explore the sense of smell and how scent molecules send signals to the brain that trigger moods, emotions and memories. The interpretation of scents can

guide actions, influence behavior and affect feelings. The exhibition will describe the biological processes of smell, including how olfactory neurons in the nose are stimulated by approximately 10,000 different odor molecules. Human beings are instinctually hard-wired to respond to smell, but individual reactions to particular scents can be experiential, based on culture and personal experience, such as the sweet and spicy scent of cinnamon evoking joyful memories of family gatherings, or the potent fragrance of lilies acting as a poignant reminder of a loss.

If you would like to attend, please make your reservation by April 25th with Cindy in the office; BJ Van Kavelaar

(697-9426) or Phyllis Simpkins (653-7561). Make checks payable to Longwood Gardens so we can purchase tickets ahead. We will plan to take the church van.

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)

As Easter comes early this year, we packed 154 baskets for our Easter program. Each child under 13 will receive a basket filled with small toys, etc and some candy. Children 13-18 received a chocolate bunny and a token gift. 154 baskets were packed and distributed during the last week of March.

We are currently accepting children's gently used and new clothes; 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. No adult clothes please.

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

CENTENNIAL GROUP PHOTO

There is one group photo left if anyone is interested with purchasing it call the office. It is a 7.5" X 24" mounted & sprayed, ready for frame - \$70.00.

Your Church on the Internet

www.peopleschurchofdover.org

webmaster: Elinor Baker

www.chesapeakeucc.org

our local UCC association

webmaster: Rob Cox

www.cacucc.org

Central Atlantic Conference

www.ucc.org

National Setting: United Church of Christ

→ www.ucc.org/news

denomination's magazine: United Church News

www.iucc.org

web community and Twitter contact

www.ucc.org/disaster/swine-flu.html

information & resources about the H1N1 virus