



People's to People
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Under the Bell Tower

A Day of Prayer on Maundy Thursday—April 21

For Maundy Thursday this Lenten Season the Diaconate is planning a special devotional experience that can be for individuals, for a couple, a family, or another small group. This will be our Maundy Thursday Communion for 2011: a **Day of Prayer**.

The **chapel** will be arranged for this devotional experience. There will be a small circle of comfortable chairs around a **table**. On the table will be a candle, Bibles, some Lenten reading materials, and the **Communion elements** of bread and wine.

Several weeks ahead of Maundy Thursday a **schedule** will be posed for people who want to participate to **sign up** for **half-hour segments** of time in the chapel. You may come alone, with a spouse or partner, with your family, or with a small group of friends. You will have the chapel to yourself, to read, to pray, to meditate on the meaning of Jesus' ministry, cross and resurrection. If you wish you can light the candle as a symbol of your prayers. A Communion liturgy will be available, so you can receive the bread and cup in communion with all those who will participate in this day of prayer.

The **Day of Prayer** will **begin at 5:00** on Thursday morning, and go without interruption **until 7:00** Thursday evening—fourteen hours. **You will not be alone** in the building: a deacon will be present to watch the door, to keep the half-hour schedule on time, and to simply be present during the dark hours.

If you are unable to come to the church, you may phone the church office and have your name placed on the sign-up sheet for any half-hour you want. Then during that time on Maundy Thursday you may devote a half-hour to scripture and prayer in your own home. So you, too, can participate.

It is the hope and prayer of the Diaconate and of your Pastor that this Day of Prayer on Maundy Thursday will be a sustaining experience of the Christ-presence at this Easter season.

-Dan

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH MARCH 31, 2011
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Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$201,208	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	3,869			
Income Received				
Income members		35,294.78	31,207.77	-4,087.01
Income savings		20,000.00	20,000.00	00.00
Expenses to Date		-53,177.00	-60,138.96	-6,961.96
Net Difference		-2,117.78	-8,931.19	-11,048.97

ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

	2010	2011		offerings
03/07	110	03/06	105	3,271.50
03/14	110	03/13	95	1,666.57
03/21	115	03/20	109	1,885.80
03/28	<u>162</u>	03/27	96	<u>1,945.50</u>
	497		405	\$ 8,769.37

March Birthdays

04/01	Joshua DODD
04/02	Heather ALLBEE
04/02	Deborah KNEPP
04/03	Casey POLASKO
04/04	Shelby COLE
04/06	Casey JAYWORK
04/07	Wesley WOODRUFF
04/09	Linda ALLBEE
04/10	Craig LINDSEY
04/11	Phyllis Simpkins
04/13	Allison SMITH
04/14	Olivia RUDIS
04/18	Connie BIDDLE
04/20	Carolyn LEWIS
04/21	Julie LEWIS
04/23	Debra COLE
04/23	Jeanne TRIBBITT
04/24	Dorothy BIDDLE
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

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

04/03	Shirley Hawkins
04/10	Robin Hinderer
04/17	Sarah Hastings
04/24	Lilies

Liturgist

04/03	Vicky Healey
04/10	Joan Caulk
04/17	Jim Caldwell
04/24	Jennifer Childears

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters

04/03 Cynthia Hotchkiss
04/10 Cheryl Goldsmith
04/17 Cheryl Goldsmith
04/24

Ushers

Calvin Waite
Bill Hufnal
Sandy McNinch

Sermons & Scriptures

04/03 **"A Narrow Escape"**
Exodus 14:10-16, 21-22 ; Matthew 7:13-14
Holy Communion

04/06
04/10 Brenda Polasko
Andy Polasko
Keith Kreisher

04/10 **"Discernment"**
First John 4:1-4; Matthew 7:15-20

04/17 Sandy McNinch

04/17 **"Here Comes the Judge"**
Isaiah 62:10-12; Matthew 21:1-17

04/24

04/24 **"He Keeps Coming Back"**
Acts 1:1-5; Matthew 28:1-10
Holy Communion

Keith Kreisher

Sandy McNinch
Keith Kreisher



The Prayer List for Members & Friends of the Church

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Earl Clinton – has been in Kent General Hospital again with severe spinal pain: tests.

Mary Johns – recuperating at home after a fall and broken hip repair.

Sylvia Latourette – limited to her home with spine and hip problems.

Jim Miller – undergoing aggressive radiation at Johns Hopkins for lung cancer.

Betty Reznak – in Silver Lake rehab. After a bad fall.

Cameron Ridgeway—home from A. I. DuPont Children's Hospital after a trach infection.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

Drexel Biddle – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.

Leon "Buddy" Carter – Brenda Polasko's brother: COPD.

Dawn Elliot—friend of Lyn Arnold, going through difficult times just now.

Rev. Kevin Gilliam – hope that he may regain some of his sight.

Gretchen Goulet – friend of Jane Dodd, has Lupus and a bone disease of the spine.

Evelyn Gubbs—Phyllis Tarburton's mother recuperating from a heart attack Feb. 15.

Sue Leonard – Cleah Muntz's sister: pain from spinal deterioration.

Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.

Jean Tilley—Billie Boehmer's mother in PA: Parkinson's Disease and increasing Dementia.

Don Williams – Shirley Hawkins' brother-in-law in great pain with a crushed vertebra.

Debbie Yates – friend of Pat Thompson.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Shawn Carhart – Jennifer Childears' nephew in New Jersey.

Tom Ciampa – friend of Bill Hufnal.

Mrs. Terry Craig – friend of Kathy Hanebutt

Mary Ford – friend of Betsy Stewart

Melanie Giangrant -- friend of Judy Reed.

Barry Helbert – neighbor of Bob and Shirley Hawkins.

Howard Killian – Angela Downs' father.

Joy Lindsay – Cynthia Hotchkiss' niece.

Gordon Minner – friend of Jeff and Judy Reed.

Lillian Schrantz – Cleah Muntz's sister-in-law.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Andrew Dennison – Marine deployed to Afghanistan, Joyce Warrington's nephew.

Tom Opalecky – Air Force, deployed to Afghanistan, Zingaros' son-in-law.

A Note from Frances and Earl Clinton

We were home and doing pretty well getting around for almost 3 weeks. Earl is back in the hospital with a similar infection and we are waiting for the doctors to make a decision to replace his pacemaker and lead wires. Thank you all so very much for your cards, calls, visits, flowers, and most especially, your prayers.

SYMPATHY

The church's sympathy is expressed to Betsy Stewart and her family in the death of **Dale Stewart** on March 19th, of complications from pneumonia. A private service of interment was held March 25 at the Veterans' Cemetery in Sussex County. A **memorial service** open to all will be conducted at People's Church on Saturday May 7.

SYMPATHY

The church's sympathy is expressed to **Rev. Kevin Gilliam** and his family in the death of Kathy's younger brother on March 20th suddenly.

THE FIRST RESTORED STAIN GLASS WINDOW

is now in place on the west wall of the Fellowship Room, and the restoration artist has the second window to restore. The congregational approval to restore and display these hundred-year-old windows included the invitation for anyone who would like to make all or a portion of a window into a **memorial for loved ones**. For further information about this, please see Fred Hotchkiss, who is overseeing this project.

NOON LENTEN ORGAN CONCERTS

will continue each Thursday at 12:05 until 12:35, during Lent and Holy Week. This is the ninth year of our church's sponsorship of these Lenten Concerts, which are organized and developed by Philip Betts. Remaining performers are:

April 7	-	Kathy Hanebutt
April 14	-	Ellen Harbeson
April 21	-	Philip S. Betts

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: APRIL 17

We now have six confirmands participating in Confirmation Classes this Lenten season. They will confirm their personal faith during the worship service on Palm Sunday.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES will again be hosted at Christ Episcopal Church. This is the traditional, one-hour service of Word and Devotion. The service begins at noon. All are welcome.

SPECIAL THANKS TO SUE HARRIS-HUNT for getting us organized to provide meals for the Homeless Men's Shelter March 21-27. And thank you to all who participated in this good work. The kitchen at the new shelter house is in the final stages of construction, ready for city inspection. Sue not only serves as our church's liaison with the shelter, but also serves on the shelter's board of directors.

SPECIAL THANKS TO JERRY RICE for putting together the new Introit Song Booklets. Now instead of having many half-sheets of paper stuffed in the hymnals, our church will have our Introit words (many of which were written, along with the music, by Paul Hanebutt) available in booklets and easier to manage.

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

The church office will be closed all day on Good Friday and on Easter Monday—April 22 and 25.

LENTEN STUDY

The 2011 Lenten Study, Wednesday evenings at 6:00, will be reading Brennan Hill's book 8 Spiritual Heroes: Their Search for God. This study has the potential to be the most compelling of our Lenten serieses for several years. The book is available at a discount in the church office.

BIBLE STUDY – Sunday evenings at 4:00, every other Sunday:
April 10 – First John 4:1-4 and Matthew 7:15-20

LIGHT YOGA

Our church's light yoga sessions have begun for the year. The class meets in the church gym at 5:00 on Thursday afternoons. Participants are asked to make a \$20 contribution to help with the utility costs. Everyone is welcome

CHURCH VAN MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is interested in riding to worship and back home each Sunday in the church van, OR if you would like to volunteer as a van driver for this ministry, please call the church office and let us know. The Van Ministry began on November 21, so everything is in place to respond to your call.

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Thursday April 21st.
at the Countrie Eatery

BOARD OF DIACONATE

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

We are in desperate need of friends to donate just a few minutes on Sunday mornings greeting fellow congregants and/or ushering. It really doesn't require coming to church much earlier than you normally would and, while this service is priceless to God and your Peoples Family, it costs you nothing. Please find it in your heart and schedule to volunteer. Pick an open slot on the sign-up sheets in the rear of the sanctuary, call the church office, or contact Sandy McNinch.

Peoples Thanks You and God Bless You!

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

There are many Christian Education activities and opportunities for everyone at People's Church this spring!

Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 3, 4:30-6:30PM. Advance tickets are \$7.00/Adult; \$4.00/child under 12, with children under 3, free. Tickets on sale in the church office or from a Sunday School student. Tickets \$1. more at the door. This dinner supports our church and our youth group.

Easter Sunday: the Easter Egg Hunt for children will be immediately after church on the South Lawn. Children need to bring a basket or bag for gathering goodies. The Easter Bunny is coming! There will be a special Liturgical Dance presentation at the beginning of the worship service, under the leadership of Jennifer Childears. Thanks, Jennifer!

Adult Learning Opportunity: On May 22, after a light lunch, there will be a presentation from the area's Baha'i community, which should be interesting and informative.

Confirmation Class: there are 6 confirmands, who are attending classes, led by Reverend Griggs. These students will be confirmed on April 17, Palm Sunday.

Youth Group: a Movie Night is planned for an evening in May, more information to follow.

VBS: We will be joining with Wesley United Church this year for a joint VBS, the last week of June. Mark your calendars now!

Sunday School teachers will be recognized for their commitment, during the worship service on May 22. The next CE board meeting will be April 10.

Jean Hitchens, chairperson

Youth Group 2011 -- 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.

Hello everyone. This note is to let you know about some upcoming Youth Group events. On Sunday, April 3rd we will be having a spaghetti dinner. The youth are welcome to participate by helping serve guests and "bus" (clean up) the tables. If your child is coming and has long hair, please pull the hair back into a pony tail. No loose hair is allowed while serving. The dinner starts at 4:30.

On Saturday, April 16th, we will color Easter Eggs to give to the Homeless Shelter. The time will be from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. If you are participating, please bring at least 6-12 hard boiled eggs ready to color. I will provide the color kits and other materials.

There will be a dinner and movie night sometime in May. I have not yet determined the exact date but most likely it will be the Friday after Mother's day. This is a great "date night" for the parents and a good time for the kids. I will post more information when I finalize the plans.

I hope everyone is planning on attending Easter morning services. There will be a Liturgical Dance to start off service and an Easter Egg Hunt (for all the children of the church) after service. The Easter Bunny will be making a special appearance at the hunt.

Enjoy your week and as always, if there are any questions or comments, please let me know.

Jennifer

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The board most recently met after the service on March 27th. We anticipate the roofer to be back working in the near future, and this will allow the south interior wall to be repaired and repainted much like the north wall of the sanctuary. The board has begun discussion about upgrading the sound system within the sanctuary. Currently, only two of the four headphones work, and ideally a wireless and digital system would allow expansion in the future for other components as needed (i.e. digital video recording of the services). Our recent oil delivery cost more than anticipated so the board has decided to switch over to gas and compare prices to this time last year for the cheapest energy usage.

There have been many minor repairs that have taken place over the past few months including rehangng doors, repairing weather-stripping, and carpet repairs. Unfortunately, the buckle in the rear of the sanctuary is caused by a flooring issue and is not the carpet. The carpet will need to be cut out and the floor fixed to remedy this situation. The board has been gathering samples (color/design) and bids for replacing the Women's Fellowship room floor -- which is really coming apart now. We will work with the Women's Fellowship to settle on bids as the color and design is selected. If you have any concerns for the board, please contact one of the members. The next meeting of the board is scheduled for April 17th following the service.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

What is One Great Hour of Sharing?

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries.

Nine Christian denominations work together to develop common promotional materials and sharing ideas, costs and a commitment to faithful service. Each denomination receives and manages its respective OGHS offerings.

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, April 3rd, 2011.

Board of Mission and Outreach
Sue Harris-Hunt and Mary Johns



Food Bank Sunday is April 3rd. 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 **First Baptist Church 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 **Holy Cross Samaritans Food Bank** for the month of February. There were 60 food items donated and \$20.00 collected. All gifts were given to the **Holy**

Cross Samaritans Food Bank for the month of February. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.

Sue Hunt and Mary Johns -- Board of Mission & Outreach

Women's Fellowship

Instead of the Fat Tuesday pancake supper, the WF members served 55 people at a brunch after worship service on Mar.6th. We made \$276.25. We would like to do it next year on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday (4/19/12).

A suggestion was made to sell tickets in the narthex after church when we have a pending event so we catch parishioners going out the main exit. And to charge an extra \$1 for tickets purchased at the door instead of in advance.

We set a date of Sunday, 9/18 for the "slice is nice" sale of pies and cakes..

Board of Management is refurbishing the WF room with new floor, curtains, etc. and would like our input on colors and textures. The refurbished stain glass window is hung.

Members voted to serve a pancake and sausage supper to the homeless men. Dave Van Kavelaar and Chris Senato to cook.

Members voted to change our spring trip from the Cheesecake Factory to **Hagley Museum**. They have tours and lunch available. (\$8-10 and \$12-15, respectively). We must have 15 for a separate tour. Admission is \$9.

Our next meeting will be April 4th at 1pm. We will have a special guest speaker from the U of D Extension Service regarding Healthy Eating Out. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Plan to Enhance Communication and Care Continues with Phone Tree, E-mail Alerts, More

Last year the Women's Fellowship launched initiatives to enhance care, communication, and timely notice of significant information. We thank the 38 members who submitted the communication surveys that are a key part of this project.

Soon we hope to make increased use of phone trees, email alerts for those who desire, our website, and other methods to increase our ability to share information and the qualities of our church.

Of course, the WF's successful ministry of prayer shawls, blankets, and quilts will continue as another way to reach out to the sick and bereaved or to celebrate baptisms, etc.

Accomplishments:

We are glad to report progress in these areas but urge you to be patient and understanding as we try these new approaches and make any needed improvements.

1. **PHONE TREE:** We've devised a phone tree which branches from Rev. Dan Griggs/church office/Cindy to the church moderator. The moderator then contacts the heads of all major boards. Those board members will each call one full page of names in the 2011 church directory.

Main proposed purpose: Urgent alerts about a highly significant situation.

2. **EMAIL ALERTS:** These will be used with those who submitted email addresses in the recent survey in bulletins and newsletters.

Purpose: For less urgent concerns and/or to underscore, add details to, or update info shared by phone. (If a member lacks email, of course, phone calls will be attempted.)

3. **PRAYER CHAIN:** This is still in development. Rev. Griggs will continue to receive prayer requests as usual for now. For those who agree to be prayer chain links or prayer leaders, Rev. G. has offered to hold a brief training on intercessory prayer.
4. **WEBSITE:** We **are** adding photos and setting plans to make our site more frequently used, up to the moment, and as user-engaging as possible.

5. **FUTURE PLANS:** We will continue to work on guidelines for use of the above.

What can members do now?

1. **Survey?** If you have not done so, please complete the green communication survey in the next 10 days. Surveys are available on the table behind the back pew in the sanctuary. Note questions on both sides.
Also, if you can't get to church, contact Cindy at 674-4177 for ways to get a copy if you missed it in past bulletins or newsletters.
2. **Info?** If there is church-related information that needs to be communicated rapidly, please continue to let Dan and/or Cindy know.
3. **Join in:** Please participate in opportunities to bring us closer in friendship, fellowship, and knowledge of each others' needs, celebrations, and concerns.
4. **Contribute:** Please share your ideas and talents about ways to further this care and communication project. Technology skills are especially helpful.

The Communication Committee members are Phyllis Simpkins, WF pres.; Suzanne Kreisher, Jean Hitchens, Betsy Stewart, and Pat Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Thompson

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)

We are currently gearing up for our Easter Program for which each child will receive a basket of goodies (not just candy, but small games, books, etc).

We are accepting gently used and new spring and summer children's clothes; furniture, small appliances, kitchen items, linens, toys and 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. Two men and a truck have volunteered to pick up and deliver large furniture items for our client families.

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

APRIL, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NA & AA meetings	2 11 AM – Confirmation Class 1 PM C.O.D.A.
3 Holy Communion 4:30 – 6 PM Spaghetti Dinner	4 1:00 Women’s Fellowship DE Music School NA & AA meetings	5 DE Music Sch AA meeting	6 DE Music School NA & AA meetings 6:00 Lenten Study	7 12 N - Organ Concert 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	8 NA & AA meetings	9 11 AM – Confirmation Class (makeup) 1 PM C.O.D.A.
10 10: Welcome New Members 11: Diaconate meeting 4:00 Bible Study	11 De Music School NA & AA meetings	12 DE Music Sch AA meeting	13 DE Music School NA & AA meetings 6 PM Lenten Study	14 12N - Organ Concert 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	15 NA & AA meetings	16 11 AM – Confirmation Class 1 PM C.O.D.A.
17 Palm Sun. 10:00 Confirmation Sunday 11:15 Coffee Trustees & Finance 11:15 Mgt. Meeting	18 DE Music School NA & AA meetings	19 DE Music Sch AA meeting	20 DE Music School NA & AA meetings	21 Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil 8 AM Men’s Brkfst 12 N Lenten Concert 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	22 NA & AA meetings OFFICE CLOSED	23 1 PM C.O.D.A.
24 EASTER Holy Communion	25 DE Music School NA & AA meetings OFFICE CLOSED	26 DE Music Sch AA meeting	27 DE Music School NA & AA meetings	28 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	29 NA & AA meetings	30 1 PM C.O.D.A.
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1 No Communion	2 DE Music School NA & AA meetings	3 DE Music Sch AA meeting	4 DE Music School NA & AA meetings	5 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	6 NA & AA meetings	7 Memorial Svc. For Dale Stewart 1 PM C.O.D.A.
8 Last day of Sunday School Mother’s Day	9 DE Music School NA & AA meetings	10 DE Music Sch AA meeting	11 DE Music School NA & AA meetings	12 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	13 NA & AA meetings	14 1 PM C.O.D.A. RACE WEEKEND