



People's to People
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Under the Bell Tower

THE PROFESSOR AND THE POLICEMAN

The President said that he hopes the incident in Cambridge, in which a city policeman arrested an African American who is a professor at Harvard, when he was entering his own home—can become for America “a teachable moment.” That means that everybody gets reminded that the issues of race in America have not been resolved, and we need to grow toward a more just society in this regard. Our denomination sent out the call last year for UCC churches to lead the way in a “Sacred Conversation on Race.” I preached a sermon on it, wrote a newsletter article about it, and some members carried the issues with them to the work-place.

Rodney King famously asked, after a police beating in Los Angeles, “Can’t we all just get along?” Maybe we can, but evidently not yet. Even the VOCABULARY of race relations is complicated. In the most recent literature and discussion the word “racism” is used to talk about society, not about individual attitudes. The individual who lives out a negative attitude toward people of another race is certainly “prejudiced,” but s/he is not “racist,” because an individual cannot be a “racist”—it’s the society that is or is not “racist.” So when the reporter asked the Cambridge police officer if he is a “racist,” the reporter was asking the wrong question. Is that complicated enough?

Here are some more complications. Latin American individuals and families are moving to the United States in large numbers: most do so legally. Hmm. And: Arab Muslim individuals and families are moving to certain large cities in America and buying or renting property in their own neighborhoods: a second generation of Arab Americans is in its teen years. Hmm. The “mixing pot” theory of immigration no longer works: people keep the cultures, languages and ideas of their old countries; and yet they become legal citizens of the United States. Hmm.



Racism happens because a culture says of “those people” that “they are not like US.” Racism ends when the “US” grows larger. What needs to happen in our society is an “out-witting” of both individual prejudices and cultural blockages, as Edwin Markham wrote in his poem “Outwitted”:

He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win
And we drew a circle that took him in!
We need a bigger “US.”

-Dan

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH
JULY 30, 2009**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$216,390
Income Weekly	4,161
Budgeted Income to Date	122,275
Income Received to Date	111,027
Budget Expenses to Date	- 124,317
Net Difference	\$ -13,290

ATTENDANCE FOR JULY

	2008		2009	offerings
07/06	68	07/05	73	2,573.27
07/13	78	07/12	78	1,464.00
07/20	84	07/19	76	2,333.00
07/27	<u>99</u>	07/26	<u>90</u>	<u>2,371.00</u>
	327		317	\$ 8,744.27

August Birthdays

08/02	Art LEWIS, Jr.
08/03	Terry JAYWORK
08/04	Debra WOODRUFF
08/04	Kristin Warfield HANNAH
08/05	Betty REZNAK
08/08	Paul HANE BUTT, Jr.
08/08	Wyatt HOTCHKISS
08/11	Rebecca BROOKS
08/12	Howard LEWIS
08/13	William READ III
08/16	C. Fred STITES
08/16	Linda PARADEE
08/19	Florence TRESSLER
08/19	Nancy GUTH
08/22	Lyn ARNOLD
08/22	Lauren CAULK
08/25	William SATTERFIELD
08/28	Jane DODD
08/29	Billie BOEHMER
08/31	Michelle CAULK

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

Thorpe Caldwell – recuperating from cranial surgery.
Marshall Downes – in treatment for lime disease.

Barba Merriwether – undergoing tests at Johns Hospins Hosp. for a lump

Mary Reed – cardiac arrhythmia.

A.J. Senato – waiting after spinal-cranial surgery for re-assessment.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

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

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

Faye Downey – Marian DePue's friend in MO with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

Bill Henry – Dodds' friend suffering from advancing Alzheimer's Disease.

Hoffert family – Cleah Muntz's sister Denise and her children: bereavement.

Lucille Horsey – Carol Skadsberg's friend.

Jeanne Hutchings – Marian DePue's daughter recuperating from a broken leg after a fall.

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

Morgan Morris – 7 yr-old son of Robin Hinderer's friend: recuperating from surgery

Chloe Niehorster – Jackie's granddaughter in NJ: having facial cosmetic surgery.

Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.

Debbie Yates – friend of Pat Thompson, hospitalized for tests for an abdominal infection.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Faye Denkenberger – friend of Marie Clement.

Mary Ford – Betsy Stewart's friend.

Mary Beth Giovinazzo – Tina Potts' friend in Philadelphia

Dale and Carole Hammond – friends of Pat Thompson

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.

Buck McMillan – friend of Pat Thompson in Atlanta.

Christina Neustad – Betsy Stewart's niece.

Diane Nickelson – friend of Brenda Polasko.

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

Judy Smith – Phyllis Simkins' niece.

David Taylor – Jim Miller's cousin has thyroid cancer.

Ethan Williams – 7-yr.-old friend of Hotchkiss family.

DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

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

SYMPATHY

The church's love and sympathy are expressed to Marge Griffith and her family in the death of her husband **Don Griffith** on Thursday July 23, at the Hospice Center in Milford. The funeral was held at the church on Tuesday July 28.

SYMPATHY

The church's sympathy and love are expressed to the family and friends of **Laura Ryan**, who died of cancer July 20 at Kent General Hospital. A memorial service will be announced later.

BOARD OF DIACONATE

Rev. Griggs Away for Continuing Education

Rev. Griggs will be away Aug. 2 (afternoon) through Aug. 9 to complete his 2009 continuing education requirement for ministerial standing. The Rev. Judy Zingaro will be our guest preacher on Aug. 9. If you have a pastoral need during Rev. Griggs' absence, please call the church office; a minister will be in touch with you shortly.

WELCOME GUEST ORGANISTS IN AUG.

Mr. Betts will be off for four Sundays in August. Kathy Hanebutt will be our substitute organist Aug. 2 and Aug. 30. Ellen Harbeson will be here Aug. 9 and Aug. 23.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the Rev. Dan Griggs on his election to the board of directors for the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ. This is the board that oversees the functions, ministries and personnel of our conference.

ANOTHER "Thank You"

to those members of People's Church who made donations to the Kids' Wish Network in behalf of Ta'Kyah, a Dover resident with brain cancer whose wish was to meet President Obama. People's Church was able to give \$200 to this project. Her visit to the White House was front page news in the Dover Post on July 22.

CENTENNIAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

At first the Centennial Committee limited distribution of the booklets, one to a family, because of concern that someone might not get one. Now we have plenty. Anyone who wants additional copies may pick them up from the church office during weekday mornings, or at the back of the church on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your cooperation in this project.

Holy Communion during the worship service on Sunday August 2.

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 Youth Group, will hold a pool party at the home of Kaitlyn Clendaniel on August 16. They will be swimming and much fun, and also planning for youth group activities for 2009-2010. Leader Jennifer Myer expressed enthusiasm for the coming year!

The Board heartily thanks all who helped with Crocodile Dock, this year's successful Vacation Bible School. About 25 kids enjoyed a wonderful week of Bible stories, new friendships, great crafts, games, and snacks. The decorations were fantastic, and a new Chadder emerged this year, to everyone's pleasure.

The Board of Christian Education will meet for a barbecue on Sunday, August 30, 4:00 PM, at the home of Jean Hitchens. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Meat and beverages will be provided. After eating, the board will hold a planning meeting for the upcoming year.

Enjoy summer and God's many blessings!

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.

Crocodile Dock ROCKED!

It was a great week, which was over too quickly. We saw a burning bush, met with Egypt's pharaoh, and crossed the red sea! We recreated the first Passover and the Last Supper. The children had a great time singing, dancing,

learning, and meeting new friends. We had visits from Skeeter, our Bayou friend, and Chadder Chipmunk. The preschools met Chadder's cousin Chip and enjoyed a nightly chat with him in their own swamp. The mission project this year was to make "Comfort Critters" and decorate "Survivor Guidebooks". The stuffed turtles and books are being distributed to children across North America who have lived through disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes and floods.

Vacation Bible School would not have been possible if not for the help of all my fearless volunteers, station leaders, decorators, and donators. I ask that everyone say a prayer of thanks that People's Church has such talented and giving people in our lives.

Sally Childears, Linda Paradee, Christy Carey, Robin Hinderer, Judy Zingaro, Brenda Polasko, Cleah Muntz, Michelle Caulk, Laurie Biddle and Natasha Nikolenko were on hand to lead the children through their stations. Shannon Biddle and her friends Mitzi, Molly and Kaitlyn were my fearless crew leaders.

Louise Ferguson, Mary Johns, Marian DePue, and Connie Biddle all generously donated supplies. Mary DuBois gave her time and talent to creating the amazing Bayou backdrop.

I am looking forward to next year's theme, High Seas Expedition- a trip through the Mighty Word of God.

Jennifer

Youth Group

The Youth Group will be having a pool party and cookout, Sunday, August 16, 2009 from 1-5 pm. Kim and John Clendaniel will be hosting. Please RSVP to Jennifer by August 9th. The only things the children will need to bring are their suits and a towel. Hope to see all the 6 to 11 year olds there!

BOARD OF FINANCE

ACTS OF FAITH received \$2,120.00 to date. Thank you for all your donations.

Brother
Sedulius
Cartoon

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

REQUEST -- the Board is in need of a new 2-drawer locking file cabinet. If anyone would like to contribute a new filing cabinet or contribute toward a new one, please notify the church office. If you have questions or concerns for the Board, please contact BJ VanKavelaar (chair) or any of the board members.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH



Food Bank Sunday is August 2nd. 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 June. There were 60 food items donated and \$60.00 collected. All gifts were given to the **Holy Cross Samaritans Food Bank** for the month of June. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.

Sue Hunt and Ruth Harris
Board of Mission & Outreach

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

08/02	Golden Girls
08/09	Eileen Lockwood
08/16	Dorothy Carey
08/23	Ethel Sedule
08/30	Rod & Pat Thompson

Liturgist

08/02	Cleah Muntz
08/09	Jennifer Myer
08/16	Nancy Guth
08/23	Jean Hitchens
08/30	Joan Caulk

Greeters

08/02
08/09
08/16
08/23
08/30

Ushers

08/02	Jennifer Goldsmith Cheryl Goldsmith Jean Hitchens Glenn Hitchens
08/09	Karl Swift
08/16	
08/23	Karl Swift
08/30	

Sermons & Scriptures

August 2 **"Open Your Mouth Wide"**
Deuteronomy 32:1-3, 10-12; Psalm 81:8-10

Holy Communion

August 9 ""
The Rev. Judy Zingaro

August 16 **"My Soul Thirsts for You"**
Psalm 63:1-4; John 4:7-15

August 23 **"Our Sins Are Stronger than We
Are"**
Psalm 65:1-3; Romans 7:15-25

August 30 **"While the Food Was Still in
Their Mouths"**
Numbers 11:1, 4-10, 31-34; Psalm 78:26-31

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)

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
