



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

A Sacred Conversation About Race -- Again

Ms. Shirley Sherrod. The news has been full of her name and her story over the past couple of weeks. She was fired from her job with the U. S. Department of Agriculture because of a video on an internet blog ("web log") showing her, an African-American, saying something about hesitating to serve the needs of an Anglo farm family. Going back and viewing the whole speech it is clear that she was describing her own awakening to the need to reach across barriers and serve; but some commentators on both the far Left and the far Right have been running around flailing their arms and screaming that the end of the world has come. (Well, they always do, don't they.) There was no political hay to be made of the 1987 training presentation Ms. Sherrod gave before an NAACP gathering. But there is an important spiritual and ethical point to this incident in 2010.

After the Amistad trial, after the American Civil War, after the end of the Jim Crow laws, after the integration of the military, after the civil rights legislation of the 1960's, after the life and death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others, after the establishment of diversity sensitization training in corporations and police departments, after the election of America's first African-American President, after the national debate about immigrants, after our denomination the United Church of Christ called us out to engage in "a sacred conversation about race"—after all this, the Sherrod debacle reminds us that America still has not established "liberty and justice for all," and that's not just a shame—it's literally a crime, and it's spiritually a sin.

We Americans still don't know how to talk to each other. What if there were a group of people who have American citizenship, who have met together to talk, to eat, to struggle with organizational issues, to seek the guidance of God in what they do together—all this over a very long time. And what if this group were made up of people with ethnic heritages from Asian, pre-Columbian America, Europe, Africa, Latin America—and they trusted each other. Wouldn't that be THE PLACE to begin again to talk about the issue of stress among our country's races? Well, there IS such a group: the church. At the very least the church can say "no" to the crazy-making and shouting that continues to pour out over television cables and internet connections. May God help us do our job!

-Dan

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH
JULY 31, 2010**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$200,100	ATTENDANCE FOR JULY				
Income Weekly	3,848	2009		2010		offerings
Income Received to Date	85,101	06/06	138	06/06	78	1,421.10
Budgeted Income to Date	81,701	06/13	96	06/13	60	1,728.35
Budget Expenses to Date	<u>- 79,210</u>	06/20	76	06/20	80	7,494.20
Net Difference	\$ 5,891	06/27	<u>98</u>	06/27	<u>71</u>	<u>2,211.50</u>
			408		289	\$12,855.15

August Birthdays

08/01 Brianna SADLEIR
 08/02 Art LEWIS, Jr.
 08/03 Terry JAYWORK
 08/04 Kristin Warfield HANNAH
 08/04 Debra WOODRUFF
 08/05 Berry REZNAK
 08/08 Paul HANE BUTT
 08/08 Wyatt HOTCHKISS
 08/11 Rebecca BROOKS
 08/14 William READ, III
 08/14 Laurie BIDDLE
 08/16 Linda PARADEE
 08/16 C. Fred STITES
 08/19 Nancy GUTH
 08/19 Florence TRESSLER
 08/22 Lyn ARNOLD
 08/22 Lauren CAULK
 08/28 Jane DODD
 08/29 Billie BOEHMER
 08/31 Michelle CAULK

CONGRATULATIONS

To Jason and Angela Healey Raksnis on the birth of a daughter, **Aubrey Grace** on July 1.

SPECIAL THANKS

To Judy Zingaro for stepping in to provide pulpit supply and worship leadership while I was on vacation July 15 and 22. And thanks to Joe Zingaro for the music!

-Dan

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

08/01 Golden Girls
 08/08 Eileen Lockwood
 08/15
 08/22 Ethel Sedule
 08/29 Rod & Pat Thompson

Liturgist

08/01 Jean Hitchens
 08/08 Glenn Hitchens
 08/15 Dave Werner
 08/22 Shirley Hawkins
 08/29 Jennifer Myer

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters

07/04 Sandra McNinch
07/11 Carol Skadsberg & Bill Hufnal
07/18 Louise Ferguson & Lyn Arnold
07/25 Elaine Ewing & Barbara VanSant

Ushers

07/04 Connie Biddle
Richard Merriwether
Sandra McNinch

Sermons & Scriptures

08/01	"Work as Worship" Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21 Holy Communion	07/11	Ginny Stewart Chip Stewart Sandra McNinch John Paradee
08/08	"Sarah" Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40	07/18	Ginny Stewart Chip Stewart Calvin Waite James Miller
08/15	"After Forty Years" Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2; Matthew 5:13-16; 13:33	07/25	Sandy McNinch Jackie Niehorster Calvin Waite Karl Swift
08/22	"Is Salvation Only through Jesus Christ?" Hebrews 12:18-20; Romans 2:12-16		
08/29	"Wherever Jesus Went - -A Party" Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14		



PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Kaitlyn Clendaniel – 1-year check up found recurring heart condition and scoliosis.
Jeff Connor – B.J. VanKavelaar's son, receiving outpatient therapy following a stroke.
Ruth Gallihue – was in Kent General Hospital for a week to have coronary arrhythmia corrected.
Barba Merriwether – in chemotherapy for abdominal cancer.
Phyllis Simpkins -- has been in radiation therapy twice daily.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

Drexel Biddle – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.
Leon "Buddy" Carter – Brenda Polasko's brother: COPD.
Chris Giamnetto – son of Shirley Hawkins' friend: heart transplant.
Gretchen Goulet – friend of Jane Dodd, has Lupus and a bone disease of the spine.
Sue Leonard – Cleah Muntz's sister: pain from spinal deterioration.
James Merriweather – friend of Jim Miller: congestive heart failure, home destroyed by fire.
Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.
Kenneth Smith – friend of Sue Dodd, hospitalized.
Daniel Werner – Erin Werner's bro-in-law: motorcycle accident—many surgeries to come.
James Withrow – friend of Tina Potts: surgery June 22.
Debbie Yates – friend of Pat Thompson, on medical leave.

PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Esther Belliveau – friend of Tina Potts.

Melanie Giangrant -- friend of Judy Reed.

Michelle Hill – Sue Dodd's cousin.

Howard Killian – Angela Downs' father.

Gordon Minner – friend of Jeff and Judy Reed.

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

Michael Williams – 12-year-old grandson of Pat Thompson's friend.

Tracy Zlock – Phyllis Tarburton's niece recuperating from breast cancer surgery.

BOARD OF DIACONATE

Holy Communion and **anointing with oil** with prayers for healing, during worship service on Sunday July 4th.

Restoration of Stained Glass Windows (From storage) (Update)

Remember the Meeting that we had about the stored stained glass windows that have been in crates in the bell tower for 50 yrs.? At that meeting it was decided to have the windows cleaned, framed, lighted and installed on the west wall of the Women Fellowship Room! Well one of the three windows is at the window restoration company and being worked on, it will take about three months to finish each window.

What the committee is asking if there is any Families that would like to pay for one of the larger windows to be restored in memory of a loved one. Each window is being restored at a cost of \$3,400.00 plus the rounded sections on two of the windows will cost \$1,800.00 each. The total cost of restoration will be \$13,800! Plaques will be installed to recognize the people that help to defray the expense of each window!

There has been an outright donation to support the restoration Stained Glass Windows and an inquiry as to the mechanics of the process of recognition since the last newsletter.

If there is interest of any kind in helping with the restoration of these stained glass windows or any questions please check with Cindy at the church office or call Fred Hotchkiss, Chairperson Board of Diaconate at 302-284-2035.

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 will meet on August 29, for a covered dish meeting, at 4:00 P.M., at the home of Jean Hitchens. It will be a planning meeting for the upcoming year. Meat and beverages will be provided. Board members are asked to bring either a salad, vegetable, or dessert.

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, August 8 through Thursday, August 12, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M., at the church. Hearty thanks go to Jennifer Myer for once again being director and assembling a fabulous team of leaders and helpers. Please register your child or grandchild on the church web site or by calling the church office.

Please call Jean Hitchens (736-6086) if you have topic suggestions for the Adult Learning Opportunity class, which will begin the last Sunday in October. And don't forget to sign up to walk or be a sponsor in this year's CROP Walk for Hunger, to be held on Sunday, October 3, at 2:00 P.M.

Jean Hitchens, chairperson

BOARD OF FINANCE

We're having a heat wave and it's summertime and the living is easy. Well maybe for you. The donations go down in the summer and the church still has bills to pay. The air conditioning is going to be expensive. A helpful hint so that you do not have to play catch-up after vacation: During the year, give \$5 or \$10 extra each week so that when you come back from vacation, you don't have to worry about having the money to make up your estimate of giving. Think this over this summer and then you can plan for your 2011 estimate of giving pledge. Thank you for your continued support of People's Church.

Lyn Arnold, chair Finance

A Message from the Finance Board

As most Church members know, the Finance Board members act as Tellers, each week, to collect, count and catalog the offerings which are made each Sunday. There are certain steps each member can take in making his or her contribution which will make it quicker and easier for Teller teams to accomplish their tasks.

Please specify on the outside of the envelope whether there is cash or a check in the envelope, and, if cash, please note the amount of cash. The Tellers must determine the contents of the envelope, and count the amount of cash and the total number of envelopes containing checks.

If the amount in the envelope is for two or more purposes, please note

the break-down of the cash or check, so your wishes are carried out, and the correct amounts are recorded.

If you will not be able to attend a Sunday or two (or three or four) you can mail the Church envelope with a check to the Church office, or deliver to the office a check or cash when someone is there. The Church's expenses continue and your regular offerings are important. If you have not mailed or delivered your envelope during your absence please insert in the current envelope the cash or a single check in an amount equal to the current offering and the offerings for the previous week(s). Please do not submit 3 separate envelopes with each containing separate checks or cash. This causes additional work for the Teller teams.

ACTS OF FAITH

When we approved the 2010 church budget we included as income some special gifts and offerings we all can make through the year to fulfill the church's obligations.

ACTS OF FAITH received \$250.00 to date.

GRATITUDE received \$325.00 to date.

PASTOR'S EDUCATION received \$350.00 to date.

Your church is your home. Your support is truly appreciated.
Thank you Finance Committee.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

The Permanent Shelter is very close to completion and we are getting excited to move into our new "home". An invitation to our opening ceremony will be forthcoming to all of the congregations that have made this possible, so please keep your eyes open for this announcement. We should be able to move in within the next month or so and can't wait to show it off to everyone. As we move closer to this wonderful occasion we are putting out a list of items that we are in need of. Just about everything we do and have comes by way of donation and volunteers, therefore, we are publishing a list of needs in the hope that we might be able to receive some of these items as donations as well. If you are able to donate any of the following items or would like to make a contribution, please give Sue a call 423-6049 and we will be happy to make arrangements.

extra-long twin sheet sets (40+ sets)
pillows and pillowcases and towels
4 bunk beds (adult or dorm size)
sturdy stick on (or screw in?) hooks (to put on bunks to hang towels)
large microwave oven
toaster (4-slice or larger)
large coffee maker
sturdy plastic glasses (We have dishes coming from the synagogue)
cutlery (50 sets? We have a few)
serving implements (spatulas, ladles, large spoons, etc.)
brooms & vacuum cleaner
steam table & large crock pot
wheeled serving cart
long folding tables with chairs to seat 50

Your continued support of the Men's Homeless Shelter is very much appreciated. On behalf of the Board of Mission and Outreach, Thanks again for your kindness and generosity.

Sue Harris-Hunt and Mary Johns



Food Bank Sunday is August 1st. 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 May. 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 March. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.

Sue Hunt and Ruth Harris -- Board of Mission & Outreach

Women's Fellowship

Shirley Hawkins will lead a workshop to make Christmas angels from dish clothes on **Monday, August 2nd at 10am**. These will be presented to the shut-ins at Christmas and extras will be sold at the Santa workshop. Members are asked to bring thin cotton dish clothes of various colors. Anyone is welcome to join us to help make these angels.

Our regular meeting times will be 1pm starting in October unless we have a luncheon scheduled, which would be 12pm. So our Oct. and Nov. meeting will be at 1pm; the Sep. and Dec. luncheons will be 12pm noon.

Several of the ladies continue to make quilts/shawls for our prayer shawl/quilt ministry program for our shut-ins and those with long-term illnesses and baby blankets/quilts for children being baptized in our church. We may eventually extend this to member weddings and other members on our prayer list from our church as well. Items should be washable and soft. Quilt materials cost approximately \$25 each and shawl/lap blankets would cost approximately \$8-12. Each will have a label, "From our hearts to yours, the ladies of People's Church of Dover". The Women's Fellowship will set up a separate fund for anyone wishing to donate materials. Anyone wishing to donate materials or make quilts/shawls should contact Suzanne Kreisher, Phyllis Simpkins or Jean Hitchens.

Our next regular meeting will be **Monday, September 13th at noon** and will be a welcome back covered dish luncheon and planning session for 2011.

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)

We are getting ready to pack book bags for the Heart and Sole program for distribution in mid-August where school age child will receive a packed book bag and a gift certificate for a new pair of shoes. If you would like to help, please leave donations in the CHHH box at the back of the sanctuary or make checks payable to Caring Hearts Helping Hands.

Currently, we are accepting gently used and new fall and winter children's 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

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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.

There will be a liturgical dance during special music on August 29th. Practice is beginning soon. If anyone (boys, girls, young adults, even older adults) is interested in participating, please contact me at jenniferlmyer@yahoo.com. The dance is simple, the music is inspiring and the experience is amazing!

If you are interested in helping with or have ideas or suggestions for Youth Group activities, please contact me.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our High Seas Expedition starts August 8th. The daily bible stories are all from Acts and the daily bible points are taken from Psalm 119. You can register your child(ren) now using the link found at the Church website.

VBS needs volunteers! If you can give 2 hours a night for 5 nights and enjoy telling others about God's amazing love, then I have a spot for you! Leading children through a station is super easy- everything is written out for you in a step-by-step format. There is minimal prep work and it is a lot of fun. For more information about what the stations are and what you need to do, see the bulletin board at church, click on the VBS link at the church website, or call/email me. If you know someone who would love to help, please invite them to contact me. I promise you will love this program so much, that you'll want the week to last longer!

Jennifer Myer, Youth Group Director



Vacation Bible School 2010
Sunday, August 8 – Thursday, August 13

Thank you for the donations received thus far! The response is amazing. If you still would like to donate, please review the list below. Used items are welcomed!

Please bring items

to the Church office by June 27, 2010. If you have a question about any item, call me. All items that can be returned, will be. Just be sure to give your name when you drop them off. If you don't have any of the following, but still want to help, feel free to make a monetary donation. Thank you for all you can do!

Jennifer Myer

ITEM	AMOUNT
Bandanas	8 to 10, any color
Baskets (not hampers)	4
Blankets (not comforters, kids will be sitting on them)	10
Blue cellophane	1 large roll
Blue crinkle shredded paper (found at craft stores)	2 bags
Blue tarp	large, 3
Box fans	3
Bucket	2
CD player	5
Collapsible lawn chair	1
Extension cords	3
Fabric markers	1 boxes multi-colored
Gauze	2 rolls
Glue dots	2 boxes
Goldfish Crackers	1 big box or 3 small bags
Hula hoops	7
Inflatable beach ball	1
Oscillating fans	3
Packing Paper-brown	1 large roll or 2 small rolls
Paint markers	2 boxes multi-colored
Plastic mesh fencing (see Jennifer for description)	at least 3 feet

Rope (sailing, boat rope or clothesline)	Any amount
Sandwich bags	100 count
Shallow plastic tub	7
Small felt hearts (found at craft stores)	45 white
Small kid's pool (plastic)	1
Small plastic boats	5 to 10
Small plastic people	5 to 10
Spray bottles	7
Spyglasses (like sailor's use)	2
String mop	3
Strong pulling rope	6 ft or more
Timers or stop watches	6
Wagon Wheel	Small to medium size, 4
Wooden boards (wide planks)	7

As you can see, our theme this year is High Seas Adventure. Any nautical themed items (anchors, sailor hats, netting, and compasses) would be a welcomed addition for decorations. If it belongs on a boat or is found at a dock, we can use it!

People's Church of Dover V B S Registration

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Dates: August 08, 2010 - August 13, 2010

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: 46 South Bradford St, Dover, DE, 19904

Registration Deadline: August 05, 2010

Contact Information: 302-674-4177

Parent First & Last Name *

Participant First & Last Name *

Gender *

Age

Grade Entering *

Address

City

State / Province & Zip

Contact Phone 1

Contact Phone 2

Parent Email

Allergies

Medical

Emergency Contact Name & Phone

Emergency Contact Relationship

Alternate Pickup Name & Phone

Alternate Pickup 2 Name & Phone

Additional Comments