



People's to People  
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## DECEMBER 2011

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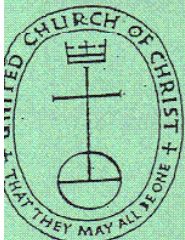
# A Very Merry Christmas

May your days be joyful  
And your nights be peaceful.  
And may the Christ-child be  
Born in you again this Christmas.



*Don Krige*  
*Paula Hancock*  
*Donna*  
*Mark*

*Reg & Betty*  
*Cynthia Hotchkiss*



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH  
NOVEMBER 31, 2011**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$201,208	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	3,869			
Income Received				
Income members		136,755.66	121,087.50	-15,668.16
Transferred from Investment savings		50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Expenses to Date		-179,638.00	-187,933.75	-8,295.75
Net Difference		7,117.66	-16,846.25	-23,963.91

**ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER**

2010		2011		Offerings
11/06	152	11/06	100	3,523.97
11/14	140	11/13	110	2,521.50
11/21	121	11/20	103	1,967.75
11/28	<u>119</u>	11/27	<u>107</u>	<u>2,310.00</u>
	<b>532</b>		<b>420</b>	<b>\$10,323.22</b>

**December Birthdays**

12/02	Harrison TIMMONS
12/04	Bruce COLE
12/04	Taylor JONES
12/06	Karen WHARTON
12/07	Theresa LLOYD
12/07	Nancy OTTO
12/07	Dylan ALLBEE
12/11	John DODD
12/11	Thomas DODD
12/14	Harry COOKE
12/14	Kenneth MOORE JR.
12/15	James RAINIER
12/18	Amanda LINDSEY
12/21	Michael CATTS
12/22	Carol SKADSBERG
12/24	Meghan HANE BUTT
12/26	Dori HILL
12/26	Amari WILLIAMS BENSON
12/28	Alexander SENATO

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

*May God Bless You on Your Birthday*



# **The Prayer List for Members & Friends of the Church**

The list is kept current. For a copy please call the church office: 674-4177; [peopleschurchdover@verizon.net](mailto:peopleschurchdover@verizon.net)

## **PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS**

- Clifton Biddle** – home from a hospital stay due to complications of Alzheimer’s Disease.  
**Hattye Mae Biddle** – in Westminster nursing facility after hospitalization for a mini-stroke.  
**Matthew Clendaniel** – Carol Skadsberg’s son: respiratory infection.  
**Francis Clinton** – home after several weeks’ therapy.  
**Gale Grove** – weak but home from months of hospital and therapy facility.  
**Glenn Hitchens** – preparing for surgery at U.Penn for a pituitary growth.  
**Jim Miller** – has been in hospital with pneumonia and burns from radiation therapy.  
**Betty Reznak** – limited to home with a severe illness.  
**Phyllis Simpkins** – preparing for colostomy-reversal surgery in January.

## **PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS**

- Drexel Biddle** – Cliff’s nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.  
**Matthew Clendaniel** – Carol Skadsberg’s son: hospitalized with a respiratory infection.  
**Sharon Cordill** – friend of Jerry Rice, admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital.  
**Aurelia DeAntonio** – Andy Polasko’s sister hospitalized in Scranton with kidney failure.  
**Mary Drain** – Cleah Muntz’s aunt, hospitalized with blood loss.  
**Dawn Elliot** – friend of Lyn Arnold, going through difficult times just now.  
**Gretchen Goulet** – friend of Jane Dodd, has Lupus and a bone disease of the spine.  
**Keith Nicolls** – Fred Hotchkiss’ uncle: kidney failure.  
**Jean Tilley** – Billie Boehmer’s mother in PA: Parkinson’s Disease and increasing Dementia.  
**Debbie Yates** – friend of Pat Thompson.

## **PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS**

- Sean 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  
**Sharon Horsey** – friend of Carol Skadsberg  
**Melanie Giangrant** -- friend of Judy Reed.  
**Howard Killian** – Angela Downs’ father.  
**Shirley Long** – friend of Jackie Niehorster.  
**Gordon Minner** – friend of Jeff and Judy Reed.  
**Donna Salazar** – home after successful surgery, doing well.  
**Lillian Schrantz** – Cleah Muntz’s sister-in-law.  
**Jean Lenox Toddie** – Jim Miller’s aunt: terminal lung cancer.  
**“Trent”** – has brain cancer: his friends request our prayers for him.  
**Gary Warfield** – Terry’s brother: in post-surgery radiation for pancreatic cancer.

## **SYMPATHY**

The church extends our sympathy to Cindy Hotchkiss and her family in the death November 20 of her sister, **Ruby Lindsay** in Pennsylvania after a long illness.

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The church’s sympathy is extended to Angela Downs and her family in the death of her father, **PoPa John Mollohan** in West Virginia.

**Men's Breakfast – Thursday, December 15 at Countrie Eatery**

**Women's Fellowship Christmas Luncheon  
Monday December 5 -- at the home of Phyllis Simpkins**

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
Sunday, December 11, 11:00 AM  
To elect officers and approve a 2012 budget**

**CHRISTMAS EVE& CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES**

Christmas Eve – 7:00 PM – Traditional Family Service

Christmas Eve – 10:00 PM – Traditional Communion and Candlelight Service

Christmas Day – 10:00 AM – Service of Holy Communion

Rev. Griggs will be on vacation from noon Christmas Day until New Year's. If you need pastoral care during his absence, please call the church office.

The church office will be closed for holidays on Friday December 23, Monday December 26, and Monday January 2.

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!

**VOLUNTEERS**

**Flowers**

12/04 Fred Hotchkiss  
12/11B J VanKavelaar  
12/18 Poinsettias  
12/25 Poinsettias

**Liturgist**

12/04 Victoria Healey  
12/11 James Caldwell  
12/18 Courtney Mys  
12/25 Cleah Muntz

**Greeters**

12/06 Cheryl Goldsmith  
12/13 Cynthia Hotchkiss  
12/18 Megan Dempsey  
12/25 Cindy Dempsey

**Ushers**

12/04 Keith Kreisher  
Jerry Rice  
Bill Hufnal  
Sandy McNinch

<b><u>Sermons &amp; Scriptures</u></b>		12/11	Jackie Niehorster Jerry Rice
12/04 <b>Advent II</b>	"The Amazing Birth of Samuel" First Samuel 1:1a, 2-3, 9-20; Luke 1:46-55 <b>Communion Sunday / Oil</b>	12/18 12/25	Keith Kreisher Sandy McNinch Jackie Niehorster
12/11 <b>Advent III</b>	"The Amazing Birth of John" Isaiah 40:1-5, 9; Luke 1:5-8, 11-17, 23-24, 57-59, 62-63		
12/18 <b>Christmas Sunday</b>	"The Amazing Birth of Jesus" Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20		
12/25 <b>Christmas-tide I</b>	"Christ Is Born in Us" Isaiah 61:1-4; John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16-18		

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### **Stained Glass Window Restoration!**

The Second Restored Stained Glass Window has arrived and is on display in the Women's Fellowship Room at this time! As you recall the Church is asking for Donations in memory of a loved one as a means of paying for the restorations. At this time we have received very few Donations to this project so search your heart and remember a Loved One with a Donation to The Restoration of The Stained Glass Windows!

Restoration Chairperson Fred Hotchkiss

### **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.

<b>BOARD OF DIACONATE</b>
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### **HEAD USHER**

The Diaconate is in need of someone willing to help step in and assume the Summer season Head Usher position being vacated by Cawood Cosden after many years of dedicated service. It is a fruitful and rewarding way to serve your Church and more importantly your God. If you can help, even if for a one summer tryout, contact the Office, Jeff Reed, or any member of the Diaconate.

### **ACOLYTE**

Peoples Church is looking to restart a long dormant youth Acolyte program. Seeking an adult interested in helping organize and girls and boys who would enjoy getting involved and helping the church open its worship services each Sunday morning.

Church/Pastoral Feedback. As it has been several years, the time has come once again to ask the congregation to let us know how Peoples Church is doing. Within the next few weeks expect to receive a mailing. We ask that you take some time, give serious contemplative thought to what you experience and expect from your church, and return your forms to us. Your honest feedback will help to make Peoples a stronger church for all.

### **Our Church's Website**

Have you looked at our church's website lately? [www.peopleschurchofdover.org](http://www.peopleschurchofdover.org) Special thanks to Elinor Baker for all the work she puts into her job as our webmaster.

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME!** The board and the Sunday School invite you to dine with us at this year's annual Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, November 6, 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. Our famous chefs, Chris and Dave, will be cooking the meal, served by our youth and teachers/board members. As an added treat, Mission and Outreach will hold their famous Silent Auction of pies, cakes, and cookies in the back of the dining room.

**ADVENT WORKSHOP** this year will take place November 27, the first Sunday in Advent, but it will begin during the Sunday School time, in the dining room. All youth of the church are welcome to participate and make ornaments to take home for Advent and Christmas.

**YOUTH GROUP** carved pumpkins for Halloween and will help with a Church Women United mission project in early December. Homemade cookies are made by area churches and youth groups and distributed to male and female prisoners in Kent and Sussex counties during Christmas. More information to follow.

**ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY** begins this year with an adult review of your confirmation, led by Pastor Dan. No tests, no pressure...just a light lunch prepared by Fred Hotchkiss, good information, and wonderful fellowship. The first session, October 30, with part 2 after the first of the new year. Please join us as we review and learn together.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** will be Sunday, December 4, after worship service.

**THE BOARD WISHES EVERYONE THE BLESSINGS OF THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON!  
EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE THROUGH WORSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, AND FELLOWSHIP!**

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.**

Jennifer Childears, Youth Group Director, People's Church

## **BOARD OF FINANCE**

November 15, 2010

### Special Advent Offering

Did you know Advent starts on November 28, 2011? Advent is a time of anticipation and faithfulness.

In your box of envelopes there is an envelope printed with the Advent wreath. This envelope is for a special offering budgeted by the congregation. The Advent offering helps to cover operating expenses to run the church. The congregation elected to contribute \$2000 for the Advent collection. That equates to about \$20 to \$25 per family in contribution.

This is the time of year when you are inundated with requests for your cash—especially by the church. Your church charity receives every penny of your contribution. The church applies your contributions to the line items in the budget.

Please carefully and prayerfully consider your special gift and make as generous a contribution as you can.

You may use your Advent Offering envelope or a plain envelope marked “Advent Offering.” Your donations are truly appreciated.

Lyn Arnold, for the  
Stewardship Committee

## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

The board met after service on November 16th at 7pm. The primary focus for the board was the 2012 budget items.

Another major issue that board is discussing is the bell tower. There are significant leaks now in the bell tower and it is causing rot of some of the flooring and walls. The generator for the chimes is also getting water on it. The tower chimes contractor was here recently and did some repairs but also gave us a thorough assessment of all the work that is needed. The support for the 17 tons of chimes is now sagging and is in need of repair and replacement of the base support. There is a lot of work to be done in the bell tower just to maintain existing conditions. Thanks to Harry Otto for working with the contractor and taking care of the bell tower chimes! Harry came to a previous board meeting to discuss the many items that need addressed.

The next board meeting is scheduled for January. If you should have any concerns or would like to make the board aware of any issues, please contact one of the board members. Thank you.

## BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

### Annual Cookie Walk, Dec. 4, 2011

No, the cookies don't walk, you do. With box in hand you survey the scrumptious offerings of our finest cooks. Choose as many as you wish, pay \$5.00 per pound.

Added treat! Fred's famous vegetable soup available to enjoy at home with your cookies. Proceeds go toward gifts for the "angels".

Also Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day to turn in your gifts for the angel(s) you have chosen. So bring your cookies to sell, your gifts for the angels, purchase soup and cookies for your family.

I can hardly wait!

Board of Mission and Outreach.

Mary Johns/Sue Hunt



**Food Bank Sunday** is December 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 Holy Food Bank** for the month of November. There were 56 food items donated and \$45.00 collected. All gifts were given to the **First Baptist Church Food Bank** for the month of October. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.

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

## Women's Fellowship

The WF hosted a covered dish brunch on Nov. 20th at which all the Boards discussed their proposed budgets. Sue Hunt prepared a great side show of church activities and needs.

The tri-fold program for 2012 should be ready for mailing out in December.

Santa workshop is scheduled for Sundays, Dec. 11th and 18th after worship.

The Family Thank Offering will be "Blessing bags" to be donated to the Diaconate Fund for local ministries. Bags will be handed out to the congregation on 10/16 and dedicated on 11/27.

Our next meeting will be December 3rd at 12pm and will be our annual Christmas covered dish luncheon. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)**

We are gearing up for our Christmas program. If you would like to sponsor a family or would like to shop for our client families, please let us know. Our deadline for gift giving is Dec. 10th as our gifts will be distributed to families during the week of Dec. 13th.

We are accepting gently used and new winter 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 except for winter coats. 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

# DECEMBER, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> F.A.I.R. 5 pm - Yoga 7 pm - Choir	<b>2</b> NA & AA Meetings	<b>3</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>4</b> Holy Communion & oil  Soup sale	<b>5</b> 12 Women's Fellowship Luncheon  NA & AA meetings	<b>6</b> AA meeting	<b>7</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>8</b>  F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>9</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>10</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>11</b> Santa's Workshop <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>12</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>13</b> AA meeting	<b>14</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>15</b> Men's Breakfast  F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>16</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>17</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>18</b> Santa's Workshop 11:15 Board of Management	<b>19</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>20</b> AA meeting	<b>21</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>22</b>  F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>23</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  NA & AA meetings	<b>24</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A. <b>7 PM FAMILY SERVICE</b> <b>10 PM Service of Holy Communion</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>27</b> AA meeting	<b>28</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>29</b>  F.A.I.R. 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>30</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>31</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>JANUARY</b> <b>↓</b>	<b>2012</b>					No First Night Dover this year
<b>1</b> No Communion  Guest Preacher Rev. Lester Gallihue	<b>2</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  NA & AA meetings	<b>3</b> AA meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  F.A.I.R. 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>6</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>7</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>8</b> Annual reports are due  Take Down Sanctuary Decorations	<b>9</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>10</b> AA meeting	<b>11</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>12</b>  F.A.I.R. 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>13</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>14</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 11:00 A.M.**  
**Agenda: Elect new officers, approve a 2012 budget**