



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

SO THE EARTH IS GETTING WARMER, HUH?

Last winter the weather hit us with the biggest snows we've seen in decades, shut down the entire East Coast, closed even churches. This winter so far has been colder than we've seen in decades, with temperatures scraping down to "nothing." And "they say" we are experiencing "Global Warming." How can this be when we are shivering?

So I went online to get a list of scientific organizations that say "Global Warming" is real, and a list of those that deny it. Among the forty organizations that say their research confirms "Climate Change" are the American Geophysical Union, the American Meteorological Society, the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, the European Geosciences Union, the Indian National Science Academy, the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, the Network of African Science Academics, the Royal Society of Canada, the Russian Academy of Sciences, and the Science Council of Japan. Then came the following statement: "List of scientific bodies that dispute human-caused global climate change: none." Even the American Association of Petroleum Geologists withdrew their formal denial of climate change in 2007.

"The Lord God took the Man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." (Gen. 2:15). This "climate change" thing is real, it's destructive, it is caused (at least in large measure) by human-made pollution, and we are morally responsible. Oh, bad winters and hot summers we can handle; but can our grandchildren handle what the earth will be like in 50 years if we do nothing?

Every Christian should find some way to reduce his or her pollution of the earth. This is no longer something extra: this is a moral imperative. Are you buying a new car? Check the miles per gallon, check out the hybrids. Is there a space in your back yard where you've thought about planting a tree? Do you recycle?

As a boy I truly enjoyed the wood fire we lit in the extra-wide fireplace in the basement den on winter weekends. I enjoyed it so much I almost didn't mind bringing in the hickory wood to feed it. But the house was heated by an electric heat-pump system, and when we stoked the fire all the heat in the house went up the chimney if we didn't close the ceiling vents. We put tons of carbon pollutants into the air when we didn't have to do it.

Yes, God has made US responsible as "keepers" of earth. We cannot depend on somebody else to do this: it's up to each one of us.

-Dan

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH
JANUARY 31, 2011**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$201,208	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	3,869			
Income Received				
Income members		10,378.26	10,225.25	-153.01
Income savings		0.00	0.00	00.00
Expenses to Date		-16,424.00	-17,399.16	-975.16
Net Difference		-6,045.74	-7,173.91	1,128.17

ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY

2010		2011		offerings
01/03	88	01/02	76	1,320.75
01/10	123	01/09	95	1,906.50
01/17	126	01/16	93	2,303.00
01/24	132	01/23	88	2,548.50
01/31	<u>Snow</u>	01/30	<u>103</u>	<u>2,066.50</u>
	469		455	\$10,145.25

February Birthdays

02/01	John DOWNS, Sr.	02/25	Shannon BIDDLE
02/01	John PARADEE	02/25	Christopher SMITH
02/01	Kevin SALMON	02/25	Clinton CONARD
02/02	Zachary DAVIS		
02/02	Chloe HANNAH		
02/02	Ethan PARADEE		
02/03	Glenn BOEHMER		
02/03	Louise WARFIELD		
02/04	James L. BAKER		
02/05	Mary COOKE		
02/06	Renee LINDSEY		
02/07	Cheryl GOLDSMITH		
02/07	Dan GRIGGS		
02/09	Virginia BASON		
02/13	Suzanne HOTCHKISS		
02/15	Krystle R. MUNTZ		
02/19	Cynthia HOTCHKISS		
02/20	Carolyn DUNCH		
02/20	Lester GALLIHUE		
02/20	Nancy JAYWORK		
02/21	Kathy HANEBUTT		
02/22	Christine HOPKINS		
02/25	Edward BAILEY		

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

02/06 Eileen Lockwood
02/13 Mildred Smith Family
02/20 John & Linda Paradee
02/27 Elinor Lee

Liturgist

02/06 Phyllis Tarburton
02/13 Jim Caldwell
02/20 Joe Zingaro
02/27 Judy Zingaro

VOLUNTEERS

Greeters

02/06 Cheryl Goldsmith
02/13 Cynthia Hotchkiss
02/20 Bill Hufnal
02/27 Cheryl Goldsmith

Ushers

02/06 Roz Pierce
Vic Pierce
Sandy McNinch

Sermons & Scriptures

02/06 **"MY Money"**
Leviticus 27:30-34 ; Matthew 6:19-21
Holy Communion

02/13 Phyllis Tarburton
Keith Kreisher
Lyn Arnold
James Miller

02/13 **"Just Enough Religion to Be Miserable"**
Joshua 24:1-4a, 14-15; Matthew 6:22-23

02/20 B J VanKavelaar
David VanKavelaar
Keith Kreisher
Bill Hufnal

02/20 **"Projection"**
Romans 14:1, 7-10; Matthew 7:1-5

02/27 Phyllis Tarburton
Sandy McNinch
Judy Downs
John Downs

02/27 **"Treasure the Valuable"**
Psalm 80:1, 7-15; Matthew 7:6



The Prayer List for Members & Friends of the Church

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Earl Clinton – in Silver Lake Center for physical therapy.

Francis Clinton – home after hospitalization for observation after a bad fall at home.

Update

Both Frances and Earl are doing well in therapy at Silver Lake Rehab Center. Frances was released on 1/27 and will be staying with her daughter in New Castle until Earl's release on 2/18. They are both looking forward to going home and so appreciate all the cards, calls and, especially, the prayers.

Carolyn Otto Dunch – recuperating at home after surgery for adrenal cancer.

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

Mary Johns – recuperating at home after knee-joint replacement surgery

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

Drexel Biddle – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.
Leon "Buddy" Carter – Brenda Polasko's brother: COPD.
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, on heart transplant waiting list.
Steve Michaels – Dan Griggs' nephew: in a long-term hospital to gain strength for rehab.
Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.
John Panhorst—relative of Paul Hanebutt: hospitalized in critical condition with abdominal pain.
Walter Parsons – friend of the Reads: hospitalized after a brain aneurysm.
Neil Russell—Zingaros' friend: underwent surgery Nov. 30.
Alfred Thomas Jr. – friend of Jane Dodd, recuperating after a motorcycle accident.
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

John Belian – friend of Paul Hanebutt.
Esther Belliveau – friend of Tina Potts.
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.
Michelle Hill – Sue Dodd's cousin: showing improvement.
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.
Tracy Zlock – Phyllis Tarburton's niece recuperating from breast cancer surgery.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Dr. Greg McDermott – Army veterinarian in Afghanistan, friend of the Hanebutts.

THANK YOU

to the congregation for the generous gift this year. It is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,
Tiffany Rumbley

"Dear members of People's Church,

Thank you for your generous end of year gifts. It is such a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve in this music of ministry and share, along with Kathy, the choir, and Philip the gifts given to us from above. Hope you have a blessed and healthy new year.

Best regards,
Paul"

THANK YOU

To the congregation of People's Church:

Thank you for the kind and supportive things you did for Harriet and me while I was sick. The prayers, good wishes, cards, flowers, emails, Facebook comments, food, the blanket from Women's Fellowship—all lifted our spirits and made the days easier to bear. What a wonderful church family! My special thanks to Lester Gallihue for preaching on January 16 with only two hours' notice, and to Judy Zingaro for preparing the worship service and preaching on January 23.

-Dan Griggs

78th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WBOC TV came to Westminster and interviewed the Biddle's about their 78 years of marriage. You can access the video at wboc.com and check out the "videos" section. Then go down to the "Featured Videos". Congratulations!

CONFIRMATION CLASS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Confirmation Classes will begin in March. There will be a short meeting after worship on Sunday February 13 for the youth and the parents of youth who are considering participation this year: we need to plan the schedule for the most effective learning opportunities. At that time we will also select the date for the Service of Confirmation: **Sunday Feb. 13 11:15 AM in the Fellowship Room.**

SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

**FEBRUARY 13 -- Joshua 24:1-15
Matthew 6:22-23**

**FEBRUARY 27 -- Psalm 80:1-15
Matthew 7:6**

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.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be a Bible study Sunday evenings at 4:00 on alternate weeks through the winter. Each session will last about an hour. Each time the texts to be discussed will be the two Scripture Lessons that are read in worship that morning. The Bible Study schedule for the next couple of months is as follows: Bring a Bible that contains both the Old Testament and the New Testament—and the Apocrypha on Jan. 23.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST
Thursday February 17th.
at the Countrie Eatery**

BOARD OF DIACONATE

The Diaconate Fund is Depleted

With winter approaching, local requests for help with utility bills, rent, medication and food are increasing, but the fund our church uses to meet valid needs is completely depleted. The Diaconate Fund is supplied by direct gifts, and by offerings you place in the boxed envelopes identified as "Communion Offering." You have been very generous to the poor of our community over the years, and I think you for making all this help possible.

-Dan

New Refrigerator

The new refrigerator has arrived and is in place in the kitchen! It is commercial grade stainless steel 45 cubic foot (more than twice as big as the one that died) and will meet health department standards! The cost of the refrigerator is \$1000.00 and to upgrade the electric in the area where it is placed is in the neighborhood of \$400.00! We have \$280.00 donated and if you would like to help cover the expenses please indicate your donation on your check and place in the offering plate! Every \$1.00 will be appreciated!

Our Church's Website

Have you looked at our church's website lately? www.peopleschurchofdoover.org Special thanks to Elinor Baker for all the work she puts into her job as our webmaster.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By the time of this newsletter, we will have discussed the book, The Shack, in the Adult Class. In late January, the Youth Group held a successful supper and game night, with fifteen youth in attendance. Not only did they dine on the hot dogs and cookies left over from First Night, but they played some amazing board games, had a ball, and gave their parents the night off...a win-win for all concerned!

There is one change in the Sunday School schedule. Cheryl and Debra's elementary class will now remain in the service when there is Communion, usually the first Sunday of the month. The nursery will be open for any children who feel they cannot stay during those Sundays. The board is interested in feedback about this change. Please make your comments known to me or to a board member.

Our pastor will lead a Confirmation Class this year, probably beginning this winter, for youth around the age of 12, or for those students not confirmed earlier. Dan will be making contact with those students and their parents.

The board's next meeting will be February 13, after the worship service.

Jean Hitchens, chairperson (736-6086)

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.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Lyn Arnold will still be our committee chair with Phyllis Tarburton acting as secretary. It was decided that Glenn would approach Cindy to see about learning office procedures. The date for the Finance & Trustees Lenten supper which is March 23rd. If you have any questions about the finances please call Lyn, Phyllis, or the church office.

Phyllis Tarburton

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board recently met on January 23rd. John Downs agreed to be the new Chair for the Board of Management and Mark Biddle agreed to stay on as Secretary. Work on the north walls of the sanctuary will be taking place very soon. The board hopes that this project will be easier (and possibly cheaper) than the a worse case scenario involving structural damage behind the wall. The plaster is to be cut away and completely replaced and at that time the structure will be evaluated. A new heating and cooling service contract was accepted from McFoy. The board anticipates timely and professional service from McFoy. The carpet buckles in both the sanctuary and chapel will be repaired soon, as will rebinding the entrance mat. We are evaluating flooring repairs and replacements over the next few months and into the summer in several areas of the church. Most important is the flooring in the Women's Fellowship room. The tiles in this room are coming up, are buckled, and now cause a safety concern. The board will move to get bids to replace this floor and will likely use commercial tiles as they can stand a lot of traffic, last longer, and can take spills, etc. better than other "residential" type floors. If you have any questions or concerns for the board, please contact the Chair or any of the members. The next board meeting will be Sunday, February 27th after worship.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

2010 Christmas Fund

The total collected for the Christmas Fund was \$ 736.00. Thank you all for your donations.

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

Thanks so much to everyone who came out to help feed the Homeless men the week of January 17th-23rd. It was a wonderful week of generosity and fellowship with men who genuinely appreciate each and everyone who came out to serve and prepare dinner for them. I look forward to our next week of service which will be March 21st – 27th. Please keep these dates in mind and let me know if you are interested in coming for an evening to help prepare and serve.

Once again Thank you to the People's Church congregation for their continued interest and generous support of the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing Men's Shelter.

Sue Harris-Hunt

The Board of Mission & Outreach will sponsor a **Coffee Hour on February 13th** after the service.



Food Bank Sunday is February 6th. 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

The members enjoyed a demonstration by Kip McDaniels on making small winter/valentine arrangements; she was most informative and very delightful.

Suzanne Kreisher reported that we have presented 27 shawls/quilts/blankets since we started the ministry last April. She has some standard patterns and kits for making quilts, if anyone is interested in learning to make quilts and/or knit/crochet.

Our committee to enhance communications/publicity (Pat Thompson, Jean Hitchens, Betsy Stewart, and Suzanne Kreisher) will be working with the office to start a phone tree and an email system to inform church members of news or events. They are also interested in enhancing the web site.

Phyllis Simpkins and Phyllis Tarburton have raffle tickets available (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) for an afghan (made by Daisy Hill) and a knitted shawl (made by Suzanne).

A big thank you to Phyllis Simpkins for hosting our Christmas luncheon and Dec. meeting.

The members are taking on two new efforts: pew prayer cards and a new Easter banner for the sanctuary to hang over the balcony.

Our **next meeting will be February 7th at 1pm** and we will be making winter/valentine arrangements for our shut-ins, sick and bereaved. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)

Thank you!! Thank you for all who donated items and volunteered for our Christmas program. We served 85 families (nearly 400 people).

Currently, 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. 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

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	4 NA & AA meetings	5 1 PM C.O.D.A.
6 Holy Communion 11:15 AM Bd of Trustees	7 1:00 Women's Fellowship DE Music School NA & NA meetings	8 DE Music Sch AA meeting	9 DE Music School NA & AA meetings	10 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	11 NA & AA meetings	12 1 PM C.O.D.A.
13 BoardChr.Ed. Confirmation Info Meeting 4- Bible Study	14 De Music School NA & NA meetings	15 DE Music Sch AA meeting	16 DE Music School NA & AA meetings	17 8 – Men's Bfst 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	18 NA & AA meetings	19 1 PM C.O.D.A.
20 11 Coffee Hr Diaconate	21 DE Music School NA & NA meetings	22 DE Music Sch AA meeting	23 DE Music School NA & AA meetings	24 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	25 NA & AA meetings	26 1 PM C.O.D.A.
27 BoardMgmt 4- Bible Study	28 DE Music School NA & NA meetings					
	MARCH	1	2	3 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	4	5
6 Holy Communion & anointing w/ oil	7 1:00 Women's Fellowship	8 5:30 – 7:30 PM Fat Tuesday PancakeSupper	9 ASH WEDNESDAY	10 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	11	12