



People's to People  
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## JANUARY 2012

Under the Bell Tower

### HOW TO MAKE IT THROUGH 2012

What does this LEAP YEAR hold in store for us? Maybe it's a blessing that we don't know what lies ahead: we are supposed to live in the present, be present to the people around us, pay attention to what we're doing while we're doing it (I sound like Master Yoda in "Star Wars"!).

Economic stress: "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

Unemployment and under-employment: "Can any of you add a single hour to your span of life by worrying? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field...."

Politics: "You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over *[their populations]*, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant...."

Pollution and climate change: The Lord God took the human being and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

People not like me: "[Jesus] fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics and paralytics, and he healed them." "There was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus he bowed his face to the ground and begged, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.' Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, 'I do choose: Be made clean.'" "He sat at dinner in Levi's house, and many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples." "A Canaanite woman came shouting, 'Have mercy!' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' She said, 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Jesus answered, 'Woman, your faith is great: let it be done for you as you wish.'"

Prayer: "Whoever asks receives. And whoever seeks finds. And for whoever knocks, the door will be opened."



Giving: "Peter said, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. So what will we get?' Jesus said, 'Whoever has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundred-fold, and will inherit eternal life.'"

The way to "get through" 2012 is to live your faith, for it is your faith that will make you live.

May you have a blessed new year, and may the year 2012 bring you peace and a sense of collaborating with God more than ever before.

-Dan

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$201,208	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	3,869			
Income Received				
Income members		146,208.00	137,395.25	- 8,812.75
Transferred from Investment savings		55,000.00	55,000.00	0.00
Expenses to Date		-201,208.00	-199,350.41	-1,857.59
Net Difference		0.00	-6,955.16	- 6,955.16

**ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER**

	2010	2011	offerings	
12/05	130	12/04	125	4,593.55
12/12	108	12/11	115	2,542.50
12/19	138	12/18	130	2,424.00
12/26	<u>40</u>	12/25	<u>63</u>	5,243.70
		Savings		<u>5,000.00</u>
	<b>416</b>		<b>433</b>	<b>\$19,803.75</b>

**December Birthdays**

01/01	Adam CARROLL
01/03	Lillyanne GROVE
01/05	Judith REED
01/05	Ethel SEDULE
01/07	Michelle DAVIS
01/08	Ruth Ann KEMP
01/08	Arthur S. LEWIS Sr
01/08	Barbara VAN SANT
01/10	Sarah COLE
01/14	Robert ROOS III
01/15	Phyllis TARBURTON
01/20	Tina POTTS
01/21	Peter BORTZ
01/21	Walter WOREK
01/24	Jessica CHASE
01/25	Jennifer GOLDSMITH
01/25	William WHARTON
01/27	William MUNTZ
01/28	Jane KENT
01/28	Nevaeh RUMBLEY
01/29	Sylvia LATOURETTE
01/31	Elinor Lee BAKER

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 the hospital, dealing with Alzheimer’s Disease.

**Hattye Mae Biddle** – in Westminster nursing facility after hospitalization for a mini-stroke.

**Francis Clinton** – home after several weeks’ therapy.

**Glenn Hitchens**— preparing for surgery at U.Penn for a pituitary growth on Jan. 3.

**Jim Miller** – resuming cancer 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, PA, for 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.

**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.

**“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’s sympathy is expressed to Jim Miller and his family in the death of his aunt **Jean Lennox Toddie**, after a long fight with cancer.

Bill Hufnal’s friend, **Tom Ciampa**, has now be pronounced free of cancer. He expresses his gratitude to the members of People’s Church for all your prayers in his behalf.

## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy reaches out to Judy Reed and her family in the death of her cousin **Doris Best** December 13. Mrs. Best was on our church’s prayer list for only a week before she died at Kent General Hospital after a very short fight with aggressive cancer.

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## GRATITUDE

Our warmest thanks to everyone for your cards, gifts, kindness and prayers during the holidays. You helped make a Thanksgiving and Christmas with none of our children around still feel like a celebration.

Harriet and Dan Griggs

## “Send It On Ahead”

There is something new in the church’s budget planning for 2012. On the page calculating the amount of expected income for the year there is a line titled “Send It On Ahead.” The phrase comes from an old saying: “You can’t take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.” This is all about special gifts in-kind that people can give to People’s Church throughout the year. In past years we’ve emphasized paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, photocopier paper, etc.), and we certainly do use these items by the ream, so your gifts of paper products will be deeply appreciated.

But there is so much more that is easy to give, and that would be of so much help to your church. The key is getting the word out about what is needed. So we will do some things to keep everyone informed, and to keep everyone reminded to “send it on ahead.”

Wish Lists will be posted and published. The sexton will identify supplies and also equipment that he needs to keep the church clean, dry, painted, trimmed and polished—check the bulletin board by the Fellowship Room for the sexton’s list. Other wish lists will also be available.

Send It On Ahead Team: we hope to get two or three volunteers who will work together to write articles for our publications, make announcements in worship, make special requests for special needs. They will be our “cheer leaders” for this program.

One important thing: We want to keep a close record of all the items received, their value, and who donated them. You see, this is more than an informal thing—it’s going to be recorded as part of the church’s income: the **auditors have requested** we keep a record of in-kind giving. This has the added benefit of your taxes—if you want, the church office can give you a letter at the end of the year stating the value of your in-kind giving, and you can include that on your income tax deductions.

So thank you ahead of time for all your in-kind giving, to “send it on ahead” and amplifying your support for your church.

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## ACOLYTE PROGRAM

**WANTED: youth between 8 years old and 15 years old**

**TO: light the altar candles for worship each Sunday morning**

**After Training -- on a rotating schedule – and you don’t have to say anything**

Youth who are interested, please speak to, phone or email Rev. Griggs today or tomorrow—we’re going to start very soon.

## FOR BAD WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

**WBOC-TV -- Channel 16**

**WDOV radio – 1410 AM**

**CORRECTIONS:** Two names were omitted from the official ballot for election of officers on December 11: these are included in the election.

John Downs, Jr. – Nominating Committee

Louise Warfield – Board of Mission and Outreach

**JANUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**to receive annual reports from 2011**  
**Sunday, January 15 – after the worship service**

## Men's Breakfast – Thursday, January 19 at Countrie Eatery

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**

01/01	Charles Steward
01/08	Ruth Ann Kemp
01/15	Cheryl Goldsmith, Mary Beth, Jennifer
01/22	Louise Ferguson
01/29	Linda Paradee, Jackson

#### **Liturgist**

01/01	Cleah Muntz
01/08	Kathy Thomas
01/15	Richard Merriwether
01/22	Vickie Healey
01/29	Mark Biddle

#### **Greeters**

01/01  
01/08  
01/15  
01/22

#### **Ushers**

01/01  
Jerry Rice

#### **Sermons & Scriptures**

01/01	"Gifts that Keep on Giving" Psalm 148; Matt. 12:1-12
01/08	"Beginnings" Acts 1:6-14; Mark 1:4-11
Baptism of Christ	
01/15	"The Word Becomes Flesh and Blood" Acts 1:15-26; First Corinthians 6:12-20
01/22	"Thunder in Their Hearts" Acts 2:1-4, 14, 36-42; Mark 1:14-20
01/29	Authority and Authenticity" Acts 3:1-12, 26; Mark 1:21-28

01/08	Jerry Rice
01/15	Keith Kreisher
01/22	Sandy McNinch
	Jackie Niehorster

## **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 Donation 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.

## **TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees extends thanks to members of the congregation for your generosity this year and for your support of a wide variety of church events and projects. We also thank those of you who have volunteered your time and talent whether it was participation in our music program, our Christian Education program, the Women's Fellowship, a board or office, a single act of service, or countless other forms.

Our thanks also to our staff for your steadfast service.

**Budget and Estimates of Giving.** At the December 11 Annual Meeting, the proposed budget for 2012 was approved. The Trustees are grateful for the many positive responses to estimates of giving thus far, and we ask that anyone who has not yet returned a pledge card please do so at this time.

**Send It On Ahead**, a special line item in the new budget, reflects a major method by which members can assist through a broad range of in-kind giving. Donations of paper products such as copy paper, paper towels, and tissue for the restrooms are among the most needed items at this time. Administrative assistant Cindy Hotchkiss can provide details about current needs and indicates that submitting register receipts for purchased products is helpful for accounting. More details of this special initiative will follow.

My personal thanks to the dedicated members of the Board of Trustees including Jean Hitchens, Gerald Rice, John Downs, Lyn Arnold, Sue Harris-Hunt, Jim Miller, Keith Kreisher, Fred Hotchkiss, Rev. Dan Griggs, Robin Hinderer, and Louise Warfield and to members of the Investment Committee of Jeff Reed, Terry Jaywork, and John Paradee.

– Pat Thompson, Moderator

## **BOARD OF DIACONATE**

### **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.

### **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**

### **HELP NEEDED IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

**We are looking for a Sunday School teacher for the jr/sr high school class, which will meet three out of four Sundays, from January until May. Please consider this opportunity to grow spiritually, while you share your faith with young people. There will be curriculum to follow, and the entire board of Christian Education to support you. Please let Jean Hitchens (736-6086) know of your interest.**

The Board of Christian Education thanks everyone for their support of the Spaghetti Dinner in November, which raised \$826 for our church and its missions. We had ten adult and ten youth workers, and over 100 people were served a delicious spaghetti dinner. Compliments go to our "chefs supreme", Chris and Dave and to all of the volunteers who helped.

A hearty thank-you to Cheryl and Jenny Goldsmith, who led the Advent Workshop this year, aided by Jennifer Downs and Laurie Biddle.

We had 8 youth attend a cookie-making party at the Hitchens' home on December 4. The kids and adults (Hitchens, Jennifer Childears, and Linda Paradee) made 9 dozen Christmas cookies to donate to Church Women United's Cookie Drive. Fifteen hundred individual bags of cookies were packed for male and female prisoners in southern Delaware. A fitting Christmas Bible verse was included in each bag. In addition to making cookies, the youth played ping pong and air hockey. A great time was had by all!

The Adult Learning Opportunity continues with Part II of the Confirmation Review for Adults, begun by Dan in October. The date will be January 29, after the worship service. Again, Fred will prepare a delicious light lunch. All are welcome.

The Board next meets on Sunday, January 15, after the short congregational meeting. We look forward to welcoming Helaine Jones to our board. We say "good-by" to Jennifer Childears, who is leaving the board. We thank her for her talents and efforts on the board, as Youth Group Director, and as VBS director.

**THE BOARD EXTENDS WARM GREETINGS FOR A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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.**

Youth Group Director, People's Church

### BOARD OF FINANCE

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management continues to review options for future plans of the bell tower chime system and the structural needs of the 17 ton chimes. The tower has recently had repairs to some water damage. The annual servicing of the chime system revealed some major issues to chime support and the water damage. The Board is currently reviewing bids for painting, spackling, stucco and crack repair to a handful of areas around the church. These include the sanctuary south wall, the rear stairway in the sanctuary, the basement dining hall, and the kitchen. There are still some roof repairs needed on the southwest corner of the building and around the doorway on that corner. The Board is getting bids for repair and/or replacement of that door.

Conceptual plans are also being reviewed for upgrading the sanctuary sound system. Currently, the sound board, microphones and assisted listening are just getting us by, and the system cannot be expanded. A new digital system would include new microphones, speakers along the sides of the sanctuary and better/more assisted listening devices. The Board is evaluating what we need and reviewing the possible additions that would allow better recording of the services. Meetings with contractors and the board members will better explain the needs and sound quality while comparing different system components.

As always, if you should have any concerns please contact one of the board members. The Board of Management would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

Board of Mission and Outreach.

Mary Johns/Sue Hunt



**Food Bank Sunday** is January 1<sup>st</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 **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 November. There were 56 food items donated and \$45.00 collected. All gifts were given to the **Holy Cross Samaritans 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**

Santa workshop was Sundays, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> after worship. The children of the church The Family Thank Offering, "Blessing bags", were donated to the Deaconate Fund for local ministries this year.

Betsy Stewart is working on the tri-fold Women's Fellowship program for 2012.

Prayer quilts were given to Angela Downs for the death of her father and to Cindy Hotchkiss for the death of her sister. Our prayerful condolences go out to each of them.

Marian DePue and Christine Hopkins purchased and delivered Christmas presents to our adoptee, Karen, of the Stockly Center Auxiliary.

The ladies discussed the need for a new picture directory. We understand that the Deaconate is working on this.

Our **next meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. **Everyone is welcome** to attend!!

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

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all who helped us provide Christmas to 308 children this Christmas season. We are so very grateful for the gifts, donations and those who helped us shop. We couldn't have done it without you.

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. CHHH will be closed from Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> until Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. All of Santa's helpers need a much deserved rest. 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

# JANUARY, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> No Communion Guest Preacher Les Gallihue	<b>2</b> office closed  NA & AA meetings	<b>3</b> AA meeting	<b>4</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>5</b>  F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>6</b> Epiphany NA & AA meetings	<b>7</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>8</b> Baptism annual reports due Take Down Decorations Coffee Hour 4:00 Bible Study	<b>9</b> 1 PM Women's Fellowship  NA & AA meetings	<b>10</b> AA meeting	<b>11</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>12</b>  F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>13</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>14</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>15</b> Install New Officers  11:00 Congregational Meeting	<b>16</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>17</b> AA meeting	<b>18</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>19</b> 8 AM Men's Breakfast F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>20</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>21</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>22</b> Baptism 11:15 AM Trustees Meeting 11:30 Board of Management 4:00 Bible Study	<b>23</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>24</b> AA meeting	<b>25</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>26</b>  F.A.I.R. 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>27</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>28</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>29</b> 11:00 Adult Learning Opportunity	<b>30</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>31</b> AA meeting	<b>February</b> ↓			
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<b>5</b> Holy Communion	<b>6</b> 1 PM Women's Fellowship  NA & AA meetings	<b>7</b> AA meeting	<b>8</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>9</b>  F.A.I.R. 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>10</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>11</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.