



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

Benjamin Franklin's Principles of Belief

When Benjamin Franklin was 21 years old (1728), he wrote his "Articles and Liturgy," a kind of personal statement of faith. As we celebrate Independence Day 2010, we need to remember that Franklin and many of the Founders of the United States were "deists"—they believed in "a god," and Franklin even conducted personal devotions; but it was a religion of toleration for all beliefs, an attempt to understand spiritual things by Reason (not revelation). Here is part of Franklin's creed.

"I believe there is one supreme, most perfect Being, Author and Father of the Gods themselves. For I believe that Man is not the most perfect Being but one, rather that as there are many Degrees of Beings his Inferiors, so there are many Degrees of Beings superior to him.

"Also, when I stretch my Imagination thro' and beyond our System of Planets, beyond the visible fix'd Stars themselves, into that Space that is every Way infinite, and conceive it fill'd with Suns and like ours, each with a Chorus of Worlds forever moving round him, then this little Ball on which we move, seems, even in my narrow Imagination, to be almost Nothing, and myself less than nothing, and of no sort of Consequence.

"When I think thus, I imagine it great Vanity in me to suppose, that the Supremely Perfect does in the least regard such an inconsiderable Nothing as Man.... I cannot conceive otherwise than that he the Infinite Father expects or requires no Worship or Praise from us, but that he is even infinitely above it.

"But since there is in all Men something like a natural principle, which inclines them to DEVOTION, or the Worship of some unseen Power; and since Men are endued with Reason superior to all other Animals...; therefore I think it seems required of me, and my Duty as a Man, to pay Divine Regards to SOMETHING.

"Let me then not fail to praise my God continually, for it is his Due, and it is all I can return for his many Favours and great Goodness to me; and let me resolve to be virtuous, that I may be happy, that I may please Him, who is delighted to see me happy. Amen!"

Franklin's was not, therefore, a rousing fundamentalism, nor even a passionate liberalism: it was a tipping of his hat, a bit seriously, to Whomever might be up there. In a hot room in a brick building in Philadelphia in July, 1776, a group of such men as Franklin created America. The separation of religious institutions from government was, for them, an obvious principle. But even Franklin would not have separated a person's faith commitments from his or her actions in the public square. He would have said to us, "Act according to your considered beliefs, and let your neighbor do the same." And that principle became American democracy.

-Dan

STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2010

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$200,100
Income Weekly	3,848
Income Received to Date	85,101
Budgeted Income to Date	81,701
Budget Expenses to Date	<u>- 79,210</u>
Net Difference	\$ 5,891

ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE

	2009	2010	offerings
06/06	138	06/06	78 1,421.10
06/13	96	06/13	60 1,728.35
06/20	76	06/20	80 7,494.20
06/27	<u>98</u>	06/27	<u>71</u> <u>2,211.50</u>
	408		289 \$12,855.15

July Birthdays

- 07/01 B. Lance CAULK
- 07/02 Jenna DAVIS
- 07/03 Jordan ALLBEE
- 07/04 John W. CLENDANIEL
- 07/05 Annah POLASKO
- 07/07 Cynthia DEMPSEY
- 07/07 John DOWNS Jr.
- 07/08 Patricia BROWN
- 07/09 Richard L. JOHNSON
- 07/10 Frances CLINTON
- 07/10 Frederick HOTCHKISS
- 07/11 James MILLER
- 07/11 Dillan POLASKO
- 07/14 Louise FERGUSON
- 07/14 Jocelyn JONES-TERRANOVA
- 07/18 Mark BIDDLE
- 07/18 Jean HITCHENS
- 07/18 Betty Ann WHARTON
- 07/19 Christopher RUMBLEY
- 07/21 Bill MORRIS
- 07/23 Winona FLYZIK

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

May God Bless You on Your Birthday

BAPTISM

Sunday June 27, Anthony Michael Long was baptized during the worship service. His parents, Chris and Alexandra, have been regular worshipers with us for quite some time. They requested Anthony's baptism before Chris deploys again.

WELCOME HOME

After nearly 8 months in Newborn Intensive Care at Christiana Hospital, and special care at A. I. DuPont Children's Hospital, Chris and Wendy Reed Ridgeway's little boy has finally come home to be with his twin sister Caroline

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

- 07/04 Eleanor Cunningham
- 07/11 W F
- 07/18 Cheryl Goldsmith
- 07/27 W F

Liturgist

- 07/04 Cleah Muntz
- 07/11 Joan Caulk
- 07/18 Mary Johns
- 07/25 Paul Hanebutt

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

07/04 **"God's Hopes for Government"**
Romans 13:1-7; Mark 14:53-64
Holy Communion

07/11 Ginny Stewart
Chip Stewart
Sandra McNinch
John Paradee

07/11 **"Rev. Judy Zingaro"**
Acts 17:16-31; Matthew 4:1-11

07/18 Ginny Stewart
Chip Stewart
Calvin Waite

07/18 **"Rev. Judy Zingaro"**
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

07/25 James Miller
Sandy McNinch
Jackie Niehorster

07/25 **"Prayers: Answers and Unanswers"**
Colossians 2:16-19; Luke 11:1-13

07/25 Calvin Waite
Karl Swift



PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Kaitlyn Clendaniel – heart condition and scoliosis.
Irene Deamer—recuperating at home after a hospital stay.
Jane Kent – finishing therapy at Westminster Heath Center.
Barba Merriwether – abdominal cancer.
Dusty Pruitt—abdominal surgery.
Phyllis Simpkins – recuperating from surgery, receiving radiation therapy.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

Drexel Biddle – Cliff's nephew, heart and lung problems.
Leon "Buddy" Carter – Brenda Polasko's brother: COPD.
Jeff Connor—son of BJ & Dave Van Kavelaar; grandson of Frances & Earl Clinton – recovering from a stroke
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.
Daniel Werner – Erin Werner's bro-in-law: motorcycle accident—many surgeries to come.
James Withrow – friend of Tina Potts: surgery June 22.

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

Rev. Griggs Will Be on Vacation

From Wednesday July 7 through Tuesday July 20. The Rev. Judy Zingaro will provide pulpit supply both Sundays. If you need pastoral care during this time, please call the church office.

U. of D. Reading Program

People's Church welcomes the Reading Program to use our dining room through the month of July, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. If you stop by the church when they are arriving or leaving, say "Hello."

HABITAT HOUSE REPAIRS

Habitat for Humanity and the Dover Housing Authority plan to do repairs to several houses in Dover this summer. If you know someone who could use this help, Rev. Griggs has **application forms** in the office.

CHURCH OFFICE: SUMMER HOURS

Mrs. Hotchkiss: MTWThF 8 AM – 12 Noon
Rev. Griggs: MTWTh 9 AM – 12 Noon

Office Will Be Closed— July 5, 7, & 8

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. At this time there is a family interested in memorializing the restoration of this window to a deceased loved one.

What the committee is asking if there is any other 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 \$4,300.00 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

BOARD OF FINANCE

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 \$150.00 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 July 4th. 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 Food Bank** for the month of May. There were 60 food items donated and \$60.00 collected. All gifts were given to the **First Baptist Church Food Bank** for the month of March. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.

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

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.

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

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

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