



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

CHAOS THEORY AND PRACTICE

“Chaos Theory” is a scientific idea that is intended to describe how random “cause and effect” is. It goes to some really outlandish extremes to illustrate that it is not possible to predict how one action causes another. For example (an outlandish example): a butterfly flaps its wings in Dover, Delaware, and this creates air movement. The air movement throws a bird’s flight off course by a ten-thousandth of a degree, causing the bird to land awkwardly on a power line and get shocked to death. The electrical short the bird caused in the power line shuts down a local power station and so a computer somewhere re-directs electricity from another power station to keep the lights on in the first location. But the second power station just happens to supply electricity to a factory where they make the shells for military tank guns, and the momentary flutter in the power supply causes a tiny hole to form where a mechanical welder is sealing a shell. That shell gets shipped to the Army, and the Army sends it to Iraq where it is loaded onto a great big Abrams tank. The tank gets into a fire fight with an al-Qaeda group and tries to fire the defective shell. The gun jams, the al-Qaeda fighters shoot all the members of the tank crew, including one young man who could have gone on to become President of the United States and make world peace happen in 2025; but because of his severe injury he never runs for office, and so we are still fighting wars in 2025. The “chaos” is that this series of causes and effects is entirely unpredictable. Who would ever have thought that a butterfly flapping its wings in Dover, Delaware would prevent world peace in 2025?

But we do know this. When you do acts of kindness for people, at least one of those people is going to change their heart just a little bit and pass that kindness along to someone else. If you do one act of kindness every three days, there will be a lot of people you “cause” to do more acts of kindness. The “effect” will be a world that is just a little bit better than when you got here. You may never see the “chaotic” effect your life has on the world—a chaos of blessing, a cascade of hope. But you will have done well.

-Dan



STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH MAY 31, 2010		ATTENDANCE FOR MAY				
Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$200,100	2009		2010		offerings
Income Weekly	3,848	05/03	118	05/02	122	2,998.50
Budgeted Income to Date	81,701	05/10	122	05/09	144	4,103.85
Income Received to Date	85,101	05/17	146	05/16	54	1,972.50
Budget Expenses to Date	- 79,210	05/24	198	05/23	111	2,489.50
Net Difference	\$ 5,891	05/31	58	05/30	75	1,999.50
		642		506		\$13,563.85

June Birthdays

06/01	Maria MYER	06/14	Kristin COSDEN MULLEN
06/02	Tom MERCER	06/15	Chad DEMPSEY
06/03	Robert COOKE	06/15	Laura BORTZ
06/04	Laurie Mayan SHRADER	06/16	Edward L. COX, Jr.
06/06	Clifton BIDDLE	06/17	David VAN KAVELAAR
06/06	Phillip GRAVES	06/17	Scot DePUE
06/06	Richard MERRIWETHER	06/19	James WOODRUFF
06/08	Sophia RUDIS	06/20	David CONARD
06/10	David PETROSKY	06/22	Megan DEMPSEY
06/10	Frankie WILDERMUTH	06/23	Gertrude WEISSENFLUH
06/13	MacKenzie DOWNS	06/25	Sarah HASTINGS
06/13	Maddox DOWNS	06/27	Kelly JAYWORK
06/13	Cindy Lee VAN SANT	06/28	Daisy HILL
06/13	Kaitlyn Beth CLENDANIEL	06/30	Jackson PARADEE

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

May God Bless You on Your Birthday



PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Kaitlyn Clendaniel – 1-year check up found recurring heart condition and scoliosis.

Jane Kent – in physical therapy at Westminster Health Center.

Barba Merriwether – in chemotherapy for abdominal cancer.

Dusty Pruitt – abdominal surgery May 27th.

Judy Reed – recuperating at home after knee-joint replacement surgery April 12.

Cameron Ridgeway – at A. I. DuPont Children's Hospital.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

Drexel Biddle – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.

Tom Bullard -- Kevin Gilliam's brother-in-law, kidney failure, on the transplant waiting list.

Leon "Buddy" Carter – Brenda Polasko's brother: COPD.

Chris Giamnetto – son of Shirley Hawkins' friend: waiting for a heart transplant.

Gretchen Goulet – friend of Jane Dodd, has Lupus and a bone disease of the spine.

Bill Henry—Dodds' friend suffering from advancing Alzheimer's Disease.

Sue Leonard – Cleah Muntz's sister: pain from spinal deterioration.

Keith Nicolls—Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.

Kenny Smith—friend of the Dodds, heart and lung problems.

Jean Tilley – Billie Boehmer's mother in PA, diagnosed with Lewie Body Disease.

Daniel Werner – Erin Werner's bro-in-law: motorcycle accident—many surgeries to come.

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.

SYMPATHY

The church's sympathy is expressed to Ed Cox and his daughters Ann and Susan, in the death May 16 of **Dorothy Cox** in a hospice care home in Jacksonville, FL. About the first of May she had several medical crises together and spent ten days in the hospital before going to hospice. The funeral was held in Jacksonville Thursday May 20, with burial in the family plot in Macon, GA on Friday.

The Rev. Courtney Mys will be the guest preacher. Rev. Griggs will be at the Central Atlantic Conference annual meeting, including the conference board of directors meeting, on Sunday June 13.

The Rev. Lester Gallihue will be the guest preacher.

BOARD OF DIACONATE

Holy Communion and **anointing with oil** with prayers for healing, during the worship service on Sunday June 6th.

Restored Stained Glass Windows
(From storage)

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 restoration 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 install to recognize the people that help to defray the expense of each window!

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

The next Diaconate meeting will be June 20, 2010.

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

Youth Group 2009 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Jennifer Myer, Youth Group Director

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

We would like to thank everyone for their wonderful support during Dover Days. This fund raiser brought in over \$600 enabling us to satisfy our obligation to Mom's House and House of Pride of \$300.00 each. We appreciate everyone's help with making the Chicken Salad, helping in the Booth and stopping by for lunch. What a wonderful day it was.

People's Church will be providing dinner to the Shelter Guests (currently being housed at the Presbyterian Church) for the week of May 30th through June 6th. We have most of the meals covered, but still need some help on Saturday and Sunday (June 5th and 6th). If you are interested in helping either with a donation of food or coming in to help serve please call Sue 423-6049 anytime to discuss the arrangements and menu. A great BIG THANK YOU to all who have offered their help and donations to make our week a success. I would really like to encourage everyone to please try to stop by some evening this week to help serve, eat dinner, or just visit and see what the shelter is all about. We are there each evening from 5:00-7:00 pm and would love to have you join us. You will be very glad that you did.

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
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 June 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

VOLUNTEERS

<u>Flowers</u>		<u>Ushers</u>	
06/06	Dale & Betsy Stewart	06/06	Jean Hitchens
06/13	Fred Hotchkiss		Glenn Hitchens
06/20	Louise Ferguson		Karl Swift
06/27	John & Linda Paradee		Bill Hufnal
<u>Liturgist</u>		06/13	Karl Swift
06/06	Betsy Stewart		Glenn Hitchens
06/13	Ruth Gallihue		Jean Hitchens
06/20	Jennifer Myer		Jackie Niehorster
06/27	Phyllis Tarburton	06/20	B J VanKavelaar
<u>Greeters</u>			David VanKavelaar
06/06	Sandra McNinch		Jackie Niehorster
06/13			Karl Swift
06/20		06/27	John Paradee
06/27			Sandy McNinch
			Ruth & Lester Gallihue

<u>Sermons & Scriptures</u>	
June 6	<p style="text-align: center;">“Jesus the Center” Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17 Holy Communion (oil)</p>
June 13	<p style="text-align: center;">“The Wilderness Within” Acts 17:16-31; Matthew 4:1-11 Rev. Lester Gallihue</p>
June 20	<p style="text-align: center;">“The Free and the Unfree” Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39 <i>Fathers’ Day</i></p>
June 27	<p style="text-align: center;">“Following Jesus” Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62</p>

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