



People's to People  
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**MARCH 2009**

Under the Bell Tower

# The Centennial Celebration of The People's Church of Dover is scheduled for May 17, 23 & 24

A special Centennial Committee has been working on all the aspects of this celebration for most of a year now, and the plans look great!

- Sunday May 17**      --      Guest Preacher to be announced  
Covered Dish Luncheon for the whole church  
Opening the 1909 cornerstone  
4:00 PM DE Choral Society concert (tickets required)
- Saturday May 23**      --      A Catered Dinner at the church (like old times)
- Sunday May 24**      --      Guest Preacher: The Rev. George B. Higgins  
A Service of Holy Communion  
Ceremony to fill and replace the 1909 cornerstone

If you know how to **contact former members** of People's Church who might not know about this celebration, please let the church office know, or you may tell them yourself. Everybody is welcome.



**Wedding Pictures Sought:** If you were married in People's Church, the Centennial Committee would like to have one of your wedding pictures (gift or loan). A DVD is being planned, showing all the wedding couples we can possibly find, on their wedding day in the church. This DVD will be placed in the cornerstone for posterity. Please include the date of your wedding, the names of the people in the picture, and the name of the minister who performed the ceremony.

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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH  
FEBRUARY 28, 2009**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$216,390
Income Weekly	4,161
Budgeted Income to Date	25,495
Income Received to Date	20,685
Budget Expenses to Date	- 34,742
Net Difference	\$ -14,057

**ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY**

	2008	2009	offerings
02/03	123	02/01 115	4,071.00
02/10	118	02/08 129	3,028.50
02/17	125	02/15 114	2,221.50
02/24	<u>140</u>	02/22 <u>98</u>	<u>2,511.05</u>
	<b>506</b>		<b>456 \$11,832.05</b>

**March Birthdays**

03/04	Don H. GRIFFITH
03/04	Estelle LOCKWOOD
03/04	Ruth GALLIHUE
03/05	Mary WILSON
03/05	Amanda DOWNES
03/06	Judy ZINGARO
03/06	Joan CAULK
03/06	Elaine EWING
03/07	Glenn HITCHENS
03/08	Brook PEARCE
03/08	Rod THOMPSON
03/13	Helaine JONES
03/14	Sage COLE
03/14	Austin MAYAN
03/15	Mae BOWEN
03/15	Bradley LEWIS
03/15	Sandra COSDEN
03/16	Robert HAWKINS
03/16	Charles DEMPSEY, Jr.
03/18	Matthew MOOR
03/18	Patrick McCLEARY
03/19	Courtlyn WITTE
03/21	Gale GROVE
03/22	Jesse MAYAN
03/23	Sue DODD
03/23	Laura RYAN
03/24	Rosamond PIERCE
03/24	Jim CALDWELL
03/27	Bette Jo VAN KAVELAAR
03/27	Philip S. BETTS
03/27	Cody LLOYD
03/28	James GROVE
03/28	Shirley HAWKINS
03/29	Lynda CAULK

03/30 Judith DOWNS  
03/30 John C. (Jack) LEWIS  
03/30 Alli PEARCE

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**

**Mary Alice Bailey** – dealing with cancer.  
**Ginny Read** – has been in therapy at Jefferson Magee Rehab in Philly for six weeks.  
**A.J. Senato** – spinal surgery at Johns Hopkins Hosp. Mar 3.  
**Jan Waite** – Calvin's wife has been diagnosed with cancer.

**PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS**

**Drexel Biddle** – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.  
**Leon "Buddy" Carter** – Brenda Polasko's brother: COPD.  
**Eichelberger family** – Allbees' friends: several medical problems.  
**Casey Garcia** – Friend of Jane Dodd, in treatment for respiratory problems.  
**Bill Henry** – Dodds' friend suffering from advancing Alzheimer's Disease.  
**Nell Holt** – Harriet Griggs' mother, returned Feb. 23 to assisted living after 2 ½ months' rehab.  
**Lucille Horsey** – Carol Skadsberg's friend.  
**Sue Leonard** – Cleah Muntz's sister: pain from spinal deterioration.  
**Chloe Niehorster** – Jackie's granddaughter in NJ will be having plastic surgery for dog bites.  
**Keith Nicolls** – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.  
**Martin Zagari** – Sue Dodd's uncle, hospitalized for cranial tests.

**PRAYERS FOR CANCER PATIENTS**

**Meena Ball** – age 6, her cancer is now in remission: friend of Dale & Betsy Stewart.  
**Faye Denkenberger** – friend of Marie Clement.  
**Mary Ford** – Betsy Stewart's friend.  
**Michelle Hill** – Sue Dodd's cousin.  
**Barbara Jackson** – Cleah Muntz's cousin.  
**Howard Killian** – Angela Downs' father.  
**Gordon Minner** – friend of Jeff and Judy Reed.  
**Charlena Murdock** – Reeds' friend in South Carolina.  
**Christina Neustad** – Betsy Stewart's niece.  
**Diane Nickelson** – friend of Brenda Polasko.  
**Lillian Schrantz** – Cleah Muntz's sister-in-law.  
**Robert Sisson** – Jeff Reed's friend, home after improvement, but very weak  
**Judy Smith** – Phyllis Simkins' niece.

**Michele Stevenson** – friend of the Allbee family.  
**Jean Stulir** – friend of Lyn Arnold: has 3 small children.  
**Ethan Williams** – 7-yr.-old friend of Hotchkiss family.  
**"Ann Marie"** – friend of the Allbee family.  
**Deborah VanNess** – friend of the Allbee family.

#### DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

**Sp. Adam Conard** – Joan Conard's grandson: Army: to Iraq.  
**Darlene Casebeer** – Cleah Muntz's niece: Air Force: to Iraq.

#### SYMPATHY

The love and sympathy of the church is expressed to Vicki and Angie Healey and their family in the death of **Dorothy Russ** on January 27.

To Marge and Don Griffith and their family we extend our deepest sympathy in the sudden death of Marge's daughter **Jean Lee Turner** on February 6.

The sympathy and care of People's Church is extended to Sylvia Latourette and her family in the death of her daughter-in-law **Kathie Latourette** on February 21, of cancer.

## Daylight Saving Time begins March 8 !!

#### Help a Child Get Her Last Wish

Kids Wish Network is an organization that helps terminally ill children get their life's wish. People's Church has been asked to help a Delaware girl named Ta'Kiyah, who is twelve years old and has brain cancer. She wants to meet President Obama. Our church's goal is \$200. Please help. Make your check out to the church and mark it "Kids Wish Network." And thank you!

### LENT EVENTS

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM – light supper and Lenten Study: "A Ministry of Health and Healing," and the novel The Reader  
Thursdays, 12:05 – 12:35 PM – Lenten Organ Concerts:  
3/5 – David Wilkins (Wesley)  
3/12 – Rick Givens (Christ Episcopal)  
3/19 – Jon Rania (Christ Episcopal)  
3/26 – Ellen Harbeson (Grace Presbyterian)  
4/2 -- Jonathan Emmons (Wesley College)  
4/9 -- Philip Betts (People's Church)  
Maundy Thursday Communion Service – April 9

## Members Home-Bound or in Long-Term Recuperation

During this Lenten season, our home-bound members would appreciate contact from members of their home church.

#### At the Heritage of Dover

Howard & Thelma Lewis

#### At Green Valley Pavillion

Betty Tomlinson

#### At Silver Lake Center

Helen Singleton

#### At Westminster Retirement

Monti Bowen  
Hazel Clendaniel  
Kathryn Coverdale  
Don Griffith  
Mary Reed

#### At Home

Mary Alice Bailey  
Ed & Dorothy Cox (in Jacksonville)  
Irene Deamer  
Leonard Guth  
Daisy Hill (at Rick's)  
Louise Moore  
Ginny Read  
Rose Mary Ressel  
Dale Stewart  
Fred Stites  
Adolf Weissenfluh

#### CHURCH CLOSINGS DUE TO WEATHER

will be announced on  
WDOV-AM TV Channel 27/42 WBOC-TV

### 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference

June 12-14, University of DE, Newark  
Theme:

"Save the Rock—Lord lead us to greener pastures."  
Registration information and business items will soon be available on the conference website:

[www.cacucc.org](http://www.cacucc.org)

Please contact us with your email address so that we can inform you when items are available:

1-800-441-1965

[ajones@cacucc.org](mailto:ajones@cacucc.org)

We look forward to seeing you there.

#### PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW

**Men's Breakfast** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, at the Countrie Eatery on N. State Street.

March 19<sup>th</sup>

## BOARD OF DIACONATE

### Notice

**Please** if you were married in People's Church we would like to have you bring in your Wedding picture to display and be scanned to be placed on a DVD to be put in to the Cornerstone for the next anniversary.

### PLATES

The supplier said that the Commutative Plate should be here **March 2, 2009!!** The Price is \$20.00 each! We would like to have them all picked up and paid for ASAP as we have 30 days to pay the bill and these monies upfront will be very helpful the budget.

### NOTICE

The Diaconate is sponsoring a **WHITE PAPER Gathering** to help with the budget shortfall! Watch the sale papers and when you are out shopping pick some extra white items to donate to the church such as: **Reams of copy paper** (Wall Mart, Sam's Club, and Staples) **Toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, cups, and etc for the social hall.**

The next Diaconate meeting will be March 15, 2009 at 11:10 AM.

### Our Church's Website

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

The picture of the Church in different phases is on the front and a brief history is on the back of the Plate. Each Plate is boxed for giving as a gift. Order now so that you will be sure to get one.

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Youth Group met for the second time on February 14, and the kids decorated placemats for the patients' meal trays, at Bay Health Medical Center. They talked about how to show love without using words. They will be getting a list of children with illness from AI

DuPont Hospital, so our youth can include them in prayers. Their next meeting, in March, will be an outing to Chuck E Cheese. Check the Youth Bulletin Board or with leader, Jennifer Myer for details.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 12. The nursery will be open, and school-age children are encouraged to attend the worship service with their parents. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place, in the church yard, after the worship service this year. We expect a larger turn-out at this time, and the members of the congregation will have the opportunity to see this fun and exciting activity. Cheryl Goldsmith will be the leader, and I am told that the "Easter Bunny" will make an appearance.

The Adult Class enjoyed a discussion of Science and Religion, led by the Reverend Courtney Mys. We thank her for her willingness to share her ideas and lead the discussion. The March class will be March 29, after worship, and the topic will be the History of People's Church, a prelude to our Centennial Celebration.

The next meeting of the Board of Christian Education will be March 8, after the worship meeting.

Jean Hitchens, Chairperson

### **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.**

The Youth Group has a meeting place! The classroom next to the kitchen was organized and cleaned for our use. The Youth Group met on February 14, 2009 to decorate placements for Bayhealth. We also discussed love and the different ways to show love.

The Youth Group is open to any child between the ages of 6 and 11. We welcome suggestions for community service and are open to all ideas for activities. You can see me at Church on Sundays or leave a message for me at the church office.

The Youth Group will be going to Chuck E. Cheese on Sunday March 29, 2009. Transportation will be provided thanks to the new church van. More details will be on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Room.

Jennifer Myer, Youth Group Director

## BOARD OF FINANCE

New to the George Kent Memorial Library:  
Dave Ramsey Total Money Makeover  
Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Revisited  
Dave Ramsey More Than Enough  
Learn how to live on a budget, get out of debt and serve the lord.  
The best gift you can give your family is to live debt free.

### Acts of Faith

Several parishioners have donated  
\$100 office supplies - postage  
\$100 set up a debit account for the church van  
\$ 85 office supplies – repair computer  
\$ 500 Act of Faith  
Thank you for your generosity and giving spirit  
Thanks Lyn

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management met after service on February 22, 2009. We have been busy getting bid estimates from contractors on the work to be done before the Centennial Celebration. This includes new plaster work and painting of portions of the sanctuary, which should be complete early in March. Windows for the south wall of the basement are on order and will be installed soon. Estimates are also coming in for replacing the air conditioning system which was damaged in a theft attempt. Structural work is planned pending weather on the bell tower and for the sanctuary support beams. This will include an assessment by a structural engineer, who will make recommendations for long-term support of the north and south walls, and the sagging balcony. The Board plans on adding balcony support for the Centennial Celebration by installing some jack braces and then having them neatly concealed. We hope to have the two stained glass windows which are currently in storage on display for the big event.

The Board has finished establishing a church van use policy, and the van is now beginning to be used. There are sign-out procedures and specifics for fueling the van. We are looking into magnetic signs or decorative lettering for the van to help promote the church's mission. Training for van use will be offered.

If you have any questions or concerns for the Board of Management, please do not hesitate to contact BJ VanKavelaar (Chair), or any other members.

## BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

Thanks to everyone again for a successful soup/sub sale on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds from this Fund Raiser benefited the Men's Emergency Homeless Shelter and the Salvation Army. Our donation is always very needed and appreciated.

The Board of Mission and Outreach will be having a Soup/Sub sale on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please watch for order forms in the bulletin or call the church office with your order by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

A special thanks to everyone who helps with donations for the Food Bank. These have been very lean times for those in need here in Dover as it has all over the country. Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis program has helped feed hundreds of families in the Dover area alone and also assisted many families with utility bills and housing costs in emergency situations. Without the support of the participating churches many families would have gone without help this season because of the limited resources that the State Agencies are experiencing. Everyone from Kent Ecumenical Food and Crisis extends a hand of Thanks to all those who generously support this cause. We continue to support the Men's Emergency Homeless Shelter with laundry services on Mondays (linens only) and transport from the Shelter Intake Center on Forrest Avenue to the Site Church on Mondays and Wednesdays in our new Van (which has just been a wonderful addition to our Mission work). The shelter had originally planned to close at the end of March but it is now planning to remain open through the month of May and needs any additional support that the community can offer. If you are interested in helping with volunteer hours or monetary donations please give me a call 423-6049 and I can lead you in the right direction. Our neighbor, the Presbyterian Church around the corner, is the Site Church throughout most of March and could use some help with meals. If you would like to help with that effort please contact me and I will help to coordinate that.

This has been a huge effort on the part of local churches and the Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing that has been quite successful and continues to serve homeless men of Dover with meals and shelter. Support from churches and the community enables this project to continue to serve men who otherwise would be living in the streets. These men are provided an opportunity to have a safe place to stay at night, meals in the morning and evening and a place to clean up and prepare to look for work and move forward in their lives. There have been a lot of success stories and I am blessed to have witnessed them. I encourage anyone who has not had the opportunity to help to please do so. You too will be blessed from the experience.

Thanks again from the Board of Mission and Outreach to everyone for their support and generosity.

Sue Harris-Hunt

Board of Mission and Outreach

**From:** Peoples Church  
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## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

### Coming in March

*The escalating global food crisis is leaving millions of people throughout the world impoverished, in jeopardy and the threat is serious. In the last six months, prices of basic food staples have increased more than 50%. For the more than one billion people already living on the UN minimum survival wage of U.S. \$1 a day, this is devastating. One Great Hour of Sharing continues to work on initiatives that address food security throughout the world. Please take a moment and give some thought to this worthy offering that we will receive on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.*



**Food Bank Sunday** is March 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 February. There were 75 food items donated and \$50.00 collected. All gifts were given to the Holy Cross Samaritans Food Bank for the month of February. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.

Sue Hunt and Ruth Harris  
Board of Mission & Outreach

## VOLUNTEERS

### Flowers

03/01 Elinor Lee Baker  
03/08 Fred Hotchkiss  
03/15 Tomlinson Family

03/22 Sandy McNinch  
03/29 Clifton Biddle

### Liturgist

03/01 Jennifer Myer  
03/08 Jennifer Myer  
03/15 Mary Johns  
03/22 Richard Merriwether  
03/29 Mark Biddle

### Ushers

03/01 Vic Pierce  
Roz Pierce  
Mary Beth Goldsmith  
Cheryl Goldsmith  
  
03/08 Sandy McNinch  
Louise Warfield  
Terry Warfield  
John Paradee  
  
03/15 Vic Pierce  
Roz Pierce  
Louise Warfield  
Terry Warfield  
  
03/22 Judy Downs  
John Downs  
  
03/29 Karl Swift

### Greeters

03/01 Louise Ferguson  
03/08 Sandy McNinch  
03/15 Cynthia Hotchkiss  
03/22 Connie Biddle  
03/29

"A note of apology: I'm embarrassed that I misplaced the usher list & had to start from scratch for March. There were some who signed up to usher in March, and I have no record of who they were. Please accept my apology & sign up for April. I promise I'll guard that list with my life."  
Sandy McNinch

### Sermons & Scriptures

March 01 **"A Contract with the Earth"**  
Genesis 9:8-17; First Peter 3:18-22  
**Holy Communion**  
March 08 **"Backing into Eternity"**  
Psalm 22:23-31; Mark 8:31-38  
March 15 **"A Bullwhip in His Hand"**

Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

March 22 **"God, a Snake and the World"**  
Number 21:4-9; John 3:14-21

March 29 **"Who Invited THEM"**  
Hebrews 5:7-10; John 12:20-33

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### Women's Fellowship

At our meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>, Jane Kent led us in a devotional message of advice for the new year. Shirley Hawkins presented a book report on Until My Blindfold Comes Off written by her neighbor's son, Chris Harvey. Chris was blinded by a stray bullet while at college and is now the first vice-president of a major financial firm.

For our February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Rev. Griggs spoke to us about humor in the Bible. He quoted several passages of ironies, taunts, imagery and sarcasm.

Christine Hopkins and Marian DePue shopped for Christmas gifts for our sponsored client from the Auxiliary of Stockley. Members reported that our shut-ins really enjoyed the decorative plates the women made during our November meeting.

Dover First Night Out netted \$328.38.

Thanks to our volunteers: Jean and Glen Hitchens; Phyllis Tarburton; Phyllis and Larry Simpkins and their daughter Robin; Ruth Gallihue; Nell and Jim Baker; Pat Thompson; Shirley Hawkins; Karl Swift; Jane Kent; Dave and BJ Van Kavelaar and their son, Jeff Connor, sister, Chris Smith and niece, Jennifer Roos.

The W.F. will host another pancake supper for Shrove ("Fat") Tuesday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Again we will serve pancakes with various syrups and fruit toppings, sausage, OJ, coffee and tea. \$5 for adults and \$3 for children; serve 5-7pm. Our spaghetti chefs, Chris Senato and Dave Van Kavelaar, will be our chefs for the pancake supper. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends.

The WF will be making new Christmas banners for the sanctuary as the others are quite old. Anyone interested in helping Phyllis Simpkins, Phyllis Tarburton and Louise Warfield please contact one of these ladies.

The 2009 program and budget for Women's Fellowship was approved. We have some very exciting programs planned: starting with a speaker from the Dept. of Justice on Identity Theft; a tour of the new De. Hospice Center and De. Veterans' Home in Milford; special Easter and Christmas programs; a speaker from the De. State Police on Personal

Safety Tips; and, of course, our two covered dish luncheons in Sept. and Dec.

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4 at 12:30pm. A speaker from the Dept. of Justice will present a program on Preventing Identity Theft. All friends and family members are welcome to attend. Our meetings are always open to everyone...not just women of the church!**

Wednesday March 4: 12:30 PM

The department of Justice will present a program on Identity Theft. Everyone is welcome.

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

We are currently accepting gently used fall and winter clothes. We particularly need the larger sizes (XL, 2X etc.) and children's 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

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