



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

Gratitude Implies Blessing

This is the month of Thanksgiving. No doubt the stores will have Christmas trees up and lavish gift displays and sales—they're always ahead of the schedule, we expect that. But for us, November is the month that brings us to the national day of Thanks-giving. Now if the task of this month is to give thanks, then there must be something to be thankful to somebody for. It reminds me of a little story I learned in the Four-year-old Sunday School class. Our teacher read the story to us. A family sat down at the kitchen table to eat supper, and the little boy (I'm sure the girls in the class remember it as a little girl) said, "Thank you, mother, for this milk: I like it!" His mother said, "Don't thank me. Thank the man at the grocery store." (That was back when there were still a lot of small corner grocery stores around.) Anyway the little boy waited until they went to the grocery store again and said to the grocer, "Thank you, Mr. Grocer, for the milk: I like it." The grocer smiled and said, "Don't thank me, thank the dairy farmer." So the boy went out to the dairy farm (the story didn't tell us exactly how) and said to the farmer, "Thank you for the milk: I really like it." But the farmer shook his head and said, "Don't thank me, thank the cow." So the boy turned around and said to the cow, "Thank you, Mrs. Cow, for the milk: I like it!" The cow chewed her cud for a while longer and then said, "Don't thank me, thank the grass in the field." So the boy ran out into the field and said, "Thank you, grass, for the milk I like so much!" But the field answered, "Don't thank me, thank the sun and the rain." So the little boy called out to the sun and said, "Thank you, sun, for the really good milk!" And the sun said, "Don't thank me, thank God." (You can see why I would remember such a story—it has repetition, a sequence that's easy to remember, and concludes with gratitude to God.)

This little story makes more sense than most things on the evening news. If I come to possess or enjoy good things, then gratitude is the appropriate attitude for me to develop. And ultimately "every good gift and every blessing comes from above, from the Father of lights, with whom there is no shadow of turning" (James 1:17). God is the ultimate giver of everything good.

And so I come back to the comforting words Jesus spoke about worry and anxiety over having what we need: "Don't worry about what you will eat or drink, or about your body—what you will wear. Isn't life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you more valuable than they? And can worrying add a single hour to a person's life? And about clothing: consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin, but see, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these." "Don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have its own trouble: this day's trouble is enough for one day, don't you think!" (Matthew 6:25-34 paraphrased)

Jesus' words about God's providence connect directly with this season of Thanks-giving. We can express gratitude, because we have plenty to be thankful for. Every one of us.



-Dan

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 31, 2011**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$201,208	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	3,869			
Income Received				
Income members		118,503.40	111,952.28	-6,551.12
Transferred from Investment savings		50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Expenses to Date		-165,899.00	-167,967.07	-2,068.07
Net Difference		-2,604.40	-6,014.79	-8,619.19

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

2010		2011		offerings
10/03	105	10/02	71	2,601.69
10/10	119	10/09	94	2,677.50
10/17	100	10/16	101	2,904.60
		Savings		10,000.00
10/24	101	10/23	98	2,516.00
10/31	<u>107</u>	10/30	<u>107</u>	<u>2,073.03</u>
	532		471	\$22,772.82

November Birthdays

11/02 Luan (Lori) RICE
 11/03 Andersen MOOR
 11/03 Elisabeth TOMLINSON
 11/07 Marian DePUE
 11/07 Hannah LINDSEY
 11/07 Wendy RIDGEWAY
 11/07 Cameron RIDGEWAY
 11/07 Caroline RIDGEWAY
 11/08 Mary JOHNS
 11/09 Orna Lee MASSEY
 11/15 Sally CHILDEARS
 11/20 Terry WARFIELD
 11/22 Victor PIERCE
 11/23 Patricia DiANTONIA
 11/23 Sue Harris-HUNT
 11/23 Thelma LEWIS
 11/25 Jennifer DOWNS
 11/28 Angela DOWNS
 11/29 Irene DEAMER
 11/30 Ava RUDIS
 11/30 Patricia THOMPSON

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

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Francis Clinton – in Silver Lake rehab after a mini-stroke.
Gale Grove – in & out of Milford Rehab and Milford Hospital.
Jim Miller – receiving more radiation and chemo therapy.
Bill Muntz – in treatment for severe leg pain.
Connor Rumbley – broken leg.
Phyllis Simpkins—slow recuperation at home following surgery.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS

Drexel Biddle – Cliff's nephew in GA, heart and lung problems.
Sharon Cordill – friend of Jerry Rice, admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital.
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

John Belian – the Hanebutts' neighbor: bladder cancer.
Sean Carhart – Jennifer Childears' nephew in New Jersey.
Tom Ciampa – friend of Bill Hufnal.
Mrs. Terry Craig – friend of Kathy Hanebutt.
Tubby Dobrowski – dean of students at Poly Tech High School
Mary Ford – friend of Betsy Stewart
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.
Jean Lenox Toddie—Jim Miller's aunt: terminal lung cancer.
"Trent" – has brain cancer: his friends request our prayers for him.
Gary Warfield – Terry's brother: pancreatic cancer.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Kevon Condon – Les Gallihue's nephew, on his way home from Iraq.
Kevin Cec Arnold – Lyn Arnold's nephew, Marines: deployed to Afghanistan.

BAPTISMS

It isn't often that a parent and child receive Christian Baptism on the same day, but we celebrated such an event October 9. **Mae-West Honesty**, a respiratory therapist at Kent General Hospital, was baptized first, so that she and her partner Jason Harris Sr. could affirm the Christian faith for their son **Jason Mathew Harris Jr.** who was then baptized. They live at 111 Trafalgar Drive, Dover 19904. The Diaconate voted to welcome Mae into membership some time ago but her work schedule prevented her from immediate follow-up. We rejoice with them—even if Jason Jr. didn't want to walk with me for the congregation to greet him (a good laugh was had by all).

New Address – October 14, 2011 - Barbara VanSant
145 Kings Highway
Kings Court – Apt. 304
Dover, DE 19901

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Jeff Hastings and Paula Warrington on their marriage September 27, 2011.
Their new address is 11 Howe Drive, Dover, 19901

SYMPATHY

The church's sympathy is expressed to Judy Zingaro and her family in the death of her mother in North Carolina, following surgery.

SYMPATHY

We extend the church's sympathy to Libby Arnell in the death of her husband Marshall Arnell after a long illness, October 20th.

Looking forward to Advent

November 27 is the First Sunday of Advent this year. The Advent services this time are going to be quite a bit different from what we've been doing. Our Advent Theme will be "Proclaim the Wondrous Birth," a program developed by Donald Neidigk. Each Sunday we will welcome the birth of a wondrous child: Isaac, Samuel, John the Baptist, and then Jesus (on Dec. 18—called "Christmas Sunday" in the traditional calendar). Christmas Day is also a Sunday this year: we will celebrate the birth of Christ in us. The hymns and carols, the scripture lessons, candle-lighting and sermons will all celebrate the "wondrous birth," as we prepare for Christmas.

You Are Invited
to a grand ol'

Pot Luck Luncheon

Sunday November 20

after the worship service

Meat, Bread & Beverages will be provided

we need—

casseroles, vegetables, fruit,
salads, and desserts

There will be photos of our church projected for all to see, a presentation of the church's 2012 giving needs, and a lot of fun and good fellowship.

We hope to see you there !

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Thursday November 17 – 8:00 A.M.
At the 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

11/06 David & B J VanKavelaar
 11/13 Jennifer Childears
 11/20 Jeff & Judy Reed, Wendy Ridgeway
 11/27 Pat Thompson

Liturgist

11/06 Jennifer Childears
 11/13 James Caldwell
 11/20 William Hufnal
 11/27 Courtney Mys

Greeters

11/06 Sandy McNinch
 11/13
 11/20 Cynthia Hotchkiss
 11/27 Cheryl Goldsmith

Ushers

11/06 Keith Kreisher
 Jerry Rice
 Joyce Warrington
 Richard Merriwether

Sermons & Scriptures

11/06 "Heritage of Blessing"
 Isaiah 35:1-6; Matthew 11:1-6

Communion Sunday

11/13 "When Is Judgment Day"
 Joel 3:9-16; Matthew 25:31-46

11/20 "Gratitude to Whom?"
 Psalm 107:(excerpts); Matthew 11:25-30

11/27 "The Amazing Birth of Isaac"
Advent I Genesis 21:1-7; Matthew 1:1-6a, 17

11/13 Sandy McNinch
 Jerry Rice
 Roz Pierce
 Vic Pierce

11/20 Jerry Rice
 Keith Kreisher
 Connie Biddle

11/27 Roz Pierce
 Vic Pierce
 Judy Downs
 John Downs

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.

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.

ACOLYTE

Peoples Church is looking to restart a long dormant youth Acolyte program. Seeking an adult interested in helping organize and girls and boys who would enjoy getting involved and helping the church open its worship services each Sunday morning.

Church/Pastoral Feedback. As it has been several years, the time has come once again to ask the congregation to let us know how Peoples Church is doing. Within the next few weeks expect to receive a mailing. We ask that you take some time, give serious contemplative thought to what you experience and expect from your church, and return your forms to us. Your honest feedback will help to make Peoples a stronger church for all.

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

SPAGHETTI DINNER TIME! The board and the Sunday School invite you to dine with us at this year's annual Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, November 6, 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. Our famous chefs, Chris and Dave, will be cooking the meal, served by our youth and teachers/board members. As an added treat, Mission and Outreach will hold their famous Silent Auction of pies, cakes, and cookies in the back of the dining room.

ADVENT WORKSHOP this year will take place November 27, the first Sunday in Advent, but it will begin during the Sunday School time, in the dining room. All youth of the church are welcome to participate and make ornaments to take home for Advent and Christmas.

YOUTH GROUP carved pumpkins for Halloween and will help with a Church Women United mission project in early December. Homemade cookies are made by area churches and youth groups and distributed to male and female prisoners in Kent and Sussex counties during Christmas. More information to follow.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY begins this year with an adult review of your confirmation, led by Pastor Dan. No tests, no pressure...just a light lunch prepared by Fred Hotchkiss, good information, and wonderful fellowship. The first session, October 30, with part 2 after the first of the new year. Please join us as we review and learn together.

NEXT BOARD MEETING will be Sunday, December 4, after worship service.

**THE BOARD WISHES EVERYONE THE BLESSINGS OF THIS THANKSGIVING SEASON!
EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE THROUGH WORSHIP, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, AND FELLOWSHIP!**

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.

Jennifer Childears, Youth Group Director, People's Church

BOARD OF FINANCE

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

This Fall the Stewardship Committee of the Board of Finance will conduct a Stewardship campaign. The Board of Finance will be contacting church members to remind them to complete and submit the Estimate of Giving Cards. These estimates are used by the Board of Trustees in formulating a budget for our Church for 2012.

Please take time to reflect on the importance People's Church has had in your lives and the lives of family members and friends. We really cannot quantify the true value of our Church, but please be as generous as you can in stating the amount you believe you can give in 2012 to People's Church. A few extra dollars each week by each of us will enable our church to fulfill its mission to its members and to the community.

Stewardship Committee

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The board met after service on October 23rd. The primary focus for the board was the 2012 budget items. In addition to setting the proposed budget, the board discussed the existing leaks and cracks that were caused by the earthquake. Leaks are occurring in areas that could jeopardize the electrical panels and fire system. The board is waiting on an assessment to determine exactly how to

proceed. Our roofing contractor was here to meet with some of the board members earlier in the month to point out where repair is needed for the leaking over the entire roof of the facility.

Another major issue that board is discussing is the bell tower. There are significant leaks now in the bell tower and it is causing rot of some of the flooring and walls. The generator for the chimes is also getting water on it. The tower chimes contractor was here recently and did some repairs but also gave us a thorough assessment of all the work that is needed. The support for the 17 tons of chimes is now sagging and is in need of repair and replacement of the base support. There is a lot of work to be done in the bell tower just to maintain existing conditions. Thanks to Harry Otto for working with the contractor and taking care of the bell tower chimes! Harry came to a previous board meeting to discuss the many items that need addressed.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th at 7pm. If you should have any concerns or would like to make the board aware of any issues, please contact one of the board members. Thank you.

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

A dazzling array of scrumptious pies and cakes!

Our Silent Auction of pies and cakes is just in time for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. This one will be bigger and better than the one we had last November.

When you bring your cake or pie or cookies, bring a small sign saying what it is and if it has nuts in it.

In conjunction with the Spaghetti Supper the Board of Mission and Outreach will be conducting the auction for the benefit of the Angel Tree on Sunday, Nov. 6th. You can bring your baked goods to the church that morning 9 to 11 am.

Mary Johns/Sue Hunt



Food Bank Sunday is November 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 October. There were 52 food items donated and \$25.00 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 is scheduled for Sundays, Dec. 11th and 18th after worship.

The "slice is nice" sale of pies and cakes was Sunday, Sept. 18. It was a big success and we made \$181. Slices sold for \$1.50 each.

The WF will host a **covered dish brunch on Nov. 13th**. WF will purchase a spiral ham and supply the drinks. The other Boards will present a program on celebrating our church, new members, and recent accomplishments.

We saw a sample of the clay flower pot angels that we will be making for the **Nov. 14th** meeting. Volunteers need to **bring 3 1/2" clay pots**. There will be a "pre-workshop" on 11/1 at 9:30am to get them started. We will also be making cranberry relish on Nov. 14th to sell at **Nov. 20th craft sale** and **will need cranberries, apples and oranges**. The members also agreed to sell excess quilts, shawls and blankets at the craft sale.

Members voted in new officers for next year (2012): Phyllis Simpkins-Pres.; Shirley Hawkins- 1st VP; Betsy Stewart-2nd VP; BJ Van Kavelaar-secretary; Phyllis Tarburton-treasurer; Christine Hopkins-Parliamentarian; Devotional Life-Jane Kent; Program Chair-Jean Hitchens; Material Aids & Missions-Shirley Hawkins; Hospitality & Membership-Marian DePue; House-Nell Baker; Publicity-Pat Thompson; Family Thank offering-Ruth Gallihue; Nominating Committee-Shirley Hawkins; Advisor- Nancy Guth.

Members approved a budget for 2012 totaling \$1,425: One Great Hour of Sharing \$200; Appropriation for missions \$500; UCC Lancaster Seminary \$100; Local missions/charity \$250; Flowers, gifts and memorials (\$20 each) \$100; Receptions/misc. \$100; Capital Improvements \$100; Postage/stationery \$75. Members also approved a draft program for 2012 which included two "slice is nice" sales; two covered dish luncheons; a pancake brunch; making Easter and Christmas crafts for shut-ins; Santa's workshop; making and selling cranberry relish along with excess crafts, afghans and quilts; and, of course, our annual spring luncheon trip.

Ruth Gallihue discussed the Family Thank Offering. Members voted to use "**Blessing bags**" and donate proceeds to the Diaconate Fund for local ministries. Bags will be handed out to the congregation on 10/16 and collected 12/4 and 12/5.

Our **next meeting will be Nov. 14th at 1pm**. It will be hosted by Jean Hitchens and Shirley Hawkins. We will be making crafts and cranberry relish. **Everyone is welcome** to join in!!

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)

We are gearing up for our Christmas program. If you would like to sponsor a family or would like to shop for our client families, please let us know.

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. 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

NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 AA meeting	2 NA & AA meetings	3 F.A.I.R. 5 PM Yoga 7 PM Choir	4 NA & AA meetings	5 1 PM C.O.D.A.
6 Holy Communion 4:30-6:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner	7 1PM Women's Fellowship NA & AA meetings	8 AA meeting	9 NA & AA meetings	10 F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	11 NA & AA meetings	12 1 PM C.O.D.A.
13 11:15 Diaconate 4 PM Trustees	14 NA & AA meetings	15 AA meeting	16 NA & AA meetings 7 PM Bd Mgmt	17 Men's Bfst F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	18 NA & AA meetings	19 1 PM C.O.D.A.
20 11:15 AM All-Church Covered Dish Luncheon	21 NA & AA meetings	22 AA meeting	23 NA & AA meetings	24 Thanks-giving Day office closed F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	25 church Office closed NA & AA meetings	26 1 PM C.O.D.A.
27 Advent I Dedication of Blessing Bags	28 NA & AA meetings	29 AA meeting	30 NA & AA meetings	DECEMBER ↓		
				1 F.A.I.R. 5 pm Yoga 7 pm Choir	2 NA & AA meetings	3 1 PM C.O.D.A.
4 Advent II Holy Communion & Anointing w/ Oil	5 12 N Women's Fel. Covered Dish Luncheon	6 AA meeting	7 NA & AA meetings	8 F.A.I.R. 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	9 NA & AA meetings	10 1 PM C.O.D.A.
11 Advt III Annual Meeting	12 NA & AA meetings	13 AA meeting	14 NA & AA meetings	15 Men's Bfst F.A.I.R. 4:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	16 NA & AA meetings	17 1 PM C.O.D.A.

Christmas Services: Dec. 24 – 7 PM Family Service; 10 PM – Communion by Candlelight
Dec. 25 (Sunday) – 10 AM Communion Service (no Sunday School)