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## OCTOBER 2011

*Under the Bell Tower*

### OCTOBER

As I write this, there's a growing blanket of leaves on the Handicapped Parking Lot outside my office window. All the rain has made the grass grow, but it has also hurried the falling of leaves. And yet, in the fenced-in front garden there are flowers in full bloom. It must be October.

I love October. I love the colors of the leaves as they emphasize the colors of the late-blooming flowers. This is "the change of the seasons" that so many people say they prefer to semi-tropical Florida. But I love October for another reason.

It was the autumn of 1965. I was a green freshman in a small college in Nashville, Tennessee, just beginning to make friends. But there was this one coed . . . . Well, anyway, Harriet and I began to deepen our relationship during the autumn—through the colors of that October. She brought a little brownie camera from home to take pictures. We still have those pictures: they're black and white, but to us they are full of color. The warm, sunny days of early October changed like the leaves into the cloudy late October weather—just a nip of cool air, the harbinger of distant Christmas coming.

In the People's Church of Dover, October is the month when our members renew our commitment to worship, to the gathering of the people of Christ—our people. Sunday School has already begun for the fall, and activities are in the planning. I love to look out into the congregation on an October Sunday morning and see increasing numbers of people—loving people, caring people. We are surrounded by the fellowship of saints.

This would be a good time for adults to think again about the basics of our faith—you know, all that stuff we learned in Confirmation Class so many years ago. In fact, several people have requested an Adult Confirmation Review, and so the Adult Learning Opportunities this autumn will be devoted to . . . remembering. The first A.L.O. will be after worship on Sunday October 30. There will be a light lunch and about an hour of discussion. No, you're not going to be asked to memorize again the answers to the questions in the Heidelberg Catechism!! We're going to have some fun this time. I hope you will participate.

October is when we get busy again, and so we need to make time in our busy lives for Christ's church. It's a matter of *practice*—if you don't do this intentionally, you won't do it. So now is the time to decide to be part of your church this year. As the colorful leaves drift down, may our rainbow of faith, hope and love find expression in fellowship with our church.

-Dan



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 31, 2011

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$201,208	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	3,869			
Income Received				
Income members		106,946.14	98,960.46	-7,985.68
Transferred from Investment savings		40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
Expenses to Date		-147,667.00	-154,006.91	-6,339.91
Net Difference		-720.86	-15,046.45	-14,325.59

### ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

2010		2011		offerings
09/05	75	09/04	64	3,247.05
09/12	102	09/11	116	3,555.35
09/19	110	09/18	85	2,887.50
09/26	63	09/25	91	1,634.50
	<b>350</b>		<b>356</b>	<b>\$11,634.50</b>

### October Birthdays

10/01	Kathleen THOMAS	10/12	Alexis JONES
10/02	Tiffany RUMBLEY	10/12	Mikell REED
10/03	Roger S. LEWIS	10/14	Erica RICHARD
10/04	Ann M. GROVE	10/17	Charles A. MOOR JR.
10/05	Elva A. STITES	10/18	Betsy STEWART
10/08	Eric VAN SANT	10/20	Jenna CLENDANIEL
10/09	Cora Marie YODER	10/21	Lynn SMITH
10/11	Jace RICHARD	10/22	Maisha BRITT
10/12	Charles BOYER	10/28	Alyssa SENATO

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 – home after a stay in Kent General Hospital.
- Harriet Griggs – recuperating after complications from foot surgery.
- Gale Grove – in & out of Milford Rehab and Milford Hospital.
- Nancy Guth – recuperating from multiple hospitalizations.
- Glenn Hitchens—preparing for surgery to deal with an aneurysm in the brain.
- Jim Miller – receiving more radiation and chemo therapy.

Bill Muntz – in treatment for severe leg pain.  
Mary Reed – testing for cancer.  
Connor Rumbley – broken leg.  
Phyllis Simpkins—slow recuperation at home following surgery.  
Barbara VanSant – recuperating at home following back 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.  
Mary Ford – friend of Betsy Stewart  
Melanie Giangrant -- friend of Judy Reed.  
Doris Joyeusaz – friend of Bill Hufnal  
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.  
Michael Williams – 12-year-old grandson of Pat Thompson's friend.

### **PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Kevon Condon – Les Gallihue's nephew, in the Army: deployed to Iraq.  
Kevin Cec Arnold – Lyn Arnold's nephew, Marines: deployed to Afghanistan.

### **THANK YOU**

Special appreciation to four women who pitched in to clean and organize the dining room kitchenette. It was a job very much needed—they actually found food dated 2008. Thanks, Ruth Gallihue , Shirley Hawkins , Jean Hitchens , and Phyllis Tarburton.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

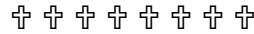
September 18 three new members were received into the fellowship of People's Church. They are—

#### **Bill & Ann Miller – 57 Silver Meadows Lane, Dover 19904**

Bill was baptized Lutheran. He is retired from the military and works part-time as a volunteer at the Air Mobility Command Museum. Ann was never baptized, so as we received her into membership she was baptized into the universal church. She works part-time in customer service.

**Loretta Neumyer – 45 Molly Court, Dover 19901**

Loretta grew up Baptist and transferred her membership from Mason Dixon Baptist Church in New Freedom, PA. She is retired, living next door to Betsy Stewart.



**Water Damage**

Over the past month the church building has received some water damage during all the rain we've had. The 24"-thick concrete wall beside the "back door" (the door onto the south parking lot) has become saturated, water has been leaking into two basement closets, and some old cracks have reappeared up the three storeys of the back stairwell. We have filed a claim with our insurance company (United Church of Christ Insurance Board), and a structural engineer is scheduled to survey the damage to assess it and indicate what kinds of repairs are needed. In the meantime, the back door has swollen and sticks when it rains. The Board of Management is on top of this situation. PLEASE BE CAREFUL AT THE BACK DOOR.

**THANK YOU**

to the Women's Fellowship in collaboration with the Board of Management, for the re-flooring and painting of the Fellowship Room, where so much of our church's informal time together takes place. The old tiles were removed and a completely new surface has been laid, cleaned and shined. New carpets have been placed in the two portions of the room. The walls have been painted a warm color, and the art that has been displayed is being reorganized for display again. A special note of thanks to Randal Revay for all the work he put into the project.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Thursday October 20 – 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**

10/02 Glenn & Jean Hitchens  
10/09 Martha Baynard  
10/16 Pat Brown  
10/23 Cheryl Goldsmith  
10/30 Barbara VanSant

**Liturgist**

10/02 Richard Merriwether  
10/09 Jennifer Childears  
10/16 Joe Zingaro  
10/23 Phyllis Tarburton  
10/30 Kathy Thomas

**Greeters**

10/02 Ann and Bill Miller  
10/09 Cheryl Goldsmith  
10/16 Cynthia Hotchkiss  
10/23 Cheryl Goldsmith

**Ushers**

10/02 Ann Miller  
Bill Miller  
Phyllis Tarburton  
Connie Biddle

10/30

**Sermons & Scriptures**

10/02 "To Banish the World's Spirits"  
First Samuel 16:14-23; Matthew 8:28 – 9:1

**World Communion Sunday**

10/09 "To Heal and to Forgive"  
Acts 9:32-35; Matthew 9:2-8

10/16 "Clean and Alive"  
Leviticus 15:25-31; Matthew 9:18-26

10/23 "Liberation"  
Acts 14:8-15; Matthew 9:27:31

10/30 "Reformed and Reforming"  
Micah 7:1-7; Matthew 10:34-39

10/09

Sandy McNinch  
Bill Hufnal  
Keith Kreisher  
Jerry Rice

10/16

Jerry Rice  
Sandy McNinch

10/23

Sandy McNinch  
Keith Kreisher  
Jerry Rice

10/30

Sandy McNinch  
Jerry Rice

**THE SECOND RESTORED STAIN GLASS WINDOW**

will soon be delivered and placed in the Women's Fellowship room. The congregational approval to restore and display these hundred-year-old windows included the invitation for anyone who would like to make all or a portion of a window into a **memorial for loved ones**. For further information about this, please see Fred Hotchkiss, who is overseeing this project.

**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**

**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**

Sunday School has begun! All children and youth, ages 3-18 are welcome...we have a class for you! The nursery is available each Sunday as well. We are once again grateful to our teachers, helpers, and youth leader.

The Spaghetti Dinner date has been set. Please mark your calendars for Sunday November 6, 4:30-6:30 P.M. Chris and Dave are again our chefs, and the youth group will be doing the table setting, serving, and clean-up. Our proceeds will benefit our church, and specifically our youth items, including Vacation Bible School.

The Adult Learning Opportunity will begin on October 30, with a "confirmation refresher class" for adults, led by our pastor. Fred Hotchkiss will prepare a light lunch for us, after which the class will begin. We finish by noon. The Yoga Class will begin this month, under the leadership of Louise Warfield this year. Watch the bulletin for the exact Thursday.

The next board of Christian Education meeting will be October 23, after the worship service.

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**

### **LET'S PUT SOME SKIN IN THE GAME**

Welcome back after the summer hiatus. The summer brought you a lot of enjoyment and left the church behind on the congregational giving. Please help reduce the summer deficit by contributing make up payments. It is most acceptable to make one payment in one envelope to fulfill your promise. That will simplify the process and save you on the cost of checks. Thank you for all the prayerful donations you make all year long.

The Stewardship process begins now. Warren Buffett recommended "putting skin in the game" in reference to management showing support of a company by investing their own money (their own skin) in. Investor's, or in the case of the church, congregants, have more appreciation and confidence in the organization. The members of the various boards and the trustees are encouraged to step up and submit their estimates of giving promptly in order to set the example.

The estimates of giving make the foundation of the church budget for the following year. The church's budget covers roughly the same things that a household budget does—income, expenses such as heating, air conditioning, supplies, salaries, health care and retirement plans.

The church's budget is around \$220,000. The expenses for the essentials such as electricity, water, heating and air conditioning are not likely to go down. Please think about digging a little deeper this year. Whether you think about it or not, you see, hear, and feel where the money goes every Sunday. You may even taste a little, as ours is an "eating church."

The offer still stands to adopt any item in the budget. There are opportunities to pay for heating and air conditioning for a day, week, or month. The newsletter is a tangible item worthy of support. Would you read the newsletter more carefully if you paid for its publication? Would you like to pay to produce the Sunday bulletin on the anniversary of a meaningful event in your life? What kinds of blessings inspire you to thankfully put some skin in the game?

BULLETIN -one Sunday	\$25
NURSERY COORDINATOR- one Sunday	\$25
ACTS OF FAITH- one week	\$50
OFFICE SUPPLIES- one week	\$50
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION- one week's budget	\$60
HEAT/COOL SANCTUARY- one Sunday	\$70
SPECIAL OFFERINGS- budgeted over 52 weeks	\$100
BEAUTIFUL ORGAN MUSIC-one Sunday	\$160
HEAT/COOL BUILDING- one week	\$490
NEWSLETTER -one month	\$300
SUPPLIES FOR CLEANING- one year	\$400

The church secretary also needs your help. The generous donations of white goods have a cost. In order to produce a budget that reflects that amount, the value of the item must be communicated to Cindy or to the board who is running the collection. This will help keep the budget for those items down because of the vast donations “in kind” from the church members. It’s not too late to report it to Cindy if you remember what the value of your in-kind donations is for this year.

Many thanks for the boundless generosity you extend to People’s Church, your church.

Lyn Arnold, Chair, Finance Committee

## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

The board had it's first meeting following the summer on September 11th. A new contract for the quarterly heating and air conditioning service and upkeep was voted on and approved. The service we have been getting from the current provider has been great and their cost is reasonable. There are a few minor issues which need tweaking on a couple units. Harry Otto delivered the assessment of the chimes following the visit from the service which maintains the tower chimes. There is some leaking which needs repaired, and the roofer is planning to replace the tower shingles. The biggest concern is that that structure that is supporting the chimes (all 7 tons worth!) is shifting over time. The recommendation is to raise the chimes and build a new support structure beneath and lower the chimes back into place. There is also interior work and at some point we will need to replace the generator that helps power the chimes. Hopefully, you have noticed the chimes working again and many thanks go out to Harry Otto.

With the unusual amount of rain we've received over the past month or more, the facility has experienced increased leaking, and leaking where it has never occurred. There are more visible cracks in areas since the earthquake, but it has yet to be determined how this is causing the leaks. Where the leaks are occurring leads to the assumption that where the newer building meets the older building, there may be problems. On September 25, a few board members met with the roofer to get his assessment on where water may be coming in and what additional repair needs completed. Mr. Wallace indicated that there are several areas where new and/or bigger cracks need sealing and that water management improvements on some of the roofing may help alleviate the situation. He does plan to replace the tower shingles, replace the sealant flooring under the chimes, and possibly re-route where the water drains from the tower. Mr. Wallis, as well as other contractors we've had bid on other projects, all recommend that the entire exterior brick face of the facility be sealed to keep water from soaking through the bricks.

The improvements to the Women's Fellowship room are complete! This involved new flooring, area carpet, and fresh painting. The next stained glass window will arrive soon and be placed inside. We hope that you'll stop by and see the nice improvements to this room. The next Board of Management meeting is scheduled for October 23rd following the service. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the board members.

## BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

It is getting close to Angel Tree time. In a couple of weeks I will have the names and be ready to pass them out. So keep this in mind for the holidays.

Sue Hunt



**Food Bank Sunday** is October 2<sup>nd</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 **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 February. There were 71 food items donated and \$65.00 collected. All gifts were given to the **First Baptist Church Food Bank** for the month of February. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.  
Sue Hunt and Mary Johns - - Board of Mission & Outreach

## Women's Fellowship

The ladies and church staff enjoyed a welcome back covered dish luncheon on Sept. 12th. Pastor Dan, our program speaker, discussed the ritual/elegance vs. informal family dinner concepts of communion.

The emergency phone tree has been established through the Board of Trustees. There were a few minor glitches that are being worked out.

The May 4th trip to Hagley Museum was cancelled. Several members went to Rehoboth Beach to lunch at the Big Fish Grill.

The "slice is nice" sale of pies and cakes was Sunday, Sept. 18, after worship. It was very successful.

The Women's Fellowship room has undergone a major renovation: new floor, complete repainting, reupholster some of the furniture and new area rugs. Thanks to the Board of Management for the major overhaul and to several of the women who helped pick out colors and fabrics.

Christian Education has scheduled a spaghetti dinner for Sunday, Nov. 6th, 4:30-6:30pm.

The ladies will be making clay flower pot angels for the Nov. 14th meeting. Volunteers need to bring 3" clay pots. We will also be making cranberry relish to sell at Nov. 20th craft sale and will need cranberries, apples and oranges.

The WF will be hosting a brunch on Nov. 20 along with the craft sale. The members also agreed to sell excess quilts, shawls and blankets at the craft sale.

Santa workshop is scheduled for Sundays, Dec. 11th and 18th after worship. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Shirley Hawkins.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 3rd, at 1pm. It will be our fall planning meeting for 2012.

The **Women's Fellowship**, in partnership with the **Board of Management** has made changes to the **Women's Fellowship Room**. It has a new and highly polished floor (the polish was the hard work of Randal), with new carpets. The walls, ceiling, and trim have been painted; the drapes, cleaned and rehung. It has a warmer and fresher feel, and it is a good backdrop for our stained glass window boxes. We would like to refinish at least three of the oak tables in the room. If anyone is talented in that area and wants a project...we would all be grateful. If you would like to sponsor the refinishing of a table, let the office know.

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

Thank you all so much for helping us prepare 177 packed book bags and shoe certificates for our Heart and Sole program. These were distributed to our client families in mid-August in time for the start of school.

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

### **COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME**

On October 29, Wesley college will once again invite the House of Pride and the Homeless Shelter, to the game between them and Salisbury. Church members and their friends are invited to assist in the event.

The admission for the House and Shelter is no charge. The church members are requested to pay \$10, which includes a tail gate party.

Youth are asked to pay \$5. No tickets will be sold in advance, however we ask that you sign up in the parlor for your convenience. Do this asap so we will know how much to prepare.

For more information contact Ron Zink at 735-8996

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						<b>1</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.	
<b>2</b> World Communion Sunday Race Day	<b>3</b> 1 PM Women's Fellowship  NA & AA meetings	<b>4</b> AA meeting	<b>5</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>6</b> 6:30 Food Addicts in Recovery  7:00 Choir	<b>7</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>8</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.	
<b>9</b> Baptisms 11:15 Coffee 4:00 Bible Study	<b>10</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>11</b> AA meeting	<b>12</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>13</b> 6:30 F.A.I.R. 7:00 Choir	<b>14</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>15</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.	
<b>16</b> 11:15 Board of Management	<b>17</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>18</b> AA meeting	<b>19</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>20</b> 8 AM Men's Bfst 6:30 F.A.I.R. 7:00 Choir	<b>21</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>22</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.	
<b>23</b> 11:15 Christ. Ed. Meeting 11:15 Diaconate 4:00 bible Study	<b>24</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>25</b> AA meeting	<b>26</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>27</b> 6:30 F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga Start 7:00 Choir	<b>28</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>29</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.	
<b>30</b> 11:15 Adult Learning Opportunity	<b>31</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>November</b> ↓ →					
		<b>1</b> AA meeting	<b>2</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>3</b> 6:30 F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>4</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>5</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.	
<b>6</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 4:00 – 6:00 pm Spaghetti Supper	<b>7</b> 1:00 Women's Fellowship NA & AA meetings	<b>8</b> AA meeting	<b>9</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>10</b> 6:30 F.A.I.R. 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>11</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>12</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.	