



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

OCTOBER: YOUR CHURCH IS GETTING BUSY

It's October (can you believe it !?), and a new season of church activities, mission and ministry is going forward. Sunday School has already started and the Chancel Choir is already singing.

Sunday October 4 – Choir Recognition Sunday, Neighbors in Need Offering, and the CROP Walk

Saturday October 10 – Fall Meeting of the Chesapeake Association (we need representatives to go)

Sunday October 18 – Resume monthly Coffee Hour fellowships

Sunday October 25 – First Adult Learning Opportunity of the season: an introduction to health-enhancing movement and meditation, led by Pat Thompson: *this is part of our Ministry of Health and Healing*

Saturday October 31 – Centennial of the laying of the cornerstone in 1909

Sunday November 1 – End of Daylight Saving Time

The various boards of our church are in the process of developing their 2010 budgets, the roof leak over the sanctuary ramp is being repaired so we can clean up the wall, and planning is already started for Advent and Christmas Eve.

Now is the time to renew our commitment to our church, dive in and help sustain its work for another season of worship and mission.

-Dan Griggs

CENTENNIAL ITEMS STILL AVAILABLE

GROUP PHOTO: 7¹/₂ X 24 inches, color photo -- \$70 mounted & sprayed, ready to frame
\$50 unmounted

COMMEMORATIVE PLATE -- \$20

Make check payable to The People's Church of Dover

CENTENNIAL COOKBOOK -- \$20

Items available Sundays or in the church office

CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOK -- free

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$216,390
Income Weekly	4,161
Budgeted Income to Date	161,900
Income Received to Date	142,638
Budget Expenses to Date	- 162,665
Net Difference	\$ -20,027

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

	2008	2009	offerings
09/07	88	09/06	90 13,598.35
09/14	93	09/13	103 1,698.00
09/21	85	09/20	112 1,791.00
09/28	<u>151</u>	09/27	<u>48</u> <u>1,194.00</u>
	417		353 \$ 18,281.35

October Birthdays

10/01	Kathleen THOMAS
10/02	Tiffany RUMBLEY
10/03	Roger S. LEWIS
10/04	Ann M. GROVE
10/05	Elva A. STITES
10/08	Eric VAN SANT
10/08	Sean VAN SANT
10/09	Cora Marie YODER
10/12	Charles BOYER
10/12	Mikell REED
10/12	Alexis JONES
10/14	Erica RICHARD
10/18	Betsy STEWART
10/20	Jenna CLENDANIEL
10/21	Lynn SMITH
10/27	Sherry RAINIER
10/28	Alyssa SENATO
10/30	Marjorie GRIFFITH

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

May God Bless You on Your Birthday



IN OUR PRAYERS

FOR MEMBERS

Millard Biddle – in Westminster Heath Center after hip surgery.

Thorpe Caldwell – Westminster Health Center.

Jane Dodd – underwent partial knee replacement surgery Sept. 23: recuperating at home.

Orna Lee Massey – recuperating at her daughter's home after coronary surgery Sept. 8.

Barba Merriwether – chemo for abdominal cancer.

Brenda Polasko – recuperating at home from knee-joint replacement surgery Sept. 17.

A.J. Senato – awaiting re-assessment after cranial surgery

FOR FRIENDS

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

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

Faye Downey – Marian DePue's friend in MO with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

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

Lucille Horsey – Carol Skadsberg's friend.

Jeanne Hutchings – Marian DePue's daughter recuperating from a broken leg after a fall.

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

Carolyn Meadows – friend of Sue Dodd, in Kent General Hospital.

Keith Nicolls – Fred Hotchkiss' uncle: kidney failure.

Debbie Yates – friend of Pat Thompson, hospitalized for tests for an abdominal infection.

FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Faye Denkenberger – friend of Marie Clement.

Melanie Giangrant -- friend of Judy Reed.

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.

Christina Neustad – Betsy Stewart's niece.

Diane Nickelson – friend of Brenda Polasko.

Ann Ozment – Kreishers' friend hospitalized with cancer.

Lillian Schrantz – Cleah Muntz's sister-in-law.

David Taylor – Jim Miller's cousin.

Ethan Williams – 7-yr.-old friend of Hotchkiss family.

Michael Williamson – son of Pat Thompson's friend.

DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

Spc. Adam Conard – Joan Conard's grandson: Army: to Iraq.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion on Sunday October 4.

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE FALL

Beginning Tuesday September 8, Mrs. Hotchkiss' hours will be 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM, Monday through Thursday and 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM Friday.

BOARD OF DIACONATE

STEWARDSHIP

“Stewardship” is the word we use in church to talk about the money we give to the church for its various missions and ministries. Soon the Stewardship Committee will be asking you to fill out an “Estimate of Giving” form for 2010, so it is time now to begin thinking about it, praying about it, and talking with your family about it. Can you increase your giving to the General Fund of the church next year by 10%?

“Stewardship” does not just mean money, though. The Nominating Committee of your church will soon be seeking volunteers to step up and use your skills and talents to help with the operation and leadership of your church. If they ask you to do a specific job, but you think you can do a better job in another board or role, please don't just say “no,” volunteer for the other role.

“Stewardship” is about how we manage our time, our talent and our money in service to God and neighbor. It is a spiritual service—even pounding nails and cutting chicken. This is not just about “organizational operations”: this is about service. It is also about care for our neighbors, care for our democracy, care for our nation's children and military, and care for the environment.

“Stewardship” is following Jesus in practical ways. Think about your stewardship, and be ready to respond.

Help the Local Poor

Your offerings in the “Communion Offering” envelopes in your offering envelope box help the local poor. There is one “Communion Offering” for the first Sunday of each month in the year. These gifts go into the **Diaconate Fund** for local benevolence. Sometimes a family needs to catch up on their electric bill or their gas bill. Sometimes a family approved for Social Service housing needs a deposit fee for utilities. Sometimes an individual asks for a meal or a stay in a motel. The Diaconate has established standards that must be met before

Diaconate Fund money can be applied—primarily certification from Social Services or a service agency that the person's request is a valid need. At the beginning of 2009 there was more than \$2,500 in the Diaconate Fund. Now there is less than \$500, and winter is coming. Every dollar will help. Won't you give a little to the “Communion Offering” each month and help your church help the local poor.

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

Sunday School has begun, and we look forward to another educational and inspirational year. The Adult Learning Opportunity begins October 25, with Pat Thompson leading a discussion of “Gentle Movement to Optimize your Health”. A light lunch will be served, after worship, and lunch and class will be in the Women's Fellowship Room. All are invited and encouraged to attend. This class ties in well to our general church theme of “Health and Healing”.

The DOVER CROP WALK is Sunday, October 4, 1:30 P.M., Legislative Mall. It is not too late to be a walker or sponsor one. Please see Sue Hunt or Jean Hitchens.

The ADVENT WORKSHOP is set for Sunday, November 29, after worship. Cheryl Goldsmith and Jennifer Downs will be leading this workshop, to which all youth and parents are invited.

The next Board of Christian Education meeting will be October 11, after worship. We will be making our budget for 2010 at this important meeting.

THERE ARE SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT WESLEY COLLEGE IN NEED OF SOME WARM HOSPITALITY. THEY WILL BE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US. ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO

INVITE A STUDENT OR STUDENTS TO EAT WITH YOUR FAMILY OR SHARE IN AN ACTIVITY, PLEASE CONTACT ME. THANKS FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE.

Jean Hitchens, chairperson (736-6086)

**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.

Youth Group will meet Sunday, for CROP WALK.

Jennifer

BOARD OF FINANCE

Budgeted income is lagging behind the budgeted amount. The Estimates of Giving are short by \$1,731.09. The In Lieu of Pledge category is short \$6,353.64 based on budget.

Acts of Faith have been truly successful this year. In addition to monetary donations, people were generous with white goods, office supplies, and other materials essential to running the church. Kudos for stepping up and helping. This program will continue through December and perhaps next year. Thank you for contributing.

The independent audit from Book & Associates is complete and available for review at the church office.

September brings us back from the beach and warm-weather activities. In the People's Church calendar, September is the beginning of budget preparation. The trustees prefer a realistic budget based on actual expenditures and donations. The People's Church budget is roughly 50% supported by the congregants' estimates of giving. The church uses money from the endowment funds to cover its obligation to Our Church's Wider Mission. Endowment money makes up 25% of the income needed for church operations.

Along with budgeting, we are beginning the nominations process. Many people work extremely hard to make the church's events successful. They need your help. Stewardship is about TIME, TALENTS, and

treasures. Please consider giving your talent to one of the boards in 2010.

Mission and Outreach needs an administrative person to take minutes, contact folks, and organize meetings. In addition, your help is always needed for events that fund the local missions. Among the local ministries, Missions feeds the homeless, collects gifts for children of prisoners [Angel Tree] and supports House of Pride.

The Finance committee is responsible for counting the weekly collection and the audit. The team members are only responsible to count the collection four months out of the year. There are at least two openings on the finance committee.

The Board of Management has purview over the operation of the building and the capital improvements. It is a huge job. All the things that apply to the building are the work of the Board of Management. Thank the Board of Management for replacing the air conditioner in the fellowship hall. Thank the Board of Management for the new sidewalk. The list goes on. If Building Maintenance and Capital Projects float your boat, please join the Board of Management.

The Board of Christian Education conducts the Sunday school and Vacation Bible School. Sunday School teachers are always in demand. The Christian Education board provides the Nursery. The Board of Christian Education listens to the congregant's suggestions to bring you interesting and useful Adult learning programs.

The Board of Diaconate is responsible for the liturgy. Communion is one of the visible activities of this board. Much is done that one would not notice unless it was missing. The Pastor and the Organist are paid out of the Diaconate budget. The Diaconate oversees the Memorial and Diaconate funds. The Diaconate fund helps people in need.

People give with their heart. Your talents are much appreciated by all the boards that make the People's Church run. Please look inside your heart and remember all the benefits that the church has given you. Please ponder how you can give back in gratitude for the blessings you receive daily. ACTS OF FAITH received \$2,325.46 to date. Thank you for all your donations.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management has been busy over the summer months. Here are some of the issues we have discussed, addressed and/or are addressing:

1. Mark Biddle and the Centennial Committee are working on replacing corner stone .
2. Mark Biddle, John Downs, John Clendaniel and Rev. Dan have volunteered to become apprentices to Harry Otto to learn the intricate workings of the chimes.
3. Replace bolts in bell tower structure - Mark is obtaining a second estimate to replace rusted bolts; we have one estimate from J. Connor Bldg.
4. UPS (uninterrupted power supply) for chime clock - This proposal won't work. Harry Otto is planning to take the old (antique) generator to Roy's electric for repair of oil leak.
5. Sanctuary roof - Max Wallace Roofing \$3-6,000 scheduled for late Sept. - Spoke with Max this week; he will repair the north and south side to address water damage. Copper should never be coated or painted; if it can be cleaned it can be repaired.
6. Relocation of bell tower a/c air handler - completed by Associates Contracting \$2,845 - funded from the Gilbert Reynolds fund as the a/c unit serves the chimes.
7. Sanctuary water damage - Once the roof is repaired and the gutters/scuppers cleaned out, two areas of the sanctuary will need repainting.
8. Gutters, scuppers, downspouts, lower level window drains, storm water drains to catch basins - these need to be cleaned at least twice per year. If obstructed, we will have water damage. Max Wallace Roofing has offered to give us an estimate to clean gutters, etc. ...If we only had more money in the budget for maintenance, we might be able to afford having someone else do it. Mr. Wallace states that it is not advisable to install gutter guard over copper pipes and also states that we do not need heat tape in gutters and downspouts; as long as they are kept clean, gutters are shaped so to allow the ice to overflow the spout.
9. Condition and disposition of 2 stained-glass windows - Mark, John D, John C have volunteered to unpack the windows to confirm they are in good condition. These two windows, originally located on either side of the sanctuary's alter, are smaller than the ones on the north and south sides of the sanctuary. One proposal is to relocate them into lighted wooden boxes on either side of the existing back wall under the balcony. We have an offer to donate boxes.

10. Protective fence/grates around 2 new a/c air handlers (north side sidewalk) - John D has volunteered to get estimates for these to avoid vandalism.
11. Protective grates around north side basement windows - John D has volunteered to get estimates for these to avoid possible intrusion.
12. John C purchased and delivered a 2-drawer locked file cabinet as the lock was broken when the office was previously vandalized.
13. Replace/repair kitchen door lock - John D replaced the deadbolt top lock and has volunteered to replace the other one as this door has always been difficult to open.
14. Repair wrought iron fence end in south parking lot - John D and John C have volunteered to cut off the dangling piece of wrought iron.
15. Dan has his new computer (\$900) and his old one is available for sale (\$100)
16. Air conditioning repair - loss of coolant - repair completed by J. Hiott - under maint. agret.
17. A/c and heating maint. - spoke with Hiott office this week to schedule the furnace and air conditioning maintenance to be completed within one month. They need to perform some repairs to A/c and boiler #1 that is only needed when weather is very cold.
18. Service lawn mower - Henry has been trying to schedule maintenance and blade sharpening at a time when he does not have to leave it for more than a few days.
19. Install "cameras" north side stairwells - John C. brought in a couple of cameras; Henry will install over kitchen and bowling stairwells where we have had "night visitors". Dover Police parole the area.
20. Chair lift to second floor not working - John D has volunteered to get an estimate to fix.
21. Facility usage requests - De. Music School 1-3 more hours 5 days/week-classes didn't go this time; may re-offer for Feb. semester.
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22. Van use - policy states "church related purposes only"; see attached request to use. Board of Management and Trustees voted to retain current policy due to possible liability.
23. Wedding policy/donations - updated policy to request couple sign a letter of intent to donate as either "active member" or "non-member" in accordance with policy which they have read and understand. If correct amounts are not received one week prior to the wedding, the wedding may be cancelled.
24. **Reminder: Henry works 15 hours and Carol works 3-4 hours per week because that is all the church can afford in the current budget. If you see something that needs to be done (ie: trimming the bushes), we would be happy to have you volunteer!! Just let us know!**

25. City of Dover letter (9/3) claiming our storm water is draining into the sewer lines. This problem was fixed 12-15 years ago. BJ met with Dover rep. on Mon., 9/21 @ 9am. They will review reports and let us know if there is a problem.

26. Oak/Glass display cabinet - Some have suggested getting a cabinet to display artifacts/collectables. U. of D. Pardee Center lobby just had one built and installed. You may want to take a look at that one.

27. Next Board of Management meetings - Sunday, 10/25 (budget) and 11/22 @ 11:10am

BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

2009 Neighbors In Need, Envisioning a world free from discrimination and oppression, Toledo Area Ministries and the Erase the Hate Campaign promote a vision of a community where all races, religions and cultures live in peace, harmony and mutual respect. The Erase the Hate mission is to encourage an appreciation of diversity even as they work to eliminate discrimination and racism.

A recent experience involved a 7th grader named Josh. "Josh was part of a middle school group from a St Louis suburb." The group worked in food pantries, a low-income day care center, and a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. The kids also took part in a walk through downtown St. Louis that depicts the path a homeless person would need to travel to have their basic human needs met.

"After walking 'The Trail,' Josh wanted to talk about how he felt. He said that after this experience he would not view people in the same way. When noticing a person walking around with a backpack, he would not assume they were a student, and someone carrying a suitcase he would not assume they were a traveler. With tears in his eyes he said, 'They could be homeless and need our help.'

Taking a stand against injustice, New York City's Poverty Initiative is a program "dedicated to raising up generations of religious and community leaders committed to building a movement to end poverty."

A key element of this program is that it's led by the poor. We seek to train and network grassroots antipoverty, church and community leaders to reignite the 'Poor People's Campaign' and finish the unfinished business of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Last year, Poverty initiative commemorated the 40th anniversary of Dr. King's "Poor People's

Campaign" by sponsoring numerous educational and public events.

The Institute for Peace Studies in Billings, Montana, seeks through education to examine and promote alternatives to violence in the behavior of individuals, groups, organization, communities, and nations. Institute staff has taken Cultural Diversity Programs into communities across Montana. "We visit large city high schools, one-room libraries in rural towns, preschools at the zoo and churches. We can sense within minutes children who are alarmed, prejudiced, or nervous. Students learn about other countries and cultures of Kenya, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Brazil, China, Rwanda, and Sweden from our participating students. Montana children and youth begin to see citizens of the world in a new, positive light while at the same time learning impulse control and valuable conflict resolution skills.

Your gifts to Neighbors in Need means the United Church of Christ can help excellent programs like the Erase the Hate, Homeless, Poverty Initiative, and Institute for Peace Studies, to reach success. Neighbors in Need offering will be received next Sunday, October 4th. Thanks you for your donations.



Food Bank Sunday is October 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 **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 June. 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 June. Your generous offerings are greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS

Flowers

10/04	Glenn & Jean Hitchens
10/11	Martha Baynard
10/18	Pat Brown
10/25	Barbara VanSant

Liturgist

10/04	Glenn Hitchens
10/11	Phyllis Tarburton
10/18	Richard Merriwether
10/25	Jennifer Myer

Greeters

10/04	Sarah Hastings
10/11	Phyllis Tarburton
10/18	
10/25	

Ushers

10/04	Jackie Niehorster Phyllis Tarburton John Downs Karl Swift
10/11	Jackie Niehorster Phyllis Simpkins John Paradee Sandy McNinch
10/18	Jackie Niehorster Karl Swift
10/25	John Downs

If you would like to usher or greet on any given Sunday, please sign the sheet in the back of the church or call Sandy McNinch. We need 1 or 2 greeter and 4 ushers each Sunday, so if you can take a turn please do so.

Sermons & Scriptures

October 4 **"Singing Theologians"**
Psalm 47:5-9; Luke 1:67-75
Holy Communion
Choir Recognition Sunday

October 11 **"Reservations"**
John 3:1-10; Mark 10:17-31

October 18 **"For Others, For the World"**
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 25 **"The Great Reform Movement"**
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:21-26
Reformation Sunday

Women's Fellowship

The ladies gathered on Monday, Sept. 14th, for our annual covered dish luncheon. If you missed the luncheon, you missed some wonderful recipes!

Wait until you see the new Christmas holiday banners for the sanctuary!! Phyllis Tarburton and Phyllis Simpkins headed up the project and they are beautiful. Thanks ladies!!

A nominating committee was announced to prepare a slate of officers for next year. I hope you will volunteer to serve and participate in the programs. If you are interested, please call Christine Hopkins, Ruth Gallihue, Shirley Hawkins or Barbara VanSant. The members voted to sell knives at the new member luncheon in January and to hold a Christmas workshop for the children to purchase small gifts for their family members.

We will have a guest speaker from the City of Dover Police Department for our October meeting to discuss personal safety issues. At our November meeting, we will be making crafts for our shut-ins and cranberry relish to sell for the holidays. Next meetings: Monday, October 5th and Monday, November 9th, both at 12:30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Caring Hearts Helping Hands (698-1900)

We are currently accepting gently used and new fall and winter clothes, no spring or summer, please; particularly need the larger sizes (XL, 2X etc.) for both men and women and teen clothes. 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. By early October, we will be gearing-up for our Christmas program. If you would like to help or to sponsor a family, please let us know.

Thanks again for all your support.

Fran Clinton and BJ Van Kavelaar

Men's Breakfast
Thursday October 15
8:00 AM at the
Countrie Eatery

CENTENNIAL GROUP PHOTO

Orders will be received over the next few weeks for **COLOR** photo purchases. Here are the options--

- 7.5" x 24" – mounted & sprayed, ready for frame \$ 70.00
- 7.5" x 24" – print un-mounted \$ 50.00

Clip this box and attach your check

Color Photo Order Form

Name _____
Phone _____
Option: (check one) How Many? ____
 ___ Mounted on acid free board, sprayed
 ___ Un-mounted
Check enclosed for \$ _____ Date _____

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www.peopleschurchofdover.org

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our local UCC association

webmaster: Rob Cox

www.cacucc.org

Central Atlantic Conference

www.ucc.org

National Setting: United Church of Christ

→ www.ucc.org/news

denomination's magazine: United Church News

www.iucc.org

web community and Twitter contact

www.ucc.org/disaster/swine-flu.html

information & resources about the H1N1 virus

H1N1 INFLUENZA

People's Church is taking as much precaution as possible to reduce the spread of Swine Flu at church this season. We have hand sanitizer at the sanctuary entrances, and boxes of tissue in the pews. But our first defense is you. Please urge your family to cover coughs and sneezes, wash or sanitize hands often; and if sick, it's better to stay away from others.

Thank you.