



People's to People  
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## SEPTEMBER2011

### Under the Bell Tower

### That Very Bad Tuesday

It was a Tuesday morning. I was in the church office beginning to write my sermon for the following Sunday. The weather that morning in Kent, Ohio was clear and warm. The church secretary was in her office typing, talking on the phone, greeting people who came by. The sexton was somewhere in the church, probably cleaning or making a repair. I could look out my office window, down the hill and see that the first employees were just arriving at the Denny's Restaurant next door. None of us was aware of a Boeing 757 airliner above our town, on its way from Newark, NJ to Los Angeles. We didn't have a radio on, so we didn't know that anything was going on until one of the women of the congregation rushed excitedly into the offices and told us that an airplane had crashed into the World Trade Center. For a little longer I kept typing—after all, the news media would need time to gather information, and I wanted to get this idea into my computer before it got away from me. But she kept talking loudly. She said there was something about a plane hitting the Pentagon, and another plane was being reported missing. I stopped typing, swiveled around and turned on my radio. Meanwhile the airliner above us was making a wide turn back to the east. For the rest of the day we were in a fog of rumor, frightening reports and tragedy beyond our comprehension. I went home to watch the television news.

It was September eleventh, 2001. Everybody remembers where we were when we heard the news, and how stunned we were. How could such a thing happen? Why would anybody want to do such a thing? Not one but four airliners involved? So much destruction, so many dead.

Of course I changed my sermon for September 16. The text was Revelation 6:1-8—the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. It was an apocalyptic moment in our lives, and it would cause changes in our thinking and in our national life that we have now become accustomed to, as we approach the tenth commemoration of that day.

We have now known ten years of war, theoretical and then actual. This is a different America we are living in now than the America before 9-11. On Sunday September 11, 2011, there will be many memorial gatherings. Church services, including our own, will take account of that day and what it has done to our hearts and our lives. We still have very little emotional "distance" from the tragedy. And so we need to make the second Sunday of this September a day of recollection, of assessment of who we have become. In our church service we will celebrate Holy Communion: we will come to the table of Christ and seek there a greater understanding of what Jesus' death is about, now that we have known so much death: that God does care.



-Dan

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT THROUGH  
AUGUST 31, 2011**

Annual Church Budgeted Income	\$201,208	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Income Weekly	3,869			
Income Received				
Income members		94,445.88	87,019.88 5	-7,426.00
Transferred from Investment savings		40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
Expenses to Date		-125,420.00	-134,356.66	-8,936.66
Net Difference		-9,025.88	-7,336.78	-16,362.66

**ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST**

2010		2011		offerings
08/08	76	08/07	72	2,817.57
08/15	84	08/14	61	1,168.50
08/22	76	08/21	78	2,308.56
08/29	<b>92</b>	08/28	<b>0</b>	<b>Hurricane</b>
	328		<b>211</b>	<b>\$6,294.63</b>

**September Birthdays**

09/02	Ryan LLOYD	09/25	Patricia HUFNAL
09/05	Jennifer CHILDEARS	09/25	Audrey MAYAN
09/05	Trish MERCER	09/26	Millard BIDDLE
09/08	Patricia HEATHER	09/26	Kim CLENDANIEL
09/10	Harriet GRIGGS	09/26	Cleah MUNTZ
09/12	William DODD	09/28	Kathryn JAYWORK
09/12	R. Jefferson REED	09/29	Courtney MYS
09/19	Nell BAKER	09/29	Zoe PETROSKY
09/24	Deborah JACK	09/29	Valerie WOODARD

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

- Harriet Griggs** – recuperating after complications from foot surgery.  
**Nancy Guth** – recuperating at home after surgery for diverticulitis.  
**Gale Grove** – released from Kent General Hospital to Milford Rehab.  
**Glenn Hitchens**—preparing for surgery to deal with an aneurysm in the brain.  
**Jim Miller** – home after brain surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital for a lesion.  
**Bill Muntz** – in treatment for severe leg pain.  
**Cameron Ridgeway** – has been going to A. I. Dupont Children’s Hospital for follow-up treatments, removal of his trach, attention to his ear infections, etc.  
**Connor Rumbley** – recuperating from a broken leg.  
**Phyllis Simpkins**—recuperating at home after abdominal surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital.  
**Barbara VanSant** – felt immediate relief from spinal pain after day-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.  
**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.

## PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

- Kevon Condon** – Les Gallihue’s nephew, in the Army: deployed to Iraq.

## THANK YOU

Rev. Kevin Gilliam phoned to express his appreciation to everyone for prayers for Kathy and her family in the death of her mother in June.

## Thank You

to everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and well wishes, during my surgery and recuperation. They were all welcomed and appreciated.

**Barbara VanSant**

## Thank You

Frances Clinton and family wishes to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and contributions, at the time of Earl's death. They were all appreciated.

# **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

## **Thursday September 15 – 8:00 A.M.**

### **At the COUNTRIE EATERY**

## Hurricane Irene -- Report

The church service for September 28 was cancelled due to the damage, flooding and county travel restrictions. Before the storm our sexton, Randal Revay, closed up the church and prepared it to take the wind. After the storm Randal spent several hours mopping up standing water in the bowling alley and the two basement classrooms, a couple of places in the dining room and in one basement closet; setting the air conditioning in the building to remove the humidity; checking the lawn, etc.. There was no damage to the building or to the yard. A big "Thank you" to Randal.

Attempts to have the worship cancellation included in the list of closings on WBOC-TV failed: we will be making changes about that procedure. But the new church telephone tree and email-blast seems to have worked pretty well, thanks to Pat Thompson's organization and the telephone work of the chairpersons of our elected boards. The closing was also posted on the church's website by our webmistress Elinor Baker. Thanks to everyone who helped with the communication.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

### Flowers

09/04 Golden Girls  
09/11 Sarah Hastings  
09/18 Paul & Kathy Hanebutt  
09/25 Sylvia Latourette

### Liturgist

09/04 Cleah Muntz  
09/11 Courtney Mys  
09/18 Judy Zingaro  
09/25 Mary Johns

### Greeters

09/04 Sandy McNinch  
09/11 Jackie Niehorster  
09/18 Sandy McNinch  
09/25 Cynthia Hotchkiss

### Ushers

09/04 Jerry Rice  
Jackie Niehorster  
Marian DePue  
John Paradee

### Sermons & Scriptures

09/04 "Forgive"  
I Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 18:21-35

09/11 Jerry Rice  
Ginny Stewart  
09/18 Jackie Niehorster  
Jerry Rice

09/11 "Turbulent Times"  
Hosea 1:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 8:23-27  
Holy Communion

09/25 Connie Biddle  
Jerry Rice

09/18 "Jesus and the Excluded"  
Leviticus 13:1-6; Matthew 8:1-4

09/25 "Faith Outside the Walls"  
Second Kings 5:1-5a, 8-14; Matthew 8:5:13

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!

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## **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.

<b>BOARD OF DIACONATE</b>
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### **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.

<b>BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>
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This year, 2011-2012, will be an exciting one at People's Church. There are Christian education opportunities for all ages. Our Nursery has been ongoing, but Sunday School will begin on September 18, with primary, elementary, and junior/senior high levels. If there are questions about the ages in each level, or to register new students, please call Jean Hitchens, at 736-6086.

The Youth Group, under the leadership of Jennifer Childears, has been active this summer, and they plan an exciting fall. Please check their bulletin board in the Educational Building hallway. The Adult Learning Opportunity will begin the last Sunday of October. It is anticipated that we will offer CPR and first aid to all teachers and leaders in our church and, hopefully, to any other members. We look forward to the Dover CROP Walk, in October, Spaghetti Dinners with our youth as servers, and special holiday parties and services. Our mission is to grow in our faith and serve God in our community. Please join us this year as we fulfill our mission.

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

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

If you have any questions or concerns for the board, please contact chair John Downs or any of the board members.

## BOARD OF MISSION & OUTREACH

### "One united church on a shared mission"

The UCC Executive Council at their meeting last March unanimously agreed on a coordinated "Mission 1" campaign which includes all UCC congregations. One united church on a shared mission for 11 days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice domestically and around the world. The campaign will take place for 11 days in November and is referred to as 11-1-11 (Nov. 1 – 11, 2011) and will involve all 5,300 UCC congregations in the U.S.

One part of this three part campaign is to offer more than 11,111 letters to Congress asking the government to reform U.S. foreign assistance that effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide. You will receive sample letters for your use in this effort, as well as addresses of your Congressional representatives. We will ask you to send these letters between Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Two other parts of the campaign are to collect food and household items (1 million) and to contribute \$111,111. during the Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> period. These are the goals for the 5300 congregations collectively.

More details will be provided as the time approaches. Any questions, call Rev. Griggs at the church or Mary Johns at 674-1723.



**Food Bank Sunday** is September 4<sup>th</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 60 food items donated and \$20.00 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**

### **“A Slice Is Nice” Bake Sale Is Coming**

“A Slice is Nice” is a different type of bake sale. Slices of delicious homemade pies and cakes will be sold by the slice at a reasonable price. Many people cannot use a whole cake or pie, but enjoy a slice for dessert at lunch or dinner or evening snack. Buy a slice or two or more. Quarters or halves may be available. Profit from Women's Fellowship projects like this are used to fund our charitable contributions to Mission and Outreach, Caring Hearts and Helping Hands, the Stockley Center, Lancaster Seminary, or project to help or beautify our church. Be sure to come into the Fellowship Room after church on Sunday September 18. We have some wonderful bakers in Women's Fellowship—come and see and take some home.

Our next meeting will be our welcome back luncheon on Monday, Sept. 12th at noon.

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

Our Heart and Sole Program (Back to School) was very successful 179 school-age children of our client families received shoe certificates for new school shoes and a fully loaded back pack. Thank you for all your donations.

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

# SEPTEMBER, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 6:30 Overeaters Anon.	<b>2</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> NA & AA meet	<b>3</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>6</b> AA meeting	<b>7</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>8</b> 6:30 Overeaters Anon 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>9</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>10</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>11</b> Holy Communion 11:15 Ch. Ed 4:00 Bible Study	<b>12</b> 12 N Women's Fellowship NA & AA meetings	<b>13</b> AA meeting	<b>14</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>15</b> 8 AM Men's Bfst 6:30 Overeaters Anon 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>16</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>17</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>18</b> New Members 11:00 All-Ch Welcome Back Luncheon 4:00 Bible Study	<b>19</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>20</b> AA meeting	<b>21</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>22</b> 6:30 Overeaters Anon 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>23</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>24</b> 1 PM C.O.D.A.
<b>25</b> 11:15 Diaconate Meeting 4:00 Trustees	<b>26</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>27</b> AA meeting	<b>28</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>29</b> 6:30 OvereatersAnon 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>30</b> NA & AA meetings	
	<b>October ↓→</b>					<b>1</b> 1:00 CODA
<b>2</b> Holy Communion	<b>3</b> 1 PM Women's Fellowship NA & AA Meetings	<b>4</b> AA meeting	<b>5</b> A & AA meetings	<b>6</b> 6:30 Overeaters Anon 5:00 Yoga 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 Hour 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 Overeaters Anon 5:00 Yoga 7:00 Choir	<b>14</b> NA & AA meetings	<b>15</b> 1:00 CODA

Special Memorial & Communion Service on September 11  
Welcome New Members on September 18