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Dover United Church of Christ

April, 2021

Open and Affirming Covenant

The congregation of Dover United Church of Christ, in the spirit of Christ's invitation, "Look, I have set before you an open door," welcomes all who seek to know and share God's love. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person and celebrate the diversity in which God created us, each in God's image and loved by God. We declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation, welcoming persons of every race, language, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, and economic status into full membership and participation in the life, worship, rites and sacraments of this church. We commit to model a community of faith that works toward openness and understanding, offering justice, reconciliation, healing and wholeness of life for all people.

*Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
(Romans 15:7)*

Holy Week 2021—In Person and by Live Stream



The end of March will bring us once again to Holy Week. This year we are remembering "A New Season of Hope" during Lent. This new season of hope will culminate with Palm Sunday (March 28), Maundy Thursday (April 1), Good Friday (April 2) and Easter (April 4)! During Lent we will be challenged to Plant Something Unexpected, Share Important Stories, Find the Joy in Enough, Welcome What Comes Next, and Choose Abundance.

- On **Palm Sunday**, we will look at how we Experience Peace—personal peace and peace worldwide.
- On **Maundy Thursday**, at 7:00 p.m., we will gather in the sanctuary to remember the Last Supper.
- On **Good Friday**, at 7:00 p.m., we will observe the Tenebrae.
- On **Easter** we will emerge from those shadows and will celebrate the resurrection as we Heal the World with Love! Make sure you get one of the white masks we handed out for Ash Wednesday and decorate it for Easter!!! If you plan to *not come* to church, on Easter, send us a picture of you and your Easter mask!!! We will share those with the congregation.

On Easter Sunday we hope to be able to bless our new Technology Team and be using our new camera and sound equipment. We **will** be set up to have people upstairs and downstairs (if needed) appropriately distanced. We hope all who can be with us will be present! Children will take home an Easter Surprise!

MISSION STATEMENT OF DOVER UCC...gathered in joyful community as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, we commit ourselves to the hearing, believing, and doing of His Word, shaping our lives by supporting one another, worshipping God, promoting justice and spreading the Gospel.

Reflections from the Pastor

During Lent, we have remembered the River of Grace that flows through our lives. It is a river that calls us to share our stories, find the joy in enough, welcome whatever comes next, and choose abundance. Richard Rohr reminds us, "Faith does not need to push the river because faith is able to trust that there is a river. The river is flowing. We are in it." Because of this River of Grace, on Palm Sunday we will consider how we experience peace (even when our world is falling apart), and on Easter we will Heal the World with Love.

On Sunday, March 28, we will begin Holy Week. We will remember these events: the parade into Jerusalem, the last supper with Jesus' closest friends, the gloom and shadows of Good Friday, the joy and the mystery of the empty tomb. As Steve Garness-Holmes writes so eloquently, "In Holy Week we hear a story that we want to suppress but is always lurking in our hearts. We participate in a feast of forgiveness that we desperately need, and we are drawn into a community of love that is created in the midst of our worst brokenness and our darkest sorrow. We are invited to enter the suffering of the world. We experience the mystery that in our loneliness and agony we are accompanied; in our sorrow we are blessed; in our sin we are forgiven; in our messed up lives we are changed; in our death we are given new life."

We will share chocolate Easter Bunnies and beautiful flowers. But let us not forget the beautiful mystery that we celebrate: God has met us at our worst and transformed evil, death, injustice and suffering into life! We are transformed! And now God calls us to *be* the transformation of the world. To Heal the World with Love. To step into the river, to know grace in our lives and to be that river of grace in the lives of others.

Pastor Eva

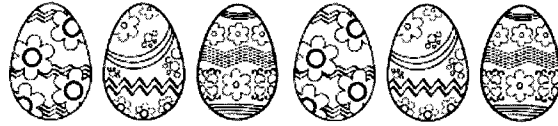
Pastor Eva's cell phone number is 717-418-9627. Please call any time for pastoral emergencies. **E-Mail: pastor@doverducc.org. Her office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. E-Mail: pastor@doverducc.org.**

Do you have a prayer concern? Call Nancy Schubert at 717-292-2113.

HELP NEEDED

On April 18 we are having a Service of Ordination for Sue Schmidt followed by a simple reception outside. We would like to serve cookies, or baked "finger foods (brownies, lemon bars etc.). If you can help, please call Sue Storm at 717-292-6923 or sign the sheet on the bulletin board. Please bring your items to the kitchen on Saturday, April 17 between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. We will be bagging cookies into individual bags for safe serving. If you would like to help, please come at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning Thank you for your help!

APRIL NEWS



Symbol

*“My faith is all a doubtful thing,
Wove on a doubtful loom
Until there comes, each showery spring,
A cheery tree in bloom.*

*And Christ who died upon the tree
That death had stricken bare,
Comes beautifully back to me,
In blossoms everywhere.”
~ David Morton*

READINGS FOR APRIL

- APR 4: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-18
APR 11: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; John 20:19-31
APR 18: Psalm 4; I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
APR 25: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18



**DEADLINE FOR MAY DIGEST IS SUNDAY, APRIL 11.
Early submissions will be most appreciated.**



**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**MORNING CHATTERS... has been suspended for now.
We will let you know when the next one will be.**

Easter leap

*Oh! The rejoice of it! Oh, the amaze!
The Gift, the uplift! Alleluia-ful Day!
We thank you for Wonderful, Easter-ful Love
that we are the risen-up subjects of.*

*You've emptied the grave of us. Oh, what you've done!
The cross you've uncrossed. The big bang re-begun!
Now earth is made heaven, the prison the garden.
The sepulcher dances, set free of its burden.*

*Our graveful of misses and messes are blessed,
our Didn't undid, and our No you have yessed.
The Can't and the Shouldn't made vanishing small
and death and its scariness not there at all.*

*Poor death has its rules, but Easter's response
is that God can and will do whatever God wants.
There's no How to explain or Therefore to defend;
there's only your mercy and grace in the end.*

*The blessingful cross and the emptyful tomb
spread their arms and say Yes and say Hope and make room.
Your love sets us free and undoes what was done,
brings each me back to thee, and makes ones into one.*

*This Day! of impossible made into Yes,
made into Receive, into Trust, into Bless.
The angels are partying on our behalf.
Then what can we do but, oh, weep and, yes, laugh?*

*Ah! The leap and the bow and the fling of this day,
we dance and we sing what we can't really say.
How to thank you with thanks for the gift that you give
we can't say or believe: we'll just have to live.*

—April 2, 2018

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Adult Faith Formation meets Sunday's at 9:00 a.m. Beginning again April 11

The Adult Faith Formation continues to meet both in person and by zoom. We will not be meeting again until April 11. When we join again in study, we will consider our what our faith has to do with climate change. We will use the book *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change* by Jim Antal. "Why should people of faith engage the moral challenge of climate change, and how should we do it? *Climate Church, Climate World* answers these questions and empowers readers to join others in taking action. We can expand the Golden Rule to include future generations. We can shift our focus from personal salvation to collective salvation. Because climate change amplifies all forms of injustice—hunger, refugees, racism, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war—defense of creation is a campaign for justice." This study will include thoughtful discussion, sharing a documentary movie, creating our own pizza garden and will challenge us to consider our children's future and how we care for God's creation. Get the book on amazon.com, betterworldbooks.com, or order or (borrow) the cd. Need help finding the book? Just ask Pastor Eva.

Evening Bible Study Opportunity

Wednesday evenings join us for Bible Study. We are currently studying Ephesians and then see where we are led next! We will discuss what Paul is trying to say, what speaks to us, and with what words we might struggle. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. You may join us in person OR by zoom. Each week, Pastor Eva will send out a zoom link to those interested. Join us every week or as you are able. We will have a good time looking at the Word and sharing our thoughts about God and God's love!

Book Club Meets Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30 pm

The Dover UCC Book Club will meet again on Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m. either in person or by zoom. We will be discussing the book *anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. For our next read, *Girl A* by Abigail Dean. Goodreads sums it up this way, "Lex Gracie doesn't want to think about her family. She doesn't want to think about growing up in her parents' House of Horrors. And she doesn't want to think about her identity as Girl A: the girl who escaped, the eldest sister who freed her older brother and four younger siblings. It's been easy enough to avoid her parents--her father never made it out of the House of Horrors he created, and her mother spent the rest of her life behind bars. But when her mother dies in prison and leaves Lex and her siblings the family home, she can't run from her past any longer. Together with her sister, Evie, Lex intends to turn the House of Horrors into a force for good. But first she must come to terms with her siblings - and with the childhood they shared.

What begins as a propulsive tale of escape and survival becomes a gripping psychological family story about the shifting alliances and betrayals of sibling relationships--about the secrets our siblings keep, from themselves and each other. Who have each of these siblings become? How do their memories defy or galvanize Lex's own? As Lex pins each sibling down to agree to her family's final act, she discovers how potent the spell of their shared family mythology is, and who among them remains in its thrall and who has truly broken free."

Sound intriguing? Join us as we read and discuss this tangled web of relationships. Our meeting will be on a Tuesday in May...watch for the date! We always meet at 5:30 p.m. either in person or on zoom!

Suicide Survivor Support Group: Dover UCC hosts a suicide survivor support group the first Tuesday of the month in the Council room at 6:30-8:00 p.m. This group can meet face-to-face or remotely but you **must register** first either through Facebook, their website or calling Cindy. Cindy Richard (717) 227-0048 crichard@penn-mar.org for more information.

Thank You!

Many of you have been faithful in sending in your offerings each week even when we have not been meeting in our building. That has made a world of difference as we pay the bills that are still coming in and strive to care for our staff by continuing to pay them. **Please remember our monthly mission offering—ARC.** If a check is to be divided, mark in the memo how it is to be divided. Offerings can be mailed in, paid by your bank's bill paying service, or dropped in the mail slot at the church. The mail is picked up each day and offerings are safely kept for deposit which is still done each week. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving!

Thank you's...

I'd like to thank everyone in the church for their prayers, cards, and gifts. You have no idea how much it means to me and all are greatly appreciated. Thank you, too, for the fruit basket and Valentine heart filled with candy. I really do appreciate your kindness. *Hilda Eyster*

Dear Friends, Thank you so very much for the Valentine candy. I got into it as soon as Phyllis left. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness, *Sheila Webb*

Members of Dover UCC, Thank you for your remember gift as well as your continued support of New Hope Ministries! We are so blessed by your generous gifts. Your donations will help us share the love and hope of God with our neighbors in need! Please feel free to reach out anytime with questions! My contact information is : 717-432-2087 X 206 or e-mail at kwarnern@nhm-pa.net.

Kristin Warner, Gift Officer

Dear Friends, Thank you so very much for the Valentine candy. I got into it as soon as Phyllis left. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness, *Sheila Webb*

Dear Friends, Thank you for your gift of \$195 to Bethany Children's Home. Thank you for helping our youth hel from the past, live in the present, and dream for the future! Together, we are providing each youth the opportunity to become the person they really want to be and have the life they so desperately deserve. Thank you! Sincerely,

Carolyn Shultz Spano, Director of Development

Dear Friends, On behalf of Heritage Senior Center, we sincerely thank you for your donation of \$10.00 to our Center. The Center relies on the generosity of donors such as you and is grateful for your support. Thank you once again for your donation. Sincerely,

Emma Crossley, Executive Director

FEBRUARY DONATIONS MADE TO NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:

FOOD	60 pounds
PERSONAL	15 pounds

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We moved the basket for New Hope to the vestibule so we have a better reminder of the need for personal care items and paper goods. Food and personal care items can all be placed in the shopping cart. Remember... pick up extra soap, shampoo, deodorant or clean and/or laundry supplies. These are gratefully accepted from clients when available. Thank you!

Outreach Team

Spring has sprung! I feel that we are having a rebirth with the approaching of Easter, Spring, lower cases of Covid and vaccines for more people. We are not ready to fling off the masks and celebrate, but I feel a sense of hope in the air.

A big thank you to all who delivered boxes of candy on **Valentine's Day** and many of you received messages of love from beautifully written cards. Just another way to let you know you are being thought about with love!

New Hope has reopened their doors for guests to come and choose their own food again **Happy Days!**

A great big thank you to our church members who help out every month at the center. Victoria couldn't do it without all of you.

In February we donated over **25** pounds of personal items and over **60** pounds of food. We decided not to do the rainbow of food giving this year, but you are still welcome to bring in items such as sauerkraut, red beets, pineapples, shampoo, conditioner, carrots, tooth brushes toothpaste and any other unusual items whether food or personal. Everything donated is always appreciated!

Many of you have asked when the new construction will begin at the **Dover Center**. We had a program meeting yesterday and the goal is to have the permits to start by **June**. Keep your fingers crossed as updates and more room is greatly needed and it would be wonderful to have it completed before next winter. I will keep you updated on the progress.

I felt so blessed to have the **Girl Scouts** at our service last Sunday. It makes my heart happy to have the church being utilized by young people. They are our future and the girls made us all proud with their help throughout the service. Thank you to Pastor Eva for allowing them to participate.

Hope for today. Hope for tomorrow.

God bless, Tonia L. Reinert, Outreach committee chairperson

Wanted: Additional helpers for the Church's Livestream Team

As we all know, our church has relied on Facebook Livestreaming to bring the Sunday service into our homes since the beginning of the pandemic. Many months later our congregation continues to rely on Facebook Livestreaming and Uberconference for our worship services.

The Livestream Team is in the need of additional volunteers with this ministry. Being a technical genius is not a necessity. Some familiarity might be helpful. Training will be provided. Please consider helping us. If you would be willing to help with this ministry or have questions or interest, please contact Pastor Eva, or Cathy Dietrich (717-792-9630).

New Technology Team Forms

Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Website, and filming services...just a few of the things that churches **MUST** do if they are to keep up with reaching out to those who need to find a community of faith and to keep the community of faith in touch with one another. In light of that, the Empowerment Team has asked Annette Masenheimer to contact some persons we know are interested in technology...but if you have not been approached and are interested...**WE NEED YOU!** Please contact Annette (amase2025@gmail.com) if you are interested! Requirements are to be interested in promoting the church and a willingness to learn.

APRIL ALTAR FLOWERS

If there are any changes for the bulletin, please contact the church office at least one week ahead. The cost of Altar Flowers is \$30.00 and special arrangement is \$30.00. Please make all checks payable to Dover UCC. If mailing your check, send it to the church office, 45 West Canal Street, Dover, 17315. If payment is included in the offering envelope, please indicate "altar flowers" on the envelope. **If you would like to order a special arrangement in honor or loving memory, please contact Gina Nell at 717-515-0314.**



APRIL

April 4 Randy & Annette Masenheimer
Cross: Cory Nade
April 11 Neil & Carol Stayrook
April 18 Betty Snook
April 25 Ken & Carol Crone

MAY

May 2 Markle family
May 9 Carl Fry
May 16 Scott & Verda McFadden
May 23 **Available**
May 30 Nancy Schubert

PLEASE NOTE: Two sponsors are needed for the Altar Flowers: May 23 and October 31. If you're interested in sponsoring either, please contact Gina Nell at 717-515-0314. Thank you.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

There is a birthday listing for two months posted on the bulletin board as you enter the church. Please add your name to the calendar if you are not already listed and we'll be sure to include your name in the future. Why not send someone on the list a card and wish them a Happy Birthday!!



2 Libby Dietrich
3 Spring Davidson
11 Pam Emig

15 Gerry Shaffer
20 Gina Nell
Erica Plappert

23 Matthew Bieber
25 Roxie Konzal
27 Dan Sindlinger

MARCH – APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER



March 28, Sunday

Palm Sunday

Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection.

WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference.

Offering received for One Great Hour of Sharing

March 30, Tuesday

10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.

March 31, Wednesday

Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)

Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom. Contact Pastor Eva for the zoom link to those interested

April 1, Thursday

Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:00 p.m. – in person, Facebook live, or Uberconference

April 2, Good Friday

Good Friday Worship – 7:00 p.m. – in person, Facebook live or Uberconference

April 4, Sunday,

Easter Sunday – Communion

Benevolent offering

Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection.

WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference.

April 6, Tuesday

10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.

Book Club – 5:30 p.m. – *Girl A* by Abigail Dean – by zoom, contact the pastor for link

April 7, Wednesday

Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)

Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom. Contact Pastor Eva for the zoom link to those interested.

April 8, Thursday

Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

April 11, Sunday

DUCC Digest deadline

Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC in person or by zoom.

Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection.

WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. - Baptism of Isaac...and Holy Humor Sunday.

In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference.

April 12, Monday

Dover UCC Council meeting – 6:30 p.m. – in person or by zoom. The congregation is welcome to attend, if you would like the zoom connection, please contact Pastor Eva.

April 13, Tuesday

10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.

Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)

Boy Scouts Troop 67 Committee – 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)

April 14, Wednesday

Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom or in person.

April 15, Thursday

Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

CALENDAR CONTINUES NEXT PAGE

April 18, Sunday	Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC in person or by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. MISSION MOMENT: ARC Sue Schmidt's Ordination – 3:00 p.m. – Call the church office (717-292-3743) to reserve your seat!
April 20, Tuesday	10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.
April 21, Wednesday	Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall) Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom. Contact Pastor Eva for the zoom link to those interested
April 22, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
April 25, Sunday	Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. Offering received for ARC
April 27, Tuesday	10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.
April 28, Wednesday	Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall) Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom. Contact Pastor Eva for the zoom link to those interested
April 29, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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717-292-2867

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(614) 325-1635 (cell)

The following people have agreed to visit:

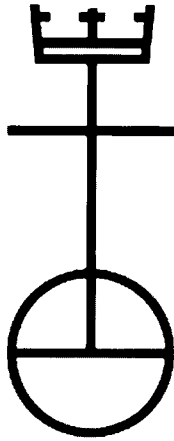
JAN - Carol Stayrook
FEB - Verda McFadden & Nancy Schubert
MAR - Gina Nell & Nancy Brown
APR - Mary Duttera & Doris McCallister
MAY - Annette Masenheimer & Spring Davidson
JUN - Carol Stayrook & Anna Gladfelder

JULY- Nancy Brown & Gina Nell
AUG - Tonia Reinert
SEPT- Dennis Hall
OCT - Millie Murray & Kay Fickes
NOV - Cathy Dietrich
DEC – Mary Duttera

Remember our members at the Brethren Home Community (with cards)

Jack Strausbaugh - Wayne & Dodie Gross

Call Carol Stayrook at 717-873-8862 with any changes or additions.



The York Association

of the Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ
and the members of

Dover

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35 West Canal Street, Dover, PA 17315

Invite your presence for the
Service of Ordination of

Sue Schmidt

Sunday, April 18, 2021

3:00 PM (Sanctuary)

In-Person or by Facebook Live or Zoom

(masks and social distancing required)

**All are invited to a time of fellowship
following the service**

(Outside in the parking lot)

Clergy are invited to robe and process

(Red or multi-color stoles)

RSVP – 717-292-3743

To be able to assure seating

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Book Discussion 9:00 AM (Not during the summer)
Worship Service 10:00 AM Children's Church (not at the present time)

Pastor Eva O'Diam
pastor@doverducc.org

Willie Scofield	Secretary	Susan Storm	Organist & Choir Director
Sue McNeely	Bookkeeper	Willie Scofield	Financial Secretary
		Barchue Guar	Sexton

Youth Advisor – PERHAPS YOU?

Guild Officers: President – Neil Stayrook; Vice President – Linda Thompson
Annette Masenheimer - Secretary; Millie Murray – Treasurer

DOVER UCC CHURCH COUNCIL

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