

SPECIAL EDITION

D. U. C. C. DIGEST

Dover United Church of Christ

April, 2020

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)*

Pastor's Reflection

In a prayer written by Ted Loeder entitled "I Need to Breathe Deeply," he writes, "*Eternal Friend, grant me an ease to breathe deeply of this moment, this light, this miracle of now. Beneath the din and fury of great movements and harsh news and urgent crises, make me attentive still to good news, to small occasions, and the grace of what is possible for me to be, to do, to give, to receive, that I may miss neither my neighbor's gift nor my enemy's need...*"

All of us need, in the midst of this pandemic, to breathe deeply. In the midst of the Corona Virus, which will take lives, we need to be aware of the miracle of NOW. Beneath the harsh news, the urgent need to remain calm, yet we must take action. We need to be aware of our family, friends, and neighbors. We must act in ways that require us to change habits (washing hands more frequently and staying at home when we are used to going...) and remain home when what we want to do is to gather together. For those of us who lived through the AIDS epidemic, it brings back memories of seeing a disease destroy community and fearing a disease that brought fear to communities around the world. We did not know how it was transmitted. We had no known medicines that combatted the disease and when we finally did, people would use them until they were no longer effective and we waited for the next one to be developed. I have a friend that has lived with HIV so long that we prayed for a new medicine to be developed so he would be able to live. Now we talk about how it might be eliminated and people can live long lives and even move to a zero transmission possibility.

Though we will not worship in person together, or meet for Bible Study, or probably even Morning Chatters, in the next weeks or month(s), we are still called into community and we will learn different ways to share. One time when one of our members was dizzy and could not come to Bible Study, we called him, and put the phone in the middle on speaker and he could be present with us in that way. We have people who join us every Sunday (when we gather in person for worship) as we live stream who worship on line! This is a time we get to create NEW WAYS to communicate and keep in touch! The Kelly Clan is planning to Zoom meet as a family, so we can see and hear one another.

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- I plan to hold service this Sunday and next Sunday by live streaming on Dover UCC's facebook page.
- We will hold the education hour on Sunday by zoom. If you have e-mail access, you can zoom either on a computer or by phone! I will send you instructions on connecting. E-mail me at **pastor@doverducc.org** if you would like to be connected. If you receive the Christian Ed discussion questions, you will receive instructions every time I set up a time to connect. You can connect through zoom either by phone or video! If you don't want people to see you, you may simply call in. If you only have a phone, call me and I will give you the way to connect by phone.
- Bible Study on Tuesday will connect by phone. *E-mail or call me if you would like to be part of a group gathering on phone* or I will call you and check on you that day.
- Tuesday Chatters will happen by zoom. Again, if you would like to join, e-mail me or call me.
- Wednesday nights will be postponed until AFTER Easter. Then we will finish our time in learning about and sharing prayer.
- Wednesday nights we will offer a prayer time by zoom or phone at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, call me or e-mail me.
- Choir is suspended for the next two weeks. Then we will evaluate.
- Book Club will happen by zoom.
- I hope and pray we can worship at the church on Palm Sunday, but Council will evaluate when that time comes.
- Finally, I will be utilizing the prayer chain to check in with all of our congregants. Please let me know if you have any concerns OR joys so we can be in prayer with you and share them on Sundays by live stream!
- ***Please remember to send in your offerings...our bills like yours will continue in the next two weeks.***

We will cancel ALL activities at the church this week and next week. Council and I will let people know on a week by week basis after that. Please remember to keep each other in prayer and contact me if you are aware of any needs.

Pastor Eva

Pastor Eva's cell phone number is 717-418-9627. Please call any time for pastoral emergencies. Her office hours: Mondays, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **E-Mail: pastor@doverducc.org.**

Do you have a prayer concern? Call Gina Nell at 515-0314.

Let us pray, God, you are mighty... you are mighty in the midst of your people everywhere. By whatever name they may call you, you are God, and you are mighty. Nothing is too hard for you. You created each one of us – you can do the seeming impossible, for nothing is impossible with you. Heal us, eradicate this virus from your children and their lands. Breathe your life into those already affected... seek out those who may not know they are infected and cleanse their bodies. Place your loving presence over your children and protect them. For you, O God, are mighty. You, O God, are mighty in the midst of ALL your children. Bring healing; bring calm; bring your love to all your children today. In the name and nature of your all-powerful spirit, which is everywhere present with us today. We say a grateful and heartfelt thank you. And so be it...

Written by one in our congregation.

APRIL NEWS

"Your current safe zones were once unknown frontiers."

READINGS FOR APRIL

APRIL 5: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11

APRIL 12: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

APRIL 19: Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20:19-31

APRIL 26: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35



Maundy Thursday Service – April 18 – 7:00 p.m. at Dover UCC
Good Friday – Tenebrae Service – April 19 – 7:00 p.m. at Dover UCC

Thank you's...

My family and I wish to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and visits, and all those who helped to prepare food and set up the dining area for the luncheon following Charlie's service. Many thanks to all of you.

Grace Bates and family

MORNING CHATTERS... has been suspended for now. We will let you know when the next one will be. In the meantime, take a moment on the last Tuesday of the month to call another person from the group and share a cup of coffee or tea over the phone. For those who would like to still gather we will have a zoom gathering, e-mail me or call Pastor Eva.

Suicide Survivor Support Group: Dover UCC hosts a suicide survivor support group the first Tuesday of the month in the Council room at 6:00 p.m. The group will be led by York County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Contact Cindy Richard (717) 227-0048 crichard@penn-mar.org for more information.

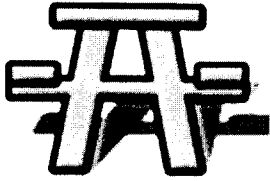
NEWS FROM THE GUILD

The Guild is going to the Dutch Apple on Saturday, October 17 to see "Saturday Night Fever."

Ticket cost is \$58.00 which includes the show, buffet, tax and gratuity. Buffet starts at 11:30 a.m. – show begins at 1:00 p.m. There are only 30 tickets so sign-up NOW! Sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. Make checks payable to Guild Dover UCC. Any questions – contact Linda Thompson (717-292-7437).



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.



Have fun and bring family, friends and neighbors along for our **Annual Church Picnic, June 7** at Brookside Park on Fox Run Road! **Worship will be at 10:30 a.m.** AT the Park at the #1 Dance Pavillion. Information will follow

FROM THE OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Happy Spring! As we enjoy all God's glory of rebirth this time of year it is a good time to make a clean sweep. While you make that change over from Spring attire and cleaning out closets, please keep in mind *we are collecting clean, worthy items for our yard sale on Friday, May 1 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturday May 2 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.* The profits will go to the Guild from the kitchen profits and yard sale profits will go into the Outreach/ Mission fund. Our goal is to have a successful sale so we don't find a need to have many small fund raisers.

We will need your help in the kitchen, bake sale donations, to help set up, sell and clean up. Please consider helping where you can. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon. If you are willing to help sort, and/or price items we will be doing so most Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 to 4:00. Come for as long as you can. Any help will be appreciated.

New Hope continues to blossom with its new location. The fundraising drive is growing! At present they are up to \$91,000 dollars of their goal of \$100,000.00. Once they hit this amount it will be doubled. That will be 200 of the \$350,000.00 projected for the renovation of the Dover Center. It is a very exciting time. Every dollar counts double. Consider a donation today.

The backpack program is in full swing. Around 130 bags are packed by Dover UCC members every month. We are only one group that prepares them. There are other churches who volunteer as well. Thank you to all who serve and give generously of food and personal items. The need is only growing. You are a gift of God.

With God's love and your aid, Tonia Reinert

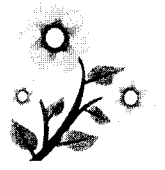
FROM THE ONA MINISTRY TEAM

From April 26 – May 24, 2020, we will be reading the book, ***Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*** by Father Gregory Boyle. A Jesuit priest, Father Boyle started Homeboy Industries, which has served more than half the gangs of Los Angeles. *Tattoos on the Heart* is a series of essays culled from his 20 years of working with gang members in LA. Arranged by theme, these parables offer a *“look at how full our lives could be if we could find the joy in loving others and being loved unconditionally. Tattoos on the Heart reminds us that no life is less valuable than another”* (Source: Goodreads) *Tattoos on the Heart* can be purchased online from Amazon or Barnes and Noble; it is also available at Books a Million.

Looking ahead to May, the ONA team will be showing another “movie with a purpose,” *The Hate U Give*, on Sunday, May 31, 2020. The film tells the story of 16-year-old Starr Carter, who is constantly torn between two worlds—the poor, mostly black neighborhood where she resides with her family and the wealthy, mostly white private school she attends. When she witnesses the fatal shooting of a childhood friend at the hands of a police officer, Starr faces the dilemma of whether to speak out as a witness to the incident. We will gather for popcorn and snacks at 5:30 p.m. with the film to follow at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to attend!

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 5 Randy & Annette Masenheimer
April 12 Neil & Carol Stayrook
Cross: Randy & Annette Masenheimer
April 19 Betty Snook
April 26 Ken & Carol Crone

MAY

May 3 Markle family
May 10 Carl & JoAnne Fry
May 17 Scott & Verda McFadden
May 24 Nancy Schubert
May 31 **AVAILABLE**

PLEASE NOTE: The following dates need sponsors for the Altar Flowers: May 31, August 9 and August 30. If you're interested in sponsoring the Altar Flowers for any of these dates, 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	15 Gerry Shaffer	23 Matthew Bieber
3 Spring Davidson	20 Martha Markle	25 Roxie Konzal
11 Pam Emig	Gina Nell	27 Dan Sindlinger
	Erica Plappert	

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Lay Reader:	YOU! Sign up on the Bulletin Board
Altar Guild:	Gina Nell, Sue McNeely and JoAnne Fry
Shut-In Visitors:	Mary Duttera and Doris McCallister

MARCH – APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER



- March 22, Sunday **LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page**
Book Study by Zoom
- March 25, Wednesday** **Phone in prayer time, e-mail Pastor Eva if you would like to**
participate.
- March 22, Sunday **LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page**
Book Study by Zoom
- March 29, Sunday **LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page**
Book Study by Zoom
- Tuesday, March 31, 9 a.m. Phone in prayer time and a laugh, Pastor Eva will be available for
anyone who would like prayer and a joke—just call! 717-418-9627

The following are in question...keep checking back and we will announce as we can...

- April 2, Thursday Prayer Group – 6:00 p.m.
Choir practice – 7:00 p.m.
- April 5, Sunday *Palm Sunday*
Book Study – 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship – 9:45 a.m. - Worship – 10:00 a.m.
Benevolence Offering Received
- April 6, Monday Zumba – 5:30 p.m.
- April 7, Tuesday Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.
Suicide Survivor Support Group – 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Conference Room)
Guild – 7:00 p.m.
No Handbell rehearsal
Troop 67 Committee – 7:00 P.M.
- April 9, Thursday Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m. – with Salem UCC at Dover UCC
- April 10, Friday Good Friday Service – 7:00 p.m.
- April 12, Sunday *Easter Sunday – Communion*
Book Study – 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship – 9:45 a.m. - Worship – 10:00 a.m.
DUCC Digest deadline

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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York, PA 17408
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Grace Trimmer
Haven at Springwood
Horizon Unit
2321 Freedom Way, York 17402

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 Gladfelter

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.

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Worship Service 10:00 AM Children's Church (during the worship hour)
Book Discussion 9:00 AM (Adult)

Pastor Eva O'Diam
pastor@doverducc.org

Willie Scofield	Secretary	Susan Storm	Organist & Choir Director
Sue McNeely	Bookkeeper	Annette Masenheimer	Financial Secretary
	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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Treasurer – Annette Masenheimer
Council Secretary – Pam Rutledge
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Fellowship Ministry Team – Steph Brown

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