

D. U. C. C. DIGEST

Dover United Church of Christ

January, 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)*

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !

FROM THE OPEN AND AFFIRMING MINISTRY TEAM

As we begin our new time for Christian Education (9:00 a.m.) on Sunday, January 5, 2020, we will be reading and discussing ***The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart*** by Peter J. Gomes, former minister at Harvard University's Memorial Church and a professor at Harvard School of Divinity. In the author's words, "*The theme of this book is the risk and the joy of the Bible—risk in that we might get it wrong, and joy in the discovery of the living Word becoming flesh.*"

The Good Book is divided into three parts. The first section, "Opening the Bible" discusses what the Bible is, how it is interpreted, and the Bible's place in American culture. "The Use and Abuse of the Bible," the second part, addresses the texts in the Bible that are often used to create division and exclusion. This section in particular speaks to the inclusivity of our Open and Affirming Covenant, as the chapters address race, anti-Semitism, women, and homosexuality. The last part of the book, "The True and Lively Word," discusses the Bible and the "good life" and what the Bible says about suffering, joy, evil, temptation, wealth, science, and mystery.

The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart is available from Amazon for \$10.98 (paperback), \$8.00 (hardcover), or \$13.99 (Kindle). Used copies can be purchased from Amazon for around \$5.00. If you would like to have the book purchased for you, please see Pastor Eva or Pam Rutledge. We will begin discussing the first three chapters (or Part One) on Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

In conjunction with the content of ***The Good Book***, the ONA team will offer a showing of the film, ***Hidden Figures***, on Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. ***Hidden Figures*** is the untold story of three African American women, who, while working at NASA during the Space Race, crossed gender and racial lines by serving as the brains behind the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit around the Earth. Even if you saw the film previously, it is worth a second viewing! Snacks and drinks will be provided at 5:30 p.m. (In the event of snow, the film will be shown on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.)

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.

Pastor's Reflection

We stand at the end of 2019 and at the beginning of 2020. It hardly seems possible. It seems like just the other day we were planning the trip to Kenya, preparing for the Polar Plunge, packing backpacks for the first time, making pancakes in January, having the Scouts in church for Scout Sunday, taking a van to Florida to help with disaster relief, distributing popsicles to the Dover High School marching band, reaching out to the community in our first Service Sunday...the list could go on and on. In the midst of all of this, there were worships, Bible Studies, children's church with Miss Jeannie, food for New Hope, countless volunteer hours, the first All Star Breakfast and now we fill backpacks once a month. If you cannot find a place to connect—to offer your gifts, please consider one of these opportunities. We need you if we are to offer Christ to our community, the nation, and the world. What does God have in store for us next?

When the Israelites were in exile in Babylon, the prophet Jeremiah sent them a letter (Jeremiah 29:4-14). The letter instructs them not to wait until they return to their original home to resume their lives. Instead, he writes that God would have them to minister right where they are—to the place and the people that God is giving them. Then God reminds the people, "For surely I know the plans I have for you...plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope...When you search for me, you will find me."

We have been diligent about reaching out to those around us, yet are we accomplishing all that God has for us? In 2020, we need to look at what God is asking us to accomplish. Are we following God's plan? Are we reaching out because we have an overabundance of God's love, joy, hope and peace? Or are we afraid, like so many main line churches that our attendance will decrease and we will need to close our doors? I know the reason I respond to the needs in the community and the world is that I want every person to know that the love that God offers is full of grace and hope and can provide a joy that goes deeper than any circumstance in which we might find ourselves. As we discover the depth of that love for us, we cannot help but want to share that love with others through service.

The Council is in agreement with this and we want to provide for the long range growth in Spirit and Service. To that end, we applied for a grant from the Duke Divinity School to look at how God might be calling us to be known in our community and to plan for the long term. We did not receive that grant. But we believe God is calling us to do that planning so we continue to thrive. If looking at the core values of this community of faith and planning for how our service can be meaningful and our worship spirited and our spirituality deepened, you might want to help in the work of this group. This will be a journey over several months of this new year. We will have an outside person guiding and coaching our work. And it will involve the input of ALL of the congregation. The result will enable us to say together with a united voice who are, whose we are, and where we are going. God has a plan for us! Consider it a treasure hunt! We have treasure that the Spirit will lead us to find—individually AND as a community of faith!

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.

JANUARY NEWS



*"Don't downgrade your dream to match your reality,
upgrade your faith to reach your destiny!"*

Thank you...

Thank you to all of you who have given of your time, your energy, your financial resources to make Dover UCC known in this community! We have had a very active year reaching around the world! And we are making a difference! We are spreading the Love of God and serving in the margins!

Pastor Eva

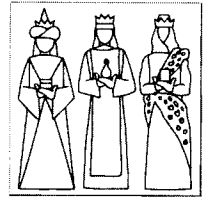
January Scriptures:

January 5: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

January 12: Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

January 19: Isaiah 49:1-7; A Reading from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; John 1:29-42

January 26: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23



PLEASE NOTE: Worship Time to Change in January 2020

WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.

ADULT EDUCATION - 9:00 A.M.

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP - 9:40 A.M.

Carols and Lunch!

December 29, as we look to the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020, we will worship at 10:00 a.m. and following worship, we will have a fellowship meal of pork and sauerkraut! Didn't get enough singing of Christmas carols? Never fear! We will spend the service on December 29 remembering where our carols came from and singing them to our hearts delight!



COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 - 8:30 - 10:30 AM

CAN YOU HELP? INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

SIGN-UP POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD.

THANK YOU!



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Thank you's...

Dear Friends, On behalf of the people we serve, thank you for your gift of \$166.25 received on December 2. What a blessing to receive such generous support! Thank you dear friends!

Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

Thank you all for taking the time and patience and for the love you bring to so many families. Thank you so much!!!

Rene, New Hope Ministries

Thank you for your contribution to York Habitat for Humanity. Because of you, we have completed 136 homes and impacted the lives of over 440 men, women and children in York County. Because of you, we are underway with our largest project in York Habitat History: 14 new homes on the 700 block of Chestnut. We sincerely appreciate you and your dedication to York County families. Your donation is changing lives one home at a time. Warmest Wishes,

Tammie Morris, Executive Director

**DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY DIGEST IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 12.
Early submissions will be most appreciated.**

MORNING CHATTERS... meets the last Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at Dover Valley Restaurant. If you are interested in going to the JANUARY session, please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The next meeting will be Tuesday, JANUARY 28.

Please check the bulletin board for ministry opportunities to serve—needed especially **are greeters, lay readers, and people to host fellowship on Sundays. To host fellowship, make coffee (directions provided), hot water, and have something cold to drink. If you would like to provide something to eat, it is more than welcome but not necessary!**

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.

“Food Bank Sunday” is the first Sunday of every month... Items may be brought to church and placed in the grocery cart located in the Fellowship Hall.

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER DONATIONS MADE TO NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:

FOOD	23 pounds
POTATOES	140 pounds
PERSONAL GOODS	3 pounds
CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS	4 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!

Dover UCC Book Club Invites You to Read!

If *The Christmas Sweater* didn't convince you that you **MUST** be part of the Dover UCC Book Club, perhaps reading this book will. Our January read will be *Because You're Mine* by Rea Frey. Amazon says this of the book, "An "insidious, suspenseful tale" (J.T. Ellison) with a "shocker of an ending you won't see coming" (Michele Campbell), *Because You're Mine* by Rea Frey, the author who "brings to mind Jodi Picoult" (Booklist) and "will appeal to readers of Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen" (Sally Hepworth) is a novel about how the truth will set you free. But it's the lies that keep you safe... *Because You're Mine* is a breathtaking novel of domestic drama and suspense. **Prepare to stay up all night.**

We will meet Tuesday, January 28 at 5:30 p.m. Watch for an announcement of where we will meet!

Ready, Set, Go Into the New Year

Join the Council on Sunday, January 19, after worship for lunch or return to the church at 1:00 p.m. for a brainstorming and planning session for 2020! We will look at what went well in 2019 and what we need to improve. Then we will set goals for next year and brainstorm ideas for the programming of the church in 2020. Have an idea? Come and share it! Like to see something specific happen? Help the church catch that vision! We will finish by 3:00 p.m. and have a plan for the new year!

NEWS FROM THE GUILD

Best wishes to those who will serve as Guild officers in 2020:

**President – Neil Stayrook - Vice President - Sue Storm
Secretary - Annette Masenheimer - Treasurer - Millie Murray**

**Many thanks to those who served in 2019:
Amanda Moyer**

The Guild will not meet in January or February - our first meeting will be in March. See everyone then!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Monthly All-Star Breakfast - Last Friday of each month

Hot breakfast ready at 7:55AM

**The next breakfast will be
Friday, January 31.**

Upcoming Retreat....

February 14 – 16 is scheduled to be a Dover UCC Retreat at Hartman Center. We will be in cabins and have use of a program lodge. but we need to know if there is interest in doing this retreat. It would be a combination of learning, playing, fellowship and quiet time. It would be for all ages. It will cost about \$100 per person but we need at least 16 people to hold it. Please sign up if you are interested in attending.

FROM THE OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Happy New Year, 2020!

Let me begin with a huge thank you to everyone for donating over 160 pounds of Christmas blessings. More than 120 people were blessed with your generous donations.

The Christmas stockings we decorated for the students for All American Breakfast Club and the Kids Club of New Hope were very grateful for your gifts. We continue to need volunteers each month for the breakfasts.

As we look forward to all we do this coming year I would like to invite anyone who would like to volunteer and plan to please attend our planning meeting on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. We would like fresh ideas and would love for you to join us.

Our church is a busy, bustling place, but without all your support none of it is possible. Join our energetic committee today!

Respectfully submitted,
Tonia L. Reinert, Outreach Committee chair

Penn Central Conference is excited to announce the hiring of our new Coordinator for Camps and Retreats - Zoë D'heedene! Please join us in welcoming her to the team!



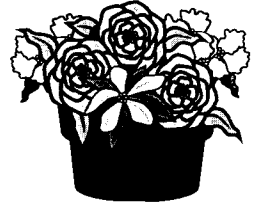
"Greetings members of the Penn Central Conference! My name is Zoë D'heedene and I am thrilled to announce that I will be joining the staff of the PCC in the role of Coordinator of Camps and Retreats. I am in the last stretch of my seminary education, am a member in discernment of the York Association, and a proud member of Dover UCC. I have been blessed to experience some of the wonderful variety our conference has to offer throughout my life as a youth and one new to ministry. Before even officially beginning in this role, I have felt the tremendous support of our conference and the passion surrounding our outdoor ministries program. I look forward to working with all of you to see what God has in store. Blessings and Shalom!"

York County Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge! February 1!

Just wanted to make the congregation aware that the Polar Bear Plunge will be held on **Saturday, February 1** at the John Wright restaurant in Wrightsville, PA. Opening ceremony will start at 10:00 a.m. and the plunge will begin at noon. This is York County's biggest fundraiser and the money received goes to support our program of 15 sports. All of the sports are offered to the Special Olympic athletes at no cost. This fundraiser has almost all of the money going directly to our program. There is not one paid staff person – all coaches/volunteers do not receive any money. Our only expenses are a small office, storage unit, phone, and copy machine. Michael is so grateful that many members and Pastor Eva also do the plunge with Michael's team – **the Beach Boys and Friends**. Please consider supporting Michael or his team members. 350 athletes are counting on this fundraiser to continue our program. When you see Michael – you can give him cash or a check – all checks should be made out to **Special Olympics York County**. If you would like to make a donation using our website – go the Special Olympics York County website which is <https://specialolympicsyorkcounty.org/>. On the home page select [click here](#) when the ad for the Polar Plunge comes into view. Enter the name of the individual plunger you would like to donate through or enter the team name – The Beach Boys and Friends. You will then receive further information to finish the process. We would like to thank you for your continued support – it means so much to Bill and I and especially Michael.

JANUARY 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.**



JANUARY

January 5	Available
January 12	Bill & Karen Plappert
January 19	Carl & JoAnne Fry
January 26	Phil & Nancy Brown

FEBRUARY

February 2	Phil & Nancy Brown
February 9	Nancy Schubert
February 16	Jeff & LouAnn Fenstermacher
February 23	Helen Landis

**An Altar Flower Sponsor is needed for Sunday, January 5.
Altar flowers are \$30. If you're interested, please see Gina Nell
or call her at 717-515-0314. Thank you!**

JANUARY 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!!

8 Nancy Schubert	24 Sue McNeely
10 Wendy Gembe	25 Phil Brown
13 Annette Masenheimer	28 Bill Plappert, Sr.
16 Sam Eby	30 Michael Brown
23 Amanda Moyer	



VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Lay Reader:	YOU! Sign up on the Bulletin Board
Altar Guild:	JoAnne Fry, Ruth Ann Jacobson, Wendy Gembe
Shut-In Visitors:	Millie Murray and Kay Fickes

DECEMBER - JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER



December 24

Christmas Eve

Children's Christmas Service – 7:00 p.m.

Worship at 11:00 p.m. with Communion

Offering received for Christmas Fund

Christmas Day

December 26, Thursday

Office hours – 9:00 – 1:00

December 29, Sunday

Carols & Lunch - Worship at 10:00 a.m. Pork & Sauerkraut potluck following along with other goodies—sign up-bring a dish & help out!

December 30, Monday

Office hours – 9:00 – 1:00

December 31, Tuesday

Office hours – 9:00 – 1:00

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.

January 1, 2020

Happy New Year!

January 2 – Thursday

Office hours – 9:00 – 1:00

January 5, Sunday

Prayer Group – 6:00 p.m.

Book Study on *The Good Book* by Peter Gomes begins– 9:00 a.m.

Worship & Communion – 10:00 a.m.

January 6, Monday

Benevolent Offering

Office Hours: 9:00 – 1:00

January 7, Tuesday

Music and Worship Team – 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study – 1:00 p.m.

Suicide Survivor Support Group – 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Conference Room)

Stewardship Team – 6:00 p.m.

Handbell rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.

Troop 67 Committee – 7:00 p.m.

January 8, Wednesday

Church Office closed

Outreach Team – 6:30 p.m.

January 9, Thursday

Choir practice – 7:00 p.m.

January 12, Sunday

Book Study – 9:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:00 a.m.

DUCC Digest deadline

Town Meeting with Conference Minister Carrie Call – 2:00 p.m.

at Mt. Zion UCC

January 13, Monday

Movie With a Purpose– *Hidden Figures* – 6:00 p.m. (Snow date 1/26)

January 14, Tuesday

Church Council – 6:30 p.m.

Backpacks at New Hope – 10:00 a.m. from the church

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.

January 16, Thursday

Handbell rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice – 7:00 p.m.

January 18, Saturday

Prayer Group – 6:00 p.m.

January 19, Sunday

Community Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Book Study – 9:00 a.m.

Worship – 10:00 a.m. - ***Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday***

MISSION MOMENT: Heritage Senior Center

Ready, Set, Go Into the New Year – 1:00–3:00 p.m. planning meeting

Facilities in use – 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

January 21, Tuesday

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.

January 23, Thursday

Handbell rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice – 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR CONTINUES NEXT PAGE

January 26, Sunday	Book Study – 9:00 a.m. Worship – 10:00 a.m. Offering Received for Heritage Senior Center
January 27, Monday	Zumba – 6:00 p.m.
January 28, Tuesday	Morning Chatters – Dover Valley Restaurant – 9:00 a.m. No Bible Study Book Club – 5:30 p.m. – <i>Because You're Mine</i> by Rea Frey Handbell rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
January 30, Thursday	Choir practice – 7:00 p.m.
January 31, Friday	Facilities in use – 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. All Star Breakfast – 7:30 a.m.

Additional calendar items:

Adventurers #67 - Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. -
Cub Scout Pack #67 - Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop #67 - Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary - Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (Except the summer months)

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Gerry Shaffer
3411 Sycamore Road
Dover, PA 17315
717-292-2867

Deloris Crone
Providence Place #218
3377 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315

Hilda Eyster
74 Chesapeake Estates
Thomasville, PA 17364
717-792-0496

Charles (Grace) Bates
1811 W. Philadelphia St.
York, PA 17404
717-843-0467

Fay Gentzler
1920 Trolley Road #229
York, PA 17408
(614) 325-1635 (cell)

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

The following people have agreed to visit:

JAN - Millie Murray & Kay Fickes
FEB - Verda McFadden & Betty Snook
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 -
SEPT- Dennis Hall
OCT - Carol Stayrook & Tonia Reinert
NOV - Cathy Dietrich
DEC – Mary Duttera

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

Jack Strausbaugh
Wayne & Dodie Gross

Please call Anita Hensel at 717-792-0029 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 – Sue Storm
Annette Masenheimer - Secretary; Millie Murray – Treasurer

DOVER UCC CHURCH COUNCIL

President – Jeff Millford	Vice President
Treasurer – Annette Masenheimer	Evangelism/Outreach Ministry Team– Tonia Reinert
Council Secretary – Pam Rutledge	Music/Worship Ministry Team – Anna Gladfelter
Property/Grounds Ministry Team – Tom Miller	Membership Ministry Team – Jim Markle
Fellowship Ministry Team – Steph Brown	Faith Formation Ministry Team – Roxie Konzal