

D. U. C. C. DIGEST

Dover United Church of Christ

January, 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)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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IS THE NAME OF THE NEW YEAR!!!

*"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all."
— Emily Dickinson*

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

My younger sister, Janet, works for a ministry named, "Kidz At Heart." She is the Vice President of Latin American Ministries. She wrote in her recent newsletter about how it is the Unexpected can bring opportunities. So it has been with 2020...so it is with Christmas 2020...and so it will be for 2021. I believe that Covid-19 has brought with it some unexpected lessons. We have been stopped in our tracks and asked to see how we struggle with unequal health care in our country. We have been stopped to reflect on the value of life and how fleeting that life can be. We have been asked to appreciate the unflinching courage of healthcare professionals as they stand in for families as patients have died, have sometimes worked without adequate PPE, and put in long hours. We have been asked to be alone and remember that we are *not* alone.

We like to think of Christmas and the New Year with words like, anticipation, joy, expectancy, amazement, dreams fulfilled, satisfaction, peace, tenderness and generosity. All of those are part of the Christmas story for us as we remember the night Jesus was born. But there was another side, as my sister points out in her article...

"All of these were felt on the night Jesus was born. Along with fear, loneliness, pain, darkness, anxiety, exhaustion and lack of necessities. **That was quite an emotional night for Mary and Joseph**, I'm sure. Can you relate...at least somewhat? Probably more to the second set of feelings than the first during this year. But even Jesus' birth was surrounded by dark circumstances and emotions. The greatest gift of God was embedded in the mundane and the ugly..." and *still* God's light shone through.

I truly believe that God has been present in walking this journey. And God will be present in the New Year. God has been preparing us, even as Mary and Joseph were prepared for what they needed to accomplish for God. We are being prepared to come together in a new way. The other day, a friend sent a message with letters all over the page and challenged me to find the first 4 words that I saw and those words were to become my mantra into 2021. I found the words that came to me, were words I wanted to claim, not only for myself, but for Dover UCC as well...Creation, Lessons, Breakthrough and Love! What a challenge that would be for the New Year! How might God take 2020 and give us LESSONS to share with each other, so we might CREATE new community, a new sense of mission, and BREAKTHROUGH some of our old ways into sharing God's message of LOVE and life in our community? How might God ask us to give witness?

Pray about this and share your lessons...if you send me something you have learned about God or our community of faith during 2020 that might help us CREATE in new ways in 2021, I will share them with all of you! (reveso@verizon.net)

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.

Next Steps with Covid-19

Vaccines have been approved! Hope is on its way! Let's do our part...Let's continue the use of masks and social distancing AND when the vaccine is offered, please take advantage of this work of science. God does gift some with the gift of knowledge and for some the area of their expertise is science. Sometimes it is difficult to trust something brand new but this is the best answer we have right now to resuming any sort of normalcy in our world. As your pastor, I look forward to being able to visit our shut-ins in person. I look forward to gathering for a church dinner. I can't wait to have Young at Heart in person in worship! I for one will be in line to get either vaccine as soon as I am eligible. I hope you will join me!

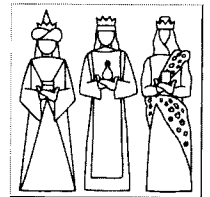
- Pastor Eva

JANUARY NEWS



January Scriptures:

January 3: Psalm 72; Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
January 10: Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
January 17: Psalm 139; I Samuel 3:1-10; I Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
January 24: Psalm 62; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; I Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
January 31: Psalm 111; I Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28



DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY 2021 DIGEST IS SUNDAY, JANUARY 10.
Early submissions will be most appreciated.

Beginning January 3, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

The Adult Faith Formation will begin again on Sunday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m. by zoom. We will be studying ***When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times*** by Pema Chodron. The chapters are short and very readable and is available on Amazon.com or BetterWorldBooks.com. It is in print form, on CD, or download to your Kindle. Don Gardner and Pastor Eva will lead this book. This is a book that Don Gardner has testified has changed his life and again and again he returns to glean more from the pages. Pema Chodron is an American Buddhist nun and will demonstrate how order can come to disordered lives. Included in the book are:

- ways to use painful emotions to cultivate wisdom, compassion and courage
- ways to communicate that lead to openness and true intimacy with others
- practices for reversing our negative habitual patterns
- methods for working with chaotic situations
- ways to cultivate compassionate, energetic social action

Join us for this interesting discussion! Please read the introduction and chapter 1 for January 3. Pastor Eva will send out the zoom link the week before. If you do not receive it, and would like to be part of the class, please let her know.



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

THE POSITIVI-TREE

Starting tomorrow, one of the pine trees at Lehr Park will be transformed into our Positivi-tree! We are asking people to find the GOOD in 2020. Take a plain ornament and write something GOOD on it (please use a sharpie or some kind of permanent marker/paint). Maybe there is a new baby to celebrate, or an engagement, a pet who always makes us laugh. Or maybe you're thankful for your health, family, friends, job, etc. We want a tree FULL of GOOD things to share with our community.

If you want to participate in our little community art project, please bring your decorated ornament to Lehr Park starting December 15. The ornaments will be on display until January 4th.

FROM THE TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY THE ABC'S FROM PSALM 119

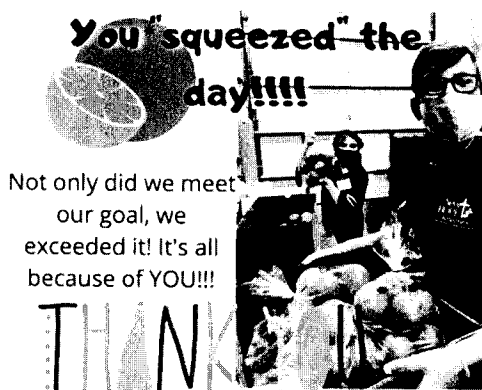
Bible Study on Tuesday mornings has been fun! We have been studying the Psalms and we learned that Psalm 119, the LOOOOONGEST chapter in the Bible, is actually written in 22 stanzas, each 8 verses long, with the first word in each stanza being a letter of the Hebrew alphabet! So how many letters are there in the Hebrew alphabet? You guessed it! 22! So we decided to have some fun. We decided we would describe God with the letters of our alphabet! A-Z! We each suggested words and then we voted...this is the result!

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| A: Amazing, awesome | N. Noble |
| B. Beloved | O. Observant |
| C. Compassion, companion | P. Powerful |
| D. Deliverer, devoted | Q. Quiet |
| E. Eternal | R. Righteous |
| F. Faithful, Father | S. Savior |
| G. Generous, goodness | T. Teacher, tender |
| H. Holy, healer | U. Understanding |
| I. Immortal | V. Victorious |
| J. Just | W. Wonderful |
| K. King | X. Xenophilic (loves strangers or foreigners) |
| L. Love | Y. Yearning |
| M. Merciful | Z. Zealous |

Evening Bible Study to Begin in January

Starting on Wednesday, January 13, an evening Bible Study will begin. Let's look at some of Paul's letters to churches. The early church did not have traditions and history...they were just beginning as groups following Jesus. Paul was teaching them how to be the community of Christ! We will begin with Galatians, then move to 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 might we 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!

Outreach Team



Actually, you knocked it out of the park! You were a significant part of the more than \$50,000 raised during this year's #GivingTuesday to help our neighbors in need - **thank you so very much!!!**

Warmly, Molly

New Hope Ministries

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—Heritage Senior Center.** 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!

A Promised Land by Barack Obama Book Club's Next Read

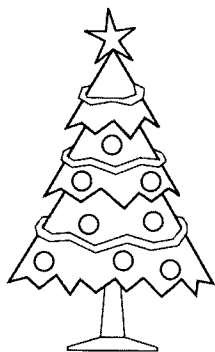
This is how the New York Times describes this book, "Presidential memoirs are meant to inform, to burnish reputations and, to a certain extent, to shape the course of history, and Obama's is no exception. What sets it apart from his predecessors' books is the remarkable degree of introspection. He invites the reader inside his head as he ponders life-or-death issues of national security, examining every detail of his decision-making; he describes what it's like to endure the bruising legislative process and lays out his thinking on health care reform and the economic crisis. An easy, elegant writer, he studs his narrative with affectionate family anecdotes and thumbnail sketches of world leaders and colleagues. "A Promised Land" is the first of two volumes — it ends in 2011 — and it is as contemplative and measured as the former president himself."

We thought it would be fun to look at what goes on inside the thinking of a President of the United States. This book is available from BetterWorldBooks.com or Amazon or can be downloaded to your kindle or found at the library. Join us on Tuesday, January 19 at 5:30 pm, at the church, in person or by zoom to share your thoughts...

Special Olympics Plunge

The plunge scheduled for February 2021 has been cancelled. There are just too many risks and limitations to safely be able to hold the annual Plunge. Bill, Michael, and I would like to thank Pastor Eva and her "faithful plunge team" for helping York County to raise money annually for our program. We would also like to express our gratitude to the Dover UCC congregation who also donated money on behalf of Michael. The good news is that we did not have a need to use much money in 2020 so we are financially good for 2021. Many thanks to everyone --- Bill, Karen, and Michael Plappert

Christmas in July—Save the Date—JULY 24!



Sue Storm had a brilliant idea! Let's have Christmas in July! Will you miss not seeing your faith community this Christmas? Will your heart long to be in the sanctuary singing carols on Christmas Eve and lighting candles with your family and faith community? Let's celebrate Christmas in special ways this year, by knowing we are protecting one another, sharing communion within our household and lighting our one candle that we know we are lighting with others. Then in 2021, let's get our vaccines (when it is our turn) and let's celebrate Christmas in July! We will have a prolonged event on Saturday, July 24 when things should be opening up more. We will have a Christmas dinner at the church, followed by a special show of some sort, and then traditional Christmas Eve worship! We can

make this happen by getting our vaccines and offering to help Sue and Pastor Eva do the planning! Something to look forward to...

Church Museum

At last year's congregational meeting, there was discussion about creating a museum of artifacts for Dover UCC. While we currently rotate items in the display cabinet in the narthex, Dan and Jeannie Sindlinger donated two shelf units with glass doors that would be perfect to display additional museum items. Now we just need a person (or persons) interested in coordinating our artifacts! If you would be interested in working on this project, please contact Pastor Eva or a member of Church Council.

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).

DECEMBER DONATIONS MADE TO NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:

FOOD	28 pounds
PERSONAL	2 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!

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's...

Dodie and I wish to thank all the people who have sent Christmas cards to us here at Crosskeys Village and we thank them very much for remembering us. *Wayne & Dodie Gross*

I want to express my thanks for the many people who sent me Christmas cards. It brings back so many memories and I wish I could be with you. Thank you to all the people who remembered me that way. It makes me very happy.

Jack Strausbaugh

Dear Friends, On behalf of the people we serve at New Hope Ministries, thank you for your very kind gift of \$297.50 received December 3. Your generous financial gifts and abundant prayers today bring help and hope to our neighbors in times of need. Together, let's share the love and hope we have in Christ with the people we serve every day. Thank you for your kindness. Gratefully,
Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

And from a client at New Hope... "You'll never know just how much you help! God Bless you!"

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 3 Bill & Karen Plappert
January 10 Bill & Karen Plappert
January 17 Carl Fry
January 24 Phil & Nancy Brown
January 31 Chuck & Tonia Reinert

FEBRUARY

February 7 Phil & Nancy Brown
February 14 Nancy Schubert
February 21 Jeff & LouAnn Fenstermacher
February 28 Helen Landis

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
10 Wendy Gembe
13 Annette Masenheimer
16 Sam Eby
24 Sue McNeely
25 Phil Brown
28 Bill Plappert, Sr.
30 Michael Brown



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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

Deloris Crone
Providence Place #404
3377 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315

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

Dorcas Tanner
Colonial Manner RM #509A
970 Colonial Avenue, York, 17403
717-815-6248

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

Gina Nell
Providence Place #908
3377 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315
717-515-0314

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

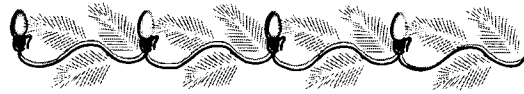
Remember our members at the Brethren Home Community (with cards)

Jack Strausbaugh - Wayne & Dodie Gross

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

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

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER



January 1, 2020 January 3, Sunday	Happy New Year! 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. live stream on facebook and uberconference ONLY - Communion will be celebrated - Bring your own Communion elements.
January 10, Sunday	Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. 10:00 a.m. live stream on facebook and uberconference ONLY.
January 11, Monday	DUCC Digest deadline 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.
January 12, 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) 5:30 PM – Book Club, in person or by Zoom; reading <i>A Promised Land by Barack Obama</i>
January 13, Wednesday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us in person OR by zoom. Contact Pastor Eva for the zoom link to those interested.
January 14, Thursday January 17, Sunday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. 10:00 a.m. live stream on facebook and uberconference ONLY.
January 19, Tuesday	MISSION MOMENT: Heritage Senior Center 10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750. 5:30 p.m.—Book Club in person or by zoom – reading <i>A Promised Land</i> by Barack Obama Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)
January 20, Wednesday January 21, Thursday January 24, Sunday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Offering Received for Heritage Senior Center Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. 10:00 a.m. live stream on facebook and uberconference ONLY. Ecclesiastical Council for Sue Schmidt – 3:00 p.m. – Call the Church Office if you are interested in attending – attendance is by reservations ONLY .
January 26, 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)
January 27, Wednesday January 28, Thursday January 31, Sunday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection. 10:00 a.m. live stream on facebook and uberconference ONLY.

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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

President – Jeff Millford
Treasurer – Spring Davidson
Council Secretary – Pam Rutledge
Property/Grounds Ministry Team – Tom Miller
Fellowship Ministry Team – Steph Brown

Vice President
Evangelism/Outreach Ministry Team– Tonia Reinert
Music/Worship Ministry Team – Anna Gladfelder
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