

D. U. C. C. DIGEST

Dover United Church of Christ

July, 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)*

WE CELEBRATE NEW LIFE!



Patrick and Nicki had their baby!

We welcome Isaac Norman Michael Swatsworth!

Born June 20 at 9:19 p.m., he weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 21 inches long! Welcome Isaac and congratulations Patrick and Nicki!

FROM THE OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM



Outreach is still collecting beach towels for **Kids Club**. They may get to begin their programs in July. **New Hope** will also be conducting their backpack program and hand-outs in August. See list included in this issue of the Digest.

LouAnn and I continue to mark items for the yard sale which we hope to hold in September after Labor Day. Please put any clean, lightly used items you have in the room to the left of the stage. It is getting crowded in there, but we can make room for more items. We are accepting just about anything.

Jeff Swartzbaugh has created our country of Kenya map and we will be sharing more information on our outreach to **G-BIACK**. We will be doing two half sponsorships to deserving students. You are invited to participate by covenanting to pay for a share in those sponsorships. Write your name on the share you will cover and place the check in the offering. In the memo line write: G-BIACK scholarship.

Thank you to everyone for the continued support of **New Hope Ministries**. We have more members of our congregation helping out and your food and financial help has been a blessing to many in our community.

God bless you, Tonia L. Reinert, Outreach/Evangelism team

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.

Plans for Re-Opening In Person Worship at Dover UCC

We commend the congregation for following the guidelines of the Governor of Pennsylvania and remaining at home during the red and yellow phases of the response to Covid-19. As a Council, we agreed we would not consider beginning in-person worship until at least the green phase was announced for York County. That does NOT mean we go back to worship as we knew it, it means we can consider in-person worship while STILL protecting one another from the spread of this deadly virus. We reached that phase last Friday, and what follows are the plans the Council has approved for worship to begin again on Sunday, July 5 at 9:00 a.m. Please let us know if you have issues with these decisions by calling Pastor Eva at 717-418-9627 or Jeff Milford at 302-415-9486.

NOTE: For those not ready to return, we will continue to offer live streaming and (for now) the option to call in at 717-297-0750.

1. We are asking that everyone wear a mask for the entire time you are in the building with others. We will have masks available for those of you who do not have one.
2. If you choose to not wear a mask (or cannot wear one), you could consider wearing a face shield. If you wear neither, we will not bar you from worship, but because you would not be protecting those around you, we will ask you to enter the door off Canal Street and sit in a section on that far side of the church.
3. There will be 2 greeters (masked and gloved) at the main door to offer a bulletin and hand sanitizer. We ask that every person entering and exiting use hand sanitizer. (At the door off Canal Street bulletins and hand sanitizer will be sitting on a table when you enter.)
4. We will have a person designated to operate the lift who will be masked and gloved.
5. When you enter the sanctuary, we ask that you sit in family groupings of one or more, assuring adequate space between you and the people around you. (Preferred 6 feet) The choir loft may be used if adequate space is not available in the sanctuary.
6. Doors will be propped open and left open during the service.
7. Offering baskets/plates will be at the rear of the sanctuary and you are asked to leave your offering there either when you enter or when you leave. There will be no passing of offering plates.
8. We will NOT share the Peace of Christ until we are certain it is safer to do so.
9. When we have time with the Young at Heart, children will remain with their family group. Parents/Grandparents are encouraged to sit on the aisle so children could remain with family but move to the center aisle to do movement or share.
10. For the present time, communion will be BYOC (bring your own communion) and we will announce ahead of time the dates for communion. The next one will be celebrated on July 5 when we first worship in the sanctuary. We will have crackers and juice for those who forget or are visiting.
11. We will ask that bulletins be taken home so others do not need to touch them to remove them from the sanctuary.
12. For the present time, we will **NOT** "sing" hymns. Singing provides too much possibility of exposure so at this time we will NOT be singing hymns. Music will be a part of the service in other ways.
13. For the remainder of the summer (and perhaps into the fall) we will not offer children's church during worship.
14. For the remainder of the summer (and perhaps into the fall) we will not offer refreshments during fellowship. If you would like to talk to your fellow congregants following worship, please do so respecting social distancing (and outside if possible).

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15. We will not offer community pancake breakfasts until at least the fall. We will continue to follow how the York County area does with regard to Covid-19 and make those decisions as we move forward.
16. The yard sale will happen sometime in the fall. Date to be announced.

How will we deal with persons who believe they have Covid-19 or have been exposed?

1. Individual(s) must notify the Pastor and/or a Council member immediately upon suspecting they have been exposed; and then we are expecting prompt verification of whether or not they have the virus following testing.
2. Once we hear of the possible exposure, we will notify the entire congregation of a possible exposure and the date of worship and will update them with the results. Like any other illness, issue – names will be kept confidential unless we have permission from the individual to share it.
3. Encourage everyone to watch for symptoms and to speak with their family doctor about being tested. Again, we request that they notify us immediately with test results so we can track potential issues. **Rite Aid at 115 Leader Heights Road, York is doing testing at no charge.**
4. We will immediately enact extra cleaning protocols for the space.
 - However since we aren't using pew hymnals or pew Bibles, and we aren't passing the offering plate, that won't be hard.
 - We are already paying special attention to all touchable surfaces – doors, door handles, light switches, tables, chairs, pew backs and arms, all areas of bathroom, etc.
5. If there is a positive case in the congregation, or God forbid, more than one following a worship service –
 - We will need to suspend in-person worship for several weeks to insure there are no additional cases.

Pastor's Reflection

Our discussion group after worship just finished the book Tattoos On the Heart by Gregory Boyle. I am not sure if any book has ever impacted me the way this one has. You are probably saying, "What about the Bible? As a pastor, surely you would list the Bible as one of those books." Of course, but for someone living out their faith today, trying to follow in Christ's way today, Tattoos On the Heart nails it! It begins by the author telling how he ended up serving in Los Angeles at Dolores Mission. He was "evangelized" by the poor in Bolivia. They were the ones, as he describes it, "that turned him inside out" and made him want to walk with the poor. They gave him "access to the Gospel" as others could not. It was them who taught him that people simply desired to see God's goodness in themselves. Many come along to walk in front of the poor to "show" the way or above the poor to "give a hand up." But Christ's way was to walk with the poor, the disenfranchised, the sick, those whom society (and the church) put on the margins. He came not to be God to them...but to help them see the God within each of them.

Julian of Norwich, a 14th century mystic, saw "the" life struggle as coming to discover that we are "clothed in God's goodness." And we are called to see every other person as clothed in that goodness as well. We walk with each person knowing God is within and that they are loved and special. As we love them in that way, they may eventually come to know themselves in that way. If people discover this, their goodness, nothing can remain the same. As Father Boyle says, "No bullet can pierce it."

How then, can we practice this in our own community?

Pastor Eva

Pastor Eva's cell phone number is 717-418-9627. Please call any time for pastoral emergencies. **E-Mail: pastor@doverducc.org**.

NOTE: Pastor Eva will be taking a week of vacation beginning Tuesday, July 14 and will return to the office on Tuesday July 21. Call the office during office hours, or Sue Schmidt at 610-657-0283 with any emergencies. Following her vacation time: Pastor Eva's cell phone number is 717-418-9627. Please call any time for pastoral emergencies. 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 Gina Nell at 515-0314.

JULY NEWS

"Learn from the past, live in the present, lead into the future!"



READINGS FOR JULY

July 5: Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12: Genesis 25:19-34; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19: Sue Schmidt preaches

Genesis 28:10-19a; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26: Genesis 29:15-28; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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 during the State's "stay-at-home" order. Even as our county moves to the "yellow phase", our congregation will continue to rely on Facebook Livestreaming and Uberconference for our worship services.

At one time, the Livestream Team consisted of four people, each sharing the responsibility once a month. However, the team now consists of two people. We would like to create a larger team to share this responsibility.

Being a technical genius is not a necessity. Some familiarity might be helpful. Training will be provided. Help is needed. If you would be willing to help with this ministry or have questions or interest, please contact Pastor Eva, Scott McFadden (717-308-7291) or Cathy Dietrich (717-792-9630).

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 offerings—Holy Joe's Cafe.** 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!

**DEADLINE FOR AUGUST DIGEST IS SUNDAY, JULY 12.
Early submissions will be most appreciated.**

Thank you's...

The Wayne Gross Family wish to thank everyone who sent us cards of sympathy and acts of kindness in the passing of Wayne's sister, Geraldine Easter. Wayne and Dodie Gross

Dear Friends, We are thankful for your kind gifts received on April 3 of \$497.75 and May 4 of \$326.37. Your support helps us meet the needs of those in our community who are turning to us right now, especially in the time of this current health crisis – thank you! Thank you dear friends!

Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

Dear Dover UCC Congregation, On behalf of The Arc of York County, I would like to thank each and every member for your very generous contribution of \$225.00. We appreciate your remembering and supporting our efforts. With your help and generosity, we can continue to build upon the many accomplishments we have made in recognizing the value of individuals with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the people and families we serve! Sincerely,

Josh Leik, Executive Director

Dear Dover UCC Congregation, On behalf of Heritage Senior Center, we sincerely thank you for your donation of \$80 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

News and Views

What's been happening since Dover UCC began this "stay-at-home" period of time? A new baby, grandbaby or great-grandbaby... a good book you read... a kindness you experienced or saw or perhaps someone you were able to pass a kindness along to... something new in your family... new flowers in your garden... or maybe you planted a garden... a new or finished remodel... or just something you'd like to share with your church family. We'd like you to let us know and you can be a part of the "news and views" each month in the DUCG Digest. You can e-mail them to the church at office@doverducc.org or mail them to the church at 45 West Canal Street, Dover, 17315. We want to hear from you...

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. The zoom number is 717-297-0705, the time is 9:00 a.m. Our next one is Tuesday, July 28.

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.

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE

Saturday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m., the Fellowship Ministry Team invites you to come and enjoy a **free FAMILY MOVIE!** The Princess and the Frog made history again this week when Disney announced that Splash Mountain would remove the theme Song of the South and replace it with The Princess and the Frog. Disney is responding to a petition requesting more diversity in the park. We want to honor such decisions by showing this family movie for free. If you don't know what might happen...imagine a fateful kiss leading a young woman and a royal amphibian on an adventure through the bayous of Louisiana. You may think you know how this story ends....come and find out! **Bring your lawn chairs and snacks for your family and enjoy!** **In case of rain, bring your masks and we will take our lawn chairs inside and wearing masks and physical distancing, see the movie in the fellowship hall.**

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).



New Hope Backpack Program School Supplies List

1" inch Binders	1 1/2" inch Binders	Book bags
Calculators	Colored pencils	Composition books
Erasers	Glue Sticks	Hand sanitizer
Highlighters	Lined Paper	Markers (basic pack of 8)
Pencil Case	#2 pencils	Pencil Sharpener
Mechanical pencils	Pens	Pocket Folders
Ruler	Scissors	White Glue/glue stick
Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Paper		Kleenex - individual packs

PLEASE NOTE: CRAYONS AND SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS NOT NEEDED IN 2020

Please drop off at church or your local New Hope Center - 62 N Main Street, Dover

Need Some Humor?

Dover UCC Book Club has selected its next read! Need some humor? You might want to try this one! We will be reading *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* by Jenny Lawson. The author has realized that the most mortifying moments of our lives—the ones we'd like to pretend never happened—are in fact the ones that define us. Lawson takes readers on a hilarious journey recalling her bizarre upbringing in rural Texas, her devastatingly awkward high school years, and her relationship with her long-suffering husband, Victor. Chapters include: "Stanley the Magical, Talking Squirrel"; "A Series of Angry Post-It Notes to My Husband"; "My Vagina Is Fine. Thanks for Asking"; "And Then I Snuck a Dead Cuban Alligator on an Airplane." Pictures with captions (no one would believe these things without proof) accompany the text. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11 at 5:30 pm at Annette Masenheimer's home.

News and Views

From Willie, Church Secretary

In March, when I began the “stay-at-home” and “work-at-home” time, I realized my “norm” had suddenly become something I didn’t recognize. To help maintain solid ground in the midst of shifting sands, I clung to that which, no matter what, is always normal for me - my cross stitching! I began with three small projects, a cat, a hibiscus and a birdhouse; graduated up to a medium project of Tulips; and joined a stitch-a-long project on Facebook and did one that says “Choose Happy – Be Well”. Currently I’m working on a Garden Visitor. With needle in hand, my stitching kept me calm and focused. Filled my mind with positives, creativity and serenity. And in between my stitching times, I spend much needed relaxation time out on my balcony enjoying my petunias and the birds. I look forward to see everyone again – soon!



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.**

JULY

July 5	Frank & Sonia Dittenhafer
July 12	Bill & Karen Plappert
July 19	Jeff & Cheri Swartzbaugh
July 26	Ken & Carol Crone

AUGUST

August 2	Gina Nell
August 9	Phil & Nancy Brown
August 16	Sam Eby
August 23	Chuck & Tonia Reinert
August 30	Don & Sharon Gardner



JULY 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!!

1	Mary Duttera Susan Emmons Sandy Markle
10	Betty Snook
16	Jim Markle Sue Schmidt
25	Allison (Crone) Musselman

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

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)

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.



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

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER



July 1, Wednesday
July 4, Thursday
July 5, Sunday

7:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Prayer Call 717-297-0750

Independence Day

**IN PERSON WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m. Bring your Own Communion! at Dover UCC as well as live stream on facebook and uberconference
Benevolence Offering Received**

July 7, Tuesday

11:00 a.m. Bible Study – at Kay Fickes house; 2250 Herman Drive, York (717-764-6962)

July 11, Saturday

7:30 p.m. - Free Movie in the Parking Lot! *The Princess and the Frog*. Bring lawn chairs and snacks for your family! In case of rain, please bring masks and we will take our lawn chairs to the fellowship hall, and use our masks and physical distance there.

July 12, Sunday

Worship – 9:00 a.m.

DUCC Digest deadline

July 13, Monday
July 14 through 20
July 14, Tuesday

6:30 pm – Council

Pastor Eva on Vacation. Call Sue Schmidt 610-657-0283 for emergencies.

11:00 a.m. Bible Study – at Kay Fickes house; 2250 Herman Drive, York (717-764-6962)

July 19, Sunday

Worship - 9:00 a.m.

MISSION MOMENT: Holy Joe's Cafe

July 21, Tuesday

11:00 a.m. Bible Study – at Kay Fickes house; 2250 Herman Drive, York (717-764-6962)

July 26, Sunday

Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Offering Received for Holy Joe's Cafe

July 28, Tuesday

**9:00 a.m. Tuesday Chatters by Uberconference – call 717-297-0750
Share a time of devotion, news, laughter and prayer.**

11:00 a.m. Bible Study – at Kay Fickes house; 2250 Herman Drive, York (717-764-6962)

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

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

President – Jeff Millford
Treasurer – Annette Masenheimer
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 Gladfelter
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