

SPECIAL EDITION

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Dover United Church of Christ

June, 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)*

WORSHIP TIME CHANGES THIS SUNDAY, MAY 24 TO 9:00 AM!

This week our worship will move BACK to 9:00 a.m. as we voted to do at the Congregational Meeting last Fall. Normally, our discussion group ceases to meet in the summer, but this year, it will continue until we reach our county's "green phase" and begin worshipping together. Join us at 10:30 a.m. for the discussion group. Currently, we are discussing Tattoos On the Heart by Gregory Boyle. It will challenge your thinking about what it really means to love and show compassion.

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).

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

Pentecost is coming on Sunday, May 31...a celebration of the setting loose of God's Spirit. One of my favorite scriptures on the Spirit comes from John 3:8 in the story of Nicodemus. Jesus is challenging Nicodemus, a leader among the Pharisees, to let go. Let go of his preconceived ideas about God. Let go of his dogma about what it means to live in the presence of God. Let go of his belief in the tangible gifts of God. "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone [and I would add, everything] who is born of the Spirit." Spirit...and God...are unknowable, and yet we know them each and every day.

We can't define them and we cannot grasp them and put them in a box. But Nicodemus [and we] *can* see Spirit and God present in many places and times. When the first Pentecost was celebrated...the church had not even been conceived yet. The disciples were searching for their next steps. Some, I imagine were still afraid. Some, just had no idea what way to carry forward what Jesus had asked them to accomplish. Did he want them to travel from town to town, synagogue to synagogue, temple to temple, healing, preaching, teaching the Way of Jesus? Did he want them to form communities of faith? Were they to expand the Jewish faith to simply incorporate a wider group? Or were they to form a different religion all together?

Jesus invited them to follow the Spirit...let their imaginations shape them together in new ways...just as he invited Nicodemus to do. Nicodemus knew the rules—probably had all the commandments memorized and lived by them. Jesus invited him to not box God in but to allow God to fill him in new ways with new vision and new ideas and thoughts about faith.

We do not live in an age when we need another religion, we have plenty of those! We could use a *revival of the Spirit* within the church community of the faithful. This time that we live in is challenging. We can either put our heads in the sand and say, "Too Much! We cannot deal with learning to be church in new ways!!" Or we can let the Spirit flow and find that the Spirit is going to take us to places we never dreamed of before. Have you ever been to worship so often by Facebook or by phone? And now we need to learn to do this WELL! This is the challenge before us!

How can we better connect with one another in the short times we find ourselves together? How can we plant hope? How many different fellowship opportunities can we dream up over the phone (I have been thinking of Bible trivia or Dover UCC trivia)? Our youth group now extends to the High School as we celebrate the graduation of 2 of our All Stars! We will expand how we worship as we hold our first **Parking Lot Worship on June 7!** Who would have thought that we would choose to have **BYOC** (Bring Your Own Communion) on that same Sunday? We can choose to run from our reality...or see it as an opportunity for the Spirit to blow where it will and move us in

Council Decisions:

Council has decided that we will not be worshipping in the sanctuary until we reach the GREEN Phase. Even then we will, in all probability, return to a new normal. In the meantime we will continue with livestreaming Facebook worship and using Uberconference as a way to call in. We **will hold a Parking Lot Worship on June 7 and July 12 at 9:00 a.m.** August Parking Lot Worship will be announced. Once we get used to using our transmitter, we also hope to hold some summer drive-in movies. If you are willing to help with any of these, please let us know.

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As long as we are in the Red or Yellow Phase, Bible Study will continue on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. (except for the 2nd Tuesday when it will be at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday will continue to be a gathering night at 7:00 p.m. In June, I will be inviting various groups to gather on that night or play trivia. Both of these will be by phone calling in at 717-297-0750.

Take care and allow the Spirit to take us to new places!

Pastor Eva

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

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

Happy Father's Day! June 21!

For Father's Day, send Pastor Eva a picture of your father, his name, and one gift you received from him by June 21 so we can recognize/remember him on Father's Day. Send them to reveso@verizon.net or text them to 717-418-9627

JUNE NEWS

"The world might actually change if more people focused on changing themselves instead of the world"

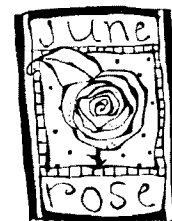
READINGS FOR JUNE

June 7: (Parking Lot Worship) 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; Matthew 28:16-20

June 14: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 21: Father's Day Genesis 21:8-21; Matthew 10:24-39

June 28: Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42



Thank You!

Many of you have been faithful in sending in your offerings each week even when we have not been meeting at the church. 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—Hoffman Homes is in June.** 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 banks 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!

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 DUCC Digest. You can e-mail them to the church secretary at longbeachwillie@hotmail.com or mail them to her home address: Willie Scofield, 830 Maryland Avenue, York, 17404. We want to hear from you...

Thank you..

Judy Crouse wants to thank everyone who has been reaching out.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DOVER UCC'S CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATES!

You say, "Wait a minute we don't have any young people in the church, let alone graduating." BUT YOU WOULD BE WRONG! Two of our young people who have attended our All Stars Breakfasts have graduated! Tavon Krider graduated in December from Dover High School and is working at Pizza Hut while he waits for classes at Harrisburg Area Community College to begin! Tyler Hess has considered our church to be his church for a long time as he is also part of the Adventure Crew of Troop 67 and has come up through the scouting program that meets at Dover UCC. Tyler is currently reviewing his future opportunities. Congratulations to these two young men as they continue their goals in life!

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, June 30.

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. This group is currently meeting remotely. Cindy Richard (717) 227-0048 crichard@penn-mar.org for more information.

NEWS FROM THE GUILD

Even though Guild is not meeting, our blessings continue! Please take the blessing calendar that is in this month's newsletter and COUNT your blessings! For each day, look at the blessing that is named and put that amount of money aside as you Count Your Blessings. This money goes to the Guild as the Guild helps with many projects and missions of the church. Whether paying utility bills or supplementing Hershey Handbells or contributing to a mission trip or micro-lending...the Guild blesses others through the blessings we have ALL received!

**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).



FROM THE OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

We will need ten beach towels **on June 7**. New Hope continues to be thankful for financial donations toward food or food dropped off at their center in Dover. Also ***do not forget our mission offerings each month!*** *May's will be for Homewood.* Please plan your giving for these groups as well as our Benevolence giving and our giving for the church.

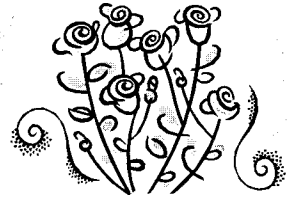
With God's love and your aid, Tonia Reinert

FROM THE ONA MINISTRY TEAM

Our discussion of the book, ***Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*** by Father Gregory Boyle continues. 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) ***It is NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!*** You will be challenged by this book!

ALTAR FLOWERS

We are cancelling all flowers ordered for the remainder of the summer. When we begin to meet again, if you would like to sponsor Altar flowers or a special arrangement, then call Gina Nell at 717-515-0314.



JUNE 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 Randy Masenheimer
- 6 Chuck Reinert
- 8 Scott McFadden
- 11 Neil Stayrook
- 12 Diane Slothower
- 16 Grace Trimmer (Please remember her with a card!)
- 17 Steve Slothower
- 19 Sharon Gardner
- 22 Phil Musselman
- Jeannie Sindlinger
- 30 Dave Bieber



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

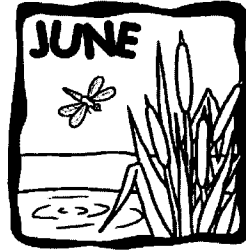
DEC - Mary Duttera

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.

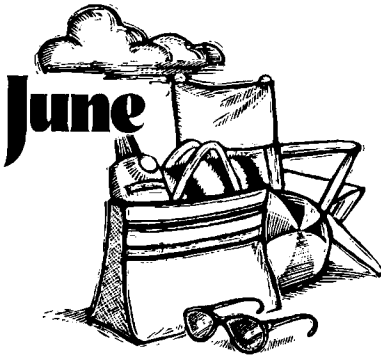
MAY – JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER



May 24, Sunday	LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page 10:30 a.m. - Book Study by Zoom – Currently studying Tattoos on the Heart
May 26, Tuesday	9 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 by Uberconference - call 717-297-0750
May 27, Wednesday	7:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Prayer Call 717-297-0750
May 31, Sunday	LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page 10:30 a.m. - Book Study by Zoom – Currently studying Tattoos on the Heart
June 2, Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Bible Study by Uberconference - call 717-297-0750
June 3, Wednesday	7:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Prayer Call 717-297-0750
June 7, Sunday	Parking Lot Worship – 9:00 a.m. BYOC – Bring Your Own Communion 10:30 a.m. - Book Study by Zoom – Currently studying Tattoos on the Heart
June 8, Monday	6:30 pm – Council meeting by Uberconference all are invited to talk about resuming worship in the sanctuary Watch for email notice, join by link or calling 717-297-0750
June 9, Tuesday	1:00 p.m. Bible Study by Uberconference - call 717-297-0750
June 10, Wednesday	7:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Prayer Call 717-297-0750
June 14, Sunday	LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page 10:30 a.m. - Book Study by Zoom – Currently studying Tattoos on the Heart
June 16, Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Bible Study by Uberconference - call 717-297-0750
June 17, Wednesday	7:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Prayer Call 717-297-0750
June 21, Sunday	LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page 9:00 a.m. - Book Study by Zoom – Currently studying Tattoos on the Heart 11:00 a.m. Bible Study by Uberconference - call 717-297-0750
June 23, Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Bible Study by Uberconference - call 717-297-0750
June 24, Wednesday	7:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Prayer Call 717-297-0750
June 28, Sunday	LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page 9:00 a.m. - Book Study by Zoom – Currently studying Tattoos on the Heart 9 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 by Uberconference - call 717-297-0750
June 30, Tuesday	9 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 by Uberconference - call 717-297-0750

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 75¢ IF YOU WENT TO church.	4 \$1.00 IF YOU GOT TO VISIT A SHUT-IN Today.	5 50¢ IF YOU TALKED TO YOUR SISTER.	6 25¢ FOR EVERY GRAND-CHILD WITH 4 FEET.	7 25¢ IF YOU ARE READING A BOOK.	8 50¢ IF YOU WENT TO THE MOVIES Today.	9 50¢ IF YOU SENT A CARD TO SOMEONE.
10 75¢ IF YOU CALLED YOUR MOTHER Mother's Day	11 50¢ IF YOU WENT TO WORK Today.	12 50¢ IF YOU WENT TO LUNCH WITH A FRIEND.	13 50¢ IF YOU WENT SHOPPING FOR YOU.	14 25¢ FOR EVERY SON YOU HAVE.	15 \$1.00 FOR EVERY PET YOU HAVE.	16 10¢ FOR EVERY GRAND SON YOU HAVE. Armed Forces Day
17 75¢ IF YOU WENT TO church.	18 25¢ FOR EVERY DAUGHTER YOU HAVE.	19 10¢ IF YOU CALLED YOUR SON.	20 50¢ IF YOU SMILED AT A STRANGER Today.	21 50¢ IF YOU TALKED TO YOUR BROTHER.	22 25¢ IF YOU PAID BILLS Today.	23 50¢ IF YOU CALLED A FRIEND Today.
24 75¢ IF YOU WENT TO church.	25 50¢ IF YOU THANKED A VETERAN. Memorial Day	26 50¢ IF YOU WENT TO breakfast.	27 10¢ FOR EVERY GRANDDAUGHTER YOU HAVE.	28 10¢ IF YOU CALLED YOUR DAUGHTER.	29 50¢ IF YOU WENT TO THE GROCERY STORE.	30 \$1.00 IF YOU STAYED HOME TO Chill out.
31 WENT TO church.						

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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

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