

D. U. C. C. DIGEST

Dover United Church of Christ

March, 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)*



Spring Ahead

SPRING AHEAD...

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021!

Holy Week 2021—In Person and by Live Stream



The end of March will bring us once again to Holy Week. This year we are remembering "A New Season of Hope" during Lent. This new season of hope will culminate with Palm Sunday (March 28), Maundy Thursday (April 1), Good Friday (April 2) and Easter (April 4)! During Lent we will be challenged to Plant Something Unexpected, Share Important Stories, Find the Joy in Enough, Welcome What Comes Next, and Choose Abundance. On Palm Sunday, we will look at how we Experience Peace—personal peace and peace worldwide. On Maundy Thursday, we will gather around tables to remember the Last Supper. On Good Friday, we will consider how we live in the shadows. On Easter we will emerge from those shadows and will celebrate the resurrection as we Heal the World with Love! Make sure you get one of the white masks we handed out for Ash Wednesday and decorate it for Easter!!! If you plan to not come to church, on Easter, send us a picture of you and your Easter mask!!! We will share those with the congregation. That Sunday we hope to be able to bless our new Technology Team and be using our new camera and sound equipment. We **will** be set up to have people upstairs and downstairs (if needed) appropriately distanced. We hope all who can be with us will be present! (If we see it will be an exceptionally nice day, we might even worship outside so we can all join together!) Children will take home bags of candy!

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.

Reflections from the Pastor

It is a New Season of Hope! I have shoveled and blown more snow this winter than I have in several winters it feels like. It has been over a year since we have been able to gather as a community of faith and hug each other and sit close and listen to one another. It has been over a year since our choir could sing or our bell ringers could practice and bring their beautiful sounds to our worship. It has been over a year since we could grieve in the ways we are used to grieving. It has been over a year since the first covid-19 deaths and we have now surpassed the 500,000 mark and lost more people in the United States than we did in both World Wars and the Vietnam War combined. It has been more than a year since we could visit our loved ones in nursing homes and retirement communities and hold their hand and spend time. Our monthly visitor teams at Dover UCC have been reduced in the last year to sending cards and notes.

All of that considered, this Lent, we claim that there is A New Season of Hope! The vaccines are not coming fast enough, but they are coming! Some of us have been fortunate enough to get vaccinated...others of us are waiting...but we are waiting to *receive it!* I know there are some who are hesitant. We have done unthinkable damage to the trust of black and brown communities in this country. Some of my own family siblings do not believe in the vaccine. This technology, though it has not been used before, has been around for years. Scientists developed the technology used for this vaccine because they knew such a disease could develop. That prepared us for the gift we receive today.

We will never be able to go back and reclaim the "normal" we thought we had. Any more than the world will ever be able to go back and live as we did *before* Jesus Christ lived. His life and death and resurrection changed the world and we can *never* pretend it didn't happen. So too with this virus. You do not lose that many people and think we can go back to how life was...we are changed. But we can offer new hope as we continue to watch out for one another, making sure every person has the opportunity to get vaccinated and acknowledging the mistrust that will keep some from taking the opportunity.

It IS a new season of hope! We will be able to sit and worship with one another again. We will be able to sing the songs of faith. We will be able to offer a hug or hold a hand. And we will always remember the hundreds of thousands of lives lost. And may we always remember the preciousness and fragile nature of life itself. Be a blessing to another and offer hope...the hope you receive from the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

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.
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Do you have a prayer concern? Call Nancy Schubert at 717-292-2113.

MARCH NEWS



Self-Discovery

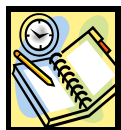
*"Within my earthly temple there's a crowd:
There's one of us that's humble, one that's proud; There's one
that's broken-hearted for his sins And one who, unrepentant,
sits and grins; There's one who loves his neighbor as himself,
And one who cares for naught but fame and self.
From such corroding care I would be free,
If once I could determine which is me."*

READINGS FOR MARCH

MAR 7: Psalm 100; Matthew 19:16-30
MAR 14: Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21
MAR 21: John 12:20-33; Luke 21:1-4
MAR 28: Psalm 31:9-16; Mark 11:1-11



DEADLINE FOR APRIL DIGEST IS SUNDAY, MARCH 14.
Early submissions will be most appreciated.



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

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



Easter is APRIL 4! It's time to order Easter Flowers! The Easter flowers will be displayed to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The deadline for placing your order is Sunday, March 7. Please fill out the order form and return it to Phyllis Mummert or Sue Storm. Payment is due with your order. Make all checks payable to Dover UCC and give or mail them to Phyllis (1700 Normandie Drive #114, York, PA 17408) or Sue (3193 Jayne Lane, Dover, PA 17315).

Empowerment Team Suggests Our Purpose

What is the purpose of our church? Why do we exist? We know we strive to be an open and affirming church that works not just to *welcome* people—especially people who have been unwelcome in other faith communities—but to *educate people on why we must welcome* people regardless of sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, language, ability, gender identity or expression, or economic status. Central to who we are, the fact that we are open and affirming does not tell us how we arrived at the importance of that identity. The Council agreed that we should form an Empowerment Team to look at who we are, the lessons we are learning through Covid-19, how we move forward beyond Covid-19, and forming a strategic plan to move us into the future. Neil Stayrook is the chair of this group and he is joined by: Mary and Craig Duttera, Annette Masenheimer, Barb Kimpel, Spring Davidson, Nicki Shepski and Patrick Swatsworth. Pastor Eva is also meeting with this group. Our coach is Michael Gibbs, a member at Mount Zion UCC and part of the Congregational Empowerment Team for Penn Central Conference. We began with a 3-hour training and have met twice since then—by zoom. The first task we set our minds to was developing a purpose statement for our church. One sentence or phrase that claims who we are and why we exist. Here is what we created:

***Join our journey in worship:
Becoming Jesus' hands and feet—sharing God's love.***

We need to know what YOU think! Does this capture who we are and why we exist??? Please offer your comments! You may email any of us or call the church or put a comment in the box in the lobby! AND what scripture do you think of that embodies this church and our purpose? Let us know!

Adult Faith Formation meets Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

The Adult Faith Formation continues to meet by zoom. We are 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 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. When we finish this book we will begin a series on Climate Change and Faith. What does one have to do with the other? We will have an opportunity to plant a pizza garden, watch a DVD on farming, and examine what our faith has to do with climate change. Watch for more details to come!

Join us for this interesting discussion! 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.

Evening Bible Study Opportunity

Starting on Wednesday evenings join us for Bible Study. Why not make it your Lenten Practice? We will look at the early church that did not have the traditions and history that we have...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 we might 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!

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—One Great Hour of Sharing.** 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!

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).

New Technology Team Forms

Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Website, and filming services...just a few of the things that churches MUST do if they are to keep up with reaching out to those who need to find a community of faith and to keep the community of faith in touch with one another. In light of that, the Empowerment Team has asked Annette Masenheimer to contact some persons we know are interested in technology...but if you have not been approached and are interested...WE NEED YOU! Please contact Annette (amase2025@gmail.com) if you are interested! Requirements are to be interested in promoting the church and a willingness to learn.

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...

Dear Friends, On behalf of the people we serve at New Hope Ministries, thank you for your very kind and generous gift of \$343.75 received February 8. 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

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your continued support of Lancaster Theological Seminary. We are so grateful for your 2020 support in the amount of \$180. Gratefully,

Jennifer Thompson, Vice President of Advancement

Dear Friends, On behalf of Heritage Senior Center, we sincerely thank you for your donation of \$315 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

Another Thank you...

Dear Friends, On behalf of Heritage Senior Center, we sincerely thank you for your donation of \$3,000 to our "Building Fundraising Campaign." With this level of donation, the church's name will be engraved on a plaque which will be located in our new building's lobby. Your contribution will assist the center in expanding services offered to the senior citizens in the Dover area community. Thank you once again for your donation! Sincerely, *Emma Crossley, Executive Director*

MARCH 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.**



MARCH

March 7 Randy & Annette Masenheimer
March 14 Millie Murray
March 21 Sandy Markle
March 28 Ben & Josie Crone

APRIL

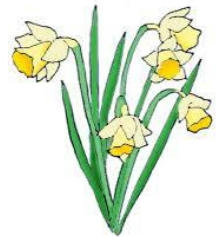
April 4 Randy & Annette Masenheimer
Cross: Cory Nade
April 11 Neil & Carol Stayrook
April 18 Betty Snook
April 25 Ken & Carol Crone

PLEASE NOTE: A sponsor is needed for the Altar Flowers on October 31. If you're interested in sponsoring either, please contact Gina Nell at 717-515-0314. Thank you.

MARCH 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 Doris McCallister	20 Megan Eldredge
10 Carl Fry, Jr	23 Bill Plappert, Jr
11 Craig Duttera	28 Wayne Gross
18 Jeff Millford	29 Millie Murray



MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER



February 28, Sunday	Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection.
March 2, Tuesday	<p>WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference.</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.</p> <p>Book Club – 5:30 p.m. – <i>Anxious People</i> by Fredrik Backman – by zoom, contact the pastor for link</p>
March 3, Wednesday	<p>Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)</p> <p>Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom. Contact Pastor Eva for the zoom link to those interested.</p>
March 4, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
March 7, Sunday	<p>Easter Flower orders deadline</p> <p><i>Benevolent offering</i></p> <p>Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection.</p> <p>WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference.</p> <p>Empowerment Team – 1:30 p.m. by zoom or in person at church</p> <p>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.</p>
March 8, Monday	10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.
March 9, Tuesday	<p>Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)</p> <p>Boy Scouts Leadership meeting – 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)</p>
March 10, Wednesday	<p>Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom. Contact Pastor Eva for the zoom link to those interested March 11, Thursday</p> <p>Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)</p>
March 14, Sunday	<p>Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection.</p> <p>GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY - WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference.</p> <p><i>DUCC Digest deadline</i></p> <p>Empowerment Team – 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., training by zoom or in person at church</p>
March 16, Tuesday	10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.
March 17, Wednesday	<p>Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)</p> <p>Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom. Contact Pastor Eva for the zoom link to those interested</p>
March 18, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
March 21, Sunday	<p>Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. Contact the Pastor if you would like the zoom connection.</p> <p>WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference.</p> <p><i>MISSION MOMENT: One Great Hour of Sharing</i></p>
March 23, Tuesday	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.</p> <p>Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)</p>

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March 24, Wednesday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom. Contact Pastor Eva for the zoom link to those interested
March 25, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
March 28, Sunday	Palm Sunday 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. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. Offering received for One Great Hour of Sharing
March 30, Tuesday	10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750.
March 31, Wednesday	Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall) Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom. Contact Pastor Eva for the zoom link to those interested
April 1, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:00 p.m. – in person, Facebook live, or Uberconference
April 2, Good Friday	Good Friday Worship – 7:00 p.m. – in person, Facebook live or Uberconference

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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The following people have agreed to visit:

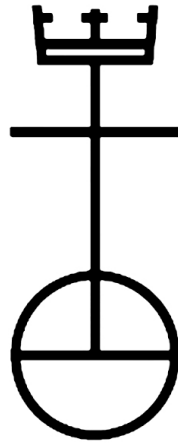
JAN - Carol Stayrook
FEB - Verda McFadden & Nancy Schubert
MAR - Gina Nell & Nancy Brown
APR - Mary Duttera & Doris McCallister
MAY - Annette Masenheimer & Spring Davidson
JUN - Carol Stayrook & Anna Gladfelter

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.



The York Association

of the Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ
and the members of

Dover

United Church of Christ

35 West Canal Street, Dover, PA 17315

Invite your presence for the
Service of Ordination of

Sue Schmidt

Sunday, April 18, 2021

3:00 PM (Sanctuary)

In-Person or by Facebook Live or Zoom

(masks and social distancing required)

**All are invited to a time of fellowship
following the service**

(Outside in the parking lot)

Clergy are invited to robe and process

(Red or multi-color stoles)

RSVP – 717-292-3743

To be able to assure seating

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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	Vice President
Treasurer – Spring Davidson	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