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Dover United Church of Christ

May, 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 Mother's Day! May 9!

Once again, for Mother's Day, we want to invite you to send us a picture of your Mother, or Grandmother, or significant person who felt like your Mother. Email them to pastor@doverducc.org along with one word trait that describes a gift they gave you. We will use these in worship and will have a gift for all of the women to take home with you. Please send these in by May 2! You can check with the office if you sent a picture last year, but please send the one word trait! Also remember to bring personal care items for New Hope in honor of your Mother! Soap, shampoo, body lotion, etc.

DOVER UCC WANTS TO HONOR OUR 2021 GRADUATES!

Anyone graduating from high school, college, trade school, business school, etc., please complete the form included with this issue of the Digest so we can "Honor our Graduates" in the June *Digest*. Please return the form to the church office before May 9. Thank You!



WORSHIP TIME CHANGES!!!

SUNDAY, MAY 30

WORSHIP BEGINS AT 9:00 a.m.

In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference

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

The verdict is in and Derek Chauvin has been convicted of murder. Black lives do matter. We can breathe again...It is over. Think again. It is not over. This is only the beginning, not the end of the story. It would be like thinking that because one mass shooting was stopped, there will never be another. Or because one person prevented an Asian American from being accosted, none would ever be abused or beat up again. Or because I began recycling in earnest, climate change would be reversed.

We face major issues in this country and around the world. But no issue is so large that we cannot face it together. Jesus taught us that. He appeared to his followers after the resurrection to remind them that they were not spreading the news of God's love alone. He would be present. The Spirit would lead. Though some days would feel too difficult and the job would seem impossible, together, they would continue what God had begun through Jesus.

Today in a devotional, paraphrasing that familiar Psalm 23 that says in part, "He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil..." the author, Steve Garnaas-Holmes, suggests, "The paths of righteousness lead through the dark valley, don't they? Lead me anyway. I will follow you, not my fear. Even there I shall not want." If we will see that the way to God's love leads us into difficult conversations—if we will see that to be in right relationship with God and each other we must walk in some very dark valleys—and let God lead us there together, we will begin to change racist attitudes, understand that caring for God's creation is OUR responsibility, and will demand respect for ALL people.

An old folk song says, "One man's hands can't tear a prison down. Two men's hands can't tear a prison down. But if two and two and fifty make a million, we'll see that day come round." It is time we stop seeing these issues as one person issues. This is not an issue of George Floyd or Derek Chauvin. These are larger issues of OUR society. If we will see that all of these issues are OUR issues, then we will see liberty and justice for all.

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.**

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Eva will be taking vacation days through May 1. Spring Davidson will be covering for all pastoral needs. Please contact her at 302-932-1656 if you have need for pastoral care.

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

Outdoor Worship & Worship Time Change



We have some fun upcoming times for worship! On May 23 we will celebrate Pentecost! The Spirit will be celebrated! May 30, marks Memorial Day weekend and we will revert to 9:00 am worship for the Summer! Sunday, May 30 will be our first outdoor worship for the summer. We plan to worship outdoors once a month this summer. Join us on June 13, July 4, August 15 and September 5 for outdoor worship. We hope to have a picnic on September 5 as well.

MAY NEWS



*“Life is like a camera
Focus on what’s important
Capture the good times
And if things don’t work out,
just take another shot.”*



READINGS FOR MAY

MAY 2: Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:16-21; John 15:1-8

MAY 9: Acts 10:44-48; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

MAY 16: Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

MAY 23: Pentecost: Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

MAY 30: Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17



**DEADLINE FOR JUNE DIGEST IS SUNDAY, MAY 9.
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.**



From the Church Secretary!

I will be taking vacation days Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 11-13. If you need something done by me during that week, please have it to me by the week of May 2 and I will do my best to get it done for you. Thank you. Willie Scofield

Adult Faith Formation continues to meet Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

We will continue our study of Climate Change in the month of May. We will show the documentary, *Kiss the Ground*, Friday May 7 at 6:30 p.m. If you think this is an issue that is too big for you to have an impact, come and join this important discussion. Much of what needs to happen is spiritual! We must address some Spiritual Issues as a nation and in the world. The church has a major role to play and the small things we can accomplish as a faith community can play an important part! Join us for discussion at 9 am at the church or zoom in!

Evening Bible Study Opportunity

Wednesday evenings join us for Bible Study. We are currently studying 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!

Book Club Meets Tuesday, May 4 at 5:30 pm

If you are seeking a group to relax and enjoy...try joining the Dover UCC Book Club! We sometimes read deep and struggle to get through the book and other times read light...often we read because of what one of us recommends. So it is with this month's book.

Girl A by Abigail Dean is described this way by bookbrowse.com: "She thought she had escaped her past. But there are some things you can't outrun. Lex Gracie doesn't want to think about her family. She doesn't want to think about growing up in her parents' House of Horrors. And she doesn't want to think about her identity as Girl A: the girl who escaped, the eldest sister who freed her older brother and four younger siblings. It's been easy enough to avoid her parents—her father never made it out of the House of Horrors he created, and her mother spent the rest of her life behind bars. But when her mother dies in prison and leaves Lex and her siblings the family home, she can't run from her past any longer. Together with her sister Evie, Lex intends to turn the home into a force for good. But first she must come to terms with her siblings—and with the childhood they shared."

Escape, shifting sibling relationships, identity, it is all here waiting for YOU to discover! We will discuss this book Tuesday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. by zoom or in person! Let Pastor Eva know if you want the zoom link! Even if you haven't completed the book, you will enjoy the discussion!

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.

FROM THE OPEN AND AFFIRMING MINISTRY TEAM

The month of May is designated as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. In recognition of the culture, history, and traditions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States, the Open and Affirming Ministry Team invites the congregation to consider watching the five-part PBS documentary series, **Asian Americans**, for a discussion on Sunday, June 6, following the worship service. The series, which premiered in May 2020, is available for streaming at www.pbs.org and may also be viewed on Amazon Prime Video and YouTube. It is described in this way on the PBS/WITF website: *As America becomes more diverse and more divided while facing unimaginable challenges, how do we move forward together? Told through individual lives and personal stories, Asian Americans explore the impact of this group in shaping American history and identity.* In addition to the PBS series, Netflix offers a variety of films and shows celebrating Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The Dover UCC book club will also consider the following related books for future reading and discussion: **Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning** by Cathy Park Hong; **America for Americans: A History of Xenophobia in the United States** by Erika Lee; and **Every Day is a Gift** by U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth. New participants are always welcome to join this group!

The Rainbow Rose Center, York County's LGBTQIA+ resource center, will virtually host York County Pride (formerly Equality Fest) on Saturday, June 5, via a live YouTube stream. Dover UCC will once again support this event with a financial contribution. For more information about York County Pride or the Rainbow Rose Center, visit www.rainbowrosecenter.org.

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—Homewood.** 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!

MARCH DONATIONS MADE TO NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:

FOOD	106 pounds
PERSONAL	10 pounds
MISCELLANEOUS	30 pounds (Silver/gold shelf)

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!

Thank you's...

Dear friends at Dover Church of Christ, thank you so much for your kind donation of \$800 in support of G-BIACK, our GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture center in Kenya. Your gift will help us to reach many more farmers, communities, orphanages, and schools in Kenya by supporting farmer-training in soil-regenerative GROW BIOINTENSIVE organic, bio-ecological agriculture. We are so grateful for your support. 100% of your donation will go directly to these programs. Lovely! Thank you so much,
Sandra Mardigian, Director

Dear Friends, You are a ray of light and hope! Thank you for your kind and lovely gift of \$367.50 received April 5. Thank you for being a beacon of hope for those struggling right now. You are making a difference in their lives! Many thanks! Gratefully,
Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

Members of Dover UCC, Thank you for your recent gift and your continued support of New Hope Ministries! We are thankful for your support! Your gifts will help us provide food, rent and utility assistance, job training programs and youth programs! Thanks for helping your neighbors in need! Blessings,
Kristin Warner, Gift Officer

Dear Friends, Thank you for your gift of \$105 to Our Wider Church Mission through the Penn Central Conference. Through your special gifts, we can provide each youth an opportunity to receive educational support/enrichment, music therapy, arts and recreation, therapeutic services and a caring, structured environment to live within. Thank you for helping our youth heal from the past, live in the present and dream for the future. Sincerely,
*Carolyn Shultz Spano,
Director of Development, Bethan Children's Home*

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.

MAY 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.**



MAY

May 2 Markle family
May 9 Carl Fry
May 16 Scott & Verda McFadden
May 23 **Available**
May 30 Nancy Schubert

JUNE

June 6 Steve & Diane Slothower
June 13 **Available**
Special Doris McCallister
June 20 Chuck & Tonia Reinert
June 27 A friend

PLEASE NOTE: Two sponsors are needed for the Altar Flowers: May 23 and June 13. If you're interested in sponsoring them, please contact Gina Nell at 717-515-0314. Thank you.

MAY 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!!

3 Carolyn Stayrook	22 Tracey Knouse
6 Fay Gentzler	23 Patrick Swatsworth
14 Michael Plappert	26 Christy Rehm
15 Savannah Musselman	29 Sue Storm
16 Sheila Webb	30 Roxie Konzal
19 Nicki Shepski	31 Carl Fry, Sr.
Lilly Holliday	



APRIL – MAY DATES TO REMEMBER



April 25, Sunday	Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC by zoom. WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. Offering received for ARC
April 27, Tuesday	NO Bible Study
April 28, Wednesday	Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall) Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
April 29, Thursday	Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom. Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
May 1, Saturday	Pastor's vacation ends
May 2, Sunday,	Communion Benevolent offering
May 4, Tuesday	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. 10:00 AM Bible Study in person at the church or by Uberconference by calling 717-297-0750. Book Club – 5:30 p.m. – Girl A by Abigail Dean – by zoom; contact the pastor for link
May 5, 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.
May 6, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
May 7, Friday	6:30 p.m. – Friday Night At the Movies: A Documentary on Climate Change, <i>Kiss the Ground</i> . The answers are right in front of us!
May 9, Sunday	Mother's Day DUCC Digest deadline
May 10, Monday	Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC in person or by zoom. WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. - In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. 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.
May 11, 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) Boy Scouts Troop 67 Committee – 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)
May 11-13	Secretary's Vacation (Tuesday – Thursday)
May 12, Wednesday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. - You may join us by zoom or in person.
May 13, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
May 16, Sunday	Adult Faith Formation – 9:00 a.m. Dover UCC in person or 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. MISSION MOMENT: HOMEWOOD

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May 18, Tuesday	PRIMARY ELECTION DAY NO Bible Study Girl Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship hall)
May 19, 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
May 20, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
May 23, 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 Homewood
May 25, 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)
May 26, 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
May 27, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
May 30, Sunday	WORSHIP TIME CHANGES!!! WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference
May 31, Monday	Memorial Day

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.

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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 Gladfelter
Membership Ministry Team – Jim Markle
Faith Formation Ministry Team – Roxie Konzal