

SPECIAL EDITION

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Dover United Church of Christ

May, 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)*

Pastor's Reflection

It is taking its toll on us—this Corona Virus. Grandparents are anxious to be present with grandchildren. Children are anxious to be with their friends. Loved ones want to be present in hospitals with family who are not well. Friends and family are anxious to be in the company of those in nursing homes and retirement communities. People who are grieving loss need the presence of support communities. We feel separated from family, friends, our community of faith, and from our supports. When the sun is out, we can at least step outside, perhaps take a walk, but even that helps little when we live alone and we are still engaged in those moments in solitary ways. Television or Facebook worship is not the same as being present in community.

Those disciples on the road to Emmaus, understood our dilemma. It is similar to the lostness felt by Jesus' followers after his death. They felt they could not go on. Everything was lost. They could never feel safe again. If they could condemn Jesus and kill him as a criminal, who would be next? Until there is a way to fight this virus...we are left with that same question...and yet, we are called to take steps before that solution is discovered.

So what might the future hold? Just as the disciples were left to carry the teachings and lessons of Jesus, so we must carry those forward. We cannot go back to "normal" just as the disciples could not return to following the physical Jesus. But they could create a new normal...one that watched out for newly transformed Christ followers and allowed the message to continue to be spread. We, too, can create a new normal. Maybe we will not pass the peace...Perhaps someone will need to sit in the front row of the pews so we can distance ourselves. We may need to invite newcomers to write out their own name tags and all of us to pick up our own bulletins. Perhaps we will need to put up signs reminding people to offer appropriate space to one another. It may be we have to plan to arrive at church a little earlier so we don't crowd the door at the last minute. Offering plates may not be passed. You may be invited to simply place offering in a box on the wall or in a plate as you enter or leave.

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Instead of passing the peace, we remain afterward, catching up on each other's lives (from an appropriate distance of course). We must strive to make our gathering safe for every person. We will each need a number of masks so they complement the colors we are wearing for the day. We may need to make masks for those of us who do not sew...a NEW NORMAL! Maybe we can make rainbow masks!

Our Council talked about all these things Monday night and made these decisions:

- We will continue to hold on-line worship through the month of May...
- On June 7, IF things continue to improve and there is no spike of new corona virus cases, we will hold a parking lot worship, where everyone will remain in their cars, but we will share our "bring your own communion" and worship together. You will be able to tune in by your car radio—just like a drive in! We may even do a movie in the same manner!
- On June 14, with new meeting and worship practices in place, we hope to worship once again in our sanctuary **with masks!**
- WORSHIP WILL RETURN TO 9 am on Memorial Day weekend, May 24!
- Our staff may begin working in the building before that time but we have not yet decided when.
- Council will meet every 2 weeks to continue working on plans for our "new normal"
- You are invited to join the Council in that discussion on May 11 through Uberconference by phone or video to let us know what will make you feel safe and help us to think through the ways that we gather. Our picnic will be postponed until sometime in the fall.
- Watch for announcements on the yard sale...we need to have things cleaned well BEFORE they are brought in and find a way to safely have the sale before it can happen.
- Pancake breakfasts are on hold until we can find a way to safely hold them.

Your Council is making decisions on what it is safe for us to do...not on our wishes as we all wish we could gather in the sanctuary this Sunday! We are in this as a community—we welcome your input!

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.

MAY NEWS

"Learn the craft of knowing how to open your heart and to turn on your creativity. There's a light inside of you."
Judith Jamison

READINGS FOR MAY

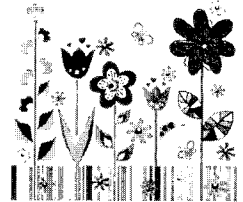
May 3: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

May 10: 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 17: Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21

May 24: Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 31: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39



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—One Great Hour of Sharing was March, ARC is April, Homewood is May and Hoffman Homes in June.** If a check is to be divided, mark in the memo how it is to be divided. Offerings can be mailed in, payed 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!

Happy Mother's Day! May 10!

For Mother's Day, send Pastor Eva a picture of your mother, her name, and one gift you received from her by May 8 so we can recognize/remember her on Mother's Day. Send them to reveso@verizon.net or text them to 717-418-9627

DOVER UCC WANTS TO HONOR OUR 2020 GRADUATES!

Anyone graduating from high school, college, trade school, business school, etc., please e-mail me at longbeachwillie@hotmail.com or call my home number (717-848-9352) with the following information: name, school graduating from, degree received, major and future plans (i.e. job, college, military). We will honor our graduates in the June *Digest*. The deadline for the June *Digest* is May 10 but I am VERY flexible. We want to include ALL of our graduates. Thank you.



Willie, Church Secretary

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, May 26.

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. The group will be led by York County Suicide Prevention Coalition. Contact Cindy Richard (717) 227-0048 crichard@penn-mar.org for more information.

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).



FROM THE OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

The Yard Sale is on hold for now but we will announce a new date and time. So continue to save up those donations to contribute making sure they are CLEAN when we are able to move around again! Meanwhile, we have been notified that Kid's Club will resume sometime this summer and we have been asked to provide beach towels once again. 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.

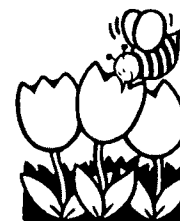
Also **do not forget our mission offerings each month!** *One Great Hour of Sharing, usually one of our largest, was one of our smallest! You can still remember them. This month's mission offering is for ARC, one of our favorites and May's will be for Homewood.* Please plan your giving for these groups 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

From April 26 – May 31, 2020, we will be reading the book, ***Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*** by Father Gregory Boyle. 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) *Tattoos on the Heart* can be purchased online from Amazon or Barnes and Noble; it is also available at Books a Million. While at home, try watching the movie G-Dog available from Netflix or Vimeo online. It is the story of the author.

MAY ALTAR FLOWERS

Gina Nell will call to see if you want the flowers ordered for May.



MAY

May 3 Markle family
May 10 Carl & JoAnne Fry
May 17 Scott & Verda McFadden
May 24 Nancy Schubert
May 31 **AVAILABLE**

JUNE

June 7 No flowers – Church Picnic
June 14 Steve & Diane Slothower
Special Doris McCallister
June 21 Chuck & Tonia Reinert
June 28 A friend

PLEASE NOTE: The following dates need sponsors for the Altar Flowers: June 7, and August 30. If you're interested in sponsoring the Altar Flowers for any of these dates, 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
6 Fay Gentzler
14 Michael Plappert
15 Savannah Musselman
16 Sheila Webb
19 Nicki Shepski
Lilly Holliday

22 Tracey Knouse
23 Patrick Swatsworth
26 Christy Rehm
29 Sue Storm
30 Roxie Konzal
31 Carl Fry, Sr.



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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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 DATES TO REMEMBER



May 3, Sunday	LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page 9:00 a.m. - Book Study by Zoom – Currently studying Tattoos on the Heart
May 5, Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Bible Study by Uberconference call 717-297-0750
May 6, Wednesday	7:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Prayer Call 717-297-0750
May 10, Sunday	LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page 9:00 a.m. - Book Study by Zoom – Currently studying Tattoos on the Heart
May 11, 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
May 12, Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Bible Study by Uberconference call 717-297-0750
May 13, Wednesday	7:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Prayer Call 717-297-0750
May 17, Sunday	LIVE STREAM WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. on Dover UCC Facebook page 9:00 a.m. - Book Study by Zoom – Currently studying Tattoos on the Heart
May 19, Tuesday	11:00 a.m. Bible Study by Uberconference call 717-297-0750
May 20, Wednesday	7:00 p.m. - Fellowship and Prayer Call 717-297-0750
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	11:00 a.m. Bible Study by Uberconference call 717-297-0750 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

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.

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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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