

THE DOVER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
45 West Canal Street, Dover, PA 17315
Eva O'Diam, Pastor

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

WELCOME FRIENDS!

*"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."
Ephesians 2:19-20.*

PRELUDE

"In Quiet Faith"

Broughten

***Our time of worship begins as the prelude is played.
Please maintain a meditative silence.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—

All: Members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.

One: There are no outsiders here among us, no one has any special standing or bragging rights.

All: For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus. Let's join together in worship!

+ INVOCATION

+ HYMN (See below)

"The Church's One Foundation"

TIME WITH THE YOUNG OF HEART

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: The God of faithful covenant calls us to examine ourselves and how we have lived this week. Let us in silence reflect on this past week and where we have been faithful to God's call.

(All are in silent reflection)

One: Let us rejoice in God's goodness in guiding us this week:

All: We are filled with gratitude, O God, that you have been with us this past week and have called us to be your faithful people. We bless you for the ways in which you have spoken to us and have empowered us to respond to your call.

One: Let us in silence reflect on this past week and where we have failed to hear or to obey.

(All are in silent reflection)

One: Let us confess our failure to hear and our failure to obey:

All: We are filled with remorse, O God, that you have spoken to us many times this week and we have not listened. We have been preoccupied with the cares of life and have missed hearing directions from the Lord of life. At times this week, we have heard you urging us to faithfulness but we have chosen to act as children of sin rather than of grace. Forgive us, and by the power of your Holy Spirit enable us to follow your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, with more fidelity this coming week and until we see your Reign complete on earth as in Heaven. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God is faithful and full of compassion. It is God's good pleasure to offer us again the chance to go forth.

All: that we might live abundantly so that the entire creation may be redeemed.

HYMN (See below)

"On Eagle's Wings"

COLLECT

One: Let us pray. Lord, once we were no people, diverse, separated, walled off from one another. Now, by the great love of Jesus, we have been brought together as your community. Help us, O God, in our life together, to demonstrate to a fractured and hurting world that Jesus really makes possible the existence of a people who are able to live by their convictions and are able to live as one in a community that worships you. May all that we say and do glorify you. And all God's people say,

All: Amen.

One: God is still speaking.

All: Are we listening?

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. ⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: The Word of our Still-Speaking God!

All: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

MEDITATION

“The Cornerstone of our Faith”

Pastor Eva

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sue Storm
Arr. Shackley

MISSION MOMENT (Offering will be received next week):
Holy Joe’s Cafe

Neil Stayrook

INVITATION TO GIVE

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS PLACING THEM IN OUR BOWLS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+ HYMN (See below)

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SONG

Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, together in love.

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL AMENS

+ POSTLUDE

The Altar Flowers are placed by Jeff and Cheri Swartzbaugh
in memory of our loved ones.

(+All Who Are Able Are Invited to Stand)

Today’s Greeters: Bill, Karen and Michael Plappert

Elevator Operator: Don Gardner

Reader: Sue McNeely

PLEASE NOTE: Dover UCC is updating their mask wearing requirement. If you are not fully vaccinated, we highly suggest you wear a mask. If you are fully vaccinated, no mask is needed. However, please be sensitive to others who chose to still wear a mask for their own personal reasons. We also encourage some distancing, but it is not required.

**4 Helpers are needed during worship service
on Sunday mornings!**

**We need 2 greeters (masked and gloved) to hand out bulletins and offer hand
sanitizer.**

An elevator operator - A reader.

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Pastor Eva's Anniversary Celebration

Please plan to join us on August 29 during the 9 AM worship service as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Pastor Eva O'Diam's ordination. Reverend Nora Foust, associate conference minister, will be with us during the worship service.



As a part of the celebration of Pastor Eva's anniversary celebration, we will share details about the scholarship in memory of Grace Trimmer, which the congregation approved at the July 11 congregational meeting. The church community will also be invited to contribute to the scholarship gift as a means of honoring Pastor Eva's 40th ordination milestone.

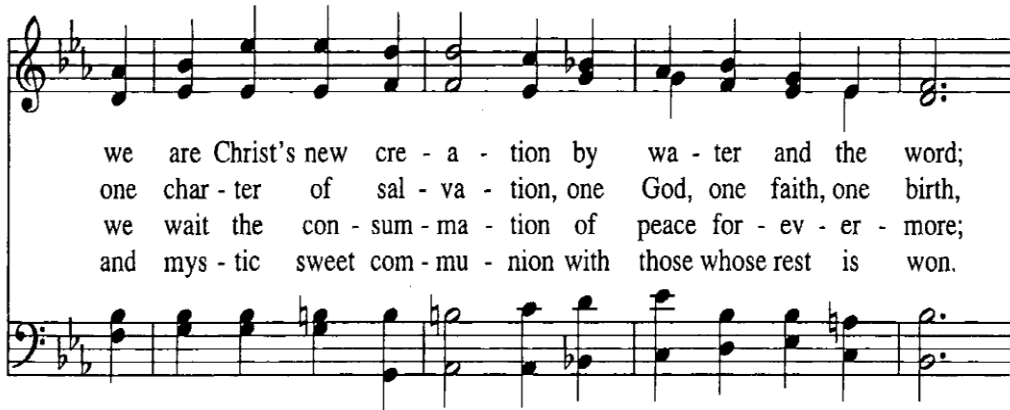
After worship, there will be a reception where you can give your individual congratulations and thanks to Pastor Eva. Lou Ann Fenstermscher is in charge of the refreshments. There is a sign-up sheet if you wish to help.

If you cannot join us on August 29, you may wish to send a card to congratulate Pastor Eva. You can send your card to the church marked to the attention of Mary Duttera; the cards will be collected at the church and given to Pastor Eva on the day of the celebration.

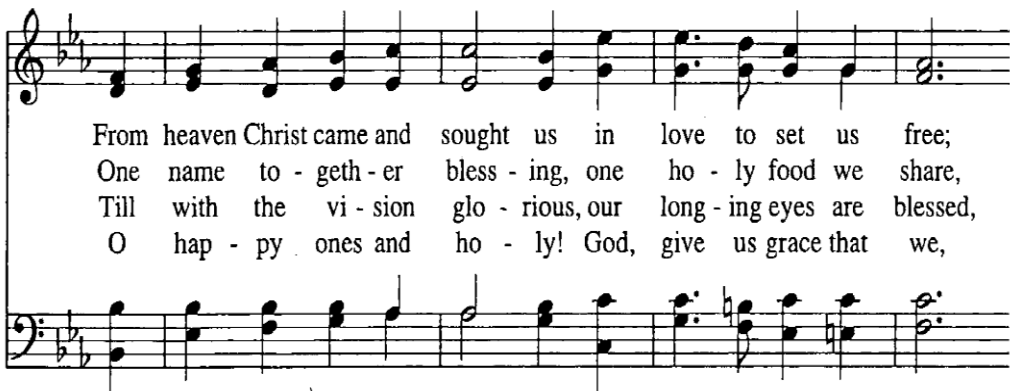
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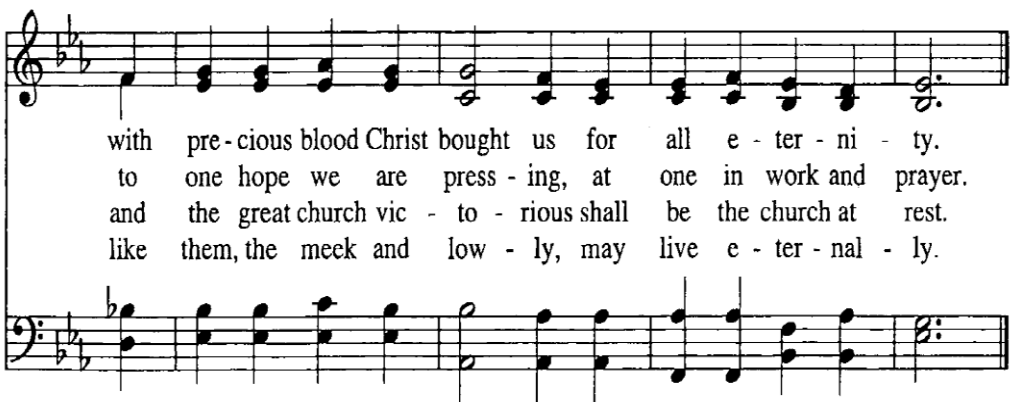
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,
4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three-in - One,



we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,
we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,



with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.
to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

On Eagle's Wings

Unison G D
F# G

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in his
 (2) snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, 7 and fa-mine will
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the ar - row that

D
F# F Dm

shad-ow for life, say to the Lord, "My ref - uge, my
 bring you no fear, un - der his wings your ref - uge, his
 flies by day; though thou - sands fall a - bout you, 7

F Gm Asus A *Refrain* D

Rock in whom I trust." And he will raise you up on
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 near you it shall not come.

Em A7 D D7
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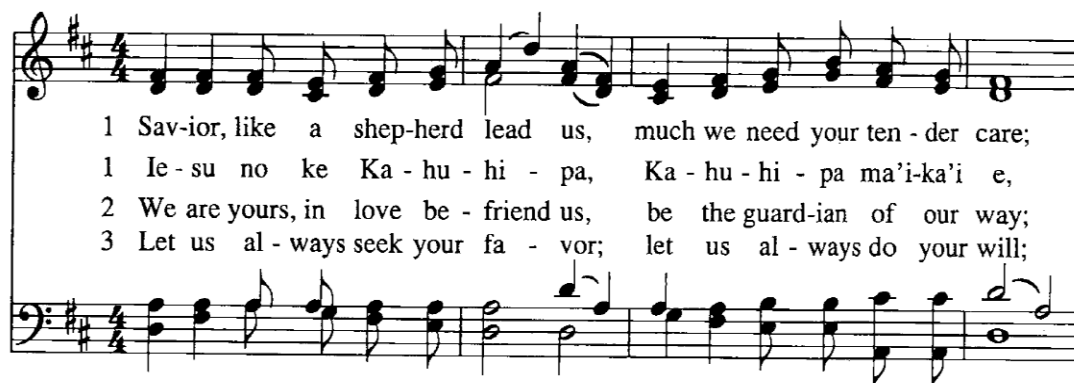
ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the

G A Bm F#m Em7 A Dsus D *D.C.*

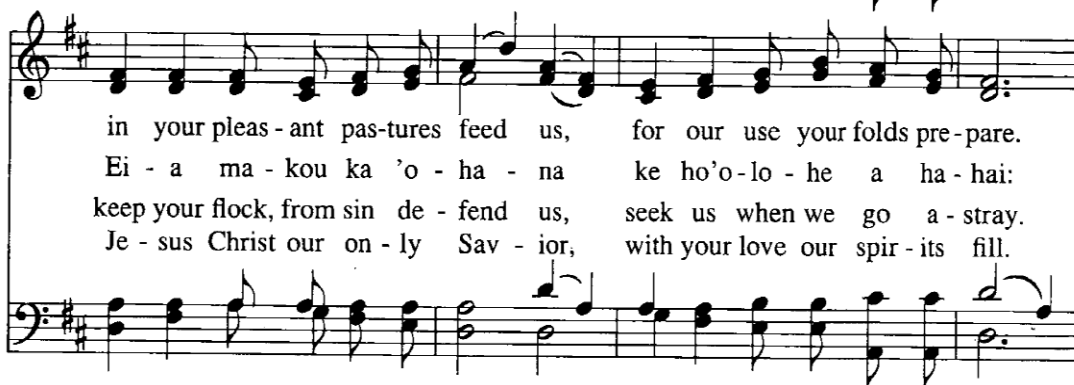
sun and hold you in the palm of his hand. 2 The

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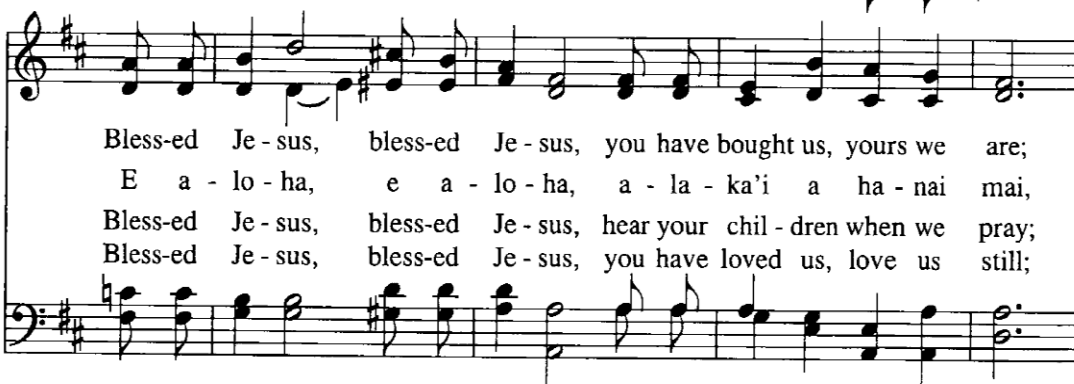
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"



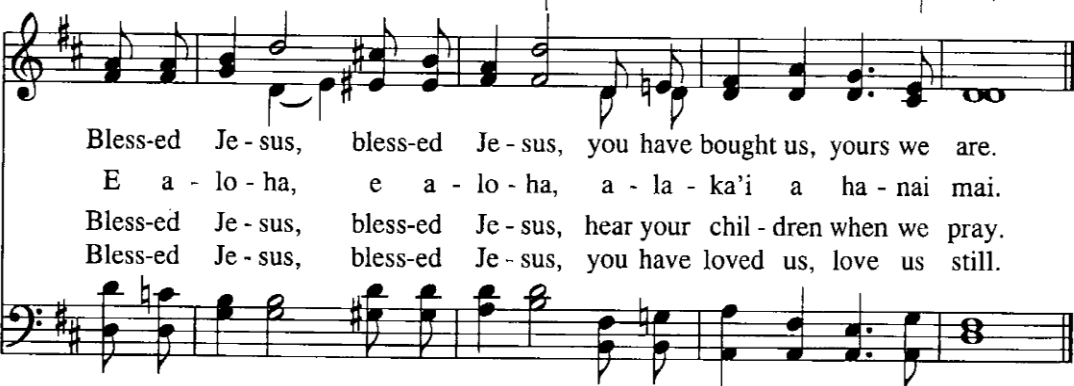
1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;
 1 Je - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;



in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;



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**Welcome to Dover United Church of Christ,
an Open and Affirming Church.**

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)*

**Large print worship materials are available.
Please see an usher.**

This Week at Dover UCC:

TODAY	MISSION MOMENT: Holy Joe's Café Closing Worship General Synod UCC – 6:00 p.m. at the church
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
Thursday	Thursday In the Park – 4:00 p.m. – Ketterman Park; come and share about your faith. Based on the book <i>Grounded</i> but you are welcome whether you have read it or not! Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Next Sunday	WORSHIP – 9:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Youtube.com and Uberconference. at 717-297-0740. Offering received for Holy Joe's Cafe

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.
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MORNING CHATTERS... will meet the last Tuesday of July and August, 9:30 a.m. at Cousler Park, Pavilion E; use the Greenbriar Road entrance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, JULY 27. Coffee and a casserole will be served. SEE YOU THERE!
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IT'S TIME TO BEGIN AGAIN!!! Volunteers needed! We are able to think about restarting our music activities for the Fall.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Practice begins Thursday September 2 at 7:00 PM. We meet every Thursday at 7:00. More information is in the July Digest. Sue Storm, Music Director

CAN YOU HELP? SIGN-UPS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR: Greeters... Chair life operators... Readers... PowerPoint presenters... monthly visitors... help with setting up for outside worship services... transport people to church... help with recycling project... bell ringers... choir members... church bell ringers... people to do special music... organizers for our September 5 picnic... Pancake breakfast volunteers
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Kitchen Clean-up! Helpers needed!
Wednesday, August 4 at 9:00 a.m.
Sign-up sheet posted.

PLEASE NOTE: A sponsor is needed for the Altar Flowers on December 26. If you're interested in sponsoring, please contact the church office at 717-292-3743. Thank you.

Thursdays in The Park: This summer, instead of meeting at church for a Bible Study, I will be meeting anyone who would like to read and discuss the book *Grounded: Finding God in the World* by Diana Butler Bass. The book is available through www.amazon.com for anywhere from \$3.99 to \$25.76. Three sessions left, all Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. —July 22 and August 19 and 26. We will meet at Ketterman Park in the pavilion.

There is a major transformation that is happening in the world in how people understand and experience God. "The distant God of conventional religion has given way to a more intimate sense of the sacred that is with us in the world. This shift, from a vertical understanding of God to a God found on the horizons of nature and human community, is at the heart of a spiritual revolution that surrounds us — and that is challenging not only religious institutions but political and social ones as well.

Grounded explores this cultural turn as Bass unpacks how people are finding new spiritual ground by discovering and embracing God everywhere in the world around us—in the soil, the water, the sky, in our homes and neighborhoods, and in the global commons. Faith is no longer a matter of mountaintop experience or institutional practice; instead, people are connecting with God through the environment in which we live. *Grounded* guides readers through our contemporary spiritual habitat as it points out and pays attention to the ways in which people experience a God who animates creation and community."

Join in this emerging spiritual revolution, find a revitalized expression of faith, and change the world!

Learn to Know Your Denomination UCC! This week was General Synod 33. This week, we have offered opportunities to watch various portions of this gathering of the wider church...tonight is the final opportunity! Join us at 6:00 p.m. right here at the church for the final worship of General Synod 33.

Backpacks Already? It is time to start purchasing backpacks and school supplies for **New Hope**. I know it seems that they just got out, but this way we have a full month to collect items. We would like to collect at least 30 backpacks with school items this year. At present time I would say we need to have all donations to the church by **Sunday, August 1**. Happy shopping! Below is the supply list.

1" inch Binders	Markers (basic pack of 8)
1 1/2" inch Binders	Pencil Case
Book-bags	Pencil Sharpener
Calculators	#2 pencils
Colored pencils	Mechanical pencils
Composition books	Pens (blue or black)
Crayons	Pocket Folders
Erasers	Kleenex - individual packs
Glue Sticks	Wide-Ruled Spiral Bound Notebook
Hand sanitizer	White Glue/glue stick
Highlighters	Wide Ruled Loose Leaf Paper
Ruler	Notebook Paper (college rule)
Scissors	Notebook dividers
Scotch tape	Pencil pouch

Recycle Project Takes Shape!

The Sunday morning Faith Formation Group wants to reaffirm that WE are the Stewards of God's planet Earth! It is not ours to own...it is ours to care for. Therefore, we have decided that too many things are not being recycled but thrown into waste which do not need to be wasted. We are joining with Penbrook UCC who has been recycling for a while and have decided to collect the following:

- old CD's
- pill bottles—please take personal information off
- bottle caps and lids
- batteries—with clear tape on both ends of the battery
- writing implements
- personal care items like: toothpaste tubes and caps, mouthwash bottles and caps, deodorant containers and caps, toothbrushes, floss containers, soap packaging and Britta filters
- Styrofoam
- Aluminum tabs from cans

Containers will be in the fellowship hall within the next couple of weeks with pictures indicating what goes where. Please save this list and keep it on your refrigerator so you can collect these things at home and bring them in. Let's do our part to care for God's creation!

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL MAGAZINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP DURING
REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND ON SUNDAY MORNING.**

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