

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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

Hymn Sing

WELCOME FRIENDS!

*"As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God."
(Psalm 42:1-2)*

Masks are required to be worn during the service and to social distance.

PRELUDE

"They'll Know We are Christians"

Sue Storm
arr. Leatherman

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A new day has dawned.
God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

**All: Praise God for today!
Praise God for the creative spirit in our midst.**

One: Be still and know that God is here.
Let the Spirit in.

**All: We are ready to pray and think and rejoice.
We are ready to hear God speak.**

One: Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways
and in different sounds, today in worship, and every day in the world.

**All: Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak.
Speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us
and empower us to be your people. Amen.**

+ INVOCATION

+ HYMN (See below - verses 1 and 4)

"Praise to the Living God"

TIME WITH THE YOUNG OF HEART

"Jesus Loves Me!"

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

HYMN (See below - Verses 1 and 2)

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30:4-5, 10-12

⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

¹² so that my soul^[b] may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

HYMN (See below - Verses 1 and 3)

"I Come to the Garden Alone"

SONG

"Let's Just Praise the Lord"

Let's just praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let's just lift our hearts to heaven and praise the Lord;
Let's just praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let's just lift our hearts to heaven and praise the Lord!

SONG (See below)

"Church in the Wildwood"

HYMN (See below - Verses 1 and 4)

"Old Rugged Cross"

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 42

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.

When shall I come and behold
the face of God?

³ My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"

⁴ These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,^[a]
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help⁶ and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,

from Mount Mizar.
⁷ Deep calls to deep
 at the thunder of your cataracts;
 all your waves and your billows
 have gone over me.
⁸ By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
 and at night his song is with me,
 a prayer to the God of my life.
⁹ I say to God, my rock,
 "Why have you forgotten me?
 Why must I walk about mournfully
 because the enemy oppresses me?"
¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body,
 my adversaries taunt me,
 while they say to me continually,
 "Where is your God?"
¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
 and why are you disquieted within me?
 Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
 my help and my God.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: The Word of our Still-Speaking God!

All: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

SONG (See below - Verses 1 and 2)

"As the Deer"

MISSION MOMENT (Offering will be received next week): Blankets

Sue McNeely

INVITATION TO GIVE

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS PLACING THEM IN OUR BOWLS

HYMN (See below - Verses 1 and 3)

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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 - Verses 1 and 3)

"God's Eye Is On the Sparrow"

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 Mike and Sue McNeely
in loving memory of Barbara McNeely and David McNeely.*

(+All Who Are Able Are Invited to Stand)

Today's Greeter: Nancy Schubert

Elevator Operator: Don Gardner

Reader: Tonia Reinert

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"Praise to the Living God"

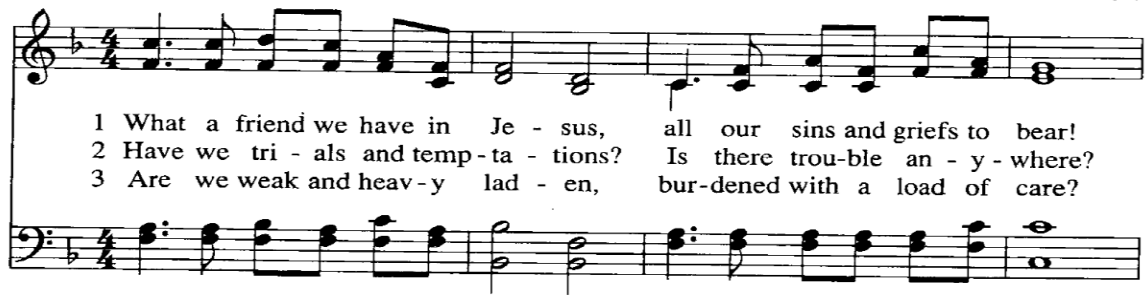
1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

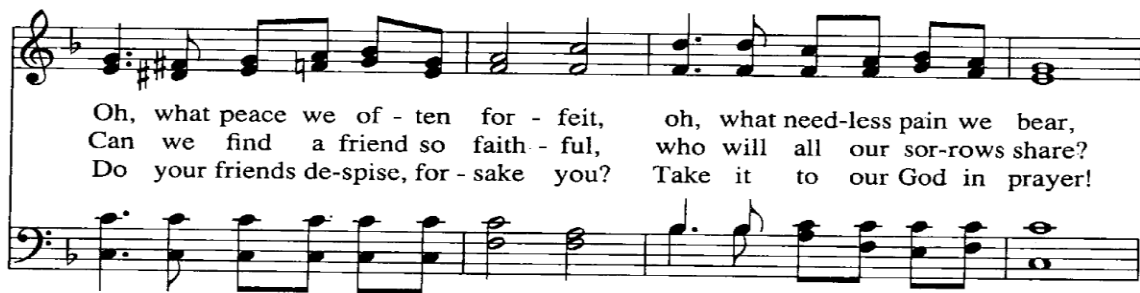
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



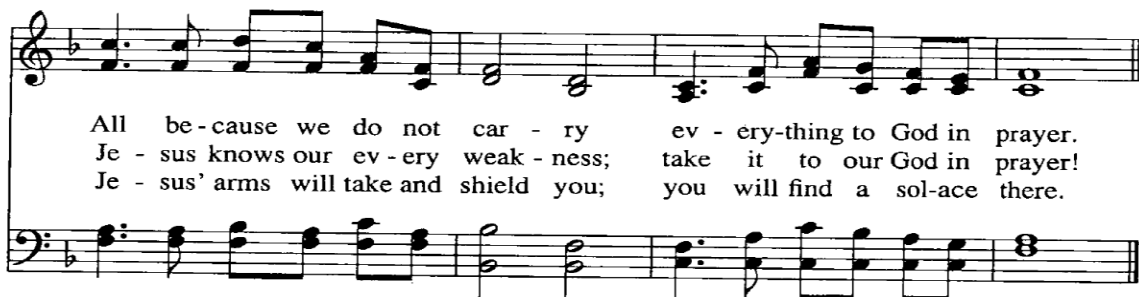
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

"I Come to the Garden Alone"

1 I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar-den with him, though the night a-round me be

ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the
 sing-ing; And the mel-o-dy that he gave to me with-
 fall-ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain
 Son of God dis-clos-es.
 in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the

joy we share as we tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

“Church in the Wildwood”

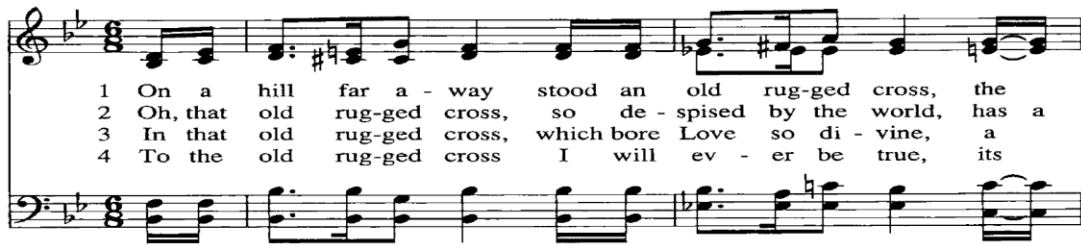
There's a church in the valley by the wildwood
No lovelier spot in the dale
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.
Come to the church by the wildwood
Oh, come to the church in the vale
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning
To listen to the clear ringing bells
Its tones so sweetly are calling
Oh come to the church in the vale.
Come to the church by the wildwood
Oh, come to the church in the vale
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

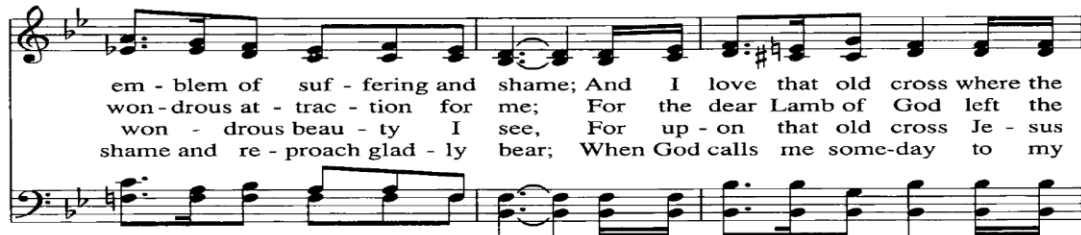
"Old Rugged Cross"

Heb. 12:2; James 1:12

George Bennard, 1913; alt.



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
 3 In that old rug-ged cross, which bore Love so di - vine, a
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its



em - blem of suf - fering and shame; And I love that old cross where the
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left the
 won - drous beau - ty I see, For up - on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; When God calls me some-day to my

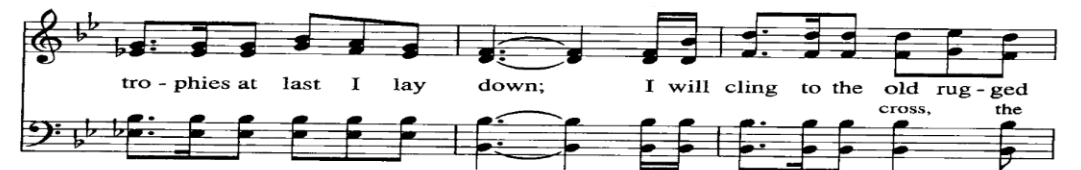


dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 glo - ry of heaven to bear it to cold Cal - va - ry.
 suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, there God's glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,



tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged
 cross, the



cross,
 old rug - ged cross, and ex - change it some-day for a crown.

"As the Deer"

Unison D A C# Bm Dsus A D A

1 As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
 2 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly
 3 You're my friend and you are my broth - er, e - ven

G A7sus A7 D G A A7 D A C#

soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my
 you can sat - is - fy; you a - lone are the
 though you are a king; I love you more than

Bm Dsus A D A G Asus A7 D

heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.
 real joy-giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.
 an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing!

Refrain Bm Bm A G D F# G Bm F#

You a - lone are my strength and shield; to you a - lone may my

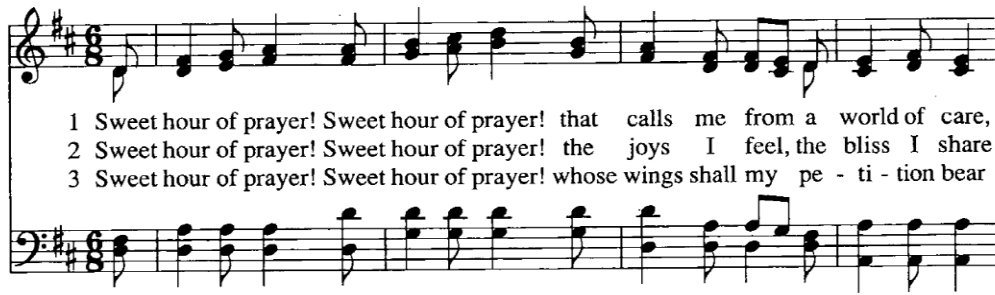
Em F#sus F# D A C#

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

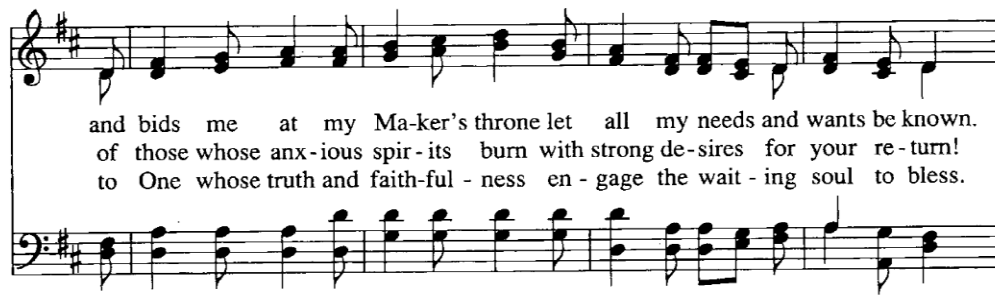
Bm Dsus A D A G A7sus A7 D

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

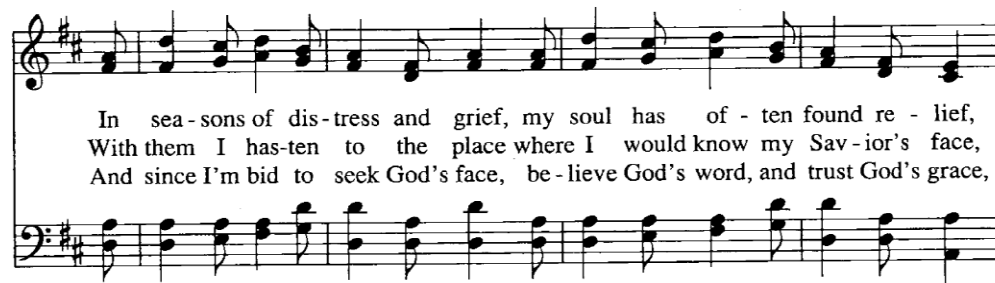
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"



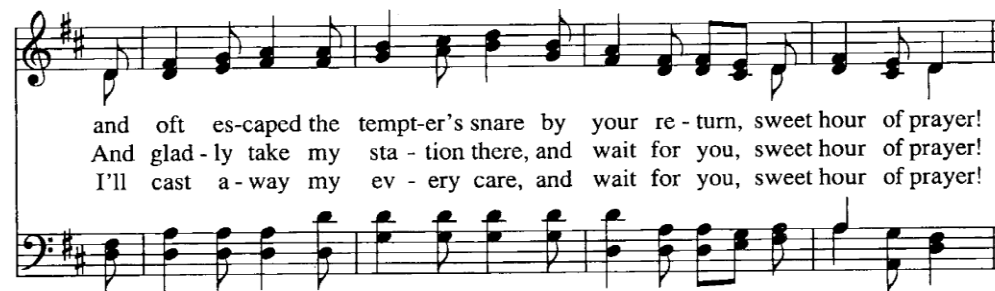
1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear



and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.
of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-turn!
to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

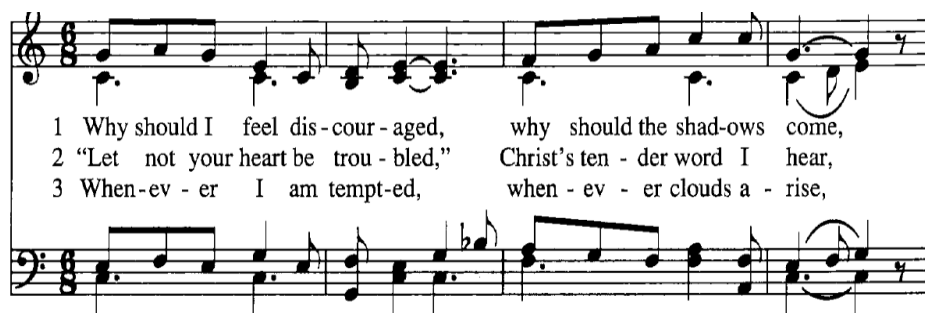


In sea - sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,
With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,



and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

"God's Eye Is On the Sparrow"



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows come,
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," Christ's ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and
 And rest-ing on God's good-ness, I lose my doubts and
 When song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me



home, When God is ev-er my por-tion? My
 fears; Though by the path . . . God leads me but
 dies, I then draw close to my Sav-ior, from



con-stant friend will be: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 one step I may see: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 care I am set free: God's eye is on the spar-row, and I

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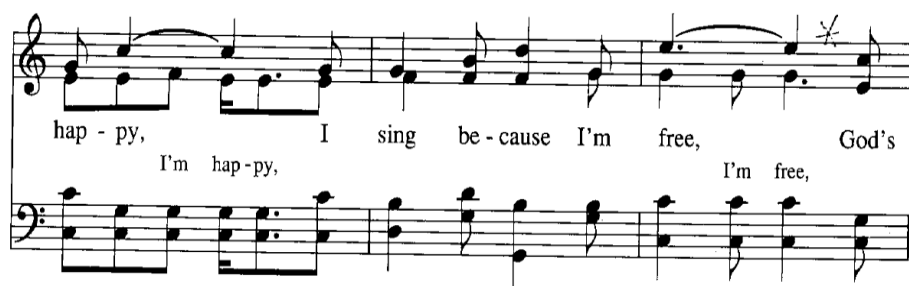


know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I
 know God watch-es me; God's eye is on the spar-row, and I


Refrain, in harmony



know God watch-es me.
 know God watch-es me. I sing be - cause I'm
 know God watch-es me.



hap - py, I sing be - cause I'm free, God's
 I'm hap - py, I'm free,



eye is on the spar - row, and I know God watch-es me.

**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:

Monday	Zumba – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	Facilities in use – 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. All Star Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday	Memorial Service for Sandy Markle Saturday, September 25 – 3:00 p.m. All are invited. Facilities in use – All day
Next Sunday	WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Youtube.com and Uberconference. at 717-297-0740. Offering received for Blankets

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**

MORNING CHATTERS... will meet the last Tuesday of September, the 28 9:30 a.m. at Cousler Park, Pavilion E; use the Greenbriar Road entrance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 26. Coffee, a casserole and donuts will be served. **SEE YOU THERE!**

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... Pancake breakfast volunteers

PLEASE NOTE: Altar Flower Sponsors are needed for the following Sundays: October 3, 24, and December 26. If you're interested in sponsoring, please contact the church office at 717-292-3743. Thank you.

As has been announced, the church funded the **Grace M. Trimmer** scholarship for \$15,000 using some of the money from Grace's generous gift to us. The scholarship, managed by Dover Area Dollars for Scholars, is offered for a graduating senior who is accepted into a non-4-year, accredited program designed to advance specific work skills. The student will have graduated from Dover Area High School with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. He/she will have proven to be an asset to the community through participation in volunteer activities during high school and will have demonstrated good character through his/her actions and conduct.

If you want to contribute to the scholarship fund in honor of Pastor Eva as we celebrate her 40 years of serving God and the Church in ordained ministry or as a means of remembering Grace, you may do so by placing your gift in the offering plate. We will collect these donations through the end of October. We plan to give the gift to Dover Area Dollars for Scholars at the beginning of November. **Please be sure to clearly mark your donation as "scholarship fund" and include your offering envelope number.**

**Greater York CROP Hunger Walk
Goes Virtual Again!
Sunday October 3, 2021
following worship.
Dover UCC is putting a team together
to walk.
See Sue McNeeley for registration
information.**

. Evening Bible Study By Zoom

Our evening Bible Study by zoom will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. We will try an earlier time to see if we might interest others to join and making it possible for those who will be ringing bells to come to the church and have Bible study and then ring! This study will be both in-person in the conference room AND by zoom. We will decide together what book of the Bible we would like to study. This will begin on Wednesday, September 22. If that time does not work and you are looking for something else, please let Pastor Eva know.

A person is needed from Dover UCC to serve as the Homewood auxiliary representative. Please contact the church office (717-292-3743) if you are interested in filling this position or call the church office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Resumes

On Tuesday, September 21, we will resume the Bible Study at the church. The time will be 10 a.m. We will continue to study 1 Corinthians. In this study we read the scripture together and take the time to stop and reflect on what it is that God is teaching us in that passage. Join us! The more people, the more fun we have! On Tuesdays (like September 28) when we have Tuesday Morning Chatters, we will not have Bible Study. If you would like to join the group by zoom or by phoning in, let Pastor Eva know and that can be set up.

Adult Faith Formation begins again on September 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Adult Discussions Resume

Freeing Jesus! The Next Adult Study on Sunday Mornings. Beginning Sunday, September 26, at 9 am, our next Adult Faith Formation study will begin. We will be studying *Freeing Jesus!* by Diana Butler Bass. This is a study that will look at all the different aspects of Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way and Presence. Jesus is so many different faces to many different people. Who is Jesus to you? Has the face of Jesus changed for you over the years? Is there one aspect that you struggle with accepting? Are there aspects that you find no meaning in? The book is available in many places. At amazon.com you can get the kindle version for \$11.99 or the book from \$17.99 to \$26.49. If you would like Pastor Eva to order you a copy, let her know soon so you can have it in time.

The filling of backpacks for school children is baaaaack!

Remember when we began filling backpacks (plastic bags, actually) with food for children to have over the weekends? We began doing this at New Hope in Dillsburg (There wasn't enough space in Dover). We began by doing it in the summer, then we did it year round...one day a month...shared with other churches. Then Covid hit and we stopped doing a lot of things....Well, school is back in session and there are families that are in need of food for children over the weekends. (Did you know that according

to 2019-20 data, 47% of students receive a free or reduced price lunch?) Often parents work on weekends and children are left to get their own lunches. So we, along with New Hope in Dover, other churches and the school social workers, Kirsten Johnson and Niccole Assi, will work to solve this issue.

Dover UCC's has been assigned one week each month (usually the last week) to go and fill backpacks (actually plastic bags) that are then transported to the elementary schools for students. NEEDED are 3 or 4 volunteers each month. Our first packing date is September 29. We will carpool from the church to New Hope in Dillsburg until construction is completed on the Dover facility. We will leave at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning on the days we are scheduled. Each time we do this, we will put together food for about 100 children who will have food for the time they are not in school.

PLEASE NOTE: Dover UCC is again updating their mask wearing requirement. Even if you are fully vaccinated, with the rise of the Delta variant of Covid-19, we are requiring masks to be worn during the service and to once again social distance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**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.

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

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