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Dover United Church of Christ

September, 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)*

**WORSHIP TIME MOVES BACK TO 10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12**



Community Time of Remembrance, September 11, 6:30 pm at Lehr Park

Dover Township Parks and Recreation, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salem United Church of Christ and Dover United Church of Christ will hold a Community Time of Remembrance on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 at 6:30 pm at Lehr Park in the Community Room. (*We are asking those in attendance to wear masks.*) The first 100 people to arrive will receive a 9/11 button commemorating the day.

PET BLESSING! & OUTDOOR WORSHIP



Sunday, September 12, at **10:00 a.m.** we will hold our annual Pet Blessing during worship. Bring your pets, cats, dogs, chickens, turtles, rabbits, hamsters, etc. and let them join our worship. Pray for good weather and we will meet outside at the side of the building in the shade. Bring your chairs and your four - legged friends (or 2 legged or no legs) (or a picture) and enjoy God's creation. We also plan to get a few grills and grill hot dogs and hamburgers and we will eat together again AND take meals to those on duty at the Northern Regional Police, Dover Boro Fire Dept., and Dover Township Fire Department. Four-legged friends will be invited to share in the meal as well!

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.

Greater York CROP Hunger Walk Goes Virtual Again!

Sunday October 3, 2021
following worship.

Dover UCC is putting together a team to walk.
See Sue McNeeley for registration information.

You know what hunger looks like! You've seen it in on local news stations and in the faces of kids around the world. It is long-lasting, and it is everywhere. But, with your help, so is our response to it. For 50 years, the people of York County have come together to fight hunger in exceptional ways through the CROP Hunger Walk. These aren't politicians or celebrities – they're passionate (and compassionate!) farmers, students, members of the faith community, volunteers and more who care that the people they see on a daily basis are struggling. And for five decades, they have walked to make a difference.

Help them reach the goals of 1200 Walkers and \$50,000 Dollars!

See Sue Mc Neely to sign-up to walk!

Grace Trimmer Scholarship Fund Announced

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.**

Saturday, September 18 – Family Date Night with Dinner and a Movie – We will share a supper of Pizza, salad and chips! Some of the pizza will be homemade from our own pizza garden and then we will watch a movie appropriate for the entire family!

Sunday, September 19 – Worship will be an old-fashioned hymn sing! There will be opportunity to call out hymns on the spot and a few will be picked ahead of time! The history of the church tells us that in November of 1966 the First Old Fashioned Hymn Sing was held and it continued to be an annual service! Going back to our roots, but singing a couple of new hymns for the future!

Reflections from the Pastor

The number of Covid cases are rising again. The number of deaths is on the rise. Most of these deaths are from those who have not been vaccinated. Remember...not everyone can medically receive the available vaccinations. Some have medical conditions that do not allow them to receive the vaccination and some are too young. It is important that we work to protect the young and the vulnerable during this time.

This pastor is tired of having to write again about Covid. I wish, as I am sure we all do, that somehow it would just go away. It will, but not without the work of all of us. I want to thank this congregation! The celebration of my 40 years in ordained ministry was just what this pastor needed to have the energy to continue on! I, like many pastors, want to have the time to visit not just those in nursing homes, but everyone in the congregation. But so much time is taken just keeping up on what this nursing home requires, or that nursing home, or hospital...that it has not allowed for the ongoing nurturing of all the people in the congregation.

Indeed, people who have had to work at home, have quit their jobs, feeling they want more. Others who have had to be working from home, are unsure when they are now being asked to return to an office setting about whether they will be exposed and bring something home. It is a difficult time.

Yet I pray that everyone can receive the kind of encouragement I received when we celebrated my ministry. Each of us has a ministry that needs to be celebrated! Even if you feel stuck at home, you can encourage neighbors and friends by picking up the phone...or better yet, write a note and put it in the mail. Celebrate those around you! Encourage those around you! It makes ALL the DIFFERENCE in the WORLD!

And thank you! I have known that encouragement! From you!!!! It means so much to me to know the support of this faith community. Let's spread that encouragement so everyone can know that energy to continue to live and work among today's challenges!

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.**

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

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, and in recognition that our children cannot receive a vaccine yet, *we are requiring masks to be worn during the service* and to once again social distance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

NEEDED: People to count the offering each Sunday - two people per Sunday. Sign-up is located on the bulletin board in the church office to the left of the treasurer's desk. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER NEWS

*Gratitude, it makes sense of our past,
brings peace for today and creates vision for tomorrow!*



READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

SEPT 5: James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37
SEPT 12: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19
SEPT 19: Psalm 30; Psalm 42
SEPT 26: Psalm 124; James 5:13-20

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER DIGEST IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.
Early submissions will be most appreciated.



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

MORNING CHATTERS... meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Cousler Park, Pavilion E; use the Greenbriar Road entrance. The next meeting will be Tuesday, AUGUST 31. Our September meeting will be Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 28. **SEE YOU THERE!**



Our Christian sympathy is with Carol and Neil Stayrook and their family on the death of Carol's sister, Sandy Markle on July 27 in Florida and her nephew (Sandy's son), Terry Robinson on August 22 in Florida.

And with Phil and Nancy Brown on the death of Nancy's sister, Mary Craig Anderson, who passed away April 20, 2021. Please keep these members and their family members in your prayers.



From the Church Secretary!

I will be taking vacation days Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 12 - 14. If you need something done by me during that week, please have it to me by the week of September 28 and I will do my best to get it done for you. Thank you. Willie Scofield

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.

Another Opportunity! 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.

Rev. Sue Schmidt to be Installed!

Rev. Sue Schmidt, a former member and member in discernment of Dover UCC, will be installed as the Pastor of Salem United Church of Christ in Harrisburg on Sunday, October 17 at 2 pm. It would be great if a few of us would carpool to Harrisburg that Sunday in support of Sue! Let Pastor Eva know if you would like to join the fun!

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.

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.



CHANCEL CHOIR: Members are needed for our choir. We need all voices. The only criteria needed, is that you like to sing. Please consider joining us. Practice will begin in mid-October. We meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. If anybody has music, folders, Worship and Rejoice Hymnals (red), please return them to me so that I can inventory them and prepare for the Fall.

FROM THE OPEN AND AFFIRMING TEAM

On Sunday, November 14, 2021, we will recognize the 7th anniversary of our decision to become an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please plan to attend this special service in person or virtually!

Adult Faith Formation begin 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.

MORNING CHATTERS IS BACK! JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!!!!
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – 9:30 A.M.
COUSLER PARK – PAVILLION E – ENTER AT GREENBRIAR ROAD.

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.

Wanted: Additional helpers for the Church's Livestream Team

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.

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 offerings—this month it is Blanket Sunday.** 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!

JULY - AUGUST DONATIONS MADE TO NEW HOPE MINISTRIES:

FOOD	56 pounds
PERSONAL	21 pounds
MISC	14 pounds

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!

OUTREACH TEAM

Summer is almost over and the students of Dover have headed back to school. Thank you for helping provide 25 beautiful packed backpacks and a multitude of school supplies. What a generous way to start our youth out on the right foot for a successful school year!

Thank you for your time in supplying ice pops to the Dover band members on a hot summer day as well. They really appreciate your efforts and thoughtfulness! Another great way to help support our students in Dover is to participate in the **NEST** breakfast we will be providing the students of the high school once a month. NEST stands for Nurturing Educational Success and Transformation. The students will earn the privilege to join us for a breakfast and conversation. The first one will be held on **Friday, September 24 at 7:00 a.m.** Check the bulletin board for helping out or donating food items.

New Hope in Dover is preparing to start their renovations soon. They also just purchased a new building for the New Oxford location. They continue to grow and spread the love of God throughout our community.

Thank you for the generous amount of food and supplies you have donated to the **Food Bank** also. Many of you have donated fresh produce and/or fruit. That is always appreciated!

God's blessings to all! Tonia L. Reinert and Outreach Team

Thank you's...

Dear Friends, Because of you, our summer youth program, network of food pantries and job training programs impact thousands of people at New Hope Ministries. You ensure that every guest has their need met in a give day, the way they need most. Your kind gift of \$201.50 received July 14 and \$286 received on August 6 truly makes a difference for your neighbors in need – thank you! Gratefully,

Eric Saunders, Executive Director, New Hope Ministries

Dear Members of Dover UCC, Thank you for your gift to New Hope Ministries! We are blessed by your ongoing support! Your gift will help us to provide food, rent and mortgage assistance, job training, and stability programs for our neighbors in need! Blessings,

Kristin Warner, Gift Officer

SEPTEMBER 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	Regis Rupp	13	Rachel Thomas	21	Michael McNeely
5	Pam Rutledge		Joyce Marwine		Joyce Tafel
10	Shirley Hutchins	19	Deloris Crone	24	Callan Musselman
	Jack Strausbaugh		Pastor Eva	29	Jodie Bieber
11	Jan Plymire	20	Ben Crone		

SEPTEMBER 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 the Church Office at 717-292-3743.**

SEPTEMBER

September 5	Phyllis Mummert
September 12	Ron & Linda Thompson
September 19	Mike & Sue McNeely
September 26	Randy & Annette Masenheimer

OCTOBER

October 3	AVAILABLE
October 10	Deloris Crone
October 17	Sue McNeely
October 24	AVAILABLE
October 31	Don & Sharon Gardner

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Gerry Shaffer
3411 Sycamore Road
Dover, PA 17315
717-292-2867

Deloris Crone
Providence Place #404
3377 Fox Run Road
Dover, PA 17315

Gina Nell
Manor Care
Kingston Circle
717-814-4824

Hilda Eyster
74 Chesapeake Estates
Thomasville, PA 17364
717-792-0496

Fay Gentzler
1920 Trolley Road #229
York, PA 17408
(614) 325-1635 (cell)

The following people have agreed to visit:

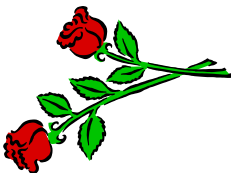
JAN - Carol Stayrook
FEB - Verda McFadden & Nancy Schubert
MAR - Nancy Brown
APR - Mary Duttera & Doris McCallister
MAY - Annette Masenheimer & Spring Davidson
JUN - Carol Stayrook & Anna Gladfelter

JULY - Nancy Brown
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

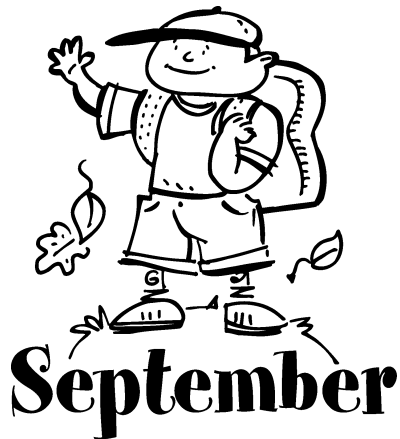
Call Carol Stayrook at 717-873-8862 with any changes or additions.



SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

September 6, Monday	Labor Day
September 7, Tuesday	Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m. Suicide Survivor Support Group – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
September 8, Wednesday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
September 9, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
September 11, Saturday	9/11 Remembrance – Lehr Park- 6:30 pm Community Room Community Remembrance of the 20 th Anniversary of 9/11 Star gazing following
September 12, Sunday	WORSHIP RETURNS TO 10:00 A.M.! Pet Blessing and Outdoor Worship at Dover UCC! 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. at 717-297-0740. <i>DUCC Digest deadline</i>
September 13, Monday	Zumba – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
September 14, Tuesday	Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 67 Committee – 7:00 p.m.
September 15, Wednesday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
September 16, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
September 18, Saturday	Family Date Night with pizza & a Movie – 7:00 p.m. Movie: “Luca”
September 19, Sunday	WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. Old Fashion Hymn Sing In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. at 717-297-0740. <i>MISSION MOMENT: Blankets</i>
September 20, Monday	Zumba – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
September 21, Tuesday	Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m.
September 22, Wednesday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m.
September 23, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
September 24, Friday	Facilities in use – 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. All Star Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.
September 25, Saturday	Facilities in use – All day
September 26, Sunday	ADULT FAITH FORMATION – 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. In-person, live stream on Facebook and Uberconference. at 717-297-0740. <i>Offering received for Blankets</i>
September 27, Monday	Zumba – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. 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.
September 28, Tuesday	MORNING CHATTERS – 9:30 A.M. – COUSLER PARK – PAVILLION E
September 29, Wednesday	Girl Scouts – 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) Bell Choir – 7:00 p.m.
September 30, Thursday	Boy Scouts – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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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
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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