

DOVER VOICES

Dover Congregational United Church of Christ
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*Let all that
you do be
done in
Love.*



1 Corinthians 16:14

Our Mission:
Seek Justice. . . Love Kindness . . . Walk Humbly With Our God

A word from our pastor...

On January 23, 2022, you affirmed a different model for securing a new minister. What you also affirmed is the entire church is the “interim” committee. Your wisdom, commitment, and humility are required of you. In the coming days, you will be asked to answer for yourself, yes, but also as a member of the larger body. The questions are “Who were we in the past? Who are we now? And who do we want to be in the future under God?”

Who are we now? Diana Butler Bass, who has studied churches like ours across the nation, “mainline” churches finding renewal, describes our kind of faith as, “open and generous, intellectual and emotive, beautiful and just.” She speaks of churches like ours, “moving into the future by re-engaging their best past.” It is what Marcus Borg calls “transformational Christianity”—which is much better than “progressive Christianity,” because it speaks of lives being changed by the Spirit of God. It is a form of Christianity seeking personal transformation and social transformation. In his poem, “The Layers,” Stanley Kurnitz looks over his life and closes with the line: “I am not through with my changes.” And we, at this church, would add, “nor of being changed.”

From the outside, church congregations can look like contentious places, full of hypocrites who talk about love while fighting each other tooth and nail. This is the reason many people give for avoiding them. On the inside, however, it is a different matter, a matter of struggling to maintain unity as “the body of Christ” given the fact that we have precious little uniformity. In this place we are not individuals who have come together because we are all like-minded. That is not a church; that is a political party. We are like most healthy churches, I think, in that we can do pretty well when it comes to loving and serving God, each other, and the world; but God help us if we have to agree about everything.

“The surest way to know when the night is over and when a new day has come is when you can look into the face of a stranger, the one who is different from you, and recognize him as your brother or sister.”

I would not find much uniformity, either, if I were to press for agreement on more substantial issues, things that the Christian church has, at times, taught as the truth: What does it mean to be born again? Do you have to believe the Virgin Birth to be a Christian? How wide is salvation’s path?

I’d say that things are as they should be? As contentious as we sometimes are in discussing these issues, we are no less fractious than the church at Corinth, Rome or Ephesus. Can I consider it a good sign—a sign of life—that Christians have continued to fuss and fume and struggle, right down to the present day? It may look awful from the outside, and can feel awful on the inside, but it is simply the cost of Christian discipleship. The alternative is to fall back into a radical individualism. “I’m a very spiritual person,” people tell me, “but I don’t go to church.” Sociologist Robert Bellah calls it “Sheilaism,” based on a famous interviewee who said, “I believe in God. I’m not a religious fanatic. I can’t remember the last time I went to church. My faith has carried me a long way. It’s Sheilaism, just my own little voice.” The downside to such individualism is that Christian faith does not exist apart from community.

Elie Wiesel, who spent a large portion of his childhood in a concentration camp, recounts a conversation he had with the leader of the cell block. The conversation took place as Wiesel’s father was close to death from hunger and dehydration. “This is your father, isn’t it?” asked the head of the block. “Yes.” “He’s very ill.” The doctor won’t do anything for him.” “The doctor can’t do anything for him, now. And neither can you.” He then put his great hairy hand on my shoulder and added: “Listen to me, boy. Don’t you ever forget that you’re in a concentration camp. Here, every man has to fight for himself and not think of anyone else. Even of his father. Here there are no fathers, no

brothers, no friends. Everyone lives and dies for himself alone.”

I can think of no words that would destroy the human community more quickly than those words: “Everyone lives and dies for himself alone.” Surely God has given us the capacity to move to a different way of being that respects the life and dignity of others, that cares about their welfare as much as our own.

“How can one tell when the new day has come,” the student asked the rabbi. “You tell me.” “Is it when the rooster crows to signal a new dawn?” “No,” the rabbi answered. “The surest way to know when the night is over and when a new day has come is when you can look into the face of a stranger, the one who is different from you, and recognize him as your brother or sister. See her as your sister. Until that day comes, it will always be night.”

During this transition time, I can think of no more important mission for Dover Congregational United Church of Christ than to mobilize ordinary people to take a stand against the darkness, to create zones of light and holy spaces for conversations. To create a place where it is safe for all people who are different from one another in background and outlook to share the truth about who they really are and what they hope our church will be in the future.

In this season let us keep in front of us one sentinel light: We grow only as we embrace each other, forgetting any agenda except following God’s path with each other. In twenty years when this church celebrates 200 years, I wonder if people will ask questions like these: What were we so afraid of back then? Do not lose sight that while we may disagree, we have each other, we have this church. We still have this church and maybe Jesus has been our pastor, all along.

Keith



HIGHLIGHTS FROM COUNCIL

Moderator Report

It's January of a new year, a time to think of new beginnings. Except the old year still pesters us! We want to be together again, shaking hands and embracing one another, yet we wear masks and keep our distance. Many of our seniors in faith are reluctant to go out, and many young families struggle with how to keep their young children safe in public places. After two years of this reality, our Sunday habits of meeting together have changed into struggles about how to be "one with each other" while physically apart. And on top of it all, our beloved pastor of many years has announced another change, one we were not expecting nor wanting. Not now, we think, even as we love him enough to let him go towards his own call to new life.

Last Sunday our congregation accepted our pastor's letter of retirement, adopted the outlines of a plan for replacing him, and elected new members and officers of council, who will be working hard to help us make yet another transition to something new. The new council has already met to start this process.

The Old Testament writer laments, "There is nothing new under the sun..." That is not correct! God is always doing a new thing in this world and offering us to become a part of it. In these snowbound days, let us take some quiet time to ponder what that new thing might mean for our church. We know we are called to be in mission with one another and in the world. We declare that mission is to "Do justice, practice loving-kindness, and walk humbly with our God."

In the coming days, we will ask you to choose people whom you think will best lead us to do that. A Transition Team will have the responsibility of guiding us through the time of transition from one pastor to another. Their first task will be to help us discern who we are as God's people today in this time and place. And then, who is God calling us to be? Who is our neighbor?

To prepare us in the Spirit, let us read Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10: 25-37) Then, let us ask not only how we can be the good Samaritan to others, but also, who are the good Samaritans we need who will minister to us?

As I humbly accept the call to be the Moderator of this church, may I "sound the call" to each of you. We need every one of you to pray for our church, to offer your own gifts towards living into our future and to answer the three questions which will drive our mission: Who are we today? Who is God calling us to be? Who is our neighbor?

Sharrie Nichols

The Council of Dover UCC met on Tuesday, January 18th at Dover Church, at 7:00 PM. Financials for 2021 were discussed and are set out below. These were included in the Annual Report on January 23, 2022.

As of 12/31/2021:

Year-to-Date revenue:	\$366,910.63
Year-to-Date expenses:	\$316,435.86 (95% of 2021 budget)
Endowment Fund Total Market Value	\$1,048,854.31 (includes \$61,685.24 in cash)
Cash Report:	
Total Cash available:	\$152,619.18



FROM THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Statement of Indigenous Heritage

Before there was a United States of America; before there was a State of Ohio; before there was a Western Reserve; before there were thirteen colonies, this area was the traditional homeland of the Lenape (Delaware), Shawnee, Wyandot Miami, Ottawa, Potawatomi, and other Great Lakes tribes (Chippewa, Kickapoo, Wea, Pinakahsw, and Kaskaskia). We acknowledge that we reside on the traditional homeland of these great tribes who stewarded this land for generations. We also acknowledge the thousands of Native Americans who now call Northeast Ohio home.

In the 1783 Treaty of Paris, which ended the American Revolutionary War, the British ceded control of the Northwest Territory (the land northwest of the Ohio River) to the United States; however, the British failed to abandon their forts in the region and continued to support their Indian allies in skirmishes with American settlers.

On November 4, 1791, Gen. St. Clair faced the Western Confederacy of Native Americans in a battle known as the Battle of the Wabash, near what is now Ft. Recovery, Ohio. The Native Americans were led by Little Turtle of the Miamis, Blue Jacket of the Shawnees, and Buckongahelas of the Delawares (Lenape) who soundly defeated Gen. St. Clair's army. Of the 1,000 officers and men that St. Clair led into battle, only 24 escaped unharmed.

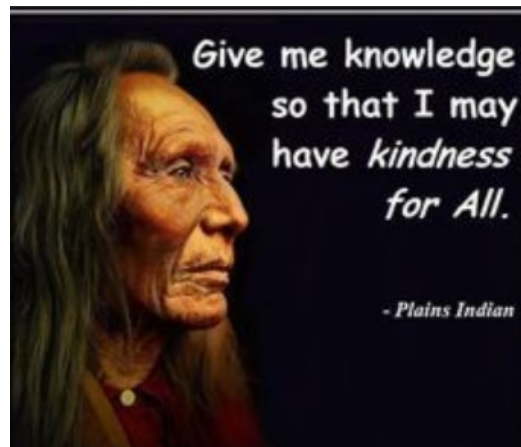
President Washington sent General Anthony Wayne to command the Legion of the United States, a new professional army. General Wayne had emerged as a major military commander during the Revolutionary War. After General St. Clair's defeat Wayne turned his attention to the Northwest Territory.

At the Battle of Fallen Timbers, on August 20, 1794, Wayne led American troops to a decisive victory against a confederation of Native Americans whose leaders included Chief Little Turtle (Miami), Chief Blue Jacket (Shawnee) and Chief Buckongahelas (Lenape). The fighting took place on the Maumee River, near present-day Toledo.

The war with the Indians of the Northwest Territory was ended with the Treaty of Greenville, signed in present-day Greenville, Ohio, in August 1795. The Indians ceded much of present-day Ohio, which, in 1803, became America's 17th state. By the terms of the treaty, the Indians also ceded parts of Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

In 1830 President Jackson signed the Relocation Act of 1830 that enabled the United States government to relocate tribes of the Northwest Territory to the Western Territory along the Trail of Tears, also named the Trail of Death by the Indians who were relocated.

Rev. Dr. John Rinehart





WHAT'S YOUR "GOOD" CHOLESTEROL?

Did you know that there is one kind of blood cholesterol that is actually good for you to have lots of? It's **HDL cholesterol** and stands for high-density lipoprotein, often called the "good" type of cholesterol. To help remember the different types of cholesterol, you can think of the "H" in HDL cholesterol as standing for "healthy".

HDL is beneficial because its purpose is to remove other types of cholesterol from your bloodstream. It does this by carrying unhealthy LDL cholesterol away from the arteries and to the liver, where it can be broken down and removed from the body. As a result, having an HDL level within the recommended range is associated with a reduced risk of heart disease and stroke. The recommendations for HDL cholesterol are a little unique because higher levels are actually better. There are also slightly different recommendations for men and women.

Men are considered to be at risk if their HDL level is less than 40 mg/dl, while women are considered at risk if their HDL level is less than 50. However, the ideal range for all adults is 60 or higher.

It's best to focus on lifestyle changes to improve your HDL cholesterol. Nutritional changes that can improve your HDL cholesterol include eating more healthy fats and limiting unhealthy fats.

Healthy fats contain omega-3 fatty acids, monounsaturated fats and polyunsaturated fats, which help increase HDL cholesterol and lower LDL cholesterol.

Omega-3 fatty acids: salmon, mackerel, sea bass, herring, oysters, sardines, anchovies, flax seeds, chia seeds, walnuts, soybeans, edamame, kidney beans, soybean oil. They are an essential fat that the body cannot make on its own, so we have to get what we need from the food that we eat.

Monounsaturated fats: extra-virgin olive oil, canola oil, peanut oil, sesame oil, avocados, peanut butter, almonds, cashews, peanuts, pistachios, olives.

Polyunsaturated fats: corn oil, oil-based salad dressings, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, soybean oil, walnuts, flaxseed.



Omega-3 fatty acids
Monounsaturated fats
Polyunsaturated fats
Exercise



Trans fats
Smoking
Sedentary
Obesity

Fats to Avoid

Trans fats have a negative impact on your blood cholesterol by lowering the good HDL cholesterol and increasing the bad LDL cholesterol. They also increase your risk of heart disease, stroke and diabetes. Common sources of trans fats include: fried food, processed desserts, microwave popcorn, frozen pizza, stick margarine, shortening and coffee creamers.

Trans fats are listed on nutrition labels, but you should also look for partially hydrogenated oils on the ingredients list.

Other Ways to Improve Your HDL

In addition to nutrition, lifestyle changes that can raise your HDL include physical activity, smoking cessation and weight loss. Moderate physical activity is good for your overall health, but it can specifically help raise HDL. If you aren't currently physically active, begin working toward at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week. A good place to start is just to start sitting less and moving more.

Smoking cigarettes is associated with low HDL levels. So quitting smoking can allow your HDL cholesterol to return to a healthier level and reduce your risk of heart disease.

Moderate weight loss – even just 5 to 10 percent of your current weight – has been shown to improve cholesterol levels along with blood pressure and blood sugar.

Work on making small changes with your nutrition and activity routines. For example, swap out sugary drinks for water or try taking a short walk during a break. Little changes over time can make a big difference over time.

Information taken from Claire Sullivan, MD, cardiologist with UH Harrington Heart and Vascular Institute.

Blessings and Prayers for a healthy heart month!! ~ Julie Kiefer , RN



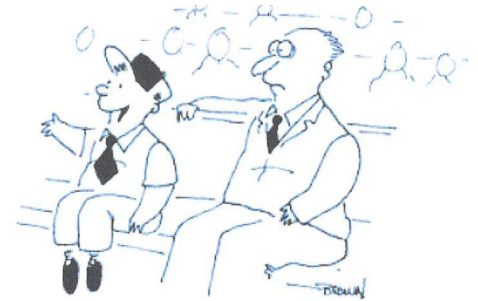
**“WORSHIP IS SIMPLY
GIVING GOD HIS
BREATH BACK.”**

LOUIS GIGLIO

We have two services every Sunday morning, one at 8:15 AM in our chapel, which is a more informal service, and the second at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary, where you will hear a variety of music styles from contemporary praise to traditional hymns. Our pastor’s message is sure to inspire.

Our 10:00 AM service is also live-streamed on the Dover Congregational UCC Facebook page. Check out our website for instructions on streaming without a Facebook account. Recorded services will be available on our web page, **doverucc.org**, under the ‘What We Do’ tab on Monday mornings.

Pastor Keith’s weekly Replenish Meditation will be livestreamed each Monday at 10:00 AM on the Dover Facebook page, and will be available on our web page under the ‘What We Do’ tab immediately after.



“Hey, the Preacher is talking about you Dad.”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TEACH
encourage
instruct
MENTOR
PRAISE
influence
GUIDE
INSPIRE

February is here, and cold weather is making it difficult to plan for outside activities, but hopefully we can get something in that would allow those children not ready to be in indoor group classes or activities--maybe a day at the ice rink, or the toboggan run. Classroom stories are continuing, moving through the Old Testament with stories that hopefully inspire the children to think about faith in a new way.

During the school year, all are welcome at our story-telling sessions that the children share each Sunday at 10:00 AM. The children are asked “wondering” questions relating to the stories--questions that provide a kind of spiritual direction rather than merely an approach to religious education. Children who are not ready to return to the classroom are invited to join us via Zoom during the 10:00 AM Sunday school class.

If you have any questions about our program, please email Jane Coil at jcoil@doverucc.org; or call the church office--440-871-1050.

God’s blessings and grace,
Bette English, Christian Education Committee, Chair
Jane Coil, Christian Education Director

Sending our ♥♥♥ to Denison UCC
and Cogswell Hall

Please help us show our love this Valentine's Day by making individual "♥ packages" for the ministries of Denison and Cogswell Hall. Many residents have no family, so being remembered with a Valentine's Day treat is extra-special!

What to Do:

*Bake cookies and package 6 to a bag
(please, just 6 to a bag, cookies only)

*Include a Valentine in each bag. Write a short prayer or Bible verse on the card and sign it with your name or "from Dover UCC."

Then:

*Bring your donations to Dover UCC on Saturday, February 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a "drive thru" drop off for your cookies.

Make someone's ♥ happy this Valentine's Day!



For more information contact Martha at
Martygras2@gmail.com

"SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY"



Ready. . .set. . . "Souper Bowl Sunday" is coming--February 13th! Immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service, two kinds of soup will be available in take-out containers for you to take home and enjoy for lunch, your dinner. . .your choice! A \$5.00 donation to go towards Mission is suggested and appreciated.

AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

Volunteers are still needed to provide transportation for Afghan refugees who have relocated here to the Cleveland area. Sign up is easy--click on this [link](#) and you will be taken to the online sign-up page for USCRI Cleveland, the organization Dover and Westlake Christian Church are partnering with to provide assistance. Or call Jane Coil in the church office and she will send you the link. Once you are signed up, a background check will be completed and you will start receiving emails from USCRI with volunteer opportunities. You can sign up via "Sign Up Genius" - the date, time and transportation need is clearly set out in the volunteer link--you just click on the opportunity you wish to help with!

You will see a list similar to the insert to the right--review and select the needs that you can help with, and click on "Sign Up" -- that's it! You will be given further direction after you have signed up.

Please call the church office if you have any questions.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Location	Time (EST)	Available Slot	Calendar View
01/24/2022 (Mon.)	Neighborhood Family Practice 3569 Ridge Rd. Cleveland, Ohio 44102	9:45am - 11:15am	Health Appointment Pick up refugee, take them to and from the appointment	Sign Up ■
		2:15pm - 3:50pm	Health Appointment Pick up refugee, take them to and from the appointment	Sign Up ■
		2:50pm - 4:15pm	Health Appointment Pick up refugee, take them to and from the appointment	Sign Up ■

A LOVE LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear Friends,

The LOVING Calling & Caring Committee would LOVE to add your name to our lists of LOVELY people who like to share their LOVE with their church family. We need people to LOVINGLY share a meal, provide occasional transportation, make prayer shawls, send cards, make phone calls, or assist with memorial teas. If you do not LOVE to attend meetings, you can still support our committee by sharing your talents and time. If you are newly interested or want to continue your LOVING thoughtfulness, please add your name to the lists on the table in the narthex or contact:

Eileen Schultz
440 455 9390
eileenschultz@ymail.com

With lots of LOVE,
The Calling & Caring Committee



JUST FOR FUN

A little bit about

Lois McCreight



If you know anything about Lois McCreight, then you know Lois is probably Punxsutawney Phil's biggest fan! Like Phil, Lois hails from Punxsutawney, PA and she enjoys celebrating Groundhog Day every year, hosting parties for the residents of St. Mary of the Woods in Avon, where she currently lives.

A long-time member of Dover (almost 40 years), Lois can only be described as a "hoot!" A long-time and much beloved teacher and tennis coach in the Bay and Westlake schools, Lois loves people--she loves to go out to lunch with her friends, and if there is a new resident at St. Mary, she makes sure she meets them. Meet Lois for lunch one day, and you don't know if she will have her martini glass sunglasses on, a straw beachcomber's hat, or be dressed "to the nines." She shared with me that just several weeks ago she had a call from the receptionist at St. Mary--she had two visitors at 8:00 at night--very unusual for that time of day. She went to meet her visitors, and found it was two of her former students who were in town celebrating their 50th high school reunion and wanted to see "Coach" McCreight. She laughed and said they asked the receptionist if she was "ambulatory" and "verbal" -- Lois is 93, going on 20!

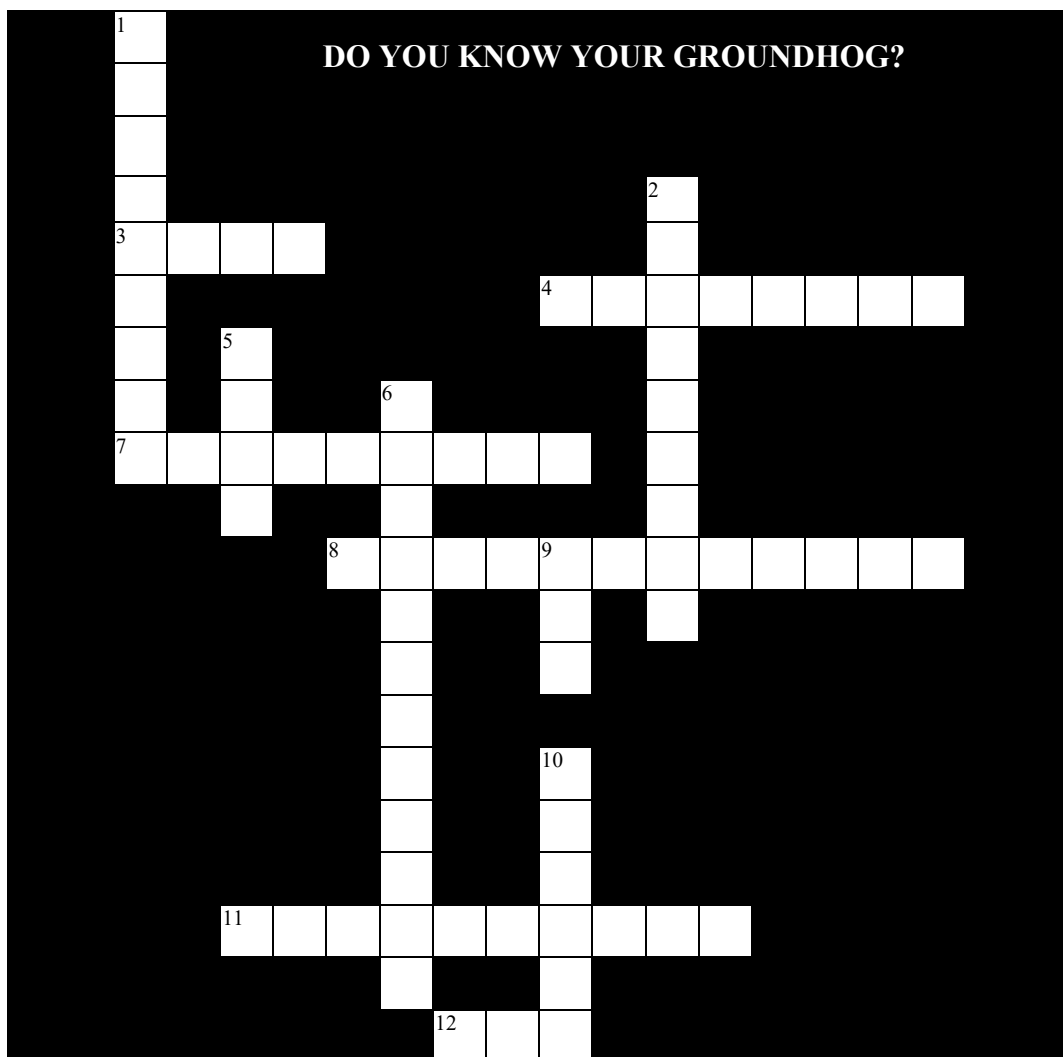
Following are some excerpts from an article in "The Punxsutawney Spirit," the newspaper in Lois' hometown, that she thought would be fun to share with the congregation, about her favorite holiday -- Groundhog Day.

"The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, which had its inception in 1899, owes its fame chiefly to Clymer H. Freas, then city editor of The Punxsutawney Spirit newspaper. Freas was one of the community's most progressive and aggressive citizens, and from his typewriter and his position as "Supreme Secretary and Poet Laureate," he propelled his Groundhog Club to national prominence. It was Freas who brought the fabled recognition to Punxsutawney, baptizing the town as the "home" of the Groundhog and sanctifying Gobbler's Knob as the original location of the Weatherworks. And it was Freas, through his imaginative and vibrant newspaper articles, who gave Punxsutawney and its distinguished name added fame throughout the state and Eastern seaboard.

It all started when a small group of local residents ate groundhog. Freas called the group the 'Groundhog Club.' . . . He maintained that the only Groundhog who could properly interpolate a shadow and upon whom anybody could rely as a high-grade Weather Prognosticator was located in Gobbler's Knob, Canoe Ridge . . . The background for the promotion of the Sage of Gobbler's Knob lies in the first Groundhog feast which was attended by a half a dozen or so residents of the community in 1899. These 'groundhoggers' feasted on the festive tunneler and washed it down with a keg of what admittedly was something more than one half percent by volume . . . Then came Punxsutawney's Magnificent Old Home Week in 1909, the most outstanding celebration in Punxy's celebrated history. Freas, who was one of the originators of the week-long affair, decided upon a weather parade as the grand finale and naturally took it upon himself to coordinate and direct it. He graphically produced 57 types of weather on his weather floats, and the weather parade provided to be the hi-light of the big week and attracted nationwide attention.

The annual Groundhog Hunt and Feast, as it was referred to at the turn of the century, passed out of the picture a few years after Prohibition loomed on the horizon. Groundhog, it seemed, couldn't be properly washed down with anything less than "Groundhog Punch" and celebrities refused to be attracted by glowing promises of groundhog and aqua pura. The event was rejuvenated and is now celebrated in its symbolic form at the annual Groundhog Club Picnic and Outing held each summer on a breezy little knob outside of Punxsutawney."

If you would like a copy of the entire article from *The Punxsutawney Spirit*, call the church office and it can be emailed to you.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR GROUNDHOG?



Have a little fun and see how much you know about Phil!

Answer grid on page 14

ACROSS

3. Groundhogs are 17 to 26 inches _____
4. Groundhog Day is in what month?
7. Groundhogs are related to what animal?
8. A prognosticating groundhog is found in what town in Pennsylvania?
11. Another name for a groundhog
12. Groundhogs like to do what during the day?

DOWN

1. A Christian term for Groundhog Day
2. Groundhogs do what during the winter?
5. Groundhog Day is the name of a 1993 comedy
6. What is the official language of Groundhog Day?
9. If a groundhog sees his shadow, there are _____ more weeks of winter.
10. Groundhogs are what type of animal?

“READING ONE BOOK IS LIKE EATING ONE POTATO CHIP.”

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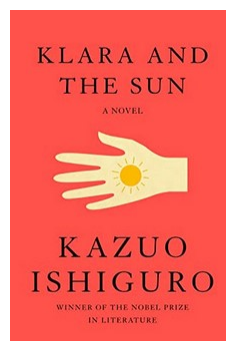
MONDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

Klara and the Sun

by Kazuo Ishiguro

We will meet on Monday, February 7th, at 1:30 PM in Thomas Hall at Dover.

“From her place in the store, Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, watches carefully the behavior of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass on the street outside. She remains hopeful that a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change forever, Klara is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans.”



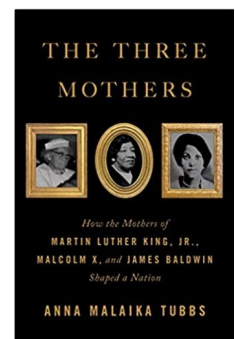
EVENING BOOK GROUP

The Three Mothers

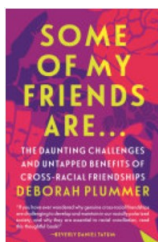
by Anna Malaika Tubbs

We will meet via Zoom on Monday, February 21, at 6:45 PM.

“Much has been written about Berdis Baldwin’s son James, about Alberta King’s son Martin Luther, and Louis Little’s son Malcom. But virtually nothing has been said about the extraordinary women who raised them. In her groundbreaking and essential debut *The Three Mothers*, scholar Anna Malaika Tubbs celebrates Black motherhood by telling the story of the three women who raised and shaped some of America’s most pivotal heroes.”



“CHECK OUT” THESE NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

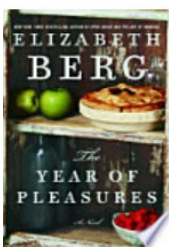


Some of My Friends Are... by Deborah Plummer

Dr. Plummer examines “why it is difficult to form friendships with people of different races, how we can make those connections, and how they will encourage more meaningful conversations about race.”

The Truths We Hold: An American Journey by Kamala Harris

“A *New York Times* bestseller, from one of America’s most inspiring political leaders, is a book about the core truths that unit us, and the long struggle to discern what those truths are and how best to act upon them, in her own life and across the life of our country.”



The Year of Pleasures by Elizabeth Berg

“After the death of her husband, Betta Nolan fulfills her promise to him to move to a small town and build a new life for herself, following her as she strives to cope with her grief and find pleasure and solace in the ordinary things of life.”

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The generosity of our congregation has continued throughout this time of uncertainty, unsure of when we will be able to gather again. Please continue to remember to mail in your pledge to the church office. **If you are sending a check to be directed to another ministry, please indicate on the "Memo" section of the check, e.g. Denison food pantry, Calling & Caring, etc.**



Online Giving

Dover will soon be rolling out a new website with a new, easier link for making online donations--one-time, recurring or to special funds. And there will be an app you can add to your phone/device to make it even easier! Watch for updates in the next couple of weeks.

HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS

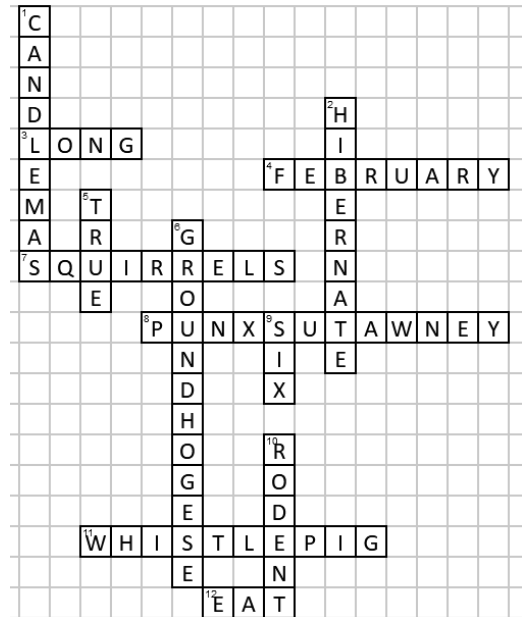


Please notify the church office at 440-871-1050 if you are admitted to the hospital so a phone call from Rev. Keith or parish nurse Julie can be arranged. We are not allowed person to person visits at this time.

When you are recovering, Rev. Keith and Julie are available to give you a call, just call the church office to let them know you desire a call.

We are not notified by hospitals of admissions.

Answers to Groundhog Day crossword on page 12



I AM (Inclusion Affirmation Ministry) is a support group for the LGBTQA community, their parents, family and friends. They have been meeting at area restaurants the last Sunday of the month.



Due to the safe distance mandates recently put into place, they will not be meeting at this time. They are looking into the possibility of Zoom virtual meetings.

Please check their Facebook group page for updates.

DID YOU MOVE, CHANGE YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL?



We use your email to send out the Church Mouse and our monthly newsletter. Please keep the church office informed of changes in your address, phone number or email. If you feel you are missing info from the church, please call the office to confirm your contact information.

MORE INFORMATION



Please call the office, or email doverucc@doverucc.org with any suggestions you have for information to be shared in the *Dover Voices* monthly. **If there is anything you would like added, please let the church office know!**

If you have an article(s) you would like published, submit by the deadline published in each monthly edition; please keep your articles to 150 words or less and include information about your group's activities and events. Pictures are welcome and encouraged!

The deadline for submissions for the March edition is:

Wednesday, February 23rd.

HAVE A CONCERN OR QUESTION FOR CHURCH COUNCIL?

MEET YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Moderator - Sharon Nichols
Vice Moderator - Molly Burnett
Clerk - Sharron Wilkins
Treasurer - Pam Compton

Members at Large:
Don Armour, Ken Delfing, Joe Healey,
Adam Jakubiak, Ruth Kroll, Maria Velez,
Georgann Yonkers

Ex-officio Members:
Keith Stuart, John Rinehart
Martha Vivona, Jane Coil



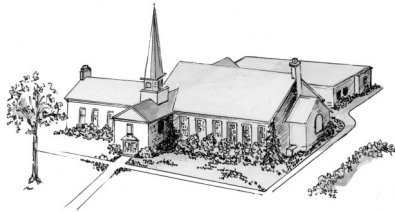
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened

Matthew 11:28

~ Prayer Requests---Please pray for God to be with these individuals, and for them to feel God's presence in the midst of their concerns:

Richard Bauer (Carol Bauer's father), Art Beel, Marie Black, James Caldwell (Sunny Thompson's cousin), Tom and Judy Caswell (Carol Bauer's in-laws), Colleen Chittick, Mark Chomoa (Rae-Rita Chomoa's son), the family of Bob Cilimburg, Keli Clark (friend of Carol Bauer), Aida Colon, Mike English, Gerrard (friend of Kevin Kurth), Robb & Jennifer Gaskins (friends of Bonnie & Parker Reynolds), Dick Gebben (Mabel Johnson's son-in-law), Mary Lou Gerdel, Sofia Greer (friend of Jeff & Amanda Hughes), Paul Horning, Kayla (Gary & Sandy Burkey's niece), the family of Scott Johnson (Mabel Johnson's son), Nanci Keller (Amy Keller's mother-in-law), the family of Erna Kloos, Joyce (Julie Kiefer's mother), Jason (David Wakelee's partner), Kathy King, the family of George Lewellyn (Nilsa's husband), Jim & Kaye Mesaros, Tim Mesaros (Jim & Kaye's son), Jeff Matos, Cathy Montgomery, Diane Pentek, the family of Paul Phillips (father of David deBardelaben-Phillips), Denece Praeger, the family of Alaire Rothhaas (sister-in-law of Gloria Rothhaas), the family of Rod Reilly, Susan Reynolds (sister of Denece Praeger), Alice Rini, Haley Schultz, Helen Sima (neighbor of Kevin Kurth), Dawn Stepic (friend of Georgann Yonkers), Bill Shiley (friend of Lyn & Rick Koehler), Donna Terepka, Robin Thomas, Michael (David Wakelee's mother's husband), the family of Linda Wiant (Kurt & Rita Wiant's sister-in-law), Georgann Yonkers' sister.

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