

# DOVER VOICES

JANUARY 2023

## A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,

and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

Anonymous

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**An Open & Affirming Congregation**

# *A word from our Minister of Justice...*



CHHSM opens each of its Zoom meetings with an acknowledgement of the indigenous peoples who had claimed Northeast Ohio as their home. I have adapted CHHSM's acknowledgement for our use. You may recognize as part of the opening of the Christmas Day worship service.

We acknowledge that we reside on the traditional homeland of the Lenape (Delaware), Shawnee, Wyandot, Miami, Ottawa, Potawatomi, and other Great Lakes tribes (Chippewa, Kickapoo, Wea, Pinakahsw, and Kaskaskia) who stewarded this land for generations, who lost their fight to protect their land at Fallen Timber, who were forced to cede their land that would become the state of Ohio in the Greenville Treaty of 1795, and who were forcibly relocated by the Federal government to the Western Territory along the Trail of Death following the passage of the Relocation Act of 1830. We joyfully acknowledge the thousands of Native Americans who now call Northeast Ohio home.

Many years ago, I was called to serve two parishes in North Dakota, the church in Parshall, ND, and the churches of Three Tribes Ft Berthold UCC. The reservation was the home of the Hidatsa, Arikara, and Mandan tribes who were settled on land boarded on both sides by the Missouri River.

While I was there, the ND UCC Conference celebrated a century of ministry during its annual conference. I was tasked to prepare a review of the ministry for the conference. As I studied the history of the mission, I became reluctant to prepare an honest recollection of that ministry. It was initiated by Congregational churches in New York and was paternalistic in character, bent on preaching Christianity at the expense of the native religion. Native children were forced to leave the reservation to attend the Bismarck Indian School where they were required to speak English and to forget their own language. The mission, still active while I was there, gathered used clothing in NY and distributed them among the residents of Ft. Berthold. One native bitterly said, "you give us your castoff clothing and expect us to be thankful."

In 1956 the Army Corps of Engineers completed the construction of Garrison Dam as a flood control and an hydroelectric power generation project. The dam created Lake Sakakawea, which destroyed the low lands along the river and divided Ft. Berthold into two separate communities. The lowlands had been the native hunting grounds and the farmland for their crops. The Three Tribes lost several villages and a ferry that once crossed the river. The loss of the bottom lands destroyed the native culture.

The UCC pastor in a neighboring town, had undertaken a project to build a new church on the

reservation. It was a mission project, similar to Back Bay Mission, and for a couple of summers people from the Midwest traveled to Ft Berthold to help with the construction. The Board for Homeland Ministries provided financial assistance to establish a pottery. First, the natives had to be taught (reminded) how to make pottery and then they had to learn the skill of going to work. Rather than requiring the employees to adhere to a daily schedule, they were paid for each piece they produced. Some fell into a daily routine; others would be absent for several days and then work long hours for several days. The project eventually failed for lack of a marketing strategy.

One of the goals of the Ft Berthold UCC was to find a minister from among their community. One of the board members was a native woman who was also an employee of the County Extension program who was quietly promoting the elevation of a former tribal chief who felt called to the ministry. The conference required clergy to be adequately schooled in a seminary, a three-year program after some higher education. After a brief time at a bible school, the former chief returned to Ft Berthold as a pastor.

I close with this story. While researching for the centennial celebration of the Ft Berthold Mission, I stumbled on a note in the ND state archives. In the handwriting of a US Army officer I read, "The only good Indian, is a dead Indian." I learned that it was an oft repeated sentiment among the soldiers of the US Army.

We can begin our ministry to the Native Americans by remembering and acknowledging their presence in our midst.

*Rev. Dr. John Rinehart*



# STARTING THE NEW YEAR

## with a word from our Moderator. . .

Sometimes God reminds us that that we humans are not in charge. A week ago, Council's agenda was full. We would accept a nominating committee report for a slate of Council members and officers for 2023. We would talk about personnel issues; we would discuss the progress of the budget committee in light of our completed stewardship campaign. We would celebrate 2022 and proceed confidently with our plans for 2023.

Sometimes God reminds us that we humans are not in charge. A week ago, your moderator had planned to attend three meetings of church committees. A Christmas Eve service and a Christmas Day service were planned to the fine details, as well as a New Years' Day service. Committees were falling into place and people were back for in-person worship! Things were looking good. We celebrated our hard work and progress.

Sometimes God reminds us that we humans are not in charge. Last week, the weather changed. We began to change our plans – Christmas Day would be taped ahead of time. Then, in an instant, my future changed from active participation to surgery on a broken ankle and probably months before I can place weight on my left foot. Non-active status! On Christmas Eve, we discovered that the sanctuary temperature was 41 degrees. The worship was transferred to Thomas Hall.

Sometimes God reminds us that we humans are not in charge. Actually, that is GOOD news. Our scripture tells us that we live by the Gospel, which means “Good tidings.” So, we will continue to plan and dream, but I am stepping back and submitting my future and our church's future to the timeline that God has for us. I am listening. I am praying. I am letting God be God, trusting in God to lead us. I am so grateful for the committees, staff, and volunteers that are doing the same.

Therefore, we will have a proposed budget. We will have new leaders for 2023. We will gather for an annual meeting. We will have Christian Education for adults as well as children, and youth will gather again. The community will be invited to learn and grow in a Lenten Study series about inclusion and justice within our racial diversity. (You will hear more about this very soon.) While we humans of Dover Church continue to plan and develop according to our own fallible human wisdom, God will continue to guide us according to God's will for us and in God's own time. For now, as for always, we live by faith.

In this New Year, let us trust one another, love the world, commit to practicing justice, and humbly listen to that “still, small voice” that somehow permeates all the noise around us.

With love and gratitude,  
In Christ,

Sharrie





## SLEEP APNEA AND CPAP

People with sleep apnea may not realize they have the condition because so many symptoms occur during slumber. However, your partner may hear you snoring or gasping for air during your sleep cycle. You may also notice tiredness, morning headaches, insomnia, dry mouth or irritability. If you experience any of these symptoms, schedule a consultation with your healthcare provider as they can help determine if a CPAP machine is right for you.

CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) is a machine that uses mild air pressure to keep breathing airways open while you sleep. Your healthcare provider may prescribe CPAP to treat sleep-related breathing disorders including sleep apnea and also may treat preterm infants who have underdeveloped lungs.

You should use your CPAP machine every time you sleep at home, while traveling, and during naps. Getting used to using your CPAP machine can take time and requires patience. Your healthcare provider will work with you to find the most comfortable mask, teach you how to use the humidifier chamber in your machine and how to adjust your pressure settings. You may also need to try a different machines to get the best fit and pressure for you.



For the treatment to continue to work, it is important that you clean your mask and tube every day and refill your medical device prescription at the right time to replace the mask and tube.

### What are the benefits of CPAP?

You may notice immediate improvements after starting CPAP treatment, such as better sleep quality, reduction or elimination of snoring, and less daytime sleepiness. Equally important are the long-term benefits of CPAP, which include: helping to prevent or control high blood pressure, lowering your risk for stroke and improving memory and other cognitive functions.

### What are the possible side effects of CPAP?

Side effects of CPAP treatment may include congestion, runny nose, dry mouth, or nosebleeds. Some masks can cause irritation. Your healthcare provider can help you find ways to relieve these symptoms and adjust to using your CPAP machine. If you experience stomach discomfort or bloating, you should stop using your CPAP machine and call your healthcare provider right away.

### Are there different types of CPAP machines?

A CPAP machine is just one type of PAP (positive airway pressure) device. While CPAP is the most common among these machines, there are other types as well. These include: Bi-level PAP, Auto CPAP and Adaptive Servo-Ventilation (ASV).



### What are the different types of CPAP masks?

There are a few different types of masks available. The kind that's best for you depends on your comfort level, breathing habits and the type of sleep apnea you have. CPAP mask types include:

- **Nasal mask.** This option covers your nose. A nasal mask is often recommended for people who move around a lot when they sleep.

- **Nasal pillow mask.** Rather than covering your entire nose, a nasal pillow mask only covers your nostril area. Some options also have prongs that fit into your nostrils. People who wear nasal pillow masks can wear their glasses comfortably.

- **Full mask.** This triangular mask fits over your nose and mouth. A full mask is best for people who breathe through their mouth during sleep or if you suffer from a nasal blockage.



### How does a CPAP machine work?

A CPAP machine takes in room air, then filters and pressurizes it before delivering it through a tube and into your mask. The continuous flow of air gently keeps your tongue, uvula and soft palate from shifting too far into your airway. This stabilizes your breathing and improves your overall sleep quality.

### How should I clean my CPAP machine?

Keeping your CPAP machine clean helps you avoid bacteria and mold exposure. For optimal hygiene, you should clean your tubing, mask and water chamber daily. If this isn't possible, make an effort to clean your CPAP machine at least once a week. **You should always follow the manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning your CPAP machine.**

CPAP machines are one of the leading treatments for sleep apnea. Left untreated, sleep apnea can have a negative impact on your health and quality of life. Talk to your doctor if you think it may be right for you!

*(Information taken from [www.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov))*

***“Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone.” — Anthony Burgess***

Wishing you a healthy and happy 2023! ~ Julie Kiefer, RN

## Sleep Apnea Health Problems





Thanks to so many of you for your energetic and giving spirit. The Calling and Caring Committee is pleasantly overwhelmed with all beautiful prayer shawls! We have more than enough now for a few months and will again “sound a call” when our supply is low. When you are finished with the ones you have started please give them to Nancy Mayer or Mary Mann. You are truly a giving congregation.

Thank you to all who assisted Calling & Caring with the delivery of our Christmas tins. We truly appreciate your help with connecting with those who are homebound. Knowing their Dover Church Family remembers them is “being the church.”



I feel very blessed that our congregation is so amazingly generous!! Any time there is a need, members step forward to fill it and the cookie walk was no exception. Thank you to all the bakers who made all the delicious treats and thank you also to all who bought them. We raised \$750 to go toward the Back Bay Mission trip.

**THANKS**  
*so very much*

On Sunday, January 22nd coffee hour will be a time for those who have gone above and beyond in the past to show their appreciation and a time to ask any questions you have about going forward this year. We'd love it if more people would come to share this amazing experience. So bring your thoughts and questions and enjoy some beignets.

~MARTHA VIVONA

### GREY SHEPHERDS



We want to thank the congregation and especially Maratha Vivona and Dody Chadwick, for making possible our retired ministers and spouses Christmas party on Thursday, December 8. We met at noon in the dining hall for a delicious Christmas chicken pasta lunch prepared by Martha, along with a salad and fresh Italian bread (complete with garlic butter!). Later the thirteen of us enjoyed a discussion which was so animated that we didn't have time for Christmas carols and a Christmas story from the wisdom of Tom French. To-b-continued at our January 12th meeting!

We call ourselves the Grey Shepherds, with Don Nichols, convenor. Currently there are seventeen couples and five singles in the group, meeting once a month at the church for a sack lunch. Illness kept a number of us away from our traditional Christmas party. The group has been inexistence for at least 30 years. Again, thanks to Dover Congregational UCC for welcoming us for our monthly meetings.



# What's Up?



Calling & Caring welcomes your participation in the many aspects of our ministry. If you could be a driver for someone needing a ride to an appointment, make phone calls or write a note to shut-ins, prepare a meal, knit/crochet a prayer shawl, serve at memorial receptions, send cards, or contribute in another way, please contact Eileen Schultz 440 455 9390 or Leita Spencer 440 961 0244 or any other member of the committee.

You do not need to attend our monthly meetings, but you are always welcome. We meet in the church parlor the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 P.M. Our ministry connects, assists and offers hope to those going through a stressful time.

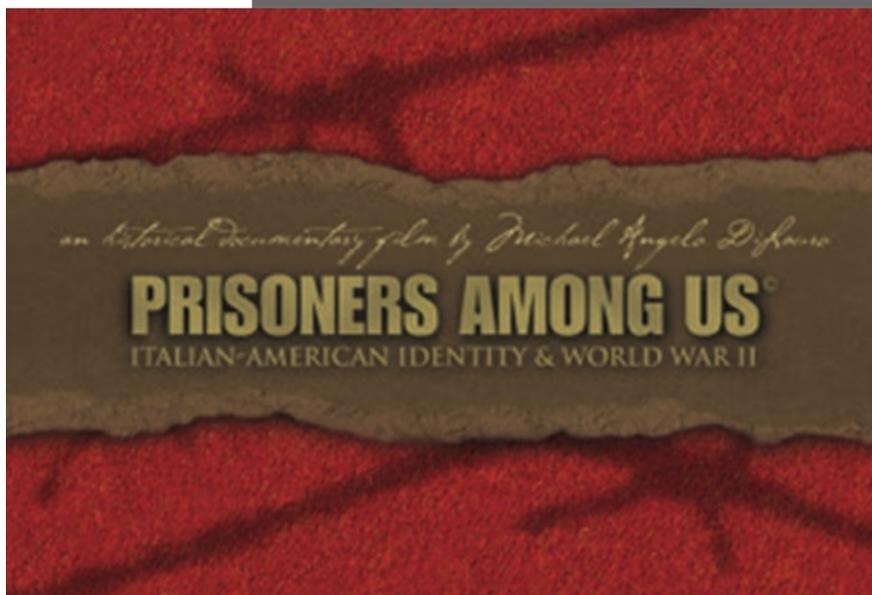


It won't be long now. . .and we will be on our way to Biloxi for our 2023 Bay Bay Mission trip! Fundraising continues, now all we need is. . .YOU! If you would like more information about our mission trip, contact Martha Vivona.

## Back Bay's Mission:

“Back Bay Mission has a simple mission: to strengthen neighborhoods, seek justice, and transform lives. We **strengthen neighborhoods** through ministries like our education and empowerment programs and our housing rehabilitation program. These vital ministries help the people we serve be a part of, and build, their communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. As volunteers take what they learn at Back Bay Mission home with them, they have the opportunity to strengthen their own neighborhoods. We **seek justice** by helping the people we serve become more involved in their communities, educating people about the realities of poverty, and advocating on behalf of marginalized people in our community. All of our programs **transform lives**. Whether we're helping a homeowner keep their home, mentoring a single mother as she plans her path out of poverty, or working with an intern who is thinking about a career in social work, we're making the lives of the people we serve better.”

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Our own, Six-time Emmy Award winning producer, Michael Angelo DiLauro will screen his celebrated documentary, *Prisoners Among Us: Italian American Identity and WWII*

*Prisoners Among Us* chronicles the assimilation of Italians into American culture from early 19<sup>th</sup> century immigration through World War II. In particular, the film sheds light on our country's "enemy alien" policies at the start of that conflict and the impact of these legislative acts upon unwitting families. Personal and collective experiences from this period have had a profound effect on Italian-American identity.

The outbreak of world conflict in Europe changed an already tenuous landscape. Conflicted loyalties strained natural family ties, and paranoia ran the gamut from street-side prejudice to formal declarations of war upon non-citizen Italians. Through interviews, historical detail, photographs, archival footage, music and literature, the film's frank historical analysis reveals the spirit of a proud people who ultimately emerge victorious.

Acclaimed actor, Tony Lo Bianco, spokesperson for Order of Sons of Italy in America, narrates along with commentary by Tom Brokaw of NBC News and Mary Ann Esposito, host of "Ciao Italia."

**Grand Jury Prize** for Best Documentary - New York International Film Festival.

**Best Documentary** - Montreal Film Festival. Emmy Awards - Directing and Musical Score

**Sunday - January 29 - 5:30 PM - Thomas Hall**

Q&A following the screening

Pizza will be served.

# CHRISTMAS IS OVER. . .OR, IS IT?

Santa Claus has come and gone. . .the cookies and candy are slowly disappearing. . .and yet, the spirit of the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ lives on in our hearts.

Jenny Larcey, a member of Dover and a first grade teacher in the Westlake school district (and the daughter of Eileen Schultz!) gave her students an assignment to write about their family traditions during the Christmas season. These were published in the December 20th edition of *The Observer*. If you missed, here are a few for you to enjoy!

Do you want to learn about Christmas traditions? My favorite tradition is decorating the tree! The day after Thanksgiving we love decorating the tree. Do you want to know why it is so fun? We spend it with our FAMILY! Every year we take turns putting the star on the top. We listen to Christmas music when we decorate. When the tree is all decorated we turn off the lights in the house and turn on the Christmas tree lights ...WOW!

- Josie



Have you ever tried spaghetti before? My family has a special recipe. You should try it! My family and I eat spaghetti every Thursday. Sometimes I put vegetables in my spaghetti. Sometimes I put in meatballs. Then we go to my aunt and uncle's house and my cousins and I play a game we made up called, "Families." We take turns being the mom, sister and baby. Thursdays are the best days in my family!

-Nuha

Do you exchange white elephant gifts? We do this is on Christmas. I do it with my aunts, uncles and cousins. Everyone gets a silly gift and we play a game to exchange presents. It is so special because it is always so much fun to see the gifts.

- Colin



Have you ever celebrated Diwali? Diwali is the festival of lights. It is at the end of October or beginning of November based on the Hindu calendar. We light firecrackers. We make a rangoli. A rangoli is a sand design that we make on Diwali. We pray to God. And then we listen to some Indian sing along music. Diwali is a fun time to celebrate our family and friends and pray for their health and happiness!

- Avni

Have you ever heard about Hanukkah? Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday. Hanukkah comes in November or December at sundown. Hanukkah has eight nights. We eat potato pancakes called latkes. We light a candle called the menorah every night. We give presents to our family! Hanukkah is a joyful holiday.

- Andrew



Do you know about Chinese New Year? Chinese New Year falls in January or February every year. There is food and red envelopes with money and cleaning and decorating. The decorating is probably with Chinese decorations. It is mostly about sharing. And in busy streets in China there are Chinese New Year festivals. Xīnnián hǎo (新年好) or New Year Goodness to you and your family!

- Aaron



If you would like to read more of these delightful and inspiring "stories," pick up a copy at The Hub.

# JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

**“IN WORSHIP, GOD  
CAPTURES YOUR HEART;  
WHEN HE’S GOT IT, THEN  
THE REAL WORK BEGINS.”**

**~MATT REDMAN**

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--our website has a link to the service. Go to [doverucc.org](http://doverucc.org) and click on the “Watch Now” button. Recorded services will be available on our web page, [doverucc.org](http://doverucc.org), under the ‘Sermons’ tab on Monday mornings.

Our Minister of Justice, the Rev. Dr. John Rinehart, shares his thoughts on justice, diversity and equality every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM live on Facebook, or you may watch the recording at a later date.

There are five Sundays, and we hope you will join us as we are led by some folks we know already and some new pastors. Here is the schedule:

**January 1** Rev. Dr. Donald Nichols will lead worship and communion. “Dr. Don” has been a minister for 66 years. He graduated from Olivet College in Olivet, MI, and earned his B.Div. degree from Oberlin College. He received his M. Div. from Ashland University in Pastoral Psychology and Counseling and a D.Min. from Drew University. He has served churches in Michigan, Ohio, and Massachusetts and was a Chaplain at St. Elizabeth’s Federal Mental hospital in Washington, D.C. We now know Don as a member of Dover Church and the husband of our moderator.

**January 8** Judy MacKeigan will offer a monologue called, “The Innocents” based upon the story Matthew 2: 1-12. We all know about Judy’s talent and experience in theater work. After the service, we will be entertained by a trio of female vocalists, including Judy.

**January 15 & 22** Rev. Dr. Gary A. Halstead will lead us for two Sundays. Gary has a degree from Syracuse University in Music performance and psychology. He received his M.Div. at Andover-Newton Theological School, and a PhD in theology and human sciences from Chicago Theological Seminary. He is a Clinical Fellow with the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, is certified as an Advanced Clinician with the Institute for Imago Relationship Therapy and is certified Spiritual Director. Gary served as a conference minister for Outdoor and Retreat ministries and Youth and Youth Adult ministries in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the UCC. He directed Outdoor and Retreat ministries in the Western Reserve also. In over 42 years of ordained ministry, he has served UCC congregations in Olmsted Falls, LaGrange, IL, inner city Chicago, Oak Park, IL, Boyertown, PA and Oley, PA. Gary is now retired since 2019 but is still active! He currently teaches classes with ILR (Independent Learning in Retirement) and works with our Living Water Association helping smaller congregations consider their futures and their legacy as they proactively consider their next steps.

**January 29** Rev. Jim Cunningham, whom many of you know from years past as a Chaplain and a member of our congregation for several years, will be leading worship. Jim is a retired UCC pastor with his background primarily in healthcare services; he served as director of pastoral care at Fairview Hospital from 1989 to 1999. Jim earned his B.A. in psychology from Heidelberg University, and his M.Div. from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, PA.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

***“THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN FOR GOD IS THE MOST IMPORTANT BUSINESS DONE ON EARTH.”***

*~R.L. DABNEY*

Well, Christmas has come and gone. . . Santa Claus made his annual trip. . . Christmas cookies were made and eaten, and eaten, and eaten. . . But is REALLY over? This is a question our children will be answering in Sunday school during the month of January. What REALLY happened after Jesus was born?

Our class schedule for the month is as follows:

Sunday, January 1

Communion Sunday and Jesus' birthday party

While we normally don't have Sunday school the first Sunday of the month, we will this month! We will celebrate the birth of Christ and talk about what it means to each of us. And we might have a little fun along the way as we play a few games that go along with the story.

Sunday, January 8

Epiphany

The children will hear about the wisemen's journey to Bethlehem. You did know it took 12 days, didn't you? No? Join us in Sunday school to hear the story!

Sunday, January 15

The Mystery of Christmas

The children will hear the story of the days following Jesus' birth and learn about the parts Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Simeon played in his birth.

Sunday, January 22

Mary, Joseph and Jesus Flee

This week the children will be hearing about Mary and Joseph taking the newborn babe and fleeing to Egypt. Why did they leave? What happened?

Sunday, January 29

Parable of the Good Shepherd

The children have heard this story before. . .it bears repeating. . .again and again and again. God sent us his son out of God's love for us. . .we can't hear this enough.

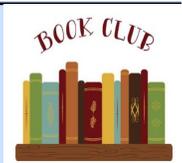
Parents/siblings are invited to join us at any time--perhaps you might want to help one Sunday with a craft, or activity. Or you might have a craft you can suggest--we appreciate your suggestions! If you have any questions about our program, please email Jane Coil at [jcoil@doverucc.org](mailto:jcoil@doverucc.org); or call the church office--440-871-1050.

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



**“I GUESS THERE ARE NEVER ENOUGH BOOKS.”**

~JOHN STEINBECK



## MONDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

***See No Stranger***

by Valarie Kaur

Monday, January 9, 1:30 PM

Parlor

“How do we love in a time of rage? How do we fix a broken world while not breaking ourselves? Valarie Kaur—renowned Sikh activist, filmmaker, and civil rights lawyer—describes revolutionary love as the call of our time, a radical, joyful practice that extends in three directions: to others, to our opponents, and to ourselves. It enjoins us to see no stranger but instead look at others and say: You are part of me I do not yet know. Starting from that place of wonder, the world begins to change. It is a practice that can transform a relationship, a community, a culture, even a nation.”



## EVENING BOOK GROUP

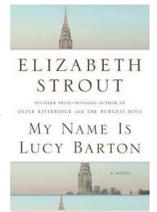
***My Name is Lucy Barton***

by Elizabeth Strout

Monday, January 16, 6:45 PM

Martha Vivona's house

“Lucy Barton is recovering slowly from what should have been a simple operation. Her mother, to whom she hasn't spoken for many years, comes to see her. Her unexpected visit forces Lucy to confront the tension and longing that have informed every aspect of her life: her impoverished childhood in Illinois, her escape to New York and her desire to become a writer, her faltering marriage, her love for her two daughters. Knitting this powerful story together is the brilliant storytelling voice of Lucy herself: keenly observant, deeply human, and truly unforgettable.”

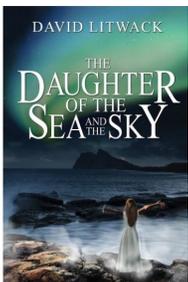


## “CHECK OUT” THESE NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY

**The weather outside may be frightful. . .grab a book and stay inside!**

**The Guncle** by Steven Rowley

“Patrick, the hero of this effervescent, utterly charming, and affecting novel, is the dearest friend you haven't met yet.” Speaking personally, you'll laugh out loud. . .and you'll shed some tears.

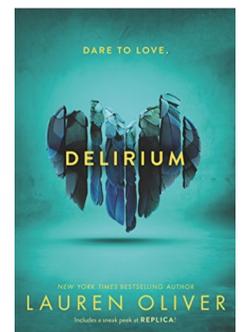


**The Daughter of the Sea and the Sky** by David Litwack

“A thought-provoking look at the line between faith and fantasy, fanatics and followers, and religion and reason.”

**Delirium** by Lauren Oliver

“The first book in Lauren Oliver's *New York Times* bestselling trilogy about forbidden love, revolution, and the power to choose.



# 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

**Our new website is here! DOVERUCC.ORG** With a new, easier link for making online donations--one-time, recurring or to special funds, you can make online donations--a one-time donation or recurring donations; you can designate how you want your donation directed--General Fund (pledge donations), special fund (Calling & Caring, Music, etc.). You can even make a notation in the "Note" field if you are leaving a memorial--who the donation is in memory of. OR -- you can install our new app from the link below onto your mobile device, and have the same capability. Call the church office if you would like Jane Coil to send it to you.

<https://tithely.app.link/dover-ucc>

## HOSPITAL/HOME VISITS

Please notify the church office at 440-871-1050 if you are admitted to the hospital so a phone call from our parish nurse Julie or a member of the Calling & Caring committee can be arranged. In many cases, we are not allowed person to person visits at this time.

When you are recovering, Julie and members of the Calling & Caring committee 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.



Please notify the church office if you have a change of address, telephone number(s) or a new email address.

A church directory is emailed quarterly to congregation members, and we would like to have the correct information for you!

## MORE INFORMATION



Please call the office, or email [doverucc@doverucc.org](mailto: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 February edition is:

**Wednesday, January 18th.**

(Okay, we'll try for February--new look for our newsletter!)

### HAVE A CONCERN OR QUESTION FOR CHURCH COUNCIL?

#### MEET YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Moderator - Sharon Nichols  
Vice Moderator -  
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:  
John Rinehart  
Martha Vivona, Jane Coil



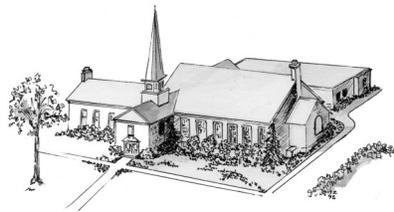
# Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened

*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:

Marge Albrecht, Don Armour, Art Beel, Marie Black, John Brickley, Colleen Chittick, Mark Chomoa (Rae-Rita Chomoa's son), Barb & Bob Cochrane, Aida Colon, Melanie Deese (friend of Lois McCreight) David Edsall, Karl Fife, Tom Fox, Rob & Jennifer Gaskins (friends of Bonnie & Parker Reynolds), Mary Lou Gerdel, Paul Horning, Walter & Angie Kalix, Kathy King, Dave & Bobbi Knoepp, Jim & Kaye Mesaros, Cathy Montgomery, Sharrie Nichols, Paul Schuenemann, David Spencer (Leita Spencer's son), Donna Terepka, Robin Thomas, Sunny Thompson, Family of Mario Volchko (Noreen Thompson's mother), Michael (David Wakelee's mother's husband), Sharon Weaver, Theresa Zupancic (Georgann Yonkers' sister).

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