



The Presbyterian Church of Dover

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Weekly Newsletter + April 18, 2024

Sabbatical Worship and Pastoral Care

During Pastor Mark's upcoming sabbatical from April 10-May 8, the following plans are in place for worship: On **Sunday, April 14**, Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, Connectional Presbyter for New Castle Presbytery will preach. On **Sunday, April 21**, Rev. Dr. Len Hedges-Goettl will preach. On **Sunday, April 28**, Elder Julia Wheeler-Dean will preach. On **Sunday, May 5**, Rev. Chelsea Spyles will preach and celebrate Communion.

General pastoral care needs will be handled by the deacons. Please contact Moderator Pat Chapman for more information (502-235-5793, ptrish2L@aol.com).

Emergency pastoral care needs, including hospitalizations, will be handled by a team of elders and pastors. If you have an urgent need, please contact Karen in the church office (302-734-3313, predvr@verizon.net) or Elder Julia Wheeler-Dean (862-266-6175, juliadean59@gmail.com).

Additionally, Elder Julia Wheeler-Dean will serve as temporary Head of Staff.

Rev. Dr. Len Hedges-Goettl

April 21 Guest Preacher

Len Hedges-Goettl is a retired Presbyterian Minister and retired doctor of clinical psychology. He lives in Rehoboth Beach with his wife Barbara who is also a minister serving the Makemie church in Snow Hill Md. In addition to doing pulpit supply, Len works with Presbytery on COMC, Vital Congregations Planning and provides boundaries training for the Presbytery. He also serves as consultant to Churches that experience difficult events and provides pastoral care for pastors as requested. Len and Barb have four grown children and four grandsons. Len enjoys acting, music and comedy!

Catch the Bloodmobile and Donate Blood

Blood Bank of Delmarva has partnered with the Central Delaware Interfaith Alliance to provide a bloodmobile. The Blood Bank mobile will be at Wyoming United Methodist Church on **April 30**, from 8 AM - 1 PM. Please refer to the website (<https://bbd.org>) regarding eligibility questions.

Kent Chamber Choir's Spring Concert *by Marjorie Ramsey*

Join the Kent Chamber Choir for our spring concert at The Presbyterian Church of Dover tomorrow, **April 19**, at 7PM. Featuring works by Johannes Brahms, Daniel Elder, Elaine Hagenberg, and W. A. Mozart. The pieces offer a journey through composers of different generations and are stunning to listen to, touching on themes of love, reverence, prayer, and reassurance. Directed by KCC Artistic Director, Rocky Tejada. Tickets available at the door or on kentchamberchoir.org. \$15 for adults; \$5 for students (w/ college ID if applicable). Children 12 and under, free.

Capital Ringers Presents "Springtime in Paris"

Capital Ringers owns the largest set of bells and hand chimes on Delmarva. They will be taking us to France with classical and music for everyone's enjoyment. The concert will be held Sunday, **April 21**, 4 PM at The Presbyterian Church of Dover. Tickets are \$20 for anyone 18 and over, and can be purchased at the door or on line @ <https://capitalringers.ticketleap.com/springtime-in-paris---presbyterian-church-of-dover/>

Delaware Choral Society

The Delaware Choral Society returns to the Schwartz Center for the Arts with "A Tapestry of American Composers." The concert will be held Sunday, **April 21**, at 4 PM under the direction of Rocky F. Tejada and will feature music by American composers such as Aaron Copeland, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Gwyneth Walker, and Randall Thompson.

Tickets for the concert may be purchased in advance from any DCS member or at the door on the day of the concert. Tickets may also be purchased online at the Delaware Choral Society Facebook page, or on the DCS website, www.DelawareChoralSociety.org. Cost is \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door (discounted rates available for students and groups of 10 or more).

Administration Committee Updates *by Karin Faulhaber*

- The Committee approved the conditions of the offer for Michelle Taylor as Music Director.
- We have collected \$1,017 towards our \$4,560 Per Capita expense.
- Additional ways to give have been added to the "Donate" section of our website including Per Capita, Memorial Fund, Christmas Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing, Flowers and Peacemaking to facilitate online giving.
- Initial Offering, Flowers and Peacemaking to facilitate online giving.

Upcoming Celebrations for May!



We celebrate the following May birthdays!

May 04 Bill Kroen

May 07 Donna Cruser

May 09 Lynn Linscott

May 10 Tom Hall

May 10 Mary Herrera

May 10 Susan Vowels

May 17 Mark Douyard

May 18 Ashley Mbah

May 20 Hannah Morgan

May 20 Tom Mehl

May 21 Betty May Hamilton

May 24 Evie Schlauch

May 29 Gil Neild

May 30 Laurie Cummins

May 31 Barb Sherman

We celebrate the following May anniversaries!

May 09 Betsy & Gary Patterson

May 11 Gil & Carol Neild

May 28 David & Lynn Linscott



PEACEFUL
NEIGHBOR

DISCOVERING THE
COUNTERCULTURAL
MISTER ROGERS

MICHAEL G. LONG

Book Discussion

Wednesdays,
May 22 & 29, 6 PM

Books
available in
the church
office for \$17

Save the Date!

Adult Bible School: Prayer 101

July 15-18, 2024, 9:30 AM - 1 PM

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Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

| Sunday | Monday | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Friday | Sat. |
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| April 21 Pastor Mark's Sabbatical April 10-May 8 Worship with Rev. Dr. Len Hedges- Goettl 11 AM Capital Ringers "Springtime in Paris" Concert 4 PM (sanctuary) with Reception to follow (social hall) | April 22 Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room) KCC Gathering 6:30 PM (sanctuary) | April 23 | April 24 | April 25 NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room) | April 26 | April 27 |
| April 28 Pastor Mark's Sabbatical April 10-May 8 Worship with Julia Wheeler-Dean 11 AM | April 29 Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room) | April 30 | May 1 | May 2 NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room) | May 3 | May 4 |

Prayer Requests

Please submit requests to the church office by *Tuesdays at 2 PM*. Please email so we can keep track of prayers.

- Family members in the service at home and abroad, the homeless, those suffering from COVID-19 and variants, those adversely affected by natural and unnatural disasters, those in the hospital and/or Hospice care, those dealing with life-threatening issues.
- Those with health concerns, specifically Brendan Ward (Addy Babus' grandson), Terry Bone (Marsha Wycoff's brother), Harriet DiChiara, Ellen Estus, Naomi Adom, Beverly Bishop (Pat Franze's friend), Pat Franze's granddaughter, Emma, Evie Schlauch, Martha Eisenberger, Barbara Trent, Jeffrey Sytsma-Sherman, and Beverly Sisson (Laurie Cummins' friend).
- The citizens of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and others who are impacted by wars and violence around the world.
- The families of those killed and injured in mass shootings in our country and all those who live with physical, emotional, mental, and financial repercussions related to mass shootings.
- The homebound members and friends of the church, specifically, Kathleen Boone, Claire Bradley, Marianne Leavitt, Charlie Lohrmann, Betty Maine, Charlotte Massey, Sandy & Hank Rhodes, and Eva Ritter.
- Family & friends of the recently deceased, specifically Vincent Pietracatella (Anthony's cousin).