



The Presbyterian Church of Dover

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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 28**, Elder Julia Wheeler-Dean will preach. On **Sunday, May 5**, Rev. Chelsea Spyres 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.

Thank You To My Church Family *by Kathy Gazze & Family*

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers during these sorrow filled times since Ed's passing. Your words have comforted us through your many cards and your support and love has strengthened me for the days ahead.

The Celebration of Life service was so moving and truly honored Ed and sustained me to carry on with God's help.

A special thanks to the many who provided a beautiful reception as well.

Delaware Pride

The Presbyterian Church of Dover will once again be at Delaware Pride on Saturday, June 1. If you are interested in representing our church any time between 10AM and 5PM on June 1, please contact Hannah Morgan at 757-871-9204 or hannah.e.morgan@outlook.com. If you would like to donate colorful, non-melting candy to be distributed at Pride, please drop it off at the church office between 8:30AM and 1PM, Monday through Thursday.

Welcome New Members



From left to right: Donna Blakey, Molly Goss, Mary Jane Barto, Evanelle Geldof, Charles Morgan, and Jan & Mike Stewart

New Member: Donna Blakey



Donna Blakey is a Delaware native who graduated from Caesar Rodney High, Delaware State University with a bachelor's in Psychology and Education, from Wilmington College with a masters, and earned her doctorate in Educational Leadership also from DSU. She was a training administrator for Children and Family Services for the state of Delaware for over 15 years and retired as an Adjunct professor at Delaware State University for 20 years. Now retired, she's a grandmother of two and mother of three. She enjoys being an artist and she has worked in Milford and also at the Briggs Museum.

New Member: Molly Goss



Molly Goss is a retired educator who worked in the Smyrna School District and a former business owner having owned, with her husband, a video store for ten years. Molly is a long-time Smyrna resident and began attending our services recently. She and Betsy Grey have known each other for many years, beginning when their daughters were in Girl Scout. These days she enjoys taking time to read, garden, and sometimes does cross-stitch!



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.
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
May 5 Pastor Mark's Sabbatical April 10-May 8 Worship with Chelsea Spyres 11 AM	May 6 Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room) AA 7 PM (social hall)	May 7	May 8	May 9 NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room)	May 10	May 11

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, Barbara Trent, Jeffrey Sytsma-Sherman, Beverly Sisson (Laurie Cummins' friend), Bernie, Beverly, and Chris Case.
- 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.