



# The Presbyterian Church of Dover

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## Weekly Newsletter + May 9, 2024

### Welcome Michelle Taylor! Our New Director of Music & Organist

Michelle is an active pianist and piano pedagogue. After earning a bachelor's degree in Piano Pedagogy and a master's degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from Utah State University, she left the Rocky Mountains and moved to Delaware. In the last 10 years in Delaware, she has maintained a vibrant piano studio, worked for The Music School of Delaware as both an instructor and accompanist, and started Michelle's Music Academy. Throughout her musical career, she has worked with all ages to experience music and the piano in new and exciting ways. Her award-winning teaching is tuned to each student's personal learning style and skill set. As a teacher and a pianist, her skill is evident in the growth her students make in their personal musical journeys. They learn to love music and develop the skills necessary to play it well, earning top awards in music festivals.



Michelle's love of music is apparent in her teaching, performing, and musical accomplishments. She has studied the piano and accompanying for over twenty years, taught piano for over fifteen years, and has recently specialized in early childhood music education as a licensed Musikgarten teacher.

Throughout Michelle's life, she has filled a variety of music positions as a volunteer. She began regularly accompanying groups for hymns and providing special musical numbers at age 12. As a young adult, she began studying the organ and occasionally providing prelude, postlude, and hymn accompaniment for several years before it became a regular position. She led her congregation's children's choir for 7 to 10 years and loved her time doing so. She is looking forward to returning to many of these roles in joining The Presbyterian Church of Dover as their Director of Music.

## New Member: Mary Jane Barto



Mary Jane is originally from New Jersey (so she doesn't pump gas!). She and her husband are avid travelers and fondly recall the two 4-week long, 7000-mile trips they took to see the National Parks. At home, Mary Jane enjoys sewing, makes clothes, quilts, and even pocket- books! She's also a member of the Modern Maturity Center and has joined several of their line-dancing classes. She loves to perform with the line dancers when they go to nursing homes.

## Delaware Pride Slated for June 1

The Presbyterian Church of Dover will once again be at Delaware Pride, this year 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](mailto: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, or at Sunday Worship Services on May 12 – May 26.

## Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

We will be collecting the annual PW Birthday Offering on May 19 and 26. This year's recipients are Advocates for Community Choice Apartments and Recreation Area in Marthasville, Missouri and Shawnee Presbyterian Church Cafe Gingko in Louisville, Kentucky. Advocates for Community Choice serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing them with housing and a recreational area. The Shawnee Presbyterian Church provides food, fellowship and enriching activities for their economically disadvantaged area. Please consider giving to this mission project.

## A New Church Directory is Coming!

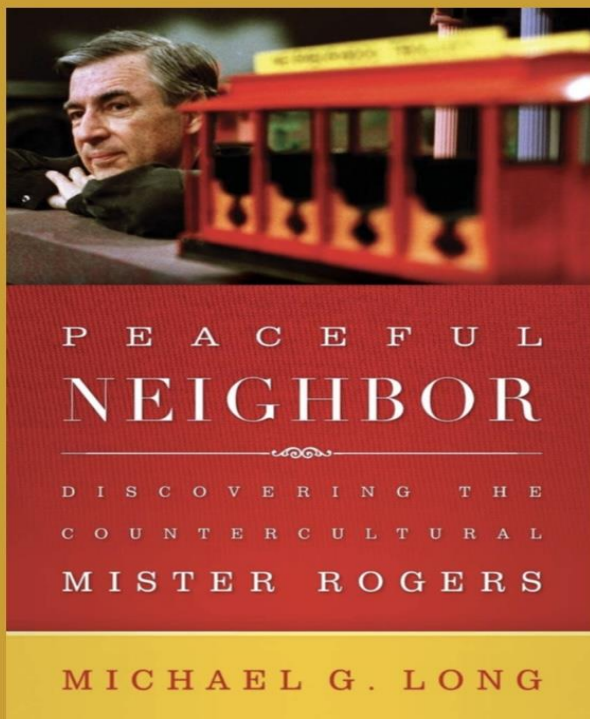
A new directory will be published in the Fall as there have been many changes in our church family since 2021. **SAVE THE DATE of Friday October 11** to have your picture taken. Each family who has a photo taken will receive a free directory. Yes, you can have another photo taken even if you had one the last time! Please also come if you missed our photo opportunity the last time. Bring your family and take a family photo. There is no obligation to purchase photos, although they do make a lovely gift. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date. Questions may be directed to Barb Bayers at [babayers@gmail.com](mailto:babayers@gmail.com) or via 203.260.4295.

# Christian Education Updates

**Children:** The children studied Psalms in April and are now studying David. Children's Bible study during Worship will continue through June 23 and then take a break for the summer. There will still be childcare in the nursery throughout the summer. Bible study will resume around the time that school starts back.

**Boy Scouts:** In June, Pastor Mark and volunteers from the CE committee will help a Boy Scout troop earn their "God and Me" badge. Our own PJ Louie is their leader.

**Adults:** Upcoming are a book study May 22 and 29 and Adult VBS starting July 15. The book study will be on *Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers*.



**Book Discussion**

**Wednesdays,**  
**May 22 & 29, 6 PM**

**Books**  
**available in**  
**the church**  
**office for \$17**

Zoom Link for Mister Rogers Book Discussion: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7379975605>

**Save the Date!**  
**Adult Bible School: Prayer 101**  
**July 15-18, 2024, 9:30 AM - 1 PM**  
**The Presbyterian Church of Dover**



# Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 12</b> Mother's Day Worship 11 AM Deacons Meeting 12 PM (alcove)	<b>May 13</b> Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room)	<b>May 14</b> Worship Committee 6 PM (Zoom)	<b>May 15</b> Property Committee 1 PM (alcove)	<b>May 16</b> NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Chancel Choir 6:30 PM (choir room) Del Rods 7 PM (library)	<b>May 17</b>	<b>May 18</b> 867 <sup>th</sup> Presbytery Assembly 10AM-3PM (First Presbyterian Church, Milford, DE)
<b>May 19</b> Day of Pentecost Worship 11 AM Fellowship 12:15 PM (social hall) Brent O'Neill Ordination 3 PM (Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wilmington)	<b>May 20</b> Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room) Special Admin. Mtg. with Presbytery Foundation 7 PM (library)	<b>May 21</b> Ruth Women's Circle 12:30 PM (library) Esther Women's Circle 7 PM (Zoom)	<b>May 22</b> Prayer Shawl 1 PM (library) Mister Rogers Book Study 6 PM (hybrid) Session 7 PM (hybrid)	<b>May 23</b> NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Chancel Choir 6:30 PM (choir room)	<b>May 24</b>	<b>May 25</b>

## Prayer Requests

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

- 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, Pat Franze's granddaughter Emma, Evie Schlauch, Beverly Sisson (Laurie Cummins' friend), Bernie, Beverly, Chris Case, Janice Keating (Bonnie Wiley's long-time friend), Bob Bennett & family (friends of the Pietracatella's), Dee Johnson, and Jim Hutchison & his fellow riders.
- 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 long-time member Nancy Murray.