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Faith & Politics Study and Conversation

Faith and Politics: A Conversation and Study for Being the Church in Divided Times, Wednesdays in October, starting Oct. 2, 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM. Join Pastor Mark as we consider how to witness to our faith and engage in culture and politics with integrity and compassion. The series will end with a congregational prayer service on Oct. 30 at 6:00 PM. **We will be using a book *How to Heal Our Divides: A Practical Guide*, compiled and edited by Brian Allain and Adam Thomas, 2021.**



Please note that there are two volumes in this series; please purchase the one with the red and blue cover. **Please sign up for the class by contacting Pastor Mark (revdrparsons@gmail.com) or Karen in the church office (predvr@verizon.net).**

CAUTION!

We are always UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Sept. 29: James 5:13-20 “The Prayer of Faith”

Now Is Your Chance!

by Evie Schlauch

Secure the preferred day and time for your Church Directory photo by making an appointment now! Photos will only be taken on Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12.

Sign up quickly online, Mondays through Saturdays, by visiting <http://ucdir.com> and clicking the box "photography appointment scheduling login" at the right side of the homepage. Enter our church code DE113, then enter the password "photos." Click the "Enter" button, then click the date you prefer. Click the "Reserve Time" button beside your chosen appointment time. For six or more in a photo, please reserve two consecutive time slots. Enter the appropriate information in all required fields, as indicated by an asterisk. Click the "Schedule Appointment" button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the time in your name. Print the next screen as a reminder of your appointment.

Prefer to sign up in person? Please stop at the Church Directory Photos table in the Social Hall after worship on Sunday, September 29, or Sunday, October 6.

Do not call the Church Office regarding a photo appointment. The Office Manager will not have access to any information regarding appointments. To cancel or change your appointment, please contact our Photo Directory Coordinator, Barb Bayers, at babayers@gmail.com or call her cell phone @ 203-260-4295.

Participants will receive a free 8"x10" photo by mail before Christmas and will also be entitled to a free printed Church Directory when it is published in 2025. Print directories contain not only individual and family photos but also photos of our staff and each of our church organizations, such as Session, Deacons, choirs, committees and activity groups.

Plan to arrive 15 minutes early for your photo session and expect to spend an hour.

YOUTH GATHERING **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 • AFTER CHURCH**

**!!! YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL:
COME FOR LUNCH, GAMES, AND CHAT !!!**

Dates to Remember

World Communion - October 6: Anyone wishing to bake bread to be displayed on the communion table please contact Nancy Parish @ 302-678-1223. These breads will be donated to the needy via People's Church.

All Saint's Day - November 1: We will have a display in the chancel area of photos of deceased loved ones. Please consider bringing in a 4x6 framed photo of your loved one no later than October 27. You can bring them on Sundays or to the Church Office during office hours.

Greening of the Church - December 13 & 14, 9:00AM – 12 Noon: We will be doing our annual Greening of the Church and need your help! No experience necessary! Live greens from your yard are needed and appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Parish @ 302-678-1223.

Christmas Eve Services: Two Worship Services will be held on Christmas Eve, a Family Service at 4 PM and a Candlelight Service at 9 PM.

Communion Bread: If you have a recipe for gluten-free bread or would be willing to provide communion bread anytime, please contact Nancy Parish @ 302-678-1223.

Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5
Worship w/Guest Preacher Heather Thomson 11 AM (social hall) Photo Directory Sign-up 12 PM (social hall)	Drying of the Sanctuary Floors Bells of Praise 6 PM (CR) KCC Rehearsals 7 PM (social hall)	Membership Committee 10 AM (library) Worship Committee 5:45 PM (Zoom) IMPJ Committee 7 PM (Zoom)	Faith & Politics Book Study 6 PM (library & Zoom) Chancel Choir 7:30 PM (CR)	Administration Committee 5 PM (Zoom) NA 6:15 PM (social hall)		

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Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 12
Worship 11 AM (sanctuary)	Karen's Vacation Day	Interfaith Luncheon 11:30 AM (off-site)	Prayer Shawl 1 PM (library)	Cemetery Committee 1 PM (alcove)	PCD Directory Photos 2 PM – 8:30 PM (assembly room)	PCD Directory Photos 9 AM – 3:30 PM (assembly room)
Photo Directory Sign-up 12 PM (social hall)	Church Office Closed	Committee on Leadership 4 PM (Middletown)	Faith & Politics Book Study 6 PM (library & Zoom)	NA 6:15 PM (social hall)		
	Bells of Praise 6 PM (CR)		Chancel Choir 7:30 PM (CR)			
	KCC Rehearsals 7 PM (sanctuary)					
	AA 7 PM (social hall)					

Prayer Requests

Please submit prayer requests, via *email*, to the church office by *Tuesdays at 2 PM* so we can keep track. Unless otherwise requested, prayer requests will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

- 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 Terry Bone (Marsha Wycoff's brother), Ellen Estus, Janice Keating (Bonnie Wiley's long-time friend), Pat Franze, Addy Babus, Brendan Ward (Addy Babus' grandson), Chris Case, the Park family, and Margaret Campbell and Tom Campbell (Mollie Goss' mother & brother).
- The citizens of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Armenia, 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.