



# The Presbyterian Church of Dover

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## Weekly Newsletter + January 9, 2025

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### Star Words for Epiphany and the New Year

On Sunday, January 5, we celebrated Epiphany by hearing again the words of Matthew 2:1-11, the story of the magi from the east following the star that led to the Christ child. It has become the practice in many churches to offer Star Words during that service. Star Words are guiding words that help us deepen our faith as we seek to follow Jesus and become more like him. Like the magi who followed the star, we are invited to use our Star Words as guiding lights for our journey in the new year. It is so often easy to miss seeing God when God is right here with us all the time. By focusing our prayers and intentions on Star Words, we intentionally turn our faces to Jesus and trust that God will be present as we cultivate and celebrate the word we've been given. If you weren't in worship on Sunday, January 5, fear not! We have a Star Word for you! Please reach out to Pastor Mark for your word and join the wondering and wandering word of seeing how God uses your Star Word to light the way this year.



**Are you wondering what to do with your Star Word? Plan now to join Pastor Mark on Wednesday, February 12, at 6 PM, in person and on Zoom, for conversation about our words and how we might use them throughout the year.**

### First & Central Presbyterian Church Invites You...

First & Central Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery's Immigrant Justice Committee invites you to a conversation with Mike Brickner, ACLU's Executive Director, on Sunday, January 12, at 1 PM, at First & Central Presbyterian Church, 11<sup>th</sup> & Market Street, Wilmington, DE. Discussion will include strategies to be proactive, how to stand in solidarity with and protect the rights of immigrants, the LGBTQ+ community, and other vulnerable, marginalized people, how to protect the reproductive rights of women, and how to push back against antisemitic and racist vitriol. If you plan to attend, please RSVP via email, [terrydykstra@gmail.com](mailto:terrydykstra@gmail.com).

### Celebrating Faithful Stewardship and Generosity

We've got great news! We have finished the fiscal year in the black! For the year 2024, our revenues exceeded operating expenses by \$8,500. We praise God for the generosity and faithful stewardship of our members and friends.

## 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 Ellen Estus, Addy Babus, Chris Case, Dawn (Addy Babus’ daughter), Pat Franze, Laurie Connolly (Pat Franze’s cousin), Terry Bone (Marsha Wycoff’s brother), and Brendan Ward (Addy Babus’ grandson).
- 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, Chuck Mater, Sandy & Hank Rhodes, and Eva Ritter.

## Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
<b>Jan. 12</b>	<b>Jan. 13</b>	<b>Jan. 14</b>	<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>Jan. 16</b>	<b>Jan. 17</b>	<b>Jan. 18</b>
Baptism of the Lord Sunday  Worship 11 AM (sanctuary)	Bell Choir 6 PM (CR)  KCC Rehearsal 7 PM (sanctuary)	Worship Committee 6 PM (Zoom)	Property Committee 1 PM (Alcove)  Chancel Choir 7:30 PM (CR)	NA Meeting 6:15 PM (SH)  Del Rods 7 PM (library)		
<b>Jan. 19</b>	<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>Jan. 21</b>	<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>Jan. 23</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>Jan. 25</b>
Worship 11 AM (sanctuary)  Deacon Meeting 12 PM (library)	Martin Luther King Jr. Day  Church Office Closed  Bell Choir 6 PM (CR)  KCC Rehearsal 7 PM (sanctuary)	Ruth Women’s Circle 12:30 PM (library)  Esther Women’s Circle 7 PM (Zoom)	Prayer Shawl 1 PM (library)  Chancel Choir 7:30 PM (CR)	Cemetery Committee 1 PM (alcove)  NA 6:15 PM (social hall)  Session Meeting 7 PM (Zoom)		Session Retreat 10 AM – 3 PM (off-site)