



News from Meeting House Hill

The Dover Church

"Building Christian Community"

April 13, 2011

To The Church in Dover,

May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ!

On April 3, we received two great gifts in worship. First, Michael and the choir performed a Mass by Haydn with two violinists and over 25 voices. Those of us who were there can tell you that this was a worship moment that we will always cherish in our memories - A full church.

The second gift was our offering of over \$1800. This money is going to the United Church of Christ's *One Great Hour of Sharing Disaster Relief Effort in Japan*, following the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster a month ago. If you would like to follow our gift and how our partners in Japan are using this money, you can go to the following link where you will find regular updates from our mission partners:

<http://www.ucc.org/disaster/japan-earthquake-2011/>

And now for the church's 250th anniversary coming up in 2012, on November 4, 2012 to be precise. 250 years ago on this Sunday, Benjamin Caryl began serving what was then the 4th Parish Church of Dedham. By now, all of you should have been invited to our Church Auction and Gala Dinner Event on April 30, 2011 – in just a few weeks!!! This event, put together by Kim Cone and her amazing team of volunteers, is the "Kick Off" of what will be nearly 18 months of celebrations. You will see a lot of activity at the church as renovations to our buildings are done during this time. We will also have church history newsletter installments, monthly "period worship" services, a group of people who are collecting memories, and another group of people who are working on the larger history piece.

I am starting to organize another series of **house gatherings** (remember when I first arrived and we had little parties in peoples' homes for me to meet all of you and hear your joys and concerns). This next series is going to be directed towards discerning what's next for our church. I want to hear your hopes and dreams for our church. I want to hear about what concerns touch your heart that our church could bring to the center of our congregational life and mission. If you would be interested in hosting such a gathering sometime in the next year, don't hesitate to let me know. In faith, hope, and love, **Max** - Your Pastor

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LOOKING AHEAD

April 17

Palm Sunday

"The Big Pile"

April 21

Maunder Thursday

April 22

Good Friday

April 23

Easter Vigil

April 24

Easter Sunday

Three Services:

6:00 am Sunrise at

Channing Pond

9:00 am Worship

11:00 am Worship



Mother's Day Cards @ Women's Lunch Place

I have been volunteering in the kitchen of the Women's Lunch Place for seven years now. The Women's Lunch Place provides a safe, comfortable daytime shelter, nutritious food, and services for women who are homeless or poor. They treat women with dignity and respect and foster a community committed to meeting each woman's needs.

As a fund raiser, the Lunch Place sends Mother's Day cards. For a donation to the Lunch Place they will send a card(s) to the person of your choosing in celebration of Mother's Day. This has been my gift to my mother on Mother's Day for seven years now. Through the years she has been most appreciative of my gift of a card to her but most particularly a gift to the homeless or poor women of Boston who are in need. These cards are truly a meaningful way to share your love.

To send a Mother's Day card log onto the Lunch Place's website: womenslunchplace.org

Ingrid



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Christian Education Director Rev. Ingrid Barrett

Sunday School



Sunday School this week will be "Kids in Mission". All children who attend church are invited to join in our Palm Sunday mission project which will be making Easter cards for the Dover Council on Aging. Carl Sheridan will be delivering our cards to Dover senior citizens when he makes his weekly visits in time for Easter Sunday. Children will leave for "Kids in Mission" after the first part of the service.

Ingrid

"The Big Pile"



This Sunday, April 17th Palm Sunday, all families are asked to bring to church the food items they have been collecting during Lent as they have

observed the Lenten spiritual disciplines of fasting and almsgiving.

If you have not been putting foods aside each week, please consider buying \$40 (\$1 for each of the 40 days of Lent) worth of groceries to bring to church this Sunday.

If you are not going to be with us this Sunday, you may drop off your food items at the church office any time this week.

If everyone contributes we will truly have a "Big Pile" of groceries to give to *A Place To Turn* whose shelves are quite bare. Looking forward to seeing everyone with their grocery bags this Sunday.

The Ministry of Music

Michael and Stacia Kraft

St. John Passion on Good Friday

Our Good Friday worship service on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. will include text and chorales from J. S. Bach's St. John Passion. The chorales of the chorus are placed at telling points in the scriptures where their modern (to Bach) texts serve as an appropriate commentary. You will hear excerpts from Bach's work interspersed with a dramatic reading of the text from the gospel of John.

Michael



Earth Ministry

Calculate your carbon footprint today at climatecare.org, carbonfund.org or www.nativeenergy.com and find out what more you can do about climate change, including purchasing carbon offsets.

Keep your highway driving speed between 55 and 60 mph today. For most vehicles, 55 mph is the most fuel efficient highway speed and will save you up to 20-30% in fuel costs compared to driving at 75 mph. Automobile emissions are one of the leading causes of greenhouse gases. Don't idle your car at traffic lights and drive-up windows. If you have to stop for more than 10 seconds, you will save gas and reduce greenhouse emissions by turning off your engine.

Easter Lily Orders

**Don't forget to order your
Easter lilies!**

Deadline to order is APRIL 18.
Sign up forms are available at The
Dover Church or by clicking on the
link in the weekly newsletter.



Spring Into Spring - Yoga at the Dover Church

DONNA K. SHERMAN, REGISTERED YOGA TEACHER

Through SAFE stretching, postures and breathing, you will mobilize your joints, strengthen and open the back and spine, relax neck and shoulders, tone virtually every muscle in our body, revitalize your energy, and refresh your spirit. Then you will bask in the peace and calm of relaxation.

Dress comfortably.

Please join us!



WEDNESDAYS, 9 A.M.-10:30 A.M.

April 27, May 4, 11 and 18.

JUST \$58 Drop in: \$17

Office Hours for Max Olmstead

Tuesday 1:00 – 2:30pm
Wednesday 9:00 – 4:00pm
Thursday 9:00 – Noon

Or by appointment

High School Youth Group

Jen Hornsby

The HSYG leaves for workcamp on Saturday. Please keep the group in your thoughts and prayers as they travel to West Virginia to perform service on their spring break!!



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