

# News from Meeting House Hill

**The Dover Church**

*"Building Christian Community"*

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To The Church in Dover,

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

In the insert of this newsletter, you are going to see some pictures of what ministry looks like. Each picture is of people: people with ideas; people with enthusiasm—for the church, its ministries and mission; people enthusiastic about what they can do; people growing in relationship and love for one another; people working together, sharing the gifts of talent and intellect they have, so that the greater effort is so much more than what any of them could have done on their own; people loving life and enjoying the satisfaction of a job well done; and people who are standing out in front of the many others who pitched in to help bring off this absolutely marvelous 250th Anniversary Kick-off Gala Auction Event .

My friends, those of you who were part of this effort, either in leadership or in the doing of nuts and bolts work, have now lived St. Paul's image of the church as the Body of Christ, in which each of us depends upon all of the others to be who God hopes we might be, building the community of life and love God dreams we might build. It was all there. I could feel it. I could see it in your faces.

And like a body, this was organic ministry. It just grew out of the seed of an idea and gradually took on shape and form as the people who were needed joined in. Not to make an object lesson of a good time, but I hope you all noticed how the way this event came off was radically different from how we have been trying to run the church for the last fifty years or so. There was no committee elected by the church. It was staffed by volunteers enthusiastic for this specific ministry. There were no by-laws dictating how they would do what they hoped to do. After having been given permission to give it a go as something consistent with the mission of our church, they just worked their way forward towards their goal. They did report to Church Council, keeping the Moderator and the Board of Trustees informed of their activities, but there were not multiple layers of check and balances through which they would have had to jump, as there are with the standing church committees. I invite you to think about this model as a way forward for the future. What other group in the church has so many smiling, excited faces after so much hard, yet rewarding work?

In faith, hope, and love, *Max* – Your Pastor

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**May 15**

**Work Camp Sunday**

**May 29**

**IHN Hosting Week Begins**

**June 5**

**Confirmation Sunday**

**June 12**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Children's Sunday**

**Workcamp Slide Show**



# Christian Education Director

Rev. Ingrid Barrett

## Prayer Circle



A group of us would like to create a Prayer Circle at the church. We are seeking a foundation to help us enrich our spiritual connectedness one to another, our church and God.

Here is how it would work:

Those interested would put their email address into the Prayer Circle. The addresses would be shared among all the members of the circle. When a member of the circle had a prayer request or concern they would send it out to the circle via email, letting the group know if the request should remain within the circle or could be shared beyond the circle. Members of the circle would covenant to pray for that person and their request. Anyone could become a member of the circle at any time by sending their request to join the circle to Ingrid.

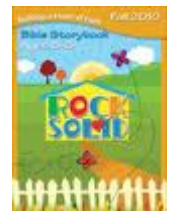
If you are interested in joining us please email your interest to Ingrid Barrett at [ijbarrett@comcast.net](mailto:ijbarrett@comcast.net)

*Ingrid*

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## Sunday School

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There is regular Sunday School for all grades this Sunday. The children will leave for class after the first part of the worship service.

*Ingrid*

## The Lunch Bunch



The Lunch Bunch will next meet on Thursday, May 26th at 12:15pm in Kraft Hall for a "bring your own" lunch. Please bring with you tips to share for gardening in the summer. We will also be discussing projects for the fall - come for fun, learning, service and friendship. For more information contact Ingrid at [ingrid@thedoverchurch.org](mailto:ingrid@thedoverchurch.org).

## Confirmation Meetings

Sunday, May 15 @ 7:00 pm  
Sunday, June 5 Confirmation



*The newsletter of The Dover Church is published biweekly. Deadline for all submissions is **Monday at noon**. Please email all submissions to Joan Whalen in the church office at [admin@thedoverchurch.org](mailto:admin@thedoverchurch.org)  
We welcome your news.*

## The Ministry of Music

Michael and Stacia Kraft

There will be an open house at the Fisk shop in Gloucester on Saturday, May 14 from 2-6 p.m. where you can view Opus 139 for Harvard University. Visiting the shop is always an exhilarating and fascinating experience for all ages to learn all that goes in to building a pipe organ. Please speak with Michael for more information. In addition, you can view a trailer to a future film about the Harvard project at <http://www.tohearthemusic.com/>.

Michael



### The Dover Church 250th Casserole

Courtesy of Melissa Thorndike of Melissa's Catering

#### Chicken Artichoke Bake 36 servings

**10lbs. Bnls. Skinless Chicken (breast and thighs)**

**2 stlks. celery**

**1 onion**

**1T curry**

**1T ginger**

**1tsp. salt**

**1tsp. pepper**

Place chicken, vegs. & seasonings in a large stock pot. Cover with water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 20-25 mins. Remove immediately from the pot and cool. It should be slightly undercooked. Cut into bite-size pieces.

**1 lg. box (18 serv.) Mid-East rice pilaf**

Cook in chicken stock. Season with ginger and curry.

**2 C chopped red onion**

**1T wet garlic**

**4 C 1/4'd artichoke hearts**

**2 C slivered almonds**

**1/2 C chopped red pepper (optin.)**

In a large sautee pan, melt 1/4lb. butter. Add garlic, cook over a low heat for several mins. Add onion, cook until golden and soft. Add the almonds and artichokes, cook several mins. longer. Stir in 1tsp. ea. thyme, curry, salt and pepper, a cup of white wine and a dash of worcestershire sauce. Simmer together for 5 mins., then remove from heat.

## Our Whole Lives (OWL) 8th grade course

I am one of four parents who teach a small group of D/S 8th graders a course on sexuality education.

The OWL (Our Whole Lives) program was developed by the United Church of Christ and is an 8 week course held on Sunday eves.

Each class is co-taught by one Dover and one Sherborn parent. We are looking for one more Dover Dad to help out. The only requirements are that you enjoy 14 yr olds and have a sense of humor!

Please contact Ingrid Barrett at [ingrid@thedoverchurch.org](mailto:ingrid@thedoverchurch.org) or Nora Keefe at [nrkeefe12@comcast.net](mailto:nrkeefe12@comcast.net) if interested.

*Nora Keefe*

**2 cans cream soup (chicken or celery)**

**2C sour cream**

**1C Mayo**

In a large mixing bowl, combine the chicken, rice, and veggies.

Add soup, sour cream, & mayo. Mix well. If the mixture seems dry, add reserved chicken stock and/or white wine.

Turn into a full hotel pan. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese. Cover completely with the grapenut topping.

Cover with foil; bake in a 375° oven for 45 mins. Uncover and bake until brown on top (appr. 15 mins.)

**Grapenut topping**

**1lb. melted butter/margarine**

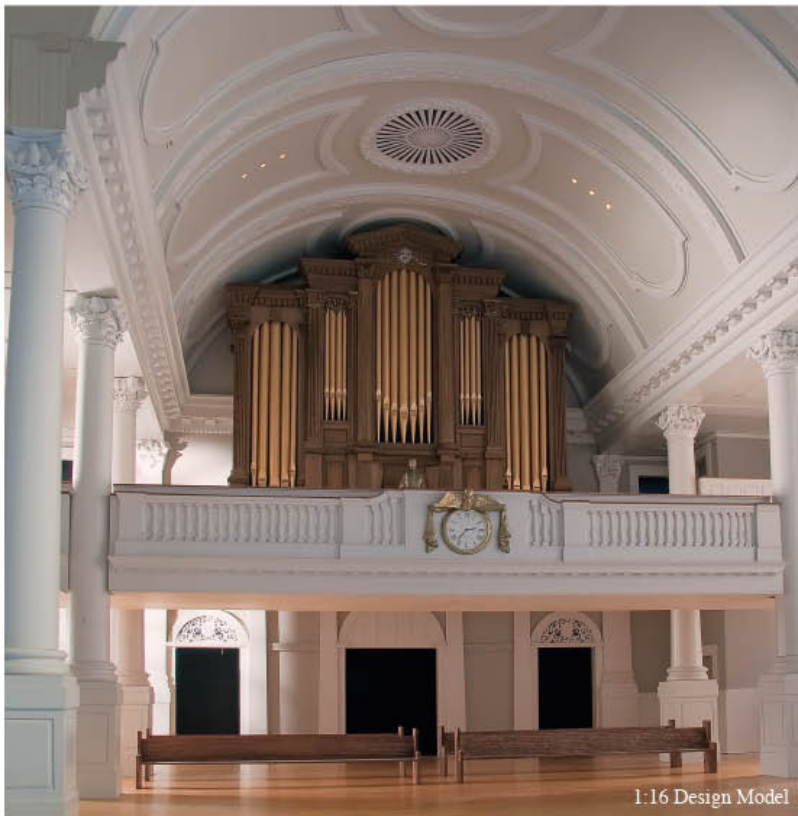
**6C grapenut flakes**

**2C Slivered Almonds**

**1C Parmesan cheese**

**1/2C white wine**

Mix well together.



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