

# News from Meeting House Hill

The Dover Church

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"Welcoming Community of Faith and Service since 1762"

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To the church of Christ in Dover:

Grace, mercy, and peace be yours from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord!

Last Spring and again this month, I have been meeting with the combined Boards of Trustees & Deacons, along with the Moderator, to find out what people are passionate about in the church. My thinking was that these 16 people are both the leaders and a pretty broad sample of the larger group, therefore a reliable window into our church. The question was simply: what are you passionate about for the church? Or what do you want to be passionate about as a church? We quickly discovered that we are in widespread agreement about what is important, where we should be focusing our time, talent, energy and money. We call them our "Passion Points":

1. K-12 Ministries
2. Becoming an ever more welcoming church to non-members
3. Building Tighter Community within our membership
4. Serving our Neighbors
5. Spiritual Growth

These are the core emphases our leaders want our church to excel at. We have formed five teams who are designing action plans to make our aspirations reality. On October 14, leaders from each of these 5 teams will be presenting their plans to the congregation. We are looking for your passion and commitment. If you want to jump in and help out, GREAT! If you want to lend your financial support: GREAT! On October 14, we are going to be rolling out where we will be heading and we hope you can be there to offer your special gifts.

Following worship, we will gather in Kraft Hall for a Bruncheon, hosted by the Board of Deacons, at which we will go over our proposed Budget for 2013. It is a great chance to work on Passion Point #3 above and hear your passions for our church's future. You will be receiving a copy of the budget and a pledge card at the luncheon. If you cannot make it on October 14, everything will come in the mail. Our plan is to wrap up our Generosity Effort by Agape Sunday, November 18.

In faith, hope and love, Max – Your Pastor

## LOOKING AHEAD

October 7  
World Communion Sunday

October 14  
Congregational Meeting and  
Brunch/  
Stewardship Kicks Off

October 21  
Family Promise Hosting Week  
Begins

October 28  
All Saints Sunday

November 3  
250th Anniversary Concert &  
Celebrations

November 4  
250th Anniversary Service

*(See inside calendar for more details. This calendar receives many updates after publication. The most up-to-date calendar is the electronic one on the church website [www.thedoverchurch.org](http://www.thedoverchurch.org)).*

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**Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. Emilia Halstead**



Thank you to the following wonderful women for their efforts in pie making for Dover Days in support of the High School Youth Group trip! They organized and purchased supplies, chopped and mixed ingredients, and spent long hours in front of a hot oven! We raised \$536 from the pie sale, and also have pumpkin pies for the Visitation Team to use! What a wonderful team!

- Barbara Baker
- Beth Benjamin
- Kim Cone
- Judy Davis
- Dawn Fattore
- Coryn Hall
- Joan King
- Ruth Mallett
- Jane Moore
- Elizabeth Rosa
- Ellen Weinberg

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**October Birthdays**

- 10/1 Shirley McGill
- 10/2 Camille Fougere
- 10/2 Emilia Halstead
- 10/4 Elena Heiland
- 10/7 Will Bowser
- 10/8 Pat Brace
- 10/9 Spencer Deadrick
- 10/10 Caroline Johnson
- 10/11 Betsy Seeley
- 10/12 Linnea Whiting
- 10/12 Jamie McAndrews
- 10/13 Dana Rice
- 10/13 Rebecca Karlson
- 10/13 Dickson Smith
- 10/13 John Fattore
- 10/14 Jenny Newport
- 10/14 Ken King
- 10/15 Hayden Brooks
- 10/15 Jamie Simms
- 10/16 Addison Kane
- 10/16 Barbara Steiner
- 10/17 John Thorndike
- 10/20 Meredith Birdsall
- 10/20 Gil Menna
- 10/21 Susie Caspar
- 10/22 Bill Serjak
- 10/22 Dave Weden
- 10/23 Julia Keefe
- 10/24 Doug Scott
- 10/26 Erica Steiner
- 10/28 Brian Thompson
- 10/28 Iraj Hooshmand
- 10/28 Sarah Waterhouse
- 10/31 Amanda Dickerson

**October Anniversaries**

- 10/5 Leila Hooshmand and Ted Pidcock
- 10/9 Nancy and Russell Broad

We invite you to wish your fellow members of the congregation a happy birthday or anniversary. As our list is not complete, we would appreciate you letting the office know of any dates we are missing.

## From The Moderator

September has been a very busy month and it is wonderful to have so many people involved in the many activities going on at the church. On **October 14<sup>th</sup>**, following the service, we will be holding a congregational meeting. I invite all of you to attend to be a part of the planning for 2013. In addition to reviewing our budget, we will be talking about five passion points that are important to our church and how they will play a role in the upcoming year. Our 2013 Annual Giving campaign (aka stewardship) will start at the end of our October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please watch for more information on this in the coming weeks. Please give as generously as you are able to give.

I want to also make sure that you reserve **November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** to help celebrate our church's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We want everyone to attend if possible. We will kick off our celebration with a special musical event in the sanctuary followed by wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres in Kraft Hall. We also have a special DVD with interviews of some of our long time members reflecting on the church's past. Dinner and dessert at homes of our members will follow. **If you haven't already done so, please complete and return the RSVP sheet which has been in the pews during church service – there is also one enclosed on page 7 of this newsletter.**

I hope that all of you will join us in celebrating our church's past and that you will also be a part of shaping our church's future.

I look forward to seeing you in church,

Beth



### New Office Hours for Max Olmstead

**Tuesday 11:00 – 12:00; 1:00-3:00pm**  
**Wednesday 1:00-3:00pm**  
**or by appointment**  
**Cell Phone: 508-982-0422**

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

# October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:00pm Al Anon	2 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer 3:15pm 4th&5th grade youth group 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:00pm Defibrillator Training	3 9:00am Al Anon 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am Restoration Committee 12:15pm Dolphin Group 5:30pm Art Night	4 7:00pm Choir Re- hearsal	5 3:30pm Motley Re- no Wedding Rehearsal	6 3:30pm Mot- ley Reno Wedding
7 World Commu- nion Sunday Stoddard Baptism 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Cho- rale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm Worship 6:15pm HSYG	8 Columbus Day Church Office closed 1:00pm Al Anon	9 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Trustee's Meeting	10 9:00am Al Anon 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am Restoration Committee	11 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group	12 1:00pm Men's Fri- day Lunch Group 5:00pm Wardwell wedding rehearsal	13 4:00pm Wardwell wedding
14 <b>Congregation- al Meeting/ Brunch/ Stewardship starts</b> 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Cho- rale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm Worship 6:15pm HSYG	15 1:00pm Al Anon	16 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer 3:15pm 4th & 5th grade youth group 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Deacons meeting	17 9:00am Al Anon 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am Restoration Committee	18 12:15pm The Lunch Bunch 4:00pm Boston As- semblies 7:00pm Choir Re- hearsal	19 Confirma- tion Syna- gogue visit	20
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				1 All Saints Day 4:00pm Boston Assemblies 7:00pm Choir	2	3 <b>4:00pm 250th Anniversary Concert and Dinner</b>
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## From the Music Director

Michael Kraft



### SING, SING, SING

This fall season presents many opportunities for singing at The Dover Church. You may remember from last year that the Adult Choir now rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am to prepare for the 10 am worship service and to look ahead at the music for the coming weeks. The hope is that the new rehearsal time will enable more people to participate without committing to another night out. It is as simple as that - just show up on any Sunday morning.

An expanded choir has begun rehearsing for an anniversary concert event on November 3 at 4 pm. The group is singing the Schubert Mass in G, a new piece by Greg Rice and 'The Lord Is My Shepherd' by John Rutter - all accompanied by a string quintet. The rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm.

And, of course, you probably already know about the new Dover Youth Chorale which rehearses each Sunday morning at 9:00am, for all youth from K-12, under the direction of Christopher Keene. Please come and join in the fun!

Michael Kraft

Music Director

## Dover Youth Chorale Project

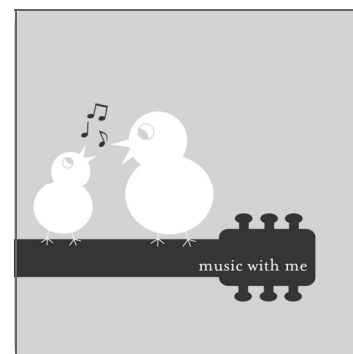
Christopher G. Keene

I wanted to give a first update on the Dover Youth Chorale Project.

After two weeks, we've had 20 boys and girls from Kindergarten through 10th grade raise their voices in song. We've worked on several traditional songs (Amazing Grace, Swing Low Sweet Chariot) as well as some specialized arrangements of spirituals for children's voices.

We've worked on building good breath technique, posture, and a healthy singing tone. In only two weeks, the quality of singing has already begun to improve. We are having a great time getting to know each other and singing together, and are looking forward to our first performance on Oct 14th.

New singers are always welcome, interested parents and children are welcome at 9AM every Sunday.



## Come celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of The Dover Church with fine music, great food and fellowship!

We will start our weekend events at 4 pm on Saturday, November 3rd with a Celebratory Concert in the Meeting House. The concert will include strings, the choir and organ music and also a piece by Greg Rice which he has written specifically for our 250<sup>th</sup> birthday.

After the concert we will all move to Kraft Hall for appetizers and a glass of wine. During this time we will be showing the living history DVD being produced by Linda Means. She has been conducting interviews of some of our senior members who remember the church from the 1960's.

At roughly 6:30 pm we will go for dinner and dessert at homes of those kind enough to host. We ask that you sign up if you plan to attend dinner so that we can plan our numbers. We will assign you to a home for the dinner.

We encourage all to attend. Please join us for this opportunity to celebrate our church's birthday, to enjoy fellowship together, and to get to know each other better.

For Sunday's service, we will continue the celebration with very special music commissioned for the Dover Church's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration, and we'll have a chance to catch up with each other on the events of the evening before!

### Come Celebrate The Dover Church's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Saturday, November 3, 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to attend, Number of people \_\_\_\_\_
- I am willing to host a dinner, for how many \_\_\_\_\_
- I am willing to bring something to the dinner
- I am willing to host with the cocktail party at the Church
- I am willing to bring wine or an h'ordeuvre
- I need a ride to and from the church

Any questions? Please call Steve Karlson 508-785-9756 or Lisa Procter 508-785-0131.

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