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The Dover Church

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The Dover Church's 250th Birthday Weekend

November 3 Concert, Cocktails and Dinner

On Saturday, November 3 there will be a 4:00 p.m. concert of music for strings, choir, organ and recorders. The concert will include choral works old and new. The new choral work is composed by The Dover Church's own Greg Rice. There will be some beautiful, perhaps introspective works for recorders contrasted with one rather stirring solo organ piece. Bring your neighbors and friends to enjoy some great music and refreshments afterwards.

PROGRAM

Mass in G Franz Schubert

Recorder Ensemble

I Thank The Lord For Saving Me Greg Rice

The Lord Is My Shepherd John Rutter

Symphony V Charles-Marie Widor

1. Allegro moderato

We have over 100 participants in the 250th dinner celebration! This week you will hear which host you will join for dinner. If you do not hear anything, please call Joan Whalen at the Church (508-785-0957). Remember, there is a wonderful concert at the Church that starts at 4 pm on Nov. 3, followed by a cocktail party in Kraft Hall with a movie on our 250 years and dinner at the host house. We want to thank all of the people who made this happen. Please call Lisa Procter at 508-785-0131 or Steve Karlson at 508-785-9756 if you have any questions.

November 4 Anniversary Worship Service

On Sunday, November 4 at 10:00 a.m. there will be an anniversary worship service with music for brass, choir, congregation and organ. The Dover Church choir has commissioned a new anthem for the occasion, "Every Generation," written by Harvard composer Carson Cooman. We will also sing the Vaughan Williams Old Hundredth Psalm Tune with brass. The Prelude and Postlude will be music for brass quartet and organ and will include the famous "Toccata" by Charles-Marie Widor, arranged for brass and organ.

LOOKING AHEAD

October 28
All Saints Sunday

November 3
250th Anniversary Concert & Celebrations

November 4
Daylight Savings Time Ends
250th Anniversary Service

November 11
Haiti Presentation

November 18
Agape Sunday
Dedication of Pledges

(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).

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Associate Pastor
Rev. Emilia Halstead

**Advent/Christmas Worship
Bulletin Coloring Contest
2012:**

Calling all creative kids who like to color!
Once again we are having a coloring contest for the chance to win the honor of having YOUR art on the cover of one of our bulletins in the Advent/Christmas season. We will be selecting 5 pieces of art. *Contest winners will also win a trip to The Kid's Place in Needham with Rev. Emilia Halstead on December 9th from 2-4pm to decorate your very own piece of ceramic art to take home!*

DEADLINE for Entry is November

28th ---- Please return your entry to:
Rev. Emilia at P.O. Box 305, Dover, MA 02030.

Not sure what to draw/color? How about some angels or the Christmas Star? There is always the Nativity with Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. Don't forget the donkey that carried Mary on its back!

November Birthdays

- 11/2 Tom MacWilliams (13)
- 11/5 Arthur Adams
- 11/6 Kay Guild
- 11/7 Cathy Thompson
- 11/8 Donal Barrett
Peter Grant
- 11/10 Caroline Heiland (15)
- 11/11 Frank Ouellet
- 11/12 Robert R Brace
- 11/13 Jim Brew
- 11/13 Peter Johnston (8)
- 11/13 George Mumford
- 11/14 Steve Marini
- 11/16 Roger Mackay
- 11/19 Madeline Barnes (15)
- 11/20 Betty Hagan
- 11/23 Geoff Merrill
- 11/28 Mary Jane Law
- 11/29 Sam Procter (17)



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

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Stewardship Alert!

Do you know about our **MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE?** A generous family has offered the church a stewardship increase matching gift totaling **\$25,000!** This gift will match the amount of your 2013 pledge increase over your 2012 pledge.

As of Tuesday, October 23, we have received:

15 pledges	\$32,221
(11 of these people increased their pledge!)	
Increases matched	<u>\$ 2,341</u>
Total	\$34,562

Please consider increasing your pledge for 2013 so that we make take full advantage of this exceptional gift.

Christmas Pageant

Christmas Pageant Schedule: It may seem early - but less than a month from now we will be holding auditions for our Christmas Pageant. This year it will be led and directed by Mrs. Sarah Hefter. Sarah is excited to be directing and cannot wait to get started! If your child wants to participate, but is unable to attend the audition or the rehearsals, we invite them to join us during the dress rehearsal to participate as an angel, shepherd, or animal.



The schedule is as follows:

AUDITIONS: Sunday, November 11th from 11:15--12:15pm

5th and 4th graders will audition from 11:15-11:45am

3rd grade and younger will audition from 11:45-12:15pm

REHEARSALS: November 18th, December 2nd, December 9th

All rehearsals are after church from 11:15-12:15pm.

DRESS REHEARSAL: *Saturday*, December 15th 4:30-6:00pm.

PAGEANT: Sunday, December 16th -

Participants must be at the church,
in costume, by 9:30am at the latest.

Champions for Children Online Auction to support Family Promise -

is the online auction to support Family Promise. The High School youth group of our church has created a basket for the auction. The theme is **Movie Night: Home & Away**. The basket will be displayed in Kraft Hall on Sundays during coffee hour. See the link below to go to the Online Auction to bid on our basket and more than 100 other great prizes!

<http://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?auctionId=167265574>

The online auction ends November 4, 2012 so be sure to bid fast and often!



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

The newsletter of
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
We welcome your news.

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 All Saints Day 4:00pm Boston Assemblies 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 12:00pm Caring and Grieving	3 250th Anniversary Concert and Dinner
4 250th Anniversary Service DST ends 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm NO Worship 6:15pm NO HSYG	5 1:00pm Al Anon	6 9:00am Centering Prayer 3:15pm 4th & 5th Grade Youth Group 7:00pm Centering Prayer	7 9:00am Al Anon 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am Restoration Committee 12:15pm Dolphin Group 5:30pm Art Night	8 Council on Aging Luncheon 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group	9 1:00pm Men's Friday Lunch Group 6:00pm Confirmation Synagogue visit	10
11 Haiti Presentation 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm Worship 6:15pm HSYG	12 Veteran's Day Church office closed 1:00pm Al Anon	13 9:00am Centering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Deacons meeting 7:30pm Trustee's Meeting	14 9:00am Al Anon 10:00am Restoration Committee 12:15pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 4:00pm Boston Assemblies 7:30pm DNS Workshop	16 Confirmation Retreat	17 Confirmation Retreat
18 Agape Sunday Dedication of Pledges 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation class 5:30pm NO Worship 6:15pm HSYG	19 9:00am Pilates Class 1:00pm Al Anon 6:00pm DSHS Cross Country Dinner	20 9:00am Centering Prayer 3:15pm 4th and 5th Grade Youth Group 7:00pm Centering Prayer	21 9:00am Al Anon 10:00am Restoration Committee 12:15pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 Church office closed	24
25 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm NO Worship 6:15pm NO HSYG	26 Stewardship call campaign begins 1:00pm Al Anon	27 9:00am Centering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Council Meeting	28 10:00am Restoration Committee 7:00pm Boy Scouts	29 12:15pm The Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Choir	30 New Member's Social Gathering	

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Police Breakfast
2 1st Sunday of Advent Reception of New Members 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm Worship 6:15pm HSYG	3 1:00pm Al Anon	4 9:00am Centering Prayer 3:15pm 4th & 5th grade youth group 7:00pm Centering Prayer	5 9:00am Al Anon 10:00am Restoration Committee 12:00pm The Dolphin Group 5:30pm Art Night 7:00pm Boy Scouts	6 4:00pm Boston Assemblies 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	7 12:00pm Caring and Grieving	8 8:00am DMA Pancake Breakfast
9 Family Promise Week Begins 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service 5:30pm Worship 6:15pm HSYG Taize Night	10 1:00pm Al Anon	11 9:00am Centering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Trustee's Meeting 7:30pm Deacon's Meeting	12 9:00am Al Anon 10:00am Restoration Committee 12:15pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	13 6:30pm MSYG 7:00pm Choir	14 1:00pm Men's Lunch Group	15
16 Christmas Pageant 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service 5:30pm Worship 6:15pm HSYG Caroling	17 1:00pm Al Anon	18 9:00am Centering Prayer 3:15pm 4th & 5th grade youth group 7:00pm Centering Prayer	19 9:00am Al Anon 10:00am Restoration Committee 7:00pm Boy Scouts	20 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	21	22
23 Lessons & Carols 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service 5:30pm NO Worship 6:15pm NO HSYG	24 1:00pm Al Anon 4:00pm Family Service 7:00pm Candlelight Service 11:00pm Communion Service	25 Christmas Day Church office closed	26 Church office closed	27 Church office closed	28 Church office closed	29
30 8:30am Choir 10:00am Service 5:30pm NO Worship/ HSYG	31 Church office closed					

Agape Sunday

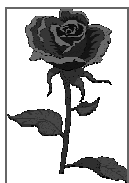
On Sunday, November 18, we will share the bounty of the season as the covenant community of The Dover Church, old and young alike, in our traditional Agape Meal.



Agape is the Greek word for "love expressed in community," and the table represents the bounty and joy of our fellowship. Everyone is asked to bring with them, to place on the table prior to the service, varieties of FRUIT BREADS (not pre-sliced, so that any remainder can be shared with A Place To Turn) and WASHED, SEEDLESS GRAPES.

Benjamin Caryl Book

As part of our 250th celebration, Steve Marini, Professor of American Religion and Ethics at Wellesley College and church member at The Dover Church, has been working on a book about Reverend Benjamin Caryl, our first minister. This book is being published with the support of the Dover Historical Society and Commission. We hope to have it available for purchase at our November 3rd and 4th 250th celebration. Watch for more information to come shortly.



Altar Flowers

Anyone who is interested in sponsoring the altar flowers should speak with Betty Brady at 508-785-0790. Betty has a schedule for our weekly services and knows which Sundays are available. Flowers can be given in memory of, or honor of, family members, friends, and anniversaries.

Caring and Grieving Group

Dear Friends,

Many of us are caring for elderly parents while raising a family. Many of us are grieving mothers and fathers who have died. This is a difficult new world to live in, being a caregiver to one who raised you or an orphan. As your pastor, I have felt a growing call to offer some sort of community of support to you. I myself am in the early stages of the caring stage.

I am gathering a lunch group on the first Friday of every month, 12-1 or 1:30. Our first lunch will be **November 2**, and then again on **December 7**. Bring your own lunch. We will have lunch together and allow whatever is most acute to lead our conversation. I am not an expert on this subject, but the collective wisdom or all of you, as well as the collective compassion, will prove to be a meaningful resource to all of us. Come as you are able and so moved.

As there are so many in our shoes, I opted for an e-mail invitation. I pray it does not prove too impersonal. Please RSVP so I can have an appropriate number of chairs set up. Also, please invite your friends outside the Dover Church community.

Peace, Max

The Lunch Bunch



The Dover Church Lunch Bunch had the pleasure of welcoming guest speakers Ellen Meltzer and Lindsey Broyhill from the non-profit group Associated Early Care and Education (associatedearlycareandeducation.org). Dover Church member, Tammy MacWilliams is currently serving as a board member for the organization and had kindly arranged our meeting.

Associated is a non-profit organization that serves over 1400 young children (birth to Pre-K) and working families throughout inner city Boston by providing the highest quality early care and education programs.. By investing in school readiness, promoting healthy development, and strengthening families, Associated Early Care and Education gives students the opportunity to reach their full potential. If you have an opportunity, please check out their website noted above.

Ms Meltzer and Broyhill discussed three possible ways that the Dover Church could help their organization. They are as follows:

1. Book Drive - used and new books appropriate for children 0-6yrs
2. Holiday Gift Drive - gifts for students in \$15-20 price range
3. Field Trip Fund - monetary donations for buses to take children on field trips outside of the city.

The Lunch Bunch has decided to devote their next meeting to a "Literature for Lunch" event. Please join us with a friend, for a free lunch on Thursday, Nov 29th. We will be collecting children's books or a small donation for the organizations field trip fund. We hope to see you then.

The Lunch Bunch has set their meeting calendar dates and they are:

Nov 29th
 Jan 17th
 Feb 14th
 Mar 21st
 Apr 25th
 May 16th.



Solar Project at The Dover Church

Our solar panel project at Kraft Hall is nearing completion. Come and see for yourself!

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
Grace Church
Centre Street
Dover, MA**

November 18, 2012 at 7:00pm



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