



News from Meeting House Hill

The Dover Church

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To the Church of Jesus Christ in Dover:

Grace and Peace be yours in abundance from God our Creator and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our church will gather for its 251st Annual Meeting this Sunday, with a luncheon hosted by the Deacons. We will enjoy 6 foot long subs from the Sherborn Sandwich Shop, chips, lemonade and dessert. Childcare will be provided until 12:30pm by the Mother's Helpers in the Teddy Bear Nursery. In addition, the Sunday school children will be invited to create Valentine's Day cards for the shut-ins of the church. Hope to see you there for business and fellowship.

Please join us for worship on February 10th for our annual Fat Sunday service, which will be a double celebration this year, as it is also Seminary Sunday. Worship will be led by Reverend Nick Carter, President of Andover Newton Theological School. After the service we invite everyone to join us for our annual Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Board of Deacons.

On Wednesday, February 13, Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm. Our Ash Wednesday service is a time out to open our awareness to the places we have drifted in our lives, drifted from God, Christ, our vocation in life. We also celebrate communion, to remember that we can never drift completely away, that God holds us lovingly even when we don't care or think so.

Family Promise is one of the core mission ministries of our church. Four times a year we host families to food and shelter for a week at a time. We thank God for our partnership with our brothers and sisters at Most Precious Blood Church who help us welcome these families in need. On February 24, Mike Donoghue, a Deacon of the church and one of the early strong proponents of becoming a Family Promise church, will be preaching in worship about this ministry.

As you can see, there is a richness to our life together in February and we hope you can join us.

In Faith, Hope, and Love,
Your pastor, Max

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Rev. Emilia Halstead, Associate Pastor <emilia@thedoverchurch.org>



LOOKING AHEAD

January 27

**Annual Meeting and Brunch,
following Worship**

Special February Services

February 10

Fat Sunday/Pancake Breakfast

Rev. Nick Carter,

**President of Andover Newton
Seminary, Preaching**

February 13

**Ash Wednesday Service at
7:00pm**

February 24

**Mike Donoghue preaching on
Family Promise**

*(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).*

Associate Pastor

Rev. Emilia Halstead

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In 2004 Reverend Carter was inaugurated as the President of Andover Newton, the nation's oldest graduate school of theology. As the first non-academic to hold the position, his presidency has been marked by an unusual combination of skill in the areas of leadership development, organizational transformation, and resource generation.

Nick is passionately committed to the preparation of a new generation of religious leaders, with emphasis on what he calls "interfaith border crossing skills" - the ability to meaningfully engage and work with people who think, speak and worship differently. Under Nick's leadership Andover Newton has developed a nationally recognized joint program in "Intercommunal Leadership" with Hebrew College and Rabbinical School, a unique transdenominational school which shares their hilltop campus in Newton Centre, MA.

Rev. Carter currently chairs the Interreligious Center for Public Life, and serves on the boards of the Boston Theological Institute, Ecclesia Ministry/Common Cathedral, Justice and Witness Ministry (UCC), and is a trustee of Old South Church in Boston. He has a BA from Colgate University, a Master of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, and honorary doctorates from Hebrew College (Humane Letters) and Franklin University (Divinity).

February Birthdays



- Beth Benjamin
- Richard Brace
- Hannah Melville (13)
- Charlene Fallon
- Jonathon Wolff II
- Nate Cunningham
- Bethany Petersen (10)
- Shirley Williams
- Margaret Crosby
- Kip Dickerson
- Chip Spalding
- Roberta Koning
- Pete Sherman
- Peter Heiland
- Kim Cone
- Nancy Mumford
- Jan Scott
- Patricia Hudson

- Christopher Karlson
- Grace Barnett (6)
- Emma Marden (6)
- Phillip Closuit
- Burly Dickerson
- Nancy Broad
- Nancy Goodall
- Ed Shoemaker
- Maya Donoghue
- Henry Stone
- George Violin
- Eric Wier
- Russell Mallett (18)
- Jordan Pfeifer (10)
- Andrew Mallett (15)
- Barry Cullen
- John Fattore

Anniversaries

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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Join The Dover Church Team for the Family Promise Walkathon –

Listed below is the link to join the team led by Rev. Emilia. All are invited! If you are unable to walk we invite you to sponsor the team! Our goal is to raise \$3000 to help end homelessness!

<http://www.gifttool.com/athon/OurTeamPage?ID=1637&AID=2204&TID=13728>

COME & WALK – ENJOY THE FUN – ENTERTAINMENT – PRIZES AND AUCTION

FAMILY PROMISE METROWEST - ANNUAL WALKATHON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 2013

Indoors at NATICK MALL

Registration at 8:00 AM, Walk Begins 8:30 AM, Wrap up & Prize Drawing 10:00 AM

PIZZA PARTY CHALLENGE – The Youth Group that raises the most money will win a \$50 gift certificate for a Team Pizza Party.

After the Walk – DINE AT CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN WHILE DONATING TO FAMILY PROMISE METROWEST! -- Eat at CPK in the Natick Mall on Feb. 9th & 20% of your meal cost will be donated to FPM when you present a walk certificate.

Proceeds of the Walk support: Housing, Job Placement, Childcare, Tutoring, Health Services, Life Skill Counseling, Clothing, Advocacy & Transportation for Families with children who are homeless.

Office Hours for Max Olmstead

**Tuesday 11:00 – 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.*

February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12:00pm Caring & Grieving	2 HSYG Field trip to Boston
3 Superbowl Sunday 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm NO Worship	4 9:00am Pila- tes 1:00pm Al Anon 6:30pm Blue and Gold Dinner	5 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer 7:00pm Cen- tering Prayer	6 9:00am Al Anon 12:00pm The Dolphin Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7 4:00pm Boston Assemblies Social Dance	8 1:00pm Men's Lunch Group	9 CDC Pancake Breakfast 7:30am Family Promise Walk Away Homelessness
10 Fat Sunday Pancake Breakfast President of And- over Newton Seminary preach- ing 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service 10:00am Class presentation 5:30pm Worship 6:30pm Confir- mation Class	11 9:00am Pila- tes 1:00pm Al Anon	12 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer 7:00pm Cen- tering Prayer 7:30pm Trus- tee's Meeting 7:30pm Dea- con's Meet- ing	13 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm Boy Scouts	14 12:15pm The Lunch Bunch 6:30pm MSYG	15	16
17 First Lent 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service 5:30pm No Wor- ship	18 Presidents' Day School recess begins Church office closed 1:00pm Al Anon	19 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer No 4th and 5th grade youth group 7:00pm Cen- tering Prayer	20 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Boy Scouts	21 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 Mike Do- noghue preaching on Family Prom- ise 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service 5:30pm Worship 6:30pm Confir- mation class	25 9:00am Pila- tes 1:00pm Al Anon	19 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer 7:00pm Cen- tering Prayer 7:30pm Council Meeting	27 9:00am Al Anon 12:15pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	28 4:00pm Boston Assemblies Social Dance 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group		

March 2013

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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, and other loved ones, who have died. This is a difficult new world to live in, being a caregiver to one who raised you; to have become 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. We meet again on February 1. 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 of 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.

Also, please invite your friends outside The Dover Church community.

Peace, Max

To All Members and Non Members - We are trying to finalize the Church Photo Directory.

"To date, we have only received 20% of the congregation's family photos. Please send in your photo (as a jpg attachment to your email please!) by **February 17th**.

You can use a current Christmas card photo. It doesn't need to be this year's. Also, sometimes it is hard to get everyone in the photo, feel free to Photoshop missing family members in. We will have a photographer at Church over the next few Sundays, if you would like to have your picture taken.

If you have any questions, please call the Church at 508-785-0957 or you can always contact me at 508-785-0131 or lprocter@verizon.net.

Thanks, Lisa Procter."

Solar Update —

As of January 23, our solar panels on Kraft Hall have generated 2,055.24 kWh of electricity. We have not emitted 2,877.33 lbs. of carbon, saved 28.71 trees, and offset 151.06 barrels of oil.



KIVA Update -

As of January 23, our Dover, Mass KIVA Microfinance lending team, 24 members strong and growing, has made 108 loans totaling \$7, 875. Poor entrepreneurs around the world are being given a chance to achieve financial stability thanks to this team. If you are interested in learning more, go to: www.kiva.org and type Dover, Mass under community.

From the Rev. Jim Antal, MACUCC Conference Minister

To all who care about God's creation:

Let me begin by thanking you for all that you and your congregation are doing to protect, defend and restore God's creation! I want to draw you and your congregation's attention to a number of upcoming events/opportunities.

1. Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast 2013 –www.macucc.org/carbonfast

SIGN UP FOR the ELCF2013 by clicking on the link! **Send this link out to anyone / everyone you know to invite them to participate.** Congregations are encouraged to promote the fast and then gather weekly to share their experiences, support one another, compare notes, share resources and pray.

2. Climate Revival – April 27, 2013 10am Boston, MA macucc.org/climate revival Please encourage people to like the event on Facebook too!

This is going to be a BIG EVENT! Come together for an inspirational day of preaching, worship, prayers, and music as we celebrate the splendor of Creation, mourn its desecration, and advocate for restoration and renewal. Led by national and international religious leaders, we will call upon the Holy Spirit as we rise up to stabilize the climate and to create a better future. Churches will have an opportunity to participate in an informational fair about their environmental work.

Preachers and participants include (among others):

- **Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ**
- **Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church**
- **Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus South Africa (video)**
- **Bill McKibben, author and environmentalist (Skype or video)**

We will begin at 10 a.m. at Old South Church in Copley Square, Boston, transition through lunch and a press conference, reconvene at Trinity Episcopal Church, and at 3 p.m. transition outdoors to Copley Square for a youth and young adult rally led by campus ministers and students.

We hope that congregations will consider sending a contingent. It will be a great opportunity to learn what other congregations are doing to uphold God's creation.

3. Mission 4/1 Earth ... and it will be ecumenical! <http://www.ucc.org/earth/>

ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared resurrection witness for Planet Earth during 50 great days of greening up, powering down, and shouting out. ORDER YOUR PACKETS TODAY: <http://www.ucc.org/earth/resources.html> The Carbon Fast will mention and anticipate Mission 4/1 Earth, and the Climate Revival will mark the middle of the 50 great days!

AND IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT VERY SOON, A PARALLEL WEB SITE WILL BE UNVEILED THAT WILL ALLOW ANY AND ALL (NOT JUST UCC) TO PARTICIPATE!!

4. National Preach-In on Global Warming, February 8-10, 2013 – Interfaith Power & Light's biggest event of the year <http://www.preachin.org/>

Click on the link for resources, ideas, and to register your event. This annual event continues to grow!

5. Forward on Climate - the largest climate rally in history - February 17, 2013 - the National Mall, Washington DC www.350.org/Feb17

This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity that will bring to Washington DC *tens of thousands of people* at a time when President Obama will be setting his second term agenda. Let's make sure that the first environmental action of his second term is to reject the Keystone XL pipeline. Crippling drought. Devastating wildfires. Superstorm Sandy. Climate has come home – and the American people get it. Make sure Obama's actions reflect his moving words at his Inaugural Address.

6. Divestment from Fossil Fuels – UCC resolution is beginning to gain support across other Conferences...

<http://www.macucc.org/news/detail/203>

You may have seen the excellent COVER article in the January 9, 2013 *Christian Century Magazine* by **Bill McKibben** in which he lifts up the recent vote of the Mass Conference UCC Board of Directors as exemplary and leading the way! <http://www.christiancentury.org/article/2012-12/playing-offense> You can find the resolution here: macucc.org/divest AND what's really exciting is that other Conferences are joining as co-sponsors of this UCC resolution, and other denominations are advancing their own similar resolutions.

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO IN RECOGNITION THAT THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S!

Hello everyone,

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for supporting the church this year. We are blessed with many talented members who have been very generous in sharing these talents with the church. Thank you all for sharing your time, your talents and your passions with the church. We have also had many generous financial supporters this year. Thank you to everyone who pledged the church for 2013 and in particular those who increased their pledges to take advantage of the matching gift.

I am proud to have been your moderator for the past three years and feel very fortunate to have been a part of the 250th celebration of our church.

All the best,

Beth



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