



# News from Meeting House Hill

**The Dover Church**

*"Welcoming Community of Faith and Service since 1762"*

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## **Mike Donoghue Preaching This Sunday, February 24**

We have a special guest preacher this Sunday, Mike Donoghue. Mike will be talking about Family Promise, one of our core mission ministries at the church in which we host homeless families for a week four times a year. The Family Promise network consists of 2,600 volunteers in 40 congregations in the Metrowest region helping our neighbors. In addition to a warm bed, friendly faces, breakfast and supper at the host congregations like ours, Family Promise also has a Day Center in Natick where guests receive career counseling and housing search assistance. Mike is a gifted speaker as well as being a Deacon of the church. This is not a Sunday to miss.

## **Medical Supplies for Villa, Haiti**

As the team begins preparations for their Haiti trip on March 14th, they have identified a number of items to bring with them that will be donated to the Villa clinic and school upon their arrival. We'd like your help in collecting these items over the next 3 Sundays:

Band-Aids  
Gauze pads  
Medical Tape  
Ace bandages  
Multi-vitamins  
Prenatal vitamins  
Vitamin C  
Ibuprofen (kids and adult doses)  
Tylenol (kids and adult doses)  
Blank notebooks, Pencils, Crayons

So on your next trip to Costco or Walmart, where all that you need is available at your fingertips, please remember to pick up a few of these items, which are nearly impossible to get for those needing them in Fond des Blanc. All donations will be collected in Kraft Hall during coffee hour. Thank You!

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Special Services**

**(All services at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted).**

**February 24**

**Mike Donoghue preaching on  
Family Promise at 10:00am**

**March 17**

**Celtic Christian Service  
at 10:00am**

**Easter Services**

**March 24 Palm Sunday  
at 10:00am**

**March 28**

**Maundy Thursday**

**March 29**

**Good Friday**

**March 30**

**Holy Saturday**

**March 31**

**Easter Sunday**

**(see back page for times of  
Easter Sunday Services)**

*(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  
website [www.thedoverchurch.org](http://www.thedoverchurch.org)).*

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Rev. Emilia Halstead, Associate Pastor <[emilia@thedoverchurch.org](mailto:emilia@thedoverchurch.org)>



## Associate Pastor

Rev. Emilia Halstead

Greetings Children of God,

We are now deep into our mutual and individual Lenten journeys. How goes it with your soul? Are you enjoying more quiet time with God? Does the busy day-to-day seem even crazier than normal? Is your spirit swelling with new faith discoveries made during times of devotion? Are you wishing that March would hurry up and be over? Wherever you are, remember that you are definitely not alone and that, more importantly, God will meet you wherever that place may be.

The winter semester of Sunday school wraps up on February 24<sup>th</sup> and the spring semester begins March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The spring semester teachers and I will be meeting this week to prepare for the semester! Thank you to all of our Winter Semester Teachers:

Amy Barnett	Fred Pfeifer
Jennifer DaSilva	Jackie Pfeifer
Lauren DaSilva	Jane Taylor
Kristen Dennison	Anna Whiting
Nancy Goodall	George Whiting
Amy Johnston	Mary Yanke
Jenny Newport	

Have your children asked you a question about Lent, the cross, or Easter that you are not sure how to answer? Are *you* puzzled by this season of fasting, praying, and almsgiving (money or other assistance given to those in need)? If so, please feel free to contact Max or myself *and* be sure to visit the Lenten materials table in Kraft Hall to pick up your very own Lenten devotional. Thank you to the Deacon's for purchasing a wonderful selection of materials this year.

Remember: "God loves you with deep affection (nope, there is nothing you can do about it) and delights in your attentive devotion. Prayerfully resting in Christ creates an oasis of peace within busy days. The Spirit beckons you to pull away from distraction, lay down your burdens and regain your strength" ~ Rev. Wanda Schwandt.

Peace and Love,  
Rev. Emilia

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## Max's Office Hours

Max's office hours are listed as Tuesdays, 11-3. This means that during these hours Max promises to be sitting in his office, should you want to drop in.

Max does work in his office at other times during the week, but ministry involves people and most people are not inside the church most of the time. They're at home, at work, at school, in the hospital, and that's where Max will be.

If you want to be certain to find him in his office at other times, please call ahead or try Max's cellphone (508-982-0422).

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☘ Celtic ☘  
**Christian Service**  
 “Beannaímid An  
 Tiarna”

**Sunday, March 17**  
**at 10:00am**

We warmly welcome  
 everyone to attend this  
 special  
**Celtic -themed**  
**service**

**Interested in Joining the Church?**

We will be receiving new members into our faith and fellowship on **April 7**.

If you would like to find out what membership entails, please let Max know (508-785-0957), [max@thedoverchurch.org](mailto:max@thedoverchurch.org)).

**Office Hours for**  
**Max Olmstead**

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



April 7 during Worship

**Reception of  
 New Members**

Please join us as we welcome  
 our new members. Coffee and  
 cake will be served in  
 Kraft Hall  
 following Worship.

**A Big Day in our  
 Church Life**

**New Members Joining**

On **April 7**, we will be receiving new members into our faith and fellowship. If you are interested in joining us, or in finding out what being a member of The Dover Church means, please speak with Max before March 17. We have parties to plan and people to introduce you to.

**Service Sunday**

Following worship on April 7, we will have Service Sunday in Kraft Hall from 11:30 to 12:30pm. There will be tables set up with information about all of the service opportunities available at The Dover Church. There is something for everyone! Haiti, Kiva, Family Promise, A Place to Turn, Lunch Bunch and more! There will be small service jobs for the children too.

Please come and enjoy this community building event!  
*Barbara Baker and Nancy Simms*

*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](mailto:admin@thedoverchurch.org)  
 We welcome your news.*

# March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 12:00pm Caring and Grieving	2
3 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm Worship 6:30pm Confirmation class	4 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon	5 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer	6 9:00am Al Anon 12:00pm The Dolphin Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7 4:00pm Boston As- semblies Social Dance	8 1:00pm Men's Fri- day Lunch Group	9 7:30am CDC Pancake breakfast
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm Worship	11 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon	12 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Trustees' Meeting	13 9:00am Al Anon 12:15pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	14 Haiti trip begins 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group	15	16 6:00pm HSYG Service in Dorchester
17 <b>Family Promise Hosting Week begins St. Patrick's Day</b> 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm Worship	18 Family Promise Week 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon	19 Family Promise Week 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Deacons' Meeting	20 Family Promise Week 9:00am Al Anon 12:15pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	21 Family Promise Week 12:15pm The Lunch Bunch 7:30pm Choir Re- hearsal	22 Family Promise Week	23 Family Prom- ise Week
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 5:30pm NO Worship  <b>31 Easter Sunday</b> 6:00am Sunrise Worship at Channing Pond 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:00am Easter Worship Ser- vice 9:00am K-12 Chorale 11:00am Easter Worship Ser- vice	25 1:00pm Al Anon	26 9:00am Cen- tering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Council Meeting	27 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Boy Scouts	28 Labyrinth Walk 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group <b>7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service</b>	29 Labyrinth Walk <b>7:00pm Good Fri- day Ser- vice</b>	30 Labyrinth Walk <b>7:00pm Ho- ly Saturday Service</b>

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	1 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon	2 9:00am Centering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer	3 9:00am Al Anon 12:00pm The Dolphin Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	4 4:00pm Boston Assemblies Social Dance (snow date) 7:30pm Choir rehearsal	5 12:00pm Caring & Grieving	6 8:00am Charles River Rug Guild
7 Reception of New Members Joining/Service Sunday 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 5:30pm Worship	8 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon	9 9:00am Centering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Deacons' Meeting 7:30pm Trustees' Meeting	10 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Boy Scouts	11 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group 7:30pm Choir rehearsal	12 1:00pm Men's Lunch Group	13
14 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service 5:30pm Worship	15 <b>Patriot's Day</b> Church office closed 1:00pm Al Anon	16 9:00am Centering Prayer 3:15pm No 4th and 5th grade youth group 7:00pm Centering Prayer	17 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Boy Scouts	18 7:30pm Choir rehearsal	19	20
21 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service 11:30am Confirmation class 5:30pm Worship	22 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon	23 9:00am Centering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer 7:30pm Council Meeting	24 9:00am Al Anon 12:15pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	25 12:15pm The Lunch Bunch 6:30pm Middle School Youth Group 7:30pm Choir rehearsal	26	27
28 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service 10:00am 6th & 7th Grade Class Presentation 11:30am Confirmation class 2:00pm "Don't Dress For Dinner" rehearsal	29 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon 6:00pm "Don't Dress For Dinner" rehearsal	30 9:00am Centering Prayer 7:00pm Centering Prayer 6:00pm "Don't Dress For Dinner" rehearsal				

## The Dover Church Book Drive

See excerpt from letter below, received from Lindsay Broyhill, Development Associate at Associated Early Care and Education:

*"I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and enthusiasm for our children. You all brought in an INCREDIBLE amount of children's books, which, as you know, are a vital component in teaching our low-income children literacy at an important age, preventing them from falling behind their more fortunate peers before they enter kindergarten. Your kindness is so greatly appreciated."*



## KIVA Update

As of February 20, our Dover, Mass KIVA Microfinance lending team, 24 members strong and growing, has made 112 loans totaling \$7,975. 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](http://www.kiva.org) and type Dover, Mass under community.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Lives are changed around the world all year when you give gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), the refugee, relief and community development offering of the United Church of Christ. Each local UCC congregation has the opportunity to be part of this transformative movement. OGHS supports mission and ministry across the United States and in over 130 countries—reaching every continent, except the frozen one. Over ninety percent (90%) of every dollar received for the offering is used for direct initiatives to improve the lives of individuals and communities. Your support allows the UCC to extend assistance to vulnerable people as needs arise due to hunger, poverty, disasters and conflicts.

## Ushers, Readers and Fellowship Hosts

You can help out with Sunday mornings by ushering, reading, or hosting coffee hour. It's easy. It's fun. It connects you with other folk in the church. And we need people to volunteer. Sign-up sheets are posted in Kraft Hall. If everyone does one thing, we'll be all set for more than a year.

You can also call the church office at 508-785-0957 or email [joan@thedoverchurch.org](mailto:joan@thedoverchurch.org) with your Sunday of preference. Your assistance is much appreciated—thank you!

## Solar Update

As of February 20, our solar panels on Kraft Hall have generated 2,941.24 kWh of electricity. We have not emitted 4,117.73 lbs. of carbon, saved 41.09 trees, and offset 216.18 barrels of oil.

## March Birthdays

Don Law  
Savannah Pidcock  
Jack Walsh  
Robert Brace  
Ben Dennison (10)  
Ray Revers  
Sheryl Weden  
Grant Keefe  
Aiden Johnson (10)  
Wendy Nye  
Mairead Pidcock (15)  
Gunnar Heskestad  
Oskar Kraft (11)  
Ruth Mallett  
Robert Boynton  
Flo Revers  
Caroline Simms  
Amy Barnett  
Fallon Pidcock  
Nancy Simms  
Jane Swaffield  
Virginia Colburn  
John Gilbert  
Lee Graham  
Julia Heiland  
Ethan Ford (9)  
Jim MacDonald  
Dininar Alpers (6)  
Michele Sauter  
Grace Johnson (13)  
Patricia Moore  
Marie-Laure Olmstead  
Charlie Caspar  
William Dean  
Mike Thompson



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.



**The Dover Church Lunch Bunch** hosted a special tea for the Dover Library this past Valentine's Day. The weekly library tea has become a tradition for older and younger folks in Dover. The Lunch Bunch prepared special snacks; chocolate dipped strawberries, heart cookies, candy and decorated cupcakes for the event. In addition, each attendee left with a lovely long stem rose.

The Lunch Bunch enjoyed meeting many long time Dover residents and chatting about book groups, families, hobbies and interests. The multigenerational event was fun for all.

Dovetailing this event, the Lunch Bunch and Emilia coordinated Valentine Card making by Sunday school students during the church's annual meeting. The cards were delivered by the Dover COA to shut-ins throughout Dover.

If you would like to check out the Lunch Bunch group, our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21 at 12:15pm in Kraft Hall. All are welcome, the more the merrier. Don't forget to bring your lunch!

*Ruth Mallett*

## Spring Lifetime Learning Courses at the Dover Library

**Adults of all ages welcome!**

Sponsored by Friends of The Dover Council on Aging. For more information, contact the Dover COA at 508-785-0032 x 246.

Brochures also available in the church office.



## **Easter Services at The Dover Church**

**March 24 Palm Sunday Service at 10:00am**

**March 28 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm**

**March 29 Good Friday Service at 7:00pm**

**March 30 Holy Saturday Service at 7:00pm**

**March 31 Easter Sunday Services**  
**6:00am Worship at Channing Pond**  
**9:00am Worship**  
**11:00am Worship**

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