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The Dover Church

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To the church in Dover:

Grace, peace and joy be yours from God our Creator and our Lord Jesus Christ!

Easter, the fulcrum of our faith, is fast approaching. Without the Resurrection, there is no Christianity...I think St. Paul said that in other words. I wanted to let you know about all of our special services leading up to Easter, as they are truly wonderful and also very helpful in preparing for Easter.

First, there is Palm Sunday, when we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This service has a high ambiguity factor, as it is a victory parade, but the Cross awaits. This year we will process out with our palms at the end of worship

Then, Maundy Thursday, when we remember the Last Supper. This candlelight communion service which ends in total darkness and silence is very moving. The Confirmation Class will be reading as the candles are extinguished.

Good Friday is the day of the Passion. At this service, we will read the Passion narrative and the choir will sing a Bach chorale.

Holy Saturday is a day of vigil. We will have a room sized labyrinth in Kraft Hall, which people are welcome to come and walk. Emilia and I will be there to offer instruction.

And then it is Easter, at 6am at Channing Pond, and at 9 and 11am in the Meetinghouse. Life out of death!

Give your spirit a break. Take some time out of your busy schedules and come to one of these evening services. It will be soul work.

In faith, hope, and love,

Max - your pastor

LOOKING AHEAD Special Services

March 17

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

Easter Services

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

March 28

**Maundy Thursday
at 7:00pm**

March 29

**Good Friday
at 7:00pm**

March 30

**Holy Saturday
at 7:00pm**

March 31

**Easter Sunday
6:00am at Channing Pond
9:00am
11:00am**

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Beloved in Christ,

Have you ever had the chance of walking a labyrinth? If so, did you take it? If not, do you wonder what a person can get out of a labyrinth walk? Some of the short answers to that last question are: creative surges, growing acceptance of self and others, Joy, transformation, and a deeper connection with the sacred. The labyrinth has one concentric, circular path with no dead ends. Rev. Jill Geofrion speaks of labyrinths this way: "Surprising its users and inviting growth at every turn, the labyrinth has enriched the lives of spiritual pilgrims in ways that embody the love and wisdom of God."

Thanks to Charlie Friesen, the Boy Scout who created his Eagle Scout project here at The Dover Church, we have our very own outdoor labyrinth! The entrance to the labyrinth is conveniently located off of the steps between the upper and lower parking lot. As spring continues to arrive, and the snow melts, we invite you to visit the labyrinth and give yourself the gift of a quiet moment with God.



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While you are waiting for the snow to melt, I invite you to walk the 36-foot canvas labyrinth available in Kraft Hall. The labyrinth will be available for anyone to come and use March 28th through April 1st.

It will be available daily from 9am-3pm, as well as in the evening during Holy Week services. Should you need them, I will place ideas for how to walk the labyrinth in Kraft Hall. However, there is no right or wrong way to walk the circular path. How you choose to walk the path is as unique as your own finger print.

If you are interested in learning more about the history and practices of the labyrinth, please join me for my presentation at the Council on Aging's Spirituality luncheon on Tuesday, March 19th from 12-2pm.

Peace & Love,

Rev. Emilia

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• Celtic
• **Christian Service**
• "Beannaímid An
• Tiarna"
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• **Sunday, March 17 at 10:00am**
• **We warmly welcome everyone to**
• **attend this special**
• **Celtic -themed**
• **service**
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St. Patrick's Day Concert, Sunday March 17 at 3:00pm

Looking for something Irish to do on St. Patrick's Day? Consider attending the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra's St. Patrick's Day concert which will include the world premiere of **Greg Rice's latest composition, *Irish Stew***.

The concert is at 3:00pm on Sunday, March 17th at the Mass Bay Community College auditorium. Tickets are \$25 and \$20 for seniors and students.

The Lunch Bunch



The Dover Church Lunch Bunch will be meeting Thursday, March 21st at 12:15pm in Kraft Hall. We will be welcoming Judy Mongiardo from Family Promise Metrowest. Judy will be joining us for lunch and will share information regarding Family Promise.

Family Promise is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide shelter, support and sustenance to families who are homeless. The Lunch Bunch is hoping to find out how we as a group can help Family Promise. Currently, The Dover Church partners with Family Promise to help house and feed homeless families several times throughout the year.

We hope you will join us for lunch on the 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Mallett at rmallett3@comcast.net. Don't forget to pack your lunch. Tea and dessert will be served.

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.

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

Office Hours for Max Olmstead

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

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