

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!

Following the bombing of the Boston Marathon on April 15, 2013, I have been spending a lot of time reflecting on our faith resources for moving forward into the future. On Sunday, April 21, I preached a sermon on where my reflection has led me. You can read the text of that sermon at maxolm.blogspot.com.

To summarize here, I am going to run the Boston Marathon next year as a statement about life and the human spirit. In this coming year of training, I am going to use the discipline of running to learn about the ministries of peace making, practicing non-violence, fostering reconciliation and restorative justice, all central Christian vocations. My hope is that in my learning I will have much to share with all of you. My hope in my hope is that you will hear your calling to some ministry of peace and justice and that together we can labor on. After all, every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," this is what we are praying for, that we might become the answer to our prayers.

Each of us has some way to add to the peace, love, justice, joy, community and reconciliation of the world for which all of us long...if not for ourselves, then at least for our children and grandchildren. I have not figured out how I am going to share what I learn with all of you, but it will probably be on my blog, through Facebook, here in our newsletter, and from the pulpit. If you have ever wished that there was something you could do to make the world a better place, I pray that this year we will all find our unique calling.

In Faith, Hope and Love,

Max - Your Pastor

LOOKING AHEAD **Special Services**

May 5

Confirmation Sunday

May 12

Mother's Day

**Vivaldi Gloria performed by
the Choir**

May 19

Pentecost

June 9

Sunday School Sunday

June 23

Summer Worship Begins

(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).

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Associate Pastor

Rev. Emilia Halstead

Greetings Beloved in Christ!

I am delighted by the arrival of spring, with all the colors that it brings! The vibrant colors of creation delight my heart and enliven my soul! What is your favorite element of spring?

Speaking of colors, I will be attending the New England Association of United Church Educators conference at Craigville Retreat Center, May 7-9. The theme of the event this year is: Vibrant Colors of Faith! The keynote speaker, John Roberto of Lifelong Faith Associates and Faith Formation 2020, will introduce his work and share his insights into 21st Century Faith Formation. Vibrancy in faith formation for children and youth is something I am deeply passionate about. I am eager to listen and learn about where Mr. Roberto believes faith formation is headed in the next 5-10 years and I look forward to sharing with all of you what I discover!

As we enter the last month of Sunday school for the year, I am delighted to say that attendance continues to be up from last year, and there is indeed a growing vibrancy in our classrooms.

As I visit with the classes and speak with the teachers about how the lessons are going, my heart sings to hear that our children ask wonderful questions. It sounds like we have many budding theologians in our midst!

I know that all of our Sunday school students would love to share what they are learning in class, and so I invite you to ask them about their lessons during coffee hour. Sharing in conversations about faith with their elders in church is a great way to strengthen the formation of their faith. As song writer Tony Congi once wrote, "Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away!" Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Blessings,
Rev. Emilia

Heifer International

Special Invitation to an APPRECIATION EVENT!

"To express our gratitude for your commitment to ending hunger and poverty and caring for the Earth, we request your presence at a unique gathering for congregations." - Heifer International Staff.

Heifer International at Overlook Farm is hosting a Congregational Appreciation Event on **June 1st, 2013.**

People of all ages are invited to this special 3 hour program from **9am until Noon.**

The program includes: a tour of Overlook Farm, a video greeting from Pierre Ferrari - Heifer CEO, a live chat with our International Programs Staff, and refreshments with Heifer staff and volunteers. Plus you will have a chance to visit the Fair Trade gift shop!

Each congregation is invited to bring up to 20 members of their church to this special event. If you and your family are interested in attending, **please contact Rev. Emilia Halstead, ASAP as space is limited.**

E-mail: Emilia@thedoverchurch.org

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SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!

For it's Spring 2013 show, **The Dover Foundation** is proud to present "Barefoot in the Park," a romantic comedy by Neil Simon. This year's show will be presented as a theatre in the round at The Dover Church's own Kraft Hall! The show opens on Thursday, May 2nd, and runs Friday, May 3rd, and Saturday, May 4th. Open seating, but tickets are recommended and can be obtained on-line at www.TheDoverFoundation.com or can be purchased at: Dover Automotive.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will be a Cash Bar. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. Proceeds go to scholarships for Dover High School Students!!!!!!

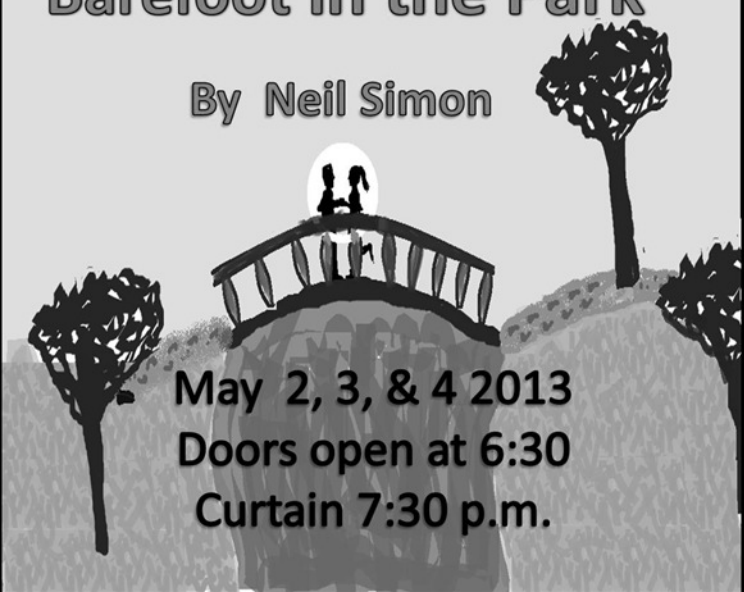
Cycle the WAVE

Women and girls, please join us for a fun, all women's, non-competitive, cycling event on **Sunday, June 23. Cycle the WAVE**, Massachusetts (www.ma.cyclethewave.org) will start and finish at Ashland's historic Marathon Park. There are two routes - *The Little Sister* is approximately 25 miles; and the *Big Sister* is approximately 50 miles. We are planning for 500 cyclists and they will ride through Ashland, Dover, Holliston, Medfield, Millis, Natick, Needham and Sherborn. There is a rest stop located in Dover center. REI is our major sponsor. This is a benefit for Needham-based Web of Benefit, which has helped hundreds of local women move from domestic abuse situations to self sufficiency and realizing their goals. To register at a modest fee see www.ma.cyclethewave.org "Registration." NO fundraising involved.

**Office Hours for
Max Olmstead**

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

The Dover Foundation Presents
Barefoot in the Park
By Neil Simon



**May 2, 3, & 4 2013
Doors open at 6:30
Curtain 7:30 p.m.**

**Kraft Hall, The Dover Church
Tickets available at
www.TheDoverFoundation.org
or
Dover Automotive
*Seating is limited***

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**Welcome
to our
New
Members!**

*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.*

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00am Al Anon 12:00pm The Dolphin Group 6:00pm Barefoot in the Park Rehearsal	2 6:30pm Barefoot in the Park 10:00am Staff Calendar Meeting 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3 6:30pm Barefoot in the Park	4 6:30pm Barefoot in the Park
5 Confirmation Sunday 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 4:00pm High School Youth Group	6 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon	7	8 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Boy Scouts	9 Ascension Thursday 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10 1:00pm Men's Friday Lunch Group	11
12 Family Promise Hosting Week begins Baptism Sunday Mother's Day/Vivaldi's Gloria 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 4:00pm High School Youth Group	13 Family Promise Week 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon	14 Family Promise Week 7:30pm Trustees' Meeting	15 Family Promise Week 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Boy Scouts	16 Family Promise Week 12:15pm The Lunch Bunch 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17 Family Promise Week 5:00pm DSHS Pre-Prom Party	18 Family Promise Week
19 Pentecost Family Promise Week 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 4:00pm High School Youth Group	20 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon	21 7:00pm Passion Points Meeting	22 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Boy Scouts	23 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service & Sunday School 4:00pm High School Youth Group	27 Memorial Day Church Office closed 1:00pm Al Anon	28 CDC Graduation Rehearsal 7:30pm Council Meeting	29 CDC Graduation Rehearsal 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Boy Scouts	30 CDC Graduation Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	31 CDC Graduation Rehearsal	

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9 Sunday School Sunday 8:30am Choir 9:00am K-12 Chorale 10:00am Service	10 9:00am Pilates 1:00pm Al Anon	11 7:30pm Trustees' Meeting	12 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Boy Scouts	13 7:30pm Choir rehearsal	14 1:00pm Men's Lunch Group	15
16 Father's Day 8:30am Choir 10:00am Service	17 1:00pm Al Anon	18 7:00pm Deacons' Meeting	19 9:00am Al Anon 7:00pm Boy Scouts	20 7:30pm Choir rehearsal	21	22
23 Summer Worship Begins 9:00am Service	24 1:00pm Al Anon	25 Public School Closes (tentative) 7:30pm Council Meeting	26	27	28	29
30 9:00am Service						

The Lunch Bunch



Last month The Dover Church Lunch Bunch hosted Judy Mongiardo from Family Promise (formerly MetroWest Interfaith Hospitality) in order to learn more about the organization and how The Dover Church and Lunch Bunch could further support FP in addition to the quarterly hosting of families. Judy touched on several ways that our church members could further help out Family Promise:

During the month of April, The Lunch Bunch will be collecting items for the Family Promise Day Center. The Day Center is home base for Family Promise families. It is where they live when not at work or school and on weekends. It is where they shower, do laundry, conduct job searches and just relax. Items needed are as follows:

Personal Items:

Toothbrushes, toothbrush holders, toothpaste, deodorant, brush/combs, chapstick, floss, soap, hand cream, razors, shampoos, toilet paper, overnight bags and towels.

Other items:

Paper towels, tissues, zip lock bags (qt or 1gal), sandwich bags, plastic wrap, napkins, disposable cups, bowls plates, plastic ware and trash bags (30g and 13g).

There will be a box in Kraft Hall center hall through the month of April. Please consider donating items to help this worthy organization.

From the Music Director

Michael Kraft

MUSIC FROM VENICE ON MOTHER'S DAY

On Sunday morning, May 12, Mother's Day, we will gather as an expanded choir, with organ and two violins, for the 10:00 worship service to sing *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi. I would like anyone who has sung in the choir, who has thought about singing in the choir, or should be singing in the choir to join us that day and for the rehearsals leading up to it. This is your chance to experience being in the choir with a short term commitment, a chance to get to know your fellow parishioners, and have **fun singing beautiful music together in a Sunday** morning worship service. The rehearsal schedule is:

Thursday, April 25	7:30-9 pm
Saturday, April 27	9-11 am
Thursday, May 2	7:30-9 pm
Saturday, May 4	9-11 am
Thursday, May 9	7-9 pm

Antonio Vivaldi composed this Gloria in Venice, probably in 1715, for the choir of the Ospedale della Pietà, an orphanage for girls. Vivaldi, a priest, music teacher and virtuoso violinist, composed many sacred works for the Ospedale, where he spent most of his career, as well as hundreds of instrumental concertos to be played by the girls' orchestra. This, his most famous choral piece, presents the traditional Gloria from the Latin Mass in twelve varied cantata-like sections.



May Birthdays

Victoria Kane
 Carla Pettit
 Alicia Doyle
 Dorothy Cabot
 Judy Davis
 Allison Hefter (3)
 Carol Jannetta
 Ilsa Kraft (14)
 Jerry Arnold
 Dale Cabot
 Elizabeth Rosa
 Lee Milne
 Michael Falotico
 Matthew Hall (13)
 Livi Keefe (14)
 Nancy Mackay
 Bill Fallon
 Lawrence Gay
 Dave Weden
 Thomas Wyatt (6)
 Nicole Mayer (9)
 Sally Shoemaker
 Monica Smith
 Gary Brach
 Caroline Wolff
 Caroline Ford (13)
 John Simourian
 Nancy Taber
 George Whiting Sr.
 Terry Taft



Carl Krause
 Aubrey Lawson (18)
 John Simourian (14)
 Nevin Weinberg (18)
 Pam Lodato
 Marlena Pettit
 Lillie Simourian (18)
 Clay Deadrick
 Betsy Esten
 Beth Dean
 Katherine Donham
 Mary Hornsby
 Mary Beth McGaw
 Jeanne Waldinger

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.

Service Sunday at The Dover Church

Thanks to the following people who are leading our various Mission Ministries: Francesca and Peter Wier representing Operation American Soldier; Jackie Pfeifer who is starting an Environmental Ministry; Jim and Ian MacDonald and Beth Karlson representing our Haiti Team; Ruth Mallet representing the Ladies Lunch Bunch; Marie-Laure Grillet representing our KIVA efforts; Mike Donoghue representing our Family Promise ministry, and Emilia Halstead and the MSYG for A Place to Turn. Thanks to Nancy Simms and Barbara Baker, Chairs of the Deacons, for cake for our new members and sandwiches and coffee for everyone.

St Boniface Haiti Foundation

Do you have connections to foundations, grants or other sources of funding? The St Boniface Haiti Foundation, which we have been partnering with to support charitable opportunities in Haiti, is looking to apply for such grants.

After the earthquake in 2010 they received many grants to help fight malnutrition, cholera and infectious diseases in Haiti. These monies allowed them to develop teams of doctors, nurses and community health workers. Many of these grants are now coming to an end and St Boniface is looking for new funding and grant opportunities to keep their work going.

If you can help them make connections and contacts to foundations, companies and other private sources, please email or call Paul Fanning, the director of development, at pfanning@sbhfhaiti.org or 781-963-7245. For more information about Haiti you may also speak with Max or Dave Melville.

Our Easter Offering

We have just mailed a check to St. Boniface Haiti Foundation for \$6,600! This will provide uniforms, supplies and lunch for 33 elementary school students in the village of Fond des Blancs. What a wonderful gift!

Church Cleanup on Service Sunday



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