

# The Dover Church

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## News from Meeting House Hill

To the Church of Jesus Christ in Dover:

"May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord" (2 Peter 1:2).

This Sunday we celebrate the coming of Lent with Fat Sunday, which means Dixieland music, a pancake breakfast and a lot of fun. Even as we walk into Lent, a time of contemplation, we are called to celebrate life. I hope you join us.

Lent proper begins on Wednesday, March 5. We welcome you to our evening Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM. This is a quiet, contemplative service where we spend some quiet time with God and look at the path we are following. We also receive ashes and celebrate communion.

And finally, I invite you to join me on Sunday mornings at 9 AM throughout Lent (March 16 excepted, when I will be in Haiti) for a faith educational experience. We will be watching a very interesting video series called *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God* featuring two world class Jesus and New Testament scholars, Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan. This series takes us through so much of the back story, historical context, and theological interpretation that it will make the Jesus event come to life for you.

There are copies of an accompanying reader available in the office if you should wish to read more. Please let Beth know you will be picking one up, so that there are sufficient copies available. Some of the installments will be "The Matrix of Jesus", "The Advent of the Messiah", "God's Great Cleanup", "Collaborative Eschaton", "Parables as Lures", etc.

This will be a casual gathering each week on the stage in Kraft Hall at 9 until 9:35ish. There will be coffee, so come a little early to pour yourself a cup. And then stretch your legs afterwards and join us for worship.

In faith, hope and love,  
Max - your pastor

### LOOKING AHEAD

**March 2**  
**"Fat Sunday" and**  
**Pancake Breakfast**

**March 5**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**Service**

**March 8**  
**Annual Spring**  
**Social Party**

**March 9**  
**Faith and Spiritual**  
**Exploration in Lent**

**March 16**  
**Rev. Joan B. Murray**  
**Preaching**

**April 6**  
**Fauré Requiem**

See inside calendar for more details.

### Upcoming Services

#### "Fat Sunday"

On Sunday, March 2nd at 10 am, we will celebrate with our "Fat Sunday" service. Come enjoy New Orleans style music and a special pancake breakfast after worship. A little bit of Mardi Gras in Dover.



#### Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5th. Please join us at 7 pm for our Ash Wednesday service.

#### March 16th Service

On Sunday, March 16th, the Rev. Joan B. Murray will be leading worship while Max is in Haiti. Rev. Murphy is the Founding Director and a staff chaplain at Chaplains on the Way, a ministry which began in June, 2008 in Waltham, MA.

At the heart of the work of Chaplains on the Way is a ministry of presence and spiritual care with poor and homeless people on the street and at programs, including at the men's and women's shelters and the Home Suites Inn where homeless families are currently housed. (www.chaplainsontheway.org) We hope you will join us to hear how Rev. Murphy serves this unique community.

March 16th is also the start of our next Family Promise hosting week and we hope you will find it enlightening to see how these two programs provide an important safety net to many in need.

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### Fauré Requiem at The Dover Church

The Dover Church Senior Choir will sing 'Requiem' by Gabriel Fauré during the communion worship service on Sunday, April 6 at 10:00 am. They will be accompanied by the C.B. Fisk, Opus 107 organ and two violins. Fauré composed the work in the late 1880s and revised it in the 1890s, finishing it in 1900. A short requiem, lasting 35 minutes, it is written for orchestra, organ, mixed chorus and two soloists, soprano and baritone, and performed in Latin. It consists of seven movements; most famous is the central soprano aria *Pie Jesu*.

The Gospel reading for the day is John 11, where Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. The story teaches us a lesson about persevering through difficult trials. Fauré himself said of the work, "Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put into my Requiem, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest."

### Faith and Spirituality Exploration

Please joins us for *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God* discussions on:

- March 9th – The Matrix of Jesus,
- March 23rd – The Advent of the Messiah
- March 30th – God's Great Cleanup,
- April 6th – Collaborative Eschaton and
- April 13th – The Lake as the World
- May 18th – Parables as Lures

Coffee will be served and these sessions will start at 9 am on the stage in Kraft Hall.

Also on Sunday March 9th at 4:30 pm, we will begin to explore together the meaning of spirituality and spiritual formation. Rodney Petersen, PhD, a member of the church and of the choir, and an ordained minister, is our facilitator. Working as executive director of the consortium of 10 theology schools in the Boston area, he comes with a rich background in ecumenical, evangelical and inter-faith practices. We will meet in the library.

### Congregational Survey

As a follow up to the Congregational Survey, the Deacons will be sharing insights gained from the data collected. Join us on Sunday, March 9th following worship. We are working on child-care so that all can join us.

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## Youth Programming

### Confirmation

Our Confirmation class will meet on March 2nd and 9th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. They then have a break until March 30th when they have been invited to join the HSYG to play laser tag. Watch for the email to sign up for laser tag.

### Sunday School

Following the success of our Christmas pageant, we have decided to organize a Palm Sunday pageant. There will be lots of speaking and singing parts, as well as opportunities for solos. We are also planning short parts as well as a song for the younger children (2nd grade and below).

The pageant will be on **Palm Sunday, April 13th**. We will be starting our rehearsals on Sunday March 9th during Sunday School. March 9th is the day when the children will be choosing their parts and deciding whether they want to sing solos. If your child is interested in participating, it is important that they be in church on March 9th.

Please note that we are planning to rehearse every Sunday. We might also need to add 1 or 2 Saturday rehearsals as we get closer to our performance. Children who wish to sing solos will need to rehearse with Christopher Keene on Sundays at 9:30am.

Marie-Laure is looking forward to directing this new pageant. It will be a wonderful and creative way to learn the Easter story. Please direct all questions to Sarah Hefter and Marie-Laure.

### Children's Choir Rehearsal

The Dover Church Children's Choir is happy to welcome all 3rd through 7th graders who wish to sing. We had a wonderful performance with the adult choir and the confirmation class last month and would invite any 8th graders who wishes to help with the choir to join us at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings in Kraft Hall

We are looking forward to our Children's Choir singing in worship on Palm Sunday (April 13th), Mother's Day (May 11th) and Children's Sunday (June 8th).

### Youth Group

Our High School Youth Group continues to meet on Sunday nights. We will meet on the 2nd, 9th, 23rd in March.



On March 30th we will be playing laser tag! Watch for the sign up email.

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## Fellowship Opportunities

### Fun! Fun! Fun!

Our Annual Spring Social will be held on **March 8, 2014**. We will meet for cocktails in Kraft Hall at 5:30 pm with in-home dinners to follow. This is great way to get to know each other better. We hope you will all join us! The sign up flyer is available in the pews and the church office.

We are looking for several families to host a dinner. Please let us know if you can help out. This will be a fun evening not to be missed! **Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we can begin planning for this fun event.**

### Ladies Lunch Bunch

The Dover Church Lunch Bunch is hosting a **Movie Matinee and Lunch in March**.



Join us for lunch and a movie, shown on the giant screen in Kraft Hall on **Thursday, March 13th at noon**. We will be showing "**The Butler**."

**Please RSVP** to Beth Benjamin, 508-785-0957 or email Beth, beth@thedoverchurch.org by Monday, March 10th. And please let us know if you'd like a ride.

### The Dolphin Group

This month, the Dolphin Group will meet on **Wednesday, March 5th at noon**. If you are a retired or senior man who is looking for a fellowship group, please join us for lunch at 12 noon at the Dolphin Restaurant in downtown Natick Center. Please RSVP by calling the church office.



### Men's Breakfast Group

Our Men's Breakfast Group will meet **Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 am**. At our last Men's Breakfast Meeting the idea was thrown out that it might be fun if members of the group suggested the topic for the March meeting.

**Do you have something that you have read or watched recently, a short reading, article or a video clip, that you think the group would enjoy.** Please email Max your thoughts. We will then discuss how it pertains to our faith and our lives. Thank you!

### Dover Church Band

The Dover Church Band will be playing on **March 2nd** for our "Fat Sunday" service. The band will also be playing as part of the children's Palm Sunday pageant. Rehearsals in March will be on Monday, March 10th and Monday, March 24th at 7:30 pm in the music room.

If you would like to join the band, we welcome you! If you would like to be included on the email to our musicians, please email Beth Benjamin, beth@thedoverchurch.org, or call the church office, 508-785-0957.



## Serving Others

### Family Promise Update

We need you to volunteer! Our next hosting week begins March 16th. **Family Promise New Volunteer Training** will be held on **Tuesday, March 4th at 7 pm** in the music room. Please let Beth Benjamin in the church office know if you are planning on attending this training.

We have a new "Family Promise at The Dover Church" website. Please use this site to sign up for one of our many volunteer opportunities.

<https://sites.google.com/site/thedoverchurchfamilypromise/>

You can also sign up during coffee hour or by calling the church office. We thank everyone in advance for your help and support!

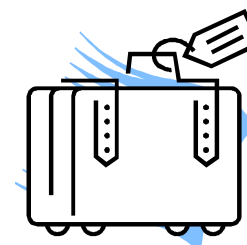
The 5th Annual Family Promise Walk Away Homelessness Walkathon Event is **Saturday, April 12th from 8:00 to 11:00 am**. If you are interested in joining The Dover Church Walking Team, please let us know. You can find out information about the walkathon at [www.familypromisemetrowest.org](http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org).

### Haiti

We are very excited about our upcoming trip to Haiti on March 13th to 16th. **We have our suitcases out and hope to fill them!** Our partners at St Boniface Haiti Foundation have put together a list of needed items. We will have our suitcases

open for your donations around the church and in Kraft Hall.

Please bring all donations to the church by Monday, March 10th. We thank you for your support of our mission effort to help the people of Fondes-Blancs.



### Items being collected:

- Band-Aids
- Medical Tape
- Prenatal Vitamins
- Gauze pads
- Vitamin C
- Ibuprofen (kids and adult)
- Tylenol (kids and adult)
- Ace bandages
- Multi-vitamins
- Blank Notebooks, Pencils, Crayons (schools)
- Small Gardening Tools for the Spinal Cord Injury Center (SCI) - hand shovels, picks, gloves
- Packages of basic undergarments - Socks, adult underwear, undershirts
- Baby clothes, breast pumps, receiving blankets
- Hygiene supplies: toothpaste, tooth brushes, bars of soap, deodorant sticks
- Jewelry making items and sewing materials for SCI Center

### Kiva

In Sunday School we will be collecting a special offering during Lent (from Sunday, March 2nd to Palm Sunday).

**We ask that our Sunday School children bring in coins, in any amount, each Sunday, starting March 2nd, for our collection.** After

Easter, we will take our collected money and ask the children to help us decide which individuals in the Kiva program to invest in. We feel this is a wonderful lesson that no matter how small or young you are, you can help others.

To find out more about Kiva, please visit the church's Kiva page on our website: [www.thedoverchurch.org](http://www.thedoverchurch.org).



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## Additional News and Information

### Lay Leaders Needed!

Please help us with our Sunday worship! We need ushers, acolytes, scripture readers and Sunday Fellowship hosts for the following Sundays in March:

- Ushers: March 9th, March 16th, March 23rd and March 30th.
- Acolytes: March 9th, March 16th, March 23rd and March 30th.
- Scripture Readers: March 9th, March 16th, March 23rd, March 30th.
- Sunday Fellowship: March 23rd and March 30th.

If you are able to help, please contact Beth Benjamin in the church office, [beth@thedoverchurch.org](mailto:beth@thedoverchurch.org) or 508-785-0957.

### Singers Wanted

On Sunday, March 16th at 3:00 pm at MASS BAY Community College, the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra will be playing Greg Rice's song *It's Up To Us-Keep Boston Strong*, in tribute to those in the broader Boston community who responded so well to last year's Boston Marathon bombing.

Greg is in the process of staffing an inter-generational choir to sing *It's Up To Us-Keep Boston Strong*. He needs more people of all ages, especially young singers. We are extending a specific invitation to the Youth Choir and kids of that age to sing at the concert.



(Greg is looking for 8 to 12 children and invites Dover Church children and their friends to sing.) It's a wonderful opportunity to sing with a very fine orchestra.

The concert will be from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Those participating in the concert will get free admission. We probably won't need a rehearsal, other than arriving 30 minutes before the concert, because the choir will only be singing the chorus of one song. The chorus has an easy to remember melody that repeats itself four times. Greg Rice will email those who sign up a copy of the lyrics and an MPS before the concert date.

If you are interested in singing please contact Greg Rice as soon as possible by email at [RICEGRBE@AOL.COM](mailto:RICEGRBE@AOL.COM).

## News about Our Members

Mary Jane Law has moved to Newbridge on the Charles in Dedham, part of the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center. She is in room #7113B. Her direct line is 781-234-7490. We will update everyone as we get additional news.

Congratulations to John and Jane Lin on the birth of their son, Eddy, on February 19th.

### Wish List

Do you have a laptop computer that you are no longer using? We are looking for an old laptop computer, nothing fancy, to drive the Wi-Fi solar display in Kraft Hall. If you would like to donate your old laptop to the church, please speak with Max. Many thanks.



### Church Office Hours

Beth will be out of the office on March 7th and again on March 13th and 14th. The office is generally open from 9 am until 3 pm, Monday to Friday but may have reduced hours on those days.

Max will also be out on March 13th and 14th. You can always reach him on his cell phone, 508-982-0422.

Anne, Sarah and Christopher work different hours each. To ensure the person you want to talk to is here, please call or email. Thank you!

### Green Ministry Team

We have started a Green Ministry Team and are looking for people who would be interested in working to make our church more "green." We have a great start with our solar panels, but know there are more things we could be doing. If you are interested in joining this Green Ministry Team, please call or email Beth Benjamin in the office, 507-785-0957 or [beth@thedoverchurch.org](mailto:beth@thedoverchurch.org). We hope to have our first Green Ministry Team meeting this month.



## Important Dates for Spring 2014

In an effort to keep everyone informed about our upcoming events, we have listed the current schedule of our upcoming Spring 2014 events. Mark your calendars! We will be adding dates as additional events become finalized.

Please watch for more details about each of these events which we will post in our Sunday announcements and our weekly eNews.

### In March

**Sunday, March 2:** Fat Sunday Service & Pancake Breakfast during Coffee Hour

**Tuesday, March 4:** Men's Breakfast Group – 6:30 am in the library\*  
Family Promise Training - 7:00 pm Music Room\*

**Wednesday, March 5:** Dolphin Group Lunch at noon

**Wednesday, March 5:** Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00pm

**Saturday, March 8:** Spring Social - In Home Dinner Parties\*

**Sunday, March 9:** First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God at 9 am,  
Survey Results Presentation – Coffee Hour  
Exploration of Spirituality at 4:30 pm

**Thursday, March 13:** Dover Lunch Bunch Movie Matinee at noon

**Thursday, March 13 – Sunday, March 16:** Mission Trip to Haiti\*

**Sunday, March 16- Sunday, March 23:** Family Promise Hosting week – Deacons and Confirmand Families to coordinate\*

**Sunday, March 23:** First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God at 9 am,

**Sunday, March 30:** First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God at 9 am,

### In April

**Sunday, April 6:** First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God at 9 am,

**Wednesday, April 9:** Dolphin Group Lunch at noon

**Saturday, April 12:** Family Promise Walkathon

**Sunday, April 13:** Palm Sunday – Pageant First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God at 9 am,

**Monday, April 14 – Saturday, April 19:** Labyrinth Walk in Kraft Hall

**Thursday, April 17:** Maundy Thursday Service led by Confirmands – 7:00pm

**Friday, April 18:** Good Friday Service – 7:00pm

**Sunday, April 20:** Easter Sunday Services at 6:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am. No Coffee Hour. Special Offering to support Villa Clinic

### In May

**Friday, May 2:** New Member Evening Reception: Time and Location TBD

**Sunday, May 4:** New Member Sunday\*

**Sunday, May 4:** Service Fair – Coffee Hour

**Sunday, May 4 – Sunday, May 11:** Family Promise Hosting Week\*

**Wednesday, May 7:** Dolphin Group Lunch at noon

**Sunday, May 11:** Mothers' Day Service

**Tuesday, May 13:** Leadership Potluck Dinner

**Thursday, May 15:** Dover Lunch Bunch

**Sunday, May 18 –** First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God at 9 am,

### In June

**Sunday, June 1:** Confirmation Sunday

**Tuesday, June 3:** Baccalaureate Service for all DS High School seniors and families

**Sunday, June 8:** Children's Sunday Special Offering for the Kids for Timoun

**Wednesday, June 11:** Dolphin Group Lunch at noon

**Sunday, June 15:** Fathers Day Service

**Saturday, June 21 – Sunday June 29:** High School Youth Group Work Camp

**Sunday, June 29:** Summer Hours begin – Sunday Service at 9:00am

\*For more information, contact Beth Benjamin at [Beth@thedoverchurch.org](mailto:Beth@thedoverchurch.org) or 508-785-0957.

# March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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