

# The Dover Church

"A Welcoming Community of Faith and Service since 1762"

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## News from Meeting House Hill

To the church of Jesus Christ in Dover:

Connecting. It's that simple. People come to our church to connect: to connect with God, to connect with them selves, to connect with each other and form community, to connect with our surrounding community and the world further afield in loving service.

At a recent Leadership Potluck, attendees seemed to be surprised by the number of opportunities our church offers all of us to connect. "You should tell everyone," they said. So here I go.

By supporting the presence of a church in this place. We are able to offer:

- Sunday Worship
- Sunday School
- Fellowship at Coffee Hour
- Youth Groups for HS and MS aged youth
- Staff to connect you and visit you when you desire pastoral care
- A Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which offers emergency assistance to those in dire need

We host AI Anon, the Boy Scouts of America Troop 1, Pack 52 of the Cub Scouts, Matinee Movies for Seniors, Council on Aging Luncheons and Breakfasts, sand buckets for Seniors, rides for seniors and differently abled neighbors. We send our Easter and Christmas flowers to neighbors, as well as Valentines, Jack-o-lanterns and gingerbread houses from our youth groups.

You can be part of:

- Our choirs
- Church leadership teams
- Small groups
- House churches
- New members' parties
- The Circle of Service for Ladies
- Ladies Who Lunch
- Men's Breakfast
- The Dolphin Lunch Group

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sunday, November 6th**  
**All Souls' Sunday**  
**Fauré Requiem**  
**at 10:00 am**

**'Being Mortal' Event**  
**Tuesday, November 7th, 2 pm**  
**Thursday, November 10th,**  
**at 6 pm**

**2nd Annual**  
**Festival of Wreaths**  
**Friday, November 18th**  
**7 to 9:00 pm**

**Agape Sunday**  
**November 20th**  
**at 10:00 am**

**First Sunday in Advent**  
**Sunday, November 27th**  
**at 10:00 am**

See inside calendar for more details.



Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 6th!** Don't forget to turn your clocks **back** one hour.

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When we look a little further afield, you can connect through:

- Our Family Promise Partnership, either by helping out with our quarterly hosting week in Kraft Hall or by offering your gifts at the Day Center in Natick
- Our support of the Nurtury in Roxbury through the Circle of Service
- Our support of A Place To Turn, the food pantry in Natick for our neck of the woods, for which our YGs regularly do food drives
- Our Youth Group's participation in the Boston Homeless ministry: CityReach
- Our budding partnership with Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries

And last but certainly not least, we have a number of really exciting opportunities to connect out with the world :

- Our relationship with St. Boniface Haiti Foundation and the clinic in Villa which many of us support
- Our Senior High Youth Group's annual Appalachian Service Project home repair ministry in Appalachia
- Our children's support of Heifer
- Our engagement with KIVA, a microfinancing organization supporting women in the 3rd World
- And numerous offerings managed by the United Church of Christ which help to alleviate suffering and promote prosperity and health around the world.

My point is this: if you feel like you aren't connecting and you want to, if you want to make a con-

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crete, measureable and repeatable difference in your <sup>2</sup> life and in the lives of others, then dive in. Right here. Right now.

Peace,  
Max - By the grace of God, your pastor

### Christ, the Arts, and Coffee

To The Dover Church,

Thank you all for a wonderful reception to the services on October 23rd. It was truly amazing to be a part of a new way of examining God's Word amongst all of you, and I hope you found it as enjoyable as I did. This blend of Church and the Arts is what I hope to bring more to the forefront of the Christian mind.

It is in this spirit that Reverend Olmstead bring a new project to light. We have been working with the Director of Arts for both the middle school and the high school for Dover/Sherborn on developing a new outlet for the students and their creativity. We are designing a coffeehouse style event, allowing students and local professional artists to co-mingle and influence each other. The art will be a variety of mediums, be it poetry, song, visual art, dance and others that we hope to highlight.

In doing this, we hope to provide an opportunity for the Dover community to express and hone their creative talents, and perhaps delve into the spiritual meanings behind their own work. It is geared towards the adolescents, and we hope to expand this into the community at large.

As always, none of this happens without the support of each and every one of us. Both the arts and the church are made up of individuals committed to an ideal. I believe they can work in concert to highlight the beauty and mystery of God's world, turning it towards good. It is an endeavor that we shall explore, and perhaps bring to light.

Thank you, and God Bless.  
Jack Holder

### Stewardship 2017

We are excited to kick off our 2017 Stewardship Campaign. If you were unable to join us for our kick-off meeting on October 30th, please look for our pledge package which we will mail to everyone

following the meeting. Please join us on the Sundays during our pledge period, November 6th, 13th and 20th, as members of our congregation share how The Dover Church has touched their lives and why they choose to support the church financially.

The traditional culmination of our pledge campaign is **Agape Sunday on November 20**. For this special day, tables at the front of the church will be overflowing with breads and grapes and there will be baskets for collecting your pledge cards. It is another wonderful Sunday, and we give thanks for our blessings and bounty in numerous ways.

As you reflect on your pledge for 2017, please consider that over 75% of our operating budget is funded through pledges and other Sunday morning gifts!

And don't forget your 2016 pledge. Many thanks to those of you who have already satisfied your 2016 pledge commitment.

Thank you in advance for your support of the good work of our church.

The Stewardship Committee  
(Beth Benjamin, Glenn Jensen, Steve Karlson, Chris Newport, and Nancy Simms)

## Worship in November

As a partner to our Dixieland All Saints' service on October 30, we are celebrating All Souls' Day on **Sunday, November 6 at 10:00 am**. We will use movements from Gabriel Fauré's Requiem to accompany our Communion service on that day. The music will be provided by organ, violins, and choir (with a guest baritone soloist).

In Christianity, All Souls' Day commemorates the faithful departed. In Western Christianity the annual celebration is now held on 2 November and is associated with the three days of Allhallowtide, including All Saints' Day (1 November) and its vigil, Halloween (31 October). Certain traditions view All Souls' Day as an extension of the observance of All Saints' Day and it serves to "remember those who have died", in connection with the theological doctrines of the resurrection of the body and the Communion of Saints.

The Dover Church is offering this service

and the All Saints service, in part, to celebrate and remember the lives that precede us with two very different styles of musical support.

On **Sunday, November 13**, we will have a service with a Thanksgiving theme, because one Thanksgiving Sunday is never enough.

**Agape Sunday, November 20th**, is our traditional thanksgiving service. We will celebrate with grapes and quick breads (banana, pumpkin, etc.) It is also the day we will be collecting our 2017 pledge cards.

We ask that you help supply quick breads and washed grapes for this service. Please call the church office, 508-785-0957, or contact us by email, admin@thedoverchurch.org, to let us know if you are able to bring something. If possible, please drop off your food either on Friday, November 18th, 9 am to 3 pm, or on Sunday, 11/20, before 9:30 am. This will give our Deacons enough time to prepare the food for serving. Please bring bread that is uncut and clearly labeled. Many thanks.

On **Sunday, November 27**, Advent begins with candle lighting, a greening of the church, and much Advent music.

## Advent Bulletin Covers and Candle Lighting

During Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, our bulletins display artwork produced by our children and youth. If you have a child who would like to draw a bulletin cover, please contact the church office to sign up. We will also have a link in our next e-News to sign up online.

Each Sunday in Advent and on Christmas Eve, members and friends light our advent candles. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please contact the church office. We will also have a link in our next e-News to sign up online.

## Spiritual Growth

### Meditation and Yoga

**Meditation** continues **Tuesday evenings at 7 pm** in the Meeting House.

**Yoga** continues on **Tuesdays at 9 am**. We will meet in Kraft Hall.

**Chair Yoga** will be at **11 am on Wednesday, November 9th**. The chair will offer people

comfort, support and stability while we still stretch and bend and strengthen and breathe. We will meet in the Music Room.

## Youth Programming

### Sunday School News

Please join our Sunday school program. All are welcome!

**Pre-K - K:** Starts in January (Pageant rehearsal in December.)

**1st-2nd Grade:** Lessons from *Holy Moly*  
11/6 - Joseph 2  
11/13 - The Annunciation  
11/20 - Mary and Elizabeth  
11/27 - Pageant Rehearsal

**3rd Grade:** Lessons from *Holy Moly*  
11/6 - Joseph 2  
11/13 - The Annunciation  
11/20 - Pageant Rehearsal  
11/27 - Pageant Rehearsal

**4th - 5th Grade:** Lessons from *Connect*  
11/6 - Judges  
11/13 - David  
11/20 - Pageant Rehearsal  
11/27 - Pageant Rehearsal

**6th and 7th Grade:** Lessons from "*Rfour.org*"  
11/6 - Movie Discussion  
11/13 - Special Project  
11/20 - Special Project  
11/27 - In Church

### Movie Discussion for 6th-7th graders - November 4th and 6th

As part of our curriculum we show and discuss movies at various times of the year. *Secondhand Lions* stars a young boy named Walter (Haley Joel Osment) who is dropped off one summer to live with his reclusive great uncles Hub and Garth McCann (Robert Duvall and Michael Caine). As the three try to adjust to each other, Walter tries to understand the many legends of the McCann brothers, and what it means to believe.

The movie will be shown in Kraft Hall, and we will be providing **pizza and snacks** to all who

attend. **Please RSVP to Sarah Hefter**. We need to know if your children will attend so we know how much food to provide. If any of your children want to invite a friend, the more the merrier!

### Movie Showcase

**When:** Friday **November 4th at 6:30pm**

**Where:** Kraft Hall

### Movie Discussion

**When:** Sunday **November 6th**, in Sunday school

**Where:** The Dover Church Library

### Special Project - 6th-7th grade

The 6th and 7th graders will be creating an advent mosaic during several Sunday school classes in November and early December. They will design a nativity scene, select cut glass tiles to glue in place and grout the final product. While we don't anticipate getting really messy, students may want to avoid wearing their "Sunday best" on these Sundays! Mosaic art has beautifully adorned sanctuaries for centuries and we are excited to create our own new piece of mosaic art! You can look for the finished mosaic on display in the church starting December 11th.

### Christmas Pageant - PreK-5th grade

Believe it or not, we are already planning the 2016 Christmas pageant! We are asking that children with speaking roles be here for \*all of the rehearsals. If your child can't commit to the rehearsal time, they can still be part of the choir singing all the pageant songs!

Rehearsals are during Sunday school.

11/13 - Read-through, 3rd to 5th graders

11/20 - Rehearsal, 3rd to 5th graders  
(will last until 11:45am)

11/27 - Rehearsal\*, 1st to 5th graders  
(\*requested but not required)

12/4 - Rehearsal, 1st to 5th graders

12/10 - Dress rehearsal (Saturday 4:30pm)

**EVERYONE MUST ATTEND!**

12/11 - Pageant at 10 am

### Pageant Song Rehearsals in November:

- Pre-K-2nd - 10:55 -11:10am (Lower Kraft Hall - Classroom 1)
- 3rd-5th - 11:00-11:45am (come directly from Sunday school--we will have donuts and drinks for you there! In the Music Room)



I am looking forward to a great Christmas pageant this year! ~ Sarah

## Youth Group News

### Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)

MSYG will meet on **Wednesday, November 2nd**, at **3 pm** in Kraft Hall. We will be planting daffodil bulbs and organizing our food drive. We will meet again on **Wednesday, November 16th** to sort the collected food and deliver it to A Place To Turn in Natick. We meet on **November 30th** for Apple Fun!

### Senior High Youth Group (SHYG)

SHYG will meet on Sunday, **November 6th at 7 pm** in Kraft Hall. We will be doing yoga to de-stress from school. We will meet on Sunday, **November 13th** at 7 pm in Kraft Hall and on **Sunday, November 20th** we will hold our **3rd annual SHYG Thanksgiving Dinner** at 7 pm in Kraft Hall. Max is cooking the turkey! Look for the sign up to bring something for our meal.

## Serving Others

## Family Promise Hosting

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Family Promise hosting in October. Thanks to those who set up, purchased supplies, cooked, hosted, stayed overnight and broke down the rooms

## Making Music Together

## Christmas Choir

After Thanksgiving, the adult choir will begin preparing for our Lessons and Carols service, on December 18. If you are interested in singing with us, for that very special service, let Michael know and/or just come as you are to the rehearsals.

Rehearsal schedule:

- Thursday, December 1 7:30-9 pm
- Sunday, December 4 8:30-9:30 am
- Thursday, December 8 7:30-9pm
- Thursday, December 15 7:30-9pm



## Fellowship Opportunities

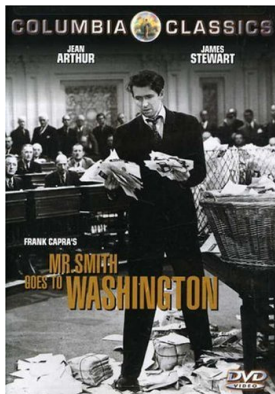
### The Dolphin Group

Please join The Dolphin Group this month on **Wednesday, November 2nd at noon** at the Dolphin Restaurant in downtown Natick Center. Please RSVP by calling the church office by Tuesday, November 1st. If you like seafood and fellowship, we invite you to join us!

### Movie Matinee

This month, we will be serving **lunch at 12 noon** and then will show our movie at 1 pm on **Friday, November 4th**. Our movie is **"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"**, a classic, starring James Stewart and Jean Arthur.

*When the idealistic young Jefferson Smith (James Stewart) winds up appointed to the United States Senate, he gains the mentorship of Senator Joseph Paine (Claude Rains). However, Paine isn't as noble as his reputation would indicate, and he becomes involved in a scheme to discredit Smith, who wants to build a boys' campsite where a more lucrative project could go. Determined to stand up against Paine and his corrupt peers, Smith takes his case to the Senate floor.*



Please RSVP to the church office so we know how much food to prepare for lunch! All are welcome.

### "Being Mortal"

The Dover Church, working with Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Needham (BID-Needham), invites the community to attend a free screening and discussion of the PBS FRONTLINE film, **"Being Mortal,"** based on the bestselling book of the same title by New York Times bestselling author Atul Gawande, MD. The documentary explores what matters most to patients and families experiencing serious illness.

Following the screening of the film, a panel discussion will be led by BID-Needham physicians Henry Koziel, MD, Medical ICU Director and Chief of Pulmonary Medicine at BID-Needham, and Philip Triffletti, MD, Medical Di-

rector of Beth Israel Deaconess HealthCare-Needham. Dr. Koziel and Dr. Triffletti will discuss the film and the importance of having meaningful conversations with loved ones about end of life wishes.

The two events will be held in Kraft Hall on **Monday, Nov. 7 from 2-4 p.m.** and **Thursday, Nov. 10 from 6-8 p.m.** Light snacks will be provided.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Please register to the church office by phone at 508-785-0957 or by email at [admin@thedoverchurch.org](mailto:admin@thedoverchurch.org).

### Circle of Service

Our Circle of Service group, formerly called the Ladies Lunch Bunch, invite you, the women of our church (and your friends), to join us for a planning meeting on **Thursday, November 10th at 12:15 pm in Kraft Hall**. Bring a friend! And don't forget to bring your lunch!

### Ladies Who Lunch

We hope you will join The Ladies Who Lunch on **Thursday, November 17th at noon**. We will be meeting at **The Farmhouse** restaurant, (970 Great Plain Ave, Needham, MA 02492). Please RSVP by November 16th if you plan to join us. If you need a ride, please call the church office so that we can organize rides for everyone.

### Men's Breakfast Group

Over the past few years, men of all ages from the Dover Church have been getting together monthly for breakfast, conversation & laughter for 60-70 minutes. We would love to have you join us. Our next breakfast will be on **Friday, November 18th, at 7 am**. Watch our e-News for the meeting location. If you would like to join this group and receive emails about meetings and upcoming projects, please contact Glenn Jensen, [glenn.jensen@ne-rc.com](mailto:glenn.jensen@ne-rc.com)

### Festival of Wreaths

The community is invited to attend our second annual **Festival of Wreaths** on **Friday, November 18th at 7:00 pm** at The Dover Church. Please join us as we kick off the holiday season with a (cash bar) wine, beer and appetizers.

A beautiful selection of holiday wreaths sponsored and decorated by local businesses,

clubs and church groups will be part of a silent auction. All proceeds raised from this event will benefit The Dover Church Senior High Youth Group. For the past three years, 20+ students have traveled to Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families with ASP (Appalachia Service Project). Please join us to help raise funds for this fabulous cause!

There is no charge for this event however, donations will be gratefully accepted.....hope to see you there!! Questions? Call The Dover Church at 508-785-0957.

### Bridge in a Day

Playing a hand of bridge takes no more than a deck of cards, four people, and 10 minutes. Bridge has hooked players for close to a century. It is a game both easy to learn and challenging to master.

This seminar is intended for new players, or for anyone who has been away from the game for years. In 5 hours, you will learn the basics of bidding, play, and scoring for this fascinating pastime.

Where: The Westwood Bridge Club-  
American Legion  
90 Deerfield Ave. Westwood  
(behind the police station)

When: **Sunday, November 20,**  
10:00AM to 3:00PM

The seminar fee of \$55 per student includes 1 year membership to the American Contract Bridge League and subscription to its great monthly magazine. Each student will receive a workbook and info packet. A pizza lunch will be included. Class limited to 28 students.

The course will be led by Adam Parrish. Adam lives on Cape Cod. He teaches bridge throughout New England and around the country. He has written two books on bridge. His bridge writing has also been featured in The Bridge World and on Bridge Winners, where he serves as head of the site's educational initiatives. In addition to his bridge career, Adam is a playwright and screenwriter.

Reservations and info:  
email [membership@acblemba.org](mailto:membership@acblemba.org) or call Lisa Procter at 508-785-0131

# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>(This calendar receives many updates after publication. The most up-to-date calendar is the electronic one on our website: <a href="http://www.thedoverchurch.org">www.thedoverchurch.org</a>).</i></p>						
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**The Dover Church**  
**Friday, Nov. 18**  
**7:00 -9:00 pm**  
**Bring a friend!**  
  
**Kraft Hall**  
**17 Springdale Ave, Dover**  
  
*\*\*to benefit youth service projects\*\**

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