

The Dover Church

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News from Meeting House Hill

To the sisters and brother in Christ in Dover:

May the peace of God which passes all understanding and the love God in Christ Jesus our Lord guard your hearts and minds.

I want to thank the church for the gift of sabbath this summer. Those four weeks along with my vacation weeks were a tonic for my soul.

One of the things that plagues all of our souls, in my humble opinion, is the lack of opportunity for sabbath in our lives. I say lack of opportunity, but perhaps it would be more accurate to call it the temptation or social pressure to skip sabbath. God knows the human soul and offered us the commandment to keep sabbath, but so often we put so much else first, to our own spiritual detriment.

Not to date myself, and this may be just for the benefit of the under 50 crowd who won't have lived in "the old days," but sabbath keeping was serious business in my childhood and youth. They're called them the blue laws now, but back then it was just the air we breathed that everything except Jewish bakeries and markets was closed on Sundays, and the Jews closed at noon. Of course, looking back now I realize that the Jews got a raw deal in that everything happened on Friday night and Saturday morning. It never occurred to me that my teammates were missing their Shabbat when we played in Friday night high school basketball and football games.

I lift up the Jews because I am not one of those Christian pastors who insist that we ought to go back to the good old days and close everything down on Sundays. No, but I do think we, all of us, people of faith or not, ought to take a break of one seventh a week. We should seek to redesign our lives so that is a possibility rather than a dream.

Sundays in my childhood consisted of church, visiting with my grandparents, aunts and uncles, and a substantial supper in the middle of the afternoon that was more formal than Wednesday nights. Plenty of our neighbors didn't go to church or had gone to shabbat services the day before, but everyone's Sundays were a lot like ours, full of a lot of doing nothing...except for my mother who had to get the fancy supper ready.

I remember feeling bored and wishing I could go play with my friends. I remember feeling constrained by the more formal clothes I wore all day, as opposed to my school or play clothes. But I also re-

LOOKING AHEAD

Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 1st
4:00 PM

Diaper Drive for APTT
ends Sunday, October 2

World Communion Sunday
October 2 at 10 AM

DovaYoga starts
Tuesday, October 4 at 8:30 AM

Fall Parent Social
Saturday, October 15
at 5:30 PM

MATE Sunday
October 16 at 10 AM

Our 260th Celebration!
Sunday, October 23rd
Worship at 10 AM
Catered Lunch at 11 AM

All Saints Sunday
October 30th at 10 AM

The best way to reach
Max or Kayla:
Call Max on his cell phone,
508-982-0422 and Kayla on her
cell phone, 508-269-8406

See inside calendar for more details.

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member how everything seemed to slow down and relax on Sunday afternoons and evenings and that I would wake up full of beans for school on Monday....to the distress of my teachers and delight of my classmates.

I did not get everything done I had planned to do this summer. I did write, but only about a fifth of what I had sketched out. I did run, but I did not get in the mileage to run the marathon I thought I might run on October 1 (I learned a lot running the last marathon and I am not heading across the starting line again without putting in the mileage). I read about three of the books in my stack of twenty. We did have friends and neighbors over for dinner parties, and vice versa, but not all that much. I did get all my projects done on our house and yard. God help me, I didn't even do half of the fishing I had imagined doing. And yet, that was the rhythm of this summer's sabbath.

I cannot claim to be "full of beans" the way I was on Monday mornings 50 years ago, but I fuller than I was three months ago, and for that, I thank you and God.,

Now come to church and let's celebrate and worship together again as the church!

In faith, hope and love,

Max

By the grace of our Lord, your pastor

Upcoming Worship Services

We hope you will join us this month for worship. On **October 2, at 10:00 AM**, we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday with a special coffee hour celebrating foods from around the world.

Our high school youth will be leading service on **Sunday, October 16, at 10:00 AM**, to share

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their experiences from our June MATE service trip. We will also hold a **1:00 PM** service at Fox Hill Village on **October 16th**. For those of you who live at FHV, please invite your friends to join us.

The church is turning **260 years old** this year and we will celebrate on **Sunday, October 23rd**. We hope you will join us for **worship at 10:00 AM** and a **catered lunch at 11:00 AM** as we celebrate 260 years serving God and the community.

We'd love to include your photos in our retrospective video! Please contact the church office, admin@thedoverchurch.org, with photos or for instructions on how to upload several photos to a common server. We are also making video recordings of memories you have from your time here at The Dover Church. If you would like to be videotaped sharing your memories, please contact Kayla, kayla@thedoverchurch.org.

Our All Saints Service will be on **October 30th at 10:00 AM**. We will again be showing a slide show during worship of the saints we have lost. If you would like to include a picture of a loved one, email your photos to beth@thedoverchurch.org. We will need your photos by Wednesday, October 26th in order to give us time to create the slide show.

Faith Formation & Spiritual Growth

Bible Study moves to Wednesdays at 10

For those of you who have never been to a Bible Study with me, I wanted you to know that we are starting again in **October on the 5th at 10 AM**. We do this with zoom and the link will be on the church website calendar. I will post the passage and/or topic the previous Sunday so you can either prepare, be intrigued about joining, or take a pass.

Small Group Faith Formation

Max leads a number of small groups via zoom, working through his (still unfinished) book called Practicing Jesus: An Accessible Faith. These groups meet at the schedule of the members, so if you alone or you and a friend or two would like to give it a try, reach out to Max and we'll get started. This is both a great way to explore your own faith,



but to build lasting and meaningful friendships with other folks from the church as well as one of your pastors.

DovaYoga (with Max) Returns from Covid Hiatus Tuesdays, 8:30-9:30 AM in Kraft Hall

This is a moderate yoga class that focuses on each individual's unique exploration of a number of postures and spiritual centering rather than a uniform busting out the toughest postures Max can do himself and holding them until all of us implode. The class is free, but gifts are welcome, which go to support the youth ministries of the church. We begin October 4. All the equipment is available to borrow, but you are welcome to bring your own.

We plan to add n 8:30 am Thursday morning class starting in November. Come start your day with some stretching and mindfulness.

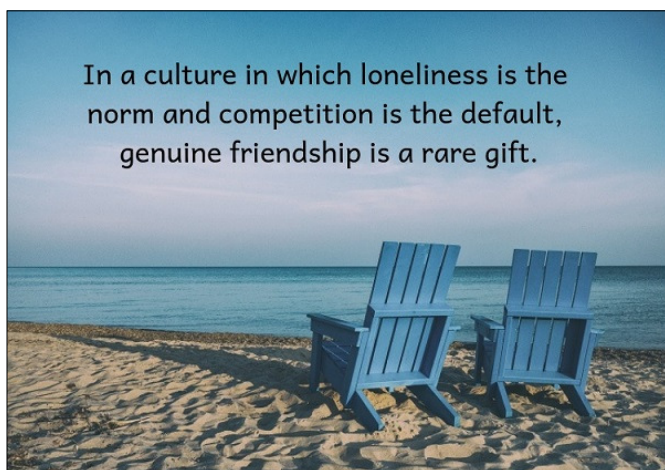
Prayer Chapel

Meet on zoom - on **Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's** from **12:30 to 1 pm**. It's a time to check in with church family, share joys and sorrows, and be in prayer together. Please reach out to either Max or Kayla if you have any questions.

Women's Spiritual Friendship Group:

We will be getting to know Deborah, the only female military leader in the story of how Israel takes the land of Canaan. Her story is found in Judges 4:1-16 and Song of Deborah, Ch. 5.

All women of the church (and your friends) are welcome. **Wednesday, October 19 at 9 am**
Looking forward to seeing you. Leslie Decker 847-845-2497



In a culture in which loneliness is the norm and competition is the default, genuine friendship is a rare gift.

Music News

Music Notes for October

We warmly welcome our alto section leader, Melanie Donnelly. Here is a peak at what is

upcoming in October.

- **October 2** - Sanctuary Choir sings Wayne Wold's "As This Broken Bread"
- **October 9** - Dottie Rother sings Daniel S. Twohig and Geoffrey O'Hara's "I Walked Today where Jesus walked"
- **October 16** - Chapel Bell Choir rings
- **October 23** - Sanctuary Choir sings John Ness Beck's "Offertory" with Christine and Sophie Hong on violins
- **October 30** - Sanctuary Choir sings Mark Hayes' arrangement of "I'm Going on a Journey" with Kristen Griebel, flute. A Special Halloween Surprise in store this Sunday too!



Youth Programming

Join us for Worship and for Sunday School on October 2nd at 10am. We have lots to celebrate this week with World Communion Sunday! Following communion, children will be invited to head outside with Kayla to plant bulbs and talk about God's good and beautiful creation! We advise wearing clothing that can get a little dirty, and please bring gardening gloves and shovels/bulb planters if you have them!

Our Teddy Bear Room will be open starting at 9:45 for our 0 through 3 year old's. Please be sure to register at the link in our CE eNews, and keep reading to learn more about what to expect in Sunday School this fall. See you there!

Many Sundays at The Dover Church follow our "typical" schedule (TS) - children remain in worship until the children's message and then head to Sunday School where they work through a lesson or activity with their class. On some Sundays however, that schedule changes. On long weekends, we do not have traditional Sunday School and this fall we are trying out "Activity Sundays" on the first Sunday of the month - where

all classes will join together for a special activity during Sunday School time. The Teddy Bear Room (TBR) will be open every Sunday through Celebration Sunday in June, excepting December 25th. We hope the calendar below will give you a sense of what to expect - both in Sunday School and in worship!

October

- 2nd: Activity Sunday - World Communion & Bulb Planting
- 9th: Indigenous People's Day, No Sunday School, TBR Open
- 16th: TS & Celebrating MATE Trip
- 23rd: TS & TDC's 260th B-day Celebration & Lunch
- 30th: TS & All Saints' Day

November

- 6th: Activity Sunday
- 13th: TS & Celebrating Family Promise
- 20th: TS & Agape Sunday
- 27th: Thanksgiving Weekend, No Sunday School, TBR Open

December

- 4th: Activity Sunday & Advent Workshop
- 11th: TS
- 18th: Xmas Pageant, No Sunday School, TBR Open
- 25th: Christmas! No Sunday School, TBR CLOSED



MATE Service of Celebration: Sunday October 16th, 10am AND **2023 Trip Kick Off Meeting:** Sunday October 16th, 7pm

We want to give a HUGE thank you to all involved for a successful trip to Mission at the Eastward (MATE)! Our students worked hard and made a huge impact on the lives of the families we served.

We will be celebrating all we accomplished in Maine, and the people whose generosity made it possible, during a special worship service on **Sunday October 16th at 10am!** We will show photos of the trip, invite participants forward for recognition, as well as share videos students made while up in Maine. Please invite friends and family, all are wel-

come to join in the celebration!

Then, that night, we will kick off our 2023 MATE trip at 7pm with our first MATE Preparatory meeting. To be eligible for all 40 hours of community service, students must attend at least 5 preparatory events - be they meetings, group fundraising events, or individual or small group time helping Kayla & Max with trip-related tasks. The MATE 2022-2023 schedule is listed below.

Please reach out to Max or Kayla for more information.

MATE Schedule 2022-2023

Please read the below the scheduled prep meetings leading up to the 2023 MATE trip. We may add one more meeting in 2023, tbd. We may also organize team fundraising opportunities (like car washes), those dates are yet to be determined as well. To be eligible for all 40 hours of community service, students must attend at least 5 preparatory events - be they meetings, group fundraising events, or individual or small group time helping Kayla & Max with trip-related tasks. Please join us on:

- October 16th, 7-8:30pm
- December 11th, 7-8:30pm
- January 22nd, 7-8:30pm
- March 19th, 7-8:30pm
- April 30th, 7-8:30pm
- June 4th, 7-8:30pm
- MATE TRIP: June 24th-July 1st

Pilgrim & The Dover Church's Senior High Youth Group

We recognize the great gifts, as well as needs, that the youth of Dover, Sherborn, and surrounding towns bring into our midst and we welcome them – regardless of whether their families are active in our churches. Our High School youth group provides safe space, trust, community, challenge, and guidance for young people as they share, play, reflect, serve and grow. We strive to be wide in our welcome, generous in our support and love, serious in our inclusion, and open-minded in our service toward others!

High School Youth Group is open to any students in 8th through 12th grade, regardless of what high school they attend! We meet on Sunday nights, most often from 7-8:30pm in Kraft Hall at The Dover Church, unless otherwise stated. To learn more, or sign up for our eblasts, please contact The Dover Church's Associate Pastor Kayla at kayla@thedoverchurch.org. We ask that all HS

youth register to participate. Please see Kayla for how to register.

Here is our upcoming schedule:

October

- 2: Halloween Carnival Planning & Games
- 9: NO HSYG, Indig. People’s Day
- 16: MATE NIGHT
- 23: Intergenerational Dinner @ TDC 6-8pm
- 30: Halloween Carnival 5-7pm

November

- 4 & 5: City Reach Mission Trip with common cathedral
- 6: NO HSYG, common cathedral trip
- 13: Miracle on Main Street at Pilgrim Church
- 20: Thanksgiving Dinner & Food Sorting
- 27: NO HSYG, Thanksgiving Break

December

- 4: Xmas Cards & Cookies
- 11: MATE NIGHT
- 18: Gingerbread Houses
- TBD: MBK Xmas Present
- 25: NO HSYG, Christmas

- 11/19 (Saturday morning in Brighton at Food Pantry: time TBA – probably morning),
- 12/11
- (plus one more off site service project in December: being confirmed – more info to follow)



Halloween Carnival

Our High School Youth Group will again host a Halloween Carnival on **Sunday, October 30th** at **5:00 PM** in Kraft Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to wear costumes. This event is free and open to the public. Bring your friends!



Middle School Youth Group

We did absolutely have a wonderful first meeting and it was great to meet your sons and daughters. Please have your son/daughter return their MSYG registration form with permissions and releases. I will also have copies at the meeting. Any questions, be in touch. RSVP if possible. Hope to see you Sunday at **5:15**. (Note earlier start time)

Peace,
Pastor John Hudson

MSYG Dates/Times Fall 2022

MSYG dates (all meetings take place at Pilgrim Church Sherborn, **25 South Main Street, Sherborn, MA** from **5:15 to 6:45** unless otherwise noted)

- 9/25
- 10/16
- 10/30
- 11/13 (at Pilgrim Church: **11:30-1:30** – Miracle on Main Street Food packaging Event),



TDC Parent's Social

All families are welcome to our **Fall Parent's Social** on **October 15th**, from **5:30 to 7pm!**

This event is open to the whole family! While adults enjoy time together upstairs, we'll have supervised games and a movie available for kids downstairs. There will be dinner and dessert for children and adults! This social is geared towards families with infants, toddlers, and school aged children, so parents can reconnect with old friends and meet new faces who are in a similar season of life. The CE committee will provide dinner, guests who are able are invited to bring a drink or dessert to share.

Please reach out to Kayla McKinsey, Maggie Danielski, Katie Engle, Liz Gibson, or Val Lin with any questions.

Fellowship Opportunities

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your beloved pets to the church on **Saturday, October 1, at 4 pm** for a special Blessing of the Animals service. We welcome all of God's creatures, large and small. We are collecting gently used towels for the Medfield Animal Hospital.

Men's Breakfast Group:

Our Men's Breakfast Group will meet on **Friday, October 21st at 8:00 AM** at the church for breakfast. For more information, please contact Glenn Jensen at glenn.jensen@ne-rc.com.



Tea and Check In:

3 pm on Thursdays. This is a fun way to check in with your fellow members. Come relax, have a cup of tea and cookies and bring your parish news. We meet in the church library or Taylor Garden if the weather is good. Please email Beth to let her know if you plan to join us. (beth@thedoverchurch.org)

Friday Morning Walking Group:

9 am on Fridays. Everyone is welcome to join us! We walk weather permitting (even if it is cold!). Come join us as we enjoy the fresh air and great fellowship with our fellow members. Please email Beth to let her know if you plan to join us. (beth@thedoverchurch.org)

Altar Flower Dedications

If you would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday morning, **please contact Betty Brady** to select a date. Betty will arrange the flowers and you can take them home after worship.

Betty can be reached by email or on her cell phone, doverhugh781@gmail.com, or 339-225-5925. Or use the online sign up link in the eNews.



**Altar
Flowers**
Ministry Opportunity

Mission In Action: Serving Others

Diaper Drive for A Place to Turn – Through Oct. 2

THE DIAPER PROJECT provides families in financial distress with up to 1 week of diapers every 30 days to keep them clean, dry, and healthy.

The Dover Church Mission in Action committee will be collecting diaper donations for our long-time mission partner A Place to Turn, a food pantry located in Natick that takes serves the MetroWest community. The most requested sizes include 5, 6 and 4T-5T pull-ups for boys and girls. Open boxes accepted! Donations may be dropped off at the administration door.

Bike Collection for the Bike Connector

If you missed our bike drive last June, you have a second chance to donate your used bicycle. The Bike Connector will be at the Dover Transfer Station on **Saturday, October 15th**. Please bring used bikes there between 8:00 AM and 3:45 PM.

Health Equity International Gala 2022

Mobilizing Hope: A year of equity in action

Thursday, October 27. This year's program will be streamed online for all attendees. There are two ways to view. **Watch From Anywhere**, consider hosting a viewing party for your friends and family, **or Attend Our In-Person Viewing Party:** The cocktail party begins at 5:30 PM ET at Saint Cecilia Parish Hall in Boston, MA. We'll screen the program promptly at 7 PM ET. Cocktails To find out more or to purchase tickets please visit:

<https://healthequityintl.org/join/events/health-equity-international-gala-2022>

SAVE THE DATE

Family Promise Event

Friday, November 18, 2022. 6 to 9:30 PM.

Join us in person or from the comfort of your own home... the choice is yours! **Keeping the Promise 2022** is taking shape, and this year we are bringing you a hybrid event: an in-person gathering with live performances or the show live-streamed into your living room!

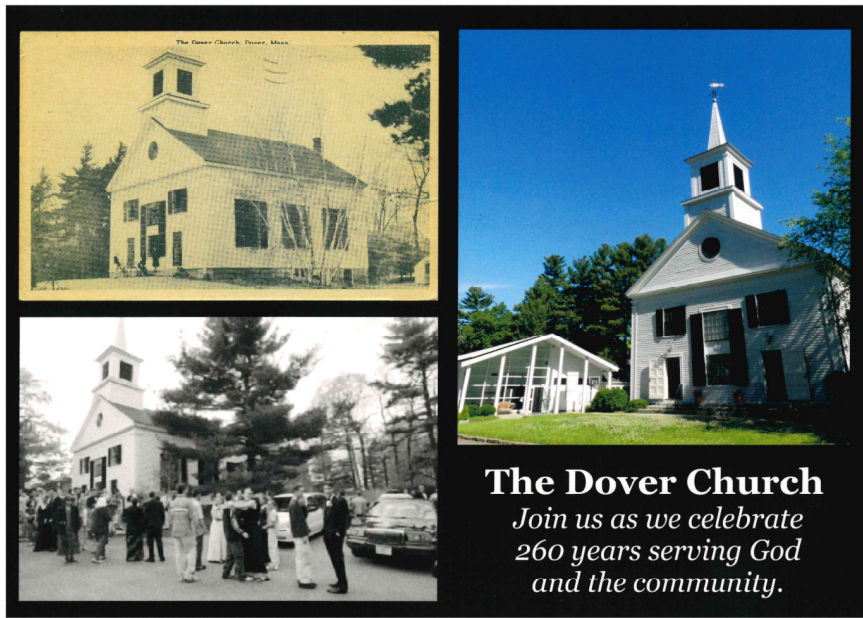
To find out more or to purchase tickets visit:
<https://e.givesmart.com/events/mBx/>

October 2022

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: www.thedoverchurch.org).</i></p>						<p>1 4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals</p>
<p>2 World Communion Sunday 10:00 AM Worship In-Person & Virtual 11:30 AM Deacons 7:00 PM HSYG</p>	<p>3 12:30 PM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>4 8:30 AM DovaYoga 6:00 PM Chapel Bell Choir</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:15 PM COA Program 12:30 PM Prayer Group</p>	<p>6 3:00 PM Tea and Check In</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Walking Group 12:30 PM Prayer Group</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 10:00 AM Worship In-Person & Virtual</p>	<p>10 Indigenous Peoples' Day 12:30 PM Prayer Group</p>	<p>11 8:30 AM DovaYoga 6:00 PM Chapel Bell Choir 7:00 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p>12 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:15 PM COA Program 12:30 PM Prayer Group</p>	<p>13 3:00 PM Tea and Check In 6:30 PM Leadership Potluck</p>	<p>14 9:00 AM Walking Group 12:30 PM Prayer Group</p>	<p>15 11:00 AM Memorial Service 5:30 PM Fall Parent Social</p>
<p>16 MATE Sunday 10:00 AM Worship In-Person & Virtual 1:00 PM Fox Hill Village 5:15 PM MSYG 7:00 PM HSYG</p>	<p>17 12:30 PM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>18 8:30 AM DovaYoga 6:00 PM Chapel Bell Choir 7:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>19 9:00 PM Women's Spiritual Friendship Group 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:15 PM COA Program 12:30 PM Prayer Group</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 12:30 PM Prayer Group</p>	<p>22</p>
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<p>30 All Saints Sunday 10:00 AM Worship In-Person & Virtual 5:00 PM HSYG 5:15 PM MSYG</p>	<p>31 Happy Halloween 12:30 PM Prayer Group</p>					

This year marks 260 years of The Dover Church serving God and the community. Thank you for being a part of what makes The Dover Church so special.

Please join us to celebrate all that the church has been and learn how the church serves God and our community today. **Sunday, October 23 at 10am** for our Church Service and **11am** for a Catered Lunch.



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