



**Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Join us for worship, online or in-person!  
Sunday morning traditional service @ 1020am  
Thursday evening contemporary service @ 7pm  
(No worship services are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month)



**A Message  
From  
Pastor Dave**

How do we serve God? We serve God, by serving other people. Whenever we use our talents, our time, our energy, our resources, our gifts to help other people, we are serving them, and, we are ministering to them. In doing so, we are serving God. Every one of us is a minister. Every time you help somebody you are ministering to that person. But God says; I don't want you to do this by yourself. I don't want you to minister alone. I want you to do it in community.

Philippians 2:2 tells us to *agree with each other, love one another, and work together with one heart and one purpose*. How do we work together with one heart and one purpose? And why does God call us to serve with other people?

One reason is because we are family. 1 Corinthians 3:9 tells us to *work together as partners who belong to God*. God says to us, I want you to work together as partners. We are a family when we are working together.

Another reason God calls us to serve together is because we need each other. Nobody has all the talents. Nobody has all the gifts. Nobody has all the resources. Nobody has all the time. Nobody has all the energy. You need me, I need you, and we all need each other. Nobody can do it all by themselves. 1 Corinthians 12:27 tells us that we are all a part of the body of Christ, and each part of the body needs all the others. We have to be connected in order to do what God calls us to do.

A third reason God calls us to serve together is because we get more done together. Ecclesiastes 4:9 tells us that *two are better off than one because together they can work more effectively*. Teamwork multiplies effectiveness. You might be thinking; 'what can I do? I don't have any talents. I don't have any gifts. I'm too young. I'm too old. What do I have to offer?' You have something. We all have something. But on our own, we don't have everything. That's why we need each other.

Maybe you have fond memories of being on a team; playing a sport, singing in a choir, playing in a band. Maybe you were, or are, part of a bowling team, a golf league, a craft guild, or another team. Being on a team brings us closer together. We get more done, and, we have more fun!

What does it take to build up a team? First, we need trust. Trust is the emotional glue that draws us closer to our friends, our family, our neighbors, our church family, our co-workers - everyone. Without trust it is difficult to have the kinds of intimate relationships that God wants us to have. Trust is the glue that holds a team together. In 1 Timothy 6:20 Paul wrote to Timothy; *guard what has been entrusted to your care*. Serving together involves trust. In order to build trust we have to share responsibility.

Second we need empathy. 1 Peter 3:8 says; *live in harmony with one another and be sympathetic*. We can't have harmony without empathy. We can't have a team without being aware of what's going on in each other's lives. More than just serving together, we also have to be aware of each other.

Here's the question we all need to ask; how are we as Christ's Church going to make a difference in our communities? Hebrews 10:25 gives us the answer: *let us not give up the habit of meeting together, but let us encourage one another*. Don't stop doing what you're doing. Keep on serving. Keep on meeting together. Get connected with a LIFEGroup. Keep learning how to grow together. Fellowship together, reach out together, and to serve together. Why? Because we need each other.

If you look around at all the challenges and problems in our communities, it can soon feel pretty discouraging. It can feel pretty depressing. Poverty and illiteracy and disease and addiction and human trafficking and all the other problems we are facing can overwhelm us. And we soon think; how in the world can *I* make difference? Many times we look at the problems of the world and we are tempted to ask God; 'why don't You do something about it?' But friends, God is asking us the same question; 'why don't *you* do something about it?' There is enormous, incredible power in a team. We take more risks when we are together than when we are on our own. When you have a committed team, a compelling purpose, and a clear vision, God says, you will be unstoppable.

*Agree with each other, love one another, and work together with one heart, and one purpose* (Philippians 2:2). Friends, Good Neighbor Weekend is coming up quickly. Let us continue to seek ways to work together with one heart and one strong purpose in love. Let us continue to reach out together, grow together, and serve together. Let us continue to build up trust and show empathy with one another, and let us continue to journey together on one mission with one clear vision. Why? Because we are better together. And we are better together, when we serve together.

Be in prayer as you prepare for Good Neighbor Weekend. God is going to do a mighty thing through you, through us, through His Church.

In His Name,

- *Pastor Dave*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# GOOD NEIGHBOR



**Good Neighbor  
Weekend  
April 2nd and 3rd**

Good Neighbor weekend is fast approaching!  
Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

We will not be holding worship services on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Instead, we will be going out into our communities this weekend,  
seeking opportunities to reach out, serve, and help our neighbors.

We will live stream a brief message Sunday morning,  
but no online or in-person services will be held.

Good Neighbor suggestion booklets are available for pickup in the church office  
during the week or during any of our worship services.

Information is also available on our webpage ([www.doverfirst.org/goodneighbor](http://www.doverfirst.org/goodneighbor))

Dover First UMC's  
**Easter Sunday**  
Church Breakfast

**April 17th at 9 a.m.**  
Fellowship Hall

Menu  
Egg Casserole  
Breakfast Breads  
Fruit and Beverages

**Invite a friend for breakfast  
and Easter Sunday Service!**

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Please sign up in the lobby or  
by contacting the church office.



## **Sign up to serve 4th Thursday each month**

As part of our Discover, Develop, Deploy Mission,  
our Recharge Worship Service will break on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month  
as we gather to help serve at the Dover-New Philadelphia Food Pantry.

Serving times run between 4:45pm - 8:00pm and will be indoors.

Face coverings are required

Sign up in the lobby, or contact the church office at (330) 343-1322

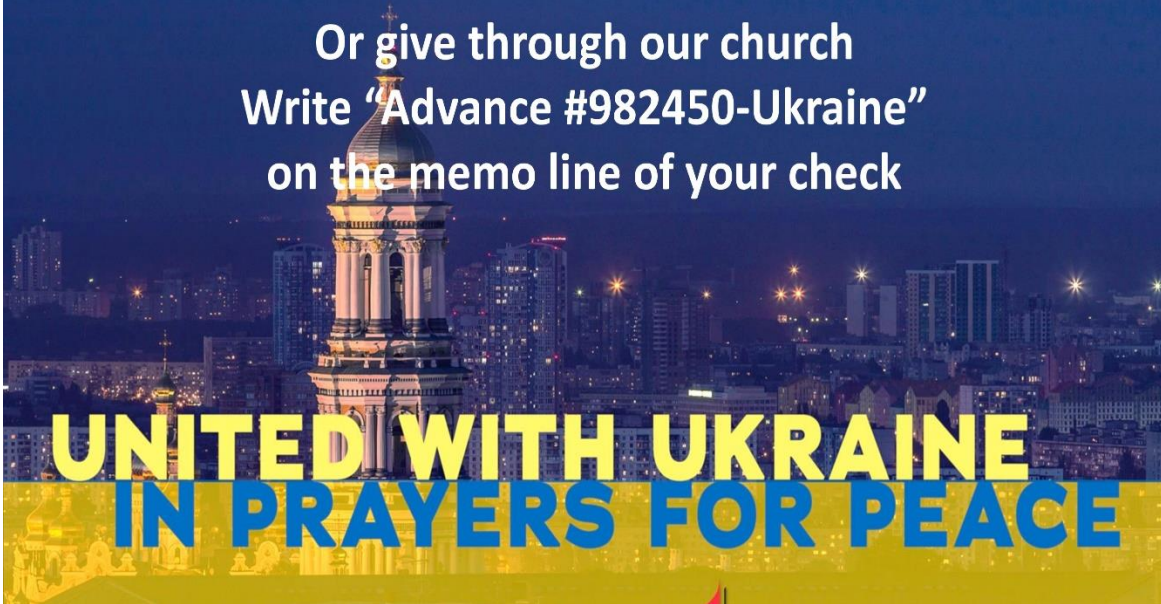
or [doverfirst@gmail.com](mailto:doverfirst@gmail.com)

This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals, families, small groups, and our church family to reach out and help those in need in our communities.

<https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

Call 888-252-6174

Or give through our church  
Write "Advance #982450-Ukraine"  
on the memo line of your check



The United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)  
is engaged in assisting the people of Ukraine.

If you would like to contribute a financial donation to UMCOR,  
use Advance Number 982450.

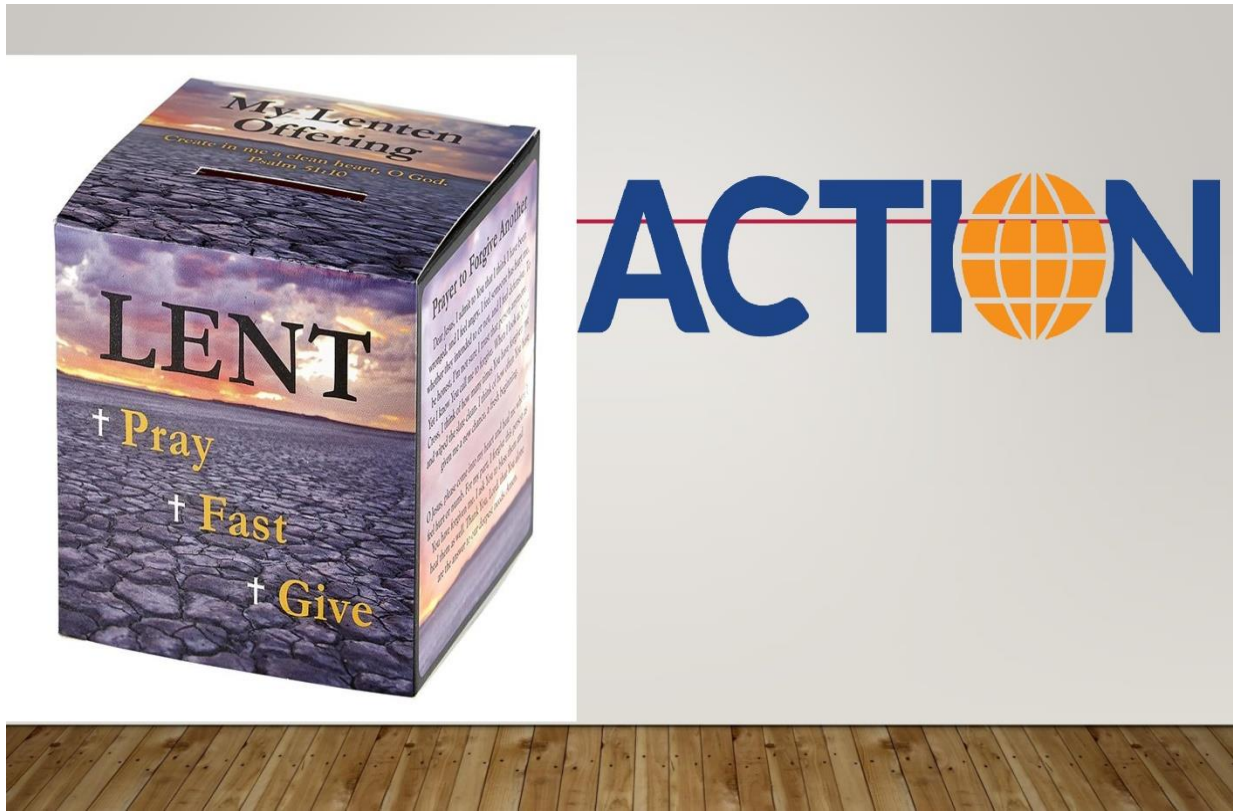
This is the UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery Fund.

This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine  
as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.  
One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

While The United Methodist community in Ukraine is small,  
it is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need.

Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership  
as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those  
who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

For more information visit: [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org)  
or call 888-252-6174.



Lenten Giving Boxes are now available for pickup in the church lobby.

Help those in need by adding coins and special donations during the Lenten Season, then bring your box to the Easter Sunday service for a dedication.

Donations will support Action International's outreach of food, safe shelter, medical care, education and a faith community for the over one million vulnerable children living on the streets of the Philippines.





Are you interested in being part of our team?  
Dover First UMC is now hiring!

We are now accepting resumes and applications for full time custodian.  
Responsibilities include (but not limited to):

Vacuum, clean, mop and wax floors as assigned, required, or needed.  
Remove and dump trash, as assigned, required, or needed.  
Maintain clean restrooms and replenish supplies.  
Dust furniture and equipment weekly.  
Maintain the exterior of the facility  
Responsible for all mowing, edging, shrubbery trimming and removing leaves.  
Other maintenance responsibilities as outlined in the job description.

This is a full time hourly position (40 hours per week) with wages established by the Dover First UMC Leadership Board. If you or someone you know are interested in this position, please drop off your resume at the church office during business hours, or email it to [doverfirstpastor@gmail.com](mailto:doverfirstpastor@gmail.com)

Copies of the job description can be picked up in the church office

# Welcome to the Family

## Teresa MacEachen

We are pleased to announce and welcome the newest member of the Dover First UMC Staff and church family, our new organist and pianist, Teresa MacEaechen!

We are blessed to have Teresa join our staff and worship team. Teresa brings a lifetime of knowledge and experience with her to the church, and we are certain you will be blessed by her gifts and talents.

Please share a word of welcome to Teresa!



# Online Bible Studies Concluding

As my family and I prepare to conclude our time in ministry at Dover First UMC, it is with sadness that I am concluding our online Bible studies as of March 8th.

While I have enjoyed our time together, I am going to take the next several weeks preparing for our move and the upcoming pastoral transition. I thank you all for taking time to study God's Word with me and many others around the country over the last two years.

Our online Bible studies originated as a result of the early stages of the Covid pandemic, and were a great help to many as we looked for ways to stay connected during our time of separation.

I encourage you to continue to study God's Word as often as you can. Previous studies are all available on our app, webpage, and Roku TV, so feel free to revisit them anytime! I also invite you to worship with us in person each Thursday and Sunday as these are also excellent opportunities for studying His Word together.

May we all continue to grow in the Light of the eternal, unchanging Word of God that is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

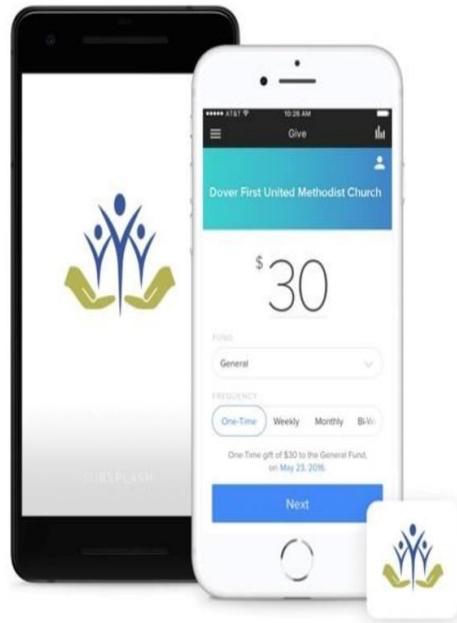
Blessings,

Pastor Dave



In addition to our app, webpage, Faithlife page, and 3D Connections Digital Bulletin, we have a QR code that allows for instant access to our weekly service outline, sermon notes, study guides, and more!

Simply scan this QR code with your mobile device!



# We Need Your Help To Support Our Vision!

## Fast and Easy Giving

Dover First United Methodist Church



# BETTER TOGETHER! STRONGER TOGETHER!

2020 and 2021 have been challenging years for us all. We have missed out on many times of fellowship, worship, and serving together.

But the mission and ministries of our church have never stopped!

In order to continue our outreach into 2022 and beyond, we need your help.

Please consider online giving. It is quick, safe, and easy to use.

Simply visit

<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/BWVG6F/#/>

Enter the amount of your gift along with the frequency, click next, continue as a guest, complete your information, and submit. It's that easy!

Our ministries, facilities, and administration rely 100%  
on the offerings of our church family.

Please consider how you can faithfully give to Christ's Church today!

# Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Worship Service

10 Minute Countdown Begins At 10:10am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Prepare yourself for worship by letting go of any distractions.  
Take several slow, deep breaths,  
and remember that you are in the loving presence of God.*

First Scripture Psalm 16:5-8 (NIV)

\*Hymn #334 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

\*Call To Worship

*We come today before the throne of our Lord asking, seeking, knocking. We come alone, and we come together. We come continually, knowing we must abide in Christ our Vine. So let us come this day before the throne of our Lord. Let us confess our need for Him. We need you, Lord, we need You. Every hour we need You.*

\*Prayer

\*Hymn #397 "I Need Thee Every Hour" (verses 1,2,3,5)

Second Scripture Revelation 2:12-17 (NIV)

Special Music

Offering Introduction/Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Offertory Music

Message

Dear Church: "*What Jesus Writes To A Confused Church*"  
- Pastor Dave St.Aubin

Prayer

\*Hymn #363 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (verses 1 and 4)

\*Benediction

\*Hymn #363 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (verse 5)

Postlude

\* denotes to please stand as you are able when worshiping in person



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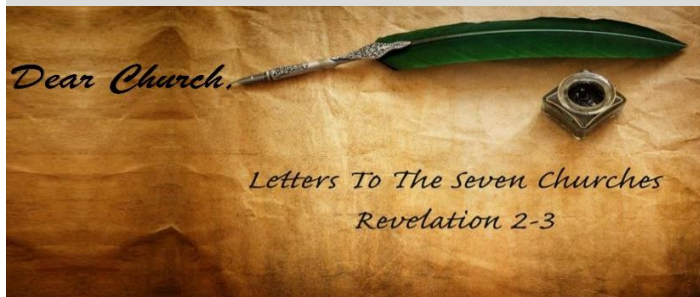
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**Worship Service Outline**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Dear Church:**  
**“What Jesus Writes**  
**To A Confused Church”**  
**(Message 3 of 7)**

*To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. I know where you live - where satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city - where satan lives. Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.*

-Revelation 2:12-17

**Jesus Writes To A Confused Church In Pergamum:**

*Our confusion grows out of our relationships*

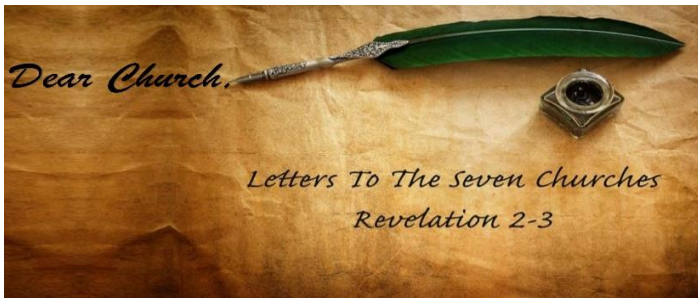
**How do we clear up confusion in our lives?**

**1) Respect The Authority Of God’s Word**

*In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance - Revelation 1:16 (NIV)*

*For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart*

- Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)



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## **2) Recognize The Danger Of A Lie**

Past actions of faith cannot protect us from the power of a lie.

- Satan’s throne warns us of the popular lie (Rev. 2:13)
- The Balaamites warn us of the pleasure lie. (Rev. 2:14)
- The Nicolaitans warn us of the personality-centered lie. (Rev. 2:15)

All three warn us that lies make their ways into our lives through relationships.

## **3) Repent From Encouraging False Teaching**

*Anyone who has a different teaching does not agree with the true teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that shows the true way to serve God. This person is full of pride and understands nothing, but is sick with a love for arguing and fighting about words. This brings jealousy, fighting, speaking against others, evil mistrust, and constant quarrels... - 1 Timothy 6:5 (NCV)*

*But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him - Titus 3:9-10 (NIV)*

## **4) Rejoice In My Relationship With Christ**

The hidden manna = Jesus

The white stone = us