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Celebrating 175 Years 1848-2023*

CHUCK'S CHURCH CHAT

Saints of our New Dover Faith Community,
Grace to you and peace as we begin 2024!

In the 2023 January Herald I began what may turn out to be a new year tradition. In place of the usual Church Chat I employed this space to offer you a "Reader's Digest version" of the Senior Pastor's Report submitted at our Annual Charge Conference this past October. All this is part of our ongoing responsibility to keep you informed (and excited!) as to how we are performing our call to discipleship as together we build God's Kingdom!

OUTREACH

New Dover's amazing outreach ministry, chaired by Poorna Jeevanandam, continued to meet the needs of our neighbors, locally and globally.

The following report is from our DR Mission Coordinator, Paulette Harland, who made two trips to Los Cosos, one in the fall, and another in the spring.

Dominican Mission Trip – November 2022

We had a successful trip to the Dominican Republic with 3 missionaries attending this trip. Naomi Hunt, Liz Ahl and Paulette Harland participated on this trip. The team was able to build a house for a family of 5. We were able to purchase new beds for the family. The team was able to distribute over 50 bags of food to people in need. The bags included rice, beans, pasta, tomato paste and bouillon. We were able to ship 28 boxes of donations of food, clothing, housewares and shoes, these items were distributed throughout the community. We were also able to distribute bags that contained toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion, and soap to 30 families. We were able to partner with the mission team from Fusion Church while we were in Los Cocos. It was great to work with the Fusion Team on the laying of cinder block for the second floor of the Mario Almonte Community Center. We ended our week with La Fiesta and the Los Cocos games. We had over 50 children attend. There were arts & crafts for the children as well as games with trophies and medals for the winners. All the children left with a prize and candy. It was an amazing week!!!

Dominican Mission Trip – May 2023

This May we had another successful trip to the Dominican Republic with one missionary on this trip. We were blessed to work with Todd and his daughter Amelia who were there for a few weeks from Fusion Church. It was great to be able to partner with them throughout the week. Through the generosity of the people at New Dover UMC we were able to ship 30 boxes of food, clothing, housewares, and shoes which we were able to distribute to many families in Los Cocos. We were also able to distribute bags that contained toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion, and soap to 30 families. We built a house for a family of 4, Chi-Chi and his wife Sunhaiti worked side by side with us building the house. Time was spent at the Mario Almonte Community Center assisting with English classes. This year, thanks to Todd and Amelia we were able to visit the orphanage: Mercy Network Foundation. The orphanage had 130 children who were living there with 13 of them being babies. We spent the morning with the babies, feeding and loving them. After lunch we spent the afternoon in the on-site school where Amelia taught and English class. This is the beginning of a partnership with the orphanage as we will be incorporating into all of our future trips.

MISSION CENTRAL

As the Central New Jersey hub of Mission Central we continued to collect flood relief buckets, health kits, and educational supplies donated by our congregation and other churches in our region. On June 7, a

panel truck from Mission Central pulled up and we loaded over a hundred flood buckets for transport back to Harrisburg, then on to flood ravaged areas!

BREAD BREAKERS

Our **Bread Breakers** food mission has continued its partnership with Wesley UMC in South Plainfield, and Centenary UMC in Metuchen, gathering every Friday morning to assemble bags containing sandwiches and other food items for distribution to neighbors in food crisis through three nonprofits: St. Joseph's Social Center in Elizabeth, Bianca Flowers in Plainfield, and Food for Friends in Rahway. We also continued our productive partnerships with three local Wawa convenience stores, picking up frozen food items five days a week. From September 1st, 2022 to August 31st 2023 we distributed **35,214 sandwiches** and **17,607 complete meals**, in addition to literally **thousands of Wawa items**. This represented an increase of 4,890 sandwiches and 2,445 meals over last year's total! **Altogether we were able to feed over 50,000 of our hungry neighbors over the course of the year!**

JEHOVAH JIRA GARDEN

Once again this year, Raeann and Sue Dalton coordinated volunteers, including a local Boy Scout troop, to work [our Jehovah Jira Garden](#), which adds healthy vegetables and fruits to our neighborhood food distribution! Finally, the combination of our 2022 Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives provided full dinners for 17 local families. Thanks once again to Annapurna and Subhas Budala for organizing, packing, and making sure the meals were delivered!

STARS FOR CHARITY

In its second year and once again led by our "artist in residence," Bill Bunting, "Stars for Charity" engaged listed artists and church members who turned plain wooden stars into amazing works of art. They were then auctioned on eBay as well as at our Christmas luncheon. The proceeds were then split between Bread Breakers and a South Jersey food nonprofit. This year's total exceeded last years by over \$2,000 and involved many more church members making stars!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

After a four-year hiatus due to the pandemic we hosted an event on Saturday, May 20th. Through donations and our Rummage Sale we raised the \$10,000 needed to purchase the food stuff. We had planned to assemble 30,000 meals (*3,500 more than last time*) but due to a bureaucratic error on their part, RAH *only* delivered 15,000 meals. Nevertheless we had a hall full of volunteers from New Dover and other neighboring churches, and were able to finish in record time! We're looking to double our goal next spring.

PEDALS FOR PROGRESS

Our annual Pedals for Progress event was pushed from the first weekend in June to September 16th, but that didn't seem to faze us as we collected a record 77 bikes and 8 sewing machines, exceeding our previous best year by 16! The bikes were worked on so they could be easily shipped to our global neighbors enabling them earn a living for their families!

NURTURE

Led by our chair, Lina Christian Katthula, New Dover's Nurture Committee oversees a number of subcommittees, programs, and events such as Worship, Christian Education, Vacation Bible School, family ministry, Shrove Tuesday, the Church Picnic, and the Strawberry Festival.

WORSHIP

Once again under the steady leadership of Karen Rowland, the Worship Committee met on eight occasions throughout the past year.

All Saturday evening and Sunday morning services continue to be livestreamed over Boxcast, Facebook, and YouTube. Again this year, great thanks to our all-volunteer "Balcony Crew"!

Thanks go out to our Saturday praise leaders this year, especially Kyle Sanders and Emma Patrimonio, for providing steady, inspirational service throughout the year! And thanks also to our Associate Pastor Rosie, who preached and led worship every second and fifth Saturday of the month, as well as those times when I was away!

Once again this year our extremely talented and hard-working Musical Director, Dr. Grace Kim, did a masterful job planning, rehearsing and leading our growing adult choir. She also spent time arranging and rehearsing vocal pieces with church members who shared their gifts when the choir wasn't singing. Grace always makes herself available when we have a wedding or funeral, adding a sacred ambience to the service.

Throughout the year our dedicated and talented Bell Choir, conducted by the immensely talented and extremely dedicated Alice Bennet rehearsed weekly and not only shared their gifts here at New Dover on numerous occasions, but also spread their message in music in other churches throughout our district!

After 38 years, Connie Thomas stepped down as our Coffee Hour coordinator! We think she deserves some time off, right? What a truly dedicated (*and often under-appreciated!*) servant to our fellowship she has been throughout the years! Connie passed the Coffee Hour baton over to Anita DeSimone and Agnes Kingsly, and they have seamlessly continued to provide our church with a great after-worship experience.

Thanks also go out to Madhu Christian, Kyle Sanders, Anita Davis, Nancy Purick, and the teams of greeters, ushers, liturgists and counters scheduled each and every week. Our nursery crew has grown with Alice Lamoreaux coordinating our volunteers.

And what would we do without our multitalented admin, Trish Boyce, formatting, printing and publishing our bulletins and newsletters?!

Here are a few highlights from our church's 2022-3 year at worship...

- ⇒ On **World Communion Sunday** we celebrated our congregation's incredible diversity by having the readings and prayers spoken in the first language of the reader and translated in English on the screen.
- ⇒ On **Laity Sunday**, October 16th church members, representing all ages, cultures, and talents, took part in our annual celebration of our incredible laity. Our Lay Leader, Stephanie Rademacher, preached an emotionally stirring sermon on her experiences as a person of color.
- ⇒ On **All Saints Sunday**, November 6th, we remembered the Saints of New Dover who moved on to glory over the past year. Family members made their way down the center aisle with a photograph of their loved one which was then placed on the altar. This year we paid special tribute to the ministry of Mildred Vollmar, for whom our scholarship is named.
- ⇒ The 2022 **Advent Season** was a highlight of the church year. The congregation decorated the sanctuary on Saturday, December 10th, energized by coffee and snacks, and Christmas carols wafting through the air. Our traditional Advent services included the lighting of the Advent wreath, the Bell Choir ringing on the 3rd Sunday followed in the service by our annual Christmas Pageant, and our Cantata Choir, which sang "Gloria" (RV 589) by Antonio Vivaldi in Latin (!) on the 4th Sunday!
- ⇒ Our traditional 7 & 11 **Christmas Eve** Candlelight services featured two distinct liturgies of Lessons and Carols. Over a dozen church members participated in the services, not to mention our adult choir and bell choir!
- ⇒ Our New Year's Eve's 11:00 PM **Watchnight Service**, a partnership with the Telugu Church, featured a number of readers, liturgists, and singers from both congregations. It's always a meaningful and inspirational way to welcome the New Year!
- ⇒ On February 22nd we held our **Ash Wednesday** worship service. Multiple church members took part in the liturgy and the attendance was higher than it has been in my seven years here at NDUMC!
- ⇒ **Palm Sunday** worship featured our Bell Choir ringing out and our Chancel Choir singing out! Not only that, but it was also Communion Sunday!
- ⇒ On **Maundy Thursday** we were seated at a circle of tables in Fellowship Hall where, employing passages from Kahlil Gibran's Jesus The Son of Man, a dozen or so readers spoke of their impressions of Jesus. Utilizing elements of the ritual, Karen Rowland once again taught us the meaning of the Passover meal. After we shared the bread and cup we entered the sanctuary and stripped the altar for Good Friday.
- ⇒ **Good Friday** evening worship was a powerful service of Tenebrae with 17 church members participating in the liturgy, along with music that set a sacred, somber atmosphere as the candles were extinguished and the shadows lengthened. Kyle Sander's haunting rendition of "Satan, Your Kingdom Must Come Down," and

Grace's playing of Bhaarat Joshi's moving composition at the close of the service were emotional high points of the evening.

- ⇒ Our **Easter Sunrise service** held at 6:30 continues to grow in attendance! Kyle Sanders led us in praise and Stephanie Rademacher offered the liturgy. A service that for years had no more than a dozen attending was up to 30 this year, and that's on top of last year's 28! It's become quite popular.
- ⇒ The traditional 10:15 **Easter Service** once again did not disappoint as Grace and the Choir lifted our resurrection spirits and the congregation sang our traditional Easter hymns with full faith and vigor!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

With superintendent, Catherine Poornaselvan, and Pastor Rosie leading, our Sunday School for youth had its best year since the pandemic in terms of attendance and participation at worship. The Adult Sunday School class, based on Marcus Borg's The Heart of Christianity, witnessed a marked increase in both attendance and enthusiasm over its initial run last year. Having donuts and coffee every week didn't hurt.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

NDUMC VBS was held the week of July 17th. This year's theme was entitled "Stellar," and our co-directors, Rhea Manglapus and Naomi Hunt, with the help of dozens of church members and guest volunteers, made for yet another an inspirational week of VBS, this time with a theme that was literally out of this world! It culminated with the families showing up for a live featuring all of our students and volunteers on Friday morning and our biggest annual VBS celebration at worship on Sunday the 23rd. The incredible amount of time and effort that goes into our VBS pays off in the joy and understanding we see on the faces of the kids!

HOT TOPICS

Starting last September, Hot Topics began Marcus Borg's Reading the Bible Again for the First Time, ultimately touching on all books and themes of scripture, seeing how the entire biblical narrative fits together. The Monday morning class met live in the Susannah Wesely Room and the Thursday night class met on Zoom. Both classes were well-attended and enthusiastic for the material. This year's opening topic will be "Megachurches," what's good and what's bad about them, so hold on to your hats!

BIBLE STUDY

Anita Davis continued to hold her weekly Bible Study on Friday evenings. The classes are small in number but HUGE in terms of their power to transform the thoughts and lives of the teacher and attendees!

ADMINISTRATION

I'm grateful to each serving member of the **Church Council** and **Trustees** for their dedication to the ministry of New Dover. Given the transition from the pandemic and the unexpected challenge of the Omicron variant, our church leadership once again demonstrated consistent wisdom, courage, and concern for the well-being of our parishioners.

Our new Council Chair Robin Christian succeeded Patrick Kingsly and like Patrick, started each meeting with prayer and a scripture reading. When Robin was out of the country for two months, Vice Chairperson and Lay Leader Stephanie Rademacher led the meetings.

Trustee President Jeff Rowland, put in countless hours overseeing the buildings, grounds, and infrastructure. In addition to supervising repairs, contacting contractors when needed, and presiding over the trustee meetings. Jeff continues to run our Tuesday Flea Market which has been back in full swing since March.

Poorna Jeevanandam succeeded the long-serving Paulette Harland as Outreach chair. Poorna has a long personal history of reaching neighbors in food crisis on the street, and he brings a fresh perspective to our team.

Our treasurer, Michelle O'Rourke, continues to put in the hours overseeing our weekly financial matters, receiving offerings and donations, paying our bills, writing our checks, and raising the level of mirth in the office!!

Finance Chair, JoAnn Lettieri, once again presided over a dramatic year in terms of catching up to the budget! As happened in '21, a rush of giving over the past six weeks brought our budget back in line by the end of the year. Never a doubt, right JoAnn? Piece o' cake!

Now in her third year, Lay Leader Stephanie Rademacher, despite a challenging year health-wise, brought so much faith, creativity, and enthusiasm to her task. Stephanie was a leader at our Saturday D2C Fellowship and she also made blankets for every one of our baptized infants and adults. Whenever called upon Stephanie stepped in to

preach or lead the liturgy.

Once again, Karen Rowland, led our dedicated Worship Committee in another inspirational year seeking new ways to improve the quality and variety of our services.

Even though he has moved three hours away, our Lay Delegate Brian Richards remained dedicated to both New Dover UMC and the Greater New Jersey Conference. The day after Brian led us in our return to Rise Against Hunger, it was great to join him back live in Wildwood for Conference where Brian spearheaded our Bread Breakers breakfast meeting as well as our information table in the main hall, introducing the name of Bread Breakers to hundreds of churches. Once back in Edison, Brian reported the news of Conference back to the congregation at worship.

Finally, what would do without our amazing administrative assistant (aka “Brains of the Operation”) Trish Boyce?! Trish is *THE* example of what a church admin should be. Not only does she complete all of her work skillfully and on time, but as the first person many guests encounter, Trish lets them know through her words and demeanor how welcome they are. In addition, Trish has increased her volunteerism with Bread Breakers, helping us to feed more people than at any time in the 175 year history of NDUMC!

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT (YAYA) MINISTRY

Once again this year I’ll just share that our growing youth and young adult fellowship proves that youth ministry is not solely about the future; its really about NOW! Led by Pastor Rosie, our youth and young adults have become even more active across the board in the life of our church, helping out with Outreach, Sunday School, VBS, and Worship!

METUCHEN EDISON AREA INTERFAITH CLERGY ASSOCIATION

MEAICA held mostly live meetings this year for the first time since the pandemic. Highlights for the year included the November Hunger Walk (where once again New Dover had more walkers than all the other houses of worship combined!), our annual Thanksgiving service, the Martin Luther King Memorial service in January, and the annual Yom HaShoah service in April.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

This past June as I sat at desk preparing to write my column (“Chuck’s Church Chat”) for our “Herald” newsletter I realized that I was about to complete my seventh year serving with the good people of New Dover United Methodist Church.

Now as we all know, seven (7) is what we call a real “biblical number!” Thinking back to where we were seven years ago and where we are now, I thought of how we have traveled such a long road together. We certainly have shared an amazing spiritual adventure, yet it appears that our journey is far from complete because there’s still a great deal to be accomplished as we strive together to build God’s Kingdom whenever and wherever we hear the call to go forth.

Rather than seven, I prefer instead the number eight, because eight is a metaphor for God’s new creation. There are eight sides to the baptismal font, symbolizing rebirth, transformation, and a fresh new start on life. Remembering our baptism means we are willing to learn from the past then leave it behind, in order to turn once again to follow in the ever-forward moving footsteps of Jesus, and begin the year ahead refreshed, recharged, and rejuvenated! Surely we can look back on all we’ve achieved and have cause to celebrate, but only if we continue to challenge ourselves to build upon those accomplishments.

Saints, as we rightfully celebrate 175 years of ministry in Edison, the most important year of all is the 176th. I cannot wait to see what challenges this coming year will put before us as together we create some brand new history!

Your Servant in Christ,

Chuck

SERMON OF THE MONTH

**Preached on the First Sunday after Christmas Day, December 30, 2023.
By Rosie Pang**

Scriptures: Psalm 148 and John 1:9-14
Title: Our Wondrous Light

Today is the last day of 2023 which falls on a Sunday and also it's the first Sunday after Christmas Day. A perfect crossroad of both old and new, the past and the future meaningfully comingle this day. In fact, every day is a new beginning and we're grateful for the opportunity to start a new day. 2023 was a full year of post-pandemic era and many of us felt somewhat resolved and relieved. But that didn't last long. The global community have been hit with record-breaking wildfires in the northern hemisphere that affected our ozone climates, wars in Gaza and Ukraine continue to threaten lives and nations, religious persecution doesn't know when to stop while gun-violence and hate crimes persist.

So, it's my year end and outlook to feel somewhat bittersweet.

Whether you are celebrating personally festive and productive year or not quite there, I hope and bless you and your days of ceaseless efforts. And want to congratulate you that we made it this far once again.

As a church community, we do have one thing in common to celebrate and that is the 175th years of ministry. Whether you pulled through your personal resolutions or not, we witnessed this historical moment of our church together. And for that we should be proud and grateful, give glory to God. And tonight, at the countdown of the clock, there will be fanfare, confetti and the drop of the crystal ball, of course fireworks.

I enjoy fireworks. I will miss it this year because I will be leading the Watch Night service tonight here. Every year my family sit around the TV and recollect the past sipping down coffee and hot cocoa eagerly waiting for the countdown. There's something special and joyous about being with your family or loved ones, friends at an end, and in the beginning. And usually it's those people who care about you the most who will gather around your beginning or your end. As a church this year, we celebrated many baptisms and new members into our Christian family. This means that we have been a part of someone's new beginning and we made a covenant pledge and promise to keep them amidst our lives so when the time comes to celebrate their life and achievements, we will be there with them besides their natural and extended families. In fact, it is God's divine nature to be present in these times and in the course of the journey as the God we believe says, "'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty'" (Revelation 1:8). So guess what folks, and hear the Good News. God who is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end is here today with you and me. And according to the Gospel reading from John, we who believe, those who believed have become children of God, heirs of the true light.

As I mentioned earlier, I love fireworks. In fact, I love it so much that Chantha proposed to me on the beach under the fireworks in a summer's night. Fireworks look spectacular on TV in the comfort of your homes but it simply does not serve justice to its massive expansive brilliant stardust that fills the night sky and turns night into day. While the fireworks last, the night turns into day because particles of sparkles explosively acting out it's brilliant lights become very powerful.

Jesus, God begotten was born with the guide of one bright star when? Over two thousand years ago. Over that time, we have been added on to those people who experienced God's love and grace and confessed we also love God. Jesus' Christian family have become this much bigger and for that, I am truly happy to be a part of that community. What does that mean? That means we too shall be fireworks to the world. Fireworks that turn someone's dark and hopeless end to a new beginning; fireworks that supersede people's current conditions and despair and guide their

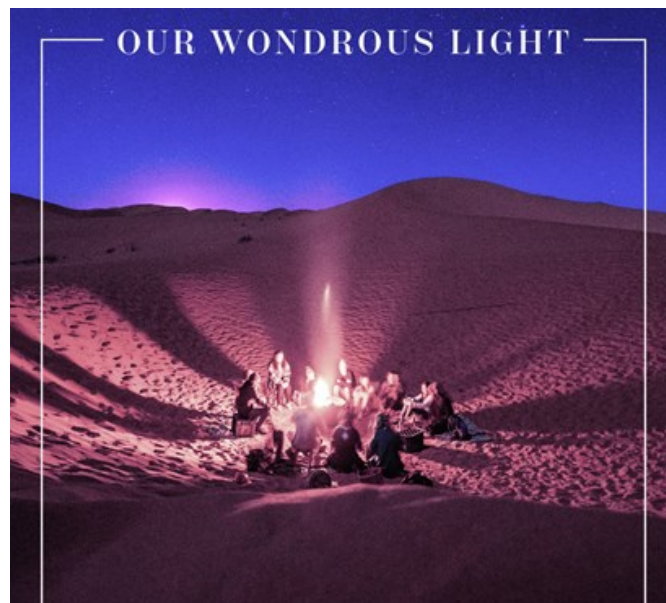
perspectives and directions to gaze up to the Savior who came to love, forgive, to give Joy, Hope, Peace, Love into our spirit.

In the Black church, Watch Night was first observed on December 31, 1862, as enslaved and free African Americans gathered to worship, pray, sing, and wait for January 1, 1863, the day the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Also called Freedom's Eve, this first Watch Night led to a yearly worship gathering to mark the turning of the old year into the new. Today, Watch Night services may include remembering the story of slavery and freedom, reflections on faith, the celebration of the community, confession and pardon, and covenant renewal.

For those communities that do not have a Watch Night tradition, particularly in the United States, this New Year's Eve Sunday offers a significant opportunity to name the troubling history of slavery and the ongoing reality of racism in U.S. society. Along with persisting racism, what might it look like to include this history in our confessions, to repent, and to recommit ourselves to the work of antiracism? Listen to the Spirit and to our neighbors whose suffering calls us to act with mercy and justice for the least, the last, and the lost.

What if Covenant Renewal or Watch Night also meant returning to the questions we answer in our baptism as we renew our covenant with God and one another to reject evil, resist injustice and oppression, put our whole trust in Christ's grace, and nurture one another by teaching and example? However, you choose to approach this service, may it be a time of coming together in communal commitment to following where God leads, supporting one another in love, and serving the community so that all can know and live in God's abundance.

So to move a step further, let's remember that you are more than fireworks when you believe. Each one of you believer and follower of the newborn King, Jesus the Savior is now made a wondrous light. And this wondrous light does not sparkle once throw a great party. True light as mentioned in John's gospel does not easily extinguish. In fact, once the light is in you, the light does not leave you. And with this true light, this new wondrous light you recognize, your purpose in life is more than a 10-15minutes spectacular. The light in you will guide you and move you to reject evil, resist injustice, racism and many isms and separations, oppressions, and destruction and shine Jesus' light to the world for the transformation of this world. Do you recognize this Wondrous Light in and around you?



KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS



Manny & Nora De La Paz
Debbie Ladym
Shirley & Lamont Shaffer
Beverly Vollmar
Evelyn MacKenzie
Fran Livecchia
Gail Engel
Family of Marilyn Kimball
Service men & women

Veterans
Homeless, unemployed
& uninsured
The People of Ukraine
For Peace in the ongoing
conflict in Israel & Gaza
Victims & their Families of
mass shootings
All Elderly of NDUMC

Pray for all those affected by Natural Disasters, those suffering with addictions, those suffering from depression, Victims of terrorism & violence, all national leaders, and all those serving at New Dover UMC.

All doctors, nurses, EMT, teachers, grocery store workers, janitors, and all other frontline workers. Thank you and God Bless.

If you wish to add anyone to the 2023 permanent prayer list, please contact Karen Rowland at krowland648@yahoo.com

FROM YOUR PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR PRAYER FELLOWSHIP EVERY
WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 10 AM



United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith held a fall missions project to collect used eyeglasses. A total of **158** eyeglasses were collected! Amazing! They were turned over to the Lions Club of Woodbridge to help others. The following information was obtained on their website:

"Refractive errors can easily be corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eyecare. Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect useable glasses in their communities to support the Lions Recycle Sight Program.

Send your eyeglasses to an official Lions Eyeglass Recycle Center for processing. There, the glasses are sorted to determine those that are usable or unusable, processed, and placed in inventory for distribution to optical missions around the world. Lions help to minimize landfill waste by supporting metal reclamation and scrap processing for damaged eyeglasses that are unusable."

Thanks so much to all who donated to this program! New Dover once again answered the call and is truly generous!

Finance News

The Finance Committee is continuing to provide financial information. The following provides the income and expenses as of October 2023. The church income includes what is provided to the church in pledge envelopes to current expense and other income sources such as building rentals, flea market and various fundraising activities. Church expenses are shown which include salaries, utilities, conference obligations and other costs to keep the church operating.

New Dover United Methodist Church Operating Fund		
	2023	
	October	Year to Date
Income	\$ 33,767.88	\$ 294,594.66
Expenses	\$ (40,187.98)	\$ (321,261.48)
Difference	\$ (6,420.10)	\$ (26,666.82)

January Birthdays

- 1 Gerry Allarey
- 2 Kathleen Reiss
- 3 Renil Khristi
Chansen Pang
- 6 Liam Dalton
- 7 Sean Becker
- 11 Sue Dalton
- 14 Annapurna Budala
- 16 Ashok David
- 17 Sanjana Dialle
Michael Greve
- 19 Janice Wilson
- 22 Cindy Bonito
Tim Roth
- 30 Elmira Higoy
- 31 Vicki Aludino

January Anniversaries

- 18 Ajith & Sandra De Alwis
- 27 Poorna & Catherine
Jeevanandam
- 28 Rajiv & Sanjana Dialle
- 31 Bolton & Indira Nyema



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship Corner – January 2024 How to be a Church Mouse

Welcome to 2024! January is often a time when people reflect on the previous year and think about what they can do better. We often resolve to lose weight, exercise more, quit smoking, etc. While these are all good things to do for our physical health, how many of us reflect, and try to find ways to serve more and improve our spiritual health? The church has many opportunities to share your time and talents.

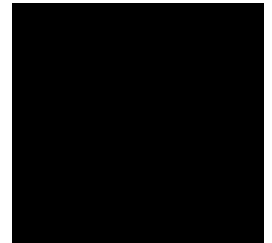
Think about your personal gifts, and where you might share them with the church. If you're not sure what opportunities are available, ask! Most of the Administrative Council is made up of the heads of the different committees in the church with different areas of ministry. Here are the members of the

Administrative Council:
Ad Council Chair – Robin Christian
Finance Chair – JoAnn Lettieri
Outreach Chair – Poorna Jevanandam
Nurture Chair – Lina Katthula
Worship Chair – Karen Rowland
Staff-Parish Chair – Fiona Meade
Trustees President – Jeff Rowland
Lay Leader – Stephanie Rademacher
United Women in Faith – Dianne Petersen
Nominations – Rev. Chuck Coblentz
At large member, Stewardship Chair – Kyle Becker
Rev Chuck & Pastor Rosie

“Let all that you do be done in love.” – *1 Corinthians 16:14*



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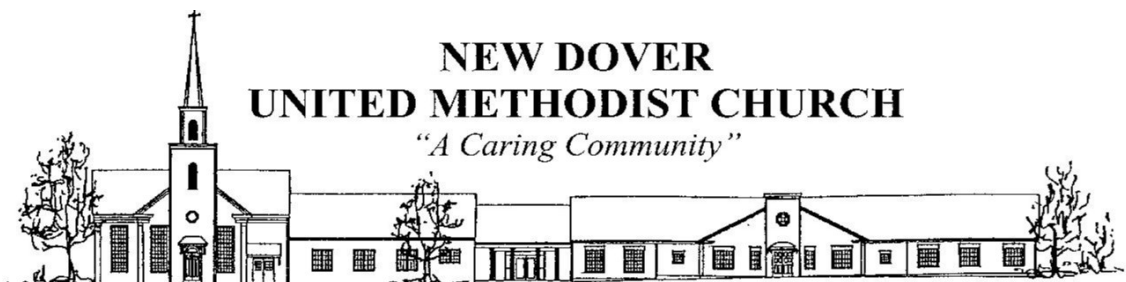
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A YEAR IN REVIEW



