

***The vision of Dover UCC is to seek justice, love kindness
and walk humbly with our God.***



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

November 16, 2025

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor

An Open & Affirming Congregation

A Just Peace Congregation

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Infinite Possibilities!

Announcements

Prelude

"When Morning Guilds the Skies"

arr. Faye López

Centering

***Song #73 vs 3**

"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

NCH

Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone.

Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

***Call to Worship**

One: Come dreamers and doers; come romantics and pragmatists; come intuitives and rationalists; come one, come all. Come listen to God's vision of true community, of a new heaven and a new earth; where the wolf and the lamb will dine together, where the lion will graze like the ox.

All: Where there will be —for us; for all who believe; a perfect joy; a pure delight; and a holy lasting peace.

One: Come listen. Open your heart, your soul, to Yahweh our beloved God.

***Hymn #417**

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

NCH

***Prayer** (Please remain standing)

All: Come, Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation. Send your wind and flame of your transforming life to lift up the church in this day. Give wisdom and faith that we may know the great hope to which we are called. Come, Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation. Amen

***Gloria #759**

***Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen***

**Please Stand if able*

NCH= New Century Black Hymnal

Scripture

Luke 21:5-19

Offering of music (10:00 AM)

Children's time (10:00 AM)

***Hymn# 108**

"Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old"

NCH

Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25

Song of Preparation #772

"Nothing Can Trouble"

NCH

Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

Sermon

Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

Pastoral Prayer / Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Gratitude (10:00 AM)

Offering our Gifts

Offering Music

"Wonderful Peace"

arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter

One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn #576**

"For the Healing of the Nations"

NCH

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Toccata Jubiloso"

Lani Smith

Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Mindy Quellhorst
Music Director: Jamie Kunselman
Media: Dave MacKeigan

Liturgist: Eileen Schultz
Organist: Bret Tassone

The flowers on the communion table are given by Kay Cilimburg in honor of our members who are in their 90's: Kay Cilimburg, Bruce Hamilton, Lois McCreight, Inge Moorman, Don Nichols, Jan Sheffler, Nancy Woodward, John Woodward

AND

Peggy Montgomery, in honor of her mother, Cathy Montgomery's, 94th birthday.

Please join us after 10:00 AM worship for Coffee Hour in Thomas Hall—your hosts are Don & Sharon Nichols.

Stream Events at Dover

~The **worship service** will be live on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on the Dover Congregational UCC website (<https://www.doverucc.org>) and Facebook page and the recording will be posted immediately after the service.

~Monday thru Friday, the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Please call the office to ensure someone is in to assist you.

~If you have a care or concern you need to discuss, please contact Rev. Quellhorst at revmql@gmail.com or call her on her cell, 330-717-5357

~During the 10:00 AM service, child care is available for children five years and younger in room 104, on the lower level, Faith Formation for older children.

Large print bulletins and hearing amplifications are available in the back.



Faith Formation and Faith Explorers are in full swing. This month our children will be learning about prayer and kindness. Come grow with us—there's something for every age!

Any questions—please contact Jacquie DelMonte
440-463-6460

"SAVING JESUS FROM THE CHURCH"

Don Nichols will be leading the discussion on this book beginning Friday, January 3, 2026, at 10:30 AM in the parlor. Please join us! If you need a copy of the book, let Don know.

POINSETTIA SALES

The last day for orders for poinsettias to decorate the church for the Advent season is TODAY! Poinsettias are \$10.00 each, and come in red, white, pink and/or marble.

If you walk into Dean's Greenhouse between November 15th & December 24th, 20% of your purchase will be donated to Dover—just tell them you are with Dover. You can bring any poinsettia(s) you are purchasing for Dover to church at any time. Be sure to pick up a form at the order table or The Hub to complete with your name, color or poinsettia(s) purchased, and any memorial/honorarium you would like noted in the bulletin for the Christmas Eve service.

As always, you are welcome to take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve service.

CHILI COOKOFF

In what has become a tradition here at Dover, the annual chili cookoff will be held on Sunday, November 23rd immediately after 10:00 AM worship. Come sample a bowl. . .or 2 or 3. . .of some of the best chili in Cleveland! **If you can provide a crockpot of chili for the cookoff, please let Martha Vivona know.**

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE / PIEFEST

Plan on joining congregations from Dover, Prince of Peace, St. Ladislav, Church of the Redeemer, and Westlake Methodist for a Community Thanksgiving worship service on **Monday, November 24th** at 7:00 PM at St. Ladislav Catholic Church, 2345 Bassett Road, Westlake. Following worship, come join the "Piefest!" Please bring a pie to share and canned goods for the offering.

"HANGING OF THE GREEN"

The Worship Committee will be decorating the church for the Advent season on Saturday, November 29th, beginning at 9:00 AM and are always looking for extra hands to help out. If you can come that morning to help with the decorating, it is always appreciated! Please let Dale Winkler know.

ADOPT-A-BASKET FUNDRAISER

Today after 10:00 AM worship, everyone will have the opportunity to "adopt-a-basket" for our Silent Auction during the Cookie Walk on December 14th. Baskets will have suggested themes and some items. Just take a basket, add a few fun items, and bring it back before December 14th. This is voluntary, and a fun way to support our Mission Trip. Call Dawn Smith with any questions: 440-725-7216

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

"Tuesdays With Morrie"

By Mitch Albom

Monday, **Jan. 5th**, 12:30 PM
Parlor

EVENING BOOK GROUP

"The Lost Bookshop"

By Evie Woods

Monday, Nov. 17th 7:00 PM
Martha Vivona's house



Last names are listed below; in streaming, we are being safety conscious and will only use first names.

Sandy Aber
Karen Bellebuono (Friend of Mary Ann & Joe Brizzolara and Judy Brizzolara
Mark Chomoa (Rae-Rita Chomoa's son)
Gail Cordy
Betty Correll (Sandy Burkey's mother)
Eli (Friend of Judy Brizzolara)
Jim & Kaye Mesaros
Inge Moorman
Mike Pentek
People of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Myanmar, Middle East
Bob Pozwick (Patricia Houser's brother)
Pastor Mindy
Rachel (Friend of Judy Brizzolara)
Joann Sarvay
Maura Young (Friend of Lois McCreight)

PLEASE BEGIN USING THESE IMMEDIATELY!

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Adam Jakubiak, moderator	adam.jakubiak@gmail.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DOVER

Sunday, November 16, 2025

- 8:15 AM Early worship service
- 9:30 AM Blood pressure checks
- 10:00 AM Nursery & Sunday school
- 11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Thomas Hall

Monday, November 17, 2025

- 6:00 PM Ice cream at Mitchell's
- 7:00 PM Worship Committee meeting – Office

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

- 12:30 PM Artists group – Thomas Hall
- 7:00 PM Scouts – Thomas Hall
- 7:00 PM Council meeting - Parlor

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

- 7:00 PM AA – Thomas Hall

Thursday, November 20, 2025

- 12:00 PM Retired Men's luncheon – Claudette's
- 5:30 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall
- 6:00 PM Al-Anon book meeting - Parlor
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall

Friday, November 21, 2025

Saturday, November 22, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/23:** Chili cookoff (after worship)
- 11/24:** Community Thanksgiving service / Piefest – 7:00 PM;
St. Ladislas Catholic Church; 2345 Bassett Rd., Westlake
- 11/30:** First Sunday of Advent
- 12/7:** Poetry night
- 12/14:** Cookie walk/silent auction (after worship)

~ **Contributions**~ At the home page click on the **"Give"** button and follow the directions



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Open and Affirming Statement

Dover Congregational United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. We affirm that God's grace is available to all. We welcome people of all ages, genders, races, views, abilities, sexual orientations, expressions and identities, ethnic educational and economic backgrounds into the full life and ministry of our church. We declare this in the name of God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, welcomed all people into God's circle of grace.

Approved by the congregation September 21, 2008
Additions approved by the congregation April 13, 2014

Just Peace Covenant

As a Just Peace church continuing the work of Jesus, we commit to work toward a world where all persons are treated with dignity and equality, where societies are structured in ways that promote the well-being of all people, and where conflicts are resolved through communication and negotiations, without resorting to exploitation or violence. We strive to embody these principles in our lives and witness as individuals and as a congregation. Our specific focus is: Just Peace in the community- so that all may live free from fear. Just Peace with the Earth – so that life is sustained. Just Peace in the marketplace- so that all may live with dignity. Just Peace among nations- so that human lives are protected. Through our worship, programs, and outreach we seek to be a community of reconciliation, hope, and courage as we work for peace and justice in our world.

Adopted and approved by congregation September 14, 2025