

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



Dover Congregational United Church of Christ

August 17, 2025

***Rev. Melinda Quellhorst, Senior Pastor
An Open & Affirming Congregation***

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Continuing to trust God while reading the signs of the times

**Prelude
Centering**

"Canon"

***Song #742**

"Gathered Here"

NCH

***Gathered here in the mystery of this hour,
gathered here in one strong body,
gathered here in the struggle and the power,
Spirit draw near.***

***Call to Worship**

One: Summer dances on golden beams.

All: All creation is bathed in light.

One: It is an abundance of God's love

All: And a shower of God's beauty,

One: Filled with laughter and delight.

All: Graceful days and gentle nights.

One: We praise God in hope.

Hymn #407

"How Firm a Foundation"

NCH

***Prayer** (Please remain standing)

All: Holy God, in this time and place we prepare to meet you as your body, the church. We acknowledge you as our head. We anticipate your Spirit moving among us. We await your Word, knowing that through it our lives and loves will be reordered. Come to us in power to confront, convict and comfort, for we are your people, made in your image. Amen.

****Please Stand if able***

NCH= New Century Black Hymnal

***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***

Scripture

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Special offering of music (10:00 AM)

"Still Listening"
Ken Delfing, soloist

Stephen Curtis Chapman

Children's time (10:00 AM)

***Hymn#276 verse 1**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

NCH

Scripture

Luke 12:49-56

Song of preparation

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema

***Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.***

Sermon

Rev. Jeff Nelson

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

"Meditation"

James Southridge

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***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 #611**

"O Day of God, Draw Near"

NCH

***Benediction**

Postlude

Paraphrase on "Hymn to Joy"

*Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. David Hegarty*

**Please Stand if able*

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Serving You in Church Today

Sermon: Rev. Jeff Nelson

Liturgist: Joan Brickley

Organist: Ben Malkevitch

Music Director: Jamie Kunselman

Media: Dave MacKeigan

Rev. Jeff Nelson is the Minister for Ministerial Calls and Transitions at the United Church of Christ in Cleveland. His focus is on resources and support for pastors and other authorized ministers, including the denomination's online portal for ministerial profiles. He is on the MESA (Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization) team. This team falls under Love of Church. He has served as a local church pastor in Northeast Ohio. He is a graduate of Heidelberg University and Eden Theological Seminary. He is married to Andrea and they have two children, Wes and Harper.

The flowers on the Communion table are given in gratitude to our organist, Ben Malkevitch for his inspiring, faithful playing each Sunday.

Please join us after 10:00 AM worship for Coffee Hour in Thomas Hall.

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 too.

~ Our newsletter, *Dover Voices*, an informational flyer about Dover UCC, a church directory and devotionals are available in the Narthex and at The Hub.

~ Large print bulletins and hearing amplification devices are available. An Usher can assist you.

WHILE MINDY IS OUT. . .

Mindy will be out of the office until Monday, August 25th—if you have need for pastoral assistance, please contact Ivy Beckwith, ivybeckwith@gmail.com. You can also find her contact info in the church directory.

2026 MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Dover will be selling \$20 Mitchell's gift cards to raise money for the 2026 Back Bay Mission Trip. If you are interested, please see Georgann Yonkers or Loreen Flesher.

ANNUAL CAROLYN L. FARRELL FOUNDATION GALA

The annual Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation Gala to raise money for dementia support is being held September 6th at LaCentre Banquet Hall in Westlake. A \$50 donation for every ticket sold to a church member or friend will be aid to Dover UCC—last year we raised \$1,350!! Call Scott Thompson at 216-978-6843 with questions. Ticket sales are open—call 440-414-0434 for reservations.

FLOWERS FOR COMMUNION TABLE

Donating flowers for the Communion table each Sunday is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one, or someone who has gone above and beyond. If you would like to donate flowers one Sunday, sign up on the board outside the office. You can provide the flowers yourself, or the church office will order for you. Be sure to let us know how you would like your donation noted in the bulletin.



~Prayer Requests, please pray for God to be with these individuals, and for them to feel God's presence in the midst of their concerns:

Meri Armour

Karen Bellebuono (Friend of Mary Ann & Joe Brizzolara and Judy Brizzolara)

Katrina Burton (Maria Vélez-Colon's daughter)

Mark Chomoa (Rae-Rita Chomoa's son)

Gail Cordy

Eli (Friend of Judy Brizzolara)

Bobbie English (Friend of Lois McCreight)

Jim & Linda (Friends of Judy Brizzolara)

Jim & Kaye Mesaros

People of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Myanmar, Middle East

Bob Pozwick (Patricia Houser's brother)

Rachel (Friend of Judy Brizzolara)

Joann Sarvay

DAVID EDSALL MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for David Edsall will be held at Dover on Saturday, August 30th, at 10:00 AM, with a reception immediately following.

AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP

***BRING YOUR FAVORITE
HEIRLOOM, OR "OLDER" BOOKS
TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP***

Monday, Sept. 8, 12:30 PM
Parlor

EVENING BOOK CLUB WISH YOU WERE HERE

BY

Jodi Picoult

Monday, Sept. 15, 7:00 PM

Heather Harris' house

Contact Dody Chadwick

DGCC629@aol.com for more
information

THIS WEEK AT DOVER

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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

Monday, August 18, 2025

6:00 PM Ice Cream at Mitchell's

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

7:00 PM Scouts – Thomas Hall
7:00 PM Council meeting - Parlor

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

7:00 PM AA – Thomas Hall

Thursday, August 21, 2025

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

Friday, August 22, 2025

Saturday, August 23, 2025

7:00 PM AA – parlor

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/7: Church Peace picnic/Sunday school kick-off
10/7: Bunco night – more info coming
11/8: Karaoke night
12/7: Poetry night
12/14: Cookie walk

!!NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES!!

Please delete the OLD addresses in your contacts and your address books and add these new email addresses:

Pastor Mindy: revmql@gmail.com
Liz Emmer, treasurer: dovertreasurer3@gmail.com
Ben Malkevitch: ben@malkevitch.com
Jamie Kunselman: jkunselman1@gmail.com
Jane/Dover general: doverucc44145@gmail.com

You can also find these email addresses in a handout at The Hub—pick one up and take it home!

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

If you, or someone you know, is or ever has been a caregiver, please share this information. Church of the Redeemer will be providing an informational meeting for all caregivers for someone with an illness, an aging parent, child, teenager, co-workers, etc. on **Thursday, August 21st**, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon at Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Road, in their lounge. Light refreshments will be served, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions, connect with others, learn coping strategies, discover available resources. If you are interested in attending, please contact Nancey Brock, RN Parish Nurse, at 440-331-0834, option #4. **INFORMATIONAL FLYERS AVAILABLE AT THE HUB.**

MISSIONS HUB

Don't forget to check out the Missions Hub on the wall outside the Chapel – you will find important information about missions Dover supports, current and on-going.

~To Our Guests:



Thanks for Popping In!

Are you looking for a church home? Our Welcoming Team at The Hub has a gift for you and information about Dover Congregational UCC and the United Church of Christ. Visit our website at <https://www.doverucc.org>.

~ Play It Again ~

Want to hear a terrific sermon again? At the home page, click on "Sermons" and select the service you would like to view.

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



OR you can easily connect to our online donation page by scanning this QR code with the camera on your phone or a QR app--will take you directly to our online donation page! Any questions--see Jane Coil (jcoil@doverucc.org)

Open and Affirming Statement

*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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