

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



**Dover Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**August 3, 2025**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Abundance!**

**Prelude**

*"Little Chaconne"*

*Gregory Hamilton*

**Centering**

**\*Song #349 verse 1,5**

***"I Come with Joy"***

NCH

***I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.***

***Together met, together bound, in friendship we will stay,  
and go with joy to love the world and live the way we pray,  
and live the way we pray.***

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: When we call upon the Lord, God comes to us with grace.

**All: God's amazing love endures forever.**

One: When our hearts are troubled, God comes to us with blessings.

**All: God's extravagant love endures forever.**

One: When our spirits struggle and are discouraged, God comes to us with healing.

**All: God's generous love endures forever.**

One: When our lives are overwhelmed, God comes as a courageous Spirit.

**All: God's forgiving love endures forever.**

**Hymn #23**

***"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"***

NCH

*\*Please Stand if able*

*NCH= New Century Black Hymnal*

**\*Prayer** (Please remain standing)

**All: God of abundance and mercy, we acknowledge your presence among us today. Open our eyes to see the path before us. Deepen our faith to walk with you upon this path. Strengthen our hearts with courage to embark on the journey. Enlarge our hearts with gratitude for your provision along the way. Teach us these things today, O God. In Jesus' name. 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***

**Scripture**

Hosea 11:1-11

**Special offering of music (10:00 AM)**

"Friends"

Michael W. Smith

Judy MacKeigan / Cheryl Sebjenics / Carol Silvey, vocalists

**Children's time (10:00 AM )**

**\*Hymn #6 verse 1    "Sing Praise to God, our Highest Good"**

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**Scripture**

Luke 12:13-21

**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. 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.**

*\*Please Stand if able*

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## **Invitation to Gratitude (10:00 AM)**

### **Offering our Gifts**

### **Offering Music**

"Hiding in Thee"

*Anna Laura Page*

### **\*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**

### **Communion**

*(Gluten free option is the wafer. As the tray is passed to you, please hold it for the person next to you as they take the bread/cup, then pass it to the next person. Please assist your neighbor, if they need help. When you receive the bread and then the juice, please hold it until the Minister indicates to eat and/or drink it, so that we commune together.)*

Invitation

Sharing the story

Sharing the elements

Communion Music

"Romance op. 21, no. 1 in A minor"

*Clara Schumann*

Prayer after Communion

**All: We thank you gracious God for this meal which you have given us.**

**As we gather around our own tables in the days ahead, might we be reminded of this table, where all are welcome, and love always is the answer to hate. Amen**

### **\*Hymn #347**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

*NCH*

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

"Festal Day"

*Elizabeth Hill*

*\*Please Stand if able*

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## **Serving You in Church Today**

**Sermon:** Rev. Melinda Quellhorst

**Liturgist:** Gary Burkey

**Organist:** Ben Malkevitch

**Music Director:** Jamie Kunselman

**Media:** Dave MacKeigan

**The flowers on the communion table are given in gratitude to Jane Coil, our office administrator, for all she does for the church.**

**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 [revmq1@gmail.com](mailto:revmq1@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.

### **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.

### **LIBBY-ONLINE BOOKS**

Have you ever wished you could read or listen to books for free on your smart phone, tablet, or kindle? Well, public libraries have an app called LIBBY that allows you to do just that. If you want to know how to use Libby, please sign up at The Hub. Depending on the interest, we will do a presentation. Or help you, one on one if it's just a person or two. **Any questions - please contact Maryann Culbertson or Kim Delfing.**

### **MICAH'S CAFÉ**

Micah's Café will be closed for the summer, reopening on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>— come see us then!

## **ANNUAL CAROLYN L. FARRELL FOUNDATION GALA**

The annual Carolyn L. Farrell Foundation Gala to raise money for dementia support is being held September 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **DAVID EDSALL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

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



~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:

Katie Alexander  
Meri Armour  
Katrina Burton (Maria Vélez-Colon's daughter)  
Mark Chomoa (Rae-Rita Chomoa's son)  
Gail Cordy  
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)  
Joann Sarvay

### **AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP**

#### **WE ALL LIVE HERE**

BY

Jojo Moyes

Monday, August 4, 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 3, 2025**

8:15 AM Early worship service  
10:00 AM Nursery & Sunday school  
11:00 AM Coffee Hour – Thomas Hall  
1:40 PM Guardians’ game – Progressive Field

## **Monday, August 4, 2025**

6:00 PM Ice Cream at Mitchell’s

## **Tuesday, August 5, 2025**

7:00 PM Scouts – Thomas Hall

## **Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

7:00 PM AA – Thomas Hall

## **Thursday, August 7, 2025**

5:30 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall  
6:00 PM Al-Anon – book meeting - Parlor  
7:00 PM Al-Anon – Thomas Hall

## **Friday, August 8, 2025**

## **Saturday, August 9, 2025**

7:00 PM AA – parlor

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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



# SUMMER

## Faith Formation

Where Kids Can Just Play & Have Some Fun  
And Learn How Things Work Under the Sun!

\*All 10:00 Sunday Services from 6/15 thru 8/31\*

For more info, please contact:

**Jacquie DelMonte**

**440-463-6460**

### **!!NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES!!**

Dover will start transitioning to new email addresses—please note the following:

Pastor Mindy: [revmq1@gmail.com](mailto:revmq1@gmail.com) (she has ALWAYS had this email address)

Dover email (for bulletins, Church Mouse, etc.): [doверucc44145@gmail.com](mailto:doверucc44145@gmail.com)

**Please change these addresses in your contacts and your address books.**

Jane's email will remain the same for a couple of months.

## ~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](mailto: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