Dover Congregational United Church of Christ ~*An Open & Affirming Congregation*~

DOVER VOICES

July/August 2026

Summer time and the livin' is easy,
is how the aria in Porgy and Bess begins;
written by Ella Fitzgerald and the Gershwins.

Summer time…a time to slow down, vacation, renew, spend time with God, listen for the sounds of summer, notice the flowers. For me, summer is a time to be reminded to slow down, sit by the camp fire, vacation, read, watch the grandkids play baseball, spend time doing things that I might not do at other times of the year.

"Come to me, all of you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 28:11

Rest refers to leisure time, human relaxation or sleep. How we do that depends on who we are, but it isn't work. It isn't something that stresses you out. It isn't something that causes you grief.
Renewal is the act of renewing or the state of having been renewed. Being renewed is making new or being new again, to replenish. It isn't work, it doesn't cause stress. It makes you feel good and rested and alive again.
Sabbath is a weekly day of rest or time of worship. It is a time of renewal and growth. It is a time of renewal and quietness. It is a time that refreshes you.
It is rest… It is renewal… it is time with God just being.

I remind you that every Sunday, your church is here to worship, and to praise God. Even if you are off vacationing and renewing, we still need your faith promise to God to pay our bills. I remind you to relax, but also to send in your offering.

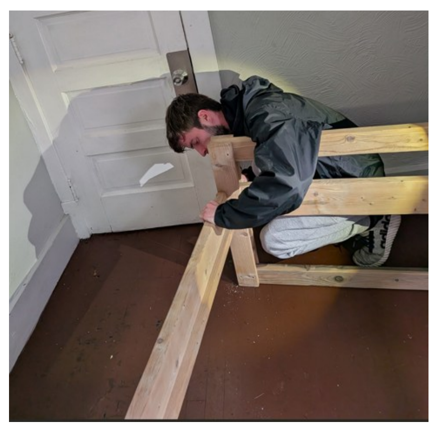
Blessing and renewing, Pastor Mindy

Do you have Good News to Share for the newsletter?

About happenings at Dover UCC or celebrations in your life. Please send to 😊 Amy Storms (amy-storms@att.net or 314-704-7534). Pictures appreciated but not required.

Dover folks spend a Saturday morning with Sleep in Heavenly Peace

On May 23, eight Dover members and friends joined the Sleep in Heavenly Peace crew to deliver and assemble beds for about 14 kids. The Just Peace Missions committee plans to have another bed delivery or build soon. It's also possible to volunteer individually.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a charity which delivers beds (complete with sheets, comforters, pillows, etc.) to kids who are sleeping on the floor or co-sleeping with someone. For more information you can look at their Facebook page **Sleep-in-heavenly-peace-Oh-Cuyahoga W** or their website. On Facebook, look for the picture of Kathleen Poe and Heather Harris with their delivery crew and some kiddos who got new beds.

WEAR ORANGE TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Once again Dover came through to show their support to ending gun violence.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was a blast! Dover had a small but mighty presence which we hope grows next year. I'm never sure who learns more, the kiddos or the volunteers! The theme of Snowball Mountain Challenge was from Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through him who gives me strength." This important message was learned in speech, song, and sign language!

This igloo is made from all of the milk jugs that Jacquie DelMonte collected.

Just Peace Missions

Grow Justice, Know Peace

Summer 2026

IT'S OFFICIAL! Council approved our proposed team combination! Members include Judy Brizzolara & Amy Storms (co-leaders), Mary Ann Brizzolara, Pam Compton, Heather Harris, Kevin Kurth, Sharrie Nichols, Kathleen Poe, Corrie Purdum, and Martha Vivona. Please feel free to speak with any of us for more information or join us at one of our meetings – we meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the parlor.

Pride Month kicked off early this year as both Graduate Sunday and Wear Orange Weekend were scheduled for the first Sunday in June. May 31 brought a fun and tasty coffee hour! Rainbows will bring brightness to Thomas Hall the entire month of June with tables decorated and our Pride flag hung.

The Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed-building was a great success! Aida Colon, Pam Compton, Ian Healey, Kathleen Poe, Amy & Ken Storms, Maria Velez, and Martha Vivona joined other volunteers to build 13 beds for children in the greater Cleveland area. The group enjoyed it so much that plans for another bed-build are in the works.

we can end gun violence

wear orange

So many of us wore our orange and held signs on Sunday, June 7 to both honor those affected by gun violence as well as continue to raise awareness on one of the leading causes of death in the US. A group photo was taken but we haven't been able to locate a copy so if you have one, please share!

Flyers inviting us to four Juneteeth events were shared on the bulletin board. Pastor Mindy included a prayer written by Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, UCC General Minister and President, in her sermon.

Stewardship is much more than sharing our treasure.
It is giving of ourselves to the life of the church from our hearts.

What does your heart share?

Coming Soon: Reflections on "Where Our Hearts Are"
A goal of the Stewardship Team is that soon in future bulletins and editions of Dover Voices, members/non-members of our church family will share their thoughts, feelings, and personal reflections

DRAGON BOAT OUTING

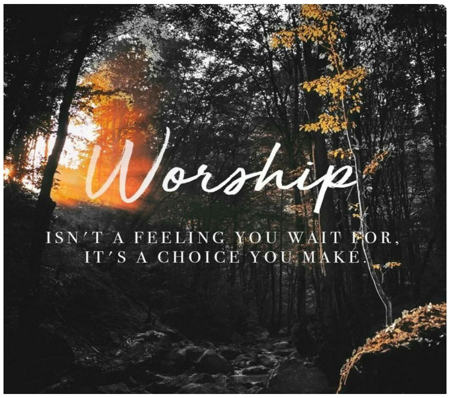
July 12 Sunday from 1-3. Cost is $20.

At Merwin's Wharf

Questions? Contact Dave MacKeigan.

Sign up at the hub

Join Us For Worship



We have two services every Sunday morning, one at 8:15 AM in our chapel, which is a more informal service, and the second at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary, where you will hear a variety of music styles from contemporary praise to traditional hymns. Pastor Melinda Quellhorst's message is sure to inspire.

Our 10:00 AM service is also live-streamed on Facebook (Dover Congregational UCC) and on the home page of our website, https://www.doverucc.org. Recorded services will be available on our website under the 'Worship" tab immediately after the service.

FAITH EXPLORERS

Safe. Loved. Growing in God.

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

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


DOVER UCC
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ROUNDUP
Sunday, September 13
10 - Faith Formation
11 - Church Picnic
Food and Fellowship
Games
Family Fun
All are welcome
Bring a dish to share
and a lawn chair

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THESE INSURANCE TERMS MEAN??

Premium: The amount you pay every month to keep your insurance active.
Example: If your premium is $300/month, you pay that amount whether you use medical services or not.

Deductible The amount you must pay for covered healthcare services before your insurance starts sharing costs.
Example: If your deductible is $2,000, you'll generally pay the first $2,000 of covered medical expenses yourself before insurance begins paying according to the plan rules.
Important: Some services (like preventive care) may be covered before you meet the deductible.

Copayment a fixed dollar amount you pay for a specific service.
Example: Primary care visit: $25 copay/Specialist visit: $50 copay/Prescription: $15 copay. You pay the copay, and insurance covers the rest of the allowed amount.

Coinsurance: The percentage of costs you pay after meeting your deductible.
Example: Deductible met/Plan has 20% coinsurance. If a procedure costs $1,000: You pay $200 (20%) Insurance pays $800

Out-of-Pocket Maximum: The most you'll pay in a plan year for covered services. After reaching this limit, the insurance company generally pays 100% of covered in-network costs for the rest of the year. If your Out-of-pocket maximum: $8,000. Once you've paid $8,000 through deductibles, copays, and coinsurance, covered in-network care is typically fully covered for the remainder of the year.

Network: The doctors, hospitals, and providers that have contracts with your insurance company. **In-Network:** Providers who have agreed to negotiated rates with your insurer. **Out-of-Network:** Providers without contracts with your insurer. Out-of-network care is often: More expensive, covered at a lower rate, or not covered at all, **depending on the plan.**

Explanation of Benefits (EOB): A statement from your insurer explaining: What service was provided, What was billed, What insurance paid and What you may owe An EOB is **not usually a bill**. You should wait to see this before your pay your bill!

Preventive Care: Services intended to prevent illness or detect problems early. Examples: Annual wellness visits, Vaccinations and certain screenings. Many plans cover preventive care at no cost when received in-network.

Formulary: The list of prescription drugs covered by your insurance plan.
Drugs are often grouped into tiers:

- Generic drugs (lowest cost)
- Preferred brand-name drugs
- Non-preferred brands

Specialty medications (highest cost)

Prior Authorization: Approval required from your insurance company before certain treatments, medications, or procedures are covered. Without approval, coverage may be denied.

HMO (Health Maintenance Organization): Typically: Lower premiums, Requires a Primary Care Physician (PCP), Requires referrals for specialists, little or no out-of-network coverage except emergencies

PPO (Preferred Provider Organization): Typically: More flexibility, No referral requirement in many cases, some out-of-network coverage, usually higher premiums

High-Deductible Health Plan: A plan with a higher deductible but often lower monthly premiums. These plans may allow you to contribute to an HSA.

HSA (Health Savings Account): A tax-advantaged account used for qualified medical expenses. Available only with eligible HDHPs.
Benefits include: Tax-deductible contributions, Tax-free growth and Tax-free withdrawals for qualified medical expenses

FSA (Flexible Spending Account): An employer-sponsored account that lets you set aside pre-tax money for healthcare expenses. Unlike HSAs, FSAs often have annual "use-it-or-lose-it" rules.

A useful way to compare plans is to focus on these four numbers: **premium, deductible, coinsurance, and out-of-pocket maximum**. Together they determine most of what you'll spend during the year.

Please see the following pages for more information from www.cms.gov
Blessings and Prayers for a healthy summer! ~ Julie Kiefer, Parish Nurse

Glossary of Health Coverage and Medical Terms

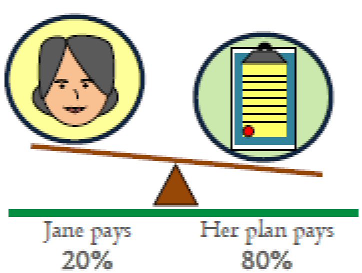
- This glossary has many commonly used terms, but isn't a full list. These glossary terms and definitions are intended to be educational and may be different from the terms and definitions in your plan. Some of these terms also might not have exactly the same meaning when used in your policy or plan, and in any such case, the policy or plan governs. (See your Summary of Benefits and Coverage for information on how to get a copy of your policy or plan document.)
- **Bold blue** text indicates a term defined in this Glossary.
- See page 4 for an example showing how **deductibles**, **co-insurance** and **out-of-pocket limits** work together in a real life situation.

Allowed Amount
Maximum amount on which payment is based for covered health care services. This may be called "eligible expense," "payment allowance" or "negotiated rate." If your **provider** charges more than the allowed amount, you may have to pay the difference. (See **Balance Billing**.)

Appeal
A request for your health insurer or **plan** to review a decision or a **grievance** again.

Balance Billing
When a **provider** bills you for the difference between the provider's charge and the **allowed amount**. For example, if the provider's charge is $100 and the allowed amount is $70, the provider may bill you for the remaining $30. A **preferred provider** may ***not*** balance bill you for covered services.

Co-insurance
Your share of the costs of a covered health care service, calculated as a percent (for example, 20%) of the **allowed amount** for the service. You pay co-insurance ***plus*** any **deductibles** you owe. For example, if the **health insurance** or **plan's** allowed amount for an office visit is $100 and you've met your deductible, your co-insurance payment of 20% would be $20. The health insurance or plan pays the rest of the allowed amount.

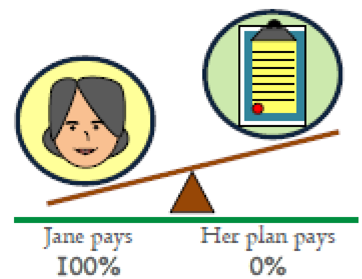


(See page 4 for a detailed example.)

Complications of Pregnancy
Conditions due to pregnancy, labor and delivery that require medical care to prevent serious harm to the health of the mother or the fetus. Morning sickness and a non-emergency caesarean section aren't complications of pregnancy.

Co-payment
A fixed amount (for example, $15) you pay for a covered health care service, usually when you receive the service. The amount can vary by the type of covered health care service.

Deductible
The amount you owe for health care services your **health insurance** or **plan** covers before your health insurance or plan begins to pay. For example, if your deductible is $1000, your plan won't pay anything until you've met your $1000 deductible for covered health care services subject to the deductible. The deductible may not apply to all services.



(See page 4 for a detailed example

Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
Equipment and supplies ordered by a health care **provider** for everyday or extended use. Coverage for DME may include: oxygen equipment, wheelchairs, crutches or blood testing strips for diabetics.

Emergency Medical Condition
An illness, injury, symptom or condition so serious that a reasonable person would seek care right away to avoid severe harm.

Emergency Medical Transportation
Ambulance services for an **emergency medical condition**.

Emergency Room Care
Emergency services you get in an emergency room.

Emergency Services
Evaluation of an **emergency medical condition** and treatment to keep the condition from getting worse.

Excluded Services
Health care services that your health insurance or plan doesn't pay for or cover.

Grievance
A complaint that you communicate to your health insurer or plan.

Habilitation Services
Health care services that help a person keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

Health Insurance
A contract that requires your health insurer to pay some or all of your health care costs in exchange for a premium.

Home Health Care
Health care services a person receives at home.

Hospice Services
Services to provide comfort and support for persons in the last stages of a terminal illness and their families.

Hospitalization
Care in a hospital that requires admission as an inpatient and usually requires an overnight stay. An overnight stay for observation could be outpatient care.

Hospital Outpatient Care
Care in a hospital that usually doesn't require an overnight stay.

In-network Co-insurance
The percent (for example, 20%) you pay of the allowed amount for covered health care services to providers who contract with your health insurance or plan. In-network co-insurance usually costs you less than out-of-network co-insurance.

In-network Co-payment
A fixed amount (for example, $15) you pay for covered health care services to providers who contract with your health insurance or plan. In-network co-payments usually are less than out-of-network co-payments.

Medically Necessary
Health care services or supplies needed to prevent, diagnose or treat an illness, injury, condition, disease or its symptoms and that meet accepted standards of medicine.

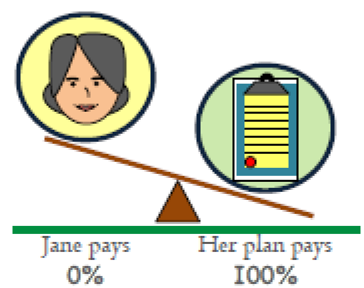
Network
The facilities, providers and suppliers your health insurer or plan has contracted with to provide health care services.

Non-Preferred Provider
A provider who doesn't have a contract with your health insurer or plan to provide services to you. You'll pay more to see a non-preferred provider. Check your policy to see if you can go to all providers who have contracted with your health insurance or plan, or if your health insurance or plan has a "tiered" network and you must pay extra to see some providers.

Out-of-network Co-insurance
The percent (for example, 40%) you pay of the allowed amount for covered health care services to providers who do ***not*** contract with your health insurance or plan. Out-of-network co-insurance usually costs you more than in-network co-insurance.

Out-of-network Co-payment
A fixed amount (for example, $30) you pay for covered health care services from providers who do ***not*** contract with your health insurance or plan. Out-of-network co-payments usually are more than in-network co-payments.

Out-of-Pocket Limit
The most you pay during a policy period (usually a year) before your health insurance or plan begins to pay 100% of the allowed amount. This limit never includes your premium, balance-billed charges or health care your health insurance or plan doesn't cover. Some health insurance or plans don't count all of your co-payments, deductibles, co-insurance payments, out-of-network payments or other expenses toward this limit.



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Physician Services
Health care services a licensed medical physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) provides or coordinates.

Plan
A benefit your employer, union or other group sponsor provides to you to pay for your health care services.

Preauthorization
A decision by your health insurer or plan that a health care service, treatment plan, prescription drug or durable medical equipment is medically necessary. Sometimes called prior authorization, prior approval or precertification. Your health insurance or plan may require preauthorization for certain services before you receive them, except in an emergency. Preauthorization isn't a promise your health insurance or plan will cover the cost.

Preferred Provider
A provider who has a contract with your health insurer or plan to provide services to you at a discount. Check your policy to see if you can see all preferred providers or if your health insurance or plan has a "tiered" network and you must pay extra to see some providers. Your health insurance or plan may have preferred providers who are also "participating" providers. Participating providers also contract with your health insurer or plan, but the discount may not be as great, and you may have to pay more.

Premium
The amount that must be paid for your health insurance or plan. You and/or your employer usually pay it monthly, quarterly or yearly.

Prescription Drug Coverage
Health insurance or plan that helps pay for prescription drugs and medications.

Prescription Drugs
Drugs and medications that by law require a prescription.

Primary Care Physician
A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) who directly provides or coordinates a range of health care services for a patient.

Primary Care Provider
A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine), nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or physician assistant, as allowed under state law, who provides, coordinates or helps a patient access a range of health care services.

Provider
A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine), health care professional or health care facility licensed, certified or accredited as required by state law.

Reconstructive Surgery
Surgery and follow-up treatment needed to correct or improve a part of the body because of birth defects, accidents, injuries or medical conditions.

Rehabilitation Services
Health care services that help a person keep, get back or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, hurt or disabled. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and psychiatric rehabilitation services in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

Skilled Nursing Care
Services from licensed nurses in your own home or in a nursing home. Skilled care services are from technicians and therapists in your own home or in a nursing home.

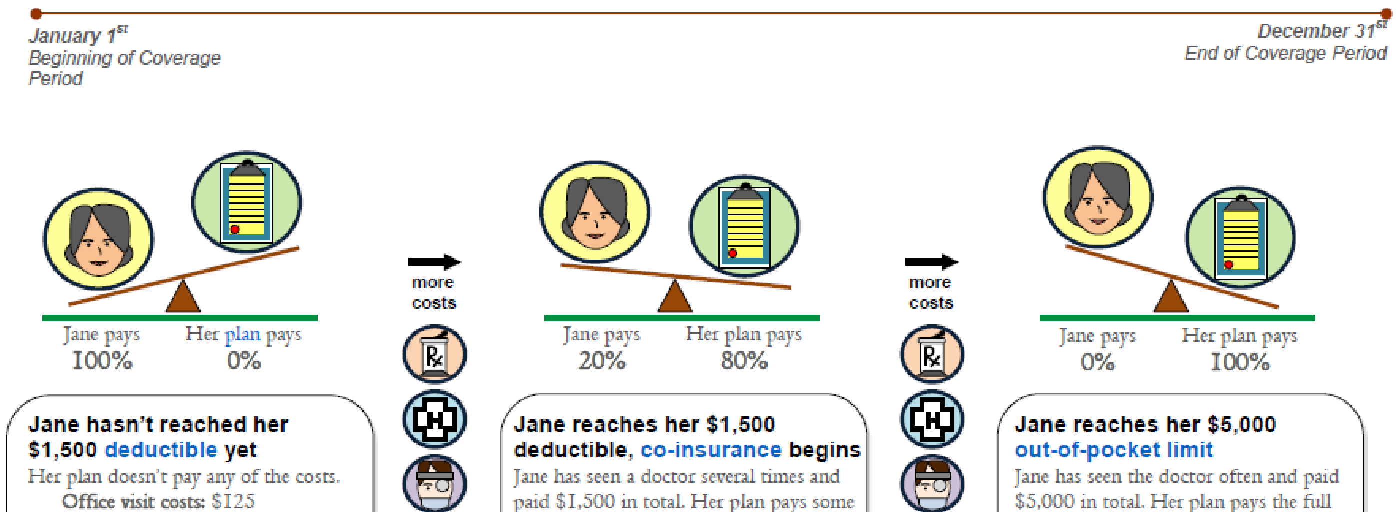
Specialist
A physician specialist focuses on a specific area of medicine or a group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-physician specialist is a provider who has more training in a specific area of health care.

UCR (Usual, Customary and Reasonable)
The amount paid for a medical service in a geographic area based on what providers in the area usually charge for the same or similar medical service. The UCR amount sometimes is used to determine the allowed amount.

Urgent Care
Care for an illness, injury or condition serious enough that a reasonable person would seek care right away, but not so severe as to require emergency room care.

How You and Your Insurer Share Costs - Example

Jane's Plan Deductible: $1,500 **Co-insurance:** 20% **Out-of-Pocket Limit:** $5,000



Jane hasn't reached her $1,500 deductible yet

Her plan doesn't pay any of the costs.

- **Office visit costs:** $125
- **Jane pays:** $125
- **Her plan pays:** $0

Jane reaches her $1,500 deductible, co-insurance begins

Jane has seen a doctor several times and paid $1,500 in total. Her plan pays some of the costs for her next visit.

- **Office visit costs:** $75
- **Jane pays:** 20% of $75 = $15
- **Her plan pays:** 80% of $75 = $60

Jane reaches her $5,000 out-of-pocket limit

Jane has seen the doctor often and paid $5,000 in total. Her plan pays the full cost of her covered health care services for the rest of the year.

- **Office visit costs:** $200
- **Jane pays:** $0
- **Her plan pays:** $200

July 2026

	5	12	19	26
Altar Flowers	Dawn Smith	Peggy Montgomery		
Coffee	Dawn Smith	Peggy Montgomery	Chadwicks	
Liturgist	Jeff Davis	Mike English	Ken Delfing	Jan Jones

August 2026

	2	9	16	23	30
Altar Flowers					Julie Rinehart
Coffee	MacKeigans				
Liturgist	Judy MacKeigan	John McDougald	Don Nichols	Sharrie Nichols	Dan Read

Mark your calendar!

7/12: Dragon Boat Outing
9/13: Rodeo Roundup—church picnic

ARTICLES / PICTURES FOR THE SEPTEMBER EDITION OF *DOVER VOICES* ARE DUE:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21st

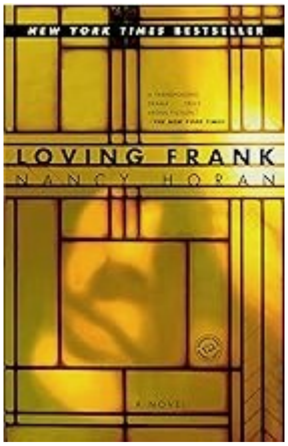
Please send all submissions to:

doverucc44145@gmail.com before that date.

Monday Afternoon Book Group

Loving Frank
By
Nancy Horan

Monday, July 6, 2026
12:30 PM   Parlor

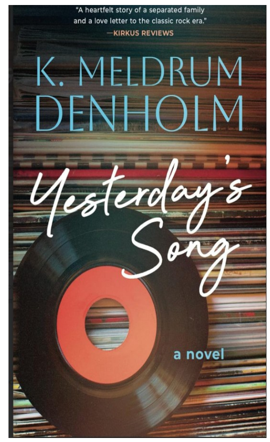


"An 'enthralling' novel that brings 'the buried truths of the ill-starred relationship of Mamah Borthwick Cheney and Frank Lloyd Wright to light."

Evening Book Group

Yesterday's Song
By
K. Meldrum Denholm

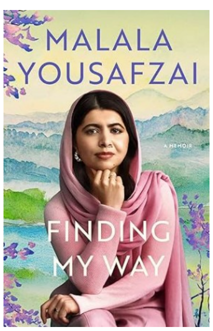
Monday, July 20, 2026
7:00 PM   Sharrie Nichols' house



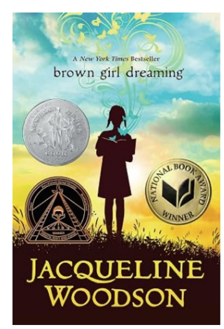
"This sentimental novel--a coming-of-age story for Baby Boomers and Gen X in the 1970s and 1980s-- centers on the power of music in healing, identity, inspiration, and connection."

A local author, and a friend of Peggy Montgomery.

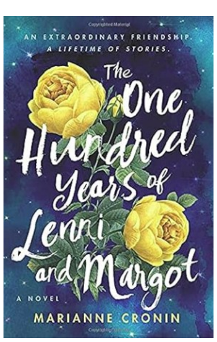
"CHECK OUT" SOME OF THE NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY!



Finding My Way by Malala Yousafzai
"Thrust into the public stage at 15 years old after the Taliban's brutal attack on her life, Malala Yousafzai quickly became an international icon known for bravery and resilience. But, away from the cameras and crowds, she spent years struggling to find her place in an unfamiliar world."



Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
"Raised in South Carolina and New York, Jacqueline Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African Ameri98can in the 1960s and 70s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and the growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement."



The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin
"Seventeen-year-old Lenni Pettersson lives on the Terminal Ward at the Glasgow Princess Royal Hospital in this unique coming of age story. Though the teenager has been told she is dying, she still have plenty of living to do. Joining the hospital's arts and crafts class, she meets the magnificent Margot, an 83-year-old, purple-pajama-wearing, fruitcake-eating rebel, who transforms Lenni in ways she never imagined."

For Your Information

The generosity of our congregation is evident every single day. If you are mailing in your pledge to the church office or a donation **to** another ministry, **please indicate on the "Memo" section of the check, e.g. pledge, Denison food pantry, Calling & Caring, etc.**

Online Giving

The Dover website (doverucc.org) provides an easy link for making online donations--one-time, recurring or to special funds. You can make a notation in the "Note" field: if you are leaving a memorial--who the donation is in memory of, etc. OR -- you can scan this QR code with the camera on your phone or a QR reader app and be directed to our giving page on our website. Contact Jane Coil if you have any questions how to use the online giving feature. doverucc44145@gmail.com

Hospital/Home Visits

Please notify the church office at 440-871-1050 if you are admitted to the hospital so a phone call or visit from our parish nurse Julie or a member of the Calling & Caring committee can be arranged. When you are recovering, Julie and members of the Calling & Caring committee are available to give you a call; just call the church office to let them know you desire a call. We are not notified by hospitals of admissions.

Please notify the church office if you have a change of address, telephone number(s) or a new email address. A church directory is emailed quarterly to congregation members, and we would like to have the correct information for you!

Have a concern or question for Church Council?
Meet your Church Council Members.

Moderator - Judy MacKeigan
Vice Moderator - Terry Chadwick
Clerk - Sharron Wilkins
Treasurer - Liz Emmer

Members at Large:
Lucy Bufkin, Judy Brizzolara, Sandy Burkey, Reggie Pratt, Noreen Thompson, Scott Thompson
Ex-oficio Members:
Rev. Mindy Quellhorst

Serving the Church

Judy MacKeigan .... Council Moderator
Terry Chadwick .... Council Vice Moderator
Sharron Wilkins .... Council Clerk
Liz Emmer .... Council Treasurer
Jane Coil............................... Office Administrator

Rev. Mindy Quellhorst................................ Pastor
Rev. Scott Patterson .... Pastor Emeritus
Jamie Kunselman .... Music Director
Nichole Fehrman...................................... Organist
Julie Kiefer, R. N. .... Parish Nurse

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened

Matthew 11:28

~ 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:

Sandy Aber, Adeena & Dustin (Friends of Jen Bokenyi), Karen Bellebuono (Friend of Mary Ann & Joe Brizzolara and Judy Brizzolara), Liz Brizzolara (Sister-in-law of Joe & Mary Ann Brizzolara), Janet Leopold-Caden (friend of Judy & Dave MacKeigan), Mark Chomoa (Rae-Rita Chomoa's son), Russell Choma (Rae-Rita Chomoa's son), Gail Cordy, Betty Correll (Sandy Burkey's mother), Gerard (Friend of Kevin Kurth's), David Hughes (Brother of Jane Coil), Katie & Kristi, Andy Klements (Friend of Mary Ann & Joe Brizzolara), Loretta (Friend of Kevin Kurth), Inge Moorman, People of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Myanmar/Middle East, Venezuela, and Haitian people of Springfield, OH, Family of Mike Pentek, Roger Polefko (Friend of Kim & Ken Delfing), Bob Pozwick (Pat Houser's brother), Vanessa (Member of church cleaning staff)

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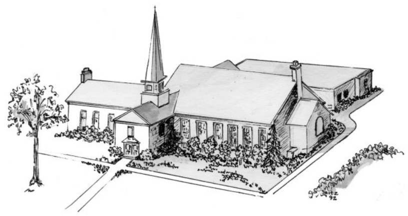

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Jesus didn't turn people away
Neither Do We. United Church of Christ

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

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.

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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