

Becoming God's People



ONCE YOU WEREN'T A PEOPLE,
but now you are God's people.

1 PETER 2:10A

Join us for worship online or in-person.
Sunday morning worship begins @ 10: 20 a.m.

February 10, 2023



Pastor Wesley George

Sisters & Brothers,

I have been thinking about how God chose Abraham and told him to leave his family and follow; this is a very common refrain in the Church and we often use it to remind ourselves of our distinctive role as Christians. But today I keep thinking about how God called Abraham to give him a family, and what is more to united him with all the other families of the world so that he could be a blessing to them as well. Abraham was certainly chosen from all other groups to be special and to have a different connection to God but he was supposed to bring people to God. Throughout his life the times where he is praised by God and the Bible are when he is blessing others, committed to his family, and interceding on behalf of others. Conversely, when he is lying, cheating, or scheming he harms others, destroys the ability to connect with them and ultimately ruins God's reputation. There is a common theme in the stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob each of these patriarchs fight and feud with their families and ultimately drive people away. They each understand they are blessed by God and do not work to maintain the family ties. Yet, God blesses the family members they push away, Lot, Ishmael, Esau. I believe God wanted these families to work together and stay in contact. This finally happens in the Joseph story when he goes out of his way to forgive his brothers and heal the relationships. After this happens we cease to see an isolated family and God begins to bless them and multiply them and make them the nation promised to Abraham. This is our calling, we are called to help heal relationships and build up God's family so we can in unity inherit the blessings God has in store for us. What can you do today to help restore people to the love and grace we experience as the Church?

Blessings,

Pastor Wesley

Ash Wednesday at Dover First United Methodist Church on February 22nd

1725 N. Wooster Ave n Dover, Ohio

Drive-Up Ashes

7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Traditional Ash Wednesday Service

Begins at 7 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

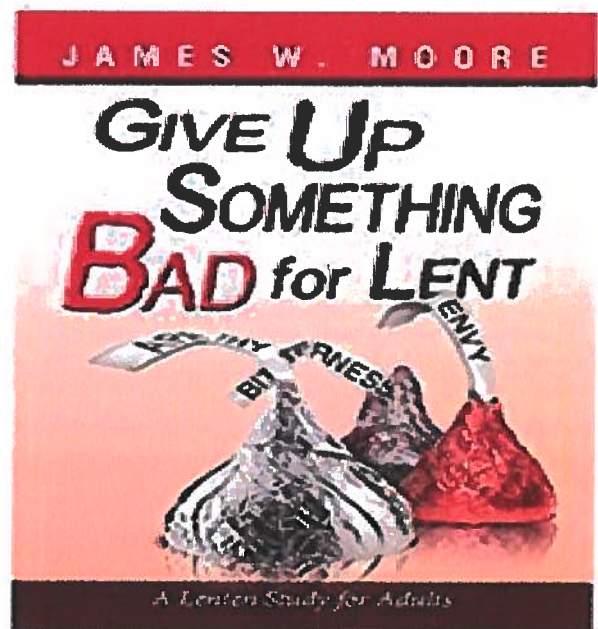


Give Up Something Bad For Lent

Pastor Wes will lead this 9 a.m. Sunday Study from February 19th thru April 2nd

James W Moore invites all to seek God's help to focus on eliminating one habit or attitude that is destructive in our lives.

Please sign up in the lobby.
Books are just \$8 each.



Friendly Reminders

It's Sub Time!

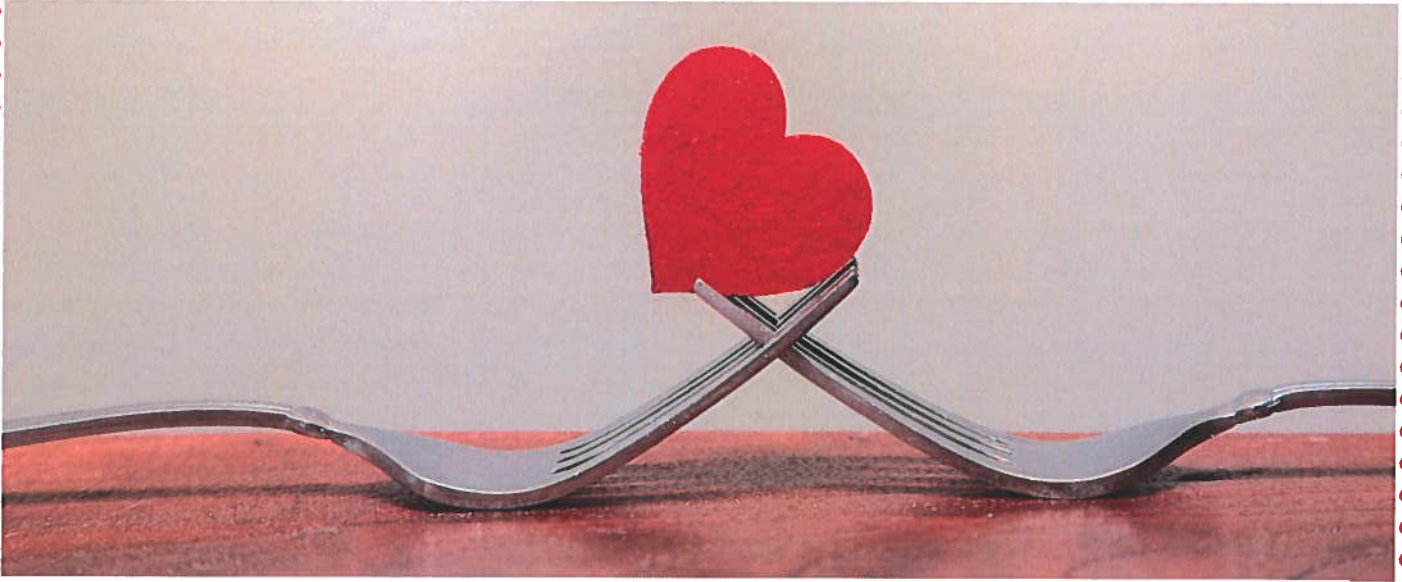
Be sure to pick up your sub orders in the fellowship hall after this Sunday's worship service.



Free Fabric Available in the Fellowship Hall

The Dover First UMC Altar Committee is giving away a large assortment of retired altar and holiday fabrics.

These bolts of different sizes and colors will be available for a limited time in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like to have them.



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
- Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Sharing God's Love

Free Salvation Army Lunches

Let's help our local Salvation Army to ease the burden of food insecurity in our community.

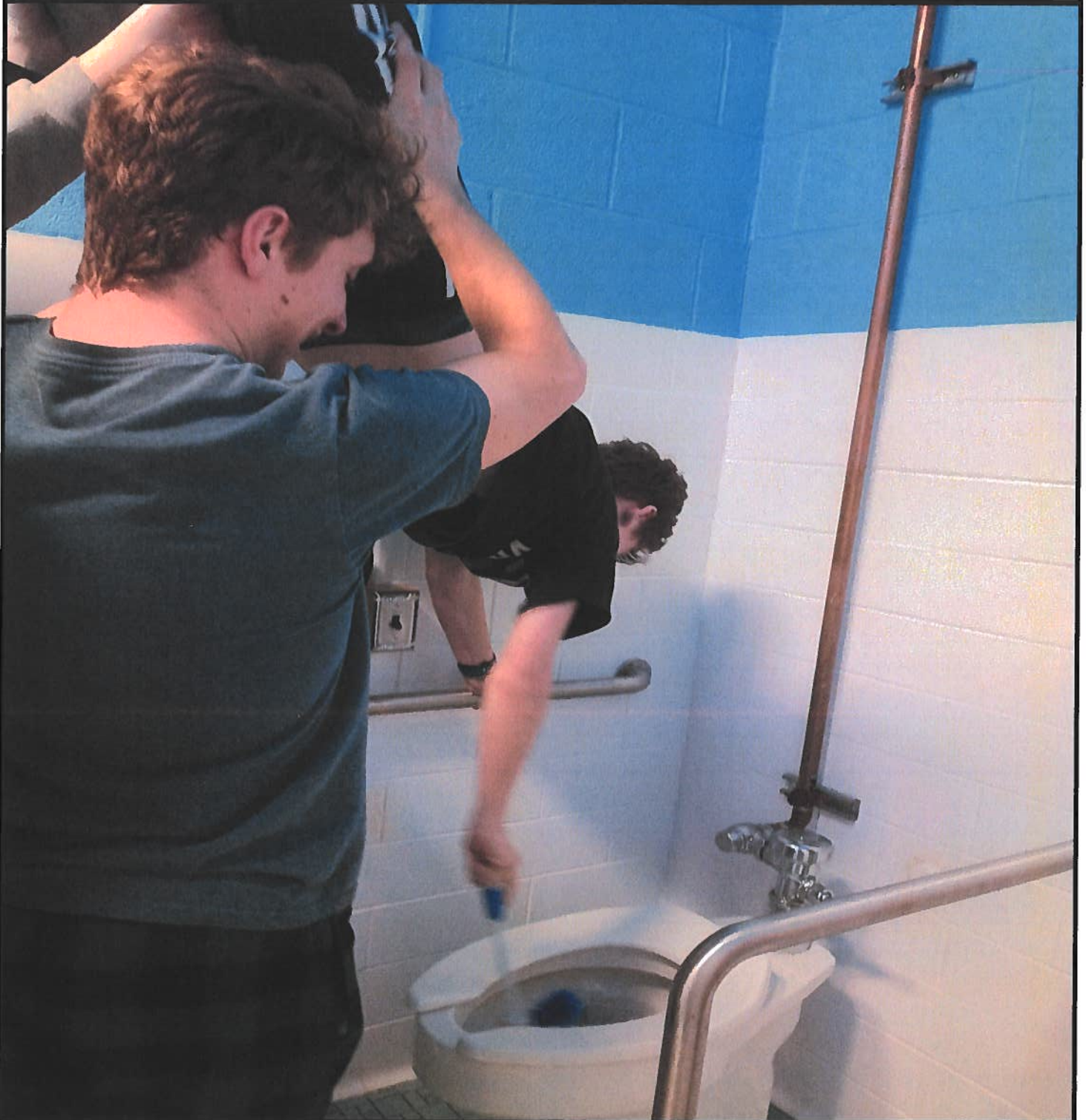
If you, your family, class or group are interested in preparing or providing a meal or meals, or if you would be available to help with serving and clean up, please sign up in the lobby.

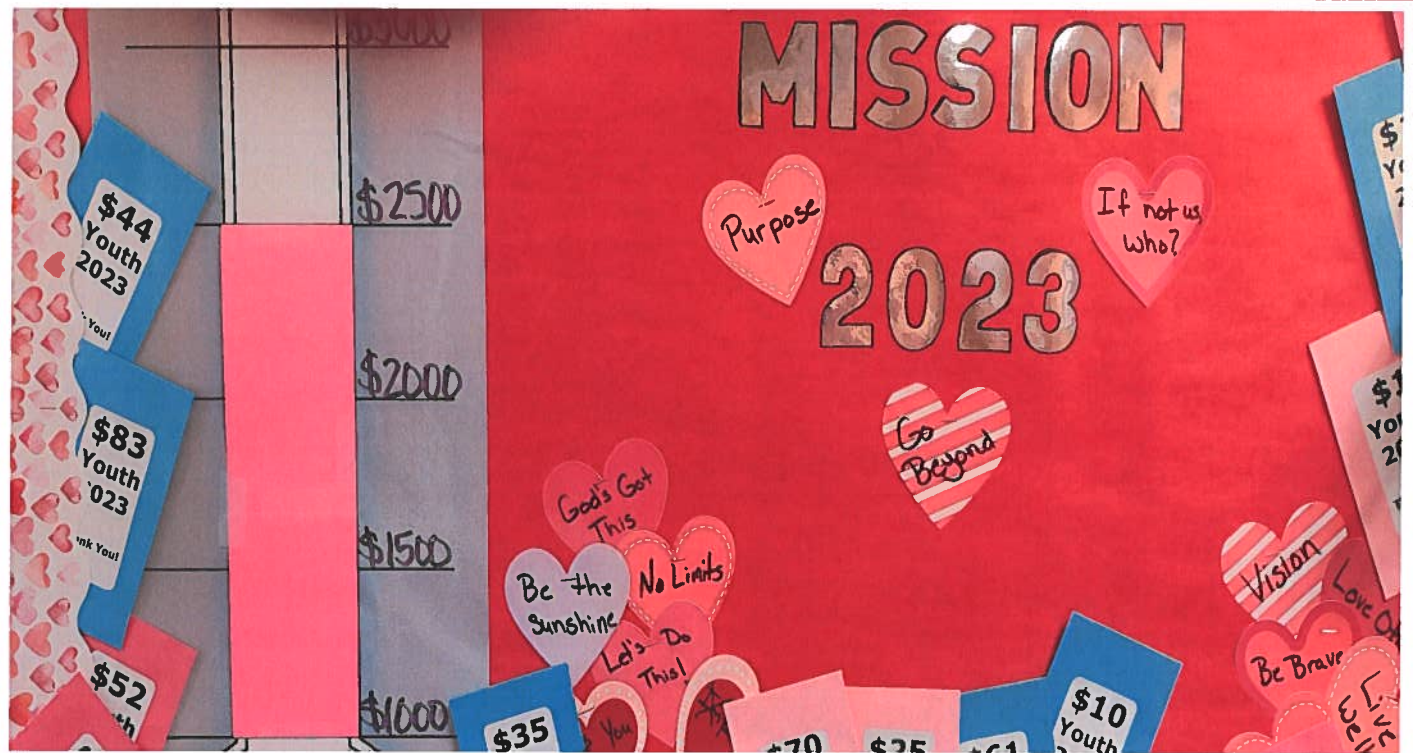
Thank you to Susie Hunt for coordinating Dover First UMC's free meals.

A schedule and details will be confirmed soon.

Thank You!

Be sure to thank our Dover First UMC Youth for volunteering to clean the church while our custodian is recovering from surgery.





Going Beyond Generosity Youth 2023 Fundraiser

By sharing a special envelope campaign gift, in addition to your current weekly generosity, you will be helping members of our youth group to experience exciting outreach and leadership opportunities with United Methodist youth from all over the United States and beyond.

July 25 thru 28 in Daytona Beach Florida

Visit the bulletin board at the main entrance, pick the envelope with your donation amount, add your donation and include your name.

Donations can be dropped off in the offering box or the church office by March 5th.

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Dover First UMC's New Study

Becoming God's People

Who Does God Choose to Be
"God's People" and What Is Their Purpose

Available at doverfirst.org and the church app.

Download the app and sign in to participate
in a group chat and Bible reading schedule.

COKESBURY'S

HERO

HOTLINE

**Called Together
to Serve God!**



Calling All VBS Heroes!

You're invited for free
Vacation Bible School fun at
Dover First United Methodist Church.

Save These Dates

July 10th thru 13th (Evenings)

More information coming soon.



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adolescents ages 12-18. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to young people who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD).
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a young person in crisis.
- Know how to connect a young person with help.
- Better understand trauma, substance use, self-care and the impact of social media and bullying.

Join the more than
2.6 MILLION

*First Aiders who
have chosen to be
the difference in
their community.*

Where
Dover First
United Methodist Church
1725 N. Wooster Ave in Dover, Ohio

When
Saturday, March 25th
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cost
Just \$10
Lunch Will Be Provided

Register by March 5th at:
<https://forms.gle/Fse6kvVJwZHBp9CN8>
or using this QR Code



In-Person Training By
Jeremy Stroom and Kerry Renner

Learn how to respond with the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (**ALGEE**):

- A**ssess for risk of suicide or harm.
- L**isten nonjudgmentally.
- G**ive reassurance and information.
- E**ncourage appropriate professional help.
- E**ncourage self-help and other support strategies.



M E D I C A L MISSIONS

Dover First UMC Supports CAMO's Central American Medical Outreach

We are currently collecting new or used eye glasses, frames and cases for the eye clinic.

Dental kits are also being collected.
To create a kit add the following items
to a one-gallon zip lock bag:

- 1 Toothbrush
- 1 Toothpaste
- 1 Dental Floss
- 1 Wash Cloth
- 1 Bar of Soap

Please drop off all items in the collection
room near the main entrance doors
by Sunday, February 26th.

After Worship

Reflections

LifeGroup

***Reflections* LifeGroup**

Take a deeper look at the scriptures and message after the worship service.

**Sunday mornings from 11:30 until noon
in Room #2 the Multipurpose Room**



Dover First UMC Is Reaching Out at the Dover-New Phila Food Panty

**Volunteers are Needed on the 4th Thursday
of Each Month from 4:30 and 8 p.m.**

**Sign up in the lobby or by contacting the church office:
doverfirst@gmail.com or (330) 343-1322**

***Let's work together to end food insecurity
and hunger in our community!***

greaterdover-newphiladelphiafoodpantry.com

Invite your family, friends, small group, class or team.

Face coverings are optional and available if needed.



**Enjoy Food, Fellowship
and a Different Program Each Month**

For Adults of All Ages

Glowing Embers

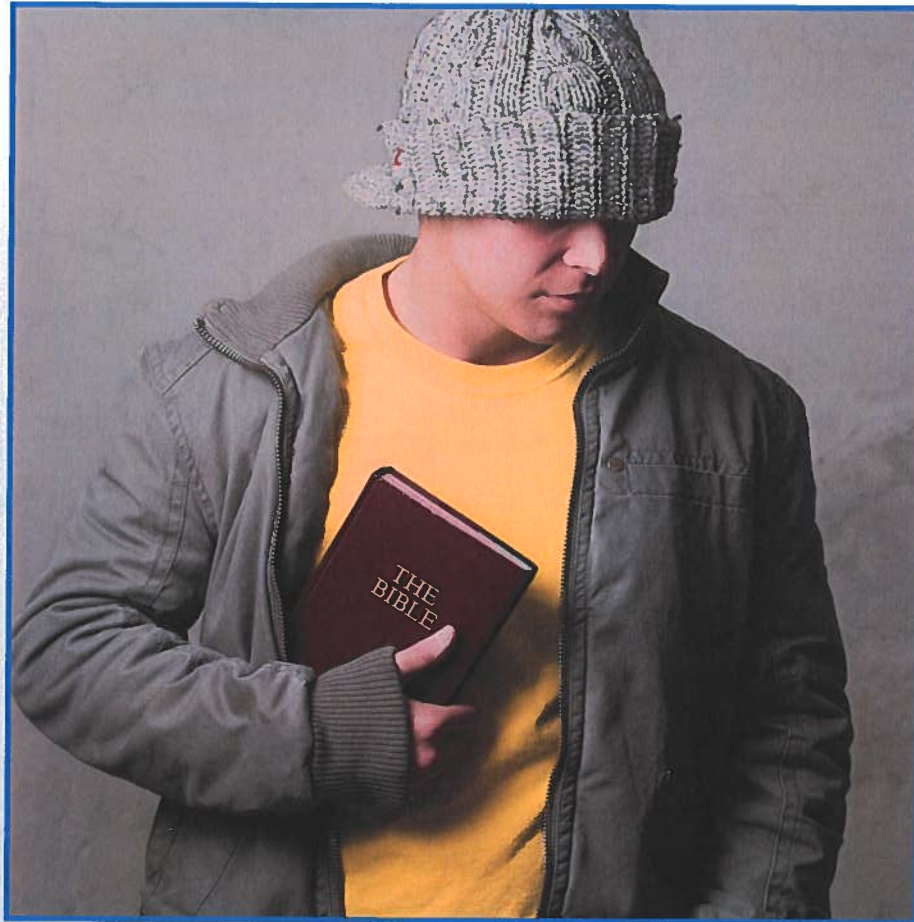
**Monday, February 20th
Beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

Menu

Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert

Please sign up in the lobby by February 13th.

The cost is \$13 per person.



All Middle and High School Students
Join Us for Faith, Fun and Fellowship
at Dover First UMC's

Youth Group

Sundays at 6 p.m.

Youth Leader, Logan Ladrach

doverfirst@gmail.com

Kidz Min

Enjoy fun, friendship and a special time of worship just for you!
Children grades K thru 5th are invited.
Meet at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings during the second hymn and a teacher will walk to class with you.

Kidz Min will not meet on the 1st Sunday of each month.



Kidz Min Plus

Explore the Worship Arts With Us!
Children grades K and Up are Invited!
Dive into skits, music, movement, dance and instruments on Sunday mornings from 11:30 to noon.

SPRINKLES
of JOY



Confirmation Class

Breakfast Break

Let's make confirmation extra-special
by providing a dozen donuts
or other baked treats for our
Sunday morning Confirmation Class!

Sign up in the lobby to choose a date

Bring your treats to classroom #7 before 9 a.m.
or leave them in the church kitchen on Friday.

**Our confirmands would love to meet you,
so be sure to stop by before or after class.**



Worship Service Outline

February 12, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Gather Us In”
 arr. John A. Behnke

Call to Worship Psalm 13:3-6

L: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;

**All: Lighten my eyes,
 lest I sleep the sleep of death;**

L: Lest my enemy say,
 "I have prevailed over him",

All: Lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

L: But I trusted in your steadfast love;

All: My heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

L: I will sing to the Lord,

All: For the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.

*Hymn #77 “How Great Thou Art”

First Scripture Matthew 10:40-42

*Prayer

All children who would like to participate in Kidz Min in the Education Zone are asked to meet at the back of the sanctuary during the hymn.

*Hymn #130 “God Will Take Care of You”

Second Scripture Genesis 22:1-19

Choir Anthem “Knowing You”
Words/Music by Graham Kendrick
arr. Dennis Allen

Offering Introduction/Doxology/Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Message The Test
Pastor Wesley George

*Hymn #2146 “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Pipings”
James Southbridge

Joining Us for the First Time or Have Questions?

We invite you to visit the Welcome Center in the lobby or speak with one of our greeting team members wearing a blue lanyard and name tag.

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This Week at Dover First UMC

Be sure to pick up your Super Bowl sub sandwich orders in Fellowship Hall after today's service.

Today

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| 9 a.m. | Confirmation |
| 10:20 a.m. | Worship Service |
| 11:30 a.m. | Kidz Music Arts |
| 11:30 a.m. | Reflections Life Group |
| 6 p.m. | Youth Group |

Next Sunday

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Monday

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday (St. Valentine's Day)

2 p.m. Mary Hannah
Circle (Lounge)

6 p.m. Spanish Church

7 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

7 p.m. Friends in
Fellowship

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday

6 p.m. Spanish Church

Friday

No Events Scheduled

Saturday

No Events Scheduled

Please share any changes or additions to the church calendar with Administrative Assistant, Debbie Benish.
doverfirst@gmail.com or (330) 343-1322