



# Bethany Banner

## February 2020

The Newsletter of  
Dover Bethany UM Church  
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### Practice, Practice, Practice

Last month in church I emphasized our stewardship (management) of scripture. I was pushing you to become students of the Bible, to read, study, and memorize the scriptures. This is a leap beyond just devotional reading. Some have shared questions and difficulties that they have in this area.

The problem is there is no quick fix, short cuts or easy answers to doing this. You simply need to jump in and start swimming. You will struggle, flail and choke on some water at first, but the more you practice and push yourself, the better you will get. Becoming a student of the Bible is going to be difficult and it is going to take some blood, sweat and tears. You are going to struggle - but stick with it! Ask for help along the way. Join up with others to tackle the task. The ultimate reward is worth it.

The other week someone generously lent me their backhoe to do some work up at our property. I know nothing about running a backhoe! After a quick 15 minute lesson of what all the levers and switches were for, I was left on my own! Having shared some concerns, my teacher said, "Just play with it. You'll figure it out." My thoughts were, "This is too big of a piece of equipment to just play with it!" But play with it I did.

After 10 hours in the saddle, I think I've gotten pretty good with the front end loader. The bucket is another story. That may take months!

To be a student of the scriptures is going to require some learning and hard work on your part. It is a lifetime process. But you can do it. Practice, practice, practice.

***Study*** (be diligent - NASB, make every effort - CEB, do your best - NIV) *to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15 King James Version

"Take Risks" and God Bless,  
Pastor Sal





## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

We have a good start in gathering items for the shoebox ministry. We already have enough combs and over a thousand boxes of crayons. Our goal is 1500 for each core item. Keep on looking for the bargains! Thank you for your generous support.

## Dover Bethany Restaurant

To help cure some cabin fever this winter, we are looking for host families to serve a meal at their homes, and to give people a chance to go out and visit. If you are interested to be a host, please sign up on your Communication Card and call the office or email [msarver@dbumc.org](mailto:msarver@dbumc.org) as soon as you determine the date and time, menu, price per person and how many people you can host at your home. All proceeds will go to OCC Shoebox Ministry. Watch your bulletin for dates and places!



## Servant Evangelism

We are gathering to reach out to our neighbors with an act of kindness and an invitation to join us for worship. On Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, we will gather at the church at 8:30 for orientation and instructions. From 9 am till noon, we will hit the streets and distribute 1000 9-volt batteries for people to use in their smoke alarms. Then we will gather back for lunch at the church at noon. Child care is available. We hope to have about 20 folks to help deliver door to door.

## Ash Wednesday Service - Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. No Wonderful Wednesday

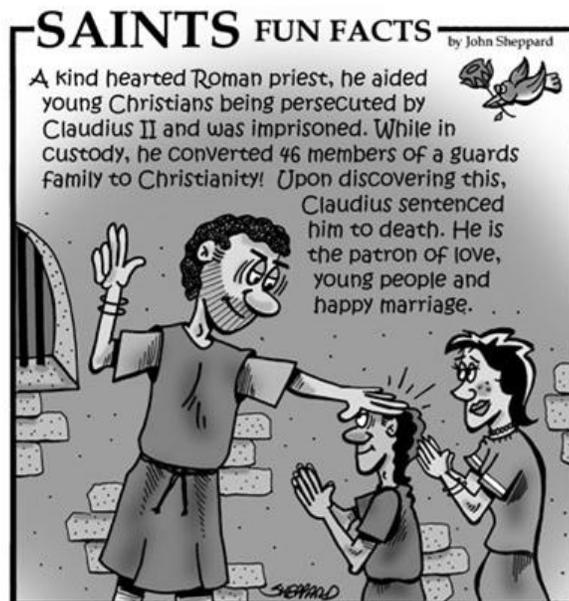
## Financial Peace University for Teens

Popular Christian financial expert Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University for TEENS course will be offered starting Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. This class is ideal for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, but all are welcome. No cost to attend. We will meet in the sanctuary following the service for approximately 1 hour and will last approximately 9 weeks. The course will cover topics such as the basics of money, the importance of saving & avoiding debt, and the power of generosity & giving. The focus will be on handling money God's way. Anyone interested should email Tennille Burkhart at [tennille@zippy6.com](mailto:tennille@zippy6.com) or just show up!



## Mission Central Shoes Collection

Through your generosity, we donated 90 pairs of shoes to Mission Central during November and December. This will be an ongoing ministry project. You may continue placing gently used shoes in the orange Mission Central bin in the lobby under the bulletin board. They will be collected monthly to be donated on each volunteer day that we go.



# Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	3	4 9am Ladies' Bible Study  7p Board of Director's Meeting	5 9am-2pm Mission Central Trip  6pm WWAB	6 10am Thursday Bible Study	7	8
9 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	10  7pm Alzheimer & Dementia Mtg	11	12 9am Stitches of Love  6pm WWAB	13 10am Thursday Bible Study		15  5p Dover Bethany Restaurant @ The Saylor's
16 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School  <b>FOOD BANK Sunday</b>	17	18 9am Ladies' Bible Study	19  6pm WWAB	20 10am Thursday Bible Study	21	22 7am Men's Covenant
23 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School	24	25	26 9am Stitches of Love  7p Ash Wednesday Service	27 10am Thursday Bible Study	28	29 <b>8-12 201 Class Spiritual Maturity</b>

## We are doing it again! 201 Class – Spiritual Maturity

Mark your calendar to attend this class to learn about basic spiritual disciplines that help each believer grow in spiritual maturity. You will find this class very practical and useful in your daily walk with God. The class will be held Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 am till noon. Please sign up on your Communication Card. See Pastor Sal for further details.

February 2020 Volunteer Schedule	2	9	16	23
Sanctuary door Greeters	George Laird Ruthie Laird	Carolyn Blymire Deb Kemper	Mary Lauer Nancy Snyder	Mike Lehr Ginger Lehr
Hospitality Center	Mark Burkhart Margie Burkhart	Jeff Stief Lynette Stief	Linda Deneen Ray Deneen	Kathy Aughey Marlin Aughey
Nursery	Jack McLeod Linda Deneen	Steve Green Kathy Lamparter	Ruth Beveridge Ellen Krause	Michelle Duncker Denise Brulinski
Nursery On Call	Lynette Stief	Becky Drawbaugh	Ginger Lehr	Margie Burkhart
Head Usher	Jeff Stief	Bob Sarver	Ray Neiman	Jack McLeod
Counters	Don & Donna Barshinger	Don & Donna Barshinger	Don & Donna Barshinger	Don & Donna Barshinger

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***Knowing God  
Growing in Faith  
Serving Others  
Sharing the Good News***

**Warming Tree**

**We want to share a big ‘Thank you’ from the boys and girls who received your generous gifts.**  
You can see by the chart just how much more you donated this year than last year!

<b>Last year 2019</b>		<b>This year 2020</b>	
79	Hats	180	Hats
7	Hat-gloves-scarf set	1	Hat-gloves-scarf set
1	Headbands	1	Headbands
15	Hat-gloves set	12	Hat-gloves/mittens set
1	Hat-scarf set	15	Hat-scarf set
1	Scarf-Gloves-Band	12	Scarves
13	Scarves	46	Socks
43	Socks	146	Gloves/mittens
101	Gloves		



Your gifts have blessed boys and girls at: Dover Elementary, Leib, North Salem and Dover Food Bank. They really appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Please note that this year, we will be doing the Warming Tree in October 2020. We will be collecting hats, mittens, scarves, socks for children, the whole month of October.