

Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!



Today is December, 3, 1st Sunday of Advent. The Scripture Lessons are Isaiah 40:1-2 and John 1:1-5, and we will be presenting the drama Starbright. During worship we will be collecting our monthly Change for Change for children's ministry. After worship we will be "Hanging the Greens", followed by a Fellowship Meal.

Point to Ponder: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Which of these do we need to reclaim in our lives?

Meetings and Activities This Week

Today	1 st Sunday of Advent
	Change for Change
	10:00 am Worship/Hanging of the Greens
	11:30 am Fellowship Meal
Monday	9:30 am An Exercise in Yoga
	3:00 pm Mad Hatters
	6:30 pm Spiritual Life Committee
Wednesday	9:30 am Quilting
	10:00 am Property Team Meeting
Thursday	6:15 pm Bellievers
	6:30 pm LAP Quilters
	7:30 pm Celebration Choir
Friday	6:00 pm Friday Night Fun
Saturday	10:00 am Bellievers
Sunday	2 nd Sunday of Advent
	Advent House
	10:00 am Worship
	3:00 pm Christmas Concert

Next Sunday

Sunday, December, 10, 2nd Sunday of Advent. The Scripture Lessons are Isaiah 64:1-9, and Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, and the Proclamation of the Word is entitled "Longing for Light." After worship we will be making sandwiches for Advent House.

Announcements

Let Us Know. When you have prayer requests, would like a visit, are going to be out of town, or have a change in your contact information, please fill out a Communication Update form (next to the guest register) and place it in the box.

Prayer Requests may be made using several methods. You may call or email the office, send an email prayer request (look on back page of these announcements for details), or you may fill out a pink slip that is available at the Commitment Center and turn it in at either the sound desk or the church office.

Weekly Reminders. Delta sends out weekly email reminders of upcoming worship services and other events. If you are not currently receiving these emails and would like to, please contact the church office at office@deltapresby.org and we will add you to the list.

Per Capita-\$28.98. Each year Delta Presbyterian Church pays money to the larger church based on our membership. This per capita pays for the administrative expenses of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan, Synod of the Covenant, and General Assembly. We ask you to consider paying your own per capita, which for 2018 is \$28.98 per member. There is a special envelope in with your offering envelopes for per capita, or you can simply write per capita on the memo line of your check and put it in the offering on Sunday morning.

Visit the Commitment Center and sign up to:

- Provide refreshments for **Sunday Coffee Time**
- Support **Advent House Meals** (for the homeless in Lansing) by providing food, assembling sandwiches
- Be a **Lay Leader, Door Greeter, or Welcome Visitor Greeter in 2018.**
- Bring a **Poinsettia** for Christmas
- Teach **Sunday School** this winter

Visit the blue Friday Night Fun bulletin board and sign up to:

- Help with **Friday Night Fun, 6-9 pm, December 8**

Children's Ministry

Friday Night Fun. Our next Friday Night Fun is Friday, December 8. Sign-up sheet is on the blue Friday Night Fun bulletin board in the narthex.

PLEASE JOIN US in helping to grow the faith of the young members of our Delta family. We are looking for people who are willing to spend time teaching our primary grade students. Ideally, we are asking for a one month commitment which will give continuity to the program. But, we can be flexible. If you are interested, please contact Laurie Stirling: 517-321-0553. You will grow YOUR faith, too!

Adult Education

An Exercise in Yoga, led by Jane Thomas, meets on Mondays, 9:30-10:30 am. The class is held in the multi-purpose room, so please use the downstairs entrance at the back of the building.

Opportunities to Serve at Delta and Beyond

Delta Quilters are looking for people to join their wonderful ministry and fellowship. They meet downstairs on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am. You don't even need to know how to quilt or sew; there are also opportunities to cut or iron or pin. If you have any questions, just ask Rhonda Fort or Trudie Frick.

Mad Hatters, Knitting & Crocheting service group is meeting in the La Leche Room downstairs on Mondays, 3-5 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Flora Gilbert at 517-708-0529.

Would you like to be a Lay Leader, a Door Greeter, or a Welcome Visitor Greeter in 2018? Please sign up at the Commitment Center for these volunteer opportunities.

Toys for Tots. Delta's mission project for November and December is the Toys for Tots campaign. We are accepting donations of unwrapped new toys. Collection boxes are in the narthex. Toys will be collected until Monday, **December 11.**

Kids Hope, USA. If you are interested in mentoring an at-risk child, please contact Jane Thomas, 321-4247

Advent

Poinsettia Garden. Once again this year we will have a poinsettia garden in the sanctuary for Sunday, December 17 and Christmas Eve. You can purchase your own poinsettia and bring it to the church by Friday, December 15 at 3:00 pm. Fill out a form at the Commitment Center to let us know you will be bringing a poinsettia and if you would like it to be in memory or honor of a particular individual.

Christmas Concert. Delta's annual Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 10, 3:00 pm. Come join the fun with the Bellievers Handbell choir, the Celebration Choir, RAW Brass Quintet, and a sing-a-long. Refreshments will be served downstairs after the concert.

The Christmas Joy Offering is collected each year during the Advent season. Through the work of the Offering, we seek the living of this truth: that God's generosity is the source, the support, and the outcome of our own. We give because God has freely given. We give to support the needs of our church leaders—past, present, and future—and God amplifies and extends those gifts through the ministry of those leaders.

CHURCH STAFF

Wendy S. Pratt, Pastor
Ellen Jackson, Admin. Asst.
Sue Settle, Clerk of Session
Sarah Dymond, Handbell Choir Dir.
Mark McElwee, Adult Choir Dir.
Frederick Isaac, Accompanist
Sarah Dymond, Financial Secretary Joe Frick, Treasurer
Kyle Dymond, Website Coordinator
Jane Thomas, Program Director of KIDS HOPE USA
Cindy Schilling, Assistant Director of KIDS HOPE USA
Cheyenne Storey, Youth Leader
Emily Overton, Child Care Provider

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SESSION MEMBERS

Class of '17

Susan Keys
Bonnie Reemsnyder
Terri Westmoreland

Class of '18

Kyle Dymond
Jan Small
Sharon VanCourt

Class of '19

Kerri Buchanan

DEACONS

Class of '17

Julie Boedeker
Rhonda Fort
Joe Frick

Class of '18

John Elsinga
Mary Meier
Ginny Noble

Class of '19

Kris Fry
Mark McElwee
Kathy Peters

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We want to minister to you and support you, so if you, someone in your family, or others are in the hospital or in need of a visit or prayer, please contact the office or your deacon.

Email Prayers. If you would like to receive email prayer requests, send an email to deltaprays@gmail.com indicating your interest. If you have a situation in need of prayer, send an email to deltaprays@gmail.com and we will send it out to those who have expressed a willingness to pray.

Wendy's day off is Friday. If you need to contact Wendy, her home phone is 721-1075, or she can be reached through e-mail at wendy@deltapresby.org. Please feel free to contact her at any time if you have an emergency.

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Servants

Lay Leaders

Today: Cory McElwee
Dec. 10: Maureen Dykstra

Welcome Visitor Greeters

Today: Kris Fry
Dec. 10: Jan Small

Door Greeters

Today: VanCourts
Dec. 10:Knapps

Communion Servers

Dec. 24:

Prayer Care, December 3, 2017

Gary R., hip replacement surgery, Nov. 27
Erin P., mental health issues, niece of Wendy P.
Mary Jo K., at-home, rehab
Rex Jaxson P., born Nov. 21, grandson of Jeff & Deb V., great grandson of Jack & Sharon V.
Rev. Rob C., non Hodgkins Lymphoma, pastor at Okemos Pres.
Rev. Stanley J., pneumonia, pastor of 1st Pres., Lansing
Noelle & Javier S., expecting first baby, niece of Jon & Meg V.
Amy W. & her mom, Denise D. W., Amy is donating kidney to her mom Dec. 21
Rebecca & Mike F., Mike has multiple fractures & injuries from fall, friend of Mary Ann M.
Harvey J., myasthenia gravis, brother-in-law of Tom F.
Susan H., healing from surgery, daughter of Nancy B.

Continuing Prayers, December 3, 2017

Michelle, family issues, granddaughter of Nancy B.
Baby Frank, on heart/lung machine, grandson of Patty Z., Kathy P.'s beautician
Lavern J., in hospice care, step-father of Doug D.
Wendy J., inoperable brain tumors, wife of Baptist pastor, Tim J., neighbor of Richard & Mary M.
Dawn, cancer treatment, neighbor of V.'s
Carol, cancer treatment, cousin of Kathy P.'s
Annetta C., pancreatic cancer, friend of Fran J.
June H., pancreatic cancer, aunt of Doug D.
Evelyn R., health concerns, mother of Jan S.
Al W., stomach cancer, friend of Richard & Mary M.
Martha P., personal issues, friend of Holly & David B.
Kaleb B., non-Hodgkins lymphoma, 3 year old son of Todd and Dustie B., friends of Frank & Ellen J.

Advent Schedule

Christmas Concert
December 10, 3:00 pm

Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas Concert featuring the Bellievers Handbell Choir, the Celebration Choir, and the RAW Brass Quintet. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Blue Christmas Service

December 13, 7:00 pm

Are you dreading Christmas this year? There are a variety of reasons why the holidays are challenging for people. On Wednesday, December 13, we will have a special service that seeks to address the pain that the holidays can bring.

Taizé Prayer Worship

December 17, 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 10:00 am, Communion

December 24, 7:00 pm

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Church Office News: The church office will be closed from December 25 to January 1. It will reopen on January 2. Both Wendy and Ellen will be on vacation. Wendy will be in town, so if there is an emergency feel free to call her at home (721-1075). She will be leading worship on December 31st.

We will have one Ambassador for December and January. The deadline for the February newsletter will be January 16.

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm