



## Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!

**Today is December 17, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent.** The Scripture Lessons are 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 and John 1:6-8, 19-29, and the Proclamation of the Word is entitled "Reflecting the Light." We will be collecting items for the Personal Needs Closet that is housed at North Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**Points to Ponder:** This week, ask yourself: "How am I reflecting the light of God's love and grace in the world?  
Where is God calling me to reflect that love and grace?"

### Meetings and Activities This Week

Today	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
	Personal Needs
	10:00 am Worship
	6:30 pm Taizé Prayer Worship
Monday	9:30 am An Exercise in Yoga
	3:00 pm Mad Hatters
	6:30 pm Deacons/Session
	7:00 pm OCD Support
Tuesday	6:30 pm La Leche
Wednesday	9:00 am Arts & Spirit
Thursday	6:15 pm Bellievers
	7:30 pm Celebration Choir
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
	10:00 am Worship/Communion
	7:00 pm Candlelight Service

### Next Sunday

**Sunday, December, 24, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.** The Scripture Lessons are Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 1:46b-55, and the Proclamation of the Word is entitled "The Power of Light." We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Communion. The Candlelight Service will be at 7:00 pm.

### 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](mailto: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.**
- Teach **Sunday School** this winter
- Bring food for the January 7 **Fellowship Meal**

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

- Help with **Friday Night Fun, 6-9 pm, January 12**

## Children's Ministry

**Friday Night Fun.** Our next Friday Night Fun is Friday, January 12. 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!

## Worship

**Taizé Prayer Worship** is **TODAY**, 6:30 pm. Plan to join us for a quiet evening of meditation, Scripture, and song.

## Fellowship

**Fellowship Meal** for Sunday, January 7, will be a potluck. Sign-up sheet is at the Commitment Center.

## 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. Because of the holidays, there will be no Yoga on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

## 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.** THANK YOU for the 4 overflowing boxes of toys!

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

## Advent

**December 24, 10:00 am, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Communion**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm**

**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 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

## 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\*\*](mailto:deltaprays@gmail.com) indicating your interest. If you have a situation in need of prayer, send an email to [\*\*deltaprays@gmail.com\*\*](mailto: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\*\*](mailto: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: Sharon VanCourt  
Dec. 24: Joe Frick

### Welcome Visitor Greeters

Today: David Brock  
Dec. 24: Terri Westmoreland

### Door Greeters

Today: Reemsnyders  
Dec. 24: Seppalas

### Communion Servers

Dec. 24:

## Prayer Care, December 17, 2017

Jan B., back surgery this month  
Pat, ICU, sister of Judy P.  
Gary R., recovery from hip replacement surgery  
Mary Jo K., at-home, rehab  
Al W., strong chemo treatments, friend of Richard & Mary M.  
Rev. Rob C., undergoing chemo, pastor at Okemos Pres.  
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 17, 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.  
Rev. Stanley J., recovery from pneumonia, pastor of 1<sup>st</sup> Pres., Lansing  
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 Hall, pancreatic cancer, aunt of Doug Dykstra  
Evelyn R., health concerns, mother of Jan S.  
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.

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### Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm