



Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!

Today is December, 24, 4th 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.

Point to Ponder: This week, ask yourself: "Where am I called to stand in the power of light in the midst of turmoil and chaos?"

Meetings and Activities This Week

Today	4 th Sunday of Advent
	10:00 am Worship/Communion
	7:00 pm Candlelight Service
Monday-Friday	OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday	1 st Sunday after Christmas Day
	10:00 am Worship

Next Sunday

Sunday, December 31, 1st Sunday after Christmas Day. We will have a service that features carols and a special story. The Scripture Lessons are Luke 2:4-15 and Acts 20:32-35. We will be announcing an expansion of existing ministries, so come join us as we continue to grow the ways in which we show Christ around us.

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.**
- 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!

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. There will be no Quilters on Dec. 27; they will resume on Jan. 3.

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. There is no Mad Hatters on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. They will resume on Jan. 8.

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.

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

Toasty Toes. Mission Committee will start collecting socks of all sizes in January. These donations will go to area homeless shelters.

Fellowship

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

Advent

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm, TONIGHT

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.

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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

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: Joe Frick
Dec. 31: Sue Keys

Welcome Visitor Greeters

Today: Terri Westmoreland
Dec. 31: Susan Swan

Door Greeters

Today: Seppalas
Dec. 31: Smalls

Communion Servers

Dec. 24: Fricks, Jennings,
Meads, Seppalas

Prayer Care, December 24, 2017

Pat, recovering, sister of Judy P.
Gary R., recovery from hip replacement surgery
Mary Jo K., at-home, rehab
Bonnie W., health concerns, mother of Ken W.
Linda B. & family, lost home and three dogs in fire, former co-worker of Kathy P.
Al W., strong chemo treatments, friend of Richard & Mary M.
Rev. Rob C., undergoing chemo, pastor at Okemos Pres.
Amy W. & her mom, Denise D. W., Amy donated 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.

Continuing Prayers, December 24, 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 1st Pres., Lansing
Wendy J., inoperable brain tumors, wife of Baptist pastor, Tim J., neighbor of Richard & Mary M.
Noelle & Javier S., expecting first baby, niece of Jon & Meg V.
Dawn, cancer treatment, neighbor of V.'s
Carol, cancer treatment, cousin of Kathy P.
Annetta C., pancreatic cancer, friend of Fran J.
June H., pancreatic cancer, aunt of Doug D.
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.