

The Delmar Prez

Delmar Presbyterian Church
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Pastor's Page

Holy Week Services

The events of Holy Week begin with Palm Sunday and the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, move through The Last Supper, Crucifixion, Death and the triumph of Easter. It is in reliving the story that we honor God, are nourished, and pass on the tradition down through the generations.

On Maundy Thursday at 7:30 P.M. we will celebrate the Lord's Supper and remember the events of that evening. There will be a stripping of the sanctuary which is symbolic of the arrest of Jesus. The service ends in silence, setting the stage for Good Friday.

There will be a Good Friday Service, "The Hours of the Cross", from Noon to 3:00 P.M. This service was introduced four years ago and has been well received. Since our Lord hung on the cross for three hours we keep a vigil marking the time as a way to honor our Lord. The service is constructed in twenty-minute blocks: a scripture reading, silent mediation and a prayer after which another twenty-minute block begins. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex so people can sign up for a twenty-minute block, or more if they like. I would like to have an on-going vigil during that time.

Our usual Good Friday Service in the evening, which accommodates people who work during the day, will be held at 7:30 P.M. The Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church will be joining us. During the service twelve candles, representing the disciples, will be extinguished one by one, reminding us of the people who fell away from Jesus until he stood alone. The Christ Candle burning alone reminds us of our Lord, until it too is extinguished during the reading of the death of Christ. The congregation leaves in silence and darkness.

On Easter we gather at ten o'clock to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ and the victory over the forces of death and destruction. With full and thankful voices we sing, "Christ The Lord is Risen Today!"

Please mark your calendars for April 21 for the 7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service and for April 22 for Good Friday at noon to 3:00 and 7:30 P.M. And, of course, April 24 for Easter.

Sometimes people skip over the services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and jump from Palm Sunday to Easter. These are holy days which I hope you observe and not skip. A couple of years ago one of the folk on the way out from the Easter service said, "This is the first time I have attended all the services of Holy Week and doing so really makes Easter even more special. I am so glad that I did that!" I said, "Yes, it certainly does. I am glad that you have discovered that." When we honor God, we find God's grace coming to us and life is richer. Make the discovery for yourself, if you haven't already.

Grace and Peace with you all!

L. Deys

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Saturday, April 2</u>	
Building Rental – Baby Shower	2:00 PM
<u>Sunday, April 3</u>	
Communion / Deacons' Sunday	10:00 AM
Confirmation Class	11:30 AM
Christian Education Cmte. Mtg.	11:30 AM
<u>Monday, April 4</u>	
Boy Scouts	6:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, April 5</u>	
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM
<u>Wednesday, April 6</u>	
Lenten Study	12 & 7:15 PM
<u>Sunday, April 10</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
OGHS Coffee Hour	11:30 AM
Confirmation Class	11:30 AM
Outreach Cmte. Mtg.	11:30 AM
Membership Cmte. Mtg.	11:30 AM
<u>Tuesday, April 12</u>	
Cub Scouts	6:00 PM
<u>Wednesday, April 13</u>	
Lenten Study	12 & 7:15 PM
<u>Saturday, April 16</u>	
Bethlehem Art Assn.	8:30 AM
<u>Sunday, April 17 (Palm Sunday)</u>	
Worship / OGHS Offering	10:00 AM
<u>Tuesday, April 19</u>	
Session Meeting	7:00 PM
<u>Thursday, April 21</u>	
Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 PM
<u>Friday, April 22</u>	
Good Friday Vigil	12 – 3 PM
Good Friday Service	7:30 PM
<u>Sunday, April 24 (Easter Sunday)</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
<u>Wednesday, April 27</u>	
Ladies Who Lunch	Noon

Saturday, April 30

Movie Night

7:30 PM

Weekly events:

Background to the Bible Readings –
Sundays at 9 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10 AM

Women's Bible Study - Mondays at 10 AM

Bells of Praise – Thursdays at 6:15 PM

Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays at 7:30 PM

⇨ **PREZ DEADLINE for MAY** ⇩
April 17

APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS:

APRIL 3

1 Samuel 16:1-3

Psalms 23:1-6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

APRIL 10

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130:1-8

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

APRIL 17

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

APRIL 24

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

READERS (Volunteers Needed)

April 3 Available

April 10 Available

April 17 Mark Hansen

April 24 Jack Gajewski

DEACON IN CHARGE

April 3, 10, 17 Judy Riopelle

April 24 Ginny Gajewski

USHERS

April 3 Charles and Nancy Scholes

April 10 Ray and Peggy Mull
 April 17 Eunice Jones and Shirley Simon
 April 24

WELCOMING HOSTESS

April Sarah Carroll

GREETERS

April Info not available

ACOLYTES

April 3 Chris Hyde
 April 10 Greg Hyde
 April 17 Callie McGinn
 April 24 Jennifer Jack

COFFEE HOUR (Volunteers Needed)

April 3 Pam Taft & Shirley Simon
 April 10 Outreach Committee
 April 17 The Hertz Family
 April 24 Available

COMMUNION SERVERS

Mark Hansen, Lee Hessberg, Dan Lewis, Trish McGinn, Dave Rees, Shirley Simon

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We had a nice turnout for the movie *Talking Through Walls* on March 18th. The movie was thought-provoking and facilitated a lively discussion afterward. Thank you to Jim Finke for leading that discussion and thank you to the MSPYs for providing refreshments, the purchase of which supported their mission project for the homeless.

Many thanks go to all our nursery volunteers over the past 2 months: Pam & Ed Taft, Ginny Gajewski, Christa Cady, Mary Wilson Hyde and Jacque McGinn. We are very thankful for their contribution of time and caring in the nursery!

In the month of April, our children will enjoy some Lenten season and Easter traditions. On Palm Sunday, the children will bring forward their One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offerings. Please encourage your children to think of ways to earn and collect spare change for their offerings. Children should put their offerings in the fish-shaped banks that they received in church school. (More fish banks are available if needed-please ask your child's church school teacher.) The children will process into the sanctuary on Palm Sunday and lay their fish bank offerings in the net at the front of the sanctuary. This is a beautiful and long-standing tradition of Delmar Presbyterian.



Also on Palm Sunday, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt which will be done outside, weather permitting. On Easter Sunday, the church school will not be in session so that children and teachers can join their families during the service.

Our April schedule is:

April 3 Communion Sunday - No Church School

April 10 Church School

April 17 Palm Sunday - Children will bring forward the Fish Banks
 Church School - Easter Egg Hunt for grades pre-K through 5

April 24 Easter Sunday - No Church School

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Church School Superintendent, Mary Prostick, at prostick@mac.com.



RPMs

ANNUAL MISSION TRIP

On April 17th, the RPM Youth Group will embark on a week-long journey to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for our spring mission trip where we will be doing light construction projects on homes that were affected by the 2008 floods. We have been doing lots of fundraising already and will continue to fundraise, with the annual RPM Coffeehouse, the evening of March 5th and include tasty desserts and coffees, good music, and opportunities to bid on silent auction items.

YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS TRIP A REALITY!!!

To finance this trip, we will pay one-third out-of-pocket, one-third will come from fundraising efforts and the final third from donations and financial support from the congregations. **Your contribution is tax-deductible and will entitle you to a complimentary dinner when the group returns and shares information about their experience.**

Please make your check payable to "RPM Seniors". You can deliver it to the RPM mailbox at the DRC office, or mail it to Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054, and Attn: RPMs.

RPMs is an ecumenical youth group made up of youth in grades 9-12. Any youth in those grades is welcome to attend. If you have, any questions contact Beth Hickox at beth.hickox@gmail.com

Thank You

The RPMs would like to thank everyone for their support of RPMs throughout the years, especially with the support of the annual coffeehouse. It was a great success and we could not do it without all of the support of the congregations and the community!

Midnight Run Update

This year 14 students and 4 adults traveled to New York City to volunteer work with the organization Midnight Run. From 10 pm to about 1 am we handed out food and clothing on the streets of New York.

Midnight Run is a volunteer organization which began in 1984 where members of a church in Dobbs Ferry started visiting Grand Central Station on Tuesday and Friday nights to distribute food, and clothing, and offer companionship to homeless people. Today over 150 community organizations are involved in this venture throughout many streets of New York. The late-night relief efforts create a forum for trust, sharing, understanding and affection. That human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run mission. Through Midnight Run, volunteers come to see the homeless as real people, not a commodity. And homeless men and women learn that many mainstream adults and teenagers have commitments and concerns that go beyond their own lives and families.

The RPMs take away so much from this experience and it's because of the donations that you provide to us that we are able to do this great work. We will always accept donations so think of Midnight Run when you are doing your spring cleaning. You can contact Beth at RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com or 518-596-2116 if you have donations!

Thank you, Beth Hickox

Calendar

Sunday, April 3rd

Mission Trip Orientation

2:00pm-5:00pm

Delmar Reformed Church

- Parent meeting from 2pm -2:30pm
- RPMs to stay till 5pm

Sunday, April 10th

RPMs Meeting

7:00PM – 8:00PM

Delmar Reformed Church

Saturday, April 17th – Saturday, April 23rd

Mission Trip to Iowa

SESSION DIGEST

The following motions were made, seconded, and approved at the 2/15/11 meeting of Session:

That Ed Taft be appointed as official Church Historian.

That an interim search committee, consisting of Elders Doug Hamlin(chair), Marlene Austin, Lynn Finke, and if the way be clear, Mark Hansen(Nominating), and Deacon Ginny Gajewski, be established to guide the Session in identifying and hiring an interim pastor.

That session appoint a chair to organize a Retirement party, such party to be held, ideally, on Saturday, 6/4/11.

NOTES FROM OUTREACH

One Great Hour of Sharing

Dear Congregation and Friends of DPC:

This spring we will continue our tradition of helping others in need through One Great Hour of Sharing. This is a wonderful opportunity to help those who are less fortunate and may be suffering from hunger, homelessness, poverty and the lack of basic necessities among other hardships. This year's theme is "Sharing Brings Joy." Please see our announcements in the bulletin over the next few weeks. We plan to have a special coffee hour on April 10th to raise awareness of the impact our donations have on programs around the country.

We look forward to your generous offering.

Daniel Lewis
On behalf of the Outreach Committee
dpcoutreach@nycap.rr.com

Capital Area Council of Churches

CROP Walk News

Plan to participate in the Capital District CROP Hunger Walk scheduled for **May 1, 2011**. As this is the 30th year of the Albany CROP Walk, (one of the most successful walks in the country), let's celebrate by having a team of 30 walkers from Delmar Presbyterian Church!

The Recruiters Rally and 30th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for 4:30 - 6:30 pm on Sunday, April 20 at the First Lutheran Church, 646 State. St., Albany. This is always a fun and inspiring event. If you would like to be a member of the Albany CROP Walk planning committee, please call Kitt Jackson at 462-5450.

Nancy Scholes
ncscholes@verizon.net



Voices of Hope Concert

**To benefit the children of Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless
Sunday April 10, 2011 – 4 PM**

First United Methodist Church, 428
Kenwood Ave, Delmar
www.delmarmethodist.org.

A free-will donation will be taken to benefit the children of Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless will be taken.

For more information on the
Voices of Hope concert e-mail
churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org

First Church in Albany
Give a Meal a Month
- April -



Coffee, drink mixes, gelatins, puddings, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream.
Monetary donations are always welcome to help defray pantry expenses.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

DPC Goes Wireless

Church members are now able to access the internet via wireless connection in the library and fellowship hall. This need became apparent when groups holding meetings were unable to look up information or communicate with people who could not attend in person.

In addition, the Search Committee will be using online meeting sites or Skype to conduct interviews with candidates outside the area.

Use your start menu and control panel to locate the connection which is listed as "delmarpresbyterian". This is also the security code. Please report any connection problems to the church office.

Church Office Hours

The office manager will be away for the last week in March. Please save routine office matters for her return on April 5th. Pastor Deys will be available for pastoral needs. Please leave a message for him to return your call during office hours.



Save the Date!

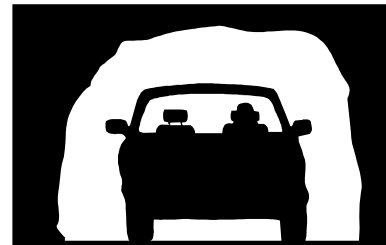
When: Saturday, June 4th, 2011
Where: Normanside Country Club
Why: Pastor Larry's Retirement Party

Details coming soon...

Driving Mr. Doug

It's likely that you have seen the touching movie *Driving Miss Daisy* where Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy's friendship evolves through years of a chauffeur/passenger relationship. This story is similar except that it takes place here in Delmar in the present, not the deep south in the 1950's, and the friendship grew in days, not over twenty years.

On December 2 of last year I had rotator cuff surgery. For those of you that have had this experience, I don't need to tell you what a treat the rehab is. My situation is compounded by the fact that I use a manual wheelchair to get around (no small part of the shoulder damage in the first place).



So, after surgery for a period of time I was left with just one functional limb – my left arm. This fact, except for the kindness of others (and a rented power wheelchair), would have left me rolling in circles in my house until my newly repaired wing was healed.

This brings me to Ron Tweedie – my Morgan Freeman. Ron was kind enough (or possibly naïve enough) to offer to take me to any appointments I might have while I couldn't drive myself. I'm not sure he knew this would grow into two months of thrice-weekly trips to the Bone & Joint Center, but that's what happened, and for that I am very thankful. You see, this gave Ron and I at least 45 minutes a day to chat, and chat we did.

A few highlights:

- Ron and I both had careers in the transportation and planning professions. In fact, we both worked for the same man – Ron in the sixties, and me in the eighties.

- Ron's a baseball fan (Red Sox, but still)
- I've driven I-80 from Reno to Sacramento a few times – Ron was on the survey crew that planned the road
- I learned a lot about bees
- We frequent many of the same Diners around town
- Ron and Carolyn go out a lot – I frequently heard about “last night's date”
- Ron's a competitive bowler, although it sounds like Bob Lynk might be more-so

I could go on, but most of all, Ron cares about others, that comes through in each one of his stories. I can't thank him enough for his time. His commitment to my transportation needs allowed me to rehab my shoulder as quickly as possible. Most of all, we enhanced our friendship. I wouldn't suggest shoulder surgery as the means to that end, but it worked in this case.

Thanks Ron,
Doug

Volunteer Opportunity

Can you write using calligraphy pens? Are you looking to practice up on those skills? Do you have some time you can provide to the Church? We are looking to update our Memorial Gifts book and would like your help in this project. See Dave Rees after worship or drop him an e-mail at drees21@verizon.net. Or, the phone works too. That number is 439-1346.

~ Ladies Who Lunch ~

Wednesday, April 27th

Noon



Program: “Burned Out -
What It's Like to Lose it All”

Hostesses: Sigr id Braaten &
Ann Stewart

Bring your own lunch -
Dessert and beverage provided

Please sign up in Narthex

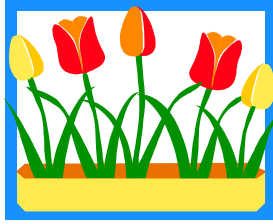
Next LWL: May 25th

Submitted by Diana Wildemann 439-2249

Japan Relief Project

To help raise funds for Japan after the devastating earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear crisis, Bethlehem Central High School is doing an **1000 Crane Project**. There is a Japanese legend that anyone who folds 1000 origami cranes will be granted a wish. Help us fulfill our wish of a healed Japan! All of the funds will be donated through the Red Cross. Any size donation is greatly appreciated. All contributions are being matched by Metlife, so every dollar is actually worth two!

A donation basket is in the narthex. Thank you!



EASTER PLANTS ORDER FORM

If you would like to help decorate our Sanctuary for the Easter season, please fill this form out and return with payment to the church office by **Sunday, April 3rd, 2011.**

<u>FLOWER</u>	<u>HOW MANY?</u>
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LILIES	_____
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MUMS	_____
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TULIPS	_____
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HYACINTHS	_____
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AZALEAS	_____
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Total # of plants: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

All plants are \$9.25 each
(no color choices available)

Your name:

Please specify who each plant is "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of":

Plants may be taken home after Worship on Easter Sunday

