

The Delmar Prez

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Ecclesiastical/ Corporation Meeting of the Delmar Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, January 22th, 2012, following Sunday Worship, in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 585 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY.

The purpose of the meeting will be:

- To elect four (4) Elders to 3-year terms to succeed Marlene Austin, Lynn Finke, Mark Hansen, and Trish McGinn.
- To elect two (2) Deacons to a second 3-year term: Ginny Gajewski and Dave Austin; and one (1) Deacon to succeed Sarah Lewis.
- And to elect five (5) members of the congregation to the Nominating Committee.

At this meeting, annual reports will be received, the Operating Budget for 2012 will be adopted, and other such business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

Lois Hessberg
Clerk of Session

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Interim Pastor's Page
The Witness of Christmas Begins in a New Year...

Jim Strathdee, in response to a Christmas poem by Howard Thurman, helps us to envision what was promised in Christ's coming into the world by describing concrete acts undertaken by those who follow Christ:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the magi and the shepherds have found their way home,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost and lonely one,
 To heal the broken soul with love,
 To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
 To feel the earth below the sky above!
 To free the prisoner from all chains,
 To make the powerful care,
 To rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
 To see God's children everywhere!
 To bring hope to every task you do,
 To dance at a baby's new birth,
 To make music in an old person's heart,
 And sing to the colors of the earth!

The first quarter of 2012, a self-study team will lead the congregation to look at the characteristics of the church we are now, and who we believe God wants us to become in the years ahead. Expect to be involved—through your prayers for the church, your involvement in surveys and discussions, and envisioning the mission God is calling us to pursue in the years ahead. In the meantime, keep pursuing the concrete acts you do that help the world to see the presence and power of Christ.

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THANK YOU for your witness to the church and community in 2011. We will review more of the year behind us at the Congregational Meeting January 22.

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THANK YOU members in the care you showered upon those in need in our congregation by your calls, cards, visits, dinners, and other concrete acts.

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THANK YOU members and friends for the gifts you gave to sustain this church's ministry, its staff, and programs – including those gifts that reach human needs in the Capital Region and those in other parts of this nation and world—as Haiti.

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THANK YOU for a fond farewell of many years of pastoral ministry to you by Larry Deyss, and for welcoming me and Leslie to Delmar, New York in 2011.

+The Rev. Bob Foltz-Morrison, Interim Pastor

**JANUARY CALENDAR OF
EVENTS AT CHURCH**

<u>Sunday, January 1</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Women's AA Mtg.	8:00 PM
<u>Monday, January 2</u>	
Boy Scouts	6:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, January 3</u>	
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM
<u>Friday, January 6</u>	
Epiphany Celebration and Movie	6:00 PM
<u>Sunday, January 8</u>	
Worship and Communion	10:00 AM
Unhanging of the Greens	11:30 AM
Confirmation Class	11:30 AM
Women's AA Mtg.	8:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, January 10</u>	
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM
<u>Sunday, January 15</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Ladies Who Lunch Business Mtg.	11:30 AM
Membership Subcommittee	11:30 AM
Confirmation Class	11:30 AM
Women's AA Mtg.	8:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, January 17</u>	
Session Meeting	7:00 PM
<u>Saturday, January 21</u>	
Soccer Breakfast	8:00 AM
<u>Sunday, January 22</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Annual Meeting	11:15 AM
BCHS Senior Celebration Mtg.	6:00 PM
Women's AA Mtg.	8:00 PM
<u>Wednesday, January 25</u>	
Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
<u>Sunday, January 29</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Confirmation Class	11:30 AM
Women's AA Mtg.	8:00 PM

Weekly events:

Background to the Bible Readings – 9 AM
Resumes 1/8
Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10 AM
Women's Bible Study - Monday 10 AM (1/9)
Bells of Praise – Wednesday 7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal – Thursday 7:30 PM

⇒ **PREZ DEADLINE for February** ⇐
Jan. 22

LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY

Jan. 1 Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148,
Galatians 4:4-7, Luke 2:22-40
Jan. 8 Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29,
Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11
Jan. 15 1 Sam. 3:1-10, Psalm 139:1-6,
13-18, 1 Cor. 6:12-2-, John 1:43-51
Jan. 22 Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12,
1 Cor. 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20
Jan. 29 Deut. 18:15-20, Psalm 111,
1 Cor. 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

READERS

Volunteers Needed – Please Sign Up

Jan. 1 Jack Gajewski
Jan. 8 Drew Hyde
Jan. 15, 22,
 29 Available

DEACON IN CHARGE

January Liza Ahner

USHERS

Jan. 1 The Ahners
Jan. 8 The Hydes
Jan. 15 TBD
Jan. 22 Heidi Nicholson
Jan. 29 The Jensens

WELCOMING HOSTESS

January Shirley Darmer

GREETERS

Jan. 1 Jensen Family
Jan. 8 Tony and Jean Tartaglia
Jan. 15 Randy Morse and Susan
 LaFlamme
Jan. 22 Bob and Ellen Barker
Jan. 29 Robin Young and Linda
 Kryzkowski

ACOLYTES

Jan. 1 Callie McGinn
Jan. 8 Greg Hyde
Jan. 15 Jennifer Jack
Jan. 22 Kevin Hansen
Jan. 29 John Cheu

REFRESHMENTS

Volunteers Needed – Please Sign Up

Jan. 8 The Rees Family

COMMUNION SERVERS (Jan. 8)

Marlene Austin, Nathan Cady, Lynn Finke,
Melissa Fleischut, Jack Gajewski, Doug Hamlin

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

First of all, many thanks to all the children and adults of the church who worked together to put on a truly wonderful Christmas pageant this year. Our pageant coordinators, Leslie Cheu, Gina Jack and Melissa Dalzell-Phang contributed their time and energy and we thank them for a well-organized performance. Thanks also to our musical contributors, Mary Ingraham, Carey Ahner, Lindsey Cheu, Katarina Rees, Callie McGinn and Matt Phang. All the children gave wonderful performances and the pageant was a very enjoyable experience for all who attended.

The MSPYs would like to thank all who supported the Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 4th. The MSPYs made some wonderful ornaments and treats which were happily purchased by our church members. The proceeds collected on that day (\$295.00) went

to benefit flood victims in Schoharie and Greene counties.

As we move into January, our schedule is as follows:

January 1: New Year's Day - No church school
"Simeon's Table" told by Pastor Bob

January 6: Movie with a Message (see below)

January 8: Church School and Communion

January 15: No church school

January 22: Church School/Crossover Sunday
– Final Sunday for Fall teachers

January 29: Church School – Spring teachers begin

Our Movie with a Message series begins again with the showing of "The Fourth Wise Man" on January 6, which is the day of Epiphany. We will provide a light meal of soup and sandwiches at 6 pm and the movie will begin at 7 pm. In the case of mildly inclement weather or other concerns, volunteers will provide transportation. Please consider joining us for this casual gathering of our church family.

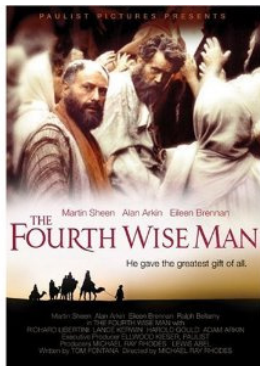
Any questions or concerns? Please contact me at 475-9574 or prostick@mac.com.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

Mary Prostick, Superintendent of Church School



Movies to Think About



Friday, January 6th (Epiphany!)*

6:00 pm Soup & Sandwiches Dinner

7:00 pm Movie Screening

~ Free Admission ~

***Please sign up in the Narthex
or call the church office to RSVP***

*Transportation available for those who don't wish to drive on a snowy night.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will resume on Monday, January 9th at 10 AM. This is an informal discussion group and prior attendance isn't necessary. We read the scripture in class, explore the scholar's interpretations and discuss the material with a focus on concepts and the meaning for us today. On the 9th we will be reading Exodus, beginning with Chapter 28.

We welcome new participants!
Pam Taft

RPMs

Look for donation boxes for our Midnight Run, throughout January. We need lots of WARM WINTER items, preferably dark colors:

Hats (Lots of these)
Gloves (Lots of these)
Coats (Lots of these)

Sweaters and Sweatshirts (large and x-large)
Pants (sizes 32 – 40)
Boots and/or Sneakers (men's sizes 9-12, women sizes 8 plus)
Long underwear
Toiletries

The RPMs will head to **Claryville, NY** this year for our annual mission trip to help with flood relief from the Hurricane Irene. (*Pastor's note: we will talk about this at DPC January 29th.*)

Our group will depart April 8th for a week to work with the Reformed Church of America helping the residents of Claryville, NY and nearby Frost Valley with home repair and demo work due to damage caused by our recent disasters of Hurricane Irene and Lee. The group decided to stay more local this year because of the devastation so close to home and the need to share our talents and help in our nearby committees. This past fall and throughout the winter the RPMs have been regularly helping in Schoharie and will continue to do so as needed. We are excited about the chance to help in communities in New York State. We will be invading church services in January to tell you more about this upcoming experience!

YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS TRIP A REALITY!!!

While each person contributes around \$200 toward the cost of the trip, though our transportation costs are much lower this year, we have taken on a higher materials fee to help the residence in Claryville out best we can without the burden of telling them that we do not have the funds. These additional expenses are covered through fundraising activities, corporate donations and assistance from congregations. Your contribution is tax-deductible and will entitle you to a complimentary dinner when the group returns and shares information about their experience. Any "extra" funds that we collect will go towards other mission work like Schoharie and a possible additional Midnight Run.

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 Gould at RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com

Save the Date!!!
RPM Coffee House

Saturday, March 10th 7:00 pm
Delmar Reformed Church
386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY.
Tickets: \$15 or 2 for \$25
Child Care will be provided – prior sign up a must!
Tickets will be available during church fellowship hour
or contact RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com / 518.596.2116
and of course they will be available at the door



January & February Calendar

Regular RPM Meetings – Delmar Reformed Church, 7:00pm

- Sunday, January 8th
- Sunday, January 29th
- Sunday, February 12th
- Sunday, February 26th

Mission Trip Information Meeting for Parents and Students

Wednesday, January 4th 7:00pm
Delmar Reformed Church (Fellowship Hall)

Church Visits

- Sunday, January 15th - First United Methodist Church (9:30am)
- Sunday, January 22nd - Delmar Reformed Church (9:30am & 11:15am)
- Sunday, January 29th – Presbyterian Church (10:00am)

Community Service

- January 15th – Immediately Following FUMC Service (about 11:15am) Schoharie Work Day Ages 12 and up are welcome to join us! Return to Delmar about 3pm / bring a bagged lunch
- January 21st – Regional Food Bank – 12:30pm-2:30pm
- February 4th – Midnight Run to New York City

SESSION DIGEST

The following motions were made, seconded, and approved at the November 2011 meeting of Session:

That a Mission Study Team be established, consisting of no fewer than five adult and two youth members of Delmar Presbyterian whose purpose is to conduct an evaluation of our current status, and make recommendations for any changes to the vision of who we are and who we want to be, preparatory to establishing a Pastor Nominating Committee, such team to report back to Session with the results of such study no later than April 2012; the Clerk shall contact those nominated and the composition of the Team shall be finalized at the December 2011 Session meeting.

The Clerk shall contact people identified as possible members of the Mission Study Team in the order prescribed by Session.

That an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Ed Laird, Gary Lind, and Shirley Simon be created to evaluate the By-laws of Delmar Presbyterian Church in light of the constitutional changes effected by the General Assembly and to make recommendations to Session for any changes necessary to comply with the nFOG no later than 12/18/12.

Lois Hessberg, Clerk of Session



NOTES FROM OUTREACH

Total attendance Christmas Eve: 219
Amount collected for Interfaith
Partnership for the Homeless: \$803.00
Thank you everyone!
Pastor Bob

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



Canned food and soups, coffee, tea and cocoa,
oatmeal and cereal.
Monetary donations are always welcome to help
defray pantry expenses.

Cooks Needed for Senior Lunch

The cooks of DPC are continuing our long-time commitment to support the Town of Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services Monday Senior Lunch Group project. Various churches and organizations in town take turns providing meals for elderly citizens in our community who live independently, but who are frequently isolated. Will Vail, Bethlehem Outreach Worker, tells us that, "For many of the participants, this program provides the only opportunity during the week for socialization and a home cooked meal."

We at DPC provide two lunches each year; this winter our dates are January 30 and March 12. We cook for about 35 people. Lunch is served at noon at the Lutheran Church on Cherry Avenue. Volunteer cooks are given a recipe and the main ingredients for your dish, which is delivered to the Lutheran Church by 11:30 am the day of the luncheon. A few of us stay to serve the meal and sit down to enjoy our own cooking (!) and socialize with the guests. If it happens that the entertainment of the day turns out to be the Ron Tweedie-Will Vail

Combo leading a sing-along, we absolutely stay for the fun!

If you are willing to help prepare one recipe of the main dish, salad or dessert, please tell one of the three meal coordinators. THANK YOU!

Diana Wildemann 439-2249
Nancy Lynk 439-3948
Irene Harbison 439-3836

NOTES FROM CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Welcoming Subcommittee

New Members Update

Our church heartily welcomed the following new members to our church family on Sunday, December 18, 2011:

Tracy Mannka grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. All four of the children were born there. They are huge Pittsburgh Steelers fans. They then moved to St. Augustine, Florida, and later moved to Glenmont in the summer of 2010. Tracy is employed as a substitute nurse for Albany School District and also part time for St. Margaret's. Her husband, Ken, is a Line of Road Trainmaster for CSX in Selkirk. Their daughter, Morgan, is a first year student at Hudson Valley in the Biological Science program. She will be seeking eventual pharmacy school admission. Madison is a 6th grade Middle School student, who is active in swimming and chorus. Mya is a 3rd grader at Glenmont Elementary; gymnastics is her sport. Maddox is in 2nd grade and plays hockey and football.

Lorraine Hogan is a native of western Pennsylvania. She raised her family in Florida as a single mom where she cherished the support of her church family. While in Florida she saw a bumper sticker that spoke to her. It said, "If you want peace, work for justice." She subsequently took a job working with "at risk" kids. By 1998 Lorraine's children were grown and she embarked on a new phase of her life. She moved to Albany, NY, to pursue a Master's

degree in Criminal Justice. She obtained her degree and now works for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice, in the Juvenile Justice field. She is thrilled that her four children have all followed her to New York. Three live nearby, and a son lives in Brooklyn. She enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren. Lorraine initially started attending our church during the fall. She obtained permission to use our building on Sunday nights for AA meetings. She decided to learn more about the church, with its welcoming of AA and outreach to the community at large. She found our church's commitment to Outreach and Mission very appealing. She also liked being a part of a church in transition.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of our congregation, please contact Pastor Bob Foltz-Morrison.

Ginny Gajewski, Welcoming Committee Chair

Fellowship Subcommittee

Thank you to all who helped with the Hanging of the Greens on November 26th! The church looks wonderful (as usual) for this Advent season. Please note that we will be "Unhanging" the Greens following worship on January 8th. If you could stay for a bit and help, it will make it go quickly. Thanks! Trish McGinn

~ Ladies Who Lunch ~



2012 Planning Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 15th
During Fellowship Hour

Make your voice heard! Grab your coffee and goodies and make your way to the corner table.

Wed., Jan. 25th at Noon
Program: Lunch and a Movie

2010 Multi-Academy Award Winner
"The King's Speech"
Bring your lunch.
Dessert and beverage provided.



Submitted by Diana Wildemann 439-2249

Letters

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your gift of \$1,000 to PAZAPA in November.

Your generosity means that PAZAPA will continue to provide education, medical and surgical care, therapy, and family support to hundreds of children with disabilities who have no other place to turn for compassionate, comprehensive care. PAZAPA allows Southeast Haiti's children with disabilities to come out of the shadows of superstition and neglect and look forward to meaningful lives.

Please accept my best wishes for a happy holiday season and a wonderful new year.
Sincerely,
Sue McKenzie
PS – Thank you! Your gift will be well spent!

Dear Rev. Foltz-Morrison,
On behalf of the Delmar Kiwanis Club, I would like to thank you and your congregation for your very kind hospitality in allowing us to use the church kitchen and fellowship hall for our pancake breakfast held this past fall. We very much appreciate the kindness and support of your church community.

Please feel free to call upon us if we may be of assistance to you and your congregation. We look forward to the opportunity to utilize the church again in the future and thank you for your continued support of the Delmar Kiwanis Club.

Sincerely,
Jay Rutski

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Dear Members of DPC,
We are so grateful for your kindness.
God bless all of you for your tremendous generosity to the families of our community. You have helped and brought joy to many people.
Sue Fouhy, School Nurse
Erin Reed & Tricia Brody, Social Workers
And the Arbor Hill Elementary School Community

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To all our friends at Delmar Presbyterian,

THANK YOU

I can't say it loud enough or with more sincerity.

You folks just keep giving and giving. And we keep receiving. Thank you for all you do all the time. The monetary support and all the food donations just seem to keep coming.

And then there was your White Christmas – WOW. I am always so excited just to see the variety of gifts your thoughtfulness can produce. There will certainly be many bright-eyed youngsters on Christmas morning as they open those packages.

I can't say it often enough – thank you for caring and sharing. May you all enjoy this blessed Christmas season and have a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,
Rev. Barbara Morgan, First Church, Albany

