

The Delmar Prez

Delmar Presbyterian Church
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Worship in June

June 5th The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

June 12th is Pentecost Sunday.

The color of Pentecost is red, reminding us of the "tongues of fire" and the warmth and fire of the Spirit. Let us wear something red as we celebrate Pentecost.

On Pentecost Sunday this year's confirmation class will be confirmed. We will be confirming Lindsay Anne Cheu, Danika Eve Jensen, Devin Lee Jensen, Brendan McGinn and Dmitry Rees.

It has been a honor to work with these young people and confirming them will be a bitter-sweet thing since this is my last confirmation class. They have all promised to be loyal and steady people of the faith and not "pigeons" who fly away after Confirmation.

Following worship there will be a picnic which will allow me and the children and youth of the church to spend time together.

June 19th we will celebrate Teacher Recognition Sunday as we thank our 2010 – 2011 faculty for the important and outstanding work that they have done. We will also recognize our graduating Seniors: Steward Allendorph, Ryan Cheu, James Carroll, Sean McGinn and Sarah Morse.

Our General Presbyter, Cass Shaw will be here to speak briefly to the congregation.

June 26th we will gather to worship God and recognize that this will be the final and closing service for my ministry at Delmar Presbyterian Church.

This has been a very rich ministry and I am honored to have been your pastor. After I say the benediction, I will no longer be your pastor, but if you wish, I will always be your friend.

Grace and Peace be with you,

Larry Deys

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 4

Retirement Dinner at Normanside 6:00 PM

Sunday, June 5

Communion / Deacons' Sunday 10:00 AM

Membership Committee 11:30 AM

BCHS Committee 7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 7

Bethlehem Garden Club Garden Tour 5:15 PM

Cub Scouts 6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 8

Bethlehem Garden Club Plant Sale 8:00 AM

Thursday, June 9

Bethlehem Children's School 6:00 PM

Sunday, June 12

Worship / Confirmation Sunday 10:00 AM

Church Picnic 11:30 AM

Sunday, June 19

Worship 10:00 AM

Tuesday, June 21

Session Meeting 7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 25

Ladies Who Lunch Noon

Sunday, June 26

Worship / Farewell Service 10:00 AM

Weekly events:

Background to the Bible Readings – Through June 19

Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10 AM

Women's Bible Study - Will return in the fall

Bells of Praise – Will return in the fall

Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays at 7:30 PM

⇨ **PREZ DEADLINE for JUNE** ⇩
June 19

JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS:

JUNE 5

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

JUNE 12

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

JUNE 19

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

JUNE 26

Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm 13

Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42

READERS

June 5 Drew Hyde

June 12 Mark Hansen

June 19 Merle Winn

June 25 Ellen Kelly Lind

DEACON IN CHARGE

June 5 Art Prostick

June 12 Liza Ahner

June 19 Bob Phang

June 25 Ginny Gajewski

WELCOMING HOSTESS

June Eunice Jones

GREETERS

June 5 Shirley Simon & Ginny Hazard

June 12 Jim and Eleanor Norrix

June 19 Kevin and Gine Jack

June 25 Ron and Lynn Taylor

ACOLYTES

June 5 Evan Finke

June 12 Tory Kendrick

June 19 Amelia Hertz

June 25 Jack Empie

Teacher Recognition

COFFEE HOUR

June 5	Mary Wilson Hyde & Boys
June 12	Available
June 19	Christian Education Committee
June 25	Jo Hyde

COMMUNION SERVERS

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers and assistants for giving of themselves this year. We appreciate everything you do for the church school students. If anyone is interested in teaching in the Fall of 2011 or the Spring of 2012, please contact me (marypros@hotmail.com) or Melissa Fleischut (729-2492 or mfleischut@verizon.net). It is a very rewarding and fun way to get involved.

Our June schedule is:

June 5	Communion Sunday – No Church school classes
June 12	Church School Confirmation Class joins the church Church Picnic
June 19	Last Day of Church School Senior Recognition

We would like to congratulate the confirmation class: Lindsay Cheu, Danika Jensen, Devin Jensen, Brendan McGinn and Dmitry Rees.

Please join us for the Church Picnic on June 12, where we will welcome the members of the confirmation class as new members to the Church and provide the youth of the church with a special opportunity to thank and say farewell to Pastor Deys.

We would also like to congratulate all of the seniors Stewart Allendorph, James Carroll, Ryan Cheu, Sean McGinn and Sarah Morse who will be graduating from High School this month and wish them the best of luck as the move on in their lives. We hope Delmar Presbyterian Church has given you a great foundation on which to build the rest of your life!

June 19 will be the last day of Church School. We will not be offering a summer church school program, but look forward to seeing everyone again in September!

Thanks,
Mary Prostick
Superintendent of Church School

RPMs

The RPMs would like to thank everyone for their support this year!

RPM End of the Year Calendar:

Sunday June 5th
RPM Meeting
7:00PM
Delmar Reformed Church

Saturday, June 11th
Senior Night

Sunday, June 12th
RPM BBQ
1:00PM-3:00PM
Elm Ave Park

Church Picnic

Presented by the Youth
of Delmar Presbyterian



**Sunday, June 12th
immediately following
worship**

A special farewell picnic for Pastor
Deyss

Please sign up in the Narthex
to bring a salad or condiments

***We will also be celebrating our
newest members:
The Confirmation Class of 2011!***

From Iowa to Africa...a Youth Leader's Journey for Mission

Each spring, I embark with upwards of 40-50 teenagers and about 10 adults to do mission work in another part of our country. This mission work is something that is important to me, and I can't imagine my life without it. It is very uplifting to see young people working hard to clean and rebuild and make connections with

people living in poverty. When I am with the youth, I have to be totally focused on them: the trip is about them and their work, not mine. Increasingly, I have been feeling a need to do my own mission work. I have finally decided to stop dreaming and start doing.

In July, I will travel to the rural village of Denu, Ghana, to spend a month volunteering with the organization STAESA (Students Travel and Explore South Africa), helping with the planning and construction of an orphanage in a community called Adafienu. The orphanage will be more than just a place for children to call home. It will provide shelter, food, clothing and basic education to orphans, street kids, and children with disabilities. It will accommodate 80 kids between the ages of a few months to 18 years. Free education will be provided for the children in the community and its surrounding villages.

Upon completion of my work in Ghana, I will fly to East Africa to teach in an orphanage. I will be spending two weeks teaching English and math and spending time with the children of the Alesi Orphanage in Arusha, Tanzania. There is no doubt in my mind that though I will be teaching those children, I will gain far more, in so doing, than I could ever give.

In both locations, I will stay with host families and be immersed in the local culture. This trip will not only be life changing for me but it will make me a better leader for our youth as I will be able to share my experiences with them and teach them that it is quite possible to live out one's dreams. It is my hope that many of those teenagers, as they become young adults, will find similar opportunities for mission work not just in this country but in struggling third world countries, as well.

During my time in Africa, when I am able, I will be sending regular updates on the work I am doing and the impact of my volunteer work on the community. I cannot wait to share my experiences with all of you upon my return! (For more information, please contact me at beth.hickox@gmail.com.) Your prayers and support would be greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Beth Hickox Gould

SESSION DIGEST

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

Ryan Timothy Austin, son of Jenn and David Austin, Born 6/16/09; Date for instruction 5/1/11; Celebration of Baptism 5/15/11.

That a Special Congregational Meeting be called for Sunday, 5/22/11, following worship, for the purpose of voting on the retirement of Rev. Larry Deyss.

Lois Hessberg, Clerk of Session

NOTES FROM OUTREACH



CROP Walk – Thank you!

It was a beautiful sunny day May 1 for the 2011 CROP Walk, with 7 walkers from DPC – The Allendorph family, Tweedies, Anne Crawford, and Nancy Scholes. Almost \$4,000 was raised by DPC, in large part due to the Allendorph's impressive fundraising and some on-line donations.

The 2011 Albany CROP Walk will again be among the top most successful Walks in the United States, out of approximately 1,600 Walks. This is a major fundraiser for the Albany area food pantries and soup kitchens. 25% of the funds raised stays in the Albany area and 75% goes to Church World Service for programs

in 80 countries to help provide food and supplies in emergencies, as well as wells for safe, clean water, refugee resettlements in the US, and sustainable self-development projects around the world.

Thank you all for your generosity, and please plan to join us for the 2012 Walk!

Nancy Scholes

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



Instant coffee, drink mixes, cereal, Jello, laundry detergent, deodorant, disposable razors.

Monetary donations are always welcome to help defray pantry expenses.

RETIREMENT DINNER FOR PASTOR DEYSS



An evening of celebration,
reminiscence, music, photos,
and fellowship!!

Saturday, June 4, 2011
Normanside Country Club
Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00PM
Buffet Dinner at 7:00PM

NOTES FROM BUILDING AND GROUND

Thank you to all who helped with the Spring Clean-up Day, and the Garden Day! To keep the grounds looking good we need volunteers during the summer to help with weeding the gardens (and watering them once all the rain stops). If you are willing and able to help with weeding and watering, please call Nate Cady at (518) 768-7005, or email natecady@gmail.com.

~ Ladies Who Lunch ~

Wednesday, June 22nd

Noon



Picnic Pot Luck

Hostesses: Phyllis Howell & Nancy Scholes

Contact Phyllis (439-9758) for menu selection and sign-up

Guest: Office Manager, Dana Hebert

Please sign up in Narthex
Watch for July & August LWL plans
in Prez Summer Issue

Submitted by Diana Wildemann 439-2249



SPORTS NEWS

SOFTBALL: Despite all the May showers, Presby played three of its four scheduled games.

Game 1 - Bye

Game 2 - Rained out.

Game 3 - Presby 18, Mountainview 1.

Our season opened with a 20 hit attack on this new team from Voorheesville. Matt and Jeff Young homered. Triples were added by Matt Young and Brian Krzykowski.

Game 4 - Presby 10, First United Methodist 9 Presby survived a 3 run seventh inning rally to edge the Methodists. Matt Young collected his second homer of the season.

Game 5 - Presby 15, Bethlehem Community 4 Dan Krzykowski made his Presby debut going 3 for 3. Jeff Young hit his second homerun of the season. Presby scored four times in the top of the fourth to take a 5 - 3 lead.

The team would be pleased to see you at the upcoming games scheduled for 6:30 p.m.:

5/26 Game 6 - St. Thomas II at Henry Hudson Town Park

6/2 Game 7 - Delmar Reformed at Henry Hudson Town Park

6/9 Game 8 - St. Thomas I - Home ?

6/16 Game 9 - Temple Beth Emeth - Home ?

6/23 Game 10 - King's Chapel at Henry Hudson Town Park

6/30 Game 11 - Bethany Reformed at Home

Our home field was to be the BCHS girls' varsity field near the parking lot, but that has been a problem. If you have passed the school, you may have noticed the orange fence marking the girls' outfield. The fence will come down at the end of the Suburban Council season and we'll resume play as scheduled. Until then we're playing elsewhere.

Bob Lynk, 439-3948
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CAPITAL REGION THEOLOGICAL CENTER NEWS

Thus Says the Lord: Listening to the Prophets, Old Testament II, w/ Rev. Dr. Beth Tanner, Niskayuna Reformed, Begins July 21, A Lay Theological Education Program 20-hour course. \$250; \$200 to audit. Reg. deadline: July 18, 2011.

Empathy in Action: Intro to Pastoral Care, w/ Rev. William Grosch, M.D., Lynnwood Reformed, Begins September 8, A Lay Theological Education Program 20-hour course. \$250; \$200 to audit. Reg. deadline: August 23, 2011.

Canoeing Through Creation, w/ Rev. Kent Busman, Mon, Sept. 12- Thurs. Sept. 15, Camp Fowler, Get away into the beautiful Adirondacks for hiking, canoeing, and theological reflection on the care of God's good creation. \$300; Reg. deadline: Aug. 24.

Spirit, Grace & Power: Acts of the Apostles, w/ Rev. Dr. Richard Carlson, Siena College, Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 20 & 21, 9am-3pm, This popular professor is back to help us rediscover the grace and power of the Spirit at work in the early church as well as our own! \$155 by Sept 22; \$175 thereafter. Reg. deadline: October 5, 2011.

Opening the Doors: Welcoming the Differently-Abled, w/ Rev. Catherine Patterson, NYS OPWD, Thurs., Oct. 27, 9am-3pm, Designed to help faith leaders reach out to individuals and families of individuals with developmental disabilities who wish to belong to a faith community. \$75 by Sept 29; \$85 thereafter. Reg. deadline: October 13, 2011.
Register online at www.capitalrtc.org or by phone at 518-462-2470.

**PRESBYTERIAN RAINBOW
INVITES YOU TO A
POST-AMENDMENT 10-A VOTING
WORSHIP GATHERING AND
RECEPTION
SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2011, 4:00 PM**

WE WILL GATHER . . .

**To pray for our Church
To celebrate those who have come before us
To share the ONE Gospel
which is good news for all persons,
NO EXCEPTIONS.**

WHO SHOULD COME?

**Elders . . . Members of congregations . . . Deacons
Pastors . . . YOU!
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