

The Delmar Prez

**Delmar Presbyterian Church
585 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054 (518)439-9252**

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Interim Pastor's Page

A Year Later

A year ago you celebrated and concluded three decades of a pastor's journey among you. You prepared for "an interim period" in which to look at where you have been as a congregation and where God is leading you ahead. An interim pastor came, routine cycles of programming continued even as new projects (as care packages for college students, Pi.e Day, and Schoharie flood response) got off the ground. A group of six adults and two high school youth began a self-study in January, dubbing themselves "Vision Seekers" to listen for what the Spirit of God is saying by prayerfully reflecting, listening to the congregation, and looking at the community in which God has placed us. They have completed that self-study and it comes to you for final comment after worship June 3rd, when we shall also confirm seven youth as members of the church.

This self-study—"The Mission Study Report"--begins with our history, looks at our community, looks at our present congregation, draws conclusions about this congregation's core values and mission, and makes recommendations on the trajectory we believe God is calling us. Approval by session June 5th means we "own" these core values and mission as our spiritual compass and will pursue the recommendations set before us. Your input has been very helpful. Now *your ownership* is important. Like the early church, we strive to be of one heart and one mind as collectively we follow the heart and mind of Christ.

With approval of the Mission Study Report by the Session and Albany Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, we begin the process to search for the next pastor by electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. Further information about this process is enclosed in the PREZ. I encourage you to be in prayer before God as the Congregation's Nominating Committee discerns who they shall bring before you, the congregation, for vote as those who will discern God's choice of the pastor who will serve you many years ahead. Some reading this now will be asked to undertake this. God be with you in your discernment, if you are called by the PNC to this responsibility for the church.

A year ago I came and began my journey with you. It is my interim calling to be with you as close to the time when the Pastor Nominating Committee will bring a minister-candidate to you. That might take a while (6-12 months), especially if a pastor is presently serving another church and finds God calling her or him to this place. Many will apply. The PNC discerns God's will. The congregation votes. In the meantime, the Mission Study Report has many recommendations for all of us to begin pursuing, so don't get too far from the church this summer. Newcomers will be visiting us we want to welcome, as we continue to worship God; pastoral care will continue; and your support remains timely as a new chapter is being written because of your love for God, this congregation, and the neighbors to whom God has called you to love and serve.

Thank you for your faithfulness. The Spirit of God is among us. Watch and pray.

Interim Pastor's Contact Information

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JUNE EVENTS AT CHURCH

<u>Saturday, June 2</u>	
Memorial Service for Betty Mattox (Albany Rural Cemetery)	10:35 AM
<u>Sunday, June 3 Confirmation Sunday</u>	
Worship & Communion	10:00 AM
Town Hall Meeting	11:35 AM
<u>Tuesday, June 5</u>	
Special Session Meeting	7:00 PM
<u>Wednesday, June 6</u>	
Summer Activity Planning Meeting	7:00 PM
<u>Thursday, June 7</u>	
Tailgate Supper - BCHS Parking Lot	6:00 PM
Softball Game – BCHS JV Field	6:30 PM
<u>Friday, June 8</u>	
Ladies Who Lunch Spring Luncheon At Sherry Putney’s house (see page 5)	12:00 PM
<u>Sunday, June 10</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Church Picnic	11:30 AM
<u>Tuesday, June 12</u>	
Bethlehem Garden Club Meeting	4:45 PM
<u>Wednesday, June 13</u>	
Bethlehem Garden Club Plant Sale	All Day
<u>Thursday, June 14</u>	
Christian Ed. Cmte. Planning Meeting At Leslie Cheu’s House (see page 3)	7:00 PM
Softball Game – BCHS	6:30 PM
<u>Sunday, June 17 (Father’s Day)</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Recognition of Church School Teachers and Graduates (see page 3)	11:30 AM
<u>Tuesday, June 19</u>	
Session Meeting	7:00 PM
<u>Wednesday, June 20</u>	
Outreach Meeting	7:00 PM
<u>Thursday, June 21</u>	
Softball Game – BCHS	6:30 PM
<u>Sunday, June 24</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Congregational Meeting	11:30 AM
<u>Thursday, June 28</u>	
Softball Game – BCHS	6:30 PM

Weekly events:
 Background to the Bible Readings – 9 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10 AM
 Bells of Praise– Thursday 6:30 PM
 Choir Rehearsal – Thursday 7:30 PM
 Women’s AA Meeting – Sunday 8:00 PM

<p><u>PREZ DEADLINE for July</u> June 17</p>

LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

June 3	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
June 10	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:30-35
June 17	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34
June 24	1 Samuel 17:32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

READERS

Volunteers needed – please sign up
 June 17 Ellen Kelly Lind

DEACON IN CHARGE

June 3 & 10 Judy Riopelle
 June 17 & 24 Paul McGinn

USHERS

June 3 Curt and Liz Matterson
 June 10 Charles and Nancy Scholes
 June 17 TBD
 June 24 TBD

WELCOMING HOSTESS

June Eunice Jones

GREETERS

June 3 Kevin and Gina Jack
 June 10 Jim and Eleanor Norrix
 June 17 Curt and Liz Matterson
 June 24 Ron and Lynn Taylor

ACOLYTES

June 3 Deacons
 June 10 Amelia Hertz
 June 17 Mary Fleischut
 June 24 Matt Phang

REFRESHMENTS

June 3 Christian Ed and Cong. Life
 June 10 Church Picnic
 June 17 Available
 June 24 Available

COMMUNION SERVERS

Dan Lewis, Gary Lind, Kristin Pung, Dave Rees,
 Carolyn Tweedie, Shirley Simon (subject to change)



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our church school year is winding down in June. We will have a Communion Sunday alternate activity planned on June 3, which is also Confirmation Sunday for the 9th and 10th graders of our congregation. Congratulations to Olivia Ahner, Cameron Duwe, Megan Empie, Henry Fleischut, Christopher Hyde, Hannah Lowry and Andrew Carroll.

Teacher Recognition will take place on June 17, which is the final day for the church school program this school year. We will be working on revamping the program over the summer and hope to return in the Fall with a new and improved Christian Education program for the children and families of our congregation. A discussion regarding changes to the church school structure and curriculum will be hosted by Leslie Cheu on June 14 at her home.

Our schedule is as follows:

June 3: Communion and Confirmation Sunday – alternate activity for preK-5th graders

June 10: Church School program in session

June 14: Discussion re: church school structure and curriculum hosted by Leslie Cheu

June 17: Church school and Teacher Recognition Sunday

Please also be aware that we are in need of volunteers to help out in the nursery during the summer months. PLEASE consider taking even just one Sunday to help out in the nursery. It is important for our families with younger children, both visitors and members of the church, to feel like we have a supportive environment for their needs. Please just let myself or Melissa Fleischut know if you would like to help out.

Mary Prostick, Church School Superintendent

Christian Education Planning Meeting—June 14

Anyone who is interested in helping shape the Youth Christian Education program for the future is invited to join the Christian Education committee at their next meeting at Leslie Cheu's house, **69 Cambridge Drive in Glenmont**. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 14th from 7-9 pm**. The committee will review the options discussed with the Christian Education consultant earlier this spring and choose an option for the 2012/2013 church school year.

We welcome the input of all interested church members, but especially that of the parents of young children in our church family. Please join us for a lively discussion of a very important issue. With your help we can choose the best church school curriculum for the children of our church family.

RPMs

Congratulations RPM Seniors!

This year the RPMs will say goodbye to 13 seniors. Thank you for your years of participation and we all wish you the best in all of your future endeavors. Please come back and visit and know you always have a home with the RPMs.

Erin Comber
Charlie Cultrara
David Elze
Madi Halle
Andrea Hesse
Ryan Kilgallon
Colin Leath

Katie Mahar
Leticia Monroe
Colin Nicotina
Kate Ryan
Emily Slingerland
Josh Wolfson

Summer Midnight Run

The RPM Alumni will be getting together this summer, on July 21st to do a Midnight Run. We need lots of donations and this time they include:

T-shirts & Short sleeve shirts

Jeans

Sneakers

Underwear

Backpacks

Toiletries (razors, shaving cream, deodorant, soap, shampoo, tooth pastes, tooth brushes, and feminine products)

Shorts

Socks

Baseball Caps



We are mostly looking for men's clothing but some women's clothing is needed too. (Also if you have winter clothes that you are cleaning out we will take them for the February Midnight Run) Look for donation boxes in the entrances of the churches.

THANK YOU!

The RPMs would like to thank everyone for your support this year, with over 50 events this year; we could not continue the great mission of the RPMs without all of you!

MSPYs

MSPYs Say Thank You!

The MSPYs are grateful to their church family for supporting their last mission event of the year—Sundae Sunday! Thanks to all of you, the MSPYs were able collect eight (8!!) big boxes full of food to donate to the Bethlehem Food Pantry. This food will be especially helpful as we approach the time of year when many kids don't have what may have been their main meal of the day—their school lunches.

We hope everyone enjoyed their ice cream sundaes and thank you all for supporting this important mission project.

~ The MSPYs

Summer Camp 2012!

Albany Presbytery Recommends:

CAMP FOWLER

Located in Speculator, NY, Camp Fowler provides year round retreat space, where all are welcome. For more info, please visit:

www.campfowler.org

SKYE FARM

Skye Farm is a Camp and Retreat Center located in the Lake George region of the Adirondacks near Warrensburg, New York. For more info, please visit:

www.skyefarmcamp.jigsy.org

CAMP HOLMES

Camp Holmes is a Welcoming Christian Community responding to God's call where lives change and faith grows in a natural setting. For more info, please visit:

www.holmescamp.org

SESSION DIGEST

Session had the privilege of receiving the seven members of the 2012 Confirmation Class. After hearing their personal statements of faith and engaging in a good discussion, the Session voted to accept these young people into the church on June 3rd.

We received the final draft of the report from the Vision Seekers and determined a timeline and process to proceed with establishing a Pastoral Nominating Committee (see article on page 7).

With grateful appreciation for nearly two decades of service, the Session accepted the resignation of Barbara Vaughn as the Church's treasurer. The Finance Committee will be seeking candidates to fill this position.

The financial report showed some improvement in pledges received. This is likely due to the receipt of pledges made on a quarterly basis. Session will continue to closely monitor expenses and income in this difficult budget year.

DEACONS UPDATE

Deacons' Fund Needs Donations

The Deacons' Fund is administered by the Board of Deacons and the donations are used to assist those in our church and immediate community, who may be experiencing unexpected hardships. As hard economic times have continued to affect the country as a whole, we have seen their effects in the requests made upon the Deacons' Fund. This fund, generously supported by this congregation, has been frequently called upon this past year. It is worth

noting that requests come to us when people are desperate and feel they have nowhere else to turn. The fund has been used to allow families to buy food for their children in times of tight finances, to support the Senior Lunch Program, and to help others with unexpected expenses that have stressed their limited income. The Deacons' Fund is now quite low and is in need of being replenished. Please consider supporting this important aspect of our church community. May we as a congregation continue to reflect the mission of our church by living out the Two Great Commandments energized by God's love.

Ginny Gajewski
Member of Board of Deacons

NOTES FROM OUTREACH



2012 CROP Hunger Walk

On May 6, another perfect spring day, Delmar Presbyterian Church was well represented at the Albany CROP Hunger Walk, sponsored by the Capital Area Council of Churches. Twelve of us from DPC laced up our sneakers to walk with the world. **With your help, DPC Walkers raised approximately \$4500.**

One quarter of these funds raised will be distributed directly to food pantries and soup kitchens in Albany County. Seventy-five percent will be used by Church World Service for hunger relief and development programs in over 80 countries around the world.

The Walkers were: Lisa and Jim Allendorph, Gail Chase, Anne Crawford, Nancy Lynk, Nancy and Charlie Scholes, Ed and Pam Taft, Carolyn and Ron Tweedie. Leslie Foltz-Morrison worked at the registration table and Ron Tweedie and friends provided the musical entertainment prior to the Walk. Pastor Bob arrived later to cheer us on.

Thank you very much for your generosity. Please join us for the May 2013 Walk!

Nancy Scholes

NOTES FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Thank you to all who helped with the recent clean-up and garden days! We had an excellent turnout for both events and have made great progress on sprucing up the church grounds. Thank you again!!

Nate Cady, B & G Chair

NOTES FROM FINANCE

Giving Update

Year to Date - April 2012, the church received pledges and income of \$69,361 and incurred expenditures of \$64,417 for a net budgetary gain of \$4,494. We provide this information on a monthly basis so you know how the Church is managing the resources with which you have entrusted us.

Dave Rees, Chair, Finance Committee

Mystery Contribution

We received a check by mail drawn on Wells Fargo Advisors without any identifying information. If these funds were administered on your behalf, please contact Dave Rees or the church office so we may give you proper credit. Dave can be reached at 439-1346 or drees21@verizon.net. The office number is 439-9252, or dpc001@verizon.net

SPORTS UPDATE

TRACK & FIELD - Sunday, May 6, was not a day of rest for Kristin and Nathan Pung; they were running in the Northeast Regional North Face Endurance Challenge at Bear Mountain. Nathan had a very good day. He completed the Half Marathon in 1:59:45, placing 16th among 521 participants. Kristin's time was 1:21:54 in the 10K race with 449 contestants.



Saturday, May 19, Sam Caillon, Lindsey Cheu, and Danika Jensen ran with the BCHS team in the Eddy Meet at Union College. Thirty-six schools were represented.

Danika, Sam, and two others in the 1600 Sprint Medley Relay (200 - 200 - 400 - 800) knocked 11 seconds off the old BCHS record. The new record, 4:08:5, took third place in the 16-team event.

In the 800 Meter Relay, Danika and Lindsey and their quartet took fifth place for BCHS.

LACROSSE - Recently, Phyllis Howell's grandson, Dwight Mulligan, was named ESPN's high school lacrosse player of the week. He received All-American honors for his outstanding play this year. Dwight is graduating from St. Andrews Episcopal School and will be entering Holy Cross this fall.



SOFTBALL - Our record to date, May 17

Game 1 - Presby 19, Delmar Reformed 10

Presby got the season started with a 12 - 5 lead at the end of three innings, then coasted to a 19 - 10 victory. Jeffrey and Matt Young homered and Matt hit for the cycle.

Game 2 - Presby 9, Delmar Fire Department 8

Trailing 5 - 1 at the end of three innings, Presby tied the game in the top of the fourth, but fell behind 8 - 6 at the end of six. In the top of the seventh, with the score 8 - 7, Matt Young delivered a 2-run homer to edge the Fire Department. Jeffrey Young, batting lead-off, started the game with a home run.

Game 3 - First United Methodist 9 - Presby 8

Trailing 9 - 3 at the end of three innings, Presby scored 4 in the top of the seventh, but the comeback fell short. Matt Young homered in the third inning.

Game 4 - Presby 11, St. Thomas I 5

St. Thomas I scored 4 runs in the top of the fourth to take a 4 - 3 lead. Presby came back with 4 runs of their own in the bottom of the fourth and went on to notch their third win of the season. Wes Wellington gave up only one earned run in a strong pitching performance.

Schedule through June

Game Time - 6:30 p.m.

May

24 Bethany Reformed @ BCHS High School JV Field

31 St. Thomas II @ Henry Hudson Town Park

June

7 Bethlehem Lutheran @ BCHS JV Field with a **Congregational Tailgate Party***

14 Clarksville Community @ BCHS Varsity Field

21 Bethlehem Community @ BCHS Varsity Field

28 Wynantskill Reformed @ BCHS Varsity Field

Check the league website for a complete schedule, directions to the fields, results, team standings, and a roster of managers:

<http://cvsoftball.tripod.com>

* By June 4, please sign up in the narthex for the June 7 tailgate supper in the BCHS parking lot at 6 p.m.

Bob Lynk, 439-3948
thelynks@midtel.net

In Memoriam

Katy DePorte (former member)
4/5/1921 – 4/19/2012

Hazel D'Ascoli (former member)
10/26/1919-5/20/2012

Memorial Service for Elizabeth Mattox
Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 10:45 AM
Albany Rural Cemetery
Reception Following at
Judy and Larry White's,
24 Chestnut Hill South, Loudonville, NY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Who Lunch *June Luncheon*



FRIDAY, June 8, 2012

at Sherry Putney's home;

Jo Hyde co -host

141 Barent Winne Road, Selkirk

Telephone 767-9579

Catered lunch, cost per person \$10.00

Your reservation is a check payable to "Sherry Putney" or cash given to her.

Deadline for reservation is Tuesday, June 1.

The program will be a DISCUSSION, led by Arden Leach, a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, of the novel, "Abide with Me" by Elizabeth Strout. Paperback copies of the novel are available through The Bethlehem Public Library or can be purchased at I Love Books at the Four Corners.

Jo and Sherry hope for a sunny, warm day in order to have a porch party.

Summer Fun!

Looking for something fun to do this summer? The Congregational Life Committee invites you to join us for one of the fun fellowship opportunities planned for this summer. What is planned? Please read on to learn more!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Thursday, June 7th at 6:00 pm at the BCHS girls' junior varsity softball field. We'll root for the mighty Delmar PRESBY softball team (*a force to be reckoned with!*) as they take on the Bethlehem



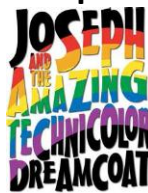
Lutheran team. We'll bring the tailgate supper (subs, sodas, chips & popsicles). You'll provide the rousing team cheers! Please bring lawn chairs & blankets and sign up in the narthex by Monday, June 4th.



Steak & Corn Roast!

Saturday, July 21st at 6:30 pm on the church lawn. We'll provide the delicious steak & corn, you'll bring a salad. We'll have a little after dinner music, and then it will be time for *glow-in-the-dark* volleyball and Frisbee. After all that exercise, we'll deserve the s'mores planned for dessert!

Joseph & the Amazing



Technicolor Dreamcoat

Saturday, August 18th at Park Playhouse! We'll meet at the church parking lot at 4:00 pm to caravan to Washington Park. Then we'll have a BYO picnic dinner and enjoy the 5:30 pm show. Tickets are free, but we must get there early to get seats!

To sign up, please sign up in the narthex or call the church office. Hope to see you there!

Church Picnic



Sunday, June 10th

Don't forget to sign up for the Church Picnic in the narthex. If you would like to sign up by email, kindly respond to Melissa Fleischut at mfleischut@verizon.net with your name, number attending and whether you would be willing to bring a salad or a dessert. We will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips and paper products. Suggestions and volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Melissa Fleischut

2012 Capital Region Pride Parade

Sunday, June 10

The parade steps off at noon in Washington Park. From there we will march down State Street, over Lark Street, up Madison Avenue and back into the park at the intersection of Madison and New Scotland Avenues. The festival will begin immediately following the parade so plan to stay with us for the entire afternoon. There will be fabulous entertainment on the festival stage and activities for the entire family!

Electing a Pastor Nominating Committee

This election is a sacred trust.

In the Presbyterian Church's call process, the congregation gives authority to search for a pastor to a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Once the PNC is elected, the other members of the congregation and the session have no role in determining who will be the next pastor until the PNC is ready to present their nominee to the congregation for a vote.

At the request of the Session, the Delmar Presbyterian Church has been tasked with nominating persons from among the membership of the church to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Preferably by the end of June, the congregation will formally vote on who will serve on the PNC at a meeting of the congregation after worship.

The PNC is to be representative of the whole congregation and be people of integrity who are

- ⤴ knowledgeable about the church and community, Presbyterian theology and government
- ⤴ able to make a significant commitment of their time, energy, and very best wisdom
- ⤴ willing to accept this as a task of spiritual discernment, not being easily influenced by personal desires or congregational politics but rather listening for the voice of God; and,
- ⤴ able to honor confidentiality.

The PNC Process is as follows:

- ⤴ PNC elected by the congregation
- ⤴ PNC meets, has orientation with presbytery's Committee on Ministry reps, decides next meeting
- ⤴ PNC studies mission study report, writes a Church Information Form (CIF)
- ⤴ PNC presents CIF to session and COM rep to discuss and approve
- ⤴ PNC submits CIF online with approval of General Presbyter and Clerk of Session and COM rep
- ⤴ PNC begins to receive and review Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) – could be 100-200
- ⤴ PNC reviews PIFs and enters a discernment process
- ⤴ PNC conducts telephone/Skype interviews
- ⤴ PNC narrows field; reference checks undertaken by General Presbyter before in-person visits
- ⤴ PNC conducts personal interviews
- ⤴ PNC option: visits churches of top-ranked candidates
- ⤴ PNC attends a "neutral pulpit" in another church to hear candidates preach
- ⤴ COM conducts clearance interview(s) with candidate(s)
- ⤴ PNC selects the candidate to recommend to the congregation
- ⤴ PNC negotiates terms of call with candidate and presbytery
- ⤴ PNC requests session call a congregational meeting to elect a new pastor
- ⤴ Congregational meeting and vote
- ⤴ If approved by the congregation, candidate is examined and approved by the presbytery
- ⤴ Candidate is installed as new pastor by the presbytery at the church
- ⤴ PNC dissolved

PNC members need be available to meet weekly, be available some Sundays for listening to persons in other churches, and be able to interview persons on Sunday or during the week as occasion requires.

If you would like to nominate a church member to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee who you believe can undertake these qualifications and tasks, contact Kristin Pung, chair of Delmar Presbyterian Church's Nominating Committee.

Home: 439-4549

Cell: 303-808-2332

Email: hikingjayhawk@verizon.net

CRTC NEWS

Recommendation from Pastor Bob to go hear Shane Claiborne from Pastor Bob - especially youth and young adults. Call me at the church if you need a ride (439-9252).



SHANE CLAIBORNE: A Call to the Simple Way of Radical Christianity, Emmanuel Baptist, 275 State St., Albany, June 22 & 23. Do we make "statements of faith" when we really need "statements of practice"? Explore with Shane issues of peace-building, social justice and the call to truly live like Jesus in your neighborhood. Age 25 & under: \$10 for both events.

Friday night: \$35, Saturday all day: \$85, Both days: \$105. Register online at www.crtc.org or by phone at 518-462-2470. See more of Shane on YouTube.

Letters

*My dear church family,
Your loving concern has touched me greatly. Each prayer, note, phone call, visit is supporting me through this journey of the unknown.
Gratefully,
Diana Wildemann*

Dear DPC,
Thank you for your recent in-kind gift to Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. Your generous donation has made a difference to the people in our community who are facing homelessness. With your help we are able to improve our programs and services and help people get back on their feet and into the community.

Sincerely,
Bonnie St. Onge
Director of Development, IPH

Dear Friends,
Each month I strive to find new ways to say THANK YOU. April saw our number at the Food Pantry increase slightly. We served 120 families providing food for over 3,350 meals. Already this month we are experiencing an increase in families and have added a number of new families to our rolls. Your continued support helps sustain this ministry. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you for caring, sharing and reaching out to our neighbors in need.
In His Service,
Rev. Barbara Morgan

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"Sundae Sunday" at DPC May 20, 2012

