

The Delmar Prez

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

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Interim Pastor's Page

"Stuff"

Hurricane Irene dumped so much water into our valleys that the Schoharie Creek became a mile wide river, inundating the Schoharie village with a five-foot wall of water. You can see the watermarks on the United Presbyterian Church in Schoharie, its manse, and Christian Education building. Presbyterians responded. Some of you went immediately to clean up. Others donated furnishings to replace what the interim pastor lost. I found myself disposing of the minister's books, encased in mud and swollen by water, whose same titles I had put into a box to bring to Delmar only a month earlier. RPM's dug out and tore up what needed to be removed in homes. Streets were piled with "stuff" that at one time or another may have been treasured possessions. The future of houses in the village, the historic manse and church sanctuary is pending.

Moving into a two-bedroom apartment in Delmar from a three-bedroom house with a basement, attic, and garage made me embarrassingly aware of how much "stuff" I had accumulated that I no longer wanted or needed. I hate to assess how many dollars went into some of this instead of the church's mission or an important cause. Part of me had been made to feel I "needed" all that stuff, like tools--notwithstanding most of my neighbors had more than their share as well, but rarely did we share. Part of me wanted to satiate requests: my children wanted those toys, video games, and DVD's; I wanted those books and CD's; my wife wanted that fabric to sew. Both sides of the family, wanting to help us establish a home, donated furniture to us they no longer had space for. Neither do we now! What we could not sell on Craigslist, give away to neighbors and thrift shops, finally went to the trash hauler. Some people stopped by to say thanks for giving away stuff they could use. Even as one who encourages "living simply so others can simply live" and "sharing with others what we have," our family had hoarded a lot. "You can't take it with you!" I know Lord. I know.

I also learned in moving what became important to keep--among those were the photos, some art work and artifacts with significant stories behind them, and memories of good things pursued as thank you letters recalling almost forgotten ways we helped someone or shared their joy or grief. And then there was that IRS investigation that questioned how we could have been so generous one year. We had documented our giving and they did not pursue it further. Geesh; questioning generosity??!! I worship a generous God of grace.

I am grateful to you for your generosity. The works of your hands and hearts add beauty to others' lives, educate children and adults, help persons in and beyond our own community to rebuild their lives, lead to faith in God. I am grateful that you share whatever it is God has given you: money, time, talents, possessions, a listening ear or guiding voice, a phone call/card/visit, your love. You encourage one another and our neighbors amid times that will test that we have what we need.

We can make a difference in the world by what we do with our attitudes, our time, our talents, the money we make or acquire. Turning from "it's ours," to "it is what God has given me to use for God's purposes" is a reframing that affects how we live with and use the "stuff" and abilities we have. I hope the Delmar Presbyterian Church will continue to show itself as beacon of hope to its neighbors and a place where a person can find a welcoming community that knows and shares the steadfast love of God.

The Rev. Robert Foltz-Morrison
Interim Pastor

The Rev Nadeem Sadiq will be a guest preacher on Sunday, October 2, 2011. This is World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday on our Church Calendar. Rev. Sadiq is part-time pastor of the Pakistani-American Fellowship in Albany (a ministry of the Presbytery of Albany) and part-time provider of assistance to those who are homebound in the Capital District.

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Sunday, October 2</u>	
Worship – Rev. Nadeem Sadiq	10:00 AM
Peacemaking Offering	
World Communion Sunday	
<u>Monday, October 3</u>	
Boy Scouts	6:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, October 4</u>	
Boy Scouts	6:30 PM
<u>Sunday, October 9</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Farewell for Fred and Margaret Tubbs	
<u>Tuesday, October 13</u>	
Girl Scouts	4:30 PM
Cub Scouts	6:30 PM
<u>Saturday, October 15</u>	
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	8:00 AM
Beth Hickox African Trip Presentation	7:00 PM
<u>Sunday, October 16</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
<u>Saturday, October 22</u>	
RPMs Pasta Dinner	5:00 PM
<u>Sunday, October 23</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Christian Ed Committee	11:30 AM
Baptism: Henry Hallenbeck	
<u>Tuesday, October 25</u>	
Girl Scouts	4:30 PM
<u>Wednesday, October 26</u>	
Ladies Who Lunch	12:00 PM
<u>Sunday, October 30</u>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Stewardship Brunch	11:15 AM

<u>Weekly events:</u>	
Background to the Bible Readings – 9 AM	
Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10 AM	
Women’s Bible Study - Monday 10 AM	
Bells of Praise – To be determined	
Choir Rehearsal – Thursday 7:30 PM	

↔PREZ DEADLINE for NOVEMBER ↔	
Oct.16	

Pastor’s Address

Revs. Robert and Leslie Foltz-Morrison,
74 Delaware Avenue, Apt. B, Delmar, NY 12054
Apartment Phone: 518-512-3594 (often
forwarded to Bob’s cell: 908-432-0408)

OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS:

OCT.2 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19:1-14
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

OCT.9 Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

OCT.16 Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99:1-9
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

OCT.23 Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

OCT.30 Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

READERS

Volunteers needed. Please sign up in the narthex.

DEACON IN CHARGE

Oct. 2 Judy Riopelle
Oct. 9 - 30 Pam Hamlin

USHERS

Oct. 2 Ted and Sherry Putney
Oct. 9 Doug Hamlin and Sarah Carroll
Oct. 16 Dave Austin and Carolyn Tweedie
Oct. 23 Doris and Craig Jensen
Oct. 30 Dave and Karyn Rees

WELCOMING HOSTESS

October Susan McCreary

GREETERS

Info Not Available

ACOLYTES

Oct. 2 Amelia Hertz
Oct. 9 Jack Empie
Oct. 16 Greg Hyde
Oct. 23 Callie McGinn
Oct. 30 Jennifer Jack

COMMUNION SERVERS

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education program is off to a wonderful start this fall!

Our first Christian Ed committee meeting was held September 18 with many in attendance. It was decided to return to Communion Sunday Alternative programming beginning in October. This will allow families with young children to attend on Communion Sundays as there will be alternate activities provided for the children such as crafts and games. The children will leave the service after the "Time with the Church School" and return just prior to the passing of Communion so that they are able to partake in this part of the service with their families. Volunteers will take turns planning and providing the alternate activities. If anyone is interested in providing this service for the children of our church, please let myself or Melissa Fleischut know. As of right now, we need volunteers for Communion Sundays in January, March, May and June.

Teachers and others who may be interested should be aware that Pastor Foltz-Morrison has provided an array of books to be used as resources in the Christian Education program. The books are located on the shelves in the 3rd/4th grade classroom.

Our schedule for October is as follows:

- October 2:** Communion Sunday
Alternative programming
- October 9:** Church School
- October 16:** Church School
- October 23:** Church School
- October 30:** Church School

Questions or concerns, please let me know!

Thank you,

Mary Prostick, Church School
Superintendent
prostick@mac.com

RPMs

Let The RPM's Cook For You!!!

October 22nd

RPMs will be providing Pasta Dinners Take Out
or Dine In 5:00PM – 7:00PM
At the Delmar Presbyterian Church

**Prices : \$8.00 for an adult / \$5 for a child
under 12**

Dinner choices are:

**Spaghetti w/ Meat Balls or
Shells Stuffed with Spinach and Cheese with
a red sauce**
**Dinner includes salad, garlic bread and
dessert!**

Contact Beth Gould
at RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com or 596-2116
to order your dinner today!

October RPM Calendar

Sunday October 2nd - 7:00PM – 8:00PM /

RPMs Meeting & Parent Meeting
Delmar Reformed Church

Sunday, October 9th – 11:30AM – 4:00PM /

Flood Relief Help in Schoharie – Meet at First
United Methodist Church

**Friday, October 14th – 7:00PM Live Band
Night / Delmar Reformed Church**

Sunday, October 16th - 7:00PM – 8:00PM /

RPMs Meeting – **RETREAT FORMS**

Saturday, October 22nd -Pasta

Dinner / Delmar Presbyterian Church

**Friday, October 28th – Sunday, October 30th –
Retreat at Camp Pinnacle**

NOTES FROM OUTREACH

World Communion Sunday Sunday, October 2, 2010

About the Peacemaking Offering

The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly.

Welcome Home!



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Beth Gould, RPMs Youth Group leader, has returned from her Volunteer Adventures in Africa and will be sharing her amazing experiences with us on Saturday, October 15 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Come join Beth for an evening of stories and photos. Coffee and light desserts will be available.

We will receive the Offering on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, which this year is October 2.

Each congregation is encouraged to retain 25 percent of the Offering it receives to use for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and its community. Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50 percent is used by the General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

In accordance with the action of the 217th General Assembly (2006), we encourage congregations to consider directing a portion or all of their 25 percent of the Peacemaking Offering as a faithful Christian response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

News from the Capital Area Council of Churches



Plan now to join us at the **33rd Annual Ecumenical Musical Celebration**, sponsored by the Capital Area Council of Churches of which Delmar Presbyterian Church is a member. The concert is **Sunday, October 30, 2011, 3pm at All Saints Catholic Church, 1168 Western Ave., Albany 12203**. The concert will feature a variety of music performed by musicians from several area churches, including:

- The Choir of All Saints Catholic Church
- The Festival Celebration Ecumenical Choir
- The Bell Choir of First Presbyterian Church in Albany

Everyone welcome! Bring your friends for an afternoon of musical celebration and ecumenical fellowship! Refreshments served after the program. A free will offering will be taken to help support the many Council projects, including our chaplaincy programs at the Univ. of Albany and area nursing homes, the Emergency Overflow Shelter, ecumenical/interfaith dialogue, CROP Walk, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Service and Scholarship program, our monthly newsletter, CONNECTION, etc. There is a flyer posted in the fellowship hallway.

Nancy Scholes, Board Secretary
Capital Area Council of Churches



First Church in Albany *Give a Meal a Month* *- October -*



Instant coffee, cocoa and oatmeal. School lunch items. Paper and hygiene products.

Monetary donations are always welcome to help defray pantry expenses.

SESSION DIGEST

The following motions were made, seconded, and approved at the 6/21/11 meeting of Session:

With respect to any matter that the New Form of Government leaves to be set as policy at the discretion of a congregation or its session, which was formerly included as part of the 2009-2011 Form of Government as amended by the 219th General Assembly (2010), that matter as stated in the 2009-2011 Form of Government as amended is temporarily adopted as congregational or session policy until December 31, 2012, or until superseded by further action of the congregation or session.

That a reserve fund be established with the 2009-2011 Capital Campaign excess funds, such fund to be titled Capital Reserve Fund, to be invested & expended only as approved by Session, and the use thereof to be restricted to major capital expenditures.

That the Finance Committee Chair (currently David P. Rees) be authorized to act on behalf of the Delmar Presbyterian Church with respect to the establishment of an investment account with New Covenant Funds to handle the excess proceeds from the Church's Capital Campaign. Additionally, the Finance Committee Chair is authorized to transact business (receive statements, redeem funds, etc.) and any transactions that may arise in the normal course of business with respect to the aforementioned investment account.

That Session approve the Interim Pastor Agreement executed by all parties on 6/11/11. It is understood that the housing allowance and salary amounts have been determined assuming that Robert Foltz-Morrison will maintain his primary residence in New Jersey. If at such time he determines that Delmar or vicinity will be defined as his primary residence, the Session reserves the right to recalculate the housing allowance/salary allocations based on local conditions.

That Session dismiss the Interim Search Committee, consisting of Doug Hamlin (chair), Marlene Austin, Lynn Finke, Ginny Gajewski, and Mark Hansen, with profound gratitude and appreciation for a job exceptionally well done.

That the 3/15/11 motion creating and empowering the Administrative Transition Team in the absence of a pastor be fully rescinded.

That the Building & Grounds committee be empowered to expend up to \$2,500, choosing between at least two competitive bids, to replace the carpet as described above [in the office/study area]

That a Task Force under the auspices of the Personnel Committee be formed to review and make recommendations to Session for updating the DPC Sexual Misconduct policy adopted 5/21/02; members to include Liz Matterson, author of the original policy, and Gary Lind and Pam Taft, our first responders.

Lois Hessberg, Clerk of Session

NOTES FROM FINANCE

Capital Campaign Update

Welcome back from your summer travels. I hope you had the opportunity to create some memories of warmth as the fall and winter seasons descend upon us. You have heard about some of the activities that various Church committees have been involved with throughout the year and you will hear more as we lead up to the Stewardship campaign in October. You will also hear about plans for next year as the Church strengthens its mission work. The devastation that occurred just 30 miles from us has given us pause to count our blessings. While we may have been inconvenienced by an extended loss of electrical service or the sound of noisy generators, we were fortunate that we have houses and apartments that were spared major destruction.

This is the final year of the Capital Campaign and we have built a strong foundation for future generations in the event major improvements to the roof or heating system need replacing. Thank you to all that contributed to the Campaign. It was a difficult process given that the economy was beginning to sour and has not even yet approached returning to the levels seen prior to the recession and you responded overwhelmingly.

As the Capital Campaign draws to a close we have a prime opportunity to increase our Stewardship contributions to allow the Church to continue its mission of giving and supporting those less fortunate than us. For the past decade or so the Church has been receiving interest and dividends from the Endowment Fund and using them for our operational needs.

We have an opportunity to allow our endowment to retain the interest and dividends and have those monies reinvested back into the fund where they can grow. In order to accomplish this we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your Stewardship Campaign pledge by a meaningful amount.

You will hear more about the Campaign in the coming month and I look forward to chatting with you about your hopes and concerns as the Church ventures on the road of finding a permanent pastor.

Submitted by Dave Rees

Stewardship Brunch

On Sunday, October 30th, directly following church service, the annual Stewardship Brunch will be held in the Fellowship Hall. This is the chance for the congregation to take a guided tour through the proposed annual budget before submitting pledge cards on Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 6th.

Stewardship packets containing the pledge cards and other information can be picked up at the brunch. As always, it is the goal of the Session to make as clear as possible the church's programs, the attendant costs and benefits. You are urged to attend the brunch so you can be fully informed before pledging, and before finally voting on the 2012 budget at the annual meeting in January.

A program for children will be provided so families can stay for the brunch.

Submitted by Trish McGinn

SCHOHARIE UPDATE



My Personal 9-11-11 Heroes

On August 27 and 28 Schoharie United Presbyterian Church, its manse, and Christian Education building were ravaged by TS Irene. On August 31, I first visited and worked at the scene of devastation. I have returned twice weekly since, and though much has been accomplished, much remains to be done.

On Sunday, 9/4/11, with the blessing of our pastor and Presbytery, I presented a minute for mission in which we were challenged to furnish and outfit a one-bedroom apartment for the

interim pastor, Bebb Stone, by the end of the month. Lists were organized, an e-mail campaign and bulletin insert were planned, and then a call came Saturday 9/10/11 which advanced the time-frame by almost three weeks.

On Sunday, 9/11/11 a sign-up sheet was placed in the narthex and the call went out. And the rest, as they say, is history. So I have my own 9/11 list and the following angels to thank, and if I have missed someone's name, please forgive me:

- The Guyers
- The LaFortes
- The Bosses
- The Putneys
- The Phangs (& Dalzell)
- The Ahners
- Merle Winn
- Sue McCrary
- The Tafts
- The Kilgallons
- The Lewis'
- The Linds
- The Lowrys (& Miller)
- Jo Hyde
- Heidi Nicholson
- The McGinns
- Judy Riopelle
- Ann Stewart
- The Mulls
- Diana Wildemann
- The Youngs
- My better half

Without your donations of time, talents, and treasure, this would not have been possible. I know I took a lot on my shoulders when I said yes to this challenge that Wednesday afternoon in a muddy parking lot surrounded by heaps of discarded debris. But I also knew Delmar Pres. I knew its' collective huge heart. And I knew I wasn't alone in this endeavor.

Thank you for helping make this a reality. And for making it possible for Bebb to continue to minister to her flock in a comfortable home, surrounded by your things, and most importantly, your love.

Submitted by Lois Hessberg

Thanks from Schoharie

*Dear Delmar Presbyterian Church,
Grace and peace to you in the name of our Saving Friend, Jesus Christ.*

Count me astonished. When Lois told me that you were going to "adopt" me to furnish an apartment when I found one, I had no idea of the extent of her plans, or yours. A few days later I saw the list she had drawn up, and I was amazed at the thoughtful thoroughness of the list. But I, who am rarely at a loss for words, was speechless as I watched 8 people (perhaps more--) carry up (yes, to a second floor apartment) several rooms of furniture and furnishings and food; set up bookshelves, lamps, and bed; and create, in less than 2

hours, a cozy, 2-bedroom apartment with some PIZZAZZ!

This collective action on your part (so many contributed!) is what redemption looks like. When I was a child my septuagenarian grandmother lived with us part of the year. She loved to knit "afghans"—basically strips that could later be woven together. But as her eyes failed, so did her stitches drop, without her noticing. My mom began each evening, after Grandma went to bed, to undo the rows Grandma had knit, and to reknit them correctly so that the next day's knitting would proceed with progress toward completion. Every night Mom made right what was wrong. Redemption in the Old Testament is an economic reality—the 'redeemer' or 'go-el'—was originally the next of kin (male) who would marry a deceased brother's widow: not only for the sake of producing heirs for the property, but also as a mercy to her. Otherwise, she had no standing, no status; no place to be, to live. A widow cast out was destitute. So redemption was a way to provide for human life. It was the social security for women in that era. It's part of the ethic behind Social Security policy now, although we seem to have forgotten the 'why'.

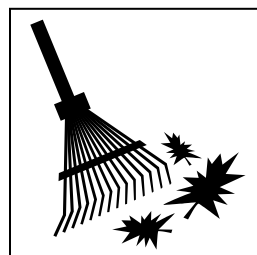
In any case, you have been redeemers in an analogous way to me, and I am deeply grateful. I have slept peacefully in this apartment for 2 nights now, and I can feel the "6's and 7's" passing, my sense of serenity returning.

As a pastor, I'm a storyteller. The Delmar Presbyterian Church will always be one of the stories I tell in "gossiping the gospel."

To God be the glory for your love, compassion, and redemption,

*Rev. Bebb Wheeler Stone
September 17, 2011
(20 days after Hurricane Irene flooded Schoharie United Presbyterian Church)*

NOTES FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS



There will be a Fall Clean-up Day on Saturday, November 5th, from 9 am - 12 noon. Please come help to get the church and grounds ready for winter.

Refreshments will be served!!!!

Submitted by Nate Cady

FREE: Full-length mirror from pastor's office. Measures 30" x 76". Contact church office or Ray Mull at rmull@nycap.rr.com

MILESTONES

With Sympathy and Prayer

Katherine Herber (9/9/11)

A memorial service will be held at the Jerusalem Reformed Church on Saturday, November 26 at 11:00 AM.

Births

Dan and Megan Hallenbeck welcome a son, Henry Ronald, born on April 23, 2011.

New Address

As of Oct. 11: Margaret Tubbs, 6423 Clearview Road, Boulder, CO 80303
(Farewell service on October 9)

As of Sept. 14: Ann Stewart, 3 Hickory Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159.

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Please keep us current on your life events and activities. We would like to share them with your church family.

Send to Dana at [dpc001@verizon.net](mailto:dpc001@verizon.net)

### *Gifts to the Church*

Memorial Gifts were received by the church in honor of Frank Mengel by members and friends, and in honor of Tom Hyde by the Kiwanis Club.

### *Newsletter Processing*

Looking for a way to serve at DPC? We may have the answer. Diane and Sarah Hamilton have faithfully processed the Prez each month for many years. We would like to give them a break by rotating in some additional volunteers. This simply involves picking up the printed newsletters from the office at the end of month, folding them, affixing labels and stamps and dropping it all off at the post office. This can be done at home over a weekend or here in the library at your convenience. Please sign up in the narthex and a reminder email will be sent to you when it's your turn. It's a great way for kids and parents to bond while helping. Thanks for helping us get the news out!

### *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer*

Dana Hebert is walking in the upcoming Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 16th at Washington Park. She and her daughters, granddaughters, and sister are walking in memory of her mother, and in honor of the many brave survivors. If you would like to contribute to this cause, please see the sign-up sheet in the office. Donations can also be made online at [www.cancer.org/stridesonline](http://www.cancer.org/stridesonline). The

team name is "Nana's Angels (Julianne Haggerty)." Thanks for your support.

### *Sermons Available*

Sunday bulletins and sermons are available upon request from the church office. We also plan to post sermons on the church website in the near future. If you would like copies, please contact Dana at [dpc001@verizon.net](mailto:dpc001@verizon.net) or Pastor Bob at [foltzmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:foltzmorrison@gmail.com)

### *~ Ladies Who Lunch ~*

Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM



Bring your own lunch

Dessert and beverage provided

Hostesses: Jo Hyde and Carolyn Tweedie

Program: Thanksgiving and Christmas Traditions

A time of sharing, remembrances and stories.

What makes the holidays special to you?

Suggestions: bring a photo, a favorite family recipe, an ornament that always hangs on the tree, etc.



Please sign up in the narthex

Next LWL: Wed., Nov. 16th

Submitted by Diana Wildemann 439-2249

## SPORTS NEWS

Dave Rees recently completed the Reach the Beach team relay event in New Hampshire. Reach the Beach is a 200 mile team relay comprised of 12 person teams all taking turns running from Cannon Mtn. in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and finishing on the shore in Hampton Beach, NH. Teams run continuously from 10:00 a.m. on Friday to the finish, which for his team was 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.



One leg involved running 6.5 miles at 1:40 in the morning on Saturday. Luckily the waning moon complemented the headlamps and flashlights required to see at that hour.

When not running his assigned routes time was spent in a van following his team mates through the beautiful scenic mountains and towns of NH or trying to sleep sitting up in a cramped minivan.

## CRTC NEWS

### Letters

Dear Friends,

It's September. All of our Back to School supplies have been distributed. We sent 97 students into the Fall semester with the equipment they need to make this a successful school year. Thank you to all who contributed so generously to this program.

We have been serving an increasing number of families at the Food Pantry. While we see *many* new faces, we are also seeing many faces *more frequently*. It becomes increasingly apparent that no one is able to stretch their food buying dollars as far this year. Our supplies often are stretched to the limit and it becomes increasingly difficult to keep our shelves stocked.

Another problem we face is a shortage of volunteers. We are particularly in need of individuals to pack the bags for those we serve. Volunteers who have a Monday or Wednesday morning to spare even once a month would be greatly appreciated.

I continue to marvel at the commitment of many of our volunteers and of our participating churches. The donations keep arriving. Your care and concern for our neighbors in need certainly makes our role easier. Thank you all for your continued support of our ministry.

In His service,  
Rev. Barbara Morgan

PS – I didn't think you could do more, but as always you have astounded me. The fresh produce has been so well received. Thank You.

**Delmar Presbyterian Church  
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The Apostle Paul taught that we must "be transformed by the renewing of our minds." We are encouraged to be intentional about finding ways to grow in our faith, our understanding, and our desire to know Christ better. CRTC can help by offering a wide variety of courses to aid in your ministries and spiritual growth! Connect with others as you explore your faith.

**"Opening the Doors: Welcoming the Differently-Abled", w/ Rev. Catherine Patterson, NYS OPWDD, 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.

**Boundary Awareness, w/ Rev. Dr. Davis Olsen , Thurs., Nov. 3, 9am-3pm**, Explore fundamental role relationship tensions and why boundaries do or do not hold. For all congregational leaders and those who minister to children, teens, adults, or any specialized ministry. \$90. Reg. deadline: October 18, 2011.

**God in the Details: A Faith & Science Dialogue, w/ Rev. Dr. Wesley Wildman, Sat., Nov. 5, 9am-3pm**, The more we learn from science, the more we begin to grasp the fullness of God's glory! Explore cosmology & creation, and evolution and human nature. \$75 by Oct 7; \$85 thereafter. Reg. deadline: October 20, 2011.

### **Troy Area United Ministries (TAUM) Events**

**Festival of Music & Chocolate 2011**, Sunday, November 6, 2011, 3:00 - 5:00pm, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 58 3rd Street Troy, NY

**Hope For The Homeless Concert** at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall , November 10, 2011

**TAUM Day at Ten Thousand Villages**, Sunday, November 27, 2011, 12:00 - 5:00pm at Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany

