

# *The Delmar Prez*

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

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## **Interim Pastor's Page**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Psalm 46

Summer ended with nature providing different forms of shaking for us in Delmar with both an earthquake and a hurricane within a week. Both revealed the reach of natural forces and the menace that even a slight rise in the earth's average temperature can generate a significant rise in the wind velocity of tornadoes and hurricanes. Someone quipped to me afterward about getting a little bit of everything as I start this summer at Delmar. Indeed.

By the end of September, my wife Leslie (also a Presbyterian minister) will be joining me in Delmar. We are packing, discarding, and readying our home of 14 years in New Jersey for its new owner. Labor Day weekend should see the last of the possessions we will retain making their way to our apartment at 74 Delaware Avenue in Delmar. Sorting through 28 years of married life with two sons (now young adults) and more than 50 years of individual histories is a challenge!

So is deciding after 30 years with Rev. Deysse what is next in this congregation's journey of faith.

Know you have the steadiness of your dedication to God's work as you experience change in this corner of the world ("we will not fear") and gifted leaders to carry you through this transition. You have invited me to part of it as your interim (transitional) pastor. I welcome your insights.

As I shared in my first Sunday message with you, this interim period continues many of the best practices you as a congregation know bring fellowship, service, and deepening of faith. It also is a period for the congregation to look at itself and its vision. "Who are we as a community of faith? What does God call us to do or to be? Who are the neighbors, near or far, to whom we can minister?" Implicitly, every church has a self-identity that is reinforced most often by what members say and do, and what they do not say and do not do. There may be things you wish you were doing and things you want to let go of to get there. During this interim period, in listening to the voices of one another and the Spirit of God, we pursue the future toward which we believe God is calling us as a community of faith. Once clear on that vision, a Pastor Nominating Committee is formed to search for the pastor you will vote to become your next installed (permanent) pastor. At that point, I say farewell. My role is to be a temporal shepherd and pastoral leader who, like the first disciples of Jesus and many since, move from place to place to support congregations in transition. What I will do while I am here is to bring to light new things God might like us to venture into as a congregation and encourage you in your relationship with God. And, as often as I can, to share the love of God with you and our neighbors.

I invite you to join with me and with the congregation as we discover in shared worship and ministry what God is opening to us. I invite you to build a community of faith by your interest in and respect for one

another that sustains our lives and those in our world. God always has something more for us to grasp than what we want or can imagine.

The Israeli poet, Yehuda Amichai, said it with these words from a longer poem:

I want a god who is like a window I can open  
so I'll see the sky even when I'm inside.  
I want a god who is like a door that opens out, not in,  
but God is like a revolving door, which turns, turns on its hinges  
in and out, whirling and turning  
without a beginning, without an end.

(*Open Closed Open*. New York: Harcourt, 2000. p. 20)

The Rev. Robert (Bob) Foltz-Morrison

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b><u>Sunday, September 4</u></b>	
Worship	10:00 AM
<b><u>Saturday, September 10</u></b>	
Memorial Service for Frank Mengel	11:00 AM
<b><u>Sunday, September 11</u></b>	
Worship	10:00 AM
Church School Begins	
<b><u>Tuesday, September 13</u></b>	
Girl Scouts	4:30 PM
Session Meeting	7:00 PM
<b><u>Sunday, September 18</u></b>	
Worship	10:00 AM
<b><u>Sunday, September 25</u></b>	
Worship	10:00 AM
AppleFest	11:30 AM
<b><u>Wednesday, September 28</u></b>	
Ladies Who Lunch	11:00 AM
(meet in church parking lot)	
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<b><u>Weekly events:</u></b>	
Background to the Bible Readings – Resumes 9/18	
Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10 AM	
Women’s Bible Study - Resumes 9/12	
Bells of Praise – Will return in the fall	
Choir Rehearsal – Resumes 9/8	
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↔ <b>PREZ DEADLINE for OCTOBER</b> ↔	
<b>Sept. 18</b>	

**SEPT. 18** Exodus 16.2-15  
 Psalm 105.1-6,37-45  
 Philippians 1.21-30  
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**SEPT. 25** Exodus 17.1-7  
 Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16  
 Philippians 2.1-13  
 Matthew 21.23-32

**READERS**

Volunteers needed. Please sign up in the narthex.

**DEACON IN CHARGE**

Sept. 4 Ginny Gajewski  
 Sept. 11 Paul McGinn  
 Sept. 18 Paul McGinn  
 Sept. 25 Art Prostick

**USHERS**

Not available

**WELCOMING HOSTESS**

September Megan Hallenbeck

**GREETERS**

Not available

**ACOLYTES**

Sept. 4 Katarina Rees  
 Sept. 11 Mary Fleischut  
 Sept. 18 Even Finke  
 Sept. 25 Tory Kendrick

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

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

**SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS:**

**SEPT. 4** Exodus 12.1-14  
 Psalm 149.1-9  
 Romans 13.8-14  
 Matthew 18.15-20

**SEPT. 11** Exodus 14.19-31  
 Psalm 114.1-8  
 Romans 14.1-12  
 Matthew 18.21-35

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We will begin the new semester of Christian Education on Sunday, September 12. We will also be having a Teacher Dedication that day before class and a Bible presentation to all our fourth grade students: Lauren Jack, Nicholas Rees, Jeff Hansen and Spencer Trupiano.

The following teachers will be serving in our church school this fall:

Irene Harbison – Nursery  
Ginny Gajewski – Pre-K  
Gina Jack – Kindergarten and first grade  
Jim Finke – Third and fourth grades  
Lynne Finke – Fifth grade  
Dan Lewis and ??? – MSPYs

### **WE ARE IN NEED OF A VOLUNTEER TO CO-LEAD MSPYs WITH DAN LEWIS**

We are also still in need of volunteers to help out in our classrooms, both as spring teachers and as year-round substitutes. If you are interested in helping, please let Melissa Fleischut or myself know.

I look forward to working with all the students this year! If there are any questions or concerns you may have regarding our church school program, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you,  
Mary Prostick, Church School Superintendent

### **2011 Confirmation Class (9th Grade Students)**

Pastor Bob Foltz-Morrison will be contacting the parents and ninth-grade students about this year's program at the Delmar Presbyterian Church. As the church explores "faith seeking understanding," so does this program. If time permits, there could be two tracks: one for our students and one for adults similarly interested in learning more about the Christian faith to which our church witnesses.

## RPMs



### **HEY 9-12TH GRADERS!**

#### **Come And See What RPMs Is All About**

RPMs Youth Group is an Ecumenical Group comprised of three churches the Reformed, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches in Delmar. Any 9-12<sup>th</sup> is welcome to come and join in on the fun. The RPMs do community service around the area including working with Habitat for Humanity, Cooking for Interfaith and the Overflow Shelter, and much more! We travel to New York City to do a Midnight Run, go on a retreat and travel for our annual mission trip in the spring. This is a great group! For more information please email Beth Hickox Gould at [RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com](mailto:RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com)

#### **September Schedule:**

**SUNDAY- Sept. 11th** – New Member Meeting – Delmar Reformed Church, 7:00pm

**SUNDAY - Sept 18<sup>th</sup>** – All Member Meeting – Delmar Reformed Church, 7:00pm

**SATURDAY - October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Car Wash – First United Methodist Church Parking Lot 10am-2pm

**SUNDAY - October 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Students & Parents Meeting - Delmar Reformed Church, 7:00pm

### **Women's Bible Study and Discussion**



The Women's Bible Study and Discussion will resume on **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** in the church lounge. The format that we follow is open for discussion but last year we began with announcements and prayer, scripture reading in segments followed by references that helped to clarify what was read, and then discussion. We averaged two chapters a week in the book of Genesis. In Genesis there was much to discuss regarding God's creation and the relationship between God and humanity

as we journeyed through the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob & Joseph. Genesis also covered a broad spectrum of human emotions, behaviors and experience. Parallels were drawn between then and now.

This fall we will begin studying the Book of Exodus. According to The New Interpretive Bible, the major themes in Exodus are as follows: Liberation, Law, Covenant and God's Presence. Many stories in Exodus will be familiar--the birth of Moses, the plagues, crossing the Red Sea and conquest of the promised land. Undoubtedly, we will discover much more as we study and this is what is exciting.

While I'm still willing to be the primary leader for discussion, I encourage volunteers to take on a week or more since so much is gained in preparing to lead. As before, volunteers will be necessary when I'm away visiting family or vacationing. The qualification to lead is being able to read and report on the reference material.

We enthusiastically welcome new comers to the group as well as former participants. Sporadic or regular attendance is acceptable. For more information please contact me by phone or email. 439-9281 or [ptaft1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:ptaft1@nycap.rr.com).

Looking forward to seeing you!  
Pam Taft

### ***Background to the Bible Readings***

Background to the Bible Readings will resume on Sunday, September 11. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join with me in becoming familiar with the morning's readings, in advance of the service.

### ***Pastor's Address***

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74 Delaware Avenue, Apt. B, Delmar, NY 12054  
Apartment Phone: 518-512-3594 (often  
forwarded to Bob's cell: 908-432-0408)

## **NOTES FROM OUTREACH**

### ***2011 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.

Peacemaking and World Communion Sunday is **Sunday, October 2, 2011**. We will have a guest preacher who will speak to this Sunday's focus. Rev. Foltz-Morrison will be officiating at his brother's wedding in Florida.

### ***News from the Capital Area Council of Churches***



The **Emergency Overflow Shelter** at First Lutheran Church, 646 State St., Albany (same church as the CROP Walk) has been in existence since 2002 and is open to 19 male guests from November to mid April. It has been a safety net for our community and a sanctuary from the winter elements and the insecurity of the streets. It provides a dinner and breakfast, a warm, dry bed, personal care items, clothing, and other basic necessities. This year, with the loss of state legislature funding, the retirement of First Lutheran's pastor, Rev. Vern Victorson, the death of Rev. John Miller and the loss of support

from his church (EPUCC), the leadership and financial responsibility of the shelter now rests primarily with the Capital Area Council of Churches.

A new oversight committee for the Shelter has been formed, plans for the shelter's tentative opening in November are being made, and funding for its operation is desperately needed now more than ever in order to keep the Shelter operating until April. If you would like to help in this Christian ministry, tax-deductible donations can be sent to the Capital Area Council of Churches, 646 State St., Albany, NY 12203-1217 and ear-marked "Shelter". Thank you for your continuing support of the **Emergency Overflow Shelter for the Homeless**.

Submitted by Nancy Scholes

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



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

Monetary donations are always welcome to help defray pantry expenses.

## TRANSITION NEWS

### *The Meaning of "Interim Pastor"*

Simply put: *Not the permanent or called pastor*. We who are "interim" pastors come to give time, a space, in this transitional period for a congregation to look at itself. "Who are we as a community of faith? What does God want us to

do or be? Who are the neighbors to whom we are called to minister, near or far?" Implicitly, every church has a self-identity that is reinforced most often by what members say and do, and by what they do not say and do not do. During this interim period we seek to explicitly clarify, in communion with God and with one another, that identity. During this interim period, in listening to the voices of one another and the Spirit of God, we pursue the future toward which God is calling us. Clear on our identity and the future into which God is calling us, we form a Pastor Nominating Committee to search for the pastor who this congregation will vote to become its next pastor. At that point, this interim pastor says farewell. Our ministry is concluded; we interim pastors ask where the Spirit of God is next calling us to serve a community of faith. As the apostles moved from place to place to support congregations, so do we.

Interim Pastor Bob Foltz-Morrison

### *Pastor's Office Hours*

Pastor Bob usually can be reached Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings in the office. He also is available at other times for conversation, counseling, or outings; just give him a call (512-3594), email him ([foltzmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:foltzmorrison@gmail.com)), or find him on Facebook.

## MILESTONES

### *With Sympathy and Prayer*

Frank Mengel (8/4/11)  
Memorial Service at DPC September 10, 11 AM

Kay Spencer 8/5/11)  
Mother of Member Gail Chase

Eleanor May Swett (6/25/11)  
Memorial Service at DPC August 10

## Births

Dana Hebert welcomes her second granddaughter, Maeve Elisabeth Haggerty, born August 22.



## Our College Students

The following young adults were recognized in worship Aug 21<sup>st</sup>:

Stewart Allendorph – Endicott College, Beverly, MA  
Casey Capuano – Quinnipiac College, Hamden, CT  
Taylor Capuano – St. Lawrence College, Canton, NY  
James Carroll – Colgate University, Hamilton, NY  
Packy Carroll – Hobart College, Geneva, NY  
Ryan Cheu – MIT, Boston, MA  
Lindsey DeBerry – Champlain College, Burlington, VT  
Dan Krzykowski – SUNY Albany  
Matt Lowry – Hudson Valley, Troy, NY  
Alaina McCreary – SUNY Fredonia  
Kelsey McNary – Allegheny College, Meadville, PA  
Sean McGinn – Binghamton Univ., Binghamton, NY  
Sarah Morse – Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Parents, we ask you to share your student's email address with DPC so we can keep in touch. Please send it to the email address below.

*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)*

## 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)

## Barber's Farm



We welcome the Barber Farms produce stand to our parking lot every weekday from noon to 5:30 PM. They are great folks who work hard to bring us the very best quality produce directly from their farm. We look forward to a long-lasting and enjoyable relationship with them. Check them out when you can! For info call: (518) 827-5454 or visit their website at: [www.barbersfarm.com](http://www.barbersfarm.com).

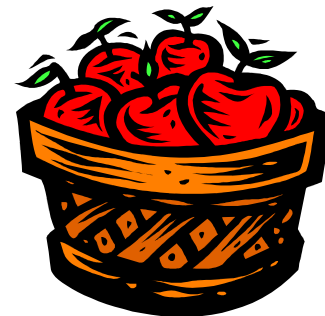
**August 30 Update:** Barber's Farm sustained heavy damage in the recent storm. We will keep you posted on their situation.

## Bells of Praise

Bells of Praise (Handbells) will resume during September. Watch the Sunday Bulletin for day and time.

## **APPLE FEST**

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
following worship.**



**Whip up your favorite apple dish and bring it to share with the congregation.**

**Come join in a time of fun and fellowship!  
Take the opportunity to renew old friendships  
and to make new ones. See you there!**

**Contact Trish McGinn for details**

**439-6784**

~ Ladies Who Lunch ~

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM

Lunch at Yellow Rock Café  
Indian Ladder Farms



*Car-pool from church parking lot  
(Delaware Avenue)*

*Please sign up in the narthex to  
RSVP and make menu selection*

*RSVP deadline Sunday, Sept. 18*

*Arrangements thanks to  
Jane Groff (439-5304) and  
Liz Matterson (786-8208).*

*Submitted by Diana Wildemann 439-2249*

## SPORTS NEWS

**AQUATICS:** August 3, Pastor Bob accepted an invitation from Ladies Who Lunch and attended their meeting at Crystal Lake. While there, he swam across the lake and back, setting a record for his age group.

**SOFTBALL:** The season ended early. We lost to Clarksville in the Quarter Finals of the A Division Play-Offs. Still it was a great season. Greg Turner managed the team to a 12 - 2 record, earning us a second place finish in the 15 team Cooper-Varney Ecumenical Church Softball League.

### Regular season results:

*Game 11 - Presby 13, Bethany Reformed 4*  
Jeffrey Young homered twice and Matt Young

once. Chris Cameron started on the mound and got the win. Wes Wellington closed the game, pitching 3 scoreless innings.

*Game 12 - Presby 17, St. Stephens 1*  
St. Stephens rejoined the league after a 30-year hiatus. We hit five round trippers - Nat Turner (1), Jeffrey Young (2) and Matt Young (2).

*Game 10 - King's Chapel 10, Presby 8*  
(a make up of a rain out)  
Presby experienced a double loss. One was the game. The other was Brian Kryzykowski for the season. Running out a triple in the top of the 4th, Brian severely injured his left quad, putting him on crutches and in a walking splint for six weeks.

*Game 13 - Presby 7, Delmar Fire Department 5*  
Jeffrey Young won the game with a walk-off homer in the bottom of the 7th. Chris Cameron went the distance on the mound and was 3 for 3 at the plate.

*Game 14 - Presby 18, Clarksville 7*  
An eight-run outburst in the top of the 3rd put Presby in front, 11 - 0. Matt Young collected a 2-run homer in the 7th to insure our win.

*Game 1 - Presby 23, Bethlehem Lutheran 2*  
(a make up of a rain out)  
Trailing 1 - 0 after 3 1/2 innings, Presby erupted with 13 runs in the bottom of the 4th. Matt Young led the homer parade with 2, Jeffrey Young, Nathan Turner, and John Cameron all chipped in with one a piece.

*Game 15 - Presby 12, Wynantskill Reformed 3*  
It was a well-played game. With the victory, we moved into second place in this the final game of the regular season. As usual, Matt and Jeffrey each homered. Wes Wellington went the distance on the mound, limiting a good hitting team to 3 runs.

### A Division Play-Offs

*Quarter Finals - Clarksville 18, Presby 5*  
Clarksville scored 9 runs in the top of the first to put the contest out of reach. This was the first time in 10 years that we have been knocked out in the 1st round of the A Division Play-Offs.

## **Diamond Dust**

This reporter really enjoyed the season. Some of the highlights:

1. Welcoming Temple Beth Emeth into our ecumenical church league, along with Mountain View Church from Voorheesville and the return of St. Stephens.
2. Watching Seth Partridge, Dan Krzykowski, and Tim Fitzgerald run so easily.
3. Larry Deyss coming to the game with Temple Beth Emeth and offering the pre-game prayer.
4. Pastor Bob's adopting the team in July, introducing himself to all the players, and even praying for the umpire.
5. Completing our 40th season in the league. Our regular season record stands at 393 - 130. We have a play-off record of 78 - 42. Over all our record is 471 - 172.

## **On the Drawing Board**

On September 28th, Pastor Bob plans to introduce the team to the congregation and recognize the group that represents this congregation during the summer on softball fields in several townships.

See you next year.

Bob Lynk



## **Letters**

Dear Friends,  
It is hard to believe summer is half over. We have been particularly busy this summer. We are serving many people we haven't seen in a while. It seems that when the kids are home from school, they eat more. And we registered twenty new families in the month of July.

We are now signing up for our Back to School Distribution which will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>. We have already received some donations.

It is heartwarming to know that so many of you continue working for our ministry during the summer months. The warm weather has not dampened your commitment to our ministry to those in need.

Thank you for all you do. We would be lost without you!!

Sincerely,  
Rev. Barbara Morgan  
PS – Thank you for everything. The fresh produce is wonderful!

## **Lost and Found**

Dot Geyer is looking for an ivy plant in a small metal black urn that went missing from the narthex in early August. If you have seen it, or have an idea where it might be, please leave a message in the church office (439-9252).



## **Stop and Remember**

The U.S. Senate has unanimously passed a resolution calling on all Americans to participate in a Moment of Remembrance on September 11, 2011. Throughout the country sirens and bells will sound for one minute at 1:00 PM as a signal to each of us to stop and remember the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragedies of September 11, 2001. Learn more at: [www.lautenberg.senate.gov/stopandremember](http://www.lautenberg.senate.gov/stopandremember)

## ***Remembering September 11, 2001***

The first Sunday after Labor Day will be the tenth anniversary of an event that some will never want to forget for losses felt and others may not want to re-open the wounds from which they are still trying to heal. Like many, I will remember people in NYC, PA, and DC who lost their lives that day.

The NY State Museum is hosting a memorial display. If you are in New York City, stop by St. Paul's Episcopal Church to see how this community of faith at ground zero responded. We also as individuals and a community of faith reflect in our living and thinking how we have responded.

Deep changes in American life and the world resulted which I hope we as a congregation will reflect upon. They lead me to ponder, "What kind of a nation and a world are we building – and who benefits? At what price? Is this the world God desires and for which Christ lived and died?"

There are many faith resources available through libraries and the Internet, including our own [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) denominational site. I will leave you with these paragraphs from one of Presbyterian Confessions:

*God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which Christ has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in particular need of reconciliation in Christ. (9.06)*

*God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. (9.53)*

*With an urgency born of this hope the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope the church looks beyond all partial achievements to the final triumph of God. (9.55)*

We hope in God and pursue God's vision. Continuously. Wherever we are.

Pastor Bob Foltz-Morrison

