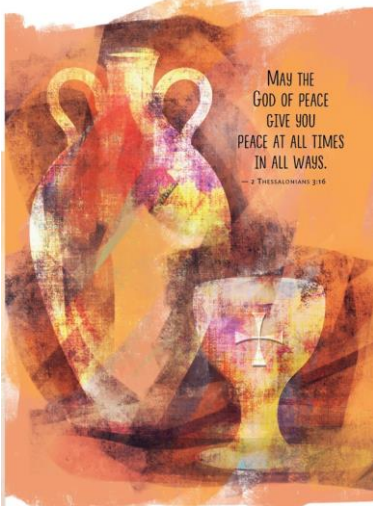




Pastor's Page

"May the Lord... give you peace at all times and in all ways..." ~ II Thessalonians 3:16

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Dear Friends,

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the table, in God's house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world.

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, Delmar Presbyterian is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. We celebrate the truth found in 2nd Thessalonians, "May the God of peace give you peace at all times in all ways.

Jesus Christ invites believers from all over the world, in every time and place, to join us. As we open the doors and prepare the meal, Christ invites all—despite our differences, experiences, and pasts—to come to the table as one body and to make peace through reconciliation and advocating for God's justice.

Christ invites us to join in the ministry of reconciliation and the pursuit to end violence through the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Through our participation in this Offering and the ministries it supports, we offer healing, peace, and reconciliation. In joining the Offering, we serve God's people in Cameroon, where violence and conflict threaten, in the U.S.A. with ministries of reconciliation inside prison walls, and in Malawi, where peacemakers seek to eradicate diseases like HIV/AIDS and their impact on the most vulnerable.

Session and I invite you to join in this ministry. Visit the Peace & Global Witness Offering website [www.pcusa.org/peace-global] to find more information on how our gifts promote peace in our world. As a community of God's people seeking to be instruments of peace bearing "peace, at all times and in all ways," we want to make our commitment and participation in ministries of peace visible to all. I pray that the God of Peace might inspire us to be peacemakers in every word and deed as we celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 4 and give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

May we claim Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness, and grace that he shows us.

Yours in the Peace of Christ, *Pastor Karen*



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Season of Peace – September 6 through October 4, 2020

In less than a month, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations will begin observing a Season of Peace, a four-week spiritual journey designed to deepen the pursuit of peace.

Spanning from Sept. 6 through Oct. 4, the season is a time for congregations to focus on what it means to be a peacemaking congregation and what it means to be people of peace, said Carl Horton, coordinator of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

“I hope the Season of Peace is a chance for congregations, whether gathered or dispersed, to reflect on their identity and consider anew what they can do to promote peace in their communities and in our nation and in the world,” he said.

The Season of Peace is an important partnership between the Office of Special Offerings and the Peacemaking program, said Bryce Wiebe, director of Special Offerings.

They have created resources for individuals and families who want to embark on the four-week pilgrimage. **One way to start is by signing up to receive daily reflections** by 2020 editor Henry Stone via email. The reflections, known as the Path of Peace, also can be downloaded.

“It’s a daily devotion for all four weeks and then leading up to World Communion (Sunday),” Horton said. “That is a new resource specifically written for this year.”

The reflections focus on practicing peace within (Sept. 6-12); peace in relationships (Sept. 13-19); peace in community (Sept. 20-26) and wholistic peace (Sept. 27-Oct. 4).

“Each daily reflection offers insight and connection between Presbyterians, inviting the Spirit to strengthen and support one another in shared life and ministry, through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, and the ministries of every member of the body of Christ,” Wiebe said.

National events, including the upcoming presidential election, make this an important time for committing to peacemaking.

“The months leading up to a national election are often filled with conflict and this year maybe more so than in the past,” Horton said. “We can disagree without being disagreeable.”

For more information on the Season of Peace or to sign up for the reflections, visit <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace/>

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program is one of the Compassion, Peace and Justice ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

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WORSHIP

Worship Plans for September

We are continuing our live streamed services through September. If you are not receiving email links each week, please contact the office and we will see you receive it.

The task force and session will continue to monitor information about Coronavirus to determine when in-person worship is safe.

However worship, study and fellowship occurs, Delmar Presbyterian Church will be alive, following Jesus, doing our best to continue Christ's work.

Have questions? Please contact Pastor Karen at pastorkaren@delmarpres.org.



A Message from the Music Minister

Hymns during Covid-19

It has been hard to not be together, worshiping and singing; and it is hard to think of being unable to sing together when we eventually start gathering again, but that is what we are expecting. Ironically, one advantage to worshiping "together" online is that you can all sing out at home if you wish!

But I'd also like to invite you to spend some of this time dwelling on the words of the hymns. It can be easy to sing along without paying much attention to the message of the words. Maybe this can be a time for rediscovering the beauty and depth of our hymn texts.

DEACONS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4	Gina Jack
7	Joan Given
8	Drew Hyde
8	Joseph Torres
10	Melissa Fleischut
10	Sam Messina
16	Seanie Greagan
21	Amelia Hertz
21	Steven Zayas
23	Shirley Greagan
27	Lee Hessberg

Cornerstone Campus Ministries invites you to our 9th Annual Online Fall Fundraiser "Be The Change"

Featuring Kareema Pinckney Partin
Cornerstone Alumna Class of 2009
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom and Facebook Live Stream
...celebrating our history
and building support for the future...

Kareema Pinckney Partin is a Cornerstone Alumna (Class of 2009). She and her husband, Dom, live in New York City along with their newborn daughter. After graduating from the University at Albany, Kareema went on to study Television, Radio and Film at Syracuse University. She has been engaged in film and media projects in New York and California. Her most recent project including serving as the Associate Director of the inaugural Cinematters: NY Social Justice Film Festival – a weekend dedicated to films and programs in the spirit of Dr. King's legacy to inspire action and activate social change. *Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry seeks to bring Christians together at the University at Albany so they can make a difference in the world.*

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session Highlights for July 21, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoon. A quorum was declared. The agenda and June minutes were approved.

Pastor Karen updated the group on plans for live streaming worship starting August 2, 2020. Only worship participants and a deacon will be in the building at the time. Contributors will be recorded prior to the service. The plan for September is to be determined. The Task Force will meet before August 18, 2020, to discuss.

Congregational Life:

It was determined Aldo's Ice Cream truck is only licensed to sell in Colonie so cannot come to DPC as part of an ice cream social.

Communications:

Signage has been posted throughout the building regarding social distancing and using sign-in sheets for staff and visitors.

Outreach:

Session members received a video about PAZAPA prior to the meeting. A request for a donation of \$1000 was made from Designated Mission funds, which was approved unanimously. Charles Scholes will present a Minute for Mission during August.

Personnel:

Ray has retired and the committee is considering ways to cover custodial duties.

Pastor's Report:

A Monday evening worship group has been meeting via Zoom. A book study on "How to Be an Antiracist" was continuing to meet. Minutes for Mission on environmental justice have been presented and more are planned.

Next session meeting scheduled for August 18 via Zoom.

DPC Protections Against COVID

DPC is arranging for a cleaning service to conduct a thorough COVID cleaning according to CDC guidelines.

All visitors who stop by the church are expected to sign in each time you visit. This will assist us in contacting anyone who may be at risk of exposure to COVID. Sign-in forms can be found by the entrances to both the office and the narthex. Hand sanitizer is provided and masks are required.

Thank you for your help as we care for one another.

2020 AIDS Walk

This year's AIDS Walk for Troy Damien Center will be solo or virtual, the week of Sept. 27th.

You choose the date!

Your support will equip us to continue to meet nutritional needs of those living with HIV/AIDS and other serious illnesses. At this time, we are distributing nutritious meals and thousands of pounds of groceries.

When it is safe to gather, we will once again also offer nutrition classes, health education, peer support and direct access to other providers who come to our center.

For more information, please reach out to Katy Culhane at kculhane@taum.org or 518-274-5920 x201.

Katy Culhane, Troy Area United Ministries

