



Pastor's Page

A Life Affirming Prayer for Spring

Hot showers in the morning
and cool breezes in the evening;
work that provides for our families,
and abundance that makes us generous;
silly jokes told by third graders,
and the silent tears of a grandmother
lost in her childhood forever.
what blessings are ours, Creation's Joy!

Teachers who patiently help us with our math,
and mentors who keep us on the right paths;
friends who shovel snow off sidewalks before we waken,
and employers whose hearts are greater than their profits;
piano teachers who smile at our repeated mistakes,
coaches who teach us (one more time)
how to curl the ball into the goal.
What blessings are ours, Servant of Joy!



Dogs who bounce us awake early in the day
and cats who cuddle us to sleep at night;
grandfathers who teach us how to whittle
and sisters who give up a date to baby sit;
little boys who always forget to wipe their mouths
and folks who always remember to say "thank you."
What blessings are ours, Joyous Spirit!

God in Community, Holy in One,
may thanksgiving be in every word we speak,
every breath we take and every prayer we make.



Wishing you blessings during this season of renewal, *Pastor Karen*

June 2019

Bells of Praise: resumes in Fall				Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at noon		
Choir Rehearsals: resumes in Fall				Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon		
Monday Study Group: Mondays at 10:00 am				Prez Deadline for July: June 16		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 am Choir 10 am Communion 11:15 Refreshments 11:30 Deacons Mtg.	10 am Study Group 1 pm Painters	7:15 Scouts 7:30 CE Mtg 7:30 Worship				
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK						
9 PENTECOST	10	11	12	13	14	15
10 Children's Service & Grads Recognition 11:15 Refreshments	10 am Study Group 1 pm Painters	4 pm Bethlehem Garden Club	Bethlehem Garden Club			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10 am PRAISE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK	10 am Study Group 1 pm Painters	5:30 pm Staff Dinner & Session Mtg.				2 pm Rental
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10 Worship 11:15 Refreshments 1 pm Rental	10 am Study Group 1 pm Painters 6 pm Scouts		12 pm Ladies Who Care @ Yanni's			
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10 Worship 11:15 Refreshments 1 pm Rental						

	Liturgists	Readers	Hostess	Greeters	Deacon in Charge	Ushers
2	Irene Harbison	Sue McCreary	Anne Crawford	Jean Somerville and Anne Crawford	Dan Lewis	Ravi and Vji Bolleddu
9	Nina Nichols	Steven Zayas		Children	Dan Lewis	Sara Howard and Irene Harbison
16	Praise/Picnic	None		None	None	Claiborne and Beth Walthall
23	David Andersen	Lauren Jack		Bob and Nancy Lynk	Dan Lewis	Phang Family
30	Lynda Spielman	Mary Greagan		TBD	Dan Lewis	David and Deborah Andersen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Recognition of Seniors



Hats off to our grads!

On Sunday, June 9, we will honor our DPC students graduating in 2019 from high school and college. Please join us following worship for a light lunch and plenty of delicious cake.



Ecumenical Service and Picnic

June 16, 2019

Elm Ave Town Park

Service: 10:00am

Picnic: 11:15am

Come Worship and then Eat with the Reformed, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches and hear stories from the RPM Youth Group's Mission Trip.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Matt Cooper
1	Anna Walthall
2	Ron Tweedie
7	Brendan McGinn
15	Cheryl Gardiner
18	Hannah Lowry
23	Gary Lind
23	Robert Lowry

WORSHIP

Summer Music



Many thanks to all who have participated in the Choir and Bells of Praise this year! We are winding down the program year: choir will sing this week, and a small ensemble of bell ringers will provide special music on June 9.

In the summer we welcome special music from soloists, small groups and instrumentalists to enhance our worship services. If you would like to offer your musical gifts for a Sunday or two, please contact Carol Scott. If you know a gifted musician who might be willing to sing or play for us, urge them to contact Carol, or give Carol their contact information. Email: carolrscott@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Ladies Who Care Celebrate Summer!



All women in the church are invited to join us for some calm and carefree time together. Friends are welcome so bring them along. We will have lunch at Yanni's Too Restaurant by the beautiful Hudson River.

Let us know if you wish to carpool. We will meet at the church parking lot (Delaware side) at 11:15 and leave at 11:30 for a noontime reservation.

A menu and sign-up sheet is in the church narthex. You may also RSVP to Pam Taft at pamtaft73@gmail.com or Judy Riopelle at jjriopelle@gmail.com. Reservations must be made by June 25th at the latest.

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated Sunday, June 23, for the twin grandsons of Sam and Jan Messina. Daughter Valerie and her husband Rick Root are the proud parents. Cake and refreshments will follow.

SESSION DIGEST

Highlights of the May 21, 2019 Session Meeting

The Congregational Life Committee reported that support was provided for the memorial service for John Thurlow. There will be a Strawberry Shortcake Social to celebrate the conclusion of church school, and cake is planned for our graduating class and for the upcoming baptisms.

The Finance Committee reported that the committee will be meeting soon to discuss the long-term financial future of our church. Our spending and income are currently on target for the first four months. A written outline of expenses and income through April 30 was distributed.

Outreach provided a written report of committee activities, including information regarding the Crop Walk, food pantry, and Family Promise.

The Christian Education Committee distributed a document, Focus Group for Church School Parents. There were three main questions asked of church school parents at a recent meeting.

- 1) Why do you bring your kids to church school?
- 2) Should we keep church school during the service or move it to another time?
- 3) How should we staff church school?

Reasons given for bringing the kids to church school were: developing relationships, building connections with the larger community, provide Christian and Theological Education, and allowing children to make the choice to attend. Most of the parents felt that church school should be held prior to worship. After a brief discussion, Session approved that the time of church school be from 9:15 to 9:55 am.

There was a strong feeling amongst the parents that we need to find a way to have a paid staff person for Christian education. The Committee recommended we continue to staff the program at the current level. A sub-committee of Elders was formed to help with the search for a staff person to begin in the fall.

The Administration Committee continues to review possible revisions to the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy. Modifications to the policy are to be presented to Session at a future meeting. Our insurance policies will be reviewed by our broker later in the year as we approach the January 1 renewal date.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported the spring cleanup was a great success!

The Communications Committee reported that the Family Plan was updated and a current version was distributed. The new directory will be out within a month or two with new photos included. The directory will also be posted on the bulletin board. We are also getting a lot of views on Facebook.

The Clerk of Session reported that that he attended the peer review for clerks on May 14 at Trinity Presbyterian in Scotia. The 2018 minutes were reviewed and approved without exception.

The Personnel Committee reported that they will be working with the staff to update the I-9 forms, and discuss the posting of schedules.

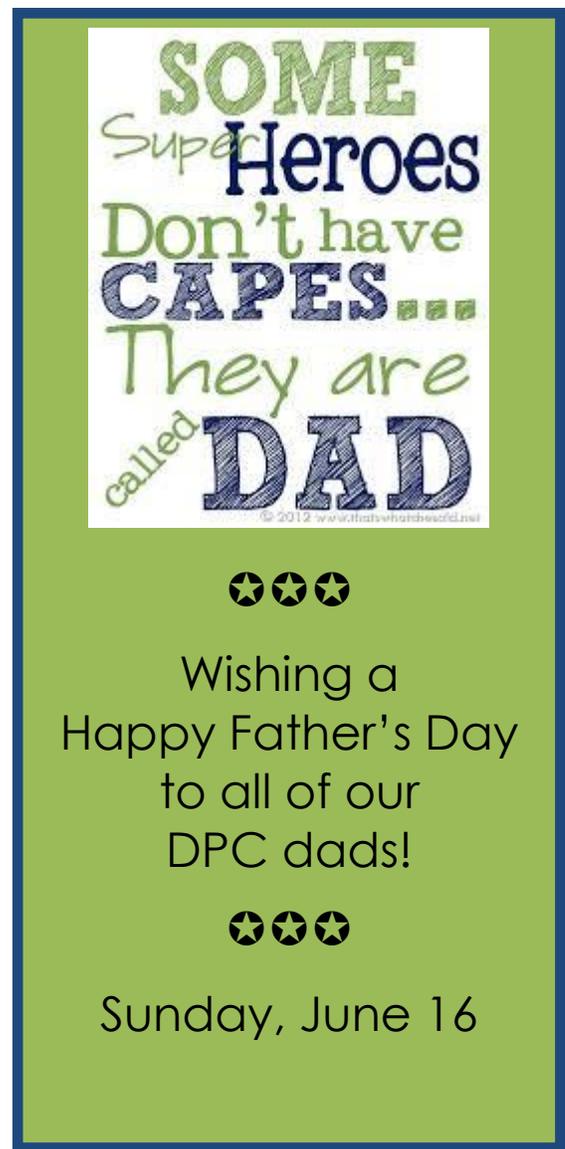
Pastor Karen reported that that the May 12 children's service was a great success. The confirmation class retreat went well. Session approved the baptism of the two sons of Valarie and Rick Root (grandchildren of Sam and Jan Messina) which will take place on June 23.

Discussions continue with New Scotland Presbyterian regarding joint services this summer.

Session also approved the following items at the meeting:

- Approve minutes from the April meeting of Session
- Communion June 9 pew service
- Building Requests*: **Member:** Bob Lynk for BAA (Bethlehem Art Association) November 16, 2019, Saturday, Workshop; Bob Lynk for BAA (Bethlehem Art Association) April 2, 2020, Saturday, Meeting; Bob Lynk for BAA (Bethlehem Art Association) April 4, 2020, Saturday, Workshop

The next Session meeting was established for Tuesday, June 18th at 7:00 p.m.



Bethlehem Garden Club Tour and Sale
Wednesday, June 12
4 pm to 8 pm



Tickets on sale the day of the tour only.

Purchase them at DPC or the Price Chopper parking lot between 4 and 6 pm.
The "ticket" is a brochure with a map, driving directions, descriptions of each garden, and local restaurant discounts available to ticket holders on the day of the tour.

New this year! Choose from a selection of beautiful pots and crafts to add color and interest to your garden. Purchase a decorated container and an annual and we will pot it for you. We have other hand painted surprises for you as well as a selection of annuals. Come and browse our boutique for gifts for yourself or others.

The Botanical Boutique is held at the Delmar Presbyterian Church from 3:00 – 7:00 pm, or as long as supplies last!

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