



## Pastor's Page

Happy April Fool's Day and Happy Easter Sunday! April Fool's Day is celebrated with silliness, jokes and pranks. Easter is celebrated with grand music and beautiful displays of flowers and the congregation dressed in finery. They don't seem to have much in common – yet Christians in antiquity understood the resurrection of Jesus as God's great triumph, and To the right is a poem by Steve Turner that I shared with you several years ago. Can you even resist wanting to call out "Who's there"? And the instant you say it, even in your mind, you know the answer: "Jesus." Perhaps it seems a bit irreverent – however it is very much in step with a basic understanding of Easter: the resurrection of Jesus from the dead is God's last laugh.

On April 8 we'll again celebrate Holy Humor Sunday. It is a very old tradition, begun in medieval times, of observing the second Sunday of Easter with hilarity - to echo the belief that God's victory is so complete, so total, and so all-encompassing as to render Satan, symbolic of all evil and destruction, a joke. It is a Sunday dedicated to celebrating and reveling in God's joy at the triumph of Jesus.

Laughter is a part of celebrating isn't it? In older times the Second Sunday of Easter was observed with jokes, pranks and general silliness. It was thought that the devil could not stand laughter or the indignity of being the object of laughter.

So come to church on Sunday ready to giggle, chuckle, even laugh out loud, not because we are daring or irreverent – but because laughter is an entirely appropriate response to the life-giving, surprising power of God. Men wear your most colorful Hawaiian shirts. Women bring on the outrageous hats. And let us rejoice and be glad!



Easter Blessings, Pastor Karen

## Poem for Easter

by Steve Turner

Tell me:  
What came first  
Easter or the egg?  
Crucifixion  
or daffodils?  
Three days in a tomb  
or four days  
in Paris?  
(returning  
Bank Holiday Monday).

When is a door  
not a door?  
When it is rolled away.  
When is a body  
not a body?  
When it is risen.

Question.  
Why was it the Saviour rode on  
the cross?  
Answer.  
To get us  
to the other side.

Behold I stand.  
Behold I stand and what?  
Behold I stand at the door and  
knock knock.

# April 2018

**Bells of Praise: Thursdays at 6:30 pm**

**Choir Rehearsals: Sundays at 9:00 am**

**Women's Bible Study: Mondays at 10:00 am**

**Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at noon**

**Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon**

**Prez Deadline for May: April 16**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1 EASTER</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
10 am Communion 11:15 Coffee Hour RPMs Mission Trip			7 pm Living the Questions	6 pm Rental		8 am Art Class
<b>8 HOLY HUMOR</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour		7 pm Worship Committee	6 pm Scouts 7 pm Living the Questions		6 pm Family Feud	8 am Art Class
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour		7 pm Deacons & Session Mtg.	6:30 pm Scouts 7 pm Living the Questions			8 am Art Class 12:30 pm Rental
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour		7 pm Christian Education	Noon – Ladies Who Care 7 pm Living the Questions			8 am Art Class  4 pm Messy Church
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour			6 pm Scouts			8 am Art Class
<b>FAMILY PROMISE WEEK</b>						
			7 pm Living the Questions			

	Liturgists	Readers	Hostess	Deacon in Charge	Ushers	Acolytes
<b>1</b>	Laura Scott	David Scott	Matt Cooper	Peggy Mull	The Mulls	Dylan Cady
<b>8</b>	Sarah Lewis	Jean Somerville		Peggy Mull		
<b>15</b>	Dave Rees	Ginny Gajewski		Dan Lewis	The Walthalls	Prince Bolleddu
<b>22</b>	Linda Krzykowski	Drew Hyde		Dan Lewis	The Hydes	Dylan Cady
<b>29</b>	Ravi Bolleddu	David Scott		Dan Lewis	The Reeses	Audrey Wilson

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Church School



Palm Sunday brought the conclusion of our 4<sup>th</sup> Module. There will be one more module before Sunday School concludes for this school year. Please take the time to look at the maps that the children worked on while we learned about Jesus's journey to Bethlehem (on display in the Fellowship Hall).

I am very grateful to Cheryl Gardner who has volunteered to be with our preschoolers on Sunday mornings. This class learns the same stories as the older children, just on a little different level. Cheryl has brought in some great props for class, and the preschoolers are very excited that they have "their own teacher."

I hope you all noticed the cover of the Palm Sunday Bulletin. The bulletin had each of the preschooler's construction paper interpretation of Jesus riding into Jerusalem. In case you were not here their art work is on display in Fellowship Hall.



Submitted by Joani Jameson,  
Director of Children and Families

## Adult Education

### Wednesday Evening Study Group "Living the Questions"

All are welcome to attend a Wednesday evening study group using the "Living the Questions" curriculum. We're meeting at 7:00 pm in the church library. Nina Nichols and Carol Scott are our study leaders. We began with lesson 8 but you are welcome even if you haven't done lessons 1 through 7. You may pick up a copy of the week's study materials in the Narthex the Sunday before each lesson. A read-through of the week's topic is helpful before the study group meets.

There is no sign up; attend when you can! The weekly topics are stand-alone subjects – thought-provoking dilemmas which we encounter/struggle with in our daily lives as Christians.

Dates: April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2

If you're interested in attending and prefer not to drive at night, please call David Andersen (518-439-6153) or Irene Harbison (518-439-3836), or email Carol Scott ([carolrscott@outlook.com](mailto:carolrscott@outlook.com)).

## RPMS

### RPMS leave April 1<sup>st</sup>

The RPMS are headed back to Philadelphia for our annual mission trip! We will once again work with the organization *Broad Street Ministries* helping in the inner city volunteering with the many aspects that Broad Street Ministries offers, including: helping with their feeding programs, thrift store, and mail center. We will also be doing some urban gardening, helping at outreach centers and learning about social justice in the city of Philadelphia.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH!**

## WORSHIP

**MESSY  
CHURCH  
SAT., APRIL 28  
4 PM TO 6 PM  
FUN, FAITH AND  
FOOD!**

## OUTREACH

### **Monday Lunch Program**

Letter to the volunteers from DPC:

*Thank you so much for the wonderful lunch you provided for the Monday Lunch Program on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Corn Beef and Cabbage Soup hit the spot on the cold day. The Irish Soda Bread is a great seasonal treat. The seniors and volunteers enjoyed it completely. We always look forward to your meals.*

*Thank you so much for sharing your gifts at the Lunch Program*

*Heidi Ziemke, LCSW-R  
Outreach Worker  
Town of Bethlehem Senior Services*

Our lunch also included a Spinach and Apple Salad and Chocolate Chip Cookies. The complete meal was served to 37 people at the site, and to a few other members of our congregation. The Deacons' Fund paid for the ingredients used in the food prepared by members of our congregation.

Submitted by Nancy Lynk

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

*Ladies Who Care  
Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>*



A group from the Delmar Presbyterian Church traveled to Scotland in September 2017 and members of the group have graciously agreed to share their experiences with us in a program entitled, *Bagpipes and Border Collies*.

Please join us as they provide reminiscences of their trip, which included a visit to St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh. You will not want to miss Anne Crawford's photographs, videos and Scottish souvenirs. Culinary delights and a wee dram will round out this very enjoyable presentation.



When: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at noon

Where: DPC Fellowship Hall

Bring: A bag lunch, dessert and beverages will be provided

RSVP: Judy Riopelle, [jjriopelle@gmail.com](mailto:jjriopelle@gmail.com) or Pam Taft, [pamtaft73@gmail.com](mailto:pamtaft73@gmail.com)

Submitted by Pam Taft

## ***New Members Update***

Our church joyously welcomed three new members into our church family on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

**Paula Svaasand Bossert** comes to us from Queensbury, NY. She was born of Norwegian parents and grew up in Bath Beach, Brooklyn. After marriage she lived in California, Staten Island, Long Island, Valatie, and upon retirement North River in the Adirondack Park, Queensbury, and now resides in Delmar.



Paula has been a second grade teacher, special education teacher, art teacher, photographer, and administrator of a program for autistic children. She continues to be very active in organizations that support autistic children and adults.

Paula has two daughters. Her eldest is Rebecca (named after Rebecca at the well in the Old Testament) who is autistic and lives in a group home in Glens Falls and goes out to work in a sheltered workshop. Elizabeth, or Liza, Ahner is the younger daughter, who is a social worker in Albany and is a member of our church. Paula moved to Delmar to live closer to Liza and her two granddaughters, Olivia and Cordelia.

Paula and her late husband, Richard Bossert, put together a cookbook for their church in

Lake George. They gathered recipes from members of the congregation. Paula photographed the recipes and used her art talents for layout. This delightful cookbook has delicious recipes as well as many examples of church life humor. Paula has given a copy to our church library. Our congregation is very fortunate to have Paula as a new member with all her talents, experience and compassion for people who have great needs.

**Nelson and Elvina Dasari** communicate a passion to do God's work. Recently our congregation welcomed their infant daughter, Abigail Violet (Abby), in baptism. Elvina and Nelson are from Hyderabad in Southern India. They met there when Nelson needed to change a 1000-rupee note in order to board a train. Elvina was the employee who helped him. They have been in the United States since 2002. Although they have been back to India to visit family since their move here, they now consider the US as their home since arriving here.



Nelson has a degree in computer science from University of Wisconsin, Madison; he has two sisters. Nelson's job brought them here. He worked up and down the west coast from San Diego to Washington State. Nelson has used his skill in information technology to work at places like the Department of Education and the Office of Children and Family Services to

help people live better lives.

Elvina has her Master's degree in commerce from India; she has four siblings. For now, she is home taking care of Abby and in a few months the two expect to switch roles and Elvina plans to get back into the workforce.

Among the skills they cultivate, Elvina is an excellent baker and Nelson likes tinkering with machines and woodworking. They live with their two big dogs "Tank" and "Titus." In talking with them their passion to do God's work is evident. They truly believe that God is a force for good in this world.

Submitted by Ginny Gajewski

### ***Kudos to Our High School Theater Participants***

Stage 700, a theater group at Bethlehem Central High School, presented *Beauty and the Beast* on March 22-25. The performance was delightful and several of the participants were familiar to us at Delmar Presbyterian.

**Evan Finke**, a junior, played the part of Maurice, Belle's father and a dedicated inventor. Evan portrayed the old man convincingly in both dialogue and song!

Dancing and singing in the ensemble was **Callie McGinn**, a senior, who was both a sausage curl girl and a wine bottle. (The costuming was amazing!)

**Jennifer Jack**, a senior, was a member of the tech crew for her fourth year. She worked on sound and costumes and younger sister, **Lauren Jack**, a freshman, also worked on the tech crew doing a number of tasks.

It is always fun to see our church children involved in extracurricular activities that benefit them in developing many life skills.

Submitted by Nancy Lynk

### ***Member Update***

June Lee has relocated to Maine to be near her daughter's family. Her new address is 2 Victoria Court, York, ME 03909. She is shown here in her apartment with one of her many quilts.



### **"Flowers and More" Watercolor Classes**

*Lynda Spielman, Instructor*  
6 Classes Starting April 14, 2018

**To be held at DPC**  
**Saturdays, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 19**

**Fees: \$30 per class; \$135 for series (prepaid)**

Greet spring by learning and improving your watercolor painting skills! This five-week series will focus on basic techniques, color, values and composition for florals, still lifes and landscapes. A materials list will be provided upon registration.

Contact Lynda at **718.563.5679** or at [lyndaspelman@aol.com](mailto:lyndaspelman@aol.com) for information and to register.

## DEACONS

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ted Putney
- 3 Claiborne Walthall
- 17 David Rees
- 18 Linda Krzykowski
- 19 Sigrid Braaten
- 27 Dana Hebert
- 28 Jan Messina
- 28 Charlie Wilson

Don't see your name? Add your information to the birthday lists in the fellowship hall or email the office at [info@delmarpres.org](mailto:info@delmarpres.org).

## SPORTS

### SOFTBALL

A great era has come to an end.

After 46 years, the Prezby Softball Team is retiring from the Cooper-Varney Ecumenical Church Softball League. During that span, Prezby compiled an impressive record. With 27 appearances in the A Division Playoff, the team brought home the championship trophy 13 times. The team played only once in the B Division Playoff and won those games as well.

#### Prezby Won - Loss Record

Regular Season Play	447 - 137
Playoff Record	105 - 48
Cumulative Record	553 - 185
Winning Percentage	.749



A partial list of members who played on the team includes: Jim Allendorph, Dave Austin, Bob, Chris and Tom Barker, Jack Braaten, Nate Cady, Larry Chase, Packy Carroll, Todd Ellis, Brian Grimwood, Lee, Jason and Justin Hessberg, Drew Hyde, Craig Jensen, Brian and Dan Krzykowski, Bob, Tammy, and Charley Lynk, Curt Matterson, Bob Mattox, Jim Quinn, Dave Perry, Dave Rees, Rick Root, Craig Sargent, Elliott Shaw, Frank and Steve Sheridan, Leon Talmage, John and Bob Tartaglia, Greg, Bennett and Nathan Turner, Ron and Matt Tweedie, Jack Whipple, and Robin, Jeff, Jeffrey, and Matt Young.

With the help of transplanted kidneys, Roger Mead was our beloved head score-keeper from 1980 to 1993. Also meriting recognition are our fans, our families who supported us every Thursday evening from May into August from 1972 through 2017.

Initially the Rev. George Phelps asked Bob Lynk to organize a team. In 1999, Greg Turner succeeded Bob as manager. Both men enjoy many friendships.

Thanks.

Submitted by Bob Lynk, Scorekeeper (retired)



FRIDAY APRIL 13

6:30 – 9 PM

COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF  
FUN AND LAUGHTER!

CAN MAKE A TEAM, JOIN A TEAM  
OR JUST COME!!

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

RECOMMENDED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OLDER

ANSWER EASY QUESTIONS,  
THINK QUICK OF TOP RESPONSES