



Pastor's Page

Sometimes it feels like the world is coming at us so quickly that we don't know which way to turn, where to look, what to do next. In a chaotic world, we find strength in knowing that God is always near. That is why I'm grateful for *A Season of Peace* we are in, which culminates with the Peace & Global Witness offering on World Communion Sunday. The ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation witness to the Prince of Peace. It is good to be reminded that, with all the discord, pain, and conflict in our communities and in the world, we serve a God who promises harmony and responds to violence with reconciliation and peace.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It has helped support our church partners in Madagascar recover from years of destructive development. Scriptural resources helped congregations, like the one in Old Bergen, New Jersey, find common ground with neighbors of many faiths, bringing their children together to learn from one another and to build a peaceful future. And the whole church joins together, through this Offering, to work for an end to all forms of human trafficking, specifically, the sin of child soldiers.



This is why we give to the Peace & Global Witness offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace – at all times, in all ways. Twenty-five percent of our congregation's offering stays here to support Poor People's Campaign of New York – you can hear more about it this Sunday from our special speaker Rev. Joe Papparone. The Poor People's Campaign provides us the opportunity to work for justice – the basis of peace and God's shalom. Mid councils retain another 25 percent

to support peacemaking efforts being pursued together with our neighboring congregations, and the remaining 50 percent is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

I challenge each of us to consider how we might increase our witness, and increase our giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

As Presbyterians, 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*

October 2019

Bells of Praise: Thursdays at 6:30 pm				Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at noon		
Choir Rehearsals: Sundays at 9 am				Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon		
Monday Study Group: Mondays at 10 am				Prez Deadline for November: October 20		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		Scouts 6:45 pm CE 7:30 pm				Rental 9 am – 12 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 am Choir 9:15 Church School 10 am Communion / Peacemaking Speaker 11:15 Refreshments	Monday Painters 1 pm	Scouts 6:45 pm	Art Class 9 am – 12 pm			Kiwanis Breakfast 8 am – 1 pm Rental 1 pm – 6 pm
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	Liturgist	Hostess	Greeters	Deacon
6	Bob Lowry	Christa Cady	Jack and Nancy Braaten	Ginny Gajewski
13	Nancy Braaten		Ed and Pam Taft	Sarah Carroll
20	Nina Nichols		TBD	Jean Somerville/ Midge Trivers
27	Matt Cooper		TBD	Jean Somerville/ Midge Trivers

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School



Again this fall, our children will be serving in the liturgy as readers and helpers. Our children will also make three special presentations. Please note these key dates when our children will be more active in worship:

- Oct. 6** Children present scripture
- Nov. 3** Children assist in worship
- Nov. 17** Children present story
- Dec. 15** Children present pageant

Parents are invited to stay during church school for fellowship, coffee and refreshments before worship begins.

Bible Study

The Monday Morning Study Group has begun meeting on Mondays at 10:00 am. We will be studying the gospel of John. All are welcome! We meet in the library.

DEACONS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Douglas Howard
6	Erich Hertz
6	Jennifer Jack
6	Ellen Kelly Lind
8	Julie Criswell
9	Nick Rees
13	Penny Peng
16	Larry Chase
16	Erika Gray
17	Gail Chase
20	Sean McGinn
22	Sabrina Zayas
23	Ray Mull
25	Micah Torres
31	Charles Scholes

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during my recent stay in Boston for cancer treatment. Your cards and gifts were greatly appreciated and they made the long days in the hospital and hotel room easier for Peggy and I. I don't know how this journey will end but whatever should come will be easier knowing I have the support of my friends in Church.

Thanks again,
Ray Mull

WORSHIP

Narrative Lectionary Readings for October



10/6 World Communion Sunday
Wilderness and Law
Deuteronomy 5:1-21, 6:4-9
Hear, O Israel

10/13
Judges
Ruth 1:1-17
Ruth is a foreigner who finds belonging
among God's people

10/20
Kingdom
2 Samuel 5:1-5, 6:1-5
David anointed king

10/27 Reformation Sunday
Division
1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29,
Solomon: A divided kingdom



Coffee House Thank You!



Many thanks to all who supported this year's Coffee House event by performing, baking, setting up, cleaning up, running sound, and of course attending and donating! It was a delightful evening of entertainment, food and fellowship! A total of \$632 was raised towards a humidifier and cover for the baby grand piano.



Choir and Bells of Praise

Choir and Bells of Praise have started their program year. New members are always welcome to both groups: handbell rehearsal at 6:30 Thursday evening, and choir rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. most Sundays. Experience and music reading ability are not required—we will teach you! Contact Carol Scott for more information: carolrscott@outlook.com

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Ladies Who Care



Wednesday, October 23 at Noon

Please join us on Wednesday, October 23rd, for a photo show by a local photographer, Bob Riccardo. Bob, a resident of Selkirk, will be sharing with us his favorite photo images. He explains, "Years ago my wife and I would take rides on Sunday afternoons and I would stop to take a picture of an old church."

His collection of photos includes churches from Vermont to North Carolina. In addition, Bob will show us a variety of his favorite photos of people, flowers, sunsets and other scenes. You will not want to miss these visual treats!

Date: October 23rd

Time: Noon

Place: Church library/lounge

Bring: A bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Sign up in the narthex or contact

Pam Taft

(518) 439-9281 pamtaft73@gmail.com or

Judy Riopelle

(518)439-2956, jjriopelle@gmail.com).



GIFT --- GIVING in Faith Together

Friends,

This is the theme for our 2020 Stewardship Campaign. Our committee has been meeting weekly to create a campaign that will be meaningful for all at Delmar Presbyterian Church and effective in achieving the campaign's goals.

As we look forward, DPC will be met with some financial challenges as well as opportunities to do some terrific things together. Therefore, in the spirit of GIVING between now and a November Sunday, we will reflect on who we are as a church and congregation, celebrate all that we have done together, and commit our hearts and minds to achieving our financial goals. And in that process become aware of new and exciting ways to experience and live our faith together.

In Peace and Hope,

Sam Messina

OUTREACH

**Peace and Global Witness Offering
Sunday, October 6
2019 Peacemaking Speaker
Rev. Joe Paparone**



Our Peacemaking Speaker for October is the Rev. Joe Paparone. Rev. Paparone is the lead organizer of the Labor-Religion Coalition of NYS, and Coordinating Committee member of the NYS Poor People's Campaign. His work involves organizing faith communities, labor unions, and community groups in the struggles for racial, social, and economic justice. A life-long New Yorker, Joe earned a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from the College of Saint Rose in 2004 and a Master of Arts in Global Leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2012. Joe lives in Albany with his wife Lesley and their dogs, Artax and Nym. He is a licensed minister with the Mennonite Church USA.

LOVE KITS

The collection of toiletries is ongoing. Please drop off your items in the donation room. We will be assembling bags to distribute in the near future. Thanks for giving so generously!

Black Friday Fair Trade Market



It's coming – once again we'll host **The Fair Trade Market** on Friday and Saturday, November 29 and 30. Great shopping for a great cause! All of the vendors represent artisans who receive fair wages for their labor. In many cases these artisans are women and the resources they earn improve their lives, the lives of the children and their community. You can help by setting up, sitting at the DPC table, making treats for the cantina or serving in the cantina. Look for signup sheets in the narthex.

A logo for the Fair Trade Market. The words 'FAIR TRADE' are written in large, colorful, block letters. Each letter is filled with a different pattern of small, colorful dots and shapes, creating a vibrant, multi-colored effect. The logo is enclosed in a thin green border.

Lawn Signs for Fair Trade Market

You can help spread the news! We need more private lawns for sign placement near heavily traveled areas. Know someone? Ask your friends - perhaps they know an owner of a house where our signs will be more visible. Get their permission to help this great event. Then contact me - I'll supply the signs.

Sue McCreary 518-258-1205
suemcridergmail.com

will be discussing next steps for hiring a staff person.

A draft copy of KID SAFE was distributed which outlines all aspects of safety for our children. This document is separate from the sexual misconduct policy, and will be further discussed by the Christian Education committee and by legal counsel.

The Sunday school parents received a copy of the current sexual misconduct policy.

The **Buildings & Grounds Committee** informed Session that they will be obtaining quotes for the removal of the tile floor in the sanctuary.

Communications Committee: It was generally agreed that our mission efforts should receive more attention in the Prez and on our web site.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Pollan reported that we will be continuing with the narrative lectionary. She has been contacting our college students, been meeting continually with the Christian Education committee, attended a picnic for the Poor Persons Campaign, and will be attending a banquet for the Capital Council of Area Churches.

Session also approved the following items at the meeting:

- Building Requests from a member, and other community members and organizations.
- Approve minutes from August 20 meeting
- Baptism request November 23
- Receive, with regret, the resignation of Nancy Braaten, Congregational Life beginning in January, 2020.

The next Session meeting was established for Tuesday, October 15, at 7 p.m.

Watercolor Classes
Starting October 9th
Lynda Spielman, Instructor



Learn and/or improve your watercolor painting skills in this fall series of 7 classes. Classes will focus on techniques, color, values and composition for still life and landscape paintings. Lynda teaches by demonstration and exercises with a focus on skills and personal expression in painting with this exciting medium. Individual attention and fun are guaranteed. Beginners are welcome. A materials list will be provided upon registration.

Dates:

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 12:00
October 9 to November 13

Fees:

\$30 per class; \$27 if prepaid

Location:

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

Lynda Spielman is a member and an award winner of the Bethlehem Art Association, and has more than 15 years' experience in teaching adult classes privately and for community groups. Contact her at 718.463.5679 or at lyndaspelman@aol.com for information and to register.

The Stewardship Campaign and the Church's Financial Outlook

The campaign for pledges to support our Church's 2020 operating budget is about to begin and elsewhere in this edition of The Prez, Stewardship Committee Chair Sam Messina writes about plans for this year's effort. This article gives some background on our Church's finances.

Your pledges are our largest income source, providing \$229,000, or 89% of our total budgeted income. Investment income is the next largest sum, providing \$21,680. Building rentals and loose offering generate \$3,500 and \$2,500, respectively.

The Church's expenditures are broken down by committee areas. Personnel, including compensation for our Pastor and other staff, accounts for \$184,403 in anticipated spending, or 68% of our total budget. Other large committee areas are Administration, Outreach, and Buildings and Grounds. At the end of our Stewardship Campaign last fall, we had received \$202,000 in actual pledges--\$25,000 less than what we had budgeted for the prior year. With that amount from our largest income source, we faced the prospect of a deficit for our 2019 budget approaching 10% of our annual spending.

To close the gap, the Session launched a supplemental pledge campaign which brought in over \$20,000 in additional pledge income. The final approved budget also reduced planned staff raises from 3% to 2%. These actions and a few others reduced the projected deficit for our 2019 budget to \$8,600. The Session felt that there was no way to generate more income over the near term to close the remaining gap and that imposing spending cuts to do so would damage things that draw us to our Church.

Looking ahead to 2020, simply repeating the 2019 budget "as is" would be expected to again result in a deficit of roughly \$8,600. But another consideration is that of the more than \$20,000 in supplemental pledges we received this year, nearly \$14,000 were identified by the donors as "one-time gifts"—income we cannot count on receiving again in 2020.



Combining the 2019 deficit and the potential loss of one-time gifts, we face a possible deficit of over \$20,000 in assembling a Church budget for 2020—before contemplating any increases in spending for items such as staff raises, utility and insurance costs, or improvements to our programs.

Despite these near-term worries, our Church possesses financial strengths that many other churches would like to have: we have a Permanent Endowment valued at nearly \$800,000, a Stewardship Fund of \$82,000 to support investments to strengthen the Church for the long-term, and a Capital Replacement Fund with \$113,000 on-hand to pay for repairs to our facilities and grounds. Altogether, we have assets totaling more than \$1.2 million. These sums were built up over years, with parts coming from gifts that donors saved for a lifetime to be able to leave to the Church. They should not be spent to pay routine costs which occur every year. But they do give us resources to help adapt to changing circumstances.

Stewardship is defined as "the careful management of something entrusted to one's care." All of us are stewards of Delmar Presbyterian Church, entrusted to pass on to those we hope will follow us at least as strong as it was left to us. The 2020 stewardship campaign will ask you to prayerfully consider what our Church means to you and how we can all fulfill the ideal of stewardship.
-Bob Lowry, Finance Committee Chair

Cookies for College Kids



Join us on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm as we prepare packages for our college students. Families and all members of the congregation are welcome to bring homemade or store-bought cookies, microwave popcorn and energy bars in bulk containers and we will package them there. If you have questions or have a student in college, please Contact Tricia Hertz: triciahz@gmail.com

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Fall Fest

Sunday, October 14 after worship

Join us for delicious soups,
wraps, and desserts

All things Fall!

Many bakers and cooks are needed!

Also, servers!

Please contact Nancy Braaten

Braaten.jack@gmail.com

