



Pastor's Page



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Once at the White House we sang "This Little Light of Mine" and various church elders including Bishop Curry, Jim Wallis, Walter Brueggemann and others read the confession. We prayed for our nation, our nation's leaders and the world. It was an incarnational example of Preaching and Politics. Our nation and our world need Christians who are willing to let their lights shine. It felt like Pentecost. As Jim Wallis has stated, Reclaiming Jesus is not a declaration to sign, it is a call to answer. I hope you'll read the full statement "Reclaiming Jesus" (link below) and then consider how to answer the Spirit's call in your daily life.

Blessings, *Pastor Karen*

http://www.reclaimingjesus.org/sites/default/files/downloads/reclaimingjesus_summary_clean_1.pdf

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June 2018

Bells of Praise: Thursdays at 6:30 pm (resumes in fall) **Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at noon**
Choir Rehearsals: Sundays at 9:00 am (resumes in fall) **Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon**
Women's Bible Study: Mondays at 10:00 am **Prez Deadline for July: June 18th**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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						Art Class 9 am – 12 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PRAISE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK 10 am Elm Ave. Town Park		Christian Ed Meeting 7 pm	Living the Questions 7 pm			Messy Church 4 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	PAVING BEGINS Scouts 6 pm	Garden Club 4:30 pm	Garden Club 4:30 pm Living the Questions 7 pm		PAVING ENDS	Rental 5 pm
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
Guest Preacher: David Haase	Scouts 6 pm		Scouts 6 pm Living the Questions 7 pm			Rental 3 pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christian Ed Picnic following worship		Session 7 pm	NO Ladies Who Care this month		Sargent Memorial Service 11 am	Wedding 11:30 am

	Liturgists	Hostess	Greeters	Deacon in Charge	Ushers
3	Praise/Picnic	Emily Wilson	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	Sarah Lewis		Wilson Family	Drew Hyde	Drew & Mary Hyde
17	Dave Rees		Wilson Family	Drew Hyde	Chris & Greg Hyde
24	Matt Cooper		Cooper Family		

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Shirley Sargent will be held at DPC on Friday, June 29, at 11 a.m., followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Spring has sprung in all her glory and summer is close on her heels.

So begins final exams, moving-up, graduation for many, and for others the anticipation of another school year. Sunday School is coming to a close as well finishing off with a picnic on June 24th. There will be food and activities for all to join in together, a time to talk about the past year, and a time to begin plans for the upcoming year.

When I told the children about the end of the year picnic they were very surprised that Sunday School would not continue through the summer months. God is good.

I have enjoyed being with all the children as they have learned Bible stories. We sat together last Sunday and talked about the stories we have learned. We discussed what the children enjoyed, what they didn't enjoy quite as much, and what they would like to try next year.

Sarah Lewis and I have begun brainstorming for our next school year together. I am looking forward to learning a few more stories with the children, having them participate in worship, and learning together more about their Presbyterian faith.

Cheryl Gardiner has kept the Pre-School class busy with many projects and stories; the Pre-School class has kept Cheryl busy with being young children. I enjoy seeing these young prophets sharing their talents with their faith community as they created bulletin covers for each module.

I am very grateful for this faith community that has embraced their children as they become more active members of The Delmar Presbyterian Church. Thank you.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

Joani Jameson, Director of Children & Families

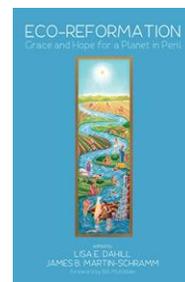
Adult Education

Let's Go to the Movies: "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"



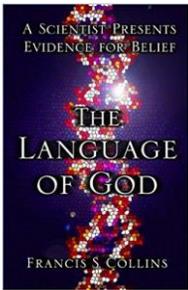
"Won't You Be My Neighbor" is a documentary film about the life and guiding philosophy of Presbyterian Minister Fred Rogers, the host and creator of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. We are planning a group outing to see this movie when it is released in our area. Stay tuned!

Summer Book Reads



There will be two books to read and discuss this summer. Both come highly recommended.

First is *Eco-Reformation* by Lisa E. Dahill and James B. Martin-Schramm, a collection of essays that call for ecological justice as part of the 500th anniversary observance of the reformation. Discussion dates will be Tuesday July 10 and Tuesday, August 7.



Second is *The Language of God* by Francis S. Collins, a book in which the author advocates theistic evolution, arguing for God from biology, astrophysics, psychology and other disciplines. Discussion dates will be Tuesday, July 24 and Tuesday, August 28.

For more information, please visit the DPC website (www.delmarpres.org) or pick up a flyer in the narthex.

Living the Questions Bible Study

The Living the Questions Bible study continues through June with Session 3, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., ending on June 20th. You are invited to join us for thought-provoking presentations and lively discussions led by very capable facilitators. Study packets can be found next to the organ.

RPMs



Ecumenical Service and Picnic

June 3, 2018

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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Congratulations to the following graduates. We wish them all the best as they pursue either employment or further education.

High School Graduates

Jennifer Jack ~ Bethlehem Central High School ~ Jennifer will be attending Concordia University in Montreal. She plans to major in Fine Art with a specialization in Design for the Theatre. She will study Art History as a minor.

Callie McGinn ~ Bethlehem Central High School ~ At the time of this printing, we were unable to get in touch with Callie to find out her future plans.

Micah Torres (Nina Nichol's daughter) ~ Stoneleigh Burnham School ~ Micah will be attending Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ and majoring in Special Education and Early Childhood Development. Her minor is Business School Administration.

College Graduates

Andrew Carroll ~ Hobart and William Smith Colleges ~ Andrew has earned a Bachelor's degree in History.

Mary Greagan ~ SUNY Cobleskill ~ Mary has earned a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management.

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Danika Jensen ~ Iona College ~ Danika has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication with a concentration in advertising. She minored in English, diversity and social welfare.

Devin Jensen ~ SUNY Binghamton ~ Devin has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science. Devin minored in Health and Wellness Studies.

Matt Lowry ~ College of St. Rose ~ Matt has earned a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology.

Kat Pollan ~ Oregon State University ~ Kat has earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in digital communication.

Steven Zayas ~ SUNY Albany ~ Steve has earned a Bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science.

If we have missed a graduate, please notify the church office so it can be posted in the next Prez.

Submitted by Pam Taft

DEACONS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

Don't see your name? Add your information to the birthday lists in the Fellowship Hall or email the office at info@delmarpres.org.

WORSHIP



COMING
SATURDAY
JUNE 9TH

Where: Fellowship Hall
Time: 4 p.m. – 7p.m.
Who's invited: Everyone!!
Theme: Pentecost

Messy Church uses hands-on activities to explore Bible stories, to reflect a God of creativity and to give people a chance to play together. This month we'll explore the symbols of the Spirit through activities and crafts.

Then we'll have a time of celebration through song and prayer followed by a simple meal. Come to playfully experience God's grace and presence.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Parking Lot Repaving Project

The week of June 18th our driveway will be transformed to a smooth, clean surface, ready to safely welcome churchgoers and visitors. If you are coming to the building during that week, you may be directed to park along Custer or on the grass. Our thanks to David Austin for heading this important project.

SESSION UPDATE

Highlights of the May 15, 2018 Session Meeting

- The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that the woods beautification project is completed except for a few small items. There was a discussion regarding the upcoming re-paving of the parking lots and parking spaces for the disabled. Work is scheduled for the week of June 18th. Session approved a contract for grass mowing. A sub-committee has been formed to develop a beautification plan for the rear entry to the church. The large cross on the exterior of the church will be painted.
- The Christian Education Committee reported that they are planning more youth involvement during worship service beginning in the fall. A flyer was distributed regarding summer book reads, along with dates for discussion groups. A written proposal was presented for a mid-week activity program beginning in the fall.
- The Communications Committee informed Session that the family plan has been finalized. Name tags will be moved to the Narthex so they are more visible, and the bulletin boards in the hallway will continue to be updated. Past sermons will continue to be added to our website.
- The Finance Committee presented a written summary of the Stewardship Fund. This year's pledges are on target as well as expenditures. Discussions

will take place in the near future regarding the Stewardship campaign. A written summary of income and expenditures through April 30th was submitted.

- The Worship Committee recommended that our two old pianos be sold and the proceeds from the sale be applied to the purchase of one good piano to be used in the sanctuary. Repairing and/or updating the current pianos is too costly. It is estimated that the sale of the two pianos could raise \$6,000 toward the purchase. Session approved the sale of the two pianos, and also authorized a community fundraiser be held in the fall to raise funds for the new piano. Session also approved the moving of our worship service on July 22nd to the Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church. Rev. Pollan has been asked to preach at that service with the theme, "We Still Rise." Communion will be served.

Rev. Pollan announced that another Messy Church will take place on June 9th with a Pentecost theme. She is working with Christian Education and Congregational Life to plan the end-of-program-year picnic on June 24th.

Pastor Karen also announced she is participating in Step Training through the Presbytery at no cost to our church. Step Training is a workshop / seminar that explores themes in church transitions / transformations.

Session also approved the following items:

- The April 17, 2018 Session Meeting minutes.
- The May 13, 2018 Special Session Meeting minutes.

- A Communion date of June 3rd at Praise and Picnic in the Park.
- Building Requests: May 15th Albany County Democratic Party Gun Violence Discussion; June 16th Sahena Taher social gathering; June 23rd Rose Biggerstaff; October 12th - 13th Iris Society judge training.
- The next Session meeting will be held on June 26, 2018.



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