



Pastor's Page

As the Season of Lent begins many will give up something as a discipline - chocolates, alcohol, coffee. No, I don't think I can give up coffee! But, how about adding something? Read the Lenten devotion *Field Notes*. Come to the study on the book *The Last Week*. And here's one more - **make a commitment to wear your name tag every Sunday in Lent**. It's friendly, especially to visitors - maybe even to someone suffering from a 'senior moment.' There is a beautiful and useful new stand for the name tags. Find yours and put it on! It is a good thing to do.

May you have a blessed Lent,

Pastor Karen



Easter Flowers

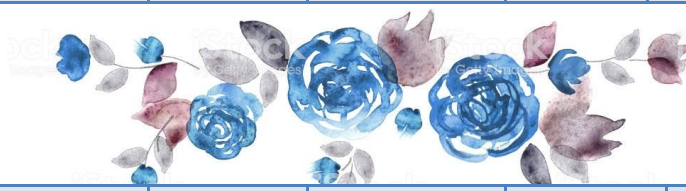


Deadline for ordering - March 31, 2019

Look for forms in the bulletin, in the narthex
and in the DPC update.

You may give in honor or memory of a loved one.



March 2019

Bells of Praise: Thursdays at 6:30 pm				Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at noon		
Choir Rehearsals: Sundays at 9:00 am				Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon		
Monday Bible Study: Mondays at 10:00 am				Prez Deadline for April: March 24		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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						GAME NIGHT 5 pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 am Choir 10 am Communion 11:15 Refreshments and Bake Sale		3:45 pm Bible Study 5 pm Dinner 6 pm Study 7:30 CE Mtg.	ASH WEDS. SERVICE AT NSPC 7 PM			8 am Kiwanis Breakfast 6 pm RPMs Coffee House at DRC
10 Daylight Savings	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 am Choir 10 am Children in Worship 11:15 Refreshments		3:45 pm Lenten Study 5 pm Dinner 6 pm Study				
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9 am Choir 10 am Worship 11:15 Refreshments		3:45 pm Lenten Study 5 pm Dinner 6 pm Study 7:15 Session	7 pm Scouts			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9 am Choir 10 am Worship 11:15 Refreshments		9 am Presbytery Meeting DPC 3:45 pm Lenten Study 5 pm Dinner 6 pm Study	9 am Art Class 12 pm Ladies Who Care 5 pm Scouts			
31	 WELCOME SPRING! 					
9 am Choir 10 am Worship 11:15 Refreshments						

	Liturgists	Hostess	Deacon in Charge	Acolyte
3	Matt Cooper	Midge Trivers	Drew Hyde	Prince Bolleddu
10	David Rees			None needed
17	Irene Harbison			Lisa Bolladdu
24	Nina Nichols			Dylan Cady
31	David Andersen			TBD

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School



And yet again, we shovel ourselves out in the bitter cold. Twenty days to go and we will all be basking in the warmth of the spring sunshine.

I will not be teaching the children for the month of March, I have the opportunity to be in Pulpit Supply at Zion United Church of Christ in Taborton.

Kat Pollan has agreed to step in and take my place to share her education and creativity with the children. The children, along with Sarah Lewis, will be learning computer “animation” from storyboards to a final short. The children’s short will be shown during the Gospel time in worship on Palm Sunday. I am very excited for the children to have this opportunity to learn another way to share our faith stories with the world.

Cheryl Gardiner is still guiding our youngest apostles, learning Bible stories while creating the most amazing bulletin covers I have ever seen.

Sunday, March 10th the children will be participating in the worship service, guiding us in the responsive prayers, our two Great Commandments, reading scripture, etc. The children enjoy being a part of the entire worship service. Giving the children these opportunities to be engaged in worship offers them a better understanding of the sacredness of church.

Spring is on the way! I know I am living in anticipation of the first crocus peeking through the snow.

Joani Jameson, Director of Youth and Family

RPMS

Mission Trip 2019

The RPMs are headed to Beaumont, TX for our annual mission trip in April! This group of 40 (students and adults) will once again work with the organization *World Renew* helping with home repair to homes that were damaged during Hurricane Harvey in 2017.



YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS TRIP A REALITY!!! While each family contributes towards the cost of the trip, the remainder of the expenses is covered through fundraising activities, corporate donations and assistance from congregations. **Look for the RPMs as we will be visiting your church soon to tell you more!** To donate please make your check payable to “**RPM Seniors**”. You can deliver it to the RPM mailbox at the Church Office.

Grounds for Giving Coffeehouse

Saturday, March 9, 2019 | 6:00pm-9:00pm

Delmar Reformed Church

Cost: 2 tickets for \$25 / Students \$5.00

(Childcare available-pre-registration required)

Come and be entertained by the musical styling of Brian and Lauren Axford. The RPMs will serve passed Hors d'oeuvres and there will still be an array of desserts and coffees! As always we will have our wonderful silent auction and raffle.

Midnight Run

The RPMs will be heading to NYC for the Midnight Run, **March 30th**. We are looking for donations for the following:

Items Needed:

Warm coats (large and extra-large – dark colors preferred)
Durable Pants (Large sizes preferred. Blue jeans preferred over khakis)
Tube Socks
Underwear (sizes 32-46)
Sweatshirts (especially hoodies – large and extra-large – dark colors preferred.
T-shirts
Gloves
Hats
Belts (sizes 32 – 46)
Boots/Sneakers (men's sizes 9-14)
Toiletries (wash cloth, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, tissues, lotion, chap stick, shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, shaving cream– travel sizes preferred)
Donations can be left in the coat room.

Love Kit Assembly Night for Midnight Run

Join the RPMs and the Education Committee on **Monday, March 18th** for a lite supper followed by helping to assemble Love Kits for the RPMs Midnight Run on March 30th. 6:00pm-7:30pm

What is a love kit?

- A love kit includes an array of toiletries and socks in a string backpack which will be handed out to homeless men and women in NYC, any additional kits will be donated locally.

How can you help?

- Come on March 18th to help us

assemble, supper will start at 6pm followed by assembly around 6:45pm.

- Donate toiletry items and other needed items for Midnight Run. Donations can be left in lounge by the sale in the box marked Midnight Run.

Please RSVP to RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com

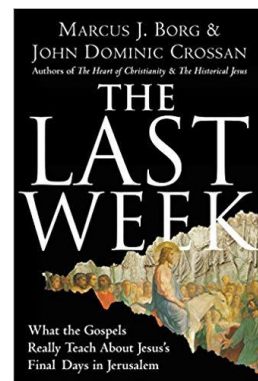
Lenten Book Study

On Tuesday evenings, we will continue our Adult Study with an in-depth look into the last week of Jesus' life. The book, *The Last Week*, came highly recommended and we hope you will want to join us in the study. Copies are available in the Narthex. A small donation is appreciated.

More about the book from Amazon:

Using the gospel of Mark as their guide, Borg and Crossan present a day-by-day account of Jesus's final week of life. They begin their story on Palm Sunday with two triumphal entries into Jerusalem. The first entry, that of Roman governor Pontius Pilate leading Roman soldiers into the city, symbolized military strength. The second heralded a new kind of moral hero who was praised by the people as he rode in on a humble donkey. The Jesus introduced by Borg and Crossan is this new moral hero, a more dangerous Jesus than the one enshrined in the church's traditional teachings.

The Last Week depicts Jesus giving up his life to protest power without justice and to condemn the rich who lack concern for the poor. In this vein, at the end of the week Jesus marches up Calvary, offering himself as a model for others to do the same when they are confronted by similar issues. Informed, challenged, and inspired, we not only meet the historical Jesus, but meet a new Jesus who engages us and invites us to follow him.



DEACONS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3	Dan Krzykowski
3	Nancy Lynk
4	Mary Fleischut
6	Bailey MacTavish
8	Dan Lewis
9	Prince Bolleddu
10	James Carroll
13	Lois Hessberg
16	Sue Kilgallon
19	Patrick Carroll
19	Betty Thacher
24	Anne Crawford
27	Kevin Kilgallon
27	Trish McGinn
27	Katarina Rees
29	Jack Gajewski
31	Midge Trivers

Don't see your name? Email your birthdate (not year) the office at info@delmarpres.org.

ADMINISTRATION

Our office manager, Dana, will be away from March 14 to March 27. While there will be some coverage for phone messages and emails, we ask that you save any detailed requests until her return. Please submit your Prez items for the April Prez by March 24. Also, if you have items for the March 19 Session Meeting, please submit them prior to March 13 if possible.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Ladies Who Care

Wednesday, March 27,
at Noon

Ladies, please save the date of **Wednesday, March 27 at noon for our next meeting.** Our program will be a "Mystery" which will be revealed on that date. In the weeks to come there will be several clues. Come, enjoy each other and we will solve the mystery together. Remember to bring your lunch, and a surprise dessert will be served. We will meet in the church library.

Please respond by signing the notice in the Narthex so we won't have to guess the number of participants. Or you may choose to contact Pam Taft at pamtaft73@gmail.com or Judy Riopelle at jjriopelle@gmail.com.



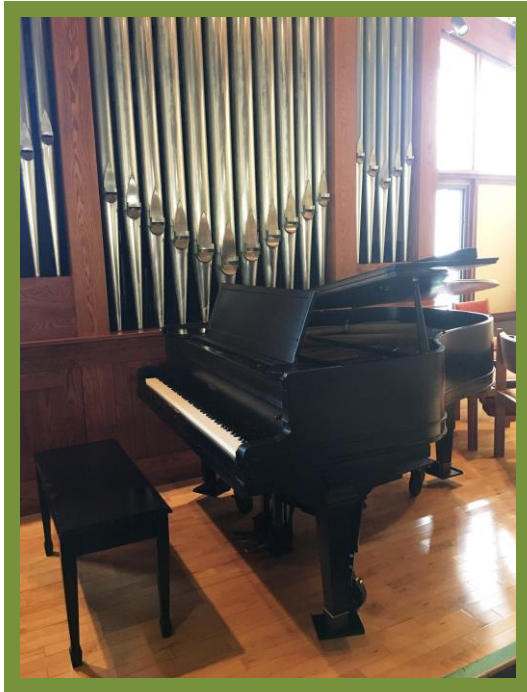
BUILDING AND GROUNDS



Thank you, Irene Harbison, for the gift of furniture for the library, making it a much more inviting and comfortable place to gather.

WORSHIP

DPC Celebrates a New Baby (Grand)!



DPC was very happy to welcome our new-to-us Baldwin grand piano recently. Many thanks to Karen Greene for the generous arrangement that made this possible! We still need some 'accessories' for it-- an adjustable bench for our young players, a music light, a cover and a humidity system-- so watch for news of another coffee house event after Easter!

OUTREACH

Thank you for supporting Cornerstone's
Bake Sale on March 3.
Their combined total was \$2066!

Family Promise Week of March 10-16

We invite you to join us in this ministry!

You can help by signing up to prepare a meal, spend an evening hosting or sleeping over at the church. Help is also needed to prepare their rooms before they arrive and to break down their rooms when the week is over.

This important ministry helps fragile families get back on their feet. Check with Dave Rees for more information. Drees21@verizon.net
Signup sheets are in the hallway.

SESSION DIGEST

Highlights of the February 19, 2019 Session Meeting for the Prez

Session approved Seanie Greagan as a new member of our congregation. Tricia Hertz was ordained and installed as an elder to the class of 2021. The laying of the hands was performed with words from Rev. Pollan.

A presentation was made by a community solar company on how they could possibly save our church money on electricity, while at the same time helping to reduce carbon emissions.

A proposed 2019 budget and a summary of total pledges received was presented by the Finance Committee. The budget was approved by Session.

The Congregational Life Committee reported that they assisted with the coffee hour and provided cake for the new elders and deacons

last Sunday. The committee will coordinate a game night and a luncheon for seniors in March.

The Christian Education Committee reported that the coaching program for our youth is going well. A written report of their February meeting was provided.

The Worship Committee reported that the new baby grand piano has arrived and is working out well, and the organ has been repaired and upgraded. The Worship Committee and the Outreach Committee will be working together to bring leftover blessed sacraments to the needy. A written outline of the Holy Week services was distributed.

The Administration Committee reported that they recently completed a certification required by the town/county to maintain our tax-exempt status. The committee will be looking for ways to maintain the level of services we have at the church, but investigate less expensive alternatives. An insurance broker will review our liability insurance policy in the upcoming months to see if our current rates are competitive.

The Personnel Committee indicated that they will be meeting with each staff person individually in the near future.

The Outreach Committee submitted a written summary of outreach activities that occurred within the last month and what is being planned in the near future.

The Communications Committee reported they have received good reviews regarding the videos that are posted on our web site. The committee is also looking into updating the photos for the directory without hiring a professional photographer.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee reported they are investigating options for replacing or covering the flooring in the sanctuary which is beginning to deteriorate. The new light to

illuminate the exterior cross has been installed. The furniture in the library has been replaced thanks to a very generous donation from Irene Harbison.

The Clerk of Session reported that four out of five reports have been submitted to the Presbytery and the final report, the Supplemental Session Report, will be submitted in the near future.

A new Book of Order and a Book of Confession was distributed to each Elder, followed by a brief explanation.

A copy of the current sexual misconduct policy was distributed and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Session also approved the following items at the meeting:

- The minutes from the January meeting of Session and the minutes from the Annual Meeting of the congregation.
- Communion dates of March 3; pew service, for Ash Wednesday March 6 at New Scotland Presbyterian Church by intinction.
- Building Requests: **Community at Large:** Rama Kakarala, Children's Party Saturday May 25th 8am – 5 pm; Veronica Roddy, Girl Scout Tea Saturday May 11; 9am – 3 pm.

The next Session meeting was established for Tuesday, March 19 at 7:15 p.m.

**ALBANY PRESBYTERY MEETING
At DPC**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2019
9 am to 2 pm**

**Volunteers Needed! Please see the
signup sheet in the Narthex.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Getting to Know You



This week you will see a new display for our name tags in the narthex. With this we hope everyone can easily find their names on the wall on Sunday!

The
Communications
Committee

recognizes the need to update the DPC directory. As part of that, we need to get new photos of our congregation. As a church family we have grown a lot and we would like to represent that!

Throughout Lent we would love for our members to send us photos of you and your family that you already have! Feel free to send them to Laura Scott at whispr0784@gmail.com. Recognize you give us permission to use and edit them however we deem suitable.



On Easter Sunday, we also plan to have a photo booth set up so you can make more family memories and take new pictures for the directory if you wish. The directory represents our entire Christian family. And it's a great way to see God every day!

Watercolor Classes



Spring Series - Wednesdays

Starting March 27

Lynda Spielman, Instructor



Learn and/or improve your watercolor painting skills in this spring series. Focus will be on techniques, color and composition for still life, floral and landscape paintings. Lynda teaches by demonstration and exercises with a focus on the many ways the watercolor medium allow for personal expression. Individual attention and fun are guaranteed. Beginners are welcome. A materials list will be provided upon registration.

Weds., March 27 through May, 8, 2019
(no class on April 24)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: DPC

Fees: \$30 per class; \$27 if prepay.

5 classes minimum

*Lynda Spielman is a member and an award winner of the Bethlehem Art Association, National Art League, and has more than ten years' experience in conducting adult classes privately and for community groups. Contact her at **718.563.5679** or at lyndaspelman@aol.com for information and to register.*