



Pastor's Page

Have you ever said (I sure have) "All we can do is pray?" A sad head-shake usually follows as we mentally add, "Because there is nothing *real* we can do for a particular situation." And then there is the ever present response to tragedy: "Our thoughts and prayers are with you."

I am thinking of prayer because, well, I do it quite often and my heart is torn by events and situations here and abroad. Thoughts and prayers don't reunite families separated at our southern border, address issues around gun violence and don't seem to tone down the angry rhetoric that surrounds us. I know, I'm a pastor so shouldn't I sound more positive about prayer?

Well, folks that oppose birth control point to God's command in Genesis to "be fruitful and multiply." Mission accomplished. We can check that off the to-do list! Yes, we should continue to pray – but we've done a lot of it. We also need to put our prayers into faithful action. Perhaps like me you feel there is little you can do to make an impact. The issue is complex, the problem is immense. All that is true, too. However, like the boy who offers 2 fish and 5 loaves to feed the multitude, God can and does multiply our small efforts into powerful results.

Nearly a year ago, a family of six were drowning and 80 people formed a human chain and rescued all of them. None of them could have done it alone. To me it is a picture of prayer in action: noticing something is wrong; believing you are called to make a difference; putting yourself in motion and then relying on strength and power beyond yourself. When we look at



the problems that surround us, where can we get in line and offer a hand? Where can our efforts which can seem so small be offered up to God and transformed into powerful results? What letters can we write? Let us not grow weary in doing good (Galatians 6:9).

And keep praying. In prayer we are connected to God and we keep ourselves oriented to God and God's kingdom. Martin Luther, the reformer, said of his life and his need of prayer, that if he was busy, he would spend an hour in prayer; but if the day were really full and he had much to do, then he would spend two hours in prayer - because he would need more help!

July 2018

Bells of Praise: resumes in Fall


Choir Rehearsals: resumes in Fall

Women's Bible Study: resumes in Fall

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

Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon

Prez Deadline for August: July 23

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10 am Communion 11:15 Coffee Hour			 Office Closed			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour 4:05 pm Mr. Rogers Movie @ Spectrum	7 pm Building & Grounds	5:30 pm Book discussion at DPC				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour		NO SESSION MEETING				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
11 am Worship at Rensselaerville Pres		5:30 pm Book discussion at Andersen's				YAC Youth Trip to Woodstock Monastery
29	30	31				
10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour						

	Liturgists	Readers	Hostess	Greeters	Deacon in Charge
1	Laura Scot	Lois Hessberg	Ginny Gajewski and Tricia Hertz		Jan Messina
8	David Andersen	Jim Finke			Jan Messina
15	TBD	TBD		The Stearns	Steve Zayas
22	Rensselaerville				Jack Gajewski
29	Laura Scott				Sarah Carroll

Thank you to our volunteers!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School

Summer is officially here, and here comes the heat and humidity. I can't express in words how blessed I feel from my experience at Delmar Presbyterian Church this last school year. The children were engaged, anxious to learn our scripture, and enjoyed creating our prayer together. We tried many new ways to share scripture with the congregation. The children became much more comfortable with speaking and being in front of a caring faith community.



September will bring a new collection of our scripture stories along with new ways to share them with the community. I am looking forward to our class moving forward. Cheryl Gardiner has graciously accepted to be with our youngest disciples at least thru the Christmas Pageant.

Thank you to a wonderful faith community that is so welcoming to a new Director of Youth and Family.

I hope you all have a healthy, happy summer.

Joani Jameson
Director of Youth and Family

Adult Education

Won't You Be My Neighbor?
Sunday, July 8 at 4:05 pm
Spectrum 8 Theater, 290
Delaware Ave.



If you are interested in seeing this highly-acclaimed movie about Mr. Rogers, Pastor Karen invites you to attend with her this Sunday at 4:05 pm. Meet at the church at 3:30 pm to car pool. Ticket prices are \$8.75 regular, \$8.50 senior, \$7.75 children.

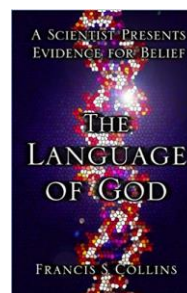
Summer Book Reads

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**

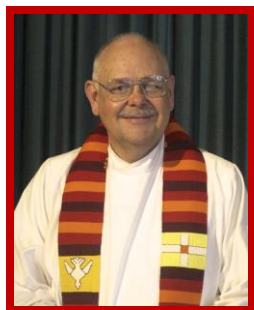
24 and Tuesday, August 28. (Available from the public library.)

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

See next page for guidelines on the first book, Eco-Reformation.

Eco-Reformation Reading Group
July 10, 2018 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

Guidance for Reading and Discussion
By Larry Deyss, Group Leader



Given the fact that you are probably short on time for reading a rather meaty book, I am providing some guidance for your reading, or skimming, the materials. And if you have not had time to read any of the chapters, do not despair and, even more, do not stay home.

What I want to do is to give you a basic feel for the materials. I hope you will gain some insight into important concepts, so that you will be able to navigate the book in a comfortable way in the future.

For our meeting I would suggest that you look over the first four chapters. That will help you to have some flavor of each of those chapters. When we meet, I will lift up a key paragraph or two from each chapter which we will discuss.

I have three goals:

1. To become familiar with some the language and concepts of Creation Theology and Creation Care,
2. To enjoy our time together,
3. To be feel a bit more confident and hopeful for the work at hand.

I thank Karen for inviting me to meet with you and I look forward to our time together. Peace be with you,

Larry

WORSHIP

Worship Service at Rensselaerville Presbyterian

On Sunday, July 22, at **11 a.m.**, our congregation is invited to attend the Summer Worship Series at Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church. Pastor Karen will provide the message. To share rides, please meet at the DPC parking lot Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Please note: there will not be a service at Delmar Presbyterian that week.



The tradition of summer-only services at the Presbyterian Church in Rensselaerville goes back more than 100 years. For a short period in the second half of the 19th century, the village was a lively industrial town as the first site of the Huyck Woolen Mills. When founder and Presbyterian Church member F. C. Huyck Sr. moved his mill to Albany, he did not sever ties with the village or the church. But as jobs left with the mill so did many of the village residents, leaving the church without enough members to maintain a year-round pastor. However, the Huyck family returned each year to vacation and provided for a pastor during their stay. It was F. C. Huyck Sr.'s granddaughter, Katharine Huyck Elmore, who in the middle of the 20th century expanded the vision of the summer services to other faith traditions and invited ministers, rabbis, priests and nuns to fill the pulpit.

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church is a nationally recognized example of Greek Revival architecture dating from the 1840s and is listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places. *(from RPC website)*

Website: www.rvillepres.org

OUTREACH

Update from PAZAPA

Dear Friends of PAZAPA,

Haiti is known to have more artists per capita than any other nation. Spend some time at the Pazapa Center for Children with Disabilities in Jacmel, and you'll encounter a creative spark that might make you wonder if this is the same country portrayed in the media by all those dire statistics about poverty, natural disasters and political upheaval.

Pazapa's new Program for the Arts is designed to nurture that spark. With the help of a longtime donor, we now offer therapeutic and performing arts opportunities at Pazapa, helping to build confidence and social skills as the children express themselves on canvas, in the studio and onstage.



Next month, Pazapa will host its first vocational art camp to train graduating students with disabilities how to produce artwork and crafts for sale. Soon thereafter, you'll be able to support their work through the Pazapa Shop, a new e-commerce site. There, students' work will be sold alongside pieces by renowned Haitian painters and some of the diaspora's most exciting artists. You'll also find handstitched "drapo vodou,"

textiles from Urban Zen's Haiti Artisan Project, and signed books by Nadege Fleurimond and Phyllis Galembo. Proceeds benefit the participating artists and help Pazapa's programs become more sustainable. Happy shopping!

Warm regards,

Charles Scholes
Board President, The Siloé Project/Pazapa

Website: www.pazapa.org

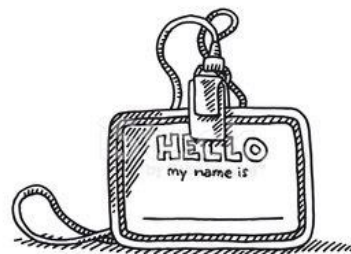
COMMUNICATIONS

You may have noticed many changes happening within the church's hallway.

In an effort to make the bulletin boards more effective and informative, pictures of our kids have been taken down and name tags have been moved. We still welcome pictures of our children and youth, so if you have current pics (no more than a year old please) feel free to leave them on the education board as we did before.

Also, if you love the look of our current name tags please take them home with you by Sunday July 8th. We are changing to a different name tag that will be easier to personalize and easier to wear. You are welcome to continue using the current one if you wish; just keep them at home until the new ones are established please.

Laura Scott, Communications Chair



DEACONS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Emily Wilson
3	Dylan Cady
4	Karyn Rees
5	Richard Stearns
7	Ginny Gajewski
8	Abigail Cooper
8	Megan MacTavish
10	Deborah Andersen
14	Laura Krzykowski
18	Calvin Howard
20	Ed Taft
21	Julia Alsarraf
22	Dmitry Rees
28	Vji Bolleddu
28	Ravi Bolleddu

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



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Ladies Who Care

SAVE the DATE

Wednesday, August 8



*Men and women are invited to
a noontime picnic at the
Henry Hudson Park on August 8th.
Details will follow in the August Prez.*

**** SAVE THE DATE ****



**Chicken and Corn Roast
Friday, August 3**



Look for signup sheets in July.