



Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!

Today, December 23, 4th Sunday of Advent. The Scripture Lessons are from Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:39-45, and the Proclamation of the Word is entitled "Hope From Unexpected Places." We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We will have our monthly Taizé Prayer Worship service at 6:30 pm.

Point to Ponder: This week, ask yourself, "When has hope come in an unexpected way?"

Point of Action: Pray that God would help you see and claim hope, and then share that hope in a hurting world.

Meetings and Activities This Week

Today	4 th Sunday of Advent
	10:00 am Worship/Communion
	6:30 pm Taizé Prayer Worship
Monday	9:00 am Office will be open until noon
	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday	1 st Sunday after Christmas
	10:00 am Worship

OFFICE will be CLOSED December 25-January 1. We will reopen at 9:00 am, January 2.

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at 7:00 pm. The Scripture Lessons are from Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, and Luke 2:1-20, and the Proclamation of the Word is entitled "Hope for All People."

Next Sunday

Sunday, December 30, 1st Sunday after Christmas The Scripture Lessons are from Colossians 3:12-17, and the Proclamation of the Word is entitled "Story and Song."

Announcements

Let Us Know. When you have prayer requests, would like a visit, are going to be out of town, or have a change in your contact information, please fill out a Communication Update form (next to the guest register) and place it in the box.

Prayer Requests may be made using several methods. You may call or email the office, send an email prayer request (look on back page of these announcements for details), or you may fill out a pink slip that is available at the Commitment Center and turn it in at either the sound desk or the church office.

Check out "The Senior Stop" on the corner wall near the Commitment Center. It is full of helpful information on services available for our senior members.

Weekly Reminders. Delta sends out weekly email reminders of upcoming worship services and other events. If you are not currently receiving these emails and would like to, please contact the church office at office@deltapresby.org and we will add you to the list.

Visit the Commitment Center and sign up to:

- Help with **Sunday Coffee Hour**
- Support **Advent House Meals** (for the homeless in Lansing) by providing food, assembling sandwiches
- Help in the **Toddler Room**
- Bring food for the **Fellowship Meal on January 6, 2019**

Visit the blue Friday Night Fun bulletin board and sign up to:

- Help with **Friday Night Fun, 6-9 pm, Jan. 11, 2019**

Friday Night Fun. Our next Friday Night Fun is Friday, Jan. 11, 6:00-9:00 pm. Sign up at the blue bulletin board to help.

New Website! Check out our new website at www.deltapresby.org

The website has a whole new look!

Toddler Room. We have a sign-up sheet at the Commitment Center for people to help in the Toddler Room during worship.

Taizé Prayer Worship. Take a break from your final preparations to reflect on the reason for the season. Join us at 6:30 pm TONIGHT for our final Taizé service of this year. Taizé is a reflective worship service of music, Scripture, prayer, and silence.

Adult Education

An Exercise in Yoga, led by Jane Thomas, meets on Mondays at 9:30-10:30 am. The class is held in the multi-purpose room, so please use the downstairs entrance at the back of the building. Yoga will not meet on Dec. 24, but will meet on Dec. 31.

Opportunities to Serve at Delta and Beyond

Kids Hope, USA. If you are interested in mentoring an at-risk child, please contact Jan or Roger Small, 323-9238.

Mad Hatters, Knitting & Crocheting service group is meeting in the La Leche room downstairs on Mondays, 3-5 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Flora Gilbert at 517-708-0529. Mad Hatters will not meet on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31, but will meet again on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Prayers and Squares is the new name for the Delta Quilters! Their mission is to bring comfort and prayers to those seriously ill, undergoing medical care, suffering emotional distress or having a special need, by making and gifting prayer quilts to remind them of God's infinite love, mercy, and healing. Prayers and Squares will meet next on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 9:30 am.

Delta's Hats (and Quilts). Our Mad Hatters and Prayers and Squares create hats and quilts that we give away. The hats go to chemo patients, shelters, schools, and other places where there is need. The quilts go to people struggling with health issues and to area shelters. We invite you to be involved in this ministry of sharing. There is a book in which you can write about where you take them and how they are received. The hats and quilts are available in the first cabinet in the Commitment Center.

Coffee Hour. We are inviting the congregation to help with the coffee time following worship.

Mission Project. Thank you to all you have contributed to our Toys for Tots campaign. Our mission project for January will be "Toasty Toes." We will accept donations of socks of all sizes.

Christmas Joy Offering will be collected during the Advent season. Thanks in part to support from this Offering, church workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances. Also helped by these Offerings, future church leaders of color can receive much-needed assistance while they discover and pursue their professional goals at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. Offering envelopes are available at the Commitment Center.

Advent Schedule

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm

Sunday, December 30: Worship, 10 am

CHURCH STAFF

Wendy S. Pratt, Pastor
Ellen Jackson, Admin. Asst.
Kerri Buchanan, Clerk of Session
Sarah Dymond, Handbell Choir Dir.
Mark McElwee, Adult Choir Dir. Frederick Isaac, Accompanist
Sarah Dymond, Financial Secretary Joe Frick, Treasurer
Art Kelley, Website Coordinator
Jan & Roger Small, Program Co-Directors of KIDS HOPE USA
Jane Thomas, Assistant Director of KIDS HOPE USA
Jillien Bishop, Child Care Provider

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SESSION MEMBERS

Class of '18

Kyle Dymond
Jan Small
Sharon VanCourt

Class of '19

Kerri Buchanan
Jane Elsinga

Class of '20

Jack Keys
Jane Thomas

DEACONS

Class of '18

John Elsinga
Mary Meier
Ginny Noble

Class of '19

Kris Fry
Mark McElwee
Kathy Peters

Class of '20

Jim Dexter
Jon Vogler

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We want to minister to you and support you, so if you, someone in your family, or others are in the hospital or in need of a visit or prayer, please contact the office or your deacon.

Email Prayers. If you would like to receive email prayer requests, send an email to deltaprays@gmail.com indicating your interest. If you have a situation in need of prayer, send an email to deltaprays@gmail.com and we will send it out to those who have expressed a willingness to pray. Wendy's day off is Friday. If you need to contact Wendy, her home phone is 721-1075, or she can be reached through e-mail at wendy@deltapresby.org. Please feel free to contact her at any time if you have an emergency.

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

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Servants

Lay Leaders

Today: Frank Jackson
Dec. 30: Cory McElwee

Communion Server

Jan. 13

Door Greeters

Today: Seppalas
Dec. 30: Smalls

Prayer Care, December 23, 2018

Holly B., foot surgery recovery
Larry J., upcoming knee surgery
Mary Ann M., health concerns
Jan S., ear surgery recovery
Sue K., recovery & rehab, broken left arm
Meredith J., broken knee cap
Marianne O., infection due to kidney transplant
Kathy P., stroke recovery, rehab at Masonic Home, Alma
Marianne J., health concerns, aunt of Jon & Meg V.
Family of Mitchell J., Mitch died Dec. 13, friend of Sharon M.
Kristen G., surgery recovery, daughter of Mike & Cindy S.

Continuing Prayers, December 23, 2018

Community Mental Health Transitions programs are closing
Flora G., health concerns
Sharon M., health & financial concerns
Pat F., low sodium levels, sister of Sharon M.
Adam L., Roger & Holly L.
Tammy H. & family, family issues, daughter of Janet & Larry J.
Jeff, serious health challenges, grandson of Mary Ann M.'s friend
Toby & Dori S., very serious health challenges for Toby, friends of Mary Ann M.
Carol, cancer treatment, cousin of Kathy P.
Kim, making wonderful recovery from breast & lymph node cancer, niece & goddaughter of Dennis K.
Kaleb B., non-Hodgkins lymphoma, 5 year old son of Todd and Dustie B., friends of Frank & Ellen J.

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Cards may be sent to Kathy Peters at: Kathy Peters, c/o Mike Peters, 980 W. Buchanan Rd., Ithaca, MI 48847