



## Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!

**Today, April 14, 2019, Palm/Passion Sunday.** The Scripture Lessons are Luke 19:28-40, Isaiah 50:4-9a, and Luke 2:29-62, and the Proclamation of the Word is entitled "Disciples: Submission." After worship, we will be making sandwiches for Advent House.

**Point to Ponder:** This week, ask yourself, "In what area of my life do I need to be willing to submit to God?"

**Point of Action:** Pray that you would grow in trust to the point that you are willing to submit to God in all areas of your life.

### Meetings and Activities This Week

Today		Palm/Passion Sunday Advent House 10:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Community Forum-Gun Safety
Monday		9:30 am An Exercise in Yoga 3:00 pm Mad Hatters 6:00 pm Deacons 6:30 pm Joint Meeting with Deacons/Session 7:30 pm Session
Tuesday		6:30 pm <i>La Leche</i>
Wednesday		9:00 am <i>Arts &amp; Spirit</i> 9:30 am Prayers & Squares
Thursday		7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service/Communion
Friday		7:00 pm <i>Good Friday Worship at First United Methodist Church</i>
Saturday		10:00 am Decorate Sanctuary
Sunday		Easter Personal Needs 8:15 am Easter Breakfast 10:00 am Worship

**Wendy Vacation.** Wendy will be on vacation April 22-28.

### Next Sunday

**Sunday, April 21, 2019, Easter.** The Scripture Lessons are Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, and Luke 24:1-12, and the Proclamation of the Word is entitled "Disciples: Wonder." We will be collecting items for the Personal Needs Closet that is housed at North Westminster Presbyterian Church

### 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](mailto: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
- Bring flowers for the **Easter Garden**
- Attend the **Easter Sunday Breakfast**

**Easter Garden.** The Easter Garden order is in, but you can still honor someone with flowers you bring for the garden. Please turn in a form (located at the Commitment Center) by Tuesday, April 16, and bring your flowers to the office during Holy week.

**Capital City Ringers** are having a concert at Delta on Saturday, May 4, 7:00 pm. This year's theme is "Lights, Camera, Action!" Come and hear a stage and screen themed handbell concert of epic proportions!

### Lenten Schedule

**Maundy Thursday** will be April 18 at 7:00 pm. We will share in communion and then remember Jesus' suffering with a Tenebrae service, a dramatic descent into darkness.

**Good Friday** we will join with other area churches at 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church at the corner of Waverly and Delta River Drive to remember Christ's suffering and death. If you would like to sing in the choir, rehearsal is at 6:00 pm.

**Easter Breakfast** begins our celebration of the resurrection at 8:15-9:30 am on April 21. Please sign up at the Commitment Center if you plan to attend and indicate the number of people attending.

**Easter Worship** is April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. Bells and choir will help us celebrate Christ's resurrection. We will also receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

### Adult Education

**Living Christianity: Challenging Conversations.** Delta is inviting the community to join us for a series of forums in which we will consider current issues from a Christian perspective. All perspectives are welcome to join us in an atmosphere of respect and understanding. Our next forum will be TODAY: Gun Safety, 4-6:15 pm. Child Care will be provided.

**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.

### 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.

**Prayers and Squares** is the new name for the Delta Quilters, who meet on Wednesdays, 9:30 am.

**Coffee Hour.** We are inviting the congregation to help with the coffee time following worship. Please sign up at the Commitment Center.

**Mission Project for April & May.** During the months of April & May, we will be collecting Personal Needs Kits for Women. These kits will include a small tote bag and personal needs items. Check out the list of items at the Commitment Center. (The tote bags are on the donation box under the bulletin board.) The finished kits will be donated to Advent House Ministries.

**Spring Clean-Up Day** is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. If you have any questions, please talk to Jack Keys.

**One Great Hour of Sharing.** Read more about One Great Hour of Sharing in the insert in today's bulletin. You may use the special envelopes in your pledge packet or the OGHS envelopes found at the Commitment Center.

## CHURCH STAFF

Wendy S. Pratt, Pastor                      Ellen Jackson, Admin. Asst.  
Jane Elsinga, Clerk of Session  
Sarah Dymond, Handbell Choir Dir.  
Mark McElwee, Adult Choir Dir.      Frederick Isaac, Accompanist  
Fran Johnston, 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 '19

Kerri Buchanan  
Doug Dykstra  
Sharon VanCourt

### Class of '20

Jane Elsinga  
Jack Keys  
Jane Thomas

### Class of '21

Meredith Jackson

## DEACONS

### Class of '19

Kris Fry  
Mark McElwee  
Rhonda Fort

### Class of '20

Holly Brock  
Jim Dexter  
Jon Vogler

### Class of '21

John Elsinga  
Jan Small

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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\*\*](mailto:deltaprays@gmail.com) indicating your interest. If you have a situation in need of prayer, send an email to [\*\*deltaprays@gmail.com\*\*](mailto: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\*\*](mailto: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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## Delta Presbyterian Church

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## Servants

### Lay Leaders

Today: Sharon VanCourt  
Apr. 21: Frank Jackson

### Communion Servers

Thurs., Apr. 18: Meads, Smalls

### Door Greeters

Today: Dykstras  
Apr. 21: VanCourts

## Prayer Care, April 14, 2019

Marion & Don H., Marion in hospice care  
Mary Jo K., surgery recovery  
Jack K., carpal tunnel surgery recovery  
Carolyn E., knee pain  
Shirley, new cancer treatment, neighbor of V.  
Elizabeth N., health concerns, on oxygen 24/7  
Jackie B., ongoing pain

## Continuing Prayers, April 14, 2019

Marianne O., infection due to kidney transplant  
Kathy P., stroke recovery, rehab at Masonic Home, Alma  
Sue K., recovery & rehab, broken left arm  
Flora G., health concerns  
Adam L., Roger & Holly L.  
Casey & Roy C., health, financial & transportation issues, friends of Jon V.  
Brenda K., recovery from knee surgery, friend of Jon V.  
Jimmy T., dealing with death of friend, friend of Sharon M.  
Beth G., cancer, pastor of Leslie Congregational United Church of Christ, friend of Joe & Trudie F.  
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

Each week, the Presbytery of Lake Michigan lifts one of our faith communities in prayer as part of their mission in Christ. This week, the Lyons-Muir Federated Church, PC(USA)-UMC offer prayers of joy for:



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Presbyterian Church (USA)

- **We are upgrading some of the décor and technology in our sanctuary.** We hope this will lead to more vibrant worship and create a deeper sense of Christ's invitation to discipleship for all that gather.
- **We set aside money in our budget this year specifically for outreach.** We have been in prayer about how best to employ these funds and would welcome the prayers of others for our discernment process.

**We also seek prayers about challenges, including:**

- We have a great location and facility but, as an elderly congregation, we struggle to staff our ministry programs with enough volunteers. **Prayers are needed for the continued health and strength of our congregation.**
- We have a long-standing membership but lately many of members have stopped coming to church as regularly as in the past. **Prayers are needed as we discern why this is happening and seek God's guidance in how to respond.**

**Our church was formed in 1989 when two long-standing congregations—the Presbyterian Church of Muir and the United Methodist Church of Lyons—merged.** After worshipping in both church buildings on an alternating schedule, we felt God calling us to construct a new church building in the mid-1990's. **But we continue seeking discernment for our future.**

Tucked in Ionia County where there is an overabundance of churches, we find it important to broadcast a message of welcome for everyone. Too often, folks refrain from coming to church not because they do not believe in God but because they have been, or are afraid, of being judged. When those hurt by or skeptical of the church see the love of God made real in their suffering—material, emotional, and spiritual—the Gospel receives new credentials, and we are able to do graceful and legitimate evangelism. In other words, we're trying to grow beyond our cultural Christianity into being disciples of Jesus Christ, living the "ministry of reconciliation" to which the Church is called and for which the Church is sent.