



Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!

Today, December 1, 2019, 1st Sunday of Advent, Hanging of the Greens. The Scripture Lesson is Isaiah 2:1-5, and we will consider the meaning of our decorations. We will decorate the sanctuary for Advent after worship, decorate cookies, and even do a craft! A Fellowship Meal will follow the decorating. Everyone is welcome!

Meetings and Activities This Week

Today	1 st Sunday of Advent
	Change for Change
	10:00 am Hanging of the Greens
	11:15 am Fellowship Meal
Monday	Toys for Tots pick-up
	9:30 am An Exercise in Yoga
	3:00 pm Mad Hatters
	6:30 pm Spiritual Life Committee
	7:00 pm OCD Support Group
Tuesday	9:00 am Presbytery, Grand Rapids
Wednesday	9:30 am Prayers & Squares
	10:00 am Property Team Meeting
Thursday	6:15 pm Believers
	6:30 pm LAP Quilters
	7:30 pm Celebration Choir
Sunday	2 nd Sunday of Advent
	Advent House
	10:00 am Worship

Next Sunday

Sunday, December 8, 2019, 2nd Sunday of Advent. The Scripture Lessons are Isaiah 11:1-10 and Romans 15:4-13, and the Proclamation of the Word is entitled: "Triumphant Over Division." After worship, we will be making sandwiches for Advent House.

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.

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
- Pick up information on **Friday Night Fun**
- Order your **Poinsettia**

Women of Delta – Need a ladies' night out? The first Wednesday of every month, at 5:30 pm, the ladies of Delta meet at an area restaurant for dinner and conversation. We order off the menu, separate checks. The only requirement is that you email Bonnie Reemsnyder at ourblessedhouse@aol.com by Monday evening prior if you intend on coming. On Wednesday, December 4, we will have dinner at Findley's Restaurant, 5615 W. Saginaw Hwy.

Friday Night Fun. Our next meeting is on Friday, December 13, 6-9 pm. It is a fun time for children ages 3 (and potty-trained) through elementary age. Check out our brochures at the Commitment Center!

Fellowship

Fellowship Meal is TODAY after the Hanging of the Greens. It will feature Sloppy Joes. Everyone is welcome.

Adult Education

An Exercise in Yoga, led by Jane Thomas, is on Mondays at 9:30 am. They meet downstairs, so please use the lower level entrance.

Opportunities to Serve at Delta and Beyond

Coffee Hour. We need people to provide food for and clean up after Coffee Hour. Please sign up at the Commitment Center.

Mad Hatters, knitting & crocheting service group, is meeting in the La Leche room downstairs on Mondays, 3-5 pm.

Prayers and Squares quilting group meets on Wednesdays, 9:30 am.

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

Mission Projects: We are now collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. The deadline to bring in toys is TODAY, Dec. 1.

Advent

Poinsettia Garden. If you would like to order poinsettias this year, they will be \$13.00 each. They are available in several colors. The deadline for ordering is TODAY, December 1. You also have the option to bring your own poinsettias for the garden. Order forms are at the Commitment Center.

Blue Christmas Service. For some of us, the holidays are hard. We may be remembering loved ones who are no longer with us. We may be struggling with finances or family issues. We may not know why we are sad. Maybe you have a friend or neighbor who is struggling with the season.

The Blue Christmas service seeks to address that sadness and offer comfort for those who are struggling. It is a quiet service of candlelight and hope. It will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Invite those you know who would benefit from this service to come and receive this gift of comfort.

Christmas Concert. We will have our annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:00 pm. Come and enjoy the music of the Bellievers handbell choir, the Celebration Choir, and the R.A.W. Brass Quintet. There is no admission fee, but we are asking for donations for the Personal Needs Closet that is housed at North Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Taizé Prayer Worship. Come and experience the calm of our monthly Taizé Prayer Worship on Sunday, Dec. 22, 6:30 pm.

Christmas Eve Service. Our Christmas Eve service is on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm. The Scripture Lessons are Isaiah 9:2-7 and Luke 2:1-20, and the Message is entitled "Triumphant Over Darkness." We will be receiving our annual Christmas Joy Offering.

Christmas Joy Offering. The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us -- retired, present and future -- who have pointed us to God. 50% of your gifts to the offering assist current and retired church workers and their families who are in financial need. 50% of your gifts to the Christmas Joy offering make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

You may use the Offering envelopes on the Commitment Center or the special envelopes in your pledge envelope packet.

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

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SESSION MEMBERS

Class of '19

Kerri Buchanan
Doug Dykstra
Sharon VanCourt

Class of '20

Jane Elsinga
Jane Thomas

Class of '21

Meredith Jackson

DEACONS

Class of '19

Rhonda Fort
Kris Fry
Mark McElwee

Class of '20

Holly Brock
Jim Dexter
Jon Vogler

Class of '21

John Elsinga
Jan Small

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

Delta Presbyterian Church

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Servants

Lay Leaders

Today: Ellen Jackson
Dec. 8: Meredith Jackson

Door Greeters

Today: VanCourts
Dec. 8: Swans

Communion Servers

Sun., Dec. 22: Fricks, Jennings

Prayer Care, December 1, 2019

Mallory, brain surgery recovery, friend of Grace & neighbor of V.
Rev. Timothy C. & family, his father suffered cerebral hemorrhage while travelling in Korea
Mike S., health concerns
Nancy D.-J., health concerns, mother of Doug D.
Jack V., pneumonia recovery
Sue K., arm surgery recovery
Jackie B., ongoing back pain
Flora G., health concerns
Cris C., health concerns
Nancy B., cancer in toe
Yvonne A., health concerns, mother of Frederick I.

Continuing Prayers, December 1, 2019

Kathy P., stroke recovery, rehab at Masonic Home, Alma
Conway O., late-stage congestive heart failure, father of Marianne O.
Holly L., health concerns
Adam L., son of Roger & Holly L.
Vicki G., health concerns, friend of Jon & Meg V.
Casey & Roy C., health & financial concerns, friend of Jon V.
Kaleb B., non-Hodgkins lymphoma, 6 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

Cards may be sent to Mike Schilling at: 10850 W. Union Hills Dr., #2586, Sun City, AZ 85373

Each week, the Presbytery of Lake Michigan lifts one of our faith communities in prayer as part of their mission in Christ. This week, Mount Hope Presbyterian Church, Lansing, MI, gives thanks to God for:



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- **The Food Bank in our building that serves many in our community.** The bank is open three days a week, and serves between 140 and 240 adults, and 67 and 129 children living in two zip codes.
- **Partnerships with the 12-step groups that share our building.** These groups meet seven days each week.
- **The Bluebell Park Neighborhood Watch Group.** This group meets quarterly in our building.
- **Cub Scout Pack 401.** This group meets weekly in our church.
- **Ecumenical relationship with other churches in South Lansing.**

We also ask that our congregation be lifted in prayer as we:

- **Deal with the deaths of five members in 12 months.** This is a heartfelt loss to our small church family.
- **Work to discern our future ministry.**
- **Strive to remain an inviting community.**

Growing closer to Christ, to each other, to our community.

One of the things that is very special and important about our congregation is God's gift of our ability to be a true family to one another. As we regard each person as a part of the priesthood of believers, we hold on to and minister to each other through the good and difficult times.