



## Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!

**Today, December 22, 2019, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.** The Scripture Lessons are Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 and Matthew 1:18-25, and the Proclamation of the Word is entitled: "Triumphant Over Disgrace." We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our monthly Taizé Prayer Worship service is at 6:30 pm.

**Point to Ponder:** This week, ask yourself, "Where do I need to claim the power of God's love and grace in my life?"

**Point of Action:** Show God's love and grace to someone who feels their disgrace is unforgiveable.

### Meetings and Activities This Week

Today	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
	10:00 am Worship/Communion
	6:30 pm Taizé Prayer Worship
Monday	NO YOGA
	NO MAD HATTERS
Tuesday	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas
	10:00 am Worship

*The office will be closed December 25-January 1, 2020. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020.*

### Next Sunday

**Sunday, December 29, 2019, First Sunday of Christmas.** The Scripture Lessons are Isaiah 63:7-9 and Psalm 148, and the Service is entitled: "Christmas Stories & Carols."

### 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](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
- Pick up information on **Friday Night Fun**

**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](mailto:ourblessedhouse@aol.com) by Monday evening prior if you intend on coming. The next Ladies' Night Out will be Wednesday, February 5, at the Log Jam in Grand Ledge. There is no meal scheduled for January.

**Friday Night Fun.** Our next meeting is on Friday, January 10, 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!

**Empty Containers Needed.** We are running out of empty plastic containers (from whipped topping, margarine, etc.) in the downstairs kitchen. They are used for leftovers from Fellowship Meals and Funeral Meals. Please leave your clean, empty containers & lids in or near the downstairs kitchen. Thank you.

### 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. There will be no Yoga on Monday, December 23.

## 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. Mad Hatters will not meet on Dec. 23 or Dec. 30.

**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 Project.** Our mission project for January is "Toasty Toes." We will be collecting socks for all ages. The socks will be distributed to area homeless shelters.

### Advent

**Taizé Prayer Worship.** Come and experience the calm of our monthly Taizé Prayer Worship TODAY, 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.

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## 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

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## Delta Presbyterian Church

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## Servants

### Lay Leaders

Today: Sharon VanCourt  
Dec. 29: Frank Jackson

### Door Greeters

Today: Seppalas  
Dec. 29: Smalls

### Communion Servers

Sun., Dec. 22: Fricks, Jennings

## Prayer Care, December 22, 2019

Family of Conway O., Conway died Dec. 15, father of Marianne O.  
Carolyn E., health concerns  
Mike S., health concerns  
Sue K., arm surgery recovery  
Jackie B., ongoing back pain  
Flora G., health concerns  
Nancy B., cancer in toe  
Yvonne A., health concerns, mother of Frederick I.  
Jason R., back surgery recovery, friend of Jon V.  
Sharon & son, Ali, personal issues, friends of Jon V.

## Continuing Prayers, December 22, 2019

Kathy P., stroke recovery, rehab at Masonic Home, Alma  
Holly L., health concerns  
Adam L., son of Roger & Holly L.  
Cris C., health concerns  
Mallory, brain surgery recovery, friend of Grace & neighbor of V.  
Rev. Timothy C. & family, his father suffered cerebral hemorrhage while travelling in Korea  
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, The Peoples Church, East Lansing, MI, seeks prayers for:



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Presbyterian Church [U.S.A.]

- **Our new senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe**, as she begins her call. Pray for understanding, clarity, unity and a strengthening of this new ministry together.
- **The residents of Edgewood**, many of whom do not have the resources or support they need. Pray for the volunteers from The Peoples Church who spend countless hours providing services for the residents. May the Holy Spirit be present in every interaction.
- **The search committee**, that will soon be given the task of finding a new associate pastor. May God call the right person with the right gifts to help our ministry to college students blossom and flourish.

The Peoples Church: we seek to engage the head, the heart and the hands.

The Peoples Church was founded in 1907 as a great experiment, a congregation that is affiliated with four denominations:

- The American Baptist Church,
- The Presbyterian Church (USA),
- The United Church of Christ, and
- The United Methodist Church.

Our denominational commitments may be diverse, but we are united in our commitment to provide opportunities for worship, study and service tailored to the needs of those affiliated with the surrounding universities and colleges.

We are known for our emphasis on environmental issues, our strong preschool program, our excellent worship music, and outstanding preaching.

As we move into our second century of ministry in East Lansing, we hope to strengthen our ministry to and with college students as well as address the always pressing needs of those who live on the margins of our city.