

The Ambassador

Words From Wendy

I suspect that for many of you Thanksgiving will be very different this year. I know Lena and I will be staying home and miss the family celebration for the first time in 20 years. After the initial disappointment, we decided that we would make it a fun day. We realized that we could have anything we wanted for Thanksgiving, and not have to follow tradition. Since I am sensitive to turkey, this means I will be able to eat the same thing Lena does for the first time in years. We have had fun creating a menu and testing new recipes.

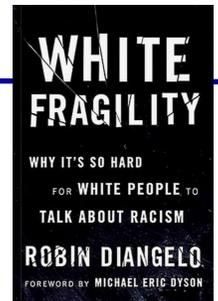


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We have much to be thankful for, even in the midst of the pandemic. We are especially thankful for the progress that has been made on both treatment and vaccines. I am especially thankful to be a part of the Delta family. Your willingness to move forward and try new things during this time is wonderful. I also am grateful for your understanding of why we are staying apart right now. Our hope is that next year we can be together safely for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and all the other holidays. This year, we will give thanks, enjoy a different menu, and have a movie marathon.

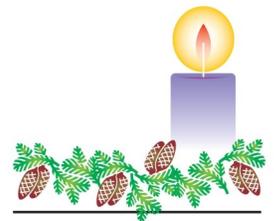
Book Study

The book *White Fragility* raises a number of different issues and helps us to see our society from a new perspective. On Wednesday, November 18, we will be discussing chapters 9-10. On November 25, we will discuss chapters 11-12. If you would like to join the discussion, email Wendy at wendy@deltapresby.org and she will invite you to the zoom meeting, which is at 2:00 Wednesday afternoons.



Online Christmas Eve Service

Thank you to everyone who has come in and lit candles for Christmas Eve. If you haven't, stop by the office and we will give you an opportunity to light one. It doesn't take very long, and we will enjoy seeing your face during the Christmas Eve service.



Drive-Through Christmas Eve

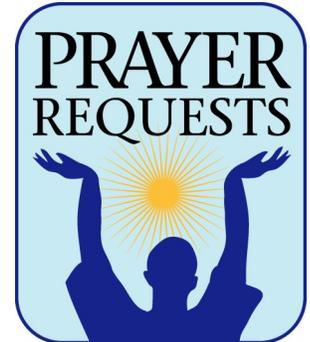
We are looking for people of all ages to stand in our scenes for the drive-thru service, which will be 7:00-8:00 p.m. We are still in need of two outdoor fireplaces we can borrow; we have enough canopies. We will need people to help set up; the sound and lighting are taken care of. Again, contact Wendy or Ellen.



Prayer Care & Continuing Prayer-November 12, 2020

Prayer Care, November 12, 2020

Sue Keys, recovery from arm surgery Nov. 10
Jane Meddaugh, recovery from hip replacement surgery Oct. 12
Sharon McPherson, broken wrist
Jan Oudbier, health concerns
Mike & Cindy Schilling, Mike awaiting upcoming liver tests
Terry, health concerns, sister of Cindy Schilling
Flora Gilbert, health concerns
Philip Morey, sister, Dawn died 2 years ago, mother, Shirley, died Nov. 2019, father, Bill in last stages of liver cancer, neighbor of VanCourts
Michael Jordan, now stationed in Italy, grandson of Flora Gilbert
Kaleb, recovery from brain tumor surgery, friend of Sharon VanCourt
Sharon Davis & son, Ali, personal issues, friend of Jon Vogler
Sandy V., metastasized cancer, friend of Jane Elsinga
Yvonne Alhaddad, health concerns, mother of Frederick Isaac



Continuing Prayers, November 12, 2020

Kathy Peters, stroke recovery, rehab at Masonic Home, Alma
Adam LaPratt, son of Roger & Holly LaPratt
Holly LaPratt, health concerns
Jackie Bishop, ongoing back pain
Rick Morley, lung cancer, metastasized, cousin of Geri Jennings
Rev. Dr. Jeff O'Neill, chemo treatment, retired pastor from First Presbyterian Church, Lansing
Mallory, brain surgery recovery, friend of Grace & neighbor of VanCourt

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SESSION

Class of '20
Doug Dykstra
Jane Elsinga
Jane Thomas

Class of '21

Meredith Jackson

DEACONS

Class of '20
Holly Brock
Jim Dexter
Geri Jennings
Art Kelley
Laurie Stirling
Jon Vogler

Class of '21
John Elsinga
Jan Small

Class of '22
Bonnie Reemsnyder

Mission

Thank you for your ongoing generosity. We are currently collecting Toys for Tots. You can drop new, unwrapped toys by the church between now and Wednesday, November 25th.



Toy Collection

Birthdays

Nov 1 Betty Karelse Kris Fry	Dec 1 Joe Frick	Dec 18 Jessica Wright
Nov 8 Gary Reemsnyder	Dec 6 Holly Brock Ellen Jackson	Dec 20 Susan Keys Meredith Jackson
Nov 10 Mary Meier Ron Meddaugh	Dec 8 Steve Bishop Erica Jennings	Dec 21 Luke Wright
Nov 13 Ethan Woloszyn	Dec 9 Holly LaPratt Anna Marie Woloszyn	Dec 31 Eva May
Nov 15 Mark McElwee		
Nov 23 Chuck Wilbur	Dec 13 Peggy Carlson	
Nov 30 Jane Elsinga	Dec 16 Geri Jennings	



Worship

Are you willing to read Scripture or lead a prayer for a worship service? Please let Wendy know at wendy@deltapresby.org



November-December Worship

Sunday, November 15, 2020
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30
Children of the Light

Sunday, November 22, 2020
Ezekiel 34:11-16 20-24
Matthew 25:31-46
Of Sheep and Goats

Sunday, November 29, 2020
1st Sunday of Advent
Isaiah:11:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
The Jesse Tree: The Hope

Sunday, December 6, 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent
Matthew 1:1, 5-6
Joshua 2:1-16
The Jesse Tree: Trust

Sunday, December 13, 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent
Ruth 1: 16-22
Ruth 4:9-21
The Jesse Tree: Inclusion

Sunday, December 20, 2020
4th Sunday of Advent
2 Samuel 11:1-27
The Jesse Tree: Grace

Cause to Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice! Phil. 4:4

There is always reason to rejoice and celebrate God's work among us.

We rejoice that the election is behind us.

We rejoice in the number of coats that you and our neighbors have donated.

We rejoice in the collection of toys that is growing for Toys for Tots.

We rejoice in the number of you who have come in and lit candles for Christmas Eve.

We rejoice in the pledges that have been returned. So far, they are showing a slight increase. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please mail or drop it by the office. It will help us as we plan for a new staff configuration following Ellen's retirement.

We rejoice in the progress that has been made in the Covid-19 fight.

We rejoice in all of God's blessings as we celebrate Thanksgiving.

What gives you cause to rejoice? Let us know and we will include it next time.



Office News

Are you receiving the newsletter via U.S. mail? Do you have the ability to receive it via email? The email Ambassador is in color and saves us on paper and postage. You can also resize it to make it easier to read. You also receive it earlier than those that are mailed out. Email office@deltapresby.org and we will change you to email delivery. Thanks!

The church office is open between 9 and 3 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Stop by to light a candle for Christmas Eve, pick up your offering envelopes for 2021, pick up an Advent Devotional, drop off your Pledge Card and contributions (financial and toys). Wear a mask, (we will, too). We always enjoy seeing you!

The next Ambassador will come out the week after Thanksgiving.

"Let Us Pray"

Please pray for families who are not able to be together this Thanksgiving. Include the following individuals and families in your prayers: week of November 15: Chuck & Geri Jennings, Fran Johnston, Larry & Janet Johnston; week of November 22: Art & Mary Jo Kelley, Jack & Susan Keys, Bob & Luci Kull; week of November 29: Roger & Holly LaPratt, Mary Ann Martin, Mark & Cory McElwee, Sharon McPherson.



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Co-Treasurer: Bill Stirling
Financial Secretary: Fran Johnston
Accompanist: Frederick Isaac
Adult Choir Dir.: Mark McElwee
Website Coordinator: Art Kelley
Kids Hope USA Program Dir.: Roger & Jan Small
Asst. Kids Hope USA Dir.: Jane Thomas



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Strengthening Christ in us
Sharing Christ among us
Showing Christ around us
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“We are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us.” II Cor 5:20 .

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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 email the office at office@deltapresby.org or call and leave a message on Wendy’s voicemail, ext. 103.

Prayer Requests. You may call or email the office with your prayer requests.

Ambassadors. Delta’s monthly newsletter, The Ambassador, is usually sent out at the beginning of each month, but during this unusual time, we will now be sending them out twice a month. If you are currently NOT receiving this newsletter by email and would like to, please let the office know and we will put you on the email list.

Communication. We will be posting important updates on our website: www.deltapresby.org and on our Facebook page. If you have not liked our Facebook page yet, please do so that you will be able to see the updates. If you are not currently receiving updates by email and would like to, please email office@deltapresby.org and let us know. If you no longer want to receive email and prefer to receive news and information via U.S. Mail, please call the office. If you need to leave a voice mail, leave it in Wendy’s voice mail (ext 103) as due to technical difficulties, we can’t currently access the office voice mail.

Contributions. Please mail or drop off your pledges to the church. Twice a month Jim Constandt and Fran Johnston will come in to take care of them and get them deposited.

Website Calendar. If you have events that need to go on the website calendar, please let Art Kelley know.

Office Hours. To coordinate with the online sermons, we are changing our regular office hours to Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays, 9:00 am-3:00 pm.