



The Ambassador

DELTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Words From Wendy

On March 25 a group of people gathered in the sanctuary to do some cleaning up and rearranging. We removed the bell tables for now, and we moved the round table over to the east side of the sanctuary. We moved the PrayGround up toward the front on the west side. We removed some chairs (there are still 120 set up) and put them behind the banners so that they are easily accessible when needed. We created more space for fellowship in the back, in recognition of the importance of this for the Delta family. We will continue to adjust as needed.



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This may seem like a relatively small thing, however I see it as something much bigger than simply rearranging the sanctuary. In doing this, we acknowledged that moving forward, we need to let go of some activities, like the bell choir, and some ideas, like what constitutes good attendance on Sunday morning. By letting go of those things, we make room for new things. By letting go, we are able to more fully embrace what God is calling us to be and do.

I have learned a great deal about hope during this season of Lent. I'm ready for the next step, even though we can't see our destination. What we do know is that at Easter, we celebrate that God brings life from death, for Jesus, and for us.

Living into Our Vision

Strengthening Christ in us has been our focus for Lent this year as we have looked at hope both in worship and in our book study. I will be honest, some of the ideas about hope in our book study have not necessarily been what I was seeking.



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Sharing Christ among us
Showing Christ around us

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Hope is not easy and requires perseverance. We want to know when a particular storm will end, but that's not something we can know. Instead we are called to persevere, to keep going and focus on just the next step, trusting it will move us closer to our destination. Trust isn't easy. However, when we trust God and persevere, we are living in hope. We are strengthening Christ in us as we move forward together.



Community Forum

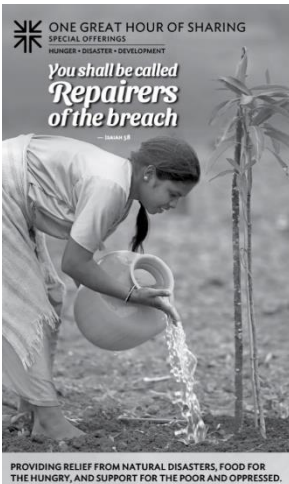
We are preparing to restart the Community Forums. We had them monthly before Covid and had some difficult conversations/programs on the opioid crisis, gun violence, and dealing with the issues of aging. Initially, we plan on doing them about once a quarter. We are making arrangements with the Justice League of Greater Lansing for a program on racism and the mission of the Justice League. The plan is to have it on a Sunday afternoon in early May. Watch for more details.

Holy Week

Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 10:00 we will begin Holy Week with a celebration of Palm/Passion Sunday. We will remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as the faithful gathered to celebrate the Passover. Passover was a time when the Romans increased their military presence to keep the people in line.

Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7:00 we will celebrate Maundy Thursday with Communion and a Tenebrae Service. This is the night when Jesus gathered with his disciples in the Upper Room to share a final meal before his arrest. It was the night he gave us the gift of communion, which we will share together. It is also the night of his arrest, and we will remember the gathering darkness as we share the story and dim the lights as we hear again the story of Christ's suffering and death.

Sunday, April 9, at 10:00 we will celebrate Christ's Resurrection. We will have a continental breakfast upstairs beginning at 9:15, with left-overs following the service. The choir will sing as we celebrate Christ's victory over death and the hope that gives us.



One Great Hour of Sharing

One of the special offerings we receive each year in support of the larger ministry of our denomination is One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering supports 3 programs of the denomination: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), and Self-Development of People (SDOP). All of these ministries are focused on equipping individuals and communities to address local problems.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program is at work around the world. It focuses on providing the knowledge and tools to support families and communities by providing clean wells, farm animals, equipment, and most importantly, education. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we equip people to address the challenge of hunger in their own communities.

Spotlight on Mission:

Thank you to all who donated personal needs items in March. For April, we will be collecting underwear and t-shirts.



Per capita

Just a short message as a reminder that this is the time of year that we accept donations toward the per capita. The per capita for 2023 is \$39.10. Just make your checks out to Delta Presbyterian Church and in the memo line indicate it is for per capita. If you received offering envelopes there is a

special envelope for this donation and please donate for each Delta member in your family. Please help us meet this expense that is used to cover costs of the administrative portions of the budgets of Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

Office News

Stacy has begun working as a Recovery Coach at Lifeboat Addiction Recovery. The office hours will continue to be adjusted as she settles into her new responsibilities there. Most days, she will work in the church office in the morning. There will also be days when she is away from the office for training or meetings. She is still working to figure out her new schedule, so please call before you stop by. Wendy will be on vacation the week after Easter.



Worship for Easter and Holy Week

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Matthew 26-27 selected
verses.

Hope: Love and Service

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Tony Patrick, retired
pastor of Mt. Hope Presbyterian
Church

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm/Passion Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Hope: A New Kind of King

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-18

Hope: Victory

Sunday, April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

The Promise

Sunday, April 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

Good Will

Maundy Thursday

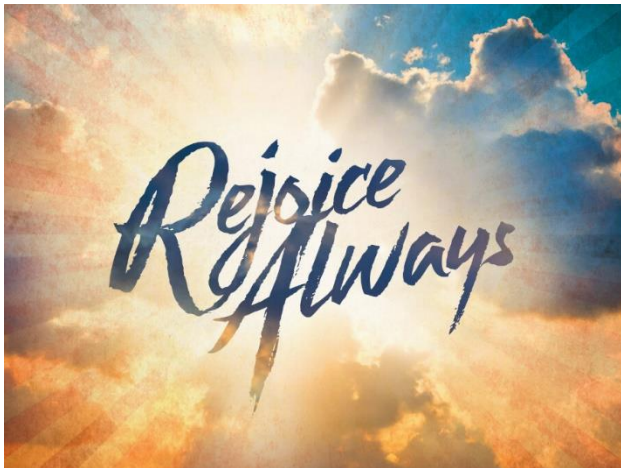
April 6, 2023

Sunday, April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

Cause to Rejoice!

God continues to be at work in and through us as we seek to serve God in our community. There is always cause to rejoice!



We rejoice that Spring is here, and that we even are having some Spring weather.

We rejoice in the rearrangement of the sanctuary, and the volunteers who gave of their time to do it.

We rejoice in the return of the Easter breakfast.

We rejoice in our financial strength, thanks to your generosity.

We rejoice that the Strategic Planning Team is going to resume their work of planning for the future.

We rejoice that we have managed to keep raccoons out of the attic.

We rejoice in the repair of the soffit at the back of the sanctuary and the soffit outdoors on the east side of the church.

We rejoice in our new member, Denise Colosky.

We rejoice in the hard work of the Property Team, who are taking care of needed repairs and cleaning things out as they identify things that are no longer needed.

We rejoice in the volunteers who step up as needed, and especially in Ellen Jackson's work as she covered the office when Stacy was in training and when she had strep throat.

We rejoice as Covid cases drop and we can create a new normal.

We rejoice that Tony Patrick will be filling the pulpit while Wendy is on vacation the Sunday after Easter.

What gives you cause to rejoice around Delta? Let us know and we will include it here next month.

SESSION

Class of 2023

Doug Dykstra
Chuck Jennings
Sue Settle
Nancy Ellis

Class of 2024

Meredith Jackson

DEACONS

Class of 2023

Maureen Dykstra	Bonnie Reemsnyder
Trudie Frick	Jane Thomas
Geri Jennings	Art Kelley

Birthdays

April 5	Mary Jo Kelley
April 7	Mary Koehler
April 9	Mary Mead
April 14	Cindy Schilling
April 20	Henry Lyon
April 21	Frances Johnston
April 28	Anne Ryan
April 29	Richard Mead



May 7	Janet Small
May 9	Paul Seppala
May 13	Trudie Frick
May 19	Bob Buchanan
May 21	Rhonda Fort
May 22	Briahna Bishop
May 27	Larry Johnston

Let Us Pray

Pray for those living in the aftermath of disasters both natural (earthquakes, storms, etc.) and unnatural (mass shootings, train derailments, etc.). Also, include the following in your prayers: week of April 2: Read & Sharon Ross, Anne Ryan, Mike & Cindy Schilling, Paul & Jo Seppala and Bill & Sue Settle, week of April 9: Roger & Janet Small, Bill & Laurie Stirling, Margaret Strange, Ralph & Susan Swan and Jane Thomas, week of April 16: Ed Troshak, Jack & Sharon VanCourt, Brad Venman, Jon Vogler, Chuck Wilbur, week of April 23: Dan, Anna Marie, Isaiah, Ethan, Aiden, & Olivia Woloszyn, and Ken & Jessica Wright, week of April 30: Vicki Zaikowski, Mengyao Zhao (Chloe), week of May 7: Jeff & Sandy Akright, Don & Betty Aschom, Pat Baker, Bob & Wendy Benezette, and Steven, Jacklynne, Jillien, Briahna, Grace, Jackson & Eli Bishop.





Prayer Care March 30, 2023

Jim Dexter, surgery recovery
Meredith Jackson, health Concerns
Joseph Groth, care giver search, friend of Jon Vogler
Denis Colosky's daughter, health concerns
The MSU Community
Peggy Carlson, health concerns
Jack Keys, pain

Continuing Prayers March 30, 2023

Susan, Pat Baker's niece, cancer
Sharon Davis, son, Ali, poor living conditions, friend of Jon Vogler
Lisa Dingwell, health concerns
Donna Dickert, continuing health concerns
Mark Reed, friend of Mary Ann Martin, colon cancer
Nate Batterbee, Nancy Ellis' grandnephew, recovery from massive stroke and heart surgery
Sue Keys, continuing recovery and adjustment from broken arm
Flora Gilbert, health concerns
Kathy Peters, at Masonic Home, Alma
Sharon McPherson, health concerns
Adam LaPratt, son of Roger & Holly LaPratt
Holly LaPratt, health concerns

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Palm/Passion Sunday Change for Change 10am Worship	3 Holy Week 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	4 Holy Week	5 Holy Week 9:30 Prayers and Squares	6 7:00 Maundy Thursday Communion 6:30 LAP Quilters	7 Good Friday	8 10:00 Decorate the Sanctuary for Easter
9 Resurrection of the Lord /Easter Sunday 9:00 Choir 9:15 breakfast 10am Worship	10 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7: 00 Resources Committee Wendy Vacation	11 Wendy Vacation	12 9:30 Prayers and Squares Wendy Vacation	13 Wendy Vacation	14 Wendy Vacation	15 Wendy Vacation
16 2nd Sunday of Easter 10am Worship Wendy Vacation	17 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Session	18	19 9:30 Prayers and Squares	20	21	22 10:00 Boy Scout Troops
23 3rd Sunday of Easter 10am Worship Wendy Vacation	24 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7: 00 OCD Support	25	26 9:30 Prayers and Squares	27	28	29
30 4th Sunday of Easter 10am Worship						

Updated Calendar

Check out the church website for an up-to-date calendar at www.deltapresby.org. Thanks to Art for his work keeping it current.

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March 30, 2023

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Wendy S. Pratt
Admin. Asst: Stacy Elliott
Clerk of Session: Meredith Jackson
Treasurer: Joe Frick
Co-Treasurer: Bill Stirling
Financial Secretary: Fran Johnston
Accompanist: Mengyao Zhao (Chloe)
Adult Choir Dir.: Ellen Jackson
Website Coordinator: Art Kelley



***"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 voicemail.

Ambassadors. Delta's newsletter, The Ambassador, is sent out once 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 and leave a voice mail if the office is closed.

Contributions. If you are not attending worship, please mail or drop off your offerings 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.

Papergator. Feed our Papergator! The paper, books, and cardstock are recycled and the church is paid for the amount collected.