



# The Ambassador

DELTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Words From Wendy

Monday I was at First Presbyterian Church in Lansing to hear a presentation on the work of the Justice League of Greater Lansing. Their mission statement:

The **Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan** exists to repair the breach caused by the historical damage of slavery and its aftermath. In the spirit of repentance for the sin of racism, we seek to build relationships and facilitate reparations between houses of worship and collaborative partners to increase wealth equity for African Americans in the Greater Lansing Area.



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What I find exciting about this is that it goes beyond talking about the realities and continuing existence of racism to doing something, to joining with the Justice League to begin to repair the inequities that have come about as a result of slavery, Jim Crow, and so much more. This is the opportunity to do something to repair the breach, to offer a hand up to our neighbors as they seek to do the things that are more challenging because of the struggles that come with being an African American today.



First Presbyterian of Lansing and Holt Presbyterian Church provided leadership and support to get this started.

On Sunday, May 21, at 4:00 pm we will host a community forum. The founder of the Justice League, Willye Bryan, and president, Prince Solace will be here to talk about both the need and what we can do to begin to repair the breach. This is an exciting opportunity to make a difference, to move beyond words to actions.

## Living into Our Vision

Perhaps the most challenging part of our vision statement is finding concrete ways in which to show Christ around us. In a hurting, divided society, how do we shine with the



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**Strengthening** Christ in us  
**Sharing** Christ among us  
**Showing** Christ around us

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love and grace of Jesus Christ? How do we make a difference? On Sunday, May 21 we will have an opportunity to learn of a way we can show Christ around us as we gather at 4:00 for a Community Forum right here at Delta. We will learn of the work of the Justice League of Greater Lansing and things we can do to Show Christ by joining their ministry in our community.

## The Elevator

You may have noticed an out of order sign on the elevator. We have it inspected quarterly, and one of the buffers (a safety feature on a spring that softens the force of an emergency drop) was broken and the other was badly rusted. A contract has been signed and the parts ordered, so we are hopeful it will be back in operation soon. We discussed how much the elevator is used, but since it is required by code, it has to be fixed.



## Excess Items Available

The church has several items that are excess to our needs. These items are displayed on some tables along the East wall of the downstairs multi-purpose room. Most of the items are free. Those that are deemed to have a value have the price (derived from auction sales/intuition/Ouija board/whatever) posted on the item. Payment can be made in the offering plate (please indicate on the memo line what it's for) or in the office during office hours.

## Spotlight on Mission:

Thank you for your April donations of underwear. For May we are encouraging you to practice random acts of kindness. We will have a spot where you can write down what you have done.

## Office News

Wendy will be out of the office the week of May 14 to attend the Festival of Homiletics. Continue to call before you stop by.



## Worship



**Sunday, April 30, 2023**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2:42-47  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
**Good Will**

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 7:55-60  
John 14:1-14  
**Covered Ears**

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:14-21  
**The Hope in Us**

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 1:6-14  
1 Peter 4:13-14, 5:6-11  
**Surviving Hard Times**

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**  
**Day of Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1-21  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
**The Gift of Communication**

## 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** in the spring weather (and taste of summer) we have had, and know that eventually the snow will stop.

**We rejoice** in our Easter worship and all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were here.

**We rejoice** in the new high-top tables and stools that have been donated for use during fellowship time.

**We rejoice** in the return of the choir and all they added to our Easter service.

**We rejoice** in the worship leadership and message of the Rev. Tony Patrick while Wendy was on vacation.

**We rejoice** in the energy and engagement that has come with the return of the coffee hour.

**We rejoice** in the hard work of the Resource Committee. Resources is looking at ways to save us money on our banking, including getting a better deal on banking and increasing income on savings.

**We rejoice** in the work of the Property Team. They have cleaned out a number of items that were not being used and made them available to our members. They have also been trapping raccoons (5 so far) and dealing with maintenance needs (soffits, elevator.) We thank them for their hard work.

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

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



June 3	Helen Hogan
June 9	Sharon McPherson
June 10	Lisa Dingwell
June 13	Marianne Oren
June 15	Ralph Swan
June 29	David Brock
June 30	Jon Vogler



## Let Us Pray

Pray for the divisions in our country, that we would learn to listen to one another rather than seeking to silence those with a different perspective. Also, include the following in your prayers: week of April 30: Dan, Anna Marie, Isaiah, Ethan, Aiden and Olivia Woloszyn, Vicki Zaikowski and 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, week of May 14: Mark Bradley, David & Holly Brock, Georgia Brown, and Bob & Jan Buchanan, week of May 21: Kerri Buchanan, Peggy Carlson, Denise Colosky and Jim Constandt, week of May 28: Jim & JoAnn Dexter, Donna Dickert, Lisa Dingwell, and Doug & Maureen Dykstra, week of June 4: Stacy & Trenten Elliott, Nancy Ellis, John & Jane Elsinga, and Mark & Kelli Fech.



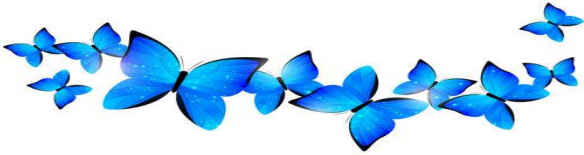
## Prayer Care April 27, 2023

Holly Brock, equilibrium issues  
Travis Watts, friend of Stacy, health concerns  
Jim Dexter, surgery recovery  
Meredith Jackson, health concerns  
Denise Colosky's daughter, health concerns  
The MSU Community  
Peggy Carlson, health concerns  
Jack Keys, pain

## Continuing Prayers April 27, 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

# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 3:30 Spiritual Life (at the church) 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Strategic Planning (Zoom)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30 Prayers and Squares	<b>4</b> 6:30 LAP Quilters	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 5th Sunday of Easter Change for Change Communion 10am Worship	<b>8</b> 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 Prayers and Squares	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 6th Sunday of Easter 10am Worship  Mother's Day	<b>15</b> 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts Wendy Study Leave	<b>16</b>  Wendy Study Leave	<b>17</b> 9:30 Prayers and Squares  Wendy Study Leave	<b>18</b> Ascension of the Lord  Wendy Study Leave	<b>19</b>  Wendy Study Leave	<b>20</b> 10:00 Boy Scout Troops  Wendy Study Leave
<b>21</b> 7th Sunday of Easter Personal Needs 10am Worship 4:00 Community Forum	<b>22</b> 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 OCD Support	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 Prayers and Squares	<b>25</b> 6:30 Student Recital Linda Abar	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Day of Pentecost 10am Worship	<b>29</b> Memorial Day Office Closed 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 3:00 Deacons (Zoom)	<b>31</b> 9:30 Prayers and Squares			

## Updated Calendar

Check out the church website for an up-to-date calendar at [www.deltapresby.org](http://www.deltapresby.org). Thanks to Art for his work keeping it current.

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**April 27, 2023**

## CHURCH STAFF

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



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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.