



# The Ambassador

DELTA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Words From Wendy

It's summer! I hope you have plans to see family and friends and spend some time relaxing and enjoying a Michigan summer, with all the ups and downs. As usual, I will be on vacation for most of the month of July, beginning July 3. We have a good lineup of guest speakers for the month.

Even though it is summer, things are still happening at the church. The Strategic Planning Team had a meeting with representatives from First Presbyterian Church in Lansing to learn about what they are doing to engage their community. They challenged us think outside the box, so we're going to continue to explore new ways to move forward as a congregation.

We continue to find new ideas and make new plans. Spiritual Life is already making plans for next Lent and Easter.



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## Living into Our Vision

At the end of May, Stacy completed her 2 years of probation, a month and half early.



### **Delta Presbyterian Church**

**Strengthening** Christ in us

**Sharing** Christ among us

**Showing** Christ around us

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A big part of her success has been the ways in which we have shown her Christ. Even though she had just begun as our administrative assistant, we held the job open for her so she could return when she completed her sentence.

When she was in jail and rehab, we sent her postcards reminding her that she was loved (and she has saved all of them.) We showed her the love of Christ, and that she was a beloved child of God, which was hard for her to understand in the beginning. We have continued to support her, keeping her hours flexible so she could fulfill the demands of her probation and take the training she needed to begin work as a recovery coach. We support her in working her part-time job as a coach, again being flexible with her hours. She has experienced the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through Delta Presbyterian Church, and our ministry with her has enabled her to transform her life. In Stacy, we can see the impact of showing Christ around us.

## Have You Ever Wondered?

I was recently asked why our denomination is named Presbyterian. Our roots are in the Protestant Reformation, and specifically John Calvin in Geneva and John Knox in Scotland. Presbyterian refers to our structure and comes from the Greek πρεσβυτερος (presbyteros), meaning elder. In the Presbyterian Church the responsibility for the life and health of the congregation does not come from one person, like a bishop, but in a council of elders, like the session or presbytery, made up of both ruling elders and teaching elders (pastors). The elders are commissioned to work together to discern God's will and lead God's people in following it.

Do you have a question about something related to the church or the Bible? Let Wendy know and it may find its way into this column.

## Spotlight on Mission:

Mission Opportunity - exercise, sun, and water: Looking for a couple of volunteers to be responsible for making sure the water barrels in the garden do not run dry. Water-person term is scheduled for one week (Monday - Sunday) at a time. Depending on the number of volunteers, you would be scheduled every 5th or 6th week. If interested, please contact Doug Dykstra (517 420-1145) for mere details and/or to volunteer.

We continue to encourage you to show acts of kindness to those around us this summer.



## 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 summer weather.

**We rejoice** that we were able to donate some of our excess chairs to a non-profit in Toledo.

**We rejoice** in the work that is being done around our building and grounds by volunteers maintaining our property

**We rejoice** in the work the Boy Scouts did on the back prayer trail.

**We rejoice** in the volunteers who have brought snacks back to coffee hour.

**We rejoice** that Stacy has successfully completed her probation. In 5 years, she will be able to petition the court to remove the felonies from her record.

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

## Worship

**Sunday, June 11, 2023**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Genesis 12:1-9  
Romans 4:13-25  
**The Promise**

**Sunday, June 18, 2023**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Genesis 18:1-5, 21:1-7  
Romans 5:1-8  
**Patience**

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Genesis 21:8-21  
Matthew 10:24-39  
**Conflict**

**Sunday, July 2, 2023**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
**Trust**

**Sunday, July 9, 2023**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Guest Preacher:  
Frank Jackson

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Guest Preacher: Tony Patrick

**Sunday, July 23, 2023**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



Guest Preacher: TBA

**Sunday, July 30, 2023**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Guest Preacher: Janice Prescott

### **SESSION**

Class of 2023  
Doug Dykstra  
Chuck Jennings  
Sue Settle  
Nancy Ellis

Class of 2024  
Meredith Jackson

### **DEACONS**

<u>Class of 2023</u>	
Maureen Dykstra	Bonnie Reemsnyder
Trudie Frick	Jane Thomas
Geri Jennings	Art Kelley

## Birthdays

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



July 2      Chuck Jennings  
July 9      Susan Swan  
July 14     Mike Schilling  
July 20     Cory McElwee  
July 27     Betty Gaffney  
July 27     Laurie Stirling

## Let Us Pray

Pray for those who are facing threats to their health due to the pollution from wildfires, and those whose life and property is in danger because of those fires. Also, include the following in your prayers: week of June 11: Jim & JoAnn Dexter, Donna Dickert, and Lisa Dingwell, week of June 18: Doug & Maureen Dykstra, Stacy & Trenten Elliott, and Nancy Ellis, week of June 25: John & Jane Elsinga, Mark & Kelli Fech, and Rhonda Fort, week of July 2: Joe & Trudie Frick, Kris Fry, and Betty Gaffney, week of July 9: Flora Gilbert, Julianne Hebert, and Holly Henning, week of July 16: Helen Hogan, Frank & Ellen Jackson, and Meredith Jackson, week of July 23: Mary Jarrard, Chuck & Geri Jennings, and Frances Johnston, week of July 30: Larry & Janet Johnston, Art & Mary Jo Kelley, and Jack & Susan Keys.



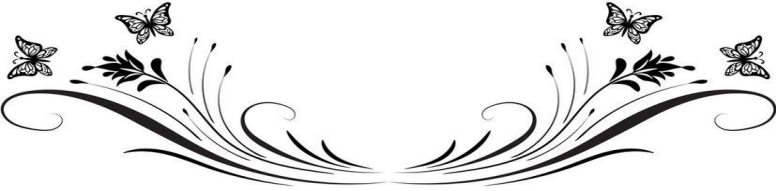
## Prayer Care June 8, 2023

Family of Peggy Carlson  
Kelly Winslow, friend of Stacy, health concerns  
Meredith Jackson, health concerns  
Shirley Twichell, cousin of Denise Colosky, health concerns  
Holly Brock, equilibrium issues  
Travis Watts, friend of Stacy, health concerns  
The MSU Community  
Jack Keys, pain


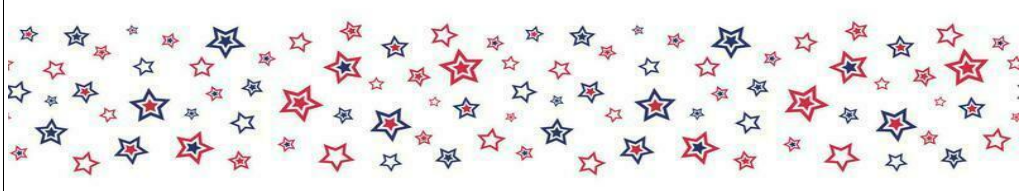
## Continuing Prayers June 8, 2023

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

# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 6:30 LAP Quilters	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Change for Change Trinity Sunday Communion 10am Worship	<b>5</b> 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 3:30 Spiritual Life 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Strategic Planning	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship	<b>12</b> 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Resources Committee	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 Prayers and Squares	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 Boy Scout Troops
<b>18</b> 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship  Father's Day	<b>19</b> 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Session	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship	<b>26</b> 1:30 Prayer Shawl Group 6:00 Girl Scouts 6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 OCD Support	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 Prayers and Squares	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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## 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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## Summer 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



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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.