



This November we celebrate an important milestone: 50 Years of Delta Presbyterian Church. Since its groundbreaking, this congregation has served as sacred ground in our community. Like the trees that have grown and deepened their roots over decades, our congregation has become a place where God's presence has been felt and where authentic encounters with God have shaped us into a family of faith.

Sacred spaces aren't defined by buildings or programs. Instead, they become holy through the faithful presence of God's people. Through worship, fellowship, and witness, we orient ourselves and our community to a shared hope.

We will be celebrating Delta's anniversary each Sunday in worship through the theme of "**Sacred Ground**". From Genesis's promise that God's Word accomplishes its purpose, through Isaiah's assurance that new things spring forth even in wilderness places, to Christ's teaching about reading the signs of changing seasons, we'll discover together that sacred ground is wherever God's people have loved, served, struggled, and celebrated together.

Over the past fifty years, countless stories have contributed to the sacredness of our shared space. We're collecting memories, photos, audio recordings, and mementos that tell the story of how God has worked in and through Delta Presbyterian Church.

As we prepare for November, **please pull out your photos and mementos to share!** We will be displaying them on the bulletin board and table in the entry way throughout the whole month. See the instructions on page 5!

This celebration isn't just about looking backward with nostalgia, but about recognizing with fresh eyes the work God continues to do in and through us. As we walk this holy ground together, we trust that the same God who has been faithful for fifty years continues to make all things new.

# Financial Updates

	PLEDGE RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL EXPENSES	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
MAY	\$ 10,684	\$ 12,057	\$ 8,663	\$ 3,394
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 64,336	\$ 75,497	\$ 61,954	\$ 13,543
BUDGET	\$ 129,510	\$ 145,710	\$ 134,880	\$ 10,830
	49.7%	51.8%	45.9%	



## October Mission

We're collecting coats, hats, and mittens/gloves in October.

### Sessions Class of 2025

Sue Settle, Art Kelley, Chuck Jennings, Nancy Ellis, Jim Constandt, Jon Vogler

### Deacon Class of 2025

Geri Jennings, Mary Jo Kelley, Rhonda Fort, Jane Thomas, John Elsinga, Ginny Noble

	PLEDGE RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL EXPENSES	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
JUNE	\$ 17,009	\$ 19,050	\$ 10,061	\$ 8,989
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 81,346	\$ 94,547	\$ 72,141	\$ 22,406
BUDGET	\$129,510	\$ 145,710	\$ 134,880	\$ 10,830
% of Budget	63%	65%	53%	

	PLEDGE RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL EXPENSES	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
JULY	\$ 3,620	\$ 4,277	\$ 7,534	\$ (3,257)
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 84,966	\$ 98,824	\$ 79,674	\$ 19,150
BUDGET	\$129,510	\$ 145,710	\$ 134,880	\$ 10,830
% of Budget	66%	68%	59%	

	PLEDGE RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL EXPENSES	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
AUGUST	\$ 12,000	\$ 15,396	\$ 8,161	\$ 7,235
YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ 96,965	\$ 114,219	\$ 87,835	\$ 26,384
BUDGET	\$129,510	\$ 145,710	\$ 134,880	\$ 10,830
% of Budget	75%	78%	65%	

## November Mission

We will be collecting new unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. The donation box will be at the church for the month of November.

What's going on this week?  
I missed worship last week,  
what happened?

Find answers to all your  
questions  
at [deltapresby.org](http://deltapresby.org)

We give thanks to Art for  
coordinating the website!

## Fall Worship Schedule

October @ Dimondale at 10:00am

November @ Delta at 10:00am

December @ Dimondale at 10:00am

## Fall Meetings & Events

Wednesday September 17

1:00 pm Spiritual Life Anniversary Meeting

Monday, September 22

3:00 pm Sessions Meeting

Saturday, September 27

1-3 pm Dimondale 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Wednesday, October 1

10:00 am Property Team

Monday, October 6

1:00 pm Spiritual Life

Monday, October 6

1:00 pm Spiritual Life

4:00 pm Resource Committee

Monday, October 20

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 5

10:00 am Property Team

Monday, November 10

1:00 pm Spiritual Life

4:00 pm Resource Committee

Monday, November 17

6:30 pm Session Meeting

Go to [deltapresby.org/calendar](http://deltapresby.org/calendar) for the full calendar

## Weekly Calendar

Sundays 10:00 am Worship

Mondays 9:00 am Office Hours

Wednesdays 9:00 am Office Hours

9:30 am Quilting

2:00 pm Bible Study

Thursdays 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Choir Has Resumed!

Rehearsals take place on

Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 pm

## September Birthdays

Bob Benezette 09/01

Jacklynne Bishop 09/05

Roger LaPratt 09/05

John Elsinga 09/11

Bob Noble 09/11

Beau Benezette 09/14

Jan Buchanan 09/21

Maureen Dykstra 09/22

Jeff Jackson 09/30

## October Birthdays

Jane Thomas 10/01

Jim Constandt 10/03

Margaret Strange 10/04

Janice Oudbier 10/05

Bill Settle 10/09

Holly Henning 10/10

Sandy Akright 10/15

Grace Bishop 10/18

Jim Dexter 10/20

Kathy Peters 10/21

JoAnn Dexter 10/25

Pat Baker 10/29

Sue Settle 10/30

Jeff Akright 10/31

## November Birthdays

Gary Reemsnyder 11/08

Mary Meier 11/10

Ethan Woloszyn 11/13

Chuck Wilbur 11/23

Judy Gombas 11/29

Jane Elsinga 11/30



## November Sermon Series: Sacred Ground

“Sacred Ground” celebrates the holy spaces where God’s people have encountered the divine presence. Delta Presbyterian Church has been transformed over fifty years into sacred ground through worship, fellowship, service, and faithful witness. This November series explores how God has sanctified this place. Holiness is not through the beauty of buildings or perfection of programs, but through the authentic encounters between God and God’s people. From Genesis’s promise that God’s word will accomplish its purpose, through Isaiah’s assurance of new things springing forth even in wilderness places, to Christ’s teaching about reading the signs of changing seasons, we discover that sacred ground is wherever God’s people have loved, served, struggled, and celebrated together. As we walk this holy ground of memory and meaning, we celebrate the continuing presence of God who makes all ground sacred through love and faithfulness.



**ROOTED**  
**&**  
**GROWING**

## Stewardship: Celebrating God's Gifts to Us



Sacred ground calls for sacred stewardship. When we recognize the holy ground where God is present and active, we respond with care and generous faithfulness. We offer our time, talents, and treasure as acts of worship on the holy ground of God’s continuing work in our midst. Our stewardship becomes not just supporting budgets, but tending the sacred space where God encounters God’s people. Thank you for your continued support of Delta by submitting your pledge for 2026. If you have questions, please contact Fran Johnston.

# Voices From Sacred Ground

As part of our 50th anniversary celebration, we're creating an audio memory collection that can be passed onto others and used in worship. Your voice and your story matter! You're invited to record brief memories (2-3 minutes each) that express how Delta has been "sacred ground" in your life.

Share a memory for one, some, or all of the following prompts:

**Strengthening Christ in Us** - Share how your faith was nurtured or deepened at Delta: when a worship service that moved you; a time of personal growth; or how this community helped you through a difficult season.

**Sharing Christ Among Us** - Tell about Delta feeling like home; a special relationship formed here; or a memory of our congregation supporting one another.

**Showing Christ Around Us** - Describe how Delta has served the community; made a difference beyond our walls; or been Christ's hands and feet in the world.

## How to Participate:

- Record using your smartphone's voice memo app or call Pastor Ben to schedule a brief recording session at church
- Keep memory recordings to 2-3 minutes each
- Email files to [office@deltapresby.org](mailto:office@deltapresby.org)
- Deadline: October 26th

Clips will be shared during worship as we walk together on this sacred ground of memory and meaning.



## Fall Prayer Practice

Check out these books about Trees!

*Reforesting Faith* by Matthew Sleeth, MD

*Trees* by Hermann Hesse

*The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben

*The Overstory* by Richard Powers

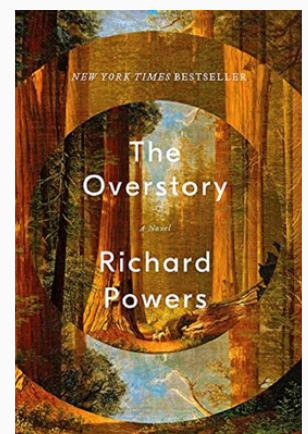
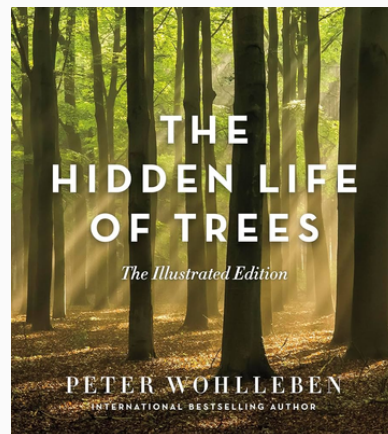
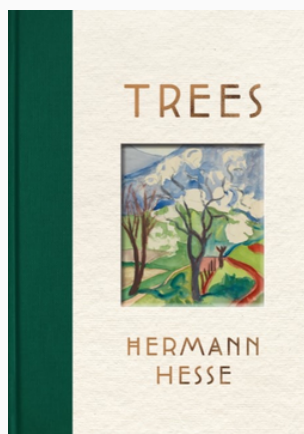
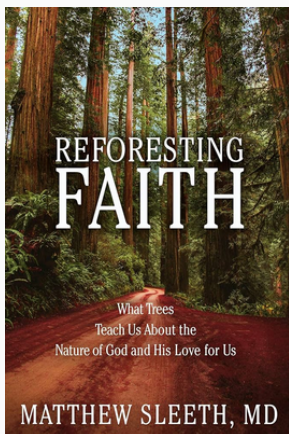
Watch a [time-lapse video of a Pine tree](#) growing.

Click the link above or search “Boxlapse” on YouTube

Try using the focus word, “Trust” as you practice Centering Prayer

Unfamiliar with Centering Prayer?

[Check out this guide we prayed through together last Fall.](#)



## Office Communication

Ben is at the office on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00-5:00. However, sometimes he goes on visits or has meetings during that time frame. You're always welcome to drop in and say hi or talk! If you'd like to ensure he's there, email him or call him ahead of time (517-646-9120). The office phone is checked on Mondays and Wednesdays; the office email is checked regularly. The quickest response comes through email or by calling Ben at 517-646-9120.