



Pastor's Page



Sometimes it feels like the world is coming at us so quickly that we don't know which way to turn, where to look, what to do next. In a chaotic world, we find strength in knowing that God is always near. That is why I'm grateful for *A Season of Peace* we are in, which culminates with the Peace & Global Witness offering on World Communion Sunday. The ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation witness to the Prince of Peace. It is good to be reminded that, with all the discord, pain, and conflict in our communities and in the world, we serve a God who promises harmony and responds to violence with reconciliation and peace.

This is why we give to the Peace & Global Witness offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace – at all times, in all ways. From our congregation, where we retain 25 percent of this offering to support **Family Promise and its important role in helping homeless families find stability and peace**; to the region, where 25 percent is retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts being pursued, together with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the earth, where the remaining 50 percent is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

You are invited to visit the Peace & Global Witness website (www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global) to find out more information on how your support of this offering helps. As a community of faith, we want to deepen our commitment to peacemaking so that it becomes a visible and profound witness to our community. I challenge each of us to consider how we might increase our witness, and increase our giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. **All though the month of September, I have been preaching on Epistle of James with its powerful charge to put faith into action. One way we make our faith, and our hope for a better world, *real* is by giving of our resources.** I pray that the God of Peace might open the generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, October 7, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

As Presbyterians, we claim Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness and grace that he shows us.

Yours in the Peace of Christ,
Pastor Karen



Bells of Praise: Thursdays at 6:30 pm				Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at noon		
Choir Rehearsals: Sundays at 9:00 am				Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon		
Women's Bible Study: Mondays at 10:00 am				Prez Deadline for November: October 22		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Monday Painters 1 pm	CE 7:30 pm Scouts 7:15 CE Activity	Liturgical Art 10 am RPMs Bd. 7pm Scouts 7 pm		Art Class 9 am	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Choir 9 am Communion 10 am Coffee Hour 11:15 Outreach Mtg 11:15	Monday Painters 1 pm Scouts 6 pm B&G 7 pm	CE Activity			Art Class 9 am	Kiwanis Breakfast 8 am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Choir 9 am Worship 10 am Fall Fest 11:15 am	Monday Painters 1 pm	Session 7:15 CE Activity	Scouts 6:30 pm		Building Rental	Building Rental 8 am – 5 pm Building Rental 5:30-10:30 pm
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Choir 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11:15	Monday Painters 1 pm	CE Activity				Art Class 9 am
FAMILY PROMISE WEEK						
28	29	30	31			
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY Choir 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11:15	Monday Painters 1 pm	CE Activity				

	Liturgists	Hostess	Greeters	Deacon in Charge
7	Laura Scott	Doris Jensen	Ed & Pam Taft	Randy Morse
14	David Rees		Jo Hyde & I. Harbison	Steve Zayas
21	Sarah Lewis		Dave & Marlene Austin	Steve Zayas
28	Ravindra Bolleddu		Erich & Tricia Hertz	Randy Morse

Thank you to our volunteers!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Experimental Faith for Kidz

Tuesday evenings

6:00 - 7:15

in the Fellowship Hall

Joani Jamison, teacher



Science experiments and the Bible give students a fun way to learn about God's world and the Bible. Come explore, learn and have fun



DPC ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m. - Carol Scott facilitator. Studying the book of Isaiah.

New, New, New

Home Bible Study Groups facilitated by Bob Criswell. These gatherings are for 3 or 4 to meet and study various books or themes in the Bible. Contact Bob Criswell (email rcriswell@aol.com) for more information or if you would like to participate.

Announcing DPC's
Tuesday Christian
Ed Thing!

Beginning
Oct. 2!

-Please pick up a brochure in the narthex-

First Session 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Painting the Stars

Facilitators: Bob Criswell & Karen Pollan

Communal Meal 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

First session folks are invited to stay and second session folks invited to come early and enjoy a meal together. Sometimes the meal will be provided by a volunteer and other times a catered meal will be arranged.

Second Session 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Painting the Stars

Facilitators: Dan Lewis, Sam Messina & David Andersen
Location: Library

Experimental Faith

Teacher: Joanie Jameson
Location: Fellowship Hall



Call the church office 518.439.9252, talk to David Andersen, Pastor Karen, or Joanie Jamison after church or by email.

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Starting Tuesday, Oct. 2

PAINTING THE STARS

Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith

When I have a terrible need of – dare I say, 'religion'? – then I go outside at night and paint the stars." –Vincent Van Gogh

Celebrating the communion of science and faith, *Painting the Stars* explores the promise of evolutionary Christian spirituality. Featuring over a dozen leading theologians and progressive thinkers, the seven-session program includes participant reader (written by evolutionary theologian Bruce Sanguin) and a facilitator guide with discussion questions. The basic format for each session includes conversation around the readings, a 20-minute video presentation and guided discussion.

October 2

1. Toward Healing the Rift

October 9

2. A Renaissance of Wonder

October 16

3. Getting Genesis Wrong

October 23

4. An Evolving Faith

October 30

5. Evolutionary Christianity

November 13

6. Imaging a Future

November 27

7. An Evolving Spirituality: Mysticism

WORSHIP

Choir and Bells

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Choir rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We would love for you to be a part of it.

Our handbell choir, Bells of Praise, will rehearse on Thursday evenings at 6:30. New singers and ringers are always welcome-- no experience or music reading required! Contact Carol Scott for more information at carolrscott@outlook.com



Coffee House for Piano Fund

Doors open at 6:30

Entertainment begins at 7:00

What:	DPC & Friends Coffee House
When:	Sunday September 30, 6:30 p.m
Who:	Entertainment by members and friends of DPC
Why:	To kick off fundraising for a NEW PIANO!



Liturgical Art

Many of you may have noticed the wreath and heart on the cross last Sunday during worship.

Just as fabric when twisted and woven gets stronger so are we, the people of God, strong in love, faith, and community. The many colors on the heart are meant to represent people of all colors and communities coming together not in hate but love.

If you have creative ideas and hands you are welcome to join our own creative community please feel free to contact Laura Scott. Email: whisper0784@gmail.com

We are having our initial gathering on Wednesday, October 3, at 10 a.m. in the library.



OUTREACH

Peacemaking Offering – October 7



Building community, strengthening lives.

Peace and Global Witness Offering will be taken on Sunday, October 7. This offering does good work all around the world, but 25% stays local. This year our special speaker was Mary Giordano, the executive director of Albany Family Promise and our local portion of that offering will go to that ministry.

Mother Teresa once replied to a question on how ordinary people can impact world peace. This is what she said, "Go home and love your families." So love your family and know that our support for Family Promise is one way we can extend God's love to other families.



October 21-27 we are hosting **Family Promise** families. You can help with your prayers. You can help by signing up to prepare a meal, spend an evening hosting or sleeping over at the church. Help is also needed to prepare their rooms before they arrive and to break down their rooms when the week is over. This important ministry helps fragile families get back on their feet. Check with Dave Rees for more information. Drees21@verizon.net.

Black Friday Fair Trade Market



It's coming – once again we'll host **The Fair Trade Market** on black Friday and Saturday. Great shopping for a great cause! All of the vendors represent artisans who receive fair wages for their labor. In many cases these artisans are women and the resources they earn improve their lives, the lives of the children and their community. You can help by setting up, sitting at the DPC table, making treats for the cantina or serving in the cantina. Check with Irene Harbison for more information. Miharbison@gmail.com

Response to Hurricane Florence Support



Remember the **Crop Walk** back in May – our participation is still doing good! Crop Walk resources are being used to help those impacted by Hurricane Florence. And of course, funds raised during the **One Great**

Hour of Sharing is also on the ground at work.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives roughly a third of the proceeds from that offering. If you would like to make an additional gift to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance you can write a check to the church with PDA on the memo line or you can go to the PC(USA) website.

DEACONS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Douglas Howard
6	Erich Hertz Jennifer Jack Ellen Kelly Lind
8	Julie Criswell
9	Nicholas Rees
13	Penny Peng
16	Larry Chase Erika Gray
17	Gail Chase
20	Sean McGinn
22	Sabrina Zayas
23	Ray Mull
25	Micah Torres
31	Charles Scholes

Don't see your name? Add your information by emailing the office at info@delmarpres.org.

Deacons' Sunday

The first Sunday is Deacons' Sunday. Please use the small envelopes in the pew to make your contribution. Thank You!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

LWC August Picnic

Ladies Who Care sponsored a picnic for ladies and gents at the Henry Hudson Park on August 8th. Eighteen were in attendance and despite a questionable weather forecast, the group managed to enjoy the event before a thunderstorm arrived. Musical trivia games engaged (and taxed) everyone's memories as lyrics from popular songs of the 50s - 70s were identified.



Ladies Who Care September Lunch at Wellington Herbs and Spices, Schoharie



Ladies Who Care

Wednesday, October 24,
2018 at noon



Delmar Prez women and friends are invited to attend ***"Bethlehem Town Government - A Model to Follow?"*** presented by Sam Messina, former Town Supervisor. Sam will be discussing some politics, but not at all in a partisan way.

We will meet in the library/lounge. Please bring a bag lunch. Beverages and a dessert will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or you may RSVP to Judy Riopelle 439-2956 - jjriopelle@gmail.com or Pam Taft 439-9281 - pamtaft73@gmail.com.

SESSION

Highlights of the September 18, 2018 Session Meeting

The Congregational Life Committee reported that the Fall Festival will be held on October 14, and the Thanksgiving dinner will take place in November. Members of the Committee will be assisting with the coffee house fundraiser.

- The Buildings and Grounds Committee is obtaining estimates for cutting the overgrowth portion of the new woods area. The committee expressed thanks to David Andersen and Claiborne Walthall who have been cutting the area in the interim. The Committee will be meeting with HVAC companies to explore improving the air quality in the sanctuary due to the very warm conditions during the summer months. A list of needs has been developed including possibly extending the

chancel, new sanctuary flooring, a railing for the pulpit, new furniture for the library, replacing the sign at Delaware Avenue, landscaping at the front of the church, carpet in the fellowship hall, the lighting of the cross, and new counter tops in the kitchen.

- The Christian Education Committee reported that there are now 12 children in the Sunday School program. They are organizing modules which includes more participation from the children during worship. The students in this year's confirmation class all have adult coaches, and curriculum is based on the two great commandments. The committee announced the kickoff of the Tuesday night activities program which will run from October 2 to November 13. There will be an experimental faith portion of the program, and dinner will be available. Bob Criswell has proposed a small home Bible study program to the Committee.
- The Communications Committee explained that the new name tags are working out well and a permanent holder will be developed for them.
- The Worship Committee reported that the committee met to discuss the disposition of the old piano, the open mic fundraiser, and assisting Christian Education with the Tuesday night activities program.
- The Finance Committee reported pledges received are at 61% through the end of August. Written reports were submitted for expenditures and income through August 31. The upcoming Stewardship Campaign was discussed.

- The Outreach Committee informed Session that there will be a guest speaker coming to speak on the peacemaking offering.
- Session approved a request from Jacob Lewis to place a box in the narthex to collect children's books for the Family Promise program.
- The number of elders and committees was discussed. It was decided that the Administration Committee and the Nominating Committee will be combined, which will reduce the number of committees to nine.

Rev. Pollan reported that she has been working with Christian Education and the Sunday School Coordinator on Tuesday Activity Night planning, confirmation planning, and new in - home small groups. She met with the Finance Committee to discuss the fall stewardship campaign.

She has visited two DPC families that have experienced loss, and attended the Capital Area Council of Churches board meeting.

She is taking part in STEP TRAINING through the Presbytery at no cost to Delmar Presbyterian Church. Step Training is a workshop /seminar that explores themes in church transitions and transformations.

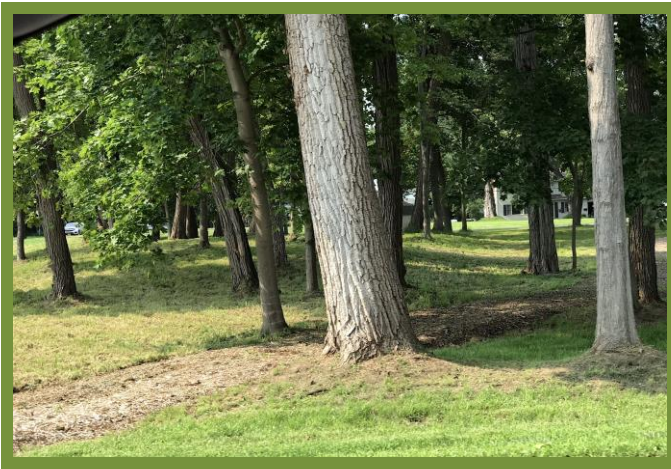
Session approved the following items:

- The minutes from the June 26 meeting of Session
- Communion dates of Oct. 7 and September 2 (retroactively)
- Building Requests for scouting groups, ministry related groups, community related groups, and private parties (bridal shower, baby shower, children's party).

The next Session was established for Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

DPC Is Looking Sharp!



Newly trimmed woods, with thanks to
Claiborne Walthall and David Austin



Newly painted cross, with thanks to
David Austin

Family Promise Fundraiser Thursday, October 18th 6-9 p.m.

DOORS TO THE FUTURE

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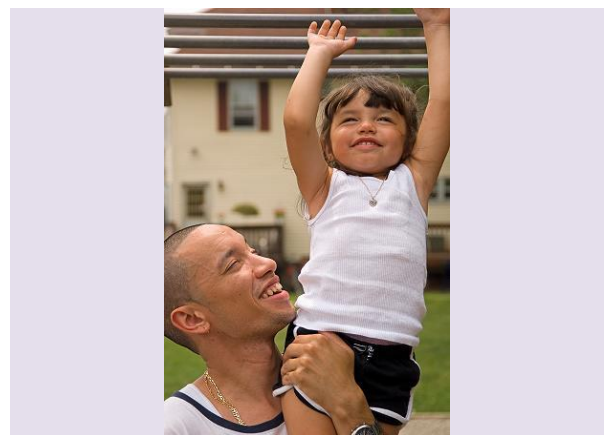
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securing affordable housing
and lasting independence.





Fall Fæst

Sunday, October 14 after church

Join us for delicious
Soups, wraps, desserts

All things Fall!



To help bake or serve,
please contact Nancy Braaten
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