



Pastor's Page

Walking into Advent can be like walking through the wardrobe . . .

With its enchanting themes of snow and cold, light and darkness, meals and gifts, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope--and even an appearance by Father Christmas--C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* fits naturally into the Advent season. As the reader seeks a storied king and anticipates the glorious coming of Christmas, the twenty-eight devotions in *Advent in Narnia* alternate between Scripture and passages from the novel to prompt meditation on Advent themes. Each devotion also includes questions for reflection. There are still copies available in the Narthex for \$10.00. You can also get them from your local book dealer.

Below are a variety of ways we are using this Advent guide (besides a personal or family devotion time). You have your choice of a discussion group on Monday mornings, Wednesday afternoon and early evening or Friday mornings at the Perfect Blend. The Wednesday evening (6-7:15 pm) has activities for children. Also, you are invited to a very special 'Evening in Narnia' - an event for all ages: crafts, a simple meal, and brief worship service. Enter through the wardrobe, visit the Beaver's Den or the Witch's Castle. I think you will come to know God better while journeying through Narnia.

YOU'RE INVITED TO COME

Into Narnia

DECEMBER 7, 2019 | 4-6 PM |
DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us for an interactive event for all families!



We will walk through the wardrobe and find activities that explore the fantasy of "The Lion, the Witch, and the wardrobe" along with the concepts of Advent.

A meal will be served after the event.

Open to the community too!





Bells of Praise: Thursdays at 6:30 pm				Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at noon		
Choir Rehearsals: Sundays at 9 am				Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon		
Monday Study Group: Mondays at 10 am				Prez Deadline for January: December 20		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:15 am Church School 10 am Communion 11:15 Refreshments	1 pm Monday Painters	7:30 Christian Education	12 pm Ladies who Care 3:45 & 6 pm Advent Study		8 am Advent Study @ Perfect Blend	4 pm Evening in Narnia
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:15 am Church School 10 am Worship 11:15 Cookie Festival	1 pm Monday Painters		3:45 & 6 pm Advent Study		8 am Advent Study @ Perfect Blend	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10 am Worship 11:15 Refreshments	1 pm Monday Painters	Christmas Eve Services 6:30 & 10 pm	CHRISTMAS 			
29	30	31				
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	Liturgist	Hostess	Greeters	Deacon
1	Matt Cooper	Nancy Lynk	Sam & Jan Messina	Trivers / Somerville
8	David Rees		Brian & Linda Krzykowski	Jan Messina
15	Children		David & Marlene Austin	Trivers / Gajewski
22	David Austin		Bob & Lynk	Dan Lewis
29	David Andersen		Bob Mattox & Jim Finke	Dan Lewis

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School



Children's Christmas Pageant Dec. 15

Parents are invited to stay during church school for fellowship, coffee and refreshments before worship begins.

Bible Study

The Monday Morning Study Group has begun meeting on Mondays at 10:00 am.

We will be participating in the Advent in Narnia study. Books are available in the narthex.

All are welcome! We meet in the library.

Advent Study

Can't make the mid-day Advent study? We have a solution! Meet us at The Perfect Blend on Friday mornings at 8 am for coffee and conversation as we join in the Advent in Narnia study. Stay as long as you like, or head off to work. Drop-ins are welcome, no need to sign up. See you there!

Advent in Narnia



Delmar Presbyterian church
invites you to a new study
experience...

Advent in Narnia!

**Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16
@ 10 am**

Monday Study Group

**Dec 4, Dec 11, Dec 18
@ 3:45pm and 6pm**
a 4 week book study with
"Advent in Narnia"

Dec. 7 @ 4-6pm
an interactive event with crafts,
food, and more...

**Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20
@ 8 am**

Coffee and conversation
at Perfect Blend

Books available in the narthex.

RPMs

RPMs Update

Thank you to everyone who volunteered in September for the **Rise Against Hunger** food packaging event. Here is an update from Rise Against Hunger on the meals that we packed: "The meals will be received by our in-country partner CitiHope International in Dominican Republic. CitiHope International is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Dominican Republic. To learn more, please visit our partner/country spotlight on the Impact Stories tab and click and drag on our World Aid Map at: <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/global-impact/>."

RPM Calendar:

December 6-7: Retreat at Camp Pinnacle

December 15th: Mayan Hands Fair Trade Sale fundraiser | Delmar Reformed Church | 9:00am-1:00pm

December 15th: RPM Meeting | Delmar Reformed Church | 7:00pm-8:00pm

DEACONS

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Ryan Kilgallon
2	Laura Scott
6	Mary Ingraham
7	Nate Cady
9	Bob Mattox
10	Irene Harbison
11	Jaiden Gray
11	Will Storrs
14	David Andersen
19	Tricia Hertz
19	Judy Riopelle
20	Sara Howard
20	Madeleine Walthall
27	Christa Cady
29	Ginny Hazard
30	Jo Hyde
30	Betsy Katz Toohey
31	Bob Criswell

Deacons' Sunday

The first Sunday of the month is Deacons' Sunday. Blue envelopes are in the pews for your gift at any time.

WORSHIP

Delmar Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve Services

6:30pm family service

10pm Prayers for Peace service

OUTREACH

The Outreach Box

Many in our congregation are involved in ministries outside the church. Are you - or do you know someone - who is doing good out in the community? Would you consider submitting a short paragraph describing the work for inclusion in the weekly DPC Mission Box in the bulletin? Submit to Pastor Karen at pastorkaren@delmarpres.org

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Ladies Who Care December Gathering



Ladies Who Care Will Celebrate Advent with Food, Fun, Fellowship and Song

Please join us for a potluck luncheon and carol sing at noon on Wednesday, December 4th. We will meet at the Taft home, 22 York Road in Glenmont. Car-pooling is suggested if convenient.

Please bring a salad to share. The dessert and beverage will be provided.

RSVP: Sign-up in the Narthex or contact Pam Taft - pamtaft73@gmail.com

Family Promise

DPC will be hosting families the week of December 8th. If you are able to help with any of the following, please sign up in the hallway at the Outreach bulletin board:

- Set up, Clean up
- Meal preparation
- Meal times with families (breakfast/dinner)
- Overnight

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Rees or Irene Harbison.

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Cornerstone Campus Ministry

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who hosted a Bake Sale today – Delmar Pres, First Lutheran, First UMC (E. Greenbush), Hamilton Union Pres, Journey UCC and Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit! With your help we raised \$2617!!! All of the funds will go directly to underwrite the cost of our January 2020 Winter Break Service Trip.

SESSION

Highlights of the November 19, 2019 Session Meeting

The Finance Chair distributed a written summary of the 2020 Stewardship Campaign results. The results so far are very positive as we have received \$16,000 more in pledges this year than we had received last year at this point in time. Also, positive feedback was received regarding the Stewardship brunch held last Sunday. Pledges received for this year have taken a step back during the last month. Members are asked to try to catch up if behind on their pledges. Written financial reports were received for the period January 1 to October 31.

A summary of Outreach donations for was distributed by the Outreach Chair.

The Nominating committee chair explained that calls will continue to fill vacant Elder and Deacon positions. Anyone interested in serving as an Elder or Deacon should contact Dave Rees.

Session was informed that a letter was received from Albany Presbytery informing us that all paid employees of our church must take the State mandated Sexual Misconduct Prevention training. Most of the staff has already taken the training. A file will be kept in the office showing all paid staff that have taken the training.

The Administration committee is continuing to look at our insurance options.

The Buildings and Grounds committee informed Session that there was a heat radiator problem in the office which has been repaired. Many thanks to Ray for staying at the church throughout the day.

The chairs with arms have been purchased and delivered to the Fellowship Hall. Positive

feedback has been received those who have used them.

The classroom doors have been taken to Kamco in Albany and the windows have been installed into the doors. Quotes will be obtained to replace the Sunday School classroom and High School hangout room doors.

The Congregational Life committee reported they financially supported the Thanksgiving brunch on Nov 24. The new tablecloths were purchased and used for the brunch, and looked very elegant. There was a kitchen clean-up on Nov 21 where there was a lot of cleaning and reorganization of some items. Much more is to be done over the winter. The committee supported two memorial receptions for Gloria LaForte and Patti Elli. A Christmas Cookie Festival is being planned for Dec 8. Publicity is planned soon for that event.

The Personnel committee reported that they are gathering information from Presbytery regarding Rev. Pollan's sabbatical next year, and a recommendation from the Personnel Committee will be forthcoming.

The Communications committee reported that the Facebook page has been updated, and there has been a lot of advertising for the Advent program and the Fair Trade Market. There are some issues involving our tech support crew getting last minute requests. Requests for assistance should be made the week before worship, Friday at the latest.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Pollan reported she attended the Presbytery meeting today in Schoharie. The Board of Pensions was represented at the meeting and they have some new programs. She has been working a lot with the Ellis family in preparation for the service. She is preparing for the Advent services. It was mentioned that there has been a lot of pastoral care recently.

Session also approved the following items at the meeting:

- Approve minutes from the October Session meeting
- Communion December 1 pew service, December 24 at the late service by intinction
- Building requests from a member for dance rehearsals from a community member for a social gathering, and from Ministry Partners, CACC Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism for their annual program.
- Receipt of a donation of \$1,000 to be used for the music program.

The next Session meeting was established for December 17 at 7 p.m.

Cookie Festival



Sunday December 8th

During Coffee Hour

Christmas Cookies

\$4 a Dozen

Sign up in Narthex if you can Bake or

Assist as a Table Volunteer

Proceeds donated to the

Bethlehem Senior Services

STEWARDSHIP

“Thanks for Giving” Luncheon

The DPC Stewardship Committee sends a big **THANK YOU** to all for the outstanding turnout for our special November 17th Luncheon following church service. Lots of church pledges rolled in that day and others continue to be received. We will be able to report results to the Finance Committee in very short order.



Another big “shout out” goes to all of the wonderful volunteers that worked in the kitchen, served and cleaned up so that our congregation could sit down and enjoy the meal. And more than eighty people certainly did that with a fine Thanksgiving meal “with all the trimmings” provided by 333 Café, a local restaurant.

White Manger Sunday

December 1, 2019



Give the gift of Christmas to a child or teen in our area. Please wrap your new items in white tissue paper (no ribbon) and bring with you to worship. We will process with them together to the front of the sanctuary. Gifts of clothing and toys are appreciated. All donations will go to the Hilltown Christmas Program, sponsored by Albany County Sheriff's Office in Clarksville.

Delmar Presbyterian Church
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Mitten Tree

Collected throughout December



Don't forget little hands (and heads) get cold this time of year. Bring your gifts of warm mittens, gloves, or hats to hang on our mitten tree in the fellowship hall. These items will go to children in need in our community and beyond.

