



Pastor's Page

On May 5th our congregation will be participating in the Albany CROP Walk where every step fights hunger. One reason I get excited about the CROP Walk and Church World Service is that it is not simply about providing food to hungry people (although that is a very, very good thing to do). I get excited about the CROP Walk because it is about empowering people and families with resources and knowledge so that they are able to provide for themselves more and more successfully over time. Below is one success story from the CROP Walk website:



The women of Tunas Muda stand in their cornfield

Twelve women. Two-thirds of an acre. New income and better nutrition!

Twelve women in Eonfetnai hamlet of Enonaubusa village in West Timor, Indonesia, recently got together to form a farmers' group. Their goal was to be more self-reliant and create a new source of income and nutrition for their families.

Through the CWS Timor Zero Hunger program and with support for their district Department of Agriculture, the woman formed the Tunas Muda women farmer's group.

"What motivated us to establish this group was a desire to be more self-reliant, particularly ... for vegetable gardening. This not only helps us meet our families' food needs, it also

helps us increase our income when we sell vegetables in the market," explains Antonia Liunokas, Tunas Muda's treasurer.



With motivation and new knowledge from being part of Timor Zero Hunger, Tunas Muda members grow a variety of vegetables – morning glory, shallots, spinach, tomatoes, and chili – in a garden that covers about two-thirds of an acre.

"We are grateful for the information, new knowledge, mentoring and guidance from CWS staff and our agriculture extension workers. [We learned] not just about vegetable-growing, but also group management and how to handle our finances," says Ketura Selan, Tunas Muda's secretary. "Group members make between \$5 and \$8 in profit each harvest. We use \$2 to buy new seeds and the rest we use to buy rice, salt and cooking oil," she added. "For the future we will cultivate even more land with corn, beans and nuts. We also are planning a savings group."

If you haven't donated to one of the church members who are walking on May 5th, do it! Or better yet, contact Anne Crawford and be a walker yourself!

See you Sunday, Pastor Karen

May 2019

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			
Monday Study Group: Mondays at 10:00 am			Prez Deadline for June: May 20			
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			Art Class 9 am			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 am Choir 10 am Communion 11:15 Refreshments 12:30 CROP Walk	Monday Painters 1 pm	Book Study 3:45 pm Dinner 5 pm Book Study 6 pm Scouts 7:15 pm	Art Class 9 am			Rental 9 am
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	Liturgists	Readers	Hostess	Deacon in Charge	Ushers
5	Bob Lowry	Shirley Greagan	Tricia Hertz	Steve Zayas	Sabrina Zayas & Steven Zayas
12	Matt Cooper	Children		Ginny Gajewski	Judy Riopelle & Susan McCreary
19	David Rees	Nina Nichols		Jean Somerville	TBD
26	Laura Scott	Irene Harbison		TBD	TBD

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School



Attention: Church School Families

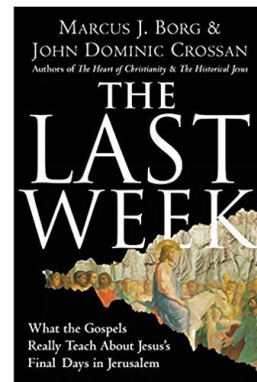
Important Discussion of the Future
of Our Church School

Sunday, May 19 after Church

A light lunch will be served
Child care will be provided

Book Study

On Tuesday evenings through May 14, we will continue our Adult Study with an in-depth look into the last week of Jesus' life. The book, *The Last Week*, came highly recommended and we hope you will want to join us in the study. Copies are available in the Narthex. A small donation is appreciated.



The Last Week depicts Jesus giving up his life to protest power without justice and to condemn the rich who lack concern for the poor. In this vein, at the end of the week Jesus marches up Calvary, offering himself as a model for others to do the same when they are confronted by similar issues. Informed, challenged, and inspired, we not only meet the historical Jesus, but meet a new Jesus who engages us and invites us to follow him.

Ecumenical Service and Picnic

June 16, 2019

Elm Ave Town Park

Service: 10:00am

Picnic: 11:15am

Come Worship and then Eat with the Reformed, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches and hear stories from the RPM Youth Group's Mission Trip.

DEACONS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

11	Callie McGinn
17	Christopher Hyde
18	Merle Winn
19	Nancy Scholes
22	Kat Pollan
23	Karen Pollan
24	Samantha Zayas
25	Sarah Lewis
28	Bunny Mow

Don't see your name? Email your birthdate (not year) the office at info@delmarpres.org.

OUTREACH

2019 CROP Walk



What are you doing the afternoon of Sunday May 5? Would you like a way to visit with friends, make new friends, enjoy the outdoors, get exercise, AND help change the world? Come walk with us in the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk to raise funds to

fight hunger in our community and around the world. We'll start and end at First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave, Albany. Registration starts at 12:30 pm and the walk starts at 1:30. See Anne Crawford after church for more information and to get your Walker envelope. And please watch our Goal Thermometer rise as our donations increase.

SESSION DIGEST

Highlights of the April 16, 2019 Session Meeting

The Congregational Life Committee reported that the committee assisted with the Presbytery meeting and the service for Paula Bossert, and sponsored a game night on March 2. The committee will also be preparing the Easter brunch. A written outline of the Committees' activities was distributed.

The Finance Committee reported that our spending and income amounts are on target for the first three months of the year. A new \$1,800 pledge was received recently, which was not anticipated. It was explained that the Permanent Endowment Fund income has been significantly reduced in the last three quarters. The committee would like to start the Stewardship campaign earlier this year, before the summer begins. A written outline of expenses and income through March 31 was distributed.

The Outreach Committee provided a written report of committee activities, including assisting with the Presbytery meeting, food pantry collection and delivery, and the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign.

The Christian Education Committee distributed a document which outlined a

number of ideas and possible changes to the church school program. With Joani Jameson leaving the end of June, parents of the church school children will be meeting in the very near future to discuss the future of the church school. The minutes from the Committee's April 2nd meeting were distributed.

The Administration Committee distributed our current Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy. The various sections of the policy were reviewed, and comments were made for potential changes to the policy at the next meeting.

The committee is also reviewing our insurance policies to ensure we have the proper insurance coverages in place.

Session approved that our church contract with Common Energy, which will help our church save money on electricity through solar credits, while at the same time helping to reduce carbon emissions.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that the committee is continuing to investigate options for flooring replacement in the sanctuary. The flooring has never been replaced and it is beginning to deteriorate. A sub-committee recently met with a property manager/consultant to obtain advice and estimates.

The Communications Committee reported the bulletin boards in the hallway continue to see improvements. Members can submit current photos for the new directory, and there will be a photo booth setup on Easter Sunday. The committee will also be working on a new social media project, "Meet the Church". Elders thanked Laura Scott for the new name tag board in the narthex.

The Clerk of Session reported that correspondence was received from the Albany Presbytery regarding the Basic Witness Support payment for 2018. A letter was also

received from PCUSA regarding a loan program which is available to Presbyterian churches.

The Personnel Committee Chair explained that they would like to appoint a sub-committee to assist Rev. Pollan with a possible alternative housing arrangement. No specific proposals were presented at the meeting. After a brief discussion, Session approved an ad-hoc committee consisting of Tricia Hertz, Bob Lowry, David Rees and David Andersen to explore ways that Session could be helpful in Pastor Pollan's on-going housing search.

Pastor Karen reported that all Holy Week activities were set. She recognized the Mulls, the Tweedies, and all other individuals who worked so hard to make the Presbytery meeting and the reception for Paula Bossert a success.

Session also approved the following items at the meeting:

- The minutes from the March Session meeting
- Communion May 5; pew service
- Building Requests: **Member:** Ginny Gajewski PEO Meeting Saturday 10/5, 9am- noon; **Community at Large:** Melissa Spadafora Birthday Party Saturday 6/11 1 – 5pm; Hillary Teitel Birthday Parties Saturday 6/22 2-7pm & Saturday 7/13 11am – 5 pm; Stacey Just Baby Shower Sunday 6/23 1-8pm

The next Session meeting was established for Tuesday, May 21at 7:15 p.m.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Eat Dessert First Sunday!

Enjoy some Strawberry Shortcake

for Coffee Hour

Celebrate the coming of Summer!

Sunday, June 2



Ladies Who Care



Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Please join us as Cheryl Gardiner shares her experiences during her career as an early childhood educator and staff developer in Harlem and a comparable district in Brooklyn, New York. A graduate of Mills College of Education and New York University, Cheryl's talk is bound to elicit both chuckles and tears. She knew the youngsters and their stories well and we can learn about the challenges of both teacher and student.



When: Wednesday, May 22 at noon

Where: Lounge, DPC

Bring: A bag lunch – A dessert and beverages will be provided

RSVP to Judy Riopelle, jjriopelle@gmail.com or Pam Taft, pamtaft73@gmail.com or sign up in the church narthex.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



Please take a minute and sign up to host a Coffee Hour in the coming weeks!

COMMUNICATIONS

New Projects Coming!



Thank you to everyone that sent us pics or showed up for the Easter Sunday photo booth!

We hope to have the directory and the bulletin board updated by the end of May. Please keep an eye out for those and let the office know if any information needs to be updated!

Also, keep your eye out for some new social media projects to come... we want everyone to get used to using the website and Facebook for updates and reminders as well as a way to get to know us better.

WORSHIP

Summer Music



It has been an exciting musical year at DPC! We did major maintenance on the organ and acquired the lovely Baldwin baby grand piano. Many people have shared their voices and bell-ringing talents to enhance our Sunday worship, and a growing group of young pianists add their special touch periodically. In the next few weeks, choir and Bells of Praise will give their last musical offerings before the summer, so it's time to think about special summer music.

Do you sing or play an instrument, or know someone who does? Summer services are a

wonderful low-pressure opportunity to share your musical gifts to enhance worship!

Please contact Carol Scott if you are interested, or to suggest folks to invite.



Mendelssohn Club Concert Saturday, May 5

The Mendelssohn Club of Albany will perform "An Afternoon of Music" concert at New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands on Sunday, May 5, at 3:00 p.m., followed by a reception with light refreshments in the church dining room. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time for \$10, or bought at the door for \$12. Tickets are on sale now at the table in the lobby. If you wish to purchase them during the week, come by the church office or call 518-439-6454

Spring Supper – Pork Roast Saturday, May 18

New Scotland Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Spring Supper on Saturday, May 18 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Church's Fellowship Hall. The cost for the dinner is \$11.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and free for children under 5- so invite your friends! Seating is first-come-first-served; Take-outs are available. We are handicap accessible. For further information, please call the church office at (518) 439-6454

Feast!

Dining for a Cause: TAUM

May 30, 2019

Franklin Terrace Ballroom



126 Campbell Avenue, Troy

Cocktails 5 pm Dinner 6pm

\$75 per person



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