

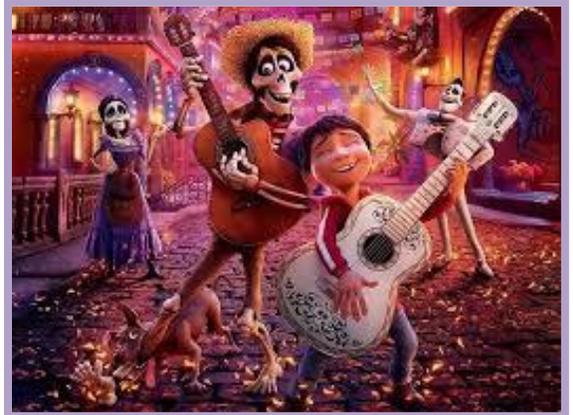


Pastor's Page

*The dead are alive and working.
- African proverb*

This Sunday we will celebrate All Saints Day. We will recall in worship those of our membership who went on to glory in the previous 12 months. And how can we not recall at the same time all those who have gone before us; all those who have touched our lives by their physical presence or those we've only known through scripture, historical accounts or literature? Who are your dead, still speaking and working?

The recent Disney movie *Coco* celebrated human connections to the past. The hero discovers his passionate love for music is a legacy from the grandfather he never knew, and that his grandmother's restrictive rules are a result of a painful past.



The dead are alive and working. It is not the start of a scary story or a touching one – it is the literal truth. Our lives are constantly touched and shaped by our memories, by stories. Some – many, I hope – are good memories and good stories. However, I know that I am plagued by some bad memories and bad stories. Maybe you are too. I try to live in such a way that my life reflects learning from both the bad and the good; but sometimes I'm just haunted.

Many spiritual paths have traditions at this time of year as the days grow shorter and the colorful leaves signal 'dying' time. It is a bittersweet season; gratitude for the harvest gathered into the barn and also the awareness of the fading of the light and cold, dark days ahead. On All Saints Sunday the primary colors are white and gold. White is the color for resurrection and purity. Gold is for God's glory. It is a celebration of light and hope. A reminder that we are people of hope and even death cannot destroy hope. All Saints Day is closely linked to Halloween or All Hallows' Eve because worship would begin the evening before. Since the time of the early Church, major feasts in Christianity (such as Christmas, Easter and Pentecost) had vigils that began the night before, as did the feast of All Hallows'. These three days are collectively called Allhallowtide and are a time for honoring the saints and praying for the recently departed souls who have yet to reach Heaven.

Besides remembering those who have gone before us, a protestant understanding of 'sainthood' teaches us that all who follow Jesus are saints – not because of our 'goodness' but because of Christ's goodness. Let us remember with thanksgiving all those who have touched our lives for good. Let us seek healing and restoration from the painful and most of all let us strive to live into what God calls us: saints.

Be a blessing, *Pastor Karen*

NOVEMBER



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 December: November 19		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>						5:00 pm Rental
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9 am Choir 10 am Communion 11:15 Home Groups 1 pm Rental	1 pm Monday Painters	7:15 pm Scouts No Bible Study	7 pm Scouts			Bethlehem Art Association 8 am – 4 pm Brunch setup
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COMMITMENT SUNDAY 9 am Choir 10 am Worship 11:15 Thanksgiving Brunch	1 pm Monday Painters	3:45 and 6 pm Bible Study 5 pm Dinner 7:30 pm CE	6:30 pm Scouts			9 am Fall Cleanup Day 10 am Rental
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9 am Choir 10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour and Campus Bake Sale	1 pm Monday Painters	No Bible Study	Fair Trade Market Setup Day		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #d9534f; color: white;">FAIR TRADE MARKET 10 AM – 3 PM</div>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
9 am Choir 10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour and Letter Writing Outreach	1 pm Monday Painters 6 pm Scouts	3:45 and 6 pm Bible Study 5 pm Dinner 7:15 pm Session				

Date	Reader	Hostess	Greeters	Deacon in Charge	Ushers
4	Lauren Jack	Sara Howard	The Jack Family	Nancy Scholes	The Stearns
11	Charlotte Stearns		The Cadys and The Howards	Nancy Scholes	Irene Harbison and Bob Mattox
18	Drew Hyde		The Gajewskis	Drew Hyde	Mary Hyde and Liza Ahner
25	Jean Somerville		TBD	Steve Zayas	Steven Zayas and Sabrina Zayas

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School

Here it is November! Your children have finished their first module. They created Communion Plates, baked non-gluten potato based Communion bread, and brought the bread to the table for World Communion Sunday on October 7th. All the children were excited that their own plates were going to be used during Communion. Being able to present their offerings to Pastor Karen helped them to realize a little more about the sacredness of eating at Jesus's table.

We began our second module. The children never cease to amaze me with their interpretation of scripture, and how they all decide to present the story in worship. The children will be presenting the Gospel during worship on November 11th. I was away for the scenery painting on October 21st. This week we tackle the actual play which was revised by Dylan Cady.

The first story has been completed for our Timeline of the Old Testament. The second story is in the development stages. I am truly looking forward to this finished walk thru our faith stories from the Hebrew Bible.

Cheryl Gardiner has been "expressing" that she would like to bow out of the Pre-School Sunday School Class. The children in that class have been so excited about having "their very own" class. They have begun learning our opening prayer and joining in with lighting our alter candles. If one or two people feel God calling them to share time with these young disciples on Sunday mornings, *please* call, email, or text David Anderson. I have no idea how I would tell this class that there was no one to teach them in the new year.

Tuesday evening's Experimental Faith has been a lot of fun with some very exciting discoveries. We have flown things, mixed things, and watched how light refraction can be amazing. Jacob Lewis was the only one this past Tuesday so we invited the Family Promise children to join us for Legos, drawing, and some wild and wacky Fellowship Hall time. Thank you Jacob for being a wonderful host and sharing your enthusiasm with our younger guests. I am very proud of you.

The Christmas Pageant is right around the corner. I am positive we will have a wonderful time preparing and presenting our favorite story of the birth of Jesus.

Thank you, Sarah Lewis for your work with our Elementary Class and also for preparing everything for Experimental Faith on Tuesday nights. You are an amazing gift for the children.

Thank you, Cheryl Gardiner, for your creativity and ability to always provide a wonderful experience for our Pre-School class. I am always amazed at the wonderful bulletin covers you and your class create.

Joani Jameson
Director of Youth and Family

Experimental Faith for Kidz

Tuesday evenings

6:00 - 7:15

in the Fellowship Hall

Joani Jamison, teacher



Not on
Nov. 6
or 20

Continuing in November

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

November 13

6. Imaging a Future

November 27

7. An Evolving Spirituality: Mysticism

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

karenpollan@gmail.com
david.andersen@albany.edu
joanimom2015@gmail.com

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.

Beautiful Handmade Christmas Wreaths



- What:* Beautiful, fresh evergreen wreaths handmade by the RPMs.
- When:* Wreaths will be available for pickup after church on **Sunday, November 25th**
- Cost:* \$30.00 for a wreath with festive bow, only
\$35.00 for fully-decorated wreath
- Order:* Orders will be taken after service on **Nov. 4th** by the RPMs OR drop your order form in the RPM mailbox at church or email Beth at RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com

Please Print

Name _____

Church _____

Telephone No. _____

Email Address _____

_____ wreath(s) with bow only (\$30 each)

_____ wreath(s) fully decorated (\$35 each)

Total enclosed \$ _____

**Please make checks payable to
“RPM Seniors”**

**Order Soon!
Limited Number
Available!!**

OUTREACH

Donations Updates

We at DPC are doing quite well at donating useful items and gently-used seasonal clothing to worthy recipients in our area. Some of the donated items may be taken directly to the recipient. The benefits of direct delivery are many: you get the pleasure of handing on something useful, you receive the thanks, smiles ... and hugs. Also, you get a receipt. Here is a partial list of which organization is receiving which items:

Grassroot Givers

Grassroot Givers has moved to a convenient location just down the road. They are in the old elementary school building at the Academy of the Holy Names, 1075 New Scotland Road, Albany. Follow the entry road straight back through the campus and you'll see the Grassroot Givers sign. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Thursday, 10 to 2. They will unload your car. They will also give you a receipt.

Grassroot Givers accepts seasonal clothing, shoes and boots in good condition (no bathing suits, used underwear or socks), children's books, bedding (no used bed pillows), small household items useful for families moving into new apartments – sets of utensils, pots and pans (with lids), sets of dishes, lamps, knickknacks, pictures, and many other items ... no toys or games ... For specific questions about a donation item call 518-817-5921 to ask Roberta Sandler (founder/director).

Furniture Donations

Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 70 Fuller Road, Albany, 518-275-6638, also Bethlehem Transfer Station, 136 Rupert Rd., Selkirk, NY.

Troy Area United Ministries (TAUM): 392 2nd Street, Troy, NY 12180, 518-274-5920 (If they need your item they will pick it up).

Town of Bethlehem Blue Bins at the "Park and Ride" at the corner of Rt. 32 and Elm Avenue: Non-seasonal clothing, belts, used underwear, bathing suits and socks, clothes no longer wearable (stains, broken zippers, underarm stains, ring-around-the-collar) – also old shoes, handbags, stuffed animals, curtains, old towels, and other fabrics. These materials are sold; profits benefit the town.

Bethlehem Town Hall Senior Services Loan Closet

Used wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, bath seats, toilet raiser seats, commodes ... They ask that the items be scrubbed clean before being donated. Unsanitary and/or defective equipment is NOT welcome.

Letter-Writing for Outreach



On Sunday, Nov. 25, after worship, we will be writing/emailing our congresspeople on immigration-related issues. Paper, pens and envelopes will be provided. Bring your phone or laptop if you prefer the email option, and join us in the fellowship hall to communicate our concerns about wide-spread hunger/food insecurity.

Please see the Friday Update for links and more information.

Black Friday Fair Trade Market



It's coming – once again we'll host **The Fair Trade Market** on black Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23 and 24. 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

Bethlehem's Senior Lunch Program

Bethlehem's Senior Lunch Program is 30 years old. Caroline Wirth, a long-time member of Bethlehem's Social Services Department, established the program when her mother moved here in 1988. Aware that her mother knew no one and had no social life, Caroline created the program to fill that void.

The Town of Bethlehem approached the DPC to use our facility and occasionally provide lunches for approximately 12 frail elderly persons. The Outreach Committee approved this initiative and the Women's Association provided the food. The program grew to serve approximately 25 people. It moved to the Lutheran Church when our education wing was being renovated.

When the Women's Association disbanded, Sigrid Braaten and Florence McCormick provided the lunches for three years. They were spelled by Nancy Lynk in 1997. This year Nancy Braaten and the Outreach Committee have tended to that responsibility.

Currently Bethlehem's Senior Lunch Group meets at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on 24 Mondays during each school year. As a rule two lunches per year are prepared by 10 or 11 congregations and the Progress Club.

Approximately 30 somewhat isolated seniors attend each Senior Lunch Group luncheon. Including the volunteers involved, approximately 40 individuals participate each time. Transportation to the lunches is provided by the Town.

The Town also arranges for a program at each luncheon. The Delmar Desperadoes - Will Vail, Phil Teumim and Ron Tweedie – were scheduled for October 29. DPC members volunteered to provide the food:

Carolyn Tweedie	Creamed Chicken
Irene Harbison	Waldorf Salad
Bob Lynk	Chocolate Chip Cookies and 40 Baking Powder Biscuits
Carol Scott & Pam Taft	Brownies

The March 11, 2019, meeting of the Senior Lunch Group will be hosted by our Congregational Life Committee and the ladies of the Women's Bible Study.

A Day of Simple Giving

Sponsored by Grassroot Givers
Saturday, Nov. 17, 10 am to 1 pm
St. Sophia's Church on Whitehall Road
A wonderful way to support our community. All ages are welcome to volunteer.

<https://www.grassrootgivers.org/simple-giving>



We are once again filling Thanksgiving Bags for needy families in our five local elementary schools and at Arbor Hill Elementary School in Albany. The families have been chosen by the school nurse in each building – 5 families from each local school and 15 families at Arbor Hill.

The bags are in the narthex. Please take a set of bags and write your name on the list next to the number of your bags. You'll have two bags, one donated by Shoprite, one donated by Hannaford. Tear off the shopping list stapled to the outer bag and please follow the list as closely as you can – item-wise and size-wise. (The bags at Arbor Hill are placed in a room all together; families need to see that they are identical).

You are buying the non-perishable items. Please distribute them between the two bags. The bags will not be full. On distribution day we place the refrigerated and perishable items in the bags just before delivery. Shop where you wish. Your cost for the list will be between \$25 and \$30.

This is a HUGE help toward providing a happier Thanksgiving for our neighbors in need! THANK YOU!



DEACONS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Abigail Dasari
	Carolyn Tweedie
4	Greta Hertz
5	Moses Torres
6	Henry Fleischut
9	John Moser
12	Bob Lynk
15	Archie Munro
18	Linda Miller Lowry
21	Bill Garvey
26	Lynda Spielman
27	Brian Krzykowski
	Bill Storrs
28	Ella Cady
28	Peggy Mull

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

Deacons' Sunday



In November we partner with the Outreach committee to support the Thanksgiving Baskets that we provide for many local families in need. The first Sunday of the month is Deacons' Sunday. Blue envelopes are in the pews for your gift at any time.

Thank you.
Peggy Mull
Moderator of Deacons

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Ladies Who Care



Circle the date!!

On Wednesday, December 5th, we will gather at Irene Harbison's home for a pot-luck luncheon and carol sing. There is no November meeting.

Come and join us for
food, fun, fellowship and song.

When: Wednesday, December 5th at noon
Where: 17 Northwood Court, Slingerlands
Please bring: A salad to share – beverages and desserts will be provided.
RSVP: to Irene – miharbison@verizon.net or Pam Taft - pamtaft73@gmail.com

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Fall Cleanup Day
Saturday, Nov. 17th
9 am to Noon



Refreshments provided!
Please bring rakes and gloves if possible.

SESSION

Highlights of the October 16, 2018 Session Meeting

- The Stewardship Committee informed Session that there will be small groups of church members led by Elders and Deacons who will meet on October 25 or November 4. Each member of the congregation will receive a personal invitation, and have the opportunity to voice their thoughts about the things our church is doing, and receive information regarding the Stewardship campaign.
- The Congregational Life Committee reported that refreshments were served for the Coffee House event. The Fall Festival went well and was well attended. The committee will be planning for the upcoming senior luncheon and Thanksgiving brunch.
- The Buildings and Grounds Committee informed Session that they are investigating the possibility of adding a cooling system for the sanctuary. HVAC companies will be consulted to determine the various options and cost.
- The Christian Education Committee reported there have been three successful Tuesday evening activity events, and informed Session that the new confirmation class has three students which will meet 20 times throughout the school year. The students have adult advisors.
- The Communications Committee explained the response to the Coffee House event was outstanding. A new church family directory was distributed

with the most current Family Plan included.

- The Finance Committee Chair announced he will be presenting a summary of church finances after worship on October 28. The presentation will give a good explanation of one-time capital expenditures, versus operating expenses.
- The Outreach Committee explained they will be packing boxes for college students, and will be planning for the Fair Trade Market.
- The Personnel Committee informed Session that they had a meeting to discuss raises for both Pastor Karen and for our staff. Formal motions will be presented to Session at the November meeting. The congregation will have an opportunity to vote of the pastor's compensation package in January.

Pastor Karen reported that she has attended the Presbytery Mission Committee meeting. She also met with Alexandra Lusak and Holly Cameron to discuss a shared seminary intern for August through December of 2019. She participated in Worship's Coffee House and RPMs Rise Against Hunger, and attended the Ladies Who Care luncheon.

In addition, she helped facilitate three Tuesday Christian Ed events, and began meeting with the confirmation classes students. She met with the Stewardship Committee and others to discuss fall stewardship campaign and worked on materials.

She announced she will be taking part in STEP TRAINING through the Presbytery at no cost to our church. Step Training is a workshop / seminar that explores themes in church transitions / transformations. Pastor Karen will be in Oregon Nov.14 -23 to help move her daughter and be with her family for Thanksgiving.

Session approved the following items:

- The Session meeting minutes from the September 18 meeting.
- Established communion date of November 4
- Moved the November Session meeting from November 20 to November 27 due to Thanksgiving week
- A building request from Webelos Pack 272 on the second Monday of each month

The next Session meeting was established for Tuesday, November 27 at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by David Austin, Clerk of Session

WORSHIP

Music



Many thanks to EVERYONE who supported the Coffeehouse by performing, running sound, baking and serving food, greeting, setting up and putting away, attending and donating! It was a fabulous evening of fellowship and entertainment, and we raised over \$2500-- a good start towards a sanctuary piano! Our next step is to sell the two current pianos, and also to plan a "next time" coffee house, as many folks have requested!

New members are always welcome at both choir and handbells. November is a great time to join us if you'd like to be involved in Christmas music. Bells of Praise meets Thursday nights at 6:30; choir gathers at 9:00 a.m. most Sundays.

Carol Scott, Director of Music

**SHOP FAIR TRADE THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON**

**Black Friday Fair-
Trade Market**



Friday, Nov. 23 &
Saturday, Nov. 24
10 am to 3 pm
At DPC

Featuring a beautiful array of
handcrafted gifts,
fairly-traded from around the
world.

Christmas Flowers



Order form is now available.



Also look for them in the Bulletin,
Narthex and weekly updates.
Deadline: Nov. 25

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



Orders are now being taken for
the Christmas poinsettias that
decorate our Sanctuary during the
Christmas season. Poinsettias are
available in your choice of red,
white or pink for **\$9.25** each, and
*may be taken home after
worship on Christmas Eve.*

**The deadline for ordering is
Sunday, November 25, 2018.**

Please include your payment with
this form and bring or mail it to
the church office. Thank you!

Name: _____

In Honor//Memory of (circle one)

Total # Poinsettias: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

How many? _____ RED

_____ WHITE _____ PINK

Let us Give Thanks!
For God, for our church family and our many blessings.

Thanksgiving Brunch



Sunday November 11
11 am, after church



Sign up in Narthex or call church office

518-439-9252

Able to Help Bake or Serve? Sign up in Narthex or
Contact Robin Young Robinyoung32860@yahoo.com

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