



Pastor's Page



The days are getting longer and the weather weirder! In the last few days we've had it all: balmy temperatures, rain, ice, freezing cold, snow and high winds. It is a season of change as the world turns and tilts closer to the sun the days become longer and winter gives way to spring. Lent is a season of tumultuous change in the church as well. We have moved from the joy of Christmas through the Season of Epiphany when we celebrate Christ's presence among us. We have moved from the gentle slopes of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus taught and healed to the road toward Jerusalem where Jesus will confront betrayal and death.

What is there for you and me to learn on this journey? Are we witnesses, standing on the side lines? Or are we participants – traveling with our Lord? Where in your life are there challenges you dread or difficulties that overwhelm? Perhaps on the Lenten journey we will discover anew how Christ's presence strengthens us to meet them. **A Messy Church** event on **Saturday, March 17th** (4pm – 6 pm) will explore Lenten themes of God's presence and strength during times of trial. Messy Church is a relaxed yet worshipful way to encounter our living Lord through activity, a time of celebration and a shared meal.

Make plans now to attend as many of the Holy Week observances as you can. We will be worshipping with our friends from New Scotland Presbyterian Church for many of them. Here is the schedule, shared services are in bold.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday: 10 am here at DPC

Holy Monday: Noon Communion at NSPC (12:15pm – 12:45pm)

Holy Tuesday: Noon Communion at DPC (12:15pm – 12:45pm)

Holy Wednesday: Noon Communion at NSPC (12:15pm – 12:45pm)

Maundy Thursday: DPC at 7pm

Good Friday: NSPC at 7pm

Holy Saturday: Prayer Vigil (come and go as you will) 11am – 2 pm

Easter Sunrise Service Thacher Park (6:15 am) with a breakfast following at the Methodist Church in Voorheesville (7 am).

Easter Celebration at DPC: 10 am

Our Risen Lord's blessing be yours this Lenten season.

Pastor Karen

March 2018

Bells of Praise: Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsals: Sundays at 9:00 am

Women's Bible Study: Mondays at 10 am

Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at 12

Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon

Prez Deadline for April: March 18

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10 am Communion 11:15 Bake Sale 11:15 CE Meeting		7 pm Christian Education	6 pm Scouts			7 am NYC Trip 6 pm Coffee House
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour			7 pm Living the Questions			4 pm Messy Church
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10 am Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour	7 pm Deacons	7 pm Session Meeting	6:30 pm Scouts 7 pm Living the Questions			5 pm Rental
25 PALM SUNDAY	26	27	28	29 MAUNDY THURSDAY	30 GOOD FRIDAY	31
10 am Worship and Children's Presentation 11:15 Coffee Hour	12:15 pm Communion at NSPC	12:15 pm Communion At DPC	12 pm Ladies Who Care 12:15 pm Communion at NSPC Scouts 6:30 pm	8 am Rental 7 pm Service at DPC	7 pm Service at NSPC	11 am-2 pm Easter Vigil at DPC

	Hostess	Deacons in Charge	Acolytes
4	Christa Cady	Nancy Scholes	Nancy Scholes
11		Peggy Mull	Lauren Jack
18		Peggy Mull	Peggy Mull
25		Peggy Mull	Greta Hertz

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School

Module 4 Has Begun

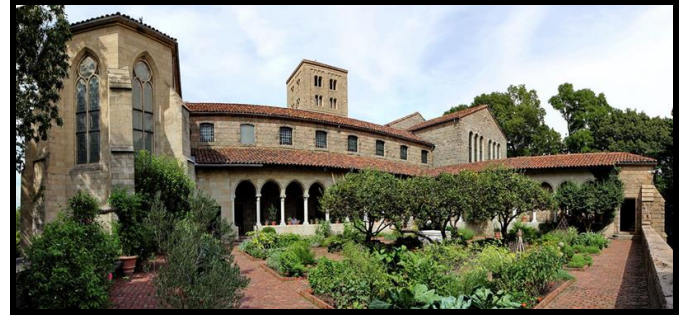
I want to extend a very deep appreciation for Sarah Lewis. Thank you. I was only in Sunday School for the first and last week of Module 3. I provided the materials and Sarah and I collaborated over the idea of the marionette show. Sarah did an amazing job of preparing the children with their story of Jesus's transfiguration and interpreting the story with their characters. Dan Lewis and Carol Scott were very involved with the writing and performing of the children's own version of Puff the Magic Dragon. Thank you. Sarah's Mom was the one who provided the instructions for the marionettes.



I feel truly blessed to have these amazing talented people who are so willing to step in to educate our children. Also, to have a faith community that so appreciates the children's participation in worship.

We have already begun working on Module 4 when the children will "Hail Jesus" on Palm Sunday.

Adult Education



March 10th Field Trip to NYC

The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a trip to the Met Cloisters, located on four acres overlooking the Hudson River in northern Manhattan's Fort Tryon Park. It is the branch of the Metropolitan Museum dedicated to the art, architecture, and gardens of medieval Europe. Deriving its name from the medieval cloisters that form the core of the building, it presents a harmonious and evocative setting for more than 2,000 exceptional artworks and architectural elements from the medieval West.

Itinerary:

7 AM	Depart DPC Parking lot
10 AM	Arrive at Cloisters
12 PM	Lunch
2 PM	First car(s) returns to Delmar, Second car(s) continues to the Main Gallery in Manhattan
5 PM	First car(s) arrives in Delmar
10 PM	Second car(s) arrive in Delmar

Wednesday Evening Study Group ***"Living the Questions"***

All are welcome to attend a Wednesday evening study group which will use the "Living the Questions" curriculum. We'll meet at 7 pm in the church library. Nina Nichols and Carol Scott will be our study leaders. We will begin with lesson 8 but you are welcome even if you haven't done lessons 1 through 7. You may pick up a copy of the week's study

materials in the narthex the Sunday before each lesson. A read-through of the week's topic is helpful before the study group meets.

There is no sign up; attend when you can! The weekly topics are stand-alone issues – thought-provoking dilemmas which we encounter/struggle with in our daily lives as Christians.

Dates: March 14 and 21.
 April 4, 11, 18, 25.
 May 2

If you're interested in attending and prefer not to drive at night, please call David Andersen (518-439-6153) or Irene Harbison (518-439-3836), or email Carol Scott (carolrscott@outlook.com).

RPMs

Mission Trip 2018



The RPMs are headed back to Philadelphia for our annual mission trip! We will once again work with the organization *Broad Street Ministries*, as we did in 2013, helping in the inner city volunteering with the many aspects that Broad Street Ministries offers, including: helping with

their feeding programs, thrift store, and mail center. We will also be doing some urban gardening, helping at outreach centers and learning about social justice in the city of Philadelphia.

YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS TRIP A REALITY!!! While each person contributes towards the cost of the trip, the remainder of the cost is covered through fundraising activities, corporate donations and assistance from congregations. Your contribution is tax-

deductible and will entitle you to a complimentary program when the group returns and shares information about their experience. **Please make your check payable to "RPM Seniors"**. You can deliver it to the RPM mailbox at the Church Office.

You can also join us at **Grounds for Giving** on **March 10th** at the **Delmar Reformed Church**. Be entertained by *The Sacandaga String Band* as they play original music and covers from bands like Mumford and Sons, Nickel Creek, the Rolling Stones and many more. The RPMs will serve passed Hors d'oeuvres and there will be an array of desserts and coffees! As always we will have our wonderful silent auction and raffle. For those with young kids childcare will be provided for \$5.00 (prior registration required) so parents can spend an evening out for a good cause! The cost is only \$25 for two tickets! Tickets will be available at church services, in the church office and by contacting Beth Gould at RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support!



Grounds for Giving Coffee House

Saturday, March 10th 6 – 9 pm

Delmar Reformed Church

WORSHIP

Morning Lenten Study

- Meet at The Perfect Blend from 8:00 - 9:00+ A.M.; arrive and leave whenever able/wish to. We'll stay as long as those present desire.
- Discussion will begin with and center upon the current week's selections in "Singing Lent & Easter"
- If possible, look over the hymn selection, and read the Bible verses referenced, prior to coming - but not required - come regardless!
- Copies of "Singing Lent & Easter" are available in the Narthex, as well as at the Friday morning gathering.
- All are welcome! Look for us somewhere in the newly expanded Perfect Blend Cafe, likely towards the back.

Messy Church
Saturday, March 17
4-6 pm

SESSION DIGEST

Highlights of the February 20, 2018

Session Meeting for the Prez

- Session welcomed Paula Bossert, Nelson Dasari and Elvina Dasari to the meeting

and voted unanimously to accept them as new members of our congregation.

- New Elders Ravi Bolleddu and Matt Cooper were ordained and installed.
- The Woods beautification project was discussed. The Woods beautification sub-committee met and approved the removal of a few more trees and met with the contractor to discuss the plan.
- Upon a recommendation from the Cristian Education Committee, Session approved a \$500 expenditure from the Memorial funds to purchase copies of "Bible for Everyone" as well as other materials for children and young adults
- The Congregational Life Committee notified Session that the two new refrigerators have been installed in the kitchen at a cost of only \$1,444, which was approximately \$1,000 less than the budgeted amount. The Committee announced they will host a Family Feud night on March 23.
- Approved the January 2018 Session Meeting minutes.
- Established communion dates of March 4 and March 30 (Good Friday)
- Approved building requests for a private party/baby shower on March 24
- The Christian Education Committee reported that our youth have connected with adult advisors. The committee meets with parents and volunteers on a regular basis.
- The Worship Committee reported that the committee met and discussed the

purchasing of instruments, and what to do with our two pianos.

- The Communications Committee notified Session they will be updating Facebook, our web site, and the Family Support Plan. The Committee will begin work on a new member directory, and also will be investigating the possibility of a new sign at the Delaware Avenue entrance.
- Rev. Pollan reported that there are Messy Church events planned for March, April, and May. Holy Week planning is under way for joint daily services with New Scotland Presbyterian Church. Pastor Karen will be away April 3-6 (Dad's 88th Birthday), and will be attending the Festival of Homiletics, "Preaching and Politics," May 21-25 in Washington DC.

OUTREACH



On Palm Sunday, March 25th, we will have a special collection for One Great Hour of Sharing. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities, and feeds the hungry. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope and work for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find a brighter future. Children and adults can also receive a fun fish bank and a calendar of ideas as an aid to seeing our blessings and the world's needs in a new way.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Ladies Who Care Wednesday, March 28th

Please join us for a enlightening program on understanding cultural differences presented by Lynda Spielman, PhD. Lynda has spent much of her career as a global human resource professional in mobility and intercultural management. She has co-authored the book, Transformational Diversity: Why and How Intercultural Competencies Can Help Organizations to Survive and Thrive.

Lynda will provide us with a framework for understanding cultural differences, drawing from her professional and academic experiences as an inter-culturalist. She will address how the implicit value-based components of a culture are more critical for culture comparisons and are often the source of greater conflict and misunderstanding. She will focus on two American values of consequence – individualism and equality – for comparison. She will also ask us to reflect on considering "culture shock" as an influence on our individual reactions to diversity and as a contributor to the public debate on changes in American culture.

All women in the church and friends are invited to this program that promises to expand our understanding of ourselves and others.

When: March 28th at noon

Where: DPC Lounge

Bring: A bag lunch – Dessert and Beverages will be provided.

RSVP: jjriopelle@gmail.com or pamtaft73@gmail.com or sign up in the narthex.

COMING IN APRIL!!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
MORE INFORMATION TO COME.....



FRIDAY APRIL 13
6:30 – 9 PM
COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN AND LAUGHTER!
CAN MAKE A TEAM, JOIN A TEAM
OR JUST COME!!
FRIENDS ARE WELCOME
RECOMMENDED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OLDER
ANSWER EASY QUESTIONS,
THINK QUICK OF TOP RESPONSES

DEACONS

SPORTS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3	Dan Krzykowski
3	Nancy Lynk
4	Mary Fleischut
6	Bailey MacTavish
8	Dan Lewis
9	Prince Bolleddu
10	James Carroll
13	Lois Hessberg
16	Sue Kilgallon
19	Patrick Carroll
24	Anne Crawford
27	Kevin Kilgallon
27	Trish McGinn
27	Katerina Rees
29	Jack Gajewski
31	Midge Trivers

Don't see your name? Add your information to the birthday lists in the fellowship hall or email the office at info@delmarpres.org.

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Bowling

February 3rd at Del Lanes, Bowling for Beds was enjoyed by 16 Presbys, raising \$1600 for the Albany City Shelter.

Sierra Glass is wrapping up an outstanding bowling season for the Bethlehem Central High School girls bowling team. She will be in Syracuse March 9-10 competing for the Section II All-Star girls team in the State High School Girls Bowling Tourney. Sierra had the second high triple in the Section II tourney as the Bethlehem Central High School girls finished third. She was named to the Suburban Council's All Star Team for her season's efforts. Next year Sierra will be one of the team's co-captains.

Congratulations Sierra!!