

The Delmar Prez



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Pastor's Page



This past Sunday (June 23rd) was one of joyous celebration! It was almost an Easter crowd as the Messina – Root clan gathered with us for the baptism of Valerie and Rick Root's twin boys, Bodie and Seamus. It is my practice to invite the children up front so they can see the baptisms. The Root's older sons, Micah and Caleb, and a cousin came up into the chancel to be part of the happy event. It was such a blessing to be at the start of Bodie and Seamus' faith journey!

We also had the blessing to share an important step in the faith journey of the 2019 Confirmation Class. These high school

students: Lauren Jack, Nate Phang and Nick Rees have been meeting with me and their advisers – David Andersen, Jim Finke and Dan Lewis – over the 2018-2019 program year. Nate and Nick were baptized as infants – that is, their parents presented them for baptism making claims of faith on their behalf, and the congregation vowed to nurture and raise them to be followers of Jesus. And on this Sunday when we promised Bodie and Seamus that we would be there for them, at the same time we got to welcome those to whom the promise had been given into membership of the church. Lauren had not been baptized as an infant, so we celebrated her baptism as well.




It is not the end of a faith journey. Rather it is a stop along the way where they spent some time reflecting on faith and what it means to them at this time in their lives. Remember them in your prayers – and even though they have been confirmed, our vow to nurture and encourage them still stands!

Finally, we thanked the many church school volunteers who help make our promises to the infants and youths real. They serve the church by serving the church's children and youth in our Sunday morning Church school programs. They received heartfelt thanks from our congregation for their care of the children and for sharing their time, talents and themselves.

Well done, all! And may God richly bless you now and always!

Blessings, *Pastor Karen*

July 2019

Bells of Praise: resumes in Fall				Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at noon		
Choir Rehearsals: resumes in Fall				Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon		
Monday Study Group: resumes in Fall				Prez Deadline for August: July 22		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10 am Communion 11:15 Refreshments		7 pm Christian Education 7:30 pm Worship				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10 am Worship 11:15 Refreshments						Fellowship Hall Rental 9 am – 5 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10 am Worship 11:15 Refreshments						
28	29	30	31			
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	Liturgists	Hostess	Deacon in Charge
7	David Andersen	Ginny Gajewski	Sarah Carroll
14	Matt Cooper		Ginny Gajewski
21	Laura Scott		Jan Messina
28	David Rees		Jan Messina

DEACONS

WORSHIP

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Emily Wilson
3	Dylan Cady
4	Karyn Rees
5	Dick Stearns
7	Ginny Gajewski
8	Abigail Cooper
8	Megan MacTavish
10	Deborah Andersen
14	Laura Krzykowski
18	Calvin Howard
20	Ed Taft
22	Dmitry Rees
28	Vji Bolleddu
28	Ravi Bolleddu

Summer Music



Singers and Musicians Welcome!

In the summer we welcome special music from soloists, small groups and instrumentalists to enhance our worship services. If you would like to offer your musical gifts for a Sunday or two, please contact Carol Scott. If you know a gifted musician who might be willing to sing or play for us, urge them to contact Carol, or give Carol their contact information. Email: carolrscott@gmail.com



COMMUNICATIONS

Church Directory

The newest version of DPC's family directory is now available on our website: www.delmarpres.org. You will need to create a password to have access. Printed copies are available upon request. We have made the format easier to read and enlarged the photos. If you have a new photo or address, please send them to the office.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**** SAVE THE DATE ****



Chicken and Corn Roast
Thursday, August 1



Look for signup sheets in July.

Ladies Who Care

SAVE the DATE

Wednesday, August 14



*Men and women are invited to
a noontime picnic at the
Henry Hudson Park on August 14th.
Details will follow in the August Prez.*

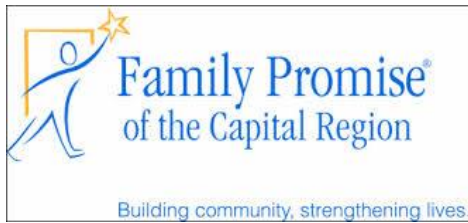
OUTREACH

Looking Ahead with Outreach

On the fifth Sunday of September, Sept. 29th, we will be gathering after worship to assemble toiletries kits for the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. The IPH welcomes newcomers with what we call "Love Kits" – a zip lock bag containing essential toiletries. We will make up toiletries kits for men and for women. We welcome donations for these toiletries kits. We'll need small/travel-size items which you may find in hotels as you travel, or which can be purchased at local stores. Please put your donations of toiletries in the basket in the donations room.

Items needed:

- Washcloths
- Toothbrushes (regular size)
- Toothpastes
- Combs
- Bath soaps (regular size or single-use size)
- Body Lotions/Dry Skin Creams/Tubes of Vaseline
- Shampoos
- Deodorants (men's and women's)
- Shaving Creams
- Razors (men's and women's)
- Chap sticks



Family Promise in August

Our next Family Promise week is August 25-31. This may be an awkward time for volunteers...last week in August...prime vacation week for many of us.

We have put the signup sheet for volunteers on the Outreach bulletin board in the hallway. As you make summer plans, please consider helping us with hosting duties.

Submitted by Irene Harbison, Outreach Chair

SESSION DIGEST

Highlights of the June 18, 2019 Session Meeting

Elders met jointly with the Deacons following a dinner reception to recognize our church staff for their outstanding work.

Three confirmands were presented to Session by their adult counselors and received into membership of the church.

The Congregational Life Committee announced that the Chicken and Corn Roast will be held on August 1.

The Finance Committee reported that pledge income is less than last year as of May 31. It was explained that the Permanent Endowment Fund income will be less than recent years. The committee plans to start the Stewardship campaign earlier this year. A

written outline of expenses and income through May 31 was distributed.

Outreach provided a written report of committee activities.

The Christian Education Committee distributed a document entitled Stewardship Fund Proposal with an attachment entitled *Our Church School, a Renewed Vision of Excellence*. Session was given an overview of the church school activities that are being planned, and the vacant Christian Education director position. The Christian Education Committee recommended that the funding for this position come from the Stewardship Fund. Following a discussion, Session approved \$11,000 be expended from Stewardship Fund for the year 2020 to fund the Christian Education Director position. A search for a Christian Education Director will take place this summer.

The Administration Committee Chair gave a general overview of possible revisions to the Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy to be reviewed at the August Session meeting.

The Worship Committee notified Session that we need more volunteers to help with the visual display during worship service. The committee also discussed the possibility of using worship models to enhance worship. Session approved a recommendation that we sponsor another coffee house fundraiser to benefit the music program on September 15 or 22. Session also approved the sale of the used baby grand piano in the fellowship hall, which is in need of many repairs and is no longer needed.

The Communications Committee has updated the church directory with new and larger photos. In addition, members' names are also better organized. The revised directory is available online to members with their login password. The committee is also working on

some new social media ideas, and new signs will be made up for church school for the fall.

Pastor Karen announced that we will be changing to a narrative lectionary beginning in the fall, which provides for more of a chronological story of the Bible. She informed Session that she is attending a wellness retreat in August and will be returning to Oregon in late July or early August to attend to personal matters.

Session also approved the following items at the meeting:

- The minutes from the May meeting of Session
- Communion dates were established for July 7 and August 4 by intinction
- Building Requests*: **Community:** 8/9, 8/10, 10/18 and 10/19
- A baptism to be held on June 23.

The next Session meeting was established for Tuesday, August 20 at 7 p.m.



Summer Worship Series

The Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church

announces its schedule of summer services:

Every Sunday

June 30 through September 1

11:00 am

1454 County Route 351 (Main St),
Rensselaerville, NY

Each year, clergy from different faith traditions are invited to deliver sermons on a common theme. This year's theme is "Finding Joy."

June 30: "Finding Joy"

Rev. Stewart Pattison, HR, Moderator
Rensselaerville Presbyterian Church,
Rensselaerville, NY

July 7: "The Joy of Healing in Community"

Rev. Dr. Amaury Tañón-Santos, Synod
Networker, Synod of the Northeast, East
Syracuse, NY
(Communion)

July 14: "Make a Joyful Noise"

Rabbi Deborah Gordon
Congregation Berith Sholom, Troy, NY

July 21: "Good Pleasure"

Ruling Elder Barbara Wheeler, Former President
Auburn Theological Seminary, New York, NY

July 28: "What Does Jesus Know About Joy?"

Rev. Dr. Rick Spalding, Retired Chaplain
Williams College, Williamstown, MA
(Communion)

August 4: "Discovering Joy in a Root-Shocked World"

Rev. Peter Cook, Executive Director
New York State Council of Churches, Albany, NY

August 11: "Approaching the World"

Rev. Kate Forer, Senior Pastor
Presbyterian-New England Congregational
Church, Saratoga Springs, NY

August 18: "You Give Them Something to Eat"

Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth, Co-Pastor
Riverview Missionary Baptist Church,
Coeymans, NY

August 12: "Joy is Different Than Happiness"

Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper, Senior Pastor
Judson Memorial Church, New York, NY

September 1: "Joy, A Firm and Quiet Strength"

Sister Joan Scanlon, O.P., Coordinator of
Dominican Ministeries,
Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT

More information about each week's guest preacher and the church may be found on its website: www.rvillepres.org. Comments and questions may be sent to rvillepreschurch@gmail.com.

A Day of Celebration at DPC!

Sunday, June 23, 2019



Pictured: Nick Rees, Lauren Jack

Not shown: Nate Phang



Baptism



*Richard and Valerie Root with
Infant sons Bodie and Seamus*

*Also receiving baptism:
Lauren Jack*



Prayer for migrant children and their families

Jill Duffield, Presbyterian Outlook

Lord whose love is boundless, whose mercy knows no borders, whose grace cannot be thwarted by fences, walls or barriers, forgive us for attempting to hold back your compassion, contain your care and put limits on your kindness. You are the one who welcomes the little children. You proclaim that the kingdom of heaven belongs to them. You are the Lord who admonishes your followers to feed the hungry and care for the sick, to bind up the broken hearted and welcome the stranger.

Lord, we plead for your Spirit of tenderness to overtake our hearts, our congregations and our country. Remove from us any impediment to doing justice and alleviating suffering. Show us your way that is the way of truth, abundance and life, your way that refuses to ignore the cries of the children, the pain of their parents, the desperation of those made in your image.

As those who follow Jesus Christ who told us to ask and receive, we humbly ask for wisdom, for courage and for the will to unleash the rivers of living water you place in our hearts. May your Spirit of comfort and gentleness envelop the children languishing in poverty, bring healing to those sick in detention centers, and hope to those terrified in shelters.

Let loose through your disciples your Spirit who speaks truth to power, upends cruelty and arrests exploitation. Right now, help us to prepare a place for all your children, just as you prepare a place for us — a place of refuge and safety, a place of peace and welcome, a place where all know they are valued and beloved. Amen.

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