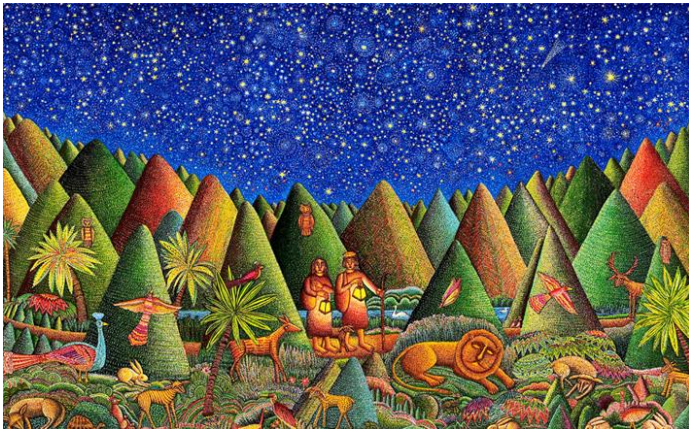




Pastor's Page

Beginning on Sunday, we will be following a new lectionary in Sunday morning worship.



Reading for Sept. 8: Genesis 2

'Lectionary' is one of those churchy words that describes a set of readings for a given day. Lectionary comes from a Latin word referring to readings. Did you know that even in the first century Christians had lectionaries? Early Christians continued to hear the Spirit speaking to them through the Hebrew Scriptures (often referred to by Christians as the 'Old Testament'). And different groups had different copies of Paul's letters, and by early in the second century copies of the Gospels were being circulated as well. Obviously, it was too much to read and to hear at one time. So they developed 'lectionaries' so they could systematically hear God's Word.


Over the centuries various lectionaries have been developed and used in the church. The one I am most familiar with, the Revised Common Lectionary, has only been around since the early 1990s. While a Presbyterian preacher has always had the freedom to choose any Scripture for their sermon, most preachers I know [including me] pick a reading from the RCL. It has four readings for each Sunday: a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, a Psalm, a reading from one of the Epistles and a reading from a Gospel. Some preachers try to address all four in a sermon. But, whether the preacher chooses one scripture or tries to tie them all together, the result is that one passage of Scripture is short changed. Another concern is that the congregation receives vignettes but rarely sees the over-all narrative arc of Scripture – rarely sees the majestic 'story' of the Bible.

This new lectionary seeks to address those concerns. In fact, it is called the Narrative Lectionary. Every program year, September through May, the readings begin with Creation, move through the stories of the Patriarchs, follow the children of Israel into Egypt and slavery, track them as they are liberated and travel through the wilderness to the Promised Land. We will hear stories of how the Kingdom of Israel came to be and how human failings divided the kingdom. We will watch the Northern Kingdom fall and the Southern Kingdom be taken into captivity. In December we will hear the prophets long for a return from exile and then hope for a new king – a new anointed one to come. As we gather on Christmas Eve, we will hear the echoes of the ages resound with the cries of a babe born to poor parents in a stable. The New Year begins with the retelling of the Jesus story leading up to Holy Week, Good Friday and the surprise of Easter. The Sundays between Easter and Pentecost we explore the new creation of the church and prepare again to pray 'Holy Spirit, come.' The Narrative Lectionary tells God's story and our story.

Pastor Chris Nelson from Minneapolis said *"The Narrative Lectionary has helped my people know the stories and understand the connections in the Gospels like never before, and far beyond the Revised Common Lectionary's 'snippets.' You get to see the whole painting, as it were, and not the 'square inches of art.'"*

What new vistas will we see? What new Word might we hear? Blessings, *Pastor Karen*

September 2019

Bells of Praise: Beginning Sept. 12 at 6:30 pm				Women's AA: Sundays at 7:15 pm, Tuesdays at noon		
Choir Rehearsals: Beginning Sept. 22 at 9 am				Closed Meeting AA: Thursdays at noon		
Monday Study Group: Beginning Sept. 9 at 10 am				Prez Deadline for October: September 22		
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10 am Communion 11:15 Refreshments 7:15 pm AA	LABOR DAY	OFFICE CLOSED				Fellowship Hall Rental
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:15 Church School 10 am Worship and Baptism 11:15 Ice Cream Social 7:15 pm AA	Monday Painters 1-4					Fellowship Hall Rental
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:15 Church School 10 am Worship 11:15 Refreshments 7:15 pm AA	Monday Painters 1-4	7 pm Session	6:30 pm Scouts			Coffee House setup
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 am Choir 9:15 Church School 10 am Worship 11:15 Refreshments 7 pm Coffee House 7:15 AA	Monday Painters 1-4 6:15 & 6:30 Scouts	RSVP deadline for Rise Against Hunger 6:30 Scouts				RISE Against Hunger
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	Liturgists	Readers	Hostess	Greeters	Deacon in Charge
1	Laura Scott	Seanie Greagan	Sara Howard	Howard Family	Jan Messina
8	David Austin	Ellen Kelly Lind		Walthall Family	Jan Messina
15	David Andersen	Ginny Gajewski		Jack Family	Sarah Carroll
22	Tricia Hertz	Children		Children	Sarah Carroll
29	Irene Harbison	Lauren Jack		TBD	Sarah Carroll

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School

The **BIG NEWS** in Christian Education for September is our planned start of Sunday School on September 8 at our new time – 9:15 A.M. Again this fall, our children will be serving in the liturgy as readers and helpers. Our children will also make three special presentations. Please note these key dates when our children will be more active in worship:

Sept. 22	Children assist in worship
Oct. 6	Children present scripture
Nov. 3	Children assist in worship
Nov. 17	Children present story
Dec. 15	Children present pageant

Parents are invited to stay this Sunday during church school for a meeting with Christian Education members, as well as Pastor Karen and Carol Scott to hear about the fall program and what is being planned for the children. We hope you will join us for coffee and refreshments before worship begins.

Saturday 9/14
Sunday School Picnic
at the Walthall's
Contact Beth at
Elizabeth.walthall@gmail.com

Bible Study

The Monday Morning Study Group will begin meeting on Monday, September 9th at 10:00 am. We will be studying the gospel of John. All are welcome! We meet in the library.

RPMs

The first RPMs meeting will be held Sunday, Sept. 8 at Delmar Reformed Church at 7 pm. An informational meeting for parents will be held on Sept. 22 at 7 pm during the student regular meeting.



Save the Date:
Rise Against Hunger
Community Wide Service Project!



September 28TH
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Delmar Presbyterian Church

The RPMs will be hosting the fourth annual *Rise Against Hunger* (formally known as *Stop Hunger Now*) packaging event, and invites members of our church community to participate again this year. We will pack 20,000 dehydrated meals to be shipped around the world to feeding programs. Small children through those that are young at heart are encouraged to come, as there are jobs for everyone!

The RPMs pay \$.34 per meal (that's \$6800!!!) so donations to help offset the cost are ***greatly appreciated***, and you can **donate** **online** **here:**

<http://events.stophungernow.org/Reformed>

SIGN UPS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 24th ARE REQUIRED.

Please RSVP to Beth Gould at RPMsYouthGroup@Gmail.com or sign up online here: <http://events.stophungernow.org/Reformed>

DEACONS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Thomas Toohey
4	Gina Jack
7	Joan Given
8	Drew Hyde
8	Joseph Torres
10	Melissa Fleischut
10	Sam Messina
16	Seanie Greagan
21	Amelia Hertz
21	Steven Zayas
23	Shirley Greagan
27	Lee Hessberg

WORSHIP



DPC Coffee House Returns!

When: September 22, 7 p.m.

Where: DPC Fellowship Hall

Why: To raise money for the 'extras' needed for the baby grand piano-- bench, cover, humidifier, etc.

Who: YOU! Members and friends of DPC are invited to perform (music, storytelling, comedy-- be creative!)

This is not an "open mic" event, but if you know someone you think should be invited, pass information on to Carol (carolrscott@outlook.com).

And if you don't wish to perform, please mark your calendar and plan to be in the audience for a delightful evening of entertainment and fellowship!

Submitted by Carol Scott, Music Minister

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Ladies Who Care

We are blessed to have both members in our congregation and friends in our community who are willing to share their knowledge, talents and experiences with us.

Be sure to mark the dates below on your calendars so you don't miss these interesting, informative and entertaining programs. Besides the programs, however, are the opportunities to enjoy each other's company. There is always laughter and conversation when we gather together!

In September we will luncheon at the Yellow Rock Café, Indian Ladder Farms in Altamont. The cost is \$15 which includes tax and gratuity. A dessert will be an additional \$1.

The menu selections are as follows:

- 1) Turkey apple sandwich on wheat berry bread
- 2) One half turkey apple sandwich with a cup of soup
- 3) Vegetable Quiche with a garden salad
- 4) Chicken salad sandwich on wheat berry bread

The choice of cider or coffee is included. We will carpool at the church. Please meet at the Delaware Ave-side parking lot at 11 AM to organize the car occupants and we'll depart at 11:15 for a noon lunch. Be sure to let us know if you plan to drive separately.

Please RSVP to Judy, jjriopelle@gmail.com or Pam, pamtaft73@gmail.com or sign up in the Narthex. We need to know your menu choice by 9/23/19

The 2019-2020 calendar is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program/Presenter</u>
Sep 25	Luncheon at the Yellow Rock Café
Oct 23	Photos by a Local Photographer Bob Riccardo
Dec 4	Pot-luck Luncheon & Carol Sing Irene as Hostess
Jan 22	A Close-up Look At Albany Law Enforcement Lee Bormann
Feb 26	Unity House: An Agency That Cares Nina Nichols
Mar 25	My Brush with Art Bob Lynk
Apr 22	Dignity through Hospice Care Nancy Braaten
May 27	Bethlehem: Four Centuries of History Members of the BHA
Jun 24	Luncheon Out - Location TBA



Join us after church on
September 8th for
Ice Cream!
Chocolate sauce!
Caramel Sauce!
Sprinkles!
Whipped Cream!

Sponsored by the Congregational Life
Committee

OUTREACH

Hurricane Dorian Disaster Relief



Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Carl Miller carries sandbags in preparation for Hurricane Dorian in Jacksonville, FL —
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan T. Beard

Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a Category 5 hurricane on September 1, 2019 and stalled over the islands for 24 hours, causing massive damage. So far, it is reported that 27 lives have been lost.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with partners in the Bahamas to respond to immediate needs and is monitoring the storm as it heads along the Atlantic coast in the U.S.

Using Hurricanes account [DR000194](#) allows us to respond immediately to the needs internationally and domestically.

Please visit:

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-dorian/>

LOVE KITS

Please drop off in the donation room. Thanks!

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

SESSION

Highlights of the August 2019

Session Meeting

The **Congregational Life Committee** announced that the chicken and corn roast was a success with 60 people attending. Activities are being planned for the fall.

The **Finance Committee** submitted a letter to Session outlining the work of the Stewardship Campaign Committee and the status of the operating budget expenditures and pledges received thus far this year. A brief discussion followed regarding the format of the campaign, the possible adoption of a budget earlier in the fall, and the status of our investment income. It was reported that we have made up the pledge gap somewhat in the last month. Gratitude was expressed to Sam

Messina for agreeing to head up the Stewardship Committee.

A written outline of pledges and expenditures received through July 31 was distributed.

Outreach submitted a written report summarizing outreach activities and what is being planned in the near future.

The **Christian Education Committee** presented information regarding the Director of Youth and Families position. A discussion followed regarding the pay and the hours for this position.

A summary of the Sunday School modules for the 2019-2020 school year was distributed.

The minutes of the July 9 meeting was distributed.

The **Administration Committee** distributed revisions to the sexual misconduct policy. The policy will be posted on our bulletin board this fall, and a meeting will be held with parents to review the policy. Safe Sanctuary training will take place this fall.

It was reported that we have received our first electric bill since signing on with Common Energy. Savings appear to be approximately \$10 per month, but more importantly, we saved 359 lbs. of carbon from being released into the environment.

The **Communications Committee** reported that the name tags continue to be updated, and new ones have been developed for the new confirmands.

The **Buildings & Grounds Committee** reported it is continuing to look at the flooring in the sanctuary. The tile is beginning to deteriorate and recent testing indicates it does contain a certain percentage of non-friable asbestos, which is not airborne unless it is disturbed. A meeting of the committee will be held in the near future to discuss our various options.

A small air conditioning unit was installed in the choir area of the sanctuary to help the Choir director during the Summer months. Many thanks to Nate Cady for his help with the installation. Soil was added to the edges of the paved areas to eliminate the risk of someone injuring them self on a high pavement edge.

Thanks went out to members David Andersen, David Rees, and Ed Taft for helping to clean up the woods area.

We will also be getting more stackable chairs with arms to help folks lift themselves out of the chair.

Rev. Pollan reported that we will be switching to a narrative lectionary beginning September 8. The narrative lectionary was explained, which also fits with our Sunday School modules. She has been meeting with the stewardship Committee, and will continue to do so. She announced that she will be closing on her new home in Albany this week. She also announced that she will be taking a sabbatical in 2020, as provided for in her contract signed in 2013.

Session also approved the following items at the meeting:

- The minutes from the June 18 Session meeting.
- Two baptisms to take place September 8 and again later this fall.
- Communion September 1, intinction service
- Building Requests from a member, and other community members and organizations.

The next Session meeting was established for Tuesday, September 17 at 7 p.m.

Watercolor Classes
Starting October 9th
Lynda Spielman, Instructor



Learn and/or improve your watercolor painting skills in this fall series of 7 classes. Classes will focus on techniques, color, values and composition for still life and landscape paintings. Lynda teaches by demonstration and exercises with a focus on skills and personal expression in painting with this exciting medium. Individual attention and fun are guaranteed. Beginners are welcome. A materials list will be provided upon registration.

Dates:

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 12:00
October 9 to November 13

Fees:

\$30 per class; \$27 if prepaid

Location:

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware
Avenue, Delmar

Lynda Spielman is a member and an award winner of the Bethlehem Art Association, and has more than 15 years' experience in teaching adult classes privately and for community groups. Contact her at 718.463.5679 or at lyndaspelman@aol.com for information and to register.

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