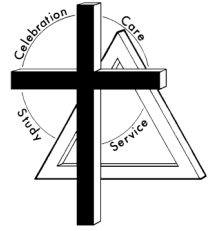


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Upcoming Events:

- August 4
Spiritual Life
- August 7
*Worship/Communion
Frances Park*
- August 8
*Resources Committee
Mission Committee*
- August 14
*Change for Change
Advent House*
- August 15
Deacons
- August 21
*Personal Needs Closet
Worship/Delta Retirement Center*
- August 22
Session
- August 23
Stewardship Committee

August 7-Presbyterian Worship/Picnic

Come and enjoy the great outdoors and worship at the same time! The Lansing area Presbyterian churches are conducting a worship/communion service at 10:30 am, Sunday, August 7, at

Frances Park in Lansing. A potluck will follow the service. There are also games planned for after the potluck. Please bring your own table services, lawn chairs, and food to share.

Frances Park is located at 2600 Moores River Drive.

It is always fun to get together with the congregations of other churches to celebrate our unity in Christ.

Rolling Out the Welcome Mat

Have you ever wondered what you could do to create a welcoming environment for visitors here at Delta? We have been reading and discussing articles about welcoming congregations at session and spiritual life meetings. We are asking you to help in two specific ways:

- Wear your nametags every week. It takes a while for people to learn everyone's names, so help them out by wearing your nametag.
- Visitors often prefer to sit next to the aisle in the back. Moving forward and to the center

of the rows opens up those spots for visitors.

Help us to roll out the welcome mat for visitors, that people will experience the love and grace of Christ through us.

Sunday School & Nursery Care

Plans are coming together for Sunday School this fall. The Spiritual Life Committee will be calling for volunteers soon to help with the Sunday School teaching and for Nursery Care providers. You can help by giving Gudrun Cruz a call at 886-4998 to get your name on the list of volunteers. Thank you for your commitment to the young people of our church.

Formed by Scripture

This fall we will begin a new adult education program. Wendy will be leading a 7 week study called **Understanding Spiritual Gifts**. This study is different from other Bible studies you may have attended, because rather than focusing on in-

formation and teaching you about Scripture, the focus is on formation, and allowing our lives to be formed by God's Word. The study will be offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 and Sunday mornings at 8:30. The Wednesday group will begin

on September 14, and the Sunday group will begin on September 18. There will be a sign-up sheet at the commitment center so we know how many workbooks to order.



Words From Wendy

And now you are living stones that are being used to build a spiritual house.

—1 Peter 2:5a

(Contemporary English Version)

Over the years I have learned some things about home improvement projects and building things. It is important to plan, and things need to be done in the right order. Our theme for this fall will be **Building a Spiritual House**. Planning has been going on for several months now as we prepare to focus on the spiritual house we are building here at Delta.

Each one of us is a living stone that is necessary to build this spiritual house, and so we will begin by focusing on strengthening our spiritual lives in **September**. We will be offering a new Bible study at 2 different times so more people can participate. We will be highlighting a number of different things you can do to strengthen your spiritual life.

In **October** the focus will be on our spiritual gifts and service to Christ and his church. We will be lifting up all the ways in which you can serve God and inviting

you to offer up your service for the coming year.

In **November**, we will shift our focus to the material resources that are involved in building a spiritual house. We will be looking at the building and its needs and our financial support of Christ's ministry in and through Delta.

It's going to be an exciting fall here at Delta, and I hope you will want to be a part of it.

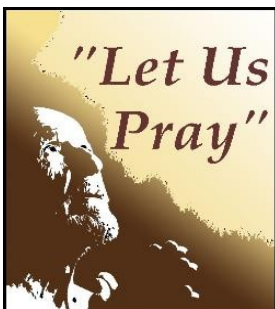
Community Outreach

Putt for a Purpose – No Experience Required!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 11, 2011! You will not want to miss this fun event to celebrate and support the ministries of Christian Services and the Church Network. The event will be held at Hawk Hollow on the Little Hawk Putting Course with two playing options: 9 Holes and dinner

from 5:00 to 7:30 PM or dinner and 18 holes from 6:00 to 9:00 PM). Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for ages 13-18, \$15 for ages 7 to 12 (family pricing available.) Check the brochures at the Commitment Center for more details. Feel free to contact Christian Services at 394-5413 or ChristianServices@acd.net with any questions!

Attention all Crafters. SIREN/Eaton Shelter is in need of donations of craft items for their Frontier Days Craft Booth September 9-11. If you have craft items you would like to donate, please call SIREN at (517) 543-0748 to drop them off or have someone from SIREN pick them up for you. All items due by August 26th.



"Let Us Pray"

Please continue to pray for the pastor and the session as they seek to discern God's will and lead the congregation in the direction God is setting before us.

As we move into fall, pray for our children's ministry, that we would have volunteers who would love our children and show them in

words and actions what it means to be a Christian.

Cause to Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Philippians 4:4

God is at work in and through us, and it is exciting to be a part of the new things that God is doing in our midst. We invite you to rejoice in all the ways God is at work among us.

We rejoice in a successful mission trip to Sunset Gap, where two homes were repaired, an office was painted, fellowship was enjoyed, and lives were touched with the love of Christ.

We rejoice in all who gave a summer Sunday to work in

the concession booths at the U2 concert. Delta volunteers sold over \$16,000 worth of food, which should bring \$1500 to the church. As a bonus, the workers had the opportunity to enjoy a concert described as awesome.

We rejoice in the successful Blood Drive that was held at the church on July 28th. Thanks to Julie Cruz for recognizing that our building would be a good site to host this important program.

The session rejoices in the way our restructured session meetings are strengthening the session and the church.

The time spent on education each month is strengthening us to work as an effective team leading Delta into God's future.

We rejoice in the plans that are being made for fall, and the opportunities that God has in store for us to stretch and grow in new directions.

We rejoice in the impact the planned Community Garden will have: providing fresh produce for our neighbors, and as a visible witness to all who see it of our commitment to the community.



Habitat for Humanity

Come ride the countryside and help support Habitat for Humanity Lansing and Clinton County with each push of the pedal. There are 3 routes: 20, 45 and 75 mile distances. Registration is

available at habitatlansing.org or on the day of the ride, Aug. 20 from 8 am-10 am at Redeemer United Methodist Church, 13980 Schavey Rd., DeWitt. Cost is \$30.00.

This price includes lunch at the DeWitt Ox Roast beginning at 11:30 am.



New Friendship Pads

Beginning this month, we will have new forms in our friendship pads. We are asking everyone in worship to fill it out completely (including address) every week. Here are the top ten reasons why you should fill it out and give us your address weekly:

10. So the ushers have something to do following the worship service.

9. To settle arguments about who has the best attendance.

8. So we can have fun with glue making new friendship pads.

7. So Ellen won't get bored in the office.

6. Because it's fun to write with little golf pencils

5. So we can practice our skills at deciphering handwriting.

4. Because we got a great price on new friendship pad covers.

3. Because we haven't had enough change recently.

2. To encourage visitors to give us the information we need to send a welcome note and the Ambassador.

And the number 1 reason why you should fill out the attendance pad (drum roll, please)

1. To enable us to track attendance so we know when someone has missed a few weeks and we can contact them.





**Big
Thank
You!**

Thank you Delta!

Dear Delta Church family:

Thank you for supporting me on my journey to graduation and as a strong believer in the Christian Faith. It means a lot to have you all in my life.

Sincerely,
Matthew Reemsnyder

Thank You Teachers

The Spiritual Life Committee would like to extend a special thank you to the following people who either taught Sunday School or helped in the nursery or did both: Doris Snelling, Susan Swan, Jane Thomas, David

Brock, Cindy Schilling, Gudrun Cruz, Trudie Frick, Laurie Stirling, Vicki Zai-kowski, Rhonda Fort, Jean Potter, Michelle Dymond, Jan Small, Ellen Jackson, Lena Pratt, Sharon Ross and Sarah Dymond. We commend them for their service to this important aspect of our church life.

From the Staff of the CMH Program that used our building for six months

Words cannot truly express the gratitude I have for you and your parish. Your kindness, patience, open arms and assistance

made a difference in so many lives.—Dorothy

Thank you so much for the use of your church! You all have been great and accepting towards all of us.—Lanya

Thank you, very much for allowing us to use your church and all your hospitality. God Bless you.—Lisa

Thank you so much for opening the doors to your church for our group. If there were more people like you this world would be a much better place. Thanks again.--Debbie

Have You Ever Wondered?

This month is the first in a series of columns that will explore things around the church that may have caused you to wonder. We begin with a question that puzzles church members everywhere: How is music selected for Sunday morning? Here at Delta, music is selected on the basis of several things:

- Theme of the service
- Familiarity
- Singability
- Variety of styles

We begin with the theme of the worship service when selecting the music. People sometimes wonder why the music has to go with the theme. No one ever goes home humming the sermon, but if the music reflects the theme, we may go home humming a tune that will

remind us of the morning's message. So music is used to reinforce the message.

We look for music that is familiar to the congregation. When we do introduce new music, the choir sings it through ahead of time so they can lead the congregation in singing it.

Especially when introducing new music, we look for music that is singable. Sometimes we find words that go perfectly with the theme, but the tune isn't easy to sing. We will then use the metrical index to find a more familiar tune that goes with the words. When we introduce a new song, we make sure the rest of the music is familiar.

In every congregation, different people prefer different styles of music. Some people love the praise cho-

ruses, some don't. Some prefer the old hymns. We try to include different styles of music in the worship service.

As you can imagine, considering all these different things in the selection of music takes time. When selecting music for a month or a church season, it can take several hours.

Watch for columns about the colors we use in worship, why we're called Presbyterians, and various other topics in the months ahead.

What causes you to wonder around the church? Let Wendy know and we'll include it in a future column.



August-September Birthdays

Aug 1 Sharon Ross	Aug 28 Lee Reemsnyder	Sept 18 Martha Gearhart
Aug 4 Treven Fech	Sept 2 Gene Dexter	Sept 21 Jan Buchanan
Aug 7 Art Kelley	Sept 5 Roger LaPratt	Sept 22 Maureen Dykstra
Aug 11 Gloria Miller Zack Benezette	Sept 10 Jack VanCourt	Sept 30 Jeff Jackson
Aug 12 Kerri Buchanan	Sept 11 A.J. (Pete) Mitchell Bob Noble John Elsinga	
Aug 19 Ed Troshak	Sept 13 Jillian Dymond	
Aug 21 Tom Martin Vicki Zaikowski	Sept 14 Beau Benezette	
Aug 25 Janet Johnston	Sept 15 Dee Deutsch	



Servants

Ushers

Aug 7 (Frances Park)
Aug 14 Venman
Aug 21 Peters
Aug 28 Potter

Nursery

Aug 14 Mark Baczewski
Aug 21 Trudie Frick
Aug 28 Mary Jarrard

Singspiration

Aug 14 Sue Settle
Aug 21 Marilyn Whiting
Aug 28 Joe Frick

Lay Leaders

Aug 14 Mary Jo Kelley
Aug 21 Kyle Dymond
Aug 28 Frank Jackson



Did You Know?

The Sparrow Women’s Board of Managers and Sparrow Volunteer Services Department named Georgia Brown the June volunteer of the month. Georgia volunteers with the Mary Magdalen League, which runs the St. Lawrence Gift Shop. She is co-chair of the fundraising committee for the league. The Lansing State Journal describes her as “always upbeat, friendly, helpful and a classy lady.” We agree! Congratulations Georgia!

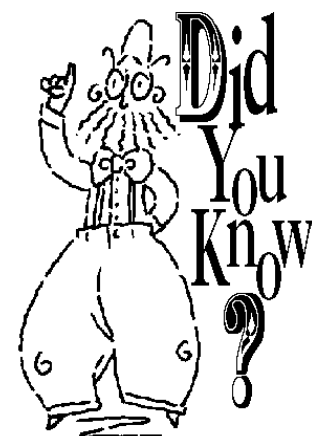
In a recent story on NPR’s Morning Edition about the

75th anniversary of the Berlin Olympics, our own Jim Constandt, author of **The 1936 Olympic Oaks: Where Are They Now?** was interviewed about the oak trees that Adolph Hitler gave to gold medalists.

Roger Small is a 2011 Inductee into the Greater Lansing Area Bowling Hall of Fame. The purpose of this organization is to honor, pay tribute to and perpetuate the names of those men and women who have made

significant contributions to the growth and welfare of the great games of Ten Pins by their bowling abilities. Membership in the Hall of Fame is limited to persons who are fifty years of age prior to January 1st of the year they are being inducted and have a minimum of twenty years activity involving bowling within the Greater Lansing area.

Our congregation is blessed to have such talented individuals among us.



August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 11 am Memorial Service-Doris Snelling 3 pm Property Team	4 6:30 pm Spiritual Life	5	6
7 10 am Worship/ Communion at Frances Part	8 6 pm Resources 7 pm Mission	9	10 10 am La Leche	11	12 CMH Conference	13
14 Advent House Change for Change 10 am Worship	15 6:30 pm Deacons 7 pm OCD Support	16 7 pm La Leche	17	18	19	20
21 Personal Needs 10 am Worship 3 pm Worship/Delta Retirement Center	22 6:30 pm Session	23 2:30 pm Stewardship Team	24 10 am La Leche	25	26	27
28 10 am Worship	29	30	31			

September 2011

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				1	2 ^{MSU} Conces- sions/ Youngstown State	3
4 Change for Change 10 am Worship/ Communion 11:15 am Fellow- ship Meal	5 Labor Day	6	7 9:30 am Quilting 10 am La Leche 3 pm Property Team	8 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	9	10 MSU Conces- sions/ Florida Atlantic
11 Advent House 10 am Worship	12 6 pm Resources 7 pm Mission	13 9:30 am Presbytery 10 am Great Parents/ Great Start Play Group	14 9:30 am Quilting 7 pm Adult Ed.	15 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	16	17
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“We are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us.” II Cor 5:20 .

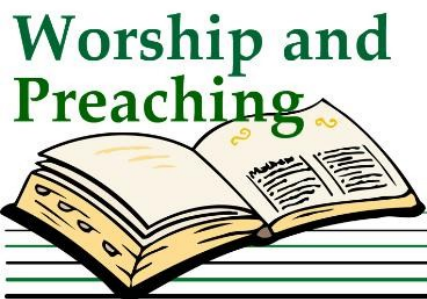
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Delta Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

Delta Presbyterian Church is a community of Christians committed to serving God through celebrating God's love in worship; studying God's Word; searching for God's truth and guidance; caring for each other in times of need, sorrow and joy; and, serving others to reflect Christ's example.

—Approved by Session, September 2009



Looking Ahead in Worship

Sunday, August 7, 2011
10:30 am, Worship with communion at Frances Park (2600 Moores River Drive, Lansing. Bring your own table services, lawn chairs, and food to share.)

Sunday, August 14, 2011
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32,
Matthew 15:10-28
Offensive Words

Sunday, August 21, 2011
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-21

The Messiah, the Son of the Living God

Sunday, August 28, 2011
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28
Taking Up the Cross

Sunday, September 4, 2011
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20
The Debt of Love