

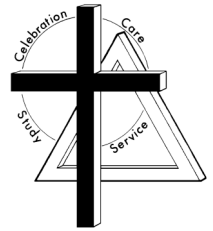
# The Ambassador

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## October Highlights:

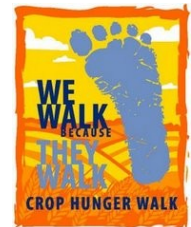
- **SUNDAYS**  
8:30 am Adult Education  
10 am Worship
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7 pm Adult Education
- **October 2**  
Change for Change  
Communion  
Mission Extravaganza  
Quilt Raffle/Fellowship Meal
- **October 9**  
Advent House  
CROP WALK
- **October 11**  
Community Garden
- **October 15**  
MSU vs Michigan/Concessions
- **October 16**  
Personal Needs Closet
- **October 22**  
MSU vs Wisconsin/Concessions
- **October 24**  
Session

## CROP WALK October 9, 2011

**CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty.** Annually, hundreds of thousands of Americans nationwide walk for pledges to provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development efforts for needy people throughout the world, including right here in Lansing. This year's Greater Lansing CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2011, starting at Dwight Rich Middle School at 1 PM, rain or shine.

It requires only a few hours of your time, is extremely rewarding, is great exercise and there are refreshments all along the route. Your Mission Committee is asking Delta members to walk for those and with those throughout the world who have no other choice but to WALK everywhere and for everything, often miles and miles just for a drink of clean water. **If you are unable to walk please donate generously when asked to pledge for those who will be walking in**

**support of CROP.** For more information and to obtain a pledge envelope, please call Bob Noble at 455-7546. Envelopes will also be available on Sunday mornings after worship through October 9.



## 2011 Mission Extravaganza!

**2011 MISSION EXTRA-  
GANZA-** Your Mission Committee will be hosting this event on Sunday, October 2 during the Fellowship Meal following wor-

ship. Displays and speakers will highlight the many opportunities to help and support our Missions. Come and see where your money goes and the im-

port it makes! Sign up for Thanksgiving Baskets, our Habitat for Humanity build, and other projects! See you there!!

## World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated at Shadyside Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1933. In 1936 the first Sunday in October was promoted as World Wide Communion Sunday throughout the Presbyterian. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and, after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church.

The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) was first associated with World Wide Communion Sunday in 1940 when the department's executive secretary, Jesse Bader, led in its extension to a number of churches throughout the world.

Today, efforts to promote World Communion Sunday are carried out by participating denominations around the

world. It is an opportunity for us to look beyond our local congregation and our denomination to celebrate our connection with Christians around the world. Please join us as we celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 2. In celebration of the day, we will celebrate our mission and share an international meal (tacos) following the service.



## Words From Wendy

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Last Spring we began making plans for our fall focus on building a spiritual house. By June, we were beginning to compile lists of ministry and mission opportunities. I must say, I found those lists to be overwhelming. I was amazed at the number and variety of activities and ministries that Delta is doing. It speaks well of all of you and your commitment to serving Christ and his church.

This month you will have an opportunity to learn about the various ministry opportunities and commit to supporting them as we continue to build our spiritual house. Building on the foundation of strong spiritual lives, we will be adding the stones of mission and ministry. We all have different gifts, and all of those varied gifts are needed as we carry out Christ's ministry. I hope you will find

the activity that allows you to best use your gifts to serve God as we continue to build a spiritual house.

If you missed filling out a spiritual commitment card, they are available at the Commitment Center and can be turned into the office.

### Prayer Ministries

#### "Let Us Pray"

As we begin the prayer service October 19, pray that we would have enough people participating to keep it going and that it would provide an opportunity for worship and renewal midweek to our members and friends.

#### Mid-Week Prayer Service

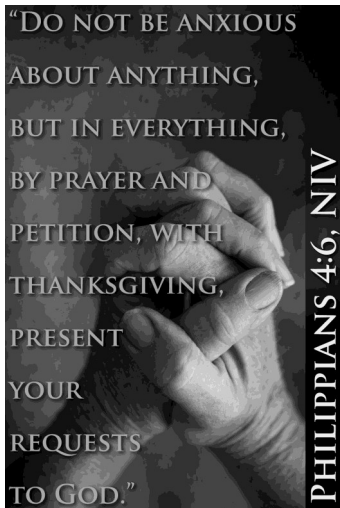
Beginning Wednesday, October 19, we will have a prayer service at noon in the Gathering Room. The service will be brief, and

include Scripture, time for silent reflection, and prayer. You are invited to bring a sack lunch, and following the service we will share lunch and a discussion of faith related issues. Come join us midweek for a time of worship and renewal. A sample service is available at the Commitment Center. If you have questions, contact Wendy.

#### Prayer Ministry

If you indicated you wanted to be involved with either the prayer chain or the email

prayers, we will be sending you information about how it will work this month. If you didn't fill out a commitment form and would like to be included in the prayer chain or email prayers, please let the office know.



### Thank You Delta!

**Note from a former member:** "Thank you to all those that sent me cards and/or prayed for my recovery during my recent battle with

colon cancer. After six months of chemotherapy and a couple of recent diagnostic tests, it looks like I am on the road to recovery.

Thanks again for your love and concern."

—Jim Robinson  
Holland, MI

## Have You Ever Wondered?

Have You Ever Wondered Why Communion and Fellowship Meals have moved?

Many Presbyterian Church celebrate communion on the first Sunday of every month. It is an easy way to assure that communion is celebrated regularly. We wanted to continue to celebrate communion monthly, but we decided that instead of automatically celebrating communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, we would celebrate it on the most appropriate Sunday of the month. In September, the first Sunday was Labor Day weekend, so we knew attendance would be down. It seemed appropriate to move it to the 11<sup>th</sup>, when we were beginning our fall emphasis on Building A Spiritual House. Serving communion on that Sunday

served as a reminder that Christ is the Cornerstone of all we do. In October, we will join with Christians around the world in celebrating communion on the first Sunday of the month, which is World Communion Sunday. In November, it will be on November 20, which is Christ the King Sunday and also Stewardship Dedication. As we make our commitments to our King, we will celebrate communion as a reminder that Christ gave his life for us.

The Fellowship Meals are now on the same Sunday as communion. We continue the fellowship we began around the communion table with fellowship around the tables as we share a meal. The meal becomes a continuation of the celebration that began in worship.

Communion/Fellowship Meal Schedule through May:

Sunday, October 2 World Communion Sunday

Sunday, November 20 Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday in Advent Communion will come to us in our seats as we celebrate God coming to us at Christmas

Sunday, January 8 Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, February 19 Transfiguration of the Lord

Sunday, March 18 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Maundy Thursday, April 5

Sunday, May 20 Ascension Sunday



## A Welcoming Church

Part of being a welcoming church is creating space for visitors. As we greet our friends on Sunday morning, we sometimes create a traffic jam that makes it difficult for members, let alone visitors to make their way through to a seat. In an effort to encourage us to move

away from the area next to the Commitment Center, the deacons are going to be offering coffee before worship as well as after worship. We will be providing lids for the coffee cups to minimize spills. We will be experimenting with several different locations for the cof-

fee, so please let a deacon know which one you think is best. Even if you don't drink coffee, please make an effort to move your conversations and create a clear path through to the sanctuary. We want everyone to know that we have room for them in our fellowship.



## News From the Session

At our September session meeting we spent some time looking at the new Book of Order. The Form of Government has been completely rewritten. The 18 chapters have been condensed into 9. The focus is on ministry

rather than rules. It guides us to make decisions, but doesn't tell us what the decisions need to be. A task force is looking is looking at the changes that need to be made to our by-laws and what we need to put into an

operations manual. We will be deciding how to handle things that were once mandated by the Book of Order, like setting quorums for meetings of the session and congregation.





### October Birthdays

Oct 1	Jane Thomas	Oct 15	Sandy Akright	Oct 25	Joann Dexter
Oct 3	Jim Constandt	Oct 18	Karen Winn-Dobie	Oct 29	Pat Baker
Oct 5	Jan Oudbier	Oct 21	Art Baker Tom Fort Kathy Peters	Oct 30	Sue Settle
Oct 8	Kim Baczewski Mary Stephenson	Oct 23	Kelci Fech	Oct 31	Jeff Akright
Oct 9	Bill Settle				



### Servants

#### Ushers

Oct 2	Schilling
Oct 9	Seppala
Oct 16	Small
Oct 23	Stirling
Oct 30	Settle

#### Nursery

Oct 2	Holly Brock
Oct 9	Holly Brock
Oct 16	Jean Potter
Oct 23	Rhonda Fort
Oct 30	Mary Jarrard

#### Sunday School

Oct 2	Jane Thomas
Oct 9	Jane Thomas

Oct 16	Janet Small
Oct 23	Susan Swan
Oct 30	Susan Swan

#### Singspiration

Oct 2	Choir
Oct 9	SueSettle Bonnie Reemsnyder
Oct 16	Sarah Dymond Kyle Dymond
Oct 23	Ellen Jackson Geri Jennings
Oct 30	Joe Frick Kathy Peters

#### Lay Leaders

Oct 2	Kyle Dymond
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Oct 9	Kathy Peters
Oct 16	Cory McElwee
Oct 23	Sue Settle
Oct 30	Kyle Dymond

#### Communion Servers

Oct 2	Paul Seppala Jo Seppals Bob Noble Gary Reemsnyder Bonnie Reemsnyder
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### Cause to Rejoice

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

God is at work among us, and there are many reasons to rejoice here at Delta. The session took time at their meeting to list them, and we share them now with you:

A year ago this month Wendy began her ministry among us.

The Celebration Choir is growing. We appreciate their contribution to our worship services.

The church sign is finally lit up at night. It took specialized

equipment, lots of digging, and a few prayers to locate the problem. Thanks to Richard Mead and Bill Settle for their work on tracking down the problem and fixing it.

We celebrate our new Gathering Room. It is being used several times a week, and provides a wonderful space for a variety of activities.

We rejoice in a financial gift designated for the gathering room. It will be used to buy an adjustable cart that will hold the projector and a computer.

We celebrate all the volunteers who have stepped forward to staff the Sunday School and nursery this fall.

We rejoice in the number of people who are attending the Spiritual Gifts Bible study.

We celebrate the Mission Extravaganza on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all the opportunities we have to serve God through various mission programs.


What gives you cause to rejoice around Delta? Let us know and we'll include it here next month.



# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Change for Change 8:30 am Adult Ed. 10 am Worship/ Communion 11:15 am Fellow- ship Meal/Quilt Raffle	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Spiritual Life  Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> 10 am Great Par- ents/Great Start Play Group	<b>5</b> 9:30 am Quilting  3 pm Property Team 7 pm Adult Ed.	<b>6</b> 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Advent House 8:30 am Adult Ed. 10 am Worship CROP WALK	<b>10</b> Columbus Day 6 pm Resources 7 pm Mission	<b>11</b> 10 am Great Par- ents/Great Start Play Group 7 pm Community Garden Meeting	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Quilting 10 am La Leche  7 pm Adult Ed.	<b>13</b> 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> MSU vs Michigan Concessions
<b>16</b> Personal Needs 8:30 am Adult Ed 10 am Worship 3 pm Worship/ Delta Retirement Center 4 pm Nominating Committee	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Deacons 7 pm OCD Support  Girl Scouts	<b>18</b> 10 am Great Par- ents/Great Start Play Group  7 pm La Leche	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Quilting  7 pm Adult Ed.	<b>20</b> 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> MSU vs Wisconsin Concessions
<b>23</b> 8:30 am Adult Ed. 10 am Worship	<b>24</b> United Nations Day 6:30 pm Session	<b>25</b> 10 am Great Par- ents/Great Start Play Group	<b>26</b> 9:30 am Quilting 10 am La Leche 7 pm Adult Ed.	<b>27</b> 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Reformation Sunday 8:30 am Adult Ed. 10 am Worship	<b>31</b> Halloween					

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> All Saints Day 10 am Great Parents/ Great Start Play Group	<b>2</b> 9:30 am Quilting 3 pm Property Team 7 pm Adult Ed.	<b>3</b> 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> MSU vs Minn. Conces- sions
<b>6</b> Change for Change 8:30 am Adult Ed. 10 am Worship Congregational Meeting  Daylight Saving Time ends	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Spiritual Life  Girl Scouts	<b>8</b> Election Day	<b>9</b> 9:30 am Quilting 10 am La Leche 7 pm Adult Ed	<b>10</b> 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> 9:30 am Presby- tery
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## Thanksgiving Baskets

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Delta receives from Christian Services the names and addresses of less fortunate families who would not have the traditional Thanksgiving meal without our help. Delta members have several ways to support

this mission. You can provide a full basket or contribute items for a basket. We will also need people to deliver the Thanksgiving Baskets on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Other Delta members who may be

unable to do any of the above may contribute monetarily.

## Other Mission Opportunities

### COAT DRIVE

During October, Delta is collecting new or gently used winter coats for people who don't have the means to purchase coats for their families. The coats should be sizes Toddler 4-Adult, be clean and have working zippers. Coats collected will be delivered to Judson

Memorial Baptist Church for distribution. This drive ends on October 23.

### INTERNATIONAL DESERT NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

On Saturday, October 8, 6-m-8pm, there will be an evening of delicious interna-

tional desserts to benefit homeless mother and their babies. The cost is \$12 per person (tickets in advance or at the door). This event will be held at Mt. Hope Church, Garden Prayer Chapel, 202 S. Creyts Road, Lansing. Proceeds to benefit Hannah's House.



MISSION OUTREACH

2012 BUILDING A SPIRITUAL HOUSE  
COMMITMENT CARD-October

I, \_\_\_\_\_, commit myself to building Delta’s Spiritual House and plan to strengthen my spiritual life and that of my community by. . .

**Building Stones of Compassion**

- Funeral Meals
- Support Meal Providers
- Advent House
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Visiting the Sick & Shut-ins

**Building Stones of Mission**

- Community Garden
- Habitat for Humanity
- Home Repair & Projects
- KIDS HOPE Mentors
- Mission Trips
- Personal Needs Donations

Quilters

- Sparrow’s Nest
- Crop Walk

**Building Stones of Hospitality**

- Coffee Time
- Fellowship Meals
- MSU Concessions

Greeters

Ushers

**Building Stones of Administration**

- Library
- Bulletin Folders
- Office Help

- Mission Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Personnel Committee

**Building Stones of Leadership**

- Deacons
- Session

(Please mark all that apply.)

Signature

Date

We will be dedicating our commitments on Sunday, October 30, 2011, so please bring this slip to worship on that day, if possible. You may also turn it into the church office at any time during the month, or mail it to the church.

**From the Deacons-Aging 101**

As we all grow older, the realities of aging can be challenging...for older adults and their adult children. The deacons are offering an opportunity to meet with Joann Dexter, LMSW and Jane Elsinga, LBSW to review and discuss some of the concerns and issues related to these challenges. Topics may include:

1. Are you prepared? (don't wait for a crisis!)
2. Do you know the resources available? (professional/ community resources)

3. Do you know your options and what to expect as you navigate through the (medical) system?

(ER, hospital, rehab, home care, placement options, Hospice)

4. Are our expectations of the "system" and of our loved ones realistic? (the difficult issues relating to both)

5. Looking at the basics of aging optimally

If you are interested please sign up now, as we are planning for two sessions in mid January...this will be an "informal", relaxed gathering to review and discuss concerns/issues that most of us will or have faced. By indicating your interest now, we will be able to plan the program to best meet the needs of those who are interested.



Elder Care

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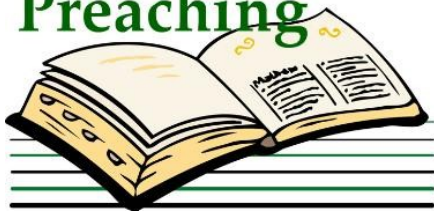


**"We are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us." II Cor 5:20 .**

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## Worship and Preaching



## 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  
October 2, 2011**  
World Communion  
Sunday  
Fellowship Meal  
James 2:14-19  
Matthew 25:31-46  
**The Least of These**

**Sunday  
October 9, 2011**  
Romans 14  
**Walking in Love**

**Sunday  
October 16, 2011**  
Hebrews 13:1-2  
Luke 14: 12-14  
**Entertaining Angels**

**Sunday  
October 23, 2011**  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
John 6:1-4  
**Satisfied**

**Sunday  
October 30, 2011**  
1 Timothy 4:6-16  
Luke 22:24-27  
**One Who Serves**

**Sunday  
November 6, 2011**  
2 Samuel 7:1-17  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
**The House of God**

On November 6, there will be a congregational meeting following the worship service for the purpose of electing new elders and deacons.

**Sunday  
November 13, 2011**  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
**The First Fruits**

**Sunday  
November 20, 2011**  
Christ the King Sunday  
Communion  
Fellowship Meal  
Ezekiel 34:11-24  
Matthew 2:1-12  
**The Shepherd King**

**In November we will begin a new Bible study. Watch your bulletin for more information.**