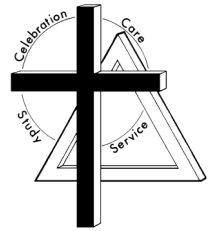


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- *April 11*
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- *April 13*
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Session

Holy Week at Delta



Palm/Passion Sunday **April 17, 2011 10:00 a.m.**

We will begin with the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. You will be there in the crowd shouting, "Hosanna!" We will hear the reflections of some of those who were there that day—a revolutionary, a witness, and a priest. From there we will journey to Pilate's court, where we will hear the charges against Jesus. Once again we will be in the crowd who was calling for his death. The revolutionary, witness and priest will share their reflections about Jesus' trial before Pilate. Join us on our journey from the high of Palm Sunday to the despair of Good Friday.

Fellowship Meal

Instead of the 4th Sunday (which is Easter), the meal for April will be on April 17th.

Easter Garden

In Delta tradition, we will have our Easter Garden again. This is an opportunity to purchase and display in our sanctuary on Easter morning a plant offered "in

Stay after the service for food and fellowship as we share our monthly Fellowship Meal.

Maundy Thursday **April 21, 2011 7:00 p.m.**

We will remember Jesus' final meal with his disciples as we celebrate communion. We will then proceed to a Tenebrae (service of shadows). This service will move towards darkness as we hear the story of Jesus suffering and death. The service will include information about the events and locations that came from Wendy's trip to Israel in 2000. The service ends as the grave is shut, and we depart in silence. Join us for this powerful service.

We will be having brunch, so we invite the congregation to sign up to bring breakfast casseroles, fruit, or

honor" or "in memory" of those we love. This year lilies are \$12 and tulips, hyacinths, or daffodils are \$10. Please fill out the form and make your check pay-

Good Friday **April 22, 2011 7:00 p.m.**

Immanuel Community Reformed Church
2747 Morningside Drive
Lansing, MI 48906
We will join with neighboring churches as we mark Good Friday. The service will include a joint choir and reflections from various people around the cross.

Easter Sunday **April 24, 2011 10:00 a.m.**

Join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. Mary and Simon Peter will be with us to share the story of that first Easter and how they felt when they realized Christ was risen.

sweet bread. Join us as we celebrate Spring and the promise of new life.



able to Delta Presbyterian Church and leave it in the basket at the commitment center. If you have any questions please direct them to Gail Cone at 626-6717.

Words From Wendy

In *Teaching a Stone to Talk*, Annie Dillard writes:

"On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside of the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea of what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are people on the floor playing with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping God may wake someday and take offense, or the waking God may draw us out to where we can never return."

I've always loved this quote about it being wise to wear crash helmets to church. We grow so comfortable, we lose sight of God's power. We're dealing with so much change in the world, we want church to remain the same, reliable. Unfortunately, God doesn't

work that way. God wants to stretch us, challenge us, nudge us towards change and growth. I think this is why the Pharisees didn't recognize Jesus. He was stretching them, challenging them, nudging them towards change and growth. They were comfortable with things the way they were. They were comfortable and in control of their religious life, and wanted to remain that way.

I suspect we've all read articles about the decline of mainline Christianity. As I look at that decline, I think there are many similarities between the mainline church and the Pharisees of Jesus' time. We are comfortable and in control of our religious lives, and want to remain that way. Unfortunately, our control leads to the death of the church. When we place God in control, we are very likely to be led in directions that aren't particularly comfortable.

This month we are celebrating an event that broke all the rules and turned the

whole world upside down. We've lost sight of the revolutionary power of Easter. We've discounted God's revolutionary power in the world today. God is at work in and through us here at Delta. There are times that the change will be uncomfortable. The choice we face is whether we are going to allow our fear to prevent us from recognizing God at work like the Pharisees did, or follow where God leads, experiencing the fear, uncertainty and misunderstandings along the way, like the disciples did.

I know God is leading us. I don't know where this journey will take us. I do know there will be challenges along the way. I also know that if we allow God to stretch, challenge, and grow us, the rewards will be out of this world. Pray for Delta that we may have the faith and courage to follow where God leads. I hope you will all want to be part of this adventure!



Words
From
Wendy

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing began over sixty years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. Today, the Presbyterian Church USA roughly divides the

monies collected into thirds for these programs—Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Dona-

tions will be collected on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.



News From The Session

Instead of a 4th Sunday meal in May, we will have a special meal on Sunday, June 12th, which is Pentecost. Spiritual Life and the Session will take responsibility for it as a thank you to the deacons for their hard work providing wonderful meals to us throughout the year. We will be celebrating the gifts of all the servants who use their spiritual gifts in ministry throughout the year.

Graduate Recognition will be Sunday, May 22. Join us as we honor the accomplishments of our graduates.

Session approved a request from a Japanese Ph D piano performance student at MSU to hold a benefit concert for Japanese earthquake and tsunami victims at the church. We are looking towards a date in May, so watch the bulletin and website for more information.

The Session requests that any member of the church who has been issued a key,

and is not currently in need of that key, to turn it in to Richard Mead or the office.

We also spent an extended period of time discussing the goals we set for the session at our retreat in January: implementation, communication, and accountability. To further these goals, we made a number of adjustments to our agenda and the way we do business:

We are asking that minutes from all committees/boards be distributed within one week of the meeting. This will serve as a reminder of the work individuals committed to doing at the meeting.

Minutes will highlight items that need to be communicated to the congregation.

We have revised the session agenda:

Reports will be distributed ahead of time, and all routine business will be

taken care of in one motion. (There will be an opportunity to pull items out for further clarification and discussion.)

Each meeting will include significant time to spend on education and planning for the future. Each meeting will include a list of assignments for the next meeting and a report on previous assignments.

The meeting will include time to identify items that need to be communicated to the congregation via the newsletter, website, and sign (which will be changed weekly).

Each meeting will include a time to evaluate the meeting and suggest improvements for the future.



SPRING CLEANING

Spring Clean Up: The Property Team has scheduled a Spring Clean up for Saturday, May 7 at 9:00 am. They will need help inside and outside the church. Contact Jim Dexter with any questions, 321-3712. Rain date: Saturday, May 14.

Camp Greenwood News

CAMP GREENWOOD offers a camp for all ages! Grandparent/grandchild, special needs, Jr & Sr high and elementary camps. River trips, SERV Weeks and Isle Royale trip. With 2, 3, 5 & 8 day camps to explore our 5 connected all sports lakes, learn archery and sports, fish, swim, challenge course, care for petting zoo animals and make

new friends. Sign up before May 1 when the price goes up. Check us out at www.campgreenwood.org or call Greg at 616-754-7258. See you soon!!

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Join us May 6 and 7 for a week end of fun, fellowship and clean-up. Join us Friday, May 6 for a good nights sleep and a warm hearty

breakfast Saturday morning. Stay until Sunday afternoon for worship and meals. Contact the office for reservations: office@campgreenwood.org

Camp Greenwood is located near Gowen, MI. It is owned and operated by the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.





Cause to Rejoice!

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

As we look around our congregation, we rejoice in the signs of new life that surround us:

This year's Lenten study is taking place at both noon and 6:00 on Wednesdays, and over 30 individuals have participated.

We rejoice in all the individuals who have agreed to help with Scripture and Proclamation of the Word throughout Lent. We are blessed to have

many gifted individuals who are a part of our congregation.

We appreciate all of the hours the Property Team gives to maintain and improve our building.

The session believes that the life of the congregation is on an uphill swing, and that there is a growing excitement in the congregation. We rejoice in the Spirit at work in and through us.

We rejoice in the Good News of Easter: Christ is Risen!

We rejoice with individuals who are experiencing new life:

Jeff Jackson is now working for Chrysler as a mechanical engineer in their powertrain division.

Mark and Kim Baczewski welcomed a new son, Evan, on March 15. Wendy and Lena Pratt are celebrating the birth of a new nephew/cousin, Ryan, on March 21st.

What gives you cause to rejoice? Let us know so we can include it next month.



Holy Communion

Session accepted the recommendation of Spiritual Life to continue to have communion monthly, but rather than always having it on the first Sunday, to move it on those months when there is a more appropriate time on the church calendar. So, in April, communion will be on Maundy Thursday, April 21. In June, we will celebrate it on Pentecost, June 12. In November we will have communion on the 20th, which is Christ the King Sunday. In December, it will be on the 18th, which

is the Sunday before Christmas. The rest of the time it will be on the first Sunday. There were two dates where our focus is on God coming to us, so it seemed appropriate to have communion come to us in our seats on those days. That is Pentecost in June when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and in December, as we look towards Christmas.

Thursday, Apr. 21: Maundy Thursday
Sunday, May 1, 2011: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday, June 12, 2011: Pentecost (served in the seats)
Sunday, July 3, 2011: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011: Christ the King
Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011: 4th Sunday of Advent (served in the seats)

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 20, 1:30-2:30 pm. We will continue our study entitled "Journeys Through Revelation." Jo Seppala will

lead the study. All women of the church are invited to come dialog about the book of Revelation.

April Birthdays

Apr 5 Mary Jo Kelley	Apr 25 Steve Whiting
Apr 8 Marilyn Whiting	Apr 27 Ben May
Apr 9 Mary Mead	Apr 28 Anne Ryan
Apr 14 Cindy Schilling	Apr 29 Richard Mead
Apr 17 Luci Kull	Apr 30 Al Deutsch
Apr 18 Julie Cruz	
Apr 19 Aaron Zabriskie Ciarah Fiche	

April Ambassador News is due March 18, 2011

Ambassador news is due the third Friday of each month. Please include your name and phone number with any article you submit



Servants

USHERS

April 3 Hulliberger
April 10 Jarrard
April 17 Fran Johnston
April 24 Larry & Janet Johnston

GREETERS

April 3 Colleen Dymond
April 10 Swan
April 17
April 24 Whiting

NURSERY

April 17 Lena Pratt
April 24 David Brock



Personal Needs Closet

Remember the North West-minister Personal Needs Closet. The need has increased and they are finding it increasingly difficult to keep up. During the month of November, Winans Elementary School collected a large quantity of Personal Needs items to help boost our donations, but more help is

still needed.

We will collect items for the Personal Needs Closet the third Sunday of each month. You can donate dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, deodorant, tissues, bleach, laundry soap, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, pads, and cleaning supplies. Many of

these items can be purchased inexpensively at area "dollar" stores. The donation box is located near the coat racks at the top of the stairs. Thank you for your help, and keep up the good work you have done in the past.



Thank You Delta!

I would like to extend a very grateful thank you to all of those at Delta that helped make the Shrove Tuesday multi-church dinner a wonderful success. Those who set-up, took down, and reset the sanctuary, WOW! Those who bought supplies and had them at the church ready to go; did prep work ahead of

time so the program ran smooth; helped the evening of the dinner; whether it was taking lids off dishes, greeted our guests at the door, gave direction, did the dishes, did the tear down after, filled in at the last minute, made the decorations, a really big THANK YOU. Every time I thought of something I forgot, one of you already

had it covered. It was such a great welcome to our other Lansing area Presbyterian Churches. We heard many thank you's and compliments over the course of the evening. It wouldn't have happened without everyone.

Thank you
Trudie Frick



April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 4th Sunday in Lent Change for Change 10 am Worship 11:15 am Adult Sunday School	4 6:30 pm Spiritual Life (Celebration & Study) Girl Scouts	5	6 9:30 am Quilting 12 pm Lenten Meal/Bible Study 3 pm Property 6 pm Lenten Meal/Bible Study	7 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	8	9
10 5th Sunday in Lent Advent House 10 am Worship 11:15 am Adult Sunday School	11 6:00 pm Resources (Finance) 7 pm Mission	12 Presbytery (Hastings First) 10 am Great Parents/ Great Start Play Group	13 9:30 am Quilting 10 am La Leche 12 pm Lenten Meal/Bible Study 6 pm Lenten Meal/Bible Study	14 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	15	16
17 Palm/Passion Sunday Personal Needs 10 am Worship 11:15 am Fellow- ship Meal 3 pm Worship/ Delta Retirement Center	18 6:30 pm Deacons 7 pm OCD Support Girl Scouts	19 10 am Great Parents/ Great Start Play Group 7 pm La Leche	20 9:30 am Quilting 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study	21 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Worship/ Communion	22 Good Friday 7 pm Worship/ Immanuel Reform	23
24 ^{Easter} One Great Hour of Sharing 8 am Decorate 10 am Worship 11:15 am Adult Sunday School	25 6:30 pm Session	26 10 am Great Parents/ Great Start Play Group	27 9:30 am Quilting 10 am La Leche	28 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	29	30 Bridal Shower

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pulpit Exchange Change for Change 10 am Worship/ Communion 11:15 am Adult Sunday School	2 6:30 pm Spiritual Life Committee Girl Scouts	3 10 am Great Parents/ Great Start Play Group	4 9:30 am Quilting 3 pm Property Team	5 National Day of Prayer 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	6	7 9 am Clean-up
8 Mother's Day Advent house 10 am Worship 11:15 am Adult Sunday School	9 6:00 pm Resources Com- mittee 7 pm Mission Committee	10 10 am Great Parents/ Great Start Play Group	11 9:30 am Quilting 10 am La Leche	12 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	13	14 9 am Clean-up (rain date)
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29 10 am Worship 11:15 am Adult Sunday School	30 Memorial Day	31 10 am Great Parents/ Great Start Play Group				



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

We're on the Web!

www.deltapresby.org

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

April and May Worship

Sunday, April 10, 2011
5th Sunday in Lent
John 11:1-45
Martha Encounters Christ

Sunday, April 17, 2011
Palm/Passion Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11; 27:11-26
A Revolutionary, a Witness, and a Priest Encounter Christ

Maundy Thursday
April 21, 2011 7:00 p.m.
We will remember Jesus' final meal with his disciples as we celebrate communion. We will then proceed to a Tenebrae (service of shadows).

Sunday, April 24, 2011
Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24;
Matthew 28:1-10
Mary and Simon Peter
Encounter the Risen Christ

Sunday, May 1, 2011
2nd Sunday of Easter
Lansing Cluster Pulpit Exchange
Communion
Rev. Timothy Chon, Pastor of North Westminister Presbyterian Church will be preaching at Delta
Wendy will be at Eastminister Church in East Lansing

Sunday, May 8, 2011
3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Luke 24:13-35
Journey to Faith

Sunday, May 15, 2011
4th Sunday of Easter
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
Fearless Pruning

Sunday, May 22, 2011
5th Sunday of Easter
Graduate Recognition
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
Building Stones

Sunday, May 29, 2011
6th Sunday of Easter
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
Set Apart by Hope

Worship and Preaching

