

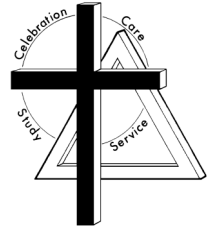
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Building a Spiritual House

This fall our focus has been on building a spiritual house. We looked at the spiritual components of the house in September, and in October we focused on our gifts of service to Christ. Now, in November, we turn to the resources that support the spiritual house: building and finances. You should have received a letter with a pledge

card and information on the 2012 budget. We will be dedicating our commitments on November 20, which is Christ the King Sunday. It is appropriate that we make our pledges on the Sunday when we honor Christ as our King. We will also gather around the communion table during worship, and the fellowship table following the

service. We hope you will be able to be here for this special day.



November Highlights:

- **SUNDAYS**
10 am Worship
- **WEDNESDAYS**
Noon Prayer Service
7 pm Adult Education
- **November 5**
MSU vs Minn/Concessions
- **November 6**
Change for Change
Congregational Meeting
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- **November 13**
Advent House
- **November 19**
MSU vs Ind/Concessions
- **November 20**
Personal Needs Closet
Communion
Fellowship Meal
- **November 24**
Thanksgiving/Office Closed
- **November 25**
Office Closed
- **November 26**
10 am Set up Christmas Tree
- **November 27**
Hanging of the Greens

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 6, to vote on the pastor's housing allowance,

by-law changes, dissolution of the PNC, and the new slate of Deacons and Session members. Copies of the by-

law changes are at the Commitment Center in the narthex.

Wednesday Noon Prayer Service

Join us at noon on Wednesdays for a brief prayer service. There will be readings from Scripture, music, time for silent

reflection and prayer. The service is brief, lasting 15-20 minutes. Come strengthen your life of prayer.



PRAY

November Adult Study

Have you been puzzled by the book of Revelation? Have you been confused by all the claims about the end times? Have you wondered what Presbyterians teach about the book of Revelation? In November, Wendy will be leading a 4 session overview on the book of Revelation. It will address these questions

and more. We will meet on Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:00, on November 2, 9, 16 and 30. There won't be any preparation required for the class. After a break from the Wednesday evening Adult Study in December, we will start back up in January. Come join us as we

explore together the most intriguing book of the Bible.

**"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God
Almighty,
and is, and is
to come"**

Revelation 4:8

Words From Wendy

18 Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

19 I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:18-19a

That was the text for my first sermon here at Delta on August 22, 2010. After that sermon, you called me to be your pastor. At the end of September I moved here, and in the middle of October I began my ministry with you. I've spent some time reflecting on our first year, and especially on the new things God has done in and through us in this past year.

I've been impressed with your willingness to let go of the for-

mer things to embrace the new things God is doing among us.

New ways of encouraging spiritual growth have arisen: email prayers, Wednesday Adult Study, the Wednesday Noon Prayer Service, and the Gathering Room. We have also brought back some old ways: the Children's Sermon is back and the Prayer Chain is being revitalized.

We have found new ways to communicate: We now send the majority of the newsletters out by email. We have a Commitment Center and a Facebook page as we try new things. Again, and old way has been revitalized with the return of minutes for mission to worship.

Session has let go of former things to embrace the new things God is doing by restruc-

turing the meetings. Reports are now sent out in advance and approved in a consent agenda so that the majority of the meeting can be spent on education and looking to the future. We let go of the old committee structure for something we hope will make it easier to coordinate activities around a theme.

So what does the future hold? I'm not sure. I know this: God will continue to do new things in our midst. There will be times when those new things feel uncomfortable. I know that when we follow God's lead God will be with us and we will grow in ministry. I'm looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us in the coming year.



Words
From
Wendy

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 there is much to celebrate around Delta.

We rejoice in the number of people who filled out commitment forms in September.

We rejoice in the participation in the Spiritual Gifts adult study and in the Wednesday noon prayer service.

We rejoice in the pleasure of a beautiful day after the windy, gray days of fall.

We rejoice in the number of people who are participating with KIDS Hope this year, either as mentors or prayer partners.

The session found much to rejoice in at their November meeting:

The session rejoices in Delta's commitment to mission, and the growth we've experienced in participation this year, including the collection of 25 winter coats and 27 Delta families committing to help provide Thanksgiving baskets for our neighbors in need.

The session rejoices in the number of individuals who have volunteered to work concessions this year. It hasn't been necessary to make phone calls to recruit people yet this year.

The session rejoices in the Children's sermon, and enjoys watching the joy the children have in building the spiritual house.

The session rejoices in the positive feeling in the church and celebrates their belief that we are moving forward in a positive direction.

The session rejoices in the email prayer ministry that we have begun.

The session rejoices in Wendy and Lena's presence with us and the opportunity Lena has now to move into a residential placement and become more independent.

The session rejoices in the positive energy they are experiencing in the session and the congregation.

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



Prayer Ministry

There are a variety of ways to have Delta pray for you:

- The prayer chain
- Email prayers
- Wednesday Noon Prayer Service
- And Sunday Prayer Care

Generally speaking, the prayer chain is for serious, immediate needs or situations.

In addition to serious, immediate needs or situations, the email prayer concerns can deal with less urgent matters that come up during the week.

Wednesday noon prayer service and Sunday Prayer Care provides prayer support for all of the above, and also deals with long-term, chronic situations.

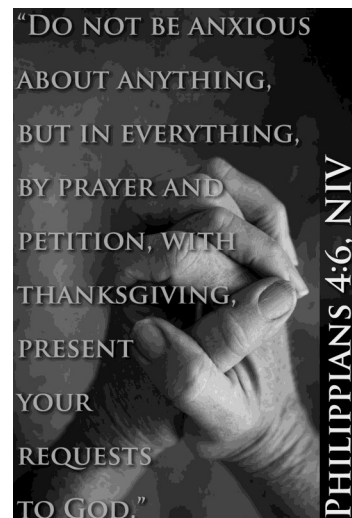
To activate the prayer chain, call Mary Mead at 321-3429. If you can't reach Mary, call Rhonda Fort (321-5847) or Jean Potter (321-6727).

For email prayers, send your prayer request to deltaprayers@gmail.com

For Wednesday or Sunday prayers, contact the church

office or drop your concern off at the sound desk on Sunday morning.

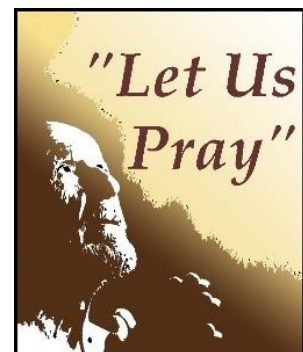
If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, contact the office. To be added to the email prayers, email [deltaprays@gmail.com](mailto:deltaprayers@gmail.com).



“Let Us Pray”

As we move toward the dedication of our pledges to the church, pray for guidance for everyone as we fill out our pledge cards for the year. Also remember in your prayers those

who are facing their first Thanksgiving since the death of a loved one, and those for whom the holidays are hard in general.



Thanksgiving Baskets

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

Thanksgiving Baskets



Christmas Share Store

Hard to believe it is true, but Christmas is right around the corner –AGAIN! And that means parents struggling on a tight budget are already worrying about how they will afford a toy or gift for their children. That is why Delta is collecting new unwrapped toys to donate to Christian Services’ Christmas Share Store. Clients who partici-

pate in the Image and Quality Living programs earn vouchers by following the budgeting programs. They then use those vouchers to “buy” toys, books and games for their families. All of the toys and games come from donations- from people like YOU. Each of us can help a child have a merrier Christmas. We will collect them here

at Delta through December 5th. Many thanks from your Mission Committee.





November-December Birthdays

Nov 1 Betty Karelse	Nov 22 Al Kimmel	Dec 13 Martha Pope
Nov 8 Pat Christensen Gary Reemsnyder	Nov 29 Judy Gombas	Dec 16 Geri Jennings
Nov 9 Jean Potter	Nov 30 Jane Elsinga	Dec 18 Kelli Fech
Nov 10 Mary Meier Ron Meddaugh	Dec 1 Joe Frick	Dec 20 Meredith Jackson
Nov 12 LaVerne Harrison	Dec 6 Violet Bailey Holly Brock Ellen Jackson	Dec 24 Jerry Zaikowshi
Nov 13 Ethan Woloszyn	Dec 9 Holly LaPratt Anna Marie Woloszyn	Dec 27 Nell Wolfe
Nov 14 Jane Dodge		Dec 31 Eva May
Nov 15 Mark McElwee		



Servants

Ushers

- Nov 6 Swan
- Nov 13 Thomas
- Nov 20 VanCourt
- Nov 27 Troshak

Communion Servers

- Nov 20 Art & Pat Baker
Bill & Sue Settle
Frank Jackson

Lay Leaders

- Nov 6 Kathy Peters
- Nov 13 Sue Settle
- Nov 20 Cory McElwee
- Nov 27 Kyle Dymond

Singspiration Leaders

- Nov 6 Choir
- Nov 13 Cory McElwee
Marilyn Whiting
- Nov 20 Chuck Jennings
Art Kelley
- Nov 27 Sue Settle
Bonnie Reemsnyder

Nursery

- Nov 6, 13 Gudrun Cruz
- Nov 20, 27 Sarah Dymond

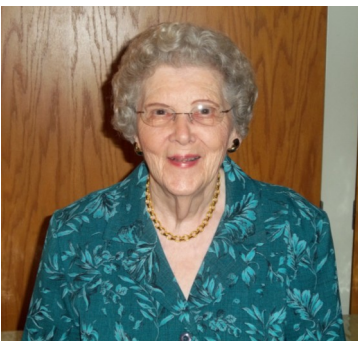
Sunday School

- Nov 6, 13, 20, 27
Trudie Frick

Greeters

- Nov 6 Gary Reemsnyder
Adrian Oudbier
- Nov 13 Paul & Jo Seppala
- Nov 20 Bob & Ginny Noble
- Nov 27

Deacon Salute-Florence Taylor



Delta's newest member, as of June, is Florence Taylor who came to us from Sun City in Georgetown, Texas, 30 miles north of Austin. She lived there for 12 years after her husband died. Previously they had lived 10 years in Austin.

She grew up in Pittsburgh, PA, She knew her husband throughout her school years and they went to the same church. They were married after he came back from WWII in 1945 after completing 30 missions as a pilot. They set-


led in Pittsburgh and brought up a son, Jim, and a daughter, Ginny Noble. Her husband, Howard, worked for GM. In the ensuing years starting in 1966 they moved many times all across the country due to promotions in jobs. In April of this year Florence moved to Independence Village in Grand Ledge to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law.

She enjoys reading, walking and loves playing cards. She doesn't miss the 100 degree Texas days, but is leery of the

upcoming winter weather. She prefers the central time zone over the eastern time zone, especially for TV programs. She doesn't miss the raking of leaves in her own home, but does miss her many friends from Texas. She is adjusting to Independence Village and has gained friendships there.

She came to church with Ginny and Bob Noble when visiting them over many years. She enjoyed the friendliness of many members and decided to join when she moved here.

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day 10 am Great Parents/Great Start Play Group	2 9:30 am Quilting 3 pm Property 12 pm Prayer Service 7 pm Adult Ed	3 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	4	5 MSU vs Minn Concessions
6 Change for Change 10 am Worship Congregational Meeting Daylight Saving Time Ends	7 6:30 pm Spiritual Life Committee/ Advent Team Girl Scouts	8 Election Day	9 9:30 am Quilting 10 am La Leche 12 pm Prayer Service 7 pm Adult Ed	10 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	11 Veterans Day	12 9:30 am Presbytery
13 Advent House 10 am Worship	14 6 pm Resources Committee 7 pm Mission Committee	15 10 am Great Parents/Great Start Play Group 7 pm La Leche	16 9:30 am Quilting 12 pm Prayer Service 7 pm Adult Ed	17 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	18	19 MSU vs Ind. Concessions
20 Personal Needs 10 am Worship/ Communion 11:30 am Fellowship Meal 3 pm Worship/Delta Retirement Center	21 6:30 pm Deacons 7 pm OCD Support Girl Scouts	22 10 am Great Parents/Great Start Play Group	23 9:30 am Quilting 10 am La Leche 12 pm Prayer Service	24 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 10 am Set up Christmas Tree
27 1st Sunday of Advent 10 am Worship Hanging of the Greens	28 6:30 pm Session	29 10 am Great Parents/Great Start Play Group	30 9:30 am Quilting 12 pm Prayer Service 7 pm Adult Ed			

News From the Session

The session is going to be clarifying the policy with regard to the use of the Eaton Endowment, with an emphasis on the original intent of the donor.



Research into existing policy is underway.

We encourage you to go to the website (www.deltapresby.org)

to check out the new page highlighting Delta's commitment to mission and the many and varied ways we live out that commitment.



December 2011

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				1 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	2	3
4 Change for Change 10 am Worship 7 pm Christmas Concert	5 6:30 pm Spiritual Life Committee Girl Scouts	6 10 am Great Parents/Great Start Play Group	7 9:30 am Quilting 12 pm Prayer Service 3 pm Property	8 6:15 pm Believers 7:30 pm Choir	9	10
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25 Christmas Day 10 am Worship	26	27	28 10 am Le Leche	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
 Wendy on Vacation						



Delta's Annual Christmas Concert

Save the Date!! Sunday December 4, 7:00 p.m.- for Delta's Annual Christmas Concert. The Believers will be a-ringin', the Celebration Choir will be a-singin', and back by popular demand, the RAW Brass Quintet will be here! Tell all your

friends and start the Advent Season off right with an evening of top-notch seasonal music. A freewill offering will be taken to help support our music programs, and if you want to bring a new unwrapped toy to help out our collection for Christian

Services, that would be dandy. Hope to see everyone on Sunday the 4th!

2012 BUILDING A SPIRITUAL HOUSE
COMMITMENT CARD-November

I, _____, commit myself to strengthening the resources for Delta’s
Spiritual House by. . .

**Building Stones of Financial
Support**

- Operating Fund (Pledge)
Offerings
- Special Projects Offerings
- Capital Funds Offerings
- Offering Counters

Resources Committee

**Building Stones of Maintenance
& Improvement**

- Cleaners
- Landscaping
- Property Team
- Spring Work Day

(Please mark all that apply.)

Signature

Date

We will be dedicating our commitments on Sunday, November 20, 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. Please make your financial pledge on the card provided in the
pledge mailing or at the Commitment Center.

Have You Ever Wondered?

Advent literally means coming, and is the 4 weeks prior to Christmas. Too often we think of Advent as the time to finish our Christmas shopping, but it is much more. It is a time set aside to prepare, and not just for our Christmas celebrations. It is a time set aside to live in anticipation of Christ’s promise to return and establish God’s Kingdom here on earth.

Advent is now the beginning of the liturgical year, but at one time, it was the end of the liturgical year. It really is the season in which the beginning and the end of the Christian year meet: we prepare to celebrate Christ’s birth, the beginning of Christianity; and we remember that we are waiting for Christ’s promised return to judge the world and establish the King-

dom of God, the end of Christianity.

We will focus more on the promised return the first two Sunday of Advent, and give the last two to our anticipation of Christ’s birth. Come join us during this season as we anticipate the coming of Christ.



Advent

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. This year we will be distributing chrismons for all of us to wear throughout Advent. The fish was a symbol that was used frequently in the early church. It was a reminder that Jesus promised the disciples that he would make them fishers of people, and the Greek work for fish, ΙΧΘΥΣ (ichthus), reminded them of the names of

Jesus. Those names will be the focus of our worship during Advent. We will handle the Hanging of the Greens a bit differently this year. We will begin with our regular worship service at 10:00, which will be shortened a little. Following the shorter service, we invite everyone to stay to help us decorate the church. There will be ornaments for the children to decorate, too.

As in years past, we will be setting up the Christmas Tree on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Please plan to help with this endeavor on Saturday, November 26, 10:00 am. Wear your work clothes and help prepare the church for the Hanging of the Greens on the 27th.



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

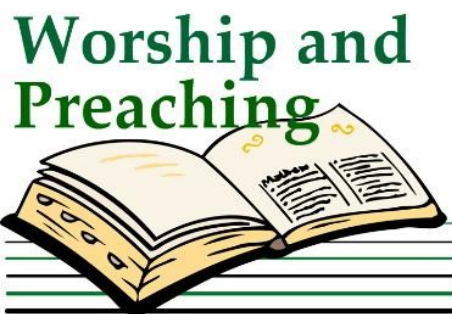
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Delta Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

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, November 6, 2011
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Change for Change
2 Samuel 7:1-17
Ephesians 1:15-23
The House of God
Congregational Meeting
(Daylight Saving Time ends)

Sunday, November 13, 2011
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
The First Fruits
Advent House

Sunday, November 20, 2011
Christ the King Sunday
Personal Needs
Communion
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1:15-23
The Shepherd King
Fellowship Meal-Potluck

Sunday, November 27, 2011
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9
IXΘΥΣ: Jesus
Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 4, 2011
Second Sunday of Advent
Change for Change
Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
IXΘΥΣ: Christ
Christmas Concert (7 pm)

Sunday, December 11, 2011
Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
IXΘΥΣ: God's Son
Advent House

Sunday, December 18, 2011
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Personal Needs

Communion
Luke 1:26-38
Luke 1:46b-55
IXΘΥΣ: Savior
Fellowship Meal

Saturday, December 24, 2011
Christmas Eve
Isaiah 9:2-7
Luke 2:1-20
Of Bethlehem and Shepherds

Sunday, December 25, 2011
Christmas Day
Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-14
Word Become Flesh