

SUNDAY November 25	9:45 am Book Study with Pastor Martin (TBA) 10:30 am Choir gathers (Chapel) 11:00 am Worship with Communion (Sanctuary) 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) 12:10 pm Coffee Hour (FH) 12:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel & Sanctuary) 1:30 pm Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
MONDAY November 26	9:00 am Senior Fitness (FH) 10:00 am Fitness for Moms (FH) 11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)
TUESDAY November 27	11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR) 5:00 pm Weight Watchers (FH)
WEDNESDAY November 28	6:30 am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study (Red Room) 9:00 am Senior Fitness (FH) 10:00 am Fitness for Moms (FH) 11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR) 12:00 pm Delhi Clergy Association (Library) 6:00 pm A Pealing Sound (Sanctuary & Chapel)
THURSDAY November 29	10:00 am Newsletter Assembly (Library) 11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR) 6:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
FRIDAY November 30	11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR) 6:30 pm Christmas Kickoff (Churchwide)
SUNDAY December 2	9:45 am Book Study with Pastor Martin (TBA) 10:30 am Choir gathers (Chapel) 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00 pm Coffee Hour (FH) 12:05 pm Raitt Room (History and Archives Room) Open 12:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel & Sanctuary)

RR – Red Room; CR – Conference Room; FH – Fellowship Hall; BR – Blue Room

November Mission Emphasis – Thank Offering

The **Archive Room** will be open after Church on the first Sunday of each month. Stop by and view your Church's history. No food or beverage is allowed in the room so please stop before you go to coffee hour.

FOOD BANK MISSION REMINDER! Help us fill the food box each week and help our friends and neighbors in need. In addition, cash donations may be given to Ed Goff or left in the church office. Please make checks payable to the Delaware County Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DELHI, NEW YORK



CHURCH LIFE: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25, 2012

We invite everyone to take a moment during the offertory to sign the **Church Attendance Register** found in each pew. A special welcome is extended to all who are visiting with us this morning. We hope that your worship experience will be meaningful and enjoyable. If you are interested in learning more about First Presbyterian Church or becoming a member of this congregation, please speak with the Pastor, the Clerk of Session, the Church Office or any Elder.

Our **GREETERS** this morning are Harry and Betty Bell.

The **FLOWERS** this morning are given in loving memory of Art Davis. The flowers remain in the sanctuary for worship this morning at the request of the family following his memorial service held here yesterday.

The ROSEBUD this morning is given by the Deacons in honor of the birth of Ella Grace Hilton born October 10, 2012. Ella is the daughter of Art and Liz Hilton and sister to Arthur, Alexis, Carter and Madelynn.

COFFEE HOUR will be held today in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship Service. EVERYONE is invited to this time of fellowship. Please join us this morning!

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Tom Leo and Ed Goff. The Trustees responsible for counting on December 2 are John Pawlikowski and Tom Little.

A CALL has been issued by the Session for a Congregational meeting, according to the terms of the church By-Laws, to be held immediately following worship on Sunday, November 25, 2012. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect Elders, Deacons, and Trustees for the Class of 2015. No other business may come before the congregation at this time. The slate includes Susie Little and Nichole Newbold returning for second term as Elders, Marty Conklin as first term Elder; one Elder position remains vacant; Bonnie and Don Fleming returning for second term as Deacon; Sally Scrimshaw as first term Deacon; one Deacon position remains vacant; and Jackie Clark, Ed Goff and Linda Burr returning for second term as Trustee.

Gia Cantwell will be in the child-care room today during the worship service. There is a list of who will be providing care each week posted on the Nursery door. Child care is provided from after the children's sermon until the end of worship most Sundays. If you are in need of care earlier in the service arrangements can be made by locating a nursery attendant prior to the service.

**The Elder on Call for November 18 – December 1 is Lou Dibble.
You may reach Lou at (607) 267-6845 (cell).**

The Session has established guidelines for the **Elder on Call** which includes responding to an emergency as a caring presence, representing the church at community/ecumenical events/disasters, and offering prayer for personal needs. Please feel free to call the Elders with any concerns you may have.

Thoughts on Giving: *“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’” (John 18:36)*
How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?
Stewardship Prayer: That we may joyfully give our time, talent and treasure to build up God’s Church.

The **Per Capita amount for 2012** has been set at **\$31.59 per member.**

Attendance Last Week	91
The amount needed each week	\$2,130.00
The amount given last week	\$2,906.18
The amount needed year-to-date	\$100,110.00
The amount given year-to-date	\$91,634.57
Fuel Fund given year-to-date	\$1,135.00
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Mission giving last Sunday	\$158.00
Mission given year-to-date	\$4,014.00
Apportionment Needed 2012	\$7,234.11
Apportionment received year-to-date	\$2,754.68

It’s a Celebration!

Please join us after church on **Sunday, December 9** for a ham dinner with all the trimmings to welcome Pastor Sara and Chris to our family and to celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season! A free will donation will be taken to help offset the cost of the meal and to help pay for the new garland for the choir loft. What can you bring? Bring our family, your voice to sing carols and a pie to share for dessert. The PNC and Fellowship committees will provide the rest. We hope to see you there!

On December 4, 2012 the PW will be packing and **shipping goodie boxes to college students** as they prepare for finals for the fall semester. Donations of snack items and money will be accepted. There is a donation box in the narthex for your convenience. If you know a college student that would enjoy the box please make sure to drop their name and address off in the church office. Suggested goodie box items are: popcorn, cup of soup, candy bars, gum, granola bars, fresh fruit (apples and oranges), homemade cookies, hot chocolate mix, etc. We also welcome volunteers to pack the boxes on Dec. 4th at 7:00 PM in the red room. Any questions call Kathy Sullivan or the church office.

The **MITTEN TREE** is now in the New Narthex. Donations of hats, scarves, mittens and socks will be accepted until December 16th. We are in need of these items in all sizes.

The **ANGEL TREE** is now in the Welcoming Room. If you take an Angel from the tree, please be sure to sign it out on the sheet near the tree. You may spend up to \$35.00 per angel this year. All donations should be returned to the church by Sunday, December 16th.

Again this year, the youth group will go shopping for the angel tree! If you aren’t sure what to get or just don’t like battling the shoppers, give your money (suggested amount is \$35) and angel to a youth group member and let us do your shopping for you. We will be gathering on Friday, December 14th at 7:30 to head for Oneonta to fulfill the wishes of angels. After shopping, we will stop for a snack and then head back to church to wrap! After wrapping and sorting all the gifts, we will spend the night together watching movies and playing games.

You are invited to help us kick off the Christmas season!
Where: First Presbyterian Church
When: Friday, November 30, 2012
Time: 6:30 pm
Bake cookies and decorate them!
Make Christmas ornaments and crafts!
Sing Christmas carols!
Decorate our church Christmas tree!

Book Study – please show your interest by signing the sheet after worship or speaking with Pastor Martin. Pastor Martin is leading a book study on Diana Butler Bass’ recent book (February 2012): “Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening” during his remaining time with us. There will be two times – one during Sunday School through December 2. The other will be scheduled according to responses of people involved with Sunday School who need another time – probably Thursday evenings except for Session meeting night. The book cost is around \$17 – although some used books may be available at a lower cost. More about Diana and the book at <http://www.dianabutlerbass.com>.