

SUNDAY April 22	9:30 am Sunday School (CE Wing at FPC) 10:00 am Choir Gathers at United Ministry 11:00 am Joint Worship at United Ministry 4:00 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting (CR)
Monday April 23	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00 am Preschool (RR, BR & Nursery) 10:00 am Monday Bridge (New Narthex) 2:00 pm Church-wide Audit (Library) 5:00 pm CROP Meeting (Harder Room at United Ministry) 7:00 pm Music Worship & Sacraments Committee Meeting (CR)
TUESDAY April 24	Office Working Remotely 9:00 am Preschool (RR, BR & Nursery) 3:00 pm Sewing Fellowship (CR) 5:30 pm Weight Watchers (Chapel)
WEDNESDAY April 25	7:30 am SPARKS (Library) 9:00 am Preschool (RR, BR & Nursery) 12:00 pm "Our Gang" Fellowship (CR) 12:00 pm Delhi Clergy Association (Library) 4:30 pm A Peeling Sound Rehearsal (Sanctuary and Chapel) 5:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Girl Scouts (CR)
THURSDAY April 26	9:00 am - 2:00 pm Kirk Work Day 9:00 am Preschool (RR, BR & Nursery)
FRIDAY April 27	9:00 am – 2:00 pm The Kirk Thrift Shoppe is open 9:00 am Preschool (RR, BR & Nursery) 10:00 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel)
SATURDAY April 28	9:00 am – 2:00 pm The Kirk Thrift Shoppe is open! 12:00 pm Ukulele Jam (Chapel)
SUNDAY April 29	9:30 am Sunday School (CE Wing at FPC) 10:00 am Choir Gathers 10:30 am Worship (sanctuary) 11:30 am Coffee Hour (FH)

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

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First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York Church Life: April 22, 2018

Welcome, flock of sheep who know the voice of Jesus the Shepherd. Let us follow him together! Welcome to worship.

O Lord, you are my shepherd. Thank you for fulfilling my needs, leading me along safe pathways and restoring my soul. Amen.

A special **welcome** is extended to all who have joined us in worship this morning. We hope that your worship experience will be meaningful and enjoyable.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Steve McKeegan and Ed Goff. The Trustees responsible for counting on April 29 are Brian Sprague and Bruce Burr.

OUR PRAYER FOCUS FOR APRIL: Our local healthcare providers and the new assisted living facility.

Thoughts on Giving: *"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."* – JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

Stewardship Prayer: That we take time in silent daily prayer to talk and listen to God.

Office hours have changed! Nancy is now working remotely on Tuesdays. Messages will be checked periodically on the office phone. You may also reach Nancy via email and on her cell phone. This is a trial change so please be sure to share any feedback or concerns with Nancy or any member of the personnel committee (Nancy Lee, Barb Leo, Tom Little, Bea Mooney).

You Are Invited! Representatives from Smith Barney will be at the May 2 joint meeting of the Trustees and the Session at 6:30 p.m. All are invited and urged to attend.

The group "**Our Gang**" meets the second and last Wednesdays of the month from 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Conference Room here at FPC. This is a great way for 50 + and seniors to enjoy an afternoon of socializing, arts, crafts, music and good fun. The group will meet again on April 25. All are welcome. Bring your lunch, treats provided. If you have questions, please contact Ellie Ciferri or the church office. There is no fee for attending. A free will donation will be given to the church for operational expenses.

APRIL MISSION EMPHASIS – Church World Service Mission Kits

Food Bank donations may be left in the box across from the office door or in the narthex. Items in great need are cereal, juice, soup and crackers. Cash donations are always welcome and may be placed in the offering plate (clearly marked) or left in the church office. Please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church of Delhi. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.

The Deacons have assembled a “basket of cheer” for Gail Dibble who is battling cancer. She could use the thoughts and prayers of her church family and we thought this a way that we could show our care and concern. The basket will be delivered following church today. Please continue to keep Gail in your prayers and remember cards with a personal note, sharing a memory or something funny that brings on a smile are always appreciated. Thank you for your help! The Deacons

Church World Service Mission Kits - It is the time of year when we fill the Church World Service Kits as part of the mission work of our congregation. Prayerfully consider a cash donation to offset the cost of the items recently purchased to complete the kits. Contributions should be clearly marked MISSION KITS & may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Please make check out to First Presbyterian Church. Thank you for your support!

The **Per Capita** amount for 2018 has been set at \$37.83 per member.

Attendance week of 4-16-18	62
The amount needed each week	\$2,774.27
The amount given week of 4-16-18	\$1,928.99
The amount needed year-to-date	\$40,614.05
The amount given YTD as of 4-16-18	\$25,462.20
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-16-18	\$1,409.00
Mission giving week of 4-16-18	\$83.00
Mission giving YTD as of 4-16-18	\$2,126.00
Apportionment Needed 2018	\$6,960.72
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-16-18	\$1,678.67

Everyone is welcome to **join Christian Education (CE) for a summer trip** to Forestburgh Playhouse for Seussical the Musical on July 14th. Detailed information and sign-up sheet is located at the CE office. Payment is due when signing up. All tickets cost \$13.00. After the show we are going to the lake for a pass dish picnic/swimming/games. This trip will not be cancelled due to weather.

The **missing Lenten Supper at Cabin Hill** will be held on Wednesday evening April 25th at 5:30 (unless it snows a ton, of course!!! Gaaaaaa! -- heaven forbid!) Cabin Hill be hosting the meal unless anyone has a dish made with local ingredients that they'd like to bring. We never turn away food!!! Hope to see everyone there!

CHURCH AUDIT RESCHEDULED - An audit of the church is to be conducted on April 23 at 2:00 pm in the Library. Anyone who has any account of any sort...check-book, savings, cash on hand, etc. from the church will need to these materials in for the auditors to review. Needed items should be left in the church office on or before Sunday, April 22. Thank you for your help in conducting the business of the church in a faithful and professional manner.

****Newsletter Deadline**** Newsletter articles are due in the office on Monday, April 23 in order to be placed in the May - June Courier. If you are able to turn items in earlier, it is greatly appreciated.

A CALL has been issued by the Session for a Congregational Meeting to be held immediately following worship on **Sunday, May 6, 2018**. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the following changes to our church by-laws.

Section XII Nominating Committee

2. **Two (2) change to 1** the members shall be active ruling elders designated by the session, one of whom will serve as chair of the committee.

5. **Five (5) change to 3** of the members, not persons currently serving as officers, shall be nominated and elected at the annual meeting of the congregation.

9. The floor shall be open for nominations for ruling elder positions at the special meeting of the Congregation in July change to November.

No other business may come before the Congregation.

Complete copies of the by-laws with noted changes are available in the church office and in the May - June Courier for your review.

*First Presbyterian Church actively exists as the living body of Christ, committed to growing in faithfulness to God, serving the whole human family and welcoming all people into God's love.
(Our Mission Statement)*

Thought for today: *“The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.” —Robert Flatt*

