



**SUNDAY
December 2**
 9:30 am Pageant Practice (Sanctuary)
 9:45 am Sunday School (Chapel and CE Wing)
 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 Mission Committee (Red Room)
 12:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel & Sanctuary)
 4:00 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting (FH)

**MONDAY
December 3**

9:00 am Senior Fitness (FH)
 10:00 am Fitness for Moms (FH)
 11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)

**TUESDAY
December 4**

11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)
 5:00 pm Weight Watchers (FH)

**WEDNESDAY
December 5**

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)
 6:00 pm A Pealing Sound (Sanctuary & Chapel)
 7:00 pm Fellowship & Friendship Committee (Library)

**THURSDAY
December 6**

11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)
 6:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)

**FRIDAY
December 7**

11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)

**FRIDAY
December 8**

12:00 pm Bird Club Luncheon (FH)
 Set Up for Celebration Dinner



**SUNDAY
December 9**
 9:30 am Pageant Practice (Sanctuary)
 9:45 am Sunday School (Chapel and CE Wing)
 10:30 am Choir gathers (Chapel)
 11:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 12:00 pm Celebration Dinner (FH)
 12:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel & Sanctuary)
 4:00 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting (FH)

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

December Mission Emphasis – Christmas Joy 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.

Advent devotionals, "Jesus the Light of the World", are available in the baskets in the church office and on the small table at the back of the sanctuary. Please take one home to enhance in your daily devotions.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DELHI, NEW YORK



CHURCH LIFE: WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 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 Rich and Nancy Morley.

The **FLOWERS** this morning are given by Don and Bonnie Fleming in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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 John Pawlikowski and Tom Little. The Trustees responsible for counting on December 9 are Linda Burr and Pat Sullivan.

Liz Arehart 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 December 2 – December 15 is Nancy Lee.
 You may reach Nancy at (607) 746-6946.**

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: *“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)*

Images of the final judgment can be scary, especially if we have not been faithful to God’s commands throughout our lives. However, if we have been good stewards, we have left nothing to chance. We have carefully planned our giving and followed Our Lord’s example of service and sacrifice. Thus, no matter the day or the hour we will be ready to stand erect and raise our heads to meet God face to face.

Stewardship Prayer: That we may follow Our Lord’s example by carefully planning ways in which we can give service and sacrifice to build up God’s Church for all generations.

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

Attendance Last Week	75
The amount needed each week	\$2,130.00
The amount given last week	\$1,655.05
The amount needed year-to-date	\$102,240.00
The amount given year-to-date	\$93,289.62
Fuel Fund given year-to-date	\$1,145.00
Mission giving last Sunday	\$70.00
Mission given year-to-date	\$4,084.00
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!

If you have not already turned in your pledge card and time and talent survey for 2013, please prayerfully consider your stewardship for 2013 and turn these in as soon as possible. You may send or bring them to the church office or place them in the offering plate. **Thank You!**

The **2013 Flower and Coffee Hour Sign-up posters** are up in the Fellowship Hall. We are in need of people to help with Coffee Hour. Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall or see Janet Maxwell. Thank you for helping with this time of Fellowship!

REMINDER! Poinsettia Orders are Due Monday, December 17!

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.

On December 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd the PW will be collecting the **Christmas Stockings** that were sent in the January Courier. **The collection area is located in the Narthex.** Following the poem, the total amount to fill a stocking is \$7.80. The money will be divided equally between Habitat for Humanity and Hospice. If you need a stocking, please contact Janet Maxwell or stop by the church office. Stockings may be left in the church office until January 14th.

Parents: Please help yourself to the **Advent and Christmas materials** located on the Children’s table in the hospitality room. There are Advent calendars, coloring books and devotional materials as well as Christmas Joy banks. Please feel free to take any materials you feel your family will use and enjoy during this special time of the year.

Our annual **Christmas Pageant is on Sunday Dec. 16th**, at 11:00am. The program is based on the book "B for Bethlehem". Pageant Practices will start at 9:30 each Sunday leading up to and including the 16th.

The Deacons invite anyone interested in helping transport Gene Vandembord back to Robinson Terrace following Worship and Coffee Hour to sign up by calling the church office. The schedule for December includes Don and Bonnie Fleming on December 2 and Harry and Betty Bell on December 9.

Please call the church office if you feel God calling you to serve in this way.