

**SUNDAY**  
**December 16**



Second Sunday in Advent

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)  
4:00 pm Boy Scout Troop Meeting (FH)

**MONDAY**  
**December 10**

9:00 am Senior Fitness (FH)  
11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)  
11:00 am Delaware County Senior Council (Chapel)

**TUESDAY**  
**December 11**

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

**WEDNESDAY**  
**December 12**

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 Boy Scout Committee Meeting (Red Room)

**THURSDAY**  
**December 13**

11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)  
6:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)  
7:00 pm Session Meeting (Red Room)

**FRIDAY**  
**December 14**

11:00 am Delaware Opportunities Senior Meals (CR)

**SUNDAY**  
**December 16**



3RD SUNDAY of Advent

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 with Children's Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary)  
12:00 pm Coffee Hour (FH)  
12:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chapel & Sanctuary)

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

## December Mission Emphasis – Christmas Joy Offering

**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.

If anyone wants to know if they are up to date with their pledge, have paid their apportionment, or any other **information about their giving**, please give me a call at 746-3611 or e-mail [giajoe@delhitel.net](mailto:giajoe@delhitel.net). Thank you, Gia Cantwell, FPC Financial Secretary

Remember, there will be no Sunday School on Dec 23 or on Dec 30th. We will resume on Jan 6th at 9:45am.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DELHI, NEW YORK



## CHURCH LIFE: WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 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 **GREETER** this morning is Janet Maxwell.

The **FLOWERS at the pulpit** this morning are given by John, Gwenn & Dylan Nealis to welcome Pastor Sarah and her husband, Chris to our church family.

The **FLOWERS at the lectern** this morning are given by the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) to welcome Pastor Sarah.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Linda Burr and Pat Sullivan. The Trustees responsible for counting on December 16 are Tom Leo and Jackie Clark.

**Nichole Newbold 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:** *“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”* (Philippians 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God.

**Stewardship Prayer:** That we may resist the lure of holiday advertising and instead concentrate on the message of simplicity and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene.

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	\$4,113.50
The amount needed year-to-date	\$104,370.00
The amount given year-to-date	\$97,403.12
Fuel Fund given year-to-date	\$1,155.00
Mission giving last Sunday	\$60.00
Mission given year-to-date	\$4,144.00
Apportionment Needed 2012	\$7,234.11
Apportionment received year-to-date	\$2,818.68

### It's a Celebration!

Please join us after church TODAY, **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 your family, your voice to sing carols. (There will be plenty of pie 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!

The Presbyterian Women are selling Cat's Meow **replicas of the church.** These two-dimensional wooden buildings make ideal gifts and keepsakes. To see a sample or purchase, please stop by the church office during normal office hours. Each building sells for \$15.

### ALL ITEMS FOR THE MITTEN TREE AND GIFTS FOR THE ANGEL TREE MUST BE TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>.

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

The **ANGEL TREE** is in the Welcoming Room. If you took an Angel from the tree, please be sure you signed 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 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like a member of the Youth Group to do your Angel Tree shopping, please contact Susie Little at 746-2536.

The **Angel envelopes** are in the pews, ready for your contributions. We ask that donations be made by December 16<sup>th</sup>.



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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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. 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

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 Harry and Betty Bell on December 9.

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

### \*\*\*Newsletter Deadline\*\*\*

Newsletter articles are due in the office on Monday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>**, 2012 in order to be placed in the January Courier. If you are able to turn items in earlier, it is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!**