



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELHI, NY

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023 COURIER

Special Dates

- Holiday Bazaar, FPC Delhi, *November 4*
- Daylight Savings Time ends, *November 5*
- Worship with Communion, 10:30 am, Virtual and Sanctuary, *November 5*
- Worship with Long-Term Member Recognition, 10:30 am, Virtual and Sanctuary, *November 12*
- Veterans Day Observed, FPC Office Closed, *November 13*
- Worship, 10:30 am, Virtual and Sanctuary, *November 19*
- Annual Community Thanksgiving Service, 4:00 pm First Baptist Church, *November 19*
- Thanksgiving Day, FPC Office Closed, *November 23*
- Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner, 12:00 - 3:00 pm, *November 23*
- Worship and Bountiful Giving Sunday, 10:30 am, Virtual and Sanctuary, *November 26*
- *Poinsettia Orders Due, November 30*
- Decorating the Sanctuary, *December 2*
- Worship with Communion, 10:30 am, Virtual and Sanctuary, *December 3*
- Gospel Music with Grace's Touch, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary, *December 9*
- Worship, 10:30 am, Virtual and Sanctuary, *December 10*
- Worship, 10:30 am, Virtual and Sanctuary, *December 17*
- *Wreath Orders Due, December 18*
- Living Nativity, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, FPC Lawn, *December 23*
- Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm, Virtual and Sanctuary, *December 24*
- Christmas Day, FPC Office Closed, *December 25*
- Newsletter Deadline, *December 28*
- Worship and Bountiful Giving Sunday, 10:30 am, Virtual and Sanctuary, *December 31*
- New Year's Eve, *December 31*
- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2024*



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Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Officers and Boards 2023



SESSION – next meetings Nov 6, Dec 3 and Jan 7 at 5:30 pm

2023	Edward Furgol, 184 Rider Hill Road, Delhi NY 13753	746-7476
	Renee Maxwell, 9 Delview Terrace, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6128
	Barbara Thompson, 517 Olin Evans Rd, Franklin, NY 13775	829-6005
	Joe Weaver, 4 Park Place, Delhi, NY 13753	435-3875
2024	Nancy Lee, 2 Cross Street, Delhi, NY 13753	267-8485
	Barb Leo, 200 Spencer Heights, Delhi, NY 13753	746-8265
	Tammi Tully, 125 Delaware Ave, Delhi, NY 13753	376-1119

DEACONS – next meetings Nov 12, Dec 2 and Jan 6 at 9:30 am

2023	Karen LaFever, 74 Meredith Street, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6339
2025	Betty Bell, 51 Hamden Hill Road, Delhi, NY 13753	746-2035
	Linda Dewitt, 48734 St Hwy 10, Delhi, NY 13753	746-3590
	Leslie McKeegan, 47900 State Highway 10, Delhi, NY 13753	437-7890
	Toni Weaver, 4 Park Place, Delhi, NY 13753	435-3875

TRUSTEES – next meetings Nov 15 and Dec 20 at 6:30 pm

2023	Joe Cantwell, 13491 State Highway 28, Delhi, NY 13753	746-3611
	Ed Goff, 485 Dunham Road, Delhi, NY 13753	746-8709
	Tom Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	746-2536
2024	Harry Bell, 51 Hamden Hill Road, Delhi, NY 13753	746-2035
	Alex Cantwell, 22B Meredith St, Delhi, NY 13753	434-6081
	Art Maxwell, 9 Delview Terrace, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6128
2025	Cullen LaFever, 74 Meredith Street, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6339
	Kevin Lee, 2 Cross Street, Delhi, NY 13753	267-8485
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CLERK OF SESSION

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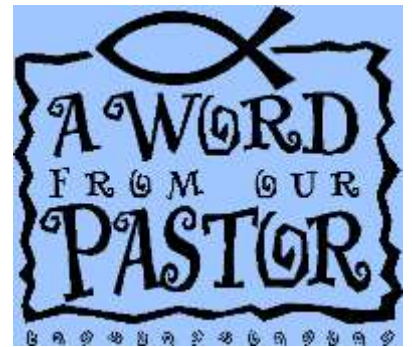


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“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”

Colossians 3: 14-16

If we were perfect, we would dwell always in peace, united with each other in perfect unity. Well, we are not perfect. This vision dwells powerfully in each Christ-follower's heart. He is the prince of Peace. But even the twelve had their tensions. Judas fell away and betrayed them when the pressure built up. Peter denied him. The mother of James and John wanted Jesus to favor her sons in heaven—what an off thought. The vision lives, however odd this or that moment is. The Holy Spirit gives us the gift of resilience.

The gift of resilience. It is perhaps the most perfect of all the gifts. The candy is gone, well mostly, and the Halloween decorations are going to a safe place for future use. Thanksgiving is around the corner. Fall is drawing to a rather pleasant end. Indeed, the globe is warming. I know it is a PC heresy, but it is not all bad. As you prepare for the coming of winter with Thanksgiving and Christmas slipping closer, when have you had the joy of living Christ's dream of a people bound together in perfect unity?

Bessie and I had been apart for five days, a long time for us. The house was full of the good smells of a really nice dinner I had cooked for the two of us. She had been held up leaving, so dinner was going to be around 8. I was just finishing the last step in the meal when I heard the door open. In came a smiling bride and she hugged me warmly. A moment of reunion. The dinner we shared was a moment of “unity and gratitude” for each other.

How about you? Some people have a dog who lays in the lap. Others just feel that way at times. A friend told me that they had a time of perfect peace in prayer. Another was delighted to be home after a trip. We are all crazy blessed when we stop to think about it. Paul wrote, “Over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

What virtues? Take a moment and open your Bibles to Colossians 3. In this season we are taking time to remember that God called us to live the life we were created to live. When we do life God's way the results are awesome.

God loves you and is so excited when you get it right. As often as the virtues of the life you aspire to are united in love, God will bless you and fill you with all good things.

In Christ's love.

Pastor Jamie.

SATURDAY
November 4
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Holiday Bazaar

First Presbyterian Church

4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY

BRING YOUR OWN BAG!

Brunch Take-Out:
11 am - 1 pm
Cost: \$12.00
Our menu is:
Quiche
Salad
Assorted Quick Breads
Cookies
Beverage
- Whole Quiche \$21
- Half Quiche \$11

Highlights

- Country Crafts
- Christmas Room
- Bake Shop
- Kirk Thrift Shoppe

First Presbyterian Church
is located at 4 Clinton Street
Delhi, New York.

The church is handicap accessible through the side elevator entrance or the ramps off the side and parking lot areas.

First Presbyterian Church
Office: 607-746-2155

-Some Highlights from October!-



The Annual Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service

sponsored by the Delhi Area Clergy Association will be held
at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 19th at the First Baptist Church of Delhi.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY **THANKSGIVING DINNER**

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner will take place on November 23rd, 2023 from noon to 3:00pm. This event is sponsored by the congregations of the Delhi Clergy Association and is hosted this year by St. John's Church.

Dinner will be served at the Delhi Fire Hall. Dinners will also be available for pick-up by reservation with a deadline of November 12th. Reservations can be placed by voicemail (607-437-2358). The dinner invitation is open to the community, free of charge. Freewill offerings will be accepted.



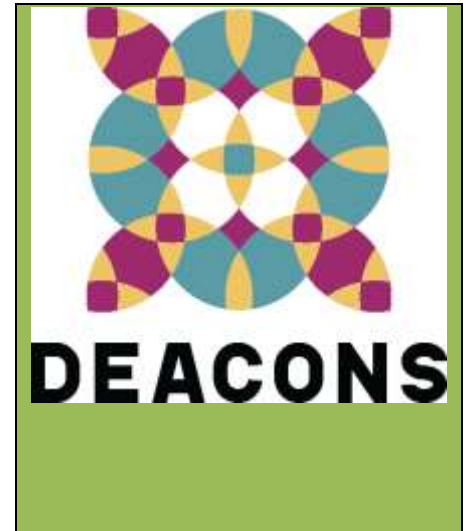
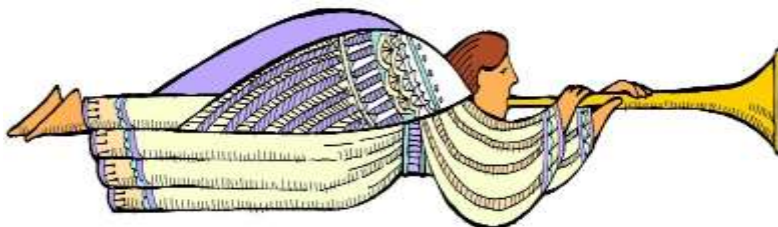
Gospel Music with Grace's Touch!

- Here at FPC Delhi on Saturday, December 9 at 4:00pm -

Mark and Ellen Edwards have been singing together since they were married in 1981. They and their four children – Patricia, Nicole, Rebecca and Stephen make up the group now known as Grace's Touch. Grace's Touch enjoys singing gospel songs in four-part family harmony and have sung in many different venues. It is their prayer that through their songs and their spoken words the Gospel of salvation will be clear and believers will be encouraged with truths from God's word.



The Deacons will again be coordinating gifts from our church for the Delhi Children's Christmas Fund. This year we will aim to provide gifts for 6 specific children and funds for many others. We are asking the congregation to help support this annual project by contributing with an Angel envelope, providing an item for the "mitten tree" and/or providing gifts for a child by taking an angel from the Christmas tree in the narthex area. The Angel envelopes will be in the new narthex, ready for your contributions, during the months of November and December. These donations will go to support the Delhi Children's Christmas Fund. Soon, the "mitten tree" and the angel tree will be in the new narthex. As soon as we receive the information about the children, we will put the angels on the tree so that people may sign out an angel on the sheet by the tree. There will be no proxy shopping this year, so if you decide to choose an Angel please be prepared to purchase the gifts yourself. **Gifts will need to be returned to the church by a date still to be determined and should not be wrapped.** Any donated Christmas wrapping materials and tape would be appreciated as well. Please identify which gifts are for which child and put all gifts in a large bag. Watch the Church Life for further details!



The mitten tree will also be in the new narthex in early November ready for donations of mittens, gloves, socks, scarves and hats. Please know that your thoughtfulness and generosity will be appreciated.



DECEMBER 3RD IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT!



2023 Advent/Christmas Schedule

First Sunday of Advent (Hope) - December 3, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent (Peace) - December 10, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent (Joy) - December 17, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)- December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve - December 24, 2023
Christmas Day - December 25, 2023

The First Presbyterian Church of Delhi will again present an outdoor Living Nativity as a gift to the community and as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas, complete with music and live animals. We invite the community to participate in a slow drive-by or to observe from a safe distance. For more information, to take part in the scene or to assist with the preparations, please contact the church office at 607-746-2155, Tom Leo at 746-8265.

***In the event of rain, the Living Nativity will not be held.**



WHERE:

**First Presbyterian Church
4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY**

WHEN:

**Saturday - December 23, 2023
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Christmas Eve

Please join us on Christmas Eve 12/24/23 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary for a candlelight service with Communion. This year, like last year, the special music we all so enjoy will not be one half hour ahead, but will be part of our worship service.



Christmas will soon be here. We would like to invite all members and friends of First Presbyterian Church to provide poinsettias for our sanctuary on Christmas Eve, December 24th. The plants may be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special to you, or as a gift to the Church. Those giving plants will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

If you wish to order a plant, please complete the lower portion of this letter and send or bring it to the Church Office with \$8.00 each no later than Thursday, November 30th. Make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church and include with your order. We will order the poinsettia for you. If you wish to purchase your own plant, please fill out the form at the bottom of this page and mail or bring it to the Church Office no later than December 18th so the information can be placed in the bulletin.



You may take your plant after the candlelight service on Christmas Eve, December 24th. Protective wrappers will be in the Session room for you to cover it if needed because of the weather.

Poinsettias that are designated to be given to a member on the Deacon's List will be delivered by the Deacons.

Thank you for contributing to the joy and beauty of this celebration of Christ's birth.

The Deacons of First Presbyterian Church

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION AS YOU WANT IT LISTED IN THE BULLETIN:

Your Name _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Gift to the Church _____

I will pick up my plant after Christmas Eve Service _____

I do not want my plant; please give to a member on the Deacons List _____

I will purchase my own poinsettia _____

The price of each Poinsettia is \$8.00.

Please make checks payable to: The First Presbyterian Church.





WREATH ORDER - The Church Fellowship Committee is making planning to decorate our Church building for the holiday season this year on December 2. Your participation as a member of the Church Family would be greatly appreciated. If interested in participating, please indicate your contribution to the decorating on the form below. Write the names as you wish them to appear in the Church bulletin on Christmas Eve.

Fill out the form below and place it in an envelope marked **"CHRISTMAS WREATHS"** and place the envelope in the collection plate or leave it in the Church office.

The price of each wreath is \$25.00. You may pay with cash, or by a check made payable to First Presbyterian Church. This may either be put in the envelope with your order or you may pay at the Church office. Please clearly mark your envelope for Christmas wreaths.

Orders for wreaths, with the payment enclosed, must be in by Monday, December 18th.

Thank you for your participation.

Fellowship Committee

WREATH ORDER I (We) would like to contribute to the **Christmas Wreaths** in the following way:

_____ Order a wreath in honor of _____

_____ Order a wreath in memory of _____

_____ Order a wreath as a gift to the Church

Given by: _____

REMINDER: Please make all checks for wreaths and poinsettias payable to First Presbyterian Church & include payment with your order.



Mission

BETHEL MISSION

ORGANIZATION

We are proud to be supporting a teacher through Bethel Grace Ministry at one of their schools in Cambodia. Our monthly sponsorship helps the school in Preah Vihear. You can go to the Mission Spotlight page on our church website (URL below) to find more information on Bethel Grace Ministry.

fpcdelhi.org/mission-spotlight/

SPARE CHANGE!

The "Mile of Pennies" jar needs your help! Please gather up all the scattered and assorted coins that are cluttering up your dressers or tables and bring them in to the "Mile of Pennies" jar outside the office. Every donation is helpful – large or small! The money collected from this jar goes toward the "Fellowship of the Least Coin" supporting our mission giving with our brothers and sisters around the globe.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING MISSION

Christmas stocking collection will occur at church on Sunday December 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2023. The dimes collected in the Christmas stockings will be distributed between Habitat for Humanity and Helios Care for use in our local communities. **Christmas Stockings** are still available in baskets throughout the church. You may also drop off your stockings in the office during normal office hours.

MAUI RELIEF

In the last weekend of September, we raised **\$2,000 for relief in Maui** that was sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund. These funds came from the Kirk sales as well as donations in the offering on Sunday, September 24.

**The next Bountiful Giving
Sundays are November 26
& December 31!**

Help others through your gift giving this year!

Here are a few gift ideas available at the church. Contact the office for more information.

- Shop at the Kirk Thrift Shoppe - Fridays and Saturdays from 9 am – 2 pm
- Presbyterian Giving Catalog – items such as chickens, seeds and groceries for a youth mission worker to name just a few. Catalogs are available in the new narthex and in Fellowship Hall.
- Make a special contribution to the food bank.
- Poinsettias – order forms are available outside the office and in this Courier
- Wreaths – order forms are available outside the office and in this Courier

Christian Education

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

Our Church had our Open House & Christian Education Kick-Off BBQ on September 24th, 2023. Due to the rainy day, the Fellowship Committee set up the Chapel for our fellowship gathering. Side dishes were supplied by many of our congregation; the grills were under the gazebo manned by Kevin Lee & Joe Cantwell. I'd like to give a big shout out to everyone for their help - I wouldn't have been able to pull this off any other way. I am thankful, grateful & blessed to belong to such a wonderful church family. The children were able to do crafts in the library & we even tried to do a couple of games.

Our Sunday school classes started on October 8, 2023 where we did a quick review of the stories from last year & Miss Linda came in to spend some time with the children to do a song. We will continue with our Bible stories of the Old Testament starting with Joshua, The Jordan River & The Walls of Jericho. The children have already rung colored bells; they will be doing a song for November & bells again for December. All four children are collecting the Tithes & Offerings on Sunday school Sundays. Below is our class schedule, we meet from 9:45-10:20 in the Chapel.

If you know of any families that would like to be involved with our CE program, please have them contact our church office or they can contact me directly at tammitully@fpc.org or have them give me a call at 607.376.1119. I'd be happy to speak with them! ☺

Sunday School Schedule / Proposed Dates

October 8 & 22, 2023
November 5 & 19, 2023
December 3 & 17, 2023
*****Winter Break*****
January 28, 2024

February 11 & 25, 2024
March 10 & 24, 2024
April 7 & 21, 2024
May 5 & 19, 2024
June 2 & 16, 2024

Dates are flexible & subject to change when necessary or as needed

As always we'd like to thank all our church families for the continued support you give to the Christian Education program. Our small disciples are truly blessed with your words of encouragement and the loving care you give to them.

With Love & Peace to you all,
Tammi Tully & Susie Little
Christian Education Leaders

TRUSTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023

- We have been granted a renewed 2020 O'Conner grant of unused funds for projects at our facility;
- Girl Scouts have been ok'd for the use of the Chapel;
- Surplus old wooden tables and metal chairs have been purged;
- Pastor Jamie has donated a leaf blower;
- Brian Sprague has again repainted the lines and handicap parking spots in the parking lot. If you see Brian, be certain to thank him for all of us;
- Budget committee has met on October 12 and has completed a preliminary draft;
- Regular FPC September/October 2023 bills have been received and approved and are being paid;
- We continue to receive estimates for the landscaping update in the front of the manse. This will be planned to start in spring 2024;
- All furnaces have been serviced by Charlie Beveridge;
- Snow removal has been addressed and Cullen LaFever will be plowing and Alex Cantwell, as well as any available trustee, will be shoveling/snowplowing the walks;
- Our Sexton Sherri has had a battle with COVID, but is back on the job. Thanks go out those who stepped in and cleaned areas of our church facility during her recovery;
- A trustees fall workday has been set for November 11th at 12 PM. Stop in and give us a hand if you're willing.

Apportionment



The **Per Capita amount for 2023** has been set at **\$43.95 per member**. Per Capita apportionment is based on church membership as of December 31, 2021. Our apportionment is based on 163 members giving a total of \$7,163.85. The money is paid by our church to cover our share of basic operation costs of our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Each member is invited to contribute \$43.95 to help pay this obligation.

LONGTIME MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

We will be pleased to recognize the following Longtime Members during our worship service on November 12:

50-Year Members David Gile

Vera Hunt

Mary Schmitt

55-Year Member Al Perkins

75-Year Members Margie Hume

Frank Snyder

Our Congregation has been richly blessed by these special people!

New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Jaime Mills & Whitney Thomas who welcomed their son William Thomas Mills into the world on September 6, 2023!

William is welcomed by his grandparents Barb & Tom Leo, and great grandparents Don & Jane Hymers.



Congratulations to Megan Lyn Cantwell who welcomed her son Jameson Joseph Cantwell into the world on October 5, 2023!

Jameson is welcomed by grandparents Joe & Gia Cantwell, Aunt Erica, Uncle Kyle and Uncle Alex and their families.

Congratulations to Celia (Rice) & Ken Soden on the marriage of their daughter Tina to Jeff Hill, son of Marilyn & (the late) Dick Hill on September 10, 2023.

They were married in a lovely beach wedding on Echo Lake, located in Warrensburg, NY, and the reception was held at the Echo Lake Lodge. Most of the centerpiece decorations, as well as the Bride's bouquet, were made by the Bride.

Dear Betty [Bell],

Thanks to you and your fellow Deacons for the wonderful support of our new baby boy William. It means so much to me and to my Mom and Tom to feel all of your love and caring as we start this new adventure!

Thank you again,

Jaime [Mills] and Whitney [Thomas]

The Bulletin Board

COMMUNION IN WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 5, 2023



DECEMBER 3, 2023

Worship, participate, commune and open your eyes and your hearts to the living Christ in your life.

Addresses Needed for Those Away in College & Military

Please contact the church office by phone, email or post with our church family's students or military service personnel addresses for this year. Our caring congregation wishes to encourage those students and military who are part of our church family with cards and prayers and maybe even a care package at times! Help us help members of our church family who are students or in the military to stay connected to their church family.

Address & Email Corrections

If you move or change your email address, please contact the church office as soon as possible but at least within 30 days, with your new mailing or emailing information. Thank you for helping us maintain communication in a timely manner.



SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM

We are collecting aluminum tabs (from beverage cans, soup cans, etc.) **or any clean scrap aluminum** to donate to the Shriners Hospital. There is a basket in the new narthex for any donations. If you have any questions, get in touch with Betty Bell.

DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

The Upper Room and **Our Daily Bread** devotionals are available in the new narthex and also outside the church office. If you wish to make a contribution to defray the cost, there is a wooden box on the table outside the office or contributions may be left in the office.

We are no longer accepting bottle and can donations, so please do not leave any bags of empty containers here at the church. Thank you!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the following families:

Shirley Warren, Heather & David Rosa, Mary Jane Roberts and Gary & Joyce Manning on the passing of Wes Warren on September 2, 2023.

Art Howard, Robert Howard, Mark Howard & Lu-Ann Powell, Tom & Alysia Howard and Patty Perkins on the passing of Jane Howard on September 30, 2023.



If you know of anyone who is in the hospital or in need of pastoral care, please call the church office. We would rather be notified ten times than not be aware of the needs of the church family!

Our prayers are with those who have recently had outpatient procedures, surgery, are facing major changes in their lives, been hospitalized or are facing difficult health concerns.

~ Note of Appreciation ~

I wish to thank the Board of Deacons for the flowers, food and many cards and visits. It is nice to know that even though I am not in attendance, I am still remembered by my First Presbyterian Church family. Many thanks to all.

Marilyn Wickham

Ponderings at the End of a Day – or Year

Dutch Catholic priest and theologian Henri Nouwen found it useful to reflect on several questions at the end of the day: "Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing?" Pondering such questions may prove valuable at the end of a year as well: "How did I contribute to peace in the world this past year? Did I bring smiles to others' faces? Did I offer words of healing?" Nouwen continued, and we can too: "Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?"

Many of us set New Year's resolutions for self-improvement, asking, "What are my goals? How can I better myself, my weight, my work-life balance, my habits?" But Nouwen said of his self-inquiry: "These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and [in] the life to come." His resolution was to share God's love with others. With God's help, it can be ours as well, for each new day and each new year.

Church Activities

WORSHIP FLOWERS

Nov 5 –
12 –
19 – Kevin & Kathy Sullivan
26 – Margaret Jones

Dec 3 –
10 –
17 –
24 – Poinsettias
31 –



Newsletter DEADLINE

Newsletter articles are due in the office on Thursday, December 28, 2023 in order to be placed in the January - February Courier. If you are able to turn items in earlier, it is certainly appreciated.

LITURGISTS

Nov 5 – Tom Little
12 – Pastor Jamie Tyrrell
19 – Kevin Lee
26 – Susie Little

Dec 3 –
10 –
17 –
24 –
31 –

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE?



2023 Flower sign-up is on the bulletin board across from the office. If you would like to offer flowers for worship on a Sunday, please sign up on the poster or give the church office a call. Thank you for helping enhance our worship!

OFFICE NOTES

If you have an item or announcement to be placed in the Church Life section of the bulletin, it must be in the office by 9:00 on Thursday morning.

The office will be closed on Monday, November 13th in observance of Veterans Day, on Thursday, November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving, and on Monday, December 25th in observance of Christmas.

Anyone wishing to participate in the Worship Service as **Liturgist** should contact the church office.





November

- 1 Nora Kellogg
- 2 Joyce Goff
- Nancy Haynes
- 4 Linda Malcolm
- 7 Colleen Ann Sullivan
- 11 Karen LaFever
- 12 Lisa Ruth Mays
- 13 Leslie McKeegan
- Jane Hymers
- 17 Gia Cantwell
- 19 Barbara Thompson
- 21 Shawn Malcolm
- 22 James Gregory
- 23 Nancy Mable
- Nieve Yepez
- 24 Julie Mable
- 25 Richard Morley
- 27 Wendi Haynes Ecklund
- Carol Presby
- 28 Donald Hymers
- 30 Aubrynn Nealis Cobbe
- Dezeree Wakin



December

- 5 – Richard Malcolm
- 7 – Amber O’Leary
- Courtland Robinson
- 8 – Shaine Pawlikowski
- 9 – Lisa O’Connell
- Roy Scrimshaw
- 10 – Lisa Schmitt
- 11 – Tyler Aitken
- Sally Robinson
- 13 – Toni P. Weaver
- 14 – Nancy Lee
- 15 – Stephanie McKeegan
- Helen Rosa
- 16 – Emma O’Leary
- 17 – Eliza Palmer
- 20 – Maci Gile
- Mary Jane Roberts
- Allen Presby
- 26 – Holly Pawlikowski
- Holcomb-Ryan
- 27 – Sally Scrimshaw
- 28 – Betty Bell
- 29 – Jane Howard
- 30 – Lucas Grant Palmer
- 31 – Taylor Mostert



January

- 3 – Michele "Mimi" Wilson
- 6 – Thomas Ladlee
- Trey Mostert
- 9 – Scarlet Cantwell Tucker
- 12 – Wendy Ladlee
- John Pawlikowski
- 14 – Adriana Merino
- 15 – Lily Cantwell
- Sarah Hooker



Your Light Has Come

In the introduction to his book *For All God's Worth*, theologian N.T. Wright says, "Christmas is God lighting a candle, and you don't light a candle in a room that's already full of sunlight. You light a candle in a room that's so murky that the candle, when lit, reveals just how bad things really are. The light shines in the darkness, says St. John, and the darkness has not overcome it."

For that reason, Wright explains, Christmas isn't a dream or a momentary escape but reality. And the same is true for Christianity. "Either Jesus is the Lord of the world and all reality makes sense in his life, or he is dangerously irrelevant to the problems and possibilities of today's world," he adds. "There is no middle ground. Either Jesus was, and is, the Word of God, or he, and the stories Christians tell about him, are lies."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:00 am Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	2 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day	3 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	4 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:15 am Yoga
5 Daylight Saving Time ends 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion 11:30 am Congregational Meeting	6 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk work day 5:30 pm Session Meeting	7 8:00 am Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts	8 8:00 am Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	9 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day	10 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	11 Veterans Day 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:15 am Yoga
12 9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Long-Term Member Recognition 11:30 am Fellowship Committee Meeting	13 Office Closed 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk work day	14 8:00 am Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts	15 8:00 am Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm MWS Meeting 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting	16 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day	17 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	18 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:15 am Yoga
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26 Bountiful Giving Sunday 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship	27 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk work day	28 8:00 am Little Inspirations 3:00 pm Girl Scouts	29 8:00 am Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	30 Poinsettia Orders Due 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day		



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24 Christmas Eve 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 am Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Office Closed Christmas Day	26	27 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 4:00 pm Kirk Meeting 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	28 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 am Kirk Work Day	29 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	30 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:15 am Yoga
31 New Year's Eve Bountiful Giving Sunday 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship	Jan 1 Office Closed New Year's Day 9:00 am Kirk work day	Jan 2 8:00 am Little Inspirations	Jan 3 8:00 am Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	Jan 4 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day	Jan 5 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	Jan 6 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:15 am Yoga