



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELHI, NY JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2025 COURIER**

### **Special dates**

- Worship with Communion, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, *January 5*
- Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, *January 12*
- Annual Report Deadline, *January 13*
- Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, *January 19*
- Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, *January 20*
- Worship and Bountiful Giving Sunday, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, *January 26*
- Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, *February 2*
- Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:30 am, Sanctuary, *February 2*
- Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, *February 9*
- Worship, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, *February 16*
- Office Closed in observance of Presidents' Day, *February 17*
- Worship and Bountiful Giving Sunday, Sanctuary, *February 23*
- Newsletter Deadline, *February 24*
- Worship with Communion, 10:30 am, Sanctuary, *March 2*
- Ash Wednesday, *March 5*
- Daylight Savings Time Begins, *March 9*



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Officers and Boards 2025**



<b>SESSION</b> – next meetings Jan 6, Feb 3 and Mar 3 at 5:30 pm		
2025	Susie Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	746-2536
	Joe Weaver, 4 Park Place, Delhi, NY 13753	435-3875
2026	Nancy Lee, 2 Cross Street, Delhi, NY 13753	267-8485
	Renee Maxwell, 9 Delview Terrace, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6128
	Nancy Morley, 4993 County Hwy 14, Treadwell, NY 13846	434-6318

<b>DEACONS</b> – next meetings Jan 12, Feb 9 and Mar 9 at 9:30 am		
2025	Betty Bell, 22 Sunset Ave, Sidney, NY 13838	561-9387
	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	435-3987
2026	Karen LaFever, 74 Meredith St, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6339
2027	Mary Conklin, PO Box 202, Hamden, NY 13782	865-4387

<b>TRUSTEES</b> – next meetings Jan 15 and Feb 19 at 6:00 pm		
2025	Cullen LaFever, 74 Meredith Street, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6339
	Kevin Lee, 2 Cross Street, Delhi, NY 13753	267-8485
	Tom Leo, 200 Spencer Heights, Delhi, NY 13753	746-8265
2026	Kathy Beveridge, 9786 Co. Hwy 14, Delhi, NY 13753	746-6283
	Ed Goff, 485 Dunham Rd, Delhi, NY 13753	746-8709
	Tom Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	746-2536
2027	Alex Cantwell, 22B Meredith St, Delhi, NY 13753	434-6081
	Joe Cantwell, 13491 State Highway 28, Delhi, NY 13753	746-3611
	Ed Chytalo, 16 Court St, Delhi, NY 13753	746-8643

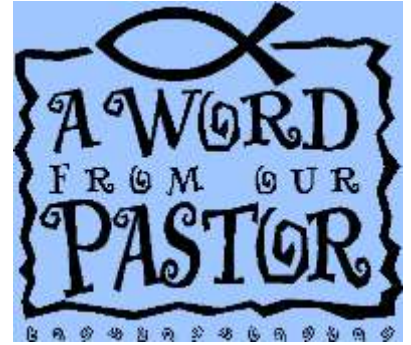
<b>TREASURER</b>	George Thompson, 517 Olin Evans Rd, Franklin, NY 13775	829-6005
<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY</b>	Gia Cantwell, 13491 State Highway 28, Delhi, NY 13753	746-3611
<b>CLERK OF SESSION</b>	Susie Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	746-2536





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## Looking Forward

It is 2025 already. How wonderful. What are you thinking about changing this year—about yourself, I mean? For myself, I aim to continue to lose weight. I have lost 15 pounds since I came here, more than half my initial goal from two years ago. I expect to get to my goal weight in the next 6 months.

I have also resolved to be more open about my work with the Session as your pastor. Really, I am a shy person and tend to guard my hopes for you. We had a great Session Meeting because I brought up my hope for continued growth to your elders. Score one for my new resolution. I hope to score 12 even though my personal history is not promising.

How about you? Are you trying to change anything about yourself? I am preaching on life change in January. As you probably know, most New Year's resolutions are broken in the first week. I remember one year we children were old enough to stay up to midnight on New Year's Eve and watch the TV celebrations. At the stroke of 12 my mom got a piece of chocolate and ate it right away. "I have broken my resolution already. That way I don't have to wonder how long I can make it."

If you or someone you know are having trouble with a change you/they want to make, January is "How to Change" month. Come and bring a friend with chocolate on their breath. With God working in us, we just could make it this year.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jamie

# Living Nativity

We held our annual Living Nativity on Monday, Dec 23, 2024 with 16 members and friends dressed up as Mary, Joseph, the Wise Men and shepherds, along with 3 animal friends. It was a cold evening, but many people stopped by and some put food in the box for the Food Bank. Many thanks to the multiple people who made this all possible and a success!

Thank you to:

- Kelsey Cole who brought Dickens the Donkey.
- Jim & Jean Bright who again brought Mae and Cora, the goats.
- Rusty & Diane Maxwell for the hay for the manger scene.
- Darcy Gibson for his many talents, including advertising and audio testing.
- Toni & Joe Weaver, Linda DeWitt and Karen LaFever for their parts in setting out the costumes, getting everyone dressed and then putting everything back away.
- Alex & Joe Cantwell for setting up the Nativity scene, and Joe Cantwell & Tom Leo for taking it down.
- Jackie Howard for cookies and the Weavers for the spiced apple cider.
- Pastor Jamie for hanging door tags and greeting those who stopped by.
- Bessie Tyrrell for the much needed hand warmers.
- All of our participants – we could not have done this without you!

We appreciate the support of all those involved, the church members and the community for this successful annual event.

Joe & Gia Cantwell

# Apportionment



The **Per Capita amount for 2025** has been set at **\$49.29 per member**. Per Capita apportionment is based on church membership as of December 31, 2023. Our apportionment is based on 123 members giving a total of \$6,062.67. 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 \$49.29 to help pay this obligation.

# -Some Highlights from December!-



## ~ Christmas Luncheon and Christmas Eve ~



# Mission

## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER RELIEF

During the month of January our mission focus will be on giving toward the Presbyterian Disaster Relief fund. These funds will be held until they are needed, but ultimately will be used when there is a need brought on by natural disasters, floods, wildfires and other environmental calamities. If you would like to contribute toward this mission, just use the mission envelopes or write "Presbyterian Disaster Relief" on the memo line of your check. Thank you for giving toward our monthly missions!

## 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.

**The next Bountiful  
Giving Sundays are  
January 26 &  
February 23!**

## MISSION STOCKING NOTES

2025 Mission Stockings are now available in baskets throughout the church. Pick your favorite one out today and start filling it according to the instructions with the stocking. If you are unable to make it to church to pick up a stocking, please let the church office know and one will be mailed to you upon request. Please return any unused stockings to any mission stocking basket throughout the church or drop off at the church office. If you have any questions, please see Darcy in the church office.

## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

In February we will again be supporting the Church World Service Tools and Blankets mission. Our contributions provide warmth, comfort and hope to neighbors near and far, including refugees, migrant families and those who are struggling in the face of extreme circumstances. Because of our support to this mission, CWS is able to respond when disasters occur. Look for more information in the Church Life as we move into February.

***"Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:8***

**When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone and so they can feel safe and keep warm with fresh linens and clean sleeping quarters.**

**When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way.**

# **TRUSTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024**

- Regular FPC bills for November and December have been reviewed, approved and paid.
- Deer fencing installed Nov 11th to protect trees.
- Snow plowing being done by Cullen Lafever or Alex Cantwell.
- Snow removal and sand on Church sidewalks and walkways done by trustees.
- Furnace filters were changed for winter season.
- Plumbing and toilet issues were addressed and fixed in CE wing bathrooms.
- Trustees looking to surplus the couches in session room as they are worn and in need of repair. The pews in fellowship hall will be moved to session room.
- Held elections for 2025 year: Tom Little for president, Tom Leo for vice president, Kathy Beveridge for secretary.
- Thanked Art Maxwell and Harry Bell for their many years of service as trustees.

## **SOUP ON A COLD DAY LUNCHEON**

Don't let the long days of winter get you down! Come have some fun and warm your tummy and your soul. Sunday, January 19 after worship will be the Fellowship Committee's next luncheon. Bring a pot of soup, your own table service and a friend and taste test lots of different soups.

Then join us again on February 16 with a pot of your favorite chili. Bring a game you would like to play after we share our meal for some friendly competitive fun! Bring your own table service and a friend again!

Any questions, give Susie Little a call: 607-746-2536.

# The Bulletin Board

## COMMUNION IN WORSHIP

**JANUARY 5, 2025**



**FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

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.

**A CALL** has been issued by the Session for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, according to the terms of the church bylaws, to be held immediately following worship on Sunday, **February 2, 2025**. The purpose of the meeting will be to review annual reports, receive the budget, and address any other business that may come properly before the Congregation. The 2024 Annual Reports will be available for review beginning Sunday, January 26.



## 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!**



# Church Activities

## WORSHIP FLOWERS

Jan 5 -  
12 -  
19 -  
26 -  
Feb 2 -  
9 -  
16 -  
23 -



## LITURGISTS

Jan 5 - Kevin Lee  
12 - Tammi Tully  
19 - Tom Little  
26 - TBD  
Feb 2 - TBD  
9 - TBD  
16 - TBD  
23 - TBD

## 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, January 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day.

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

Newsletter articles are due in the office on Monday, February 24, 2025 in order to be placed in the March - April Courier. If you are able to turn items in earlier, it will certainly be appreciated.

**LOOKING FOR  
WAYS TO SERVE?**



**2025 Flower sign-up** is now 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!

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

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# OUR CHURCH FAMILY



## **Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the following families:**

Robert Howard, Mark Howard, Tom Howard and Patty Perkins on the passing of Art Howard on November 27, 2024.

Nancy Thomson, Brenda Greenfield, Kathy & Kevin Sullivan and John Thomson on the passing of James "Jim" Thomson on December 6, 2024.

Leslie Doig and Anne Valentine on the passing of James "Jim" Doig on December 10, 2024.



**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.**

## **Time**

Time is  
too slow for those who wait,  
too swift for those who fear,  
too long for those who grieve,  
too short for those who rejoice.  
But for those who love,  
time is eternity.

—Henry Van Dyke

# Livestream

**If anyone is interested in learning how to run the livestream for our Sunday services, please contact the church office. Darcy will be happy to schedule a time to demonstrate the system and give instructions and lessons to help you feel comfortable operating the technology. If you think you might be interested, you can always see how it works before you commit to learning or operating the software.**

# Thank You

Dear First Presbyterian Church of Delhi,  
Thank you for your generous gift. We appreciate your thoughtfulness so much! We wish everyone a happy and joyous Christmas and New Year!

Sincerely,  
Molly and Anna Arehart



First Presbyterian Church friends,

Thank you very much for your card and gift, and for your continued support! It means a lot to me! I hope everyone has a great holiday season, and I hope to see you all soon!

Brandon Gregory



Thank you so much for thinking of me this Holiday Season! I really appreciate the card and the gift card! I am still in Alabama for flight school training. I have had some amazing experiences! I hope everyone is doing well and I hope to see you at church this Christmas!

Tyler Gregory



We would like to thank our Church Family for the prayers and support they have given us in 2024. We look forward to a healthier new year in 2025.

Mary & Marty Conklin



Just want to say thank you to everyone here at the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Church for keeping us in your prayers and for understanding our situations. It is greatly appreciated. Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year.

Love always, Sherry, Rich and Ava



Thanks to Betty Bell for supplying eight bottles of apple juice for many upcoming coffee hours. The bottles of juice are stored in the kitchenette and can be used as needed.



Happy Anniversary!



Congratulations to Joe & Toni Weaver who just celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

# BIRTHDAYS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## JANUARY Birthdays

- January 3 – Michele "Mimi" Wilson  
6 – Thomas Ladlee  
Trey Mostert  
9 – Scarlett Cantwell Tucker  
12 – Wendy Ladlee  
John Pawlikowski  
14 – Adrianna Merino  
15 – Lily Cantwell  
Sarah Hooker  
20 – Steve McKeegan  
24 – Amanda Palmer  
Sophia Wakin  
29 – Matthew Kilmer  
Olivia Wakin  
Julia Ward  
30 – Linda DeWitt  
Vicki Noble  
31 – Kevin Sullivan



**If your birthday is missing from this list or you know of someone in the church family who has a birthday not shown here, please contact the church office. Thank You!**

## FEBRUARY Birthdays

- February 4 – Joyce Manning  
Joan Verspoor  
5 – Marilyn Wickham  
Declan Newman  
14 – Kathy Sullivan  
15 – Owen Haight  
Dylan Nealis  
16 – Betty Ann Clark  
Kelsey Cole  
17 – Mary Schmitt  
18 – Jane Curley Eustis  
Jackie Gibson  
19 – George Thompson  
22 – Augustin Delos Weinstein  
23 – Cindy Mostert  
24 – Amber Magyar  
26 – Celia Helen Rosa  
27 – Tammi Tully  
28 – Courtney Kilmer  
Cody LaFever

## MARCH Birthdays

- March 2 – Leslie Mignier  
4 – Robert Wilklow  
6 – Tatum Kilmer  
9 – Nathan Mackey  
10 – Caroline Hull  
Oliver Hull  
Anna Reinshagen  
12 – Allison Noble



# 2025

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			<b>1</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 10:30 am Gentle Yoga	<b>3</b> 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:00 am Yoga
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