



First Presbyterian Church of Delhi, New York August 31, 2025

Friends and guests, as the end of summer nears, it's a delight to be together to praise God and share in his love. Welcome!

(Prayer) Jesus has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.'

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/offering>, or by regular USPS mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

Our August mission is the School Supply Drive! For the full list of items needed, see the final page in the Church Life or pick up a copy of the list in the New Narthex. Please have all items to the office by Tuesday, September 2nd. Thank you for your help with this mission!

Worship this week (Sunday, Aug 31) will be a combined service at Cabin Hill Presbyterian in Andes at 9:30. We'll be having a dish-to-pass luncheon following the service.

Choir will begin again next week (Sunday, September 7) at 9:45am.

We return to our Fall schedule next week (Sunday, September 7). Worship will begin at 10:30am.

Bell practice returns on Sunday, September 14 after Coffee Hour. Come join us! We will have a tutorial for anyone interested in learning to ring the bells.

We are having a Neighborhood Party here at the church on Sunday, September 14 from 3pm to 6pm. Everyone in the congregation is invited! There will be games, a scavenger hunt, a bounce house and music! Bring a dish to pass... hot dogs will be provided!

The fourth Sunday of every month is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. The Delhi Food Pantry accepts non-perishable food items. You can also donate via <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or give cash or check donations designated for the food bank. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Tom Little and Joe Cantwell. The Trustees responsible for counting on September 7 are Kathy Beveridge and Ed Chytalo.

The September-October Courier and our **Devotional booklets** (Upper Room and Daily Bread) are available outside the office and in the new narthex. Please take one for your daily devotions!

THOUGHTS ON GIVING: *"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."* (Luke 14:13-14) One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many church communities that have become heavily dependent on fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local church. Generally speaking, at a church fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our offertory during worship, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with him.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That generous giving means sharing with those who cannot repay us.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2025 has been set at \$49.29 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 8-24-2025</i>	32 - 27 in sanctuary + approx. 5 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,735.62
General amount given week of 8-24-2025	\$1,815.00
General amount needed year-to-date	\$59,011.08
General amount given YTD as of 8-24-2025	\$59,378.65
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$67.31
Fuel Fund given week of 8-24-2025	\$50.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$2,288.54
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 8-24-2025	\$1,718.36
Kirk Receipts 8-17-25 to 8-23-25	~\$2,350.00
Mission giving week of 8-24-2025	\$110.00
Mission giving YTD as of 8-24-2025	\$717.00
Apportionment Needed 2025	\$6,062.67
Apportionment received YTD as of 8-24-2025	\$1,314.51

*General amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers and fuel expenses.

SUNDAY August 31	9:30 am Combined Worship at Cabin Hill Presbyterian
MONDAY September 1	<i>Office Closed for Labor Day</i> 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
TUESDAY September 2	4:45 pm PNC Meeting
WEDNESDAY September 3	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga
THURSDAY September 4	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY September 5	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY September 6	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:00 am Yoga
SUNDAY September 7	9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion

Our August mission focus is the School Supply Drive!

- School Supply Drive Items Needed -

- 1. Fine point Expo black dry erase markers**
- 2. Fiskars scissors**
- 3. Elmer's glue sticks**
- 4. Pink Pearl erasers**
- 5. #2 pencils**
- 6. 24 count Crayola crayons**
- 7. 8 count colored pencils**
- 8. 10 count Crayola broadline classic colors markers**
- 9. Pocket folders with center prongs - solid colors**
- 10. Small pencil sharpeners**
- 11. Composition notebooks**
- 12. Highlighters**
- 13. Fine point black Sharpie markers**

It would also be wonderful to receive snack donations for our kindergartners (individual snack packs of Goldfish, graham crackers, etc.). Many of our kindergartners are not sent to school with a snack, so teachers and administrators often buy snacks out of their own pockets so each student has something.