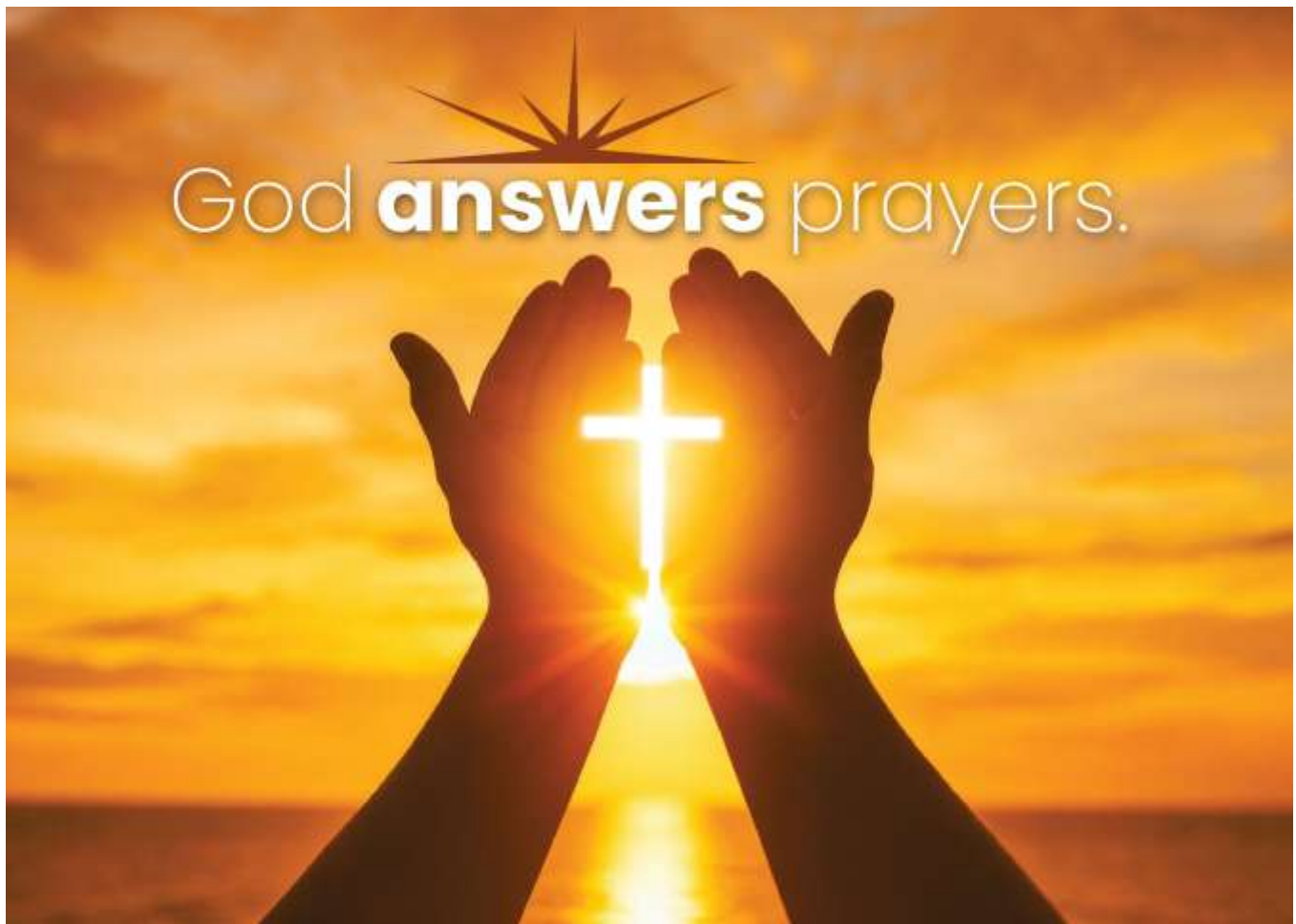




FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELHI, NY

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2026 COURIER

Special dates

- Worship with Communion, 10:00 am, Sanctuary, *September 6*
- Labor Day, Office Closed, *September 7*
- Worship, 10:00 am, Sanctuary, *September 13*
- Worship, 10:00 am, Sanctuary, *September 20*
- Worship & Bountiful Giving Sunday, 10:00 am, Sanctuary, *September 27*
- Sunday School Heifer Fundraiser and Blessing of the Animals, 12:00 pm, *October 3*
- World Communion Sunday, *October 4*
- Worship with Communion, 10:00 am, Sanctuary, *October 4*
- Worship, 10:00 am, Sanctuary, *October 11*
- Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day, Office Closed, *October 12*
- Worship, 10:00 am, Sanctuary, *October 18*
- Worship & Bountiful Giving Sunday, 10:00 am, Sanctuary, *October 25*
- Longtime member recognition, *October 25*
- Newsletter Deadline, *October 26*
- Daylight Savings Time Ends, 2:00 am, *November 1*



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Officers and Boards 2026

SESSION – next meetings Sept 14 and Oct 5 at 5:30 pm		
2026	Nancy Lee, 2 Cross Street, Delhi, NY 13753	607-201-4275
	Renee Maxwell, 9 Delview Terrace, Delhi, NY 13753	607-287-0401
	Nancy Morley, 4993 County Hwy 14, Treadwell, NY 13846	607-434-6318
2027	Kevin Lee, 2 Cross Street, Delhi, NY 13753	607-267-8485
	Susie Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	607-644-4983
	Joe Weaver, 4 Park Place, Delhi, NY 13753	607-435-3875
	Tammi Tully, 125 Delaware Ave, Delhi, NY 13753	607-376-1119

DEACONS – next meetings Sept 13 and Oct 11 at 9:15 am		
2026	Karen LaFever, 74 Meredith St, Delhi, NY 13753	607-746-6339
2027	Mary Conklin, PO Box 202, Hamden, NY 13782	607-865-4387
2028	Betty Bell, 22 Sunset Ave, Sidney, NY 13838	607-561-9387
	Gwenn Nealis, 3962 Peakes Brook Rd, Delhi, NY 13753	607-746-2542
	George Thompson, 517 Olin Evans Rd, Franklin, NY 13775	607-829-6005
	Toni Weaver, 4 Park Place, Delhi, NY 13753	607-435-3987

TRUSTEES – next meetings Sept 16 and Oct 21 at 6:00 pm		
2026	Kathy Beveridge, 9786 Co. Hwy 14, Delhi, NY 13753	607-422-1474
	Ed Goff, 485 Dunham Rd, Delhi, NY 13753	607-746-8709
	Tom Little, 1618 Arbuckle Hollow, Delancey, NY 13752	607-643-2446
2027	Alex Cantwell, 22B Meredith St, Delhi, NY 13753	607-434-6081
	Joe Cantwell, 13491 State Highway 28, Delhi, NY 13753	607-287-1919
	Ed Chytalo, 16 Court St, Delhi, NY 13753	607-746-8643
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	Art Maxwell, 9 Delview Terrace, Delhi, NY 13753	607-287-1977

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PNC Progress Report

The PNC continued to meet over the summer. We interviewed 6 candidates (held 8 interviews) and felt very called to 2 of them. However, one chose another church prior to their visit with us. The other candidate is planning on a visit with the PNC, and to view the manse, church and local area.

At present we seem to have more candidates accepting our invitation and feel encouraged by that fact. While we have these additional candidates in the pipeline, we have decided to hold off on having a consulting firm step in and assist. But in the future we may move forward in that direction as Session has approved us to do so.

As always, please pray for the PNC and also the candidates seeking a call. We need to have God in the process of finding the Shepherd that he has chosen to lead our flock.

Your PNC Committee:

Barb Thompson, Kathy Beveridge, Kathy Sullivan, Joe Weaver, Kevin Lee, Renee Maxwell and Leslie Doig

Summer Music

Many thanks to Jane Curley, Dena Levine & Leo Besen and Jackie & Darcy Gibson for providing music for our worship services this summer!

Pulpit Supply

- September -

September 6 - Elder Tammi Tully
September 13 - Ron Galley
September 20 - Ron Galley Sermon
(read by Tom Little)
September 27 - Libby Cudmore

- October -

October 4 - Elder Tammi Tully
October 11 - Cheryl Nages
October 18 - Jonathan Andrews
October 25 - Ron Galley

**Thanks,
Jamie
and
Bessie!**



-Highlights from Summer!-



*America 250th Parade and
Farewell to Jamie & Bessie*



Christian Education

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2026

WOW!!! Another summer season will be coming to an end and that means our church's small disciples will be returning for a new year of Sunday school! We are looking forward to seeing their precious smiling faces.

Classes will begin on September 13, 2026 at 9am. Our Primary class will be starting the year in their new classroom! Thank you to our Trustees that helped with the reconstruction, flooring, painting, and cabinets. Our Junior class will be moved into the library for their lessons.

To start off the 2026-2027 year, we will all be working together to educate all the children about the Heifer International Program. Heifer International is a nonprofit organization that helps families lift themselves from poverty through farming which provides families with animals, seeds, clean water and education to have enough money to lead healthy and happy lives.

This event will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026 from noon to 3pm in the backyard of the church. We will have some animals coming to visit with us. There will be games and activities happening during the event. A chicken BBQ dinner will be available for purchase (\$15) the day of the event, but you can purchase tickets in advance - please see Kathy Sullivan. We will be closing the day with Deb Fleming performing a blessing and prayers for the animals at 2pm.

There will be opportunities to support the children's effort by contributing to purchase a flock of chickens or ducks, a goat, a lamb, a hive of bees, a pig, a clean water system, and yes, even a heifer! We hope you will consider volunteering your time to help our Sunday School children and educators with set up, serving dinners, collecting donations, running a game or supervising an activity, and then, of course - clean up.

Help our children's Sunday school fall mission to "Break the cycle of Poverty" - Come meet our superhero team!

With many blessings to you all,

Your Christian Education Committee:

Kathy Beveridge, Jackie Gibson, Linda Malcolm,
Kathy Sullivan, Val Sullivan, and Tammi Tully

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER!



**Saturday, October 3rd, 2026
12pm-3pm**

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

- Brooks BBQ Chicken lunch
- Children's games and activities
- Blessing of the animals at 2pm

Help the First Presbyterian Church Sunday School students raise money for the Heifer International animal giving program.

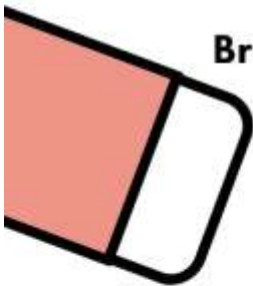
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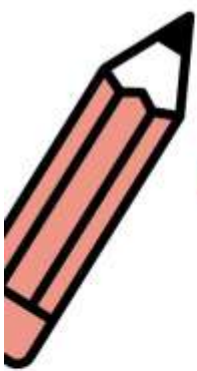
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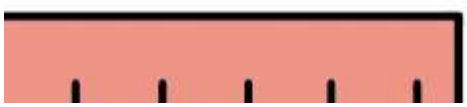
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DROP OFF AUGUST 28th - SEPTEMBER 8th:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Monday - Thursday | 9 - 2 pm

KIRK THRIFT SHOP
Friday & Saturday | 9 - 2 pm



Trustee Meeting Highlights

July - August 2026

- All financial reports and bills to pay are reviewed every month.
- New flooring has been installed in Christian Ed rooms.
- Floors have been stripped and waxed in conference room and bathrooms.
- Fire extinguishers have been inspected, they are coming back to recertify 5 extinguishers and check manse ones.
- Very large tree fell down in flats cemetery knocking stone over. It was a huge job. Many thanks to cleanup crew who donated their time; Tom Little, Jay Small and Lucas Nealis.
- Trustees moving around \$37,772 from savings accounts locally to Morgan Stanley for better interest rates.
- Siding problem at entrance to preschool has been taken care of.
- Going forward with project to replace around 6 windows that have wooden sashes with vinyl in Church.
- Anyone looking to help with livestreaming services call the office; pay is \$30 for 1 1/2 hours.

Apportionment



The **Per Capita amount for 2026** has been set at **\$50.51 per member**. Per Capita apportionment is based on church membership as of December 31, 2024. Our apportionment is based on 122 members giving a total of \$6,162.22. 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 \$50.51 to help pay this obligation.

The Bulletin Board

COMMUNION IN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



OCTOBER 4, 2026

(WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY)

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.



Find Us on YouTube!

We are livestreaming our Sunday services via YouTube. Visit the site: youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchofdelhi and click the "Live" tab to find our services. Subscribe to our page for easy access.

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.

Spare Change for Mission

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.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with the following families:

Susie & Tom Little, Peggie Maxwell, Jason, Gillian, Jonah & Benjamin Little, and Kelsey & Dylan Cole on the passing of Judy Bauer on August 7, 2026.

Jackie & Scott Jordan, Jeff & Teena Smith, James M. & Valerie Smith, and family on the passing of James R. Smith on August 27, 2026.



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.

When the Road Gets Rough

It had been a long trip home, and the weary traveler still had miles to go. So when a sign appeared reading, "Rough Road Ahead — 4 miles," he braced himself.

Rough was an understatement. The lanes narrowed, the shoulder disappeared, and traffic slowed to a crawl. Drivers carefully weaved around potholes and construction equipment, inching forward one stretch at a time. But just as the sign promised, after four difficult miles, the road opened up and smoothed out again.

Jesus offers a similar kind of clarity about life. In John 16:33 (NIV), He says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Notice He doesn't say we might face trouble. It is part of the journey. There will be stretches that feel slow, uncertain and hard.

Notice that Jesus didn't say we "might" have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled by hope.

The promise is just as certain as the warning sign. The rough road does not last forever, and it does not have the final say. Christ has already gone before us, and smoother ground is ahead.

Thank You

Editor's Note: The first three notes were intended for the July-August Courier, but they were mistakenly left out.



I so enjoy watching First Church Sunday services – seeing some who I knew in our years there, knowing the church is active and supporting causes and those in need in different ways, Jamie's messages with his stories and his comforting words! ... Thanks for me being able to join on my computer – it's so special to be a part, if only from afar. ... My son and family are planning to bring me to Delhi as part of a trip in July. If it works out, I hope to come to First Church on a weekday, hoping to come inside to bring back memories!

*Sincerely,
Melody Barrett*



I just want to say thank you for the prayers and people filling in for me while I was in the hospital. I am so blessed to have you as my friends. ❤️

*Love always,
Sherry ❤️ 😊*



Dear Sunday School Students and Teachers,

Thank you for your thoughtful gifts of tissue packages and vegetable seeds. Also, we enjoy your musical performances.

*Sincerely,
John and Gwenn Nealis*

Editor's Note: The remaining three notes are the ones that are current for the September-October edition of the Courier.



Dear Delhi church family,

Thank you for your support and the many birthday cards. I am making progress thanks to my support team and hope to join you soon.

Ed Goff



Dear First Church Friends,

Thank you so much for your loving welcome to me on July 12th. The coffee hour to reunite with so many of you after 33 years – the same warm members always so special to me and Bob! The handbells ringing to honor my start of ringing at First Church, visiting the wonderful Kirk Shop the next day with my family... it overwhelmed us!

I left First Church with my heart full of memories and love – may God bless you all for years to come as you keep the church going strong for all your people!

Melody Barrett



Thank you to everyone who has sent cards and kept me in their prayers as I have been dealing with my bum hip. Things are improving some, but there is still a ways to go. Your thoughts, prayers and encouragements are very much appreciated.

Betty Bell

Church Activities

WORSHIP FLOWERS

Sept 6 –
13 –
20 –
27 –

Oct 4 –
11 –
18 –
25 –



LITURGISTS

Sept 6 – Linda Malcolm
13 – Joe Weaver
20 – Barb Thompson
27 – Renee Maxwell

Oct 4 – TBD
11 – TBD
18 – TBD
25 – 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 Thursday, September 10th in delayed observance of Labor Day and Monday, October 12th in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day.

Newsletter DEADLINE

Newsletter articles are due in the office on Monday, October 26, 2026 in order to be placed in the November - December Courier. If you are able to turn items in earlier, it is certainly appreciated.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE?



2026 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.



November 1, 2026



September

- 1 – Bruce Burr
- 2 – Scott Clark
Nancy Morley
- 3 – Ava Sprague
- 5 – Margie Jones
- 6 – William Thomas-Mills
- 9 – Liz Arehart
- 13 – Kenneth Soden
- 14 – Bob Mackey
- 15 – Patti Branigan
Merwin
Talia Specht
- 16 – Diane Maxwell
- 17 – Geoff Rosa
- 18 – Joseph Maxwell
- 21 – Jacob Magyar
- 22 – Robert Mable
- 23 – Peter Gioffe
- 24 – John Maxwell
Rusty Maxwell
Marin Kilmer
- 25 – Jaime Mills
David Mooney
- 26 – Erin (Mooney) Olsen
Courtney Rosa
Vincent Rosino
Connor Patry
Hayley Patry
- 27 – James Aitken
Jack Maxwell
- 28 – Allison G. Maxwell
- 29 – Genevieve McKee
Logan Nealis
Sawyer John Nevin



October

- 1 - Bonnie Fleming
- 2 - Tyler Gregory
- 4 - Don Fleming
- 5 – Anne Valentine
- 9 – Hannah O’Leary
- 11 - Duane LaFever
- 15 - Ethan Malcolm
Ryan Malcolm
- 16 - Ryan Sullivan
David Rosa
- 17 - Sean Mooney
Melody Barrett
- 18 – Lydia Malcolm
- 19 - Jerry Kilmer
Anna Newbold
- 20 - Erica (Cantwell)
Tucker
- 21 - Kathryn E. Sullivan
Bill Morley
- 25 - Harry Bell
Sara O’Connell
Michael Roberts
- 27 - Judy Bauer
- 28 - Gavin O’Rourke-
Soccorso
Benjamin Althaus
- 29 - Erin (Kilmer) Austin
- 31 - Alex Malcolm



November

- 1 - Nora Kellogg
- 2 - Joyce Goff
Nancy Haynes
- 4 - Linda Malcolm
- 7 - Colleen Ann 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!**

You’rx Nxxdxd!

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll—xxcxpt for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd pxrxfxtly. It’s trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxncx.

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So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn’t nxcxssary, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, “I’m a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I’m nxxdxd vxry much.”



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4:30 pm PNC Meeting	2 8:00 am Little Inspirations 11:00 am Funeral for James Smith	3 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day	4 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	5 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:00 am Yoga 3:00 pm Judy Bauer Memorial Service
6 10:00 am Worship with Communion	7 9:00 am Kirk work day 4:00 pm Bible Study	8 8:00 am Little Inspirations	9 <i>Darcy Away</i> 8:00 am Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga	10 <i>Darcy Away</i> 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day	11 8:00 am Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class	12 9:00 am Kirk Open 10:00 am Yoga
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