

The Word



To this
HE CALLED YOU
through
OUR GOSPEL,
so that you may obtain
THE GLORY
of our Lord
JESUS CHRIST.

2 Thessalonians 2:14, ESV

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Ministers Musings

Thanksgiving is upon us soon. Stewardship Sunday is upon us sooner. The two are not all that different, in truth. Mostly because stewardship is pretty much nothing without thanksgiving; gratitude is the foundation of our commitment to the work of God in the church and in the world.

The United Ministry of Delhi, like all churches, does what it does – worship, education, missions, fellowship, pastoral care, advocacy for the poor, etc. – because you think those things are worth it, worth your time, your effort, your money, and your love. God calls us to do all of it, but you decide to make it possible. You're not alone in that decision – there are a lot of us who contribute to getting the work done, and there are many people who have given of themselves and their resources over the years. The denominations we're part of have assisted in the work, too. But it all only happens if you want it to. And I believe you want to do it because God's love and power, manifest in your life, in the church, and in the world, are an important blessing, a good thing, in your life. 'Thanks, God,' we say. And then we respond, with our gifts, with our pledges to keep those blessings moving forward, in our lives and in the lives of others. Stewardship Sunday allows us to start the Thanksgiving season a week or two early, and to keep it going for the whole year ahead. Please consider pledging if you don't already pledge, consider increasing your pledge, consider offering your thanks to God for the blessings you enjoy, for the opportunities you encounter, and for the love you live in daily.

Enjoy your turkey, too!

What's going on? Quite a lot, actually:

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be at the end of January 2023; details will be forthcoming. However, we are a part of the Cooperative Parish of Delaware County through the United Methodist Church, and the other churches of the Delaware Parish are having their shared Charge Conferences on Saturday, November 12. We are invited to join them for the shared presentation and celebration of ministry which will happen before they break up to separately report on each church. We will gather at the Hobart United Methodist Church at 9:30 for coffee and breakfast

sweets, and proceed to the ministry gathering at 10 am. If you need a ride, contact Pastor Cathy.

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday is November 13. We'll collect and consecrate our pledges for 2023. You know the good work God is doing through the efforts of the United Ministry of Delhi; please pledge your support for the continuation of that work through your gifts and offerings.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

We are hosting the Delhi Area Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday afternoon, November 20 at 4 pm. Father Art Garno from St. John's Episcopal Church is the preacher; clergy and lay people from other churches will also participate in the service. We'll gather in McIntosh Hall after the service for a soup supper. Please come.

New Year

A new church year begins on Sunday, November 27, the first Sunday of Advent.

Guest Preacher

The Rev. Betsy Ott will be a guest preacher on Sunday, November 27.

Advent

An Advent devotional booklet will be available for you to prepare your hearts and minds for the wonder and glory of the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy

Highlights of October Parish Council

The October meeting of Parish Council opened with Eloise Henault sharing the thought that we are all children of God, regardless of age. She read the book entitled "The Quiltmaker's Gift" which carries a message for all ages.

The Topic of the Month included the sharing of ideas about honoring Lucille Frisbee's life and contributions to the United Ministry. This will be given thought and discussed further in the future.

In addition, Pastor Cathy talked about how in the past the United Methodist challenged congregations to look for opportunities of improvement and to pursue them. Now, the approach is to find and recognize what you do well as a church and keep doing it. The group discussed many aspects that we do well, including the food pantry and food giveaways, the musical aspects of our worship and the opening of our church building to outside groups to use. We also feel that our involvement with youth is important and doing well. There is a new play group using McIntosh Hall on Monday mornings, Playschool has 9 students and Kid's Club is up to 12 children (grades k-5) and we have a confirmation class of 1, currently. Gideon shared that there may be an opportunity in the future to have a youth group as the current children in Kids Club age out and are ready to move on.

Playschool did not have anything new to report, but Pastor Cathy did mention that she believes they made around \$500 from the bake sale at the Harvest Festival in September.

The minutes from the September meeting of Parish Council were reviewed and approved.

Laura Clark presented the Treasurer's report as of 9/30/22. Brief discussion was held, and the report was approved.

Jeff Ackerly reported that the Trustees would meet the following day on 10/18/22. There has been a lot of discussion among trustees about developing a maintenance position for the church, including duties and hours. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. There will be no Trustee's workday this fall but a lot has been accomplished. The side of the church has been painted and the parking lot was sealed, and new lines painted on.

Stephanie McCann reported that the Finance Committee met on 10/13/22 and started working on the budget for 2023. John Bramley is giving the church \$10,000 to be used for heating oil. Stephanie and Carol will be setting up a meeting with the New Covenant Foundation to discuss our investment accounts. The plan for the 2023 budget is to hold an informational budget meeting at coffee hour, likely December 12, to present a draft for the congregation well ahead of the annual meeting. The Stewardship letter will go out the week of 10/24 and Stewardship Sunday will be November 13, where pledges will be dedicated.

SPR met on October 4th and continue to discuss the employee evaluation process. Pastor Cathy's last vacation day will be November 27 and she will work on pulpit supply for that day.

Pastor Cathy reported that she did a memorial service for David Dandignac on 10/8 and Lucille Frisbee on 10/15. Total Sunday morning attendance numbers have been averaging around 35. Kids Club has 12 children now and 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will receive Bibles in church on 10/30, which is also when they will sing. We do not know yet when our annual meeting will be but most likely mid-January. The cooperative Parish will be meeting Sunday afternoon, November 6th and Pastor Cathy and others will need to attend. She is looking for a volunteer to serve on a laity Cooperative Parish Committee to represent our church. Cathy reported that she attended a Pastor's School on 10/10-10/11 in Durham, NC as continuing education. She is intending to meet with nominating committee on 10/18 but that may be conflicting now with Trustees.

Cathy Johnson shared that letters for a church directory update have started to be sent out. There will be a potluck lunch after church on 10/30. We are always looking for more people to help host coffee hour, please call Carol or Cathy if interested. Coffee Hour supply donations are also welcome.

Eddie did not have anything new to report on the food pantry other than that Thanksgiving boxes will be handed out on 11/21. Carol mentioned that the next food giveaway will be scheduled for November 5th.

Fred would like a list of names and addresses so he can work on outreach postcards. Pastor Cathy will help get this information.

There were no new building use requests forms this month. Pastor Cathy reported the new Play Group is having a great time on Monday mornings and there are 2-3 families coming so far.

It was shared that Deb is working very hard every week to make sure out technology and live streaming is successful each Sunday. Thank you, Deb, for your dedication and effort.

Our meeting was closed in prayer.

Any questions about anything that goes on at our council meetings? Please feel free to contact myself or any member of council.

Submitted by, Carol Greene

Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet on Thursday, October November 10th at noon in the Harder Room. Please bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. We will collect the Thank Offering and dedicate it.

Don't forget the Birthday Box in the Harder Room!

Nurture: Fellowship News

Church Directory:

We are in the process of updating the contact information we have for United Ministry members and friends. It has been 5 years since our last directory and we know that some addresses and telephone numbers have changed along with email addresses and cell phone numbers being added for many. Letters have been sent out to many of you; but we also know that some members and friends

have been added in the last 5 years; so if you didn't get a letter, please let us know the following:

Name, address, telephone number, cell number and email address as well as your birthday so we can celebrate your day with you. We would appreciate getting this information as soon as you are able so we can put it together and get copies of a new directory out to everyone. Unfortunately we can't update pictures at this time; but we do want to get up to date information out to everyone! Thanks for your help in making this happen.

Coffee Hour

Everyone enjoys sharing a time of fellowship after worship on Sunday mornings and we invite you to sign up to host on a Sunday that works for you. We are working on getting all the supplies you need - coffee, creamer, cookies, tea and juice - supplied and ready for you in the kitchen and refrigerator/freezer. Directions for making coffee and tea will also be posted by the coffee maker. If many people sign up, then each of us will only be responsible for one Sunday every other month - which is the goal. Keeping the kitchen supplied can also get expensive, so if you are willing to donate cookies (baked or bought), coffee or juice, that would also be much appreciated. (Cookies keep well in the freezer and thaw quickly when taken out as coffee hour is set up). Thanks for considering hosting – sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board as you enter the church.



ADVENT Pot Luck Luncheon:

Our next pot luck lunch will be held on the first Sunday in December - December 6th. Plan to stay after the meal to decorate the church for Christmas! This is always a fun family time as we enter Advent and prepare for the Christmas celebration. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service and enjoy the fellowship and joy of the season!



Play School News - November 2022

Play School has been very busy during the month of October. We started the month with our Play School bake sale fundraiser at the Delhi Harvest Festival. Thank you to everyone who supported Play School with your wonderful donations. We raised \$525 for Play School. We took the kids up to Delaware Academy to visit Ed Chytalo's Giant Pumpkins! The kids had great fun sitting on top of them!! Thanks Ed for having us and the kids still talk about how big the pumpkins were this year! We had Delhi Firefighters in for fire prevention week. They talked to the kids about fire safety, stop, drop and roll, all of their protective gear they have to wear, and all of the equipment they carry on their ladder truck. Thanks Delhi Firefighters for your time and knowledge! We also had picture day and PJ day. We topped letter p week off with a trip to Delhi Pizza Company for some yummy pizza! Thanks Chad and Charlie for having us. The kids had a blast! We ended the month with Chief Mills and Halloween Safety! Thanks for showing us your cool police car! Miss Jenna came in to do a Halloween project and story with the kids. Thank you for your time. We will end October with our Play School Open House. Followed by our Halloween party and Trick or Treating around the church. Thank you Cathy and UM support crew for putting that together and helping out to make this extra special for the kids! The children are so excited to come to school, excited to learn new things, while having lots of fun too!!

We have a lot of fun events planned for November. We hope to stay on schedule for our letter of the week, community guests, Thanksgiving projects, Share the Harvest Party, and student birthday parties to name a few.

Play School is still collecting school supplies and monetary donations for the 2022-23 school year. Thank you for all the wonderful donations of supplies thus far for the children in the Play School Program! We have received a variety of items from the U.M. Congregation, Play School Families and the Community! We appreciate everything we have received for the Play School class and couldn't have done it without your help and support!! THANK YOU!!!

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Savage, Play School Director



Kid's Club

Kids' Club spent the first few weeks of this fall sharing Old Testament Bible stories about compassion. We built houses for the worship space, we learned songs and got to sing in worship at the end of October, and we talked about surprising people with love instead of anger and about sharing food with others as a way to offer compassion. And we made Halloween treats. Our next big project will be a Christmas pageant to be part of Sunday worship on December 18. Any adults who would like to help with Kids' Club, and/or with the pageant would be most welcome.





DELHI CLERGY ASSOCIATION

- FREE -

COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving

DINNER

24 NOVEMBER, 2022

12:00PM - 3:00PM

DINNER WILL BE
SERVED AT
THE DELHI FIRE HALL



RESERVATIONS FOR
PICK-UP ACCEPTED.
RSVP BY 11/16/22 TO
VOICEMAIL OR EMAIL.

607-746-3714

delhialliancechurch@gmail.com



2022 Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Volunteers are needed for both Wednesday and Thursday for cooking/prepping, serving and clean-up. For those wishing to volunteer, please either contact the church by phone 607-746-3714 or email delhialliancechurch@gmail.com.

- Wednesday prep time will be from 2-7pm at the fire hall
- Volunteers for Thursday are kindly asked to arrive by 10:30am at the latest.

****PLEASE NOTE FOR THIS YEAR THE BUSINESS ENTITIES THAT HAVE COOKED TURKEYS FOR US IN THE PAST ARE NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR AND AS SUCH, WE NEED TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO COOK A TURKEY ON THANKSGIVING MORNING AND BRING IT TO THE FIRE HALL BY 11:00am. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BUY A TURKEY, WE ALREADY HAVE THEM. THERE ARE 14 TURKEYS THAT NEED TO BE COOKED. PLEASE CONTACT KELLY PERRY DIRECTLY AT 607-287-5317 IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COOK A TURKEY.**

- Canned Cranberry Jelly (6 Cans Needed)
- Apple Cider (1 Gallon Needed)
- Apple Pie (2 Needed)
- Pumpkin Pie (2 Needed)
- Cookies (1 Dozen needed - baker's choice)
- Dill Pickle Spears (1 Jar Needed)
- Olives (1 Large Jar Needed)
- Gravy Mix (3 Packets Needed)

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hall to the left of the digital display.

Non-perishable items are requested to be dropped off at Delhi Alliance Church (in the office) prior to 11/22/22 and any baked items are asked to be brought directly to the Delhi Fire Hall on Wednesday, November 23rd between 2-7PM or on Thursday morning prior by 10:30am.

Coffee Hour Hosts & Flowers for the Sanctuary



Have you signed up to host Coffee Hour yet? Coffee, tea, lemonade, and paper goods are supplied. Cookies are optional. Sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board or call the church office to pick your date.

Would you like to commemorate a loved one or special event in your life? Garden and wild flowers are always welcome! If you are uncomfortable creating the arrangement, call the office and we can make the arrangement for you.



Coffee Hour

Nov 6 _____
 Nov 13 _____
 Nov 20 _____
 Nov 27 _____

Flowers

Nov 6 _____
 Nov 13 _____
 Nov 20 _____
 Nov 27 _____

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office.



Sharon Moyse	11/3	Alexis Gielskie	11/18
Ron Tillapaugh	11/6	Chris Hillis Jr	11/20
Laura Clark	11/7	PenelopeIsadora Gielskie	11/21
Ron Frisbee	11/7	Kendra Ackerly	11/26
Leona Hunt	11/8	Emma Moyse	11/26
Shannon Robinson	11/14	Ethan Moyse	11/30
Phyllis Dandignac	11/17		

Word and Worship

November 2022

Sunday, November 6

All Saints' Sunday
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Sunday, November 13

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 20

Christ the King Sunday
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Lectors

Nov 6 *Fred Onasch*

Nov 13 *Ruth Kazmierski*

Nov 20 *Edie Campbell*

Nov 27 *Liz Frisbee*

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