

The Word

GIVE
thanks
TO THE
Lord;
FOR HE IS GOOD.
PSALM 107:1, NIV



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Minister's Musings

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

My niece Victoria gets married in Tennessee this month, and I get to officiate at her wedding. I love performing weddings. I'm a big fan of love, and weddings are all about love. That's why the church is involved with weddings. We are created in and for love, and love grows and deepens in covenant relationship. Making a promise to love encourages us to choose to love, each and every day. We make a covenant to be part of the church as well; we promise to pray for each other and to serve the church and the world in love. Jesus declares that the greatest commandments are to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself. It's good advice for life -- important, transformative, and not always simple. So we practice. Marriage gives us a chance to practice love daily. Sometimes it's joyful and easy; sometimes it's exhausting. And our promises mean we're in it for the long haul. Marriages don't always last a lifetime; we mourn when they don't. And we forgive ourselves and go back to practicing love where and as we can.

I have great hopes for Victoria and Garret. I ask your prayers for them, and while you're at it, go ahead and pray for other marriages, and others in the church as we forge ahead in love, practicing, getting better at it, enjoying it and working at it. Thanks be to God for this gift, this challenge, this opportunity we're given to love.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Cathy

Announcements

Ecumenical Thanksgiving service

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be on Sunday afternoon, November 24, at 4 pm at The Community Church on Route 10. Pastor Brett White from the Alliance Church is preaching. A soup supper will follow.



Now Hiring

Fran Ackerly has been our sexton for the past few years; she is stepping down from that job. She has done an excellent job of keeping the church building beautiful. If you know of anyone who would be interested in serving the church as sexton (church custodian), please let Ron Frisbee or Pastor Cathy know. Thanks.



Earring Construction

Come join Pastor Cathy and make a pair or two of earrings, for you, for gifts, whatever. She's got supplies and a little bit of knowledge. Bring needle-nose pliers if you have them; they're useful and we'll want a few pairs. Saturday morning, November 23, at 11 am.



Pastors Schedule

Pastor Cathy is away for two Sundays in mid-November and then again at Thanksgiving. If there is a pastoral emergency while she's not in town, call one of our lay leaders, Carol Green (607-434-7180) or Gideon Frisbee (607-435-9291).

Help Needed

There will be a Christmas pageant during worship in December, probably on the Sunday before Christmas. If you would like to help that pageant happen – costumes, microphones, snacks for rehearsals, etc. – please let Pastor Cathy know. And plan to be there; it will be much fun.

Highlights of October Parish Council

The October meeting of Parish Council opened with Barb Jones sharing devotions from the book "Wintering" by Katherine May. The passage read reminded everyone of the power of rest and retreat after difficult times. She reminded us that plants and animals don't fight winter as they prepare and adapt and we should also.

During the Topic of the Month the results of the Stewardship survey were discussed. The idea of doing this survey came out of the last Finance committee meeting. Each Sunday, for the last three, a question was included in the bulletin for the congregation to answer and handed in during the collection. The three questions were "Why do you give to the United Ministry of Delhi?" "What do you especially love about United Ministry?" "What's the best thing we've done together in the last five years at the United Ministry of Delhi?" The response was very good and the information will be used to help craft the stewardship letter to the membership.

Eloise Henault reported that Playschool was going well. There are currently five children enrolled. They have been busy taking field trips to places in the community.

The Treasurers Report as of October 1, 2024 was reviewed and discussed. We should be at 75% for expenses and income for the year. Total income is at 59% and expense is in line at 66%.

Finance met on October 8, 2024 and reviewed the financial reports. Quarterly statements were discussed and will be sent out.

It was discussed that getting "Current Expenses" fund closer to zero by the end of the year should happen. Also discussed were ways to do so without ending up with excessive funds sitting in local banks earning minimal interest. This year's goals were to keep our money in investments earning the best returns for as long as possible.

Also discussed and recommended to Trustees was that they transfer funds within investments to the Memorial Fund. 2025 Budget will be discussed at the next meeting on November 5th.

Gideon reported that Trustees initiated a transfer (exchange) within the investment funds from General Investment Funds to fill the new money market

account that was opened for the amount of \$74,500. Also \$12,000 was transferred from the Reserve Fund to the Memorial Investment Fund. This transfer was simpler to execute than withdrawing funds and then sending them back to investments.

Kiff completed servicing the furnace at the parsonage and the furnace at the church. Light bulbs on the roof of the sanctuary and the bell tower were replaced/repared. Ventilation and fans are shut down and winterized.

Barb Jones reported that SPR will meet on September 24th. A suggestion was brought to them to limit the passing of the peace due to germs and illness. Their next meeting will be on October 29th and they will be reviewing the United Methodist annual reporting documents 1 and 2. Staff evaluations are ongoing. Fran Ackerly has resigned as sexton as of the end of the year. Her service has been exceptional and we are most grateful.

Pastor Cathy reported that Rosella Frisbee was baptized on 9/29/24. Kids Club has a steady four children and is going great. She mentioned that she wasn't sure how long we will continue, if the need is not out there due to conflicts with PTA after school activities. Raising the age of the Kids Club was discussed to allow or shift to keep some of the older kids engaged. The acolytes are doing well and are handling their schedule well.

The Delhi Clergy Association is active. It is United Ministry's turn to organize the community Thanksgiving Dinner. Liz Frisbee has agreed to take this project on.

Pastor Cathy reported that the Thanksgiving Service will be at the Delhi Community Church the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.

Our Cooperative Parish is holding their gathering and charge conferences on November 9th in Margaretville. We will be holding our Annual meeting tentatively on January 19, 2025.

Pastor Cathy has put a funeral planning form out for anyone who is interested. She reported she will be away on November 10th and 17th. Chelsea Frisbee is filling the pulpit on the 11/10/24 and she is working on someone for the 17th. Cathy has been leading a worship class on Saturday mornings. She has brought in Deb to help share some tips and tricks with her wealth of knowledge in assisting with our worship services and putting things together. Cathy will be having lunch with Deb Fleming

about the Presbyterian Trinity Covenant of Churches and discussing their need for a pastor with a potential 25% time allocation. Nominating Committee will get started soon on their duties for next year. Cathy will be attending the Bishops gathering of Elders on 10/30. All Saint's Sunday is November 3rd.

Evelyn (Worship) reported that worship is going well. We discussed inviting others to host coffee hour as everyone really enjoys the fellowship time together.

The Mission report is that we are in charge of organizing the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and our thanks to Liz Frisbee for taking charge of this event. There will be a Food Giveaway on 11/9/24. The need in the community remains large and the Food Pantry is being well used. Edie is making plans to distribute Thanksgiving Boxes to Food Pantry clients.

Council gave approval for the following groups to use the building: Bushel New Babes (community wide children clothing swap), Girl Scout all day event, and Boy Scouts Troop #33 meetings on Sunday evenings.

It was also reported by Barb and Carol that the Helfgott -Renfro Foundation grant application has been submitted for funds to support our church community missions.

Our next council meeting will be on November 19th.

Our meeting was closed in prayer.

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

Carol Greene

Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet on Thursday, November 14th 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!

Stewardship

These questions were asked of members and friends in worship in October. We'd love to hear your answers, too. If you'd like to contribute to the survey, please send your responses to Gideon Frisbee, Stewardship Chair, at gideon_frisbee@yahoo.com or to the church office. Thanks.

*Stewardship survey, 2024
Questions 1, 2, & 3*

What do you especially love
about The United Ministry of Delhi?

What is the best thing we've done together in the last
five years at The United Ministry of Delhi?

Why do you give to the The United Ministry of Delhi?

STEWARDSHIP 2025

The stewardship letter for 2025 went out in the mail on Thursday, October 31st. If you have not received your letter by Tuesday, November 5 and would like one, please contact the church office at office@umdelhi.org .

Food Mission

We continue to be very busy supplying food to those who need it. Carol is planning another senior distribution for Nov.9th and Deb delivers boxes to those at the Buena Vista on the 3rd Thurs of the month. That number started out at 10 and has since increased to 17 in Oct.

We continue to see 40-50 families a month at the pantry and some of those have several under 18 living at home meaning the total number of people has increased. A girl from one of the ARC programs wanted to do volunteer work so she has come in several times with her life coach to help out. The Girl Scouts have offered to help when they have time that coincides with my need for help.

The pantry will be giving out boxes of food and turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner. Currently I believe we have 20 families signed up. The boxes get handed out the Monday before Thanksgiving and I try to get them packed either Sat. or Sun. before so have asked the scouts if they can help with that.

I am also asking the scouts if they can help me get the boxes of food sorted and moved from the hallway outside room 5/6 to the pantry and storeroom. Speaking of those boxes they are part of the food we received from the Price Chopper promotion. Some of that has gone to support Carol's distributions, some Deb Flemming took to Hamden for a food box they have, some went to the college for students who can't go home on short vacations and at least 2 cases of each we sent to North Carolina to help the hurricane victims.

Shop the Lot is planning to continue in November so weather permitting we will plan to go to Oneonta for some produce. At least once a week and sometimes more Pattie and I have been shopping in Price Chopper for perishables and sale items that we can use. We also get some items at the dollar store so lots of hauling of groceries.

I believe the school is planning a food drive.

Thank all of you for your continued help, support and donations. Have a happy Thanksgiving.

Play School News - November 2024

Play School kids are having so much fun! We've had many special guests and field trips this past month. We made homemade applesauce with Mrs. K. and it was yummy! Delhi Firemen came in and shared how to stay safe in case of a fire. We practiced stop, drop, and roll and got to check out their really cool firetruck!! We learned how to make pizza at Delhi Pizza Co. and eat it too! Yum! We walked down on a beautiful fall day to the Cannon Free Library for a fun morning with Miss Lynn, stories and a pumpkin craft! We also plan to wrap up the end of October with a special visit from Police Chief Mills and Halloween Safety along with trick or treating around the church and a Halloween Parade around the square! Thank you so much for making Play School special for the kids and their families!!

For the month of November, we plan to continue to work on our letters of the week. Fun projects, stories, games, Thanksgiving fun, Picture Day, special visitors, and so much more in store at Play School for the kids! If you are around in the morning, please stop by and say hello!

With the holidays coming up, Play School could use some craft supplies. If you are able to donate to the program, that would be greatly appreciated!! There is a box outside of Pastor Cathy's office that you can put any donations in to help continue to make Play School special for the children! Monetary donations are also welcome! Thank you for your kindness and help!



Enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday! We hope your time with family and friends are special this year!

Take care,

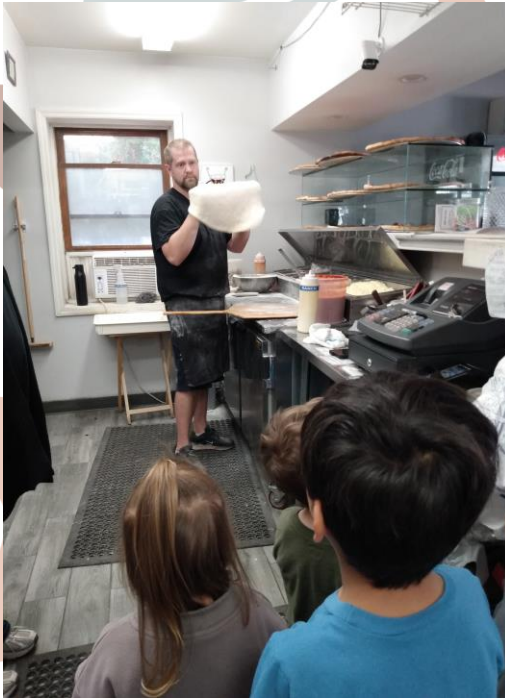
Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Savage,

Play School Director



A visit from the Delhi Fire Department is always a highlight in the Fall for the kids!



to the Delhi Pizza Company!

FREE

*Community
Thanksgiving
Dinner*

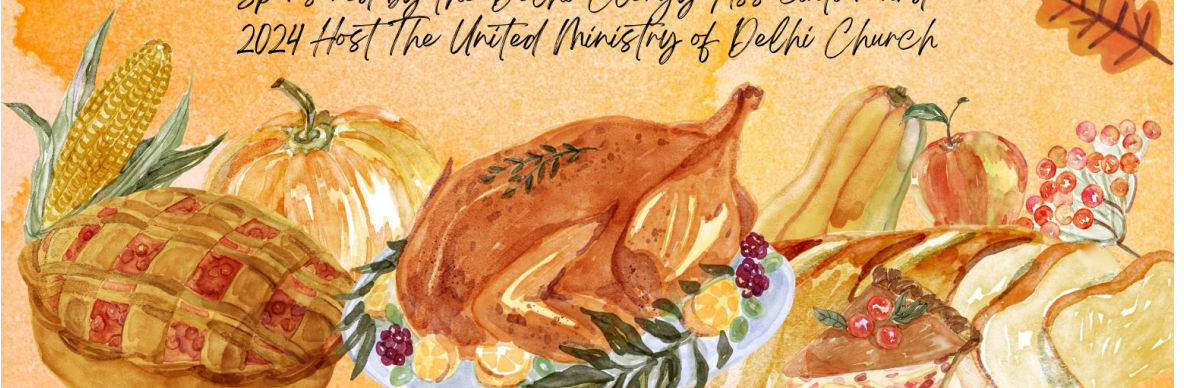
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28
12PM-3PM, DELHI FIRE HALL

Reservations required by November 21st

Limited Take Out Available

RSVP 607-746-2191

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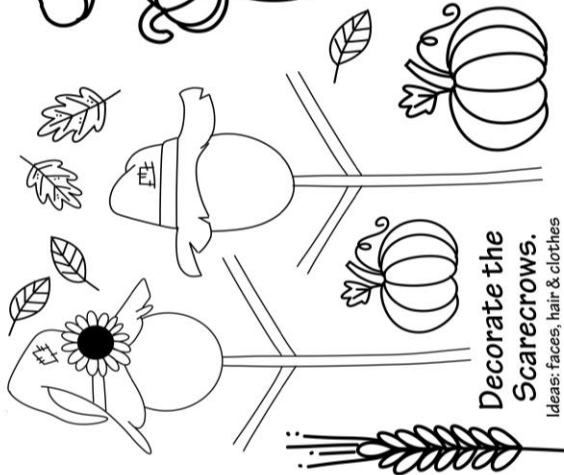


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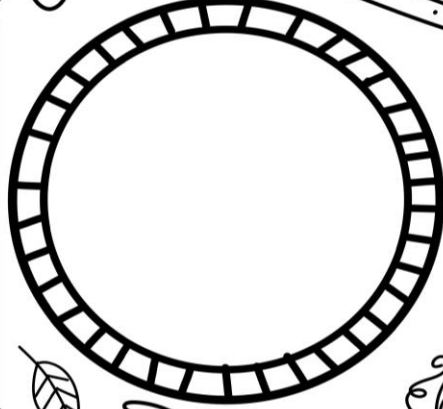
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**HIS LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.**
Psalm 136:1, NIV



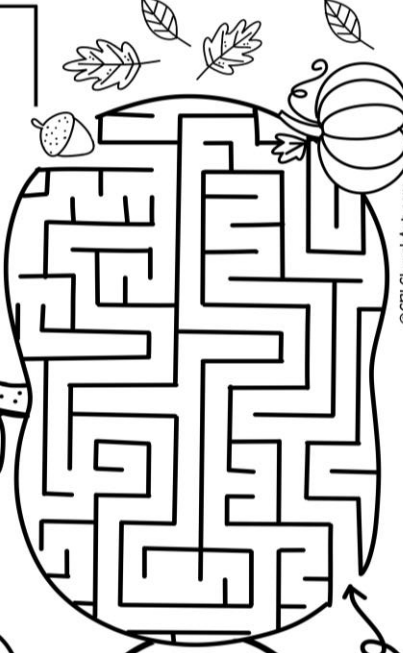
Decorate the
Scarecrows.

Ideas: faces, hair & clothes

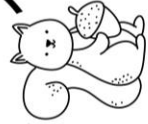


Draw your favorite
Thanksgiving Dinner!

What are you thankful for?



How many
pumpkins
can you find?



Pumpkin Carving

The Kids' Club carved pumpkins the last Wednesday of October. They had a blast and so did the adults helping them!



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 3 _____
 Nov 10 _____
 Nov 17 _____
 Nov 24 _____

Flowers

Nov 3 _____
 Nov 10 _____
 Nov 17 _____
 Nov 24 _____

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



Joel Greenfield	11/1	Shannon Robinson	11/14
Elaine Burt	11/1	Alexis Gielskie	11/18
Sharon Moyse	11/3	PenelopeIsadora Gielskie	11/21
Ron Tillapaugh	11/6	Kendra Ackerly	11/26
Melinda Shalkey	11/6	Emma Moyse	11/26
Laura Clark	11/7	Ethan Moyse	11/30
Ron Frisbee	11/7		



Word and Worship

Sunday, November 7

All Saints Sunday

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146

Revelation 21:1-6a; Mark 12:28-34

Sunday, November 10

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Psalm 127

Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 17

26th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4-10; 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8

Sunday, November 24

Christ the King Sunday

2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-18

Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Thursday, November 28

Thanksgiving

Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126

1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-3

Lectors

November 3 *Carol Greene*

November 10 *Fred Onasch*

November 17 *Ann Peet*

November 24 *Evelyn Jacksto*

Acolytes

November 3 *Virginia Mills*

November 10 *Madison Vredenburgh*

November 17 *Wyatt Frisbee*

November 24 *Madison Vredenburgh*

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