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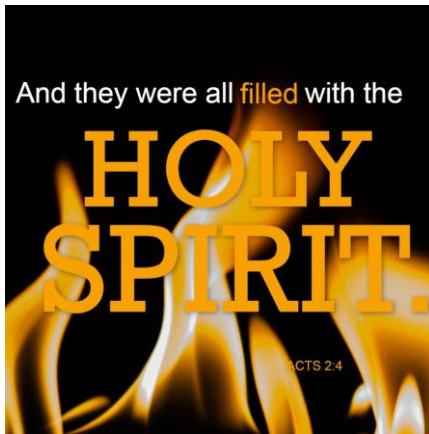
Pastor's Page

Renewed by the Spirit, United in Hope

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit." — Acts 2:1,4

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord. As we journey through the month of June, the Church enters the vibrant and life-giving season of Pentecost — a season that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church and



reminds us that God continues to renew, strengthen, and guide us today. Pentecost calls us not only to remember a past event, but to become people who live with courage, compassion, and hope in the present world. The Spirit empowers ordinary people to become witnesses of grace, reconciliation, justice, and love. In a time when our world struggles with division, violence, fear, and uncertainty, the Church is invited once again to become a community of holy fire — speaking truth with love and serving others with humility.

This month also marks a joyful season of transition and celebration for many of our students. We offer our heartfelt congratulations and prayers to the graduating students of the United Ministry of Delhi. We give thanks for their years of learning, fellowship, leadership, and spiritual growth. May God guide them into new journeys of service, wisdom, and purpose, and may they always remember that the Church walks beside them wherever life may lead.

As part of our continuing ministry of learning and fellowship, our Thursday Bible Study on the Book of Galatians has now completed six meaningful sessions. These gatherings have been rich opportunities to reflect upon Christian freedom, inclusivity, acceptance, grace, faith, and the transforming power of the Gospel. I remain grateful for the thoughtful participation, honest conversations, and spiritual insights shared by members each week.

At the same time, we continue to hold close in prayer those among us who have been facing illness and hospitalization. Several members of our church family have experienced health challenges in recent weeks, and one beloved member remains in the hospital. We pray for God’s healing presence, strength for caregivers, wisdom for medical teams, and peace for anxious hearts. May Christ, the Great Physician, surround them with comfort, courage, and hope.

I would also like to share that I will be attending the New England Annual Conference in Manchester, New Hampshire, from June 3–6. The theme for this year’s conference is “Faith for Our Future, Loving Boldly.” This theme speaks powerfully to the present calling of the Church — to move forward faithfully with courage, generosity, and Christ-like love, even amid changing times and new challenges.

Following the conference, I will be on vacation from June 7–23 in San Jose, California, where I look forward to spending time with my wife and my daughter’s family. This time of rest, family fellowship, and renewal will be deeply meaningful to me, and I remain thankful for your prayers, understanding, and support.

In my recent pastoral reports to the council of the United Ministry of Delhi, I reflected upon the many ways God continues to work through our congregation — through worship, pastoral care, visitation, prayer gatherings, outreach, Bible study, and fellowship. Serving among you has become a profound source of encouragement and spiritual renewal for me personally.

As a pastor, I continue learning that preaching is not merely speaking from the pulpit, but listening deeply to the joys, wounds, fears, and hopes of God’s people. Pastoral care, shared prayer, and simple acts of presence remain sacred ministries in a world increasingly marked by loneliness and uncertainty. I remain grateful for the trust, kindness, and faithfulness of this congregation.

As the summer season begins, many families will travel, rest, and spend time with loved ones. May this season become not only a time of recreation, but also a time of spiritual renewal, gratitude, and deeper connection with God and one another.

As we move forward together, let us continue praying for peace in our troubled world, wisdom for leaders, care for the vulnerable, and renewed unity within the

Church. May the Holy Spirit strengthen us to become instruments of reconciliation, healing, and hope.

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” — Romans 15:13



With gratitude and prayers,

Premkumar Immanuel Clement

Parish Council May 2026

5/18/26 Parish Council meeting

Called to order by Carol Greene 6:43 PM

Present: Gideon Frisbee, Ruth V, Carol Greene, Susan Frisbee, Eloise Henault, Barb Jones, Joe Greenfield (zoom)

Excused: Fred Onasch, Stephanie Trass

Devotions: Ruth shared a devotion about the Psalm 23 Good Shephard.

Topic of the Month: Celebration Committee will meet this week to continue planning the next events. Talked about food, final event. How do we get a handle on the number of people attending? There were over 50 attendees at the Architecture Event which was held entirely in our sanctuary due to poor weather. It was very well done! Barb shared a thank you note from Lisa Tessier and the class. Over \$15,500 has been given so far towards the 50th Anniversary Campaign.

Approval of Meeting minutes –April 20, 2026. Barb moved to approve, Joe 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: No report provided. Will catch up next month.

Finance: Finance was scheduled for today but was cancelled. No report. Will work to reschedule before the end of May. We need to have an external audit of our finances done this year.

Trustee's Report: A successful workday was held April 25th with the help from 5 SUNY Delhi College Students. Clean up around the outside of the church was done and they assisted with the Food Pantry move. A scissor lift was rented and the ceiling was patched and the ceiling fans cleaned in the sanctuary. The church gardens were mulched, many thanks to Leanne Nabinger and the Frisbee family for their help!

SPR—Met on May 5th. Approved an updated Secretarial Job Description. Working on the other job descriptions and employee reviews. Next meeting will be in July.

Pastor's Report- DCOM of NYAC voted unanimously to renew Prem's Local Pastor License on April 23, 2026. Attended the Sexual Ethics & Boundaries Training on Thursday April 30, 2026. Completed two pastoral care visits. Will be attending the New England Annual Conference in New Hampshire June 3rd-6th. Then on vacation from June 7th to June 23rd, 2026. Chelsea Frisbee Johnson will preach 6/7 and 6/14, and Pastor Bill on 6/21.

Church attendance: 4/26 – 41. 5/3/26 -30 (Communion Served), 5/10/26 - 34, 5/17/26 – 32 All in person attendance numbers only.

Playschool - Eloise – there will be bake sale at the Memorial Day Parade. Next Board meeting is June 1. They have started an enrollment sign up for next year. There will be a basket raffle at the Fair on the Square.

Mission: The next food giveaway will be on May 23rd.

Fred - Witness: absent

Building Use – July 14th Delaware County Public Health Staff Enrichment Day

Delaware County Community Band – June 23-August 3rd for music/instrument storage, sanctuary use in the even of rain. Barb motion to approve both requests, Susan 2nd. Motion Carries unanimously.

Next meeting of Parish Council will be June 15th, 2026.

Joe moves to adjourn, Gideon seconds, motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gideon Frisbee

Food Mission

The pantry is enjoying it's new home in room 5/6. Many clients have commented on how nice it looks, how large it is, and not having to struggle with the stairs. They have also been waiting their turn in the fireplace room and enjoying the couch. One client spotted the sink and asked if she could wash her hands. Billy has been putting client bags on the cart, escorting them upstairs to their car and bringing the cart back down for the next client. The cart fits in the pantry so Pattie and I no longer have to haul groceries through the kitchen to put them away. We can now stock from the back of the shelves helping to insure that items get rotated.

By having the back stock behind the shelves it also gives us 2-3 sets of shelves that can now be used to provide things such as vegetable oil, sugar, salad dressing, paper towels, laundry soap and dish soap on a more regular basis There is room in the back for donations that come in so they can be date checked and counted before being put away without them being in the way of us helping clients. Bags for people that need them are stored in the cupboard under the sink reducing the clutter. I'm sure we will be making some adjustments as we go along,

Carol and her crew delivered boxes of food on May 23rd. All went well and despite not being able to set up canned items on Friday they got done in a timely manner. She really does have an efficient crew.

Vegetable seeds. I received a box of about 100 packets of vegetable seeds. Each packet contains a package of lettuce, carrots, beets, squash and cucumbers. There is no way I can give them all out before the planting season is over so let me know if you or someone you know would like to plant them.

As we look forward to summer I hope you all enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend.

Edie



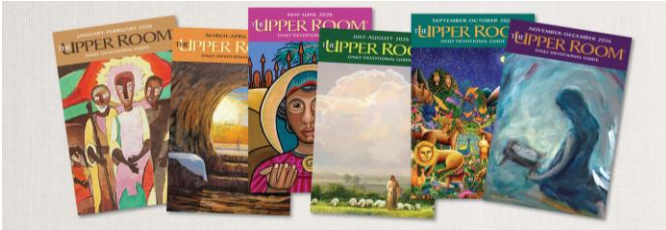
Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet **Thursday, June 11** at **noon** for our annual end of year event. This year, we'll be having a Tea Party! Bring the dish you signed up to fix. For more information call Beth Hildreth at 607-746-3015. Please RSVP to the church office – 607-746-2191 x201 or office@umdelhi.org, so we know how many are coming!

All women of The United Ministry are invited!



Upper Room Daily Devotional



Copies of the May/June issue of The Upper Room Daily Devotional are available on the table under the Digital Display in the Hallway.

Faith Giving

Faith Giving donations go toward the current expenses of the church, helping us to meet our budget for the year.



Play School Update June 2026

Play School is wrapping up it's 2025-26 school year and what a wonderful time we've had! We have a Play School Board meeting coming up and are looking ahead to planning a few events for the Fair on the Square in July this summer. One of which will be our Basket Raffle! Anyone who has something they would like to contribute to a basket or if you would like to make a basket to donate to Play School for this event would be greatly appreciated!! There is a box outside Prem's office for any donations. Thank you for your help and creativity in making this event a success!

Just some updates, Play School collected over 6,000 cans and bottles for our 6th annual bottle drive. Thank you to the many wonderful church and community members that helped us collect cans and bottles this year! Also, thank you to everyone who helped make our Memorial Day Bake Sale a success from baking, to set up, to selling, to buying, to clean up! Many hands made this event so spectacular! What a great day to remember those who have served and also remember those we've lost!



We continue to receive inquiries from families about the Play School program for the fall. A list has been started. Anyone interested in knowing more about Play School please contact Pam Savage at playschool.umod@gmail.com or visit our web page and I'd be happy to share with you additional information and how to register. Have you seen our Play School Banner across Main Street?

Thank you for your donations and support throughout the school year! You're continued support is appreciated and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making our school year a lot brighter as we look forward to a new school year in the fall. Growing Strong Together!

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam

Pamela Savage, Program Director

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The 50th Anniversary Celebration Kicked Off Sat May 9th!

The United Ministry's 50th Anniversary Celebration got off to a wonderful start on Saturday May 9th despite the very rainy and chilly weather. The terrible weather forced the entire Historical Village Walking Tour inside the United Ministry Sanctuary, but the weather could not dampen the spirits of Professor Lisa Tessier and her History of Architecture students or those community members in attendance. The sanctuary looked beautiful with all of the Church Banners hung for this special occasion.

A total of twenty-seven students were divided into seven student groups who presented on a number of buildings in the Village including: the Decker/MacArthur/Hall & Peet Funeral Home, the Schimmerling Law Office, two historic homes on Cherry Hall (Youman's and Edgerton), the Graham/Hamilton House, the First Baptist Church and The United Ministry. The presentations were informative and included not only architectural concepts but interesting historical information and interpretation as well.

Following the conclusion of the program, all attendees were invited to a reception in the Harder Room which was enjoyed by all.

On their way to the reception, attendees could view a number of interesting and attractive historical bulletin boards curated and displayed by Ruth Kazmierski.



Professor Lisa Tessier welcomes everyone to the History of Architecture presentations



2 Groups of SUNY Delhi students present on their assigned buildings.





3 Glenn Reynolds, a member of the 50th Anniversary Committee, visits with students.



4 Ron Frisbee, a member of the 50th Anniversary Committee, chats with students.

A Look Back at Our Pastors

Fifty years. Many faithful pastors. One shared story. Each month, we'll feature memories from pastors who served our church — in their own words.

Rev. Dr. Mark Chatterton

Mark Chatterton served as Pastor at The United Ministry of Delhi from July 1991 through June 2000:

(From Mark, as dictated to Dru, since no one can read his handwriting!)

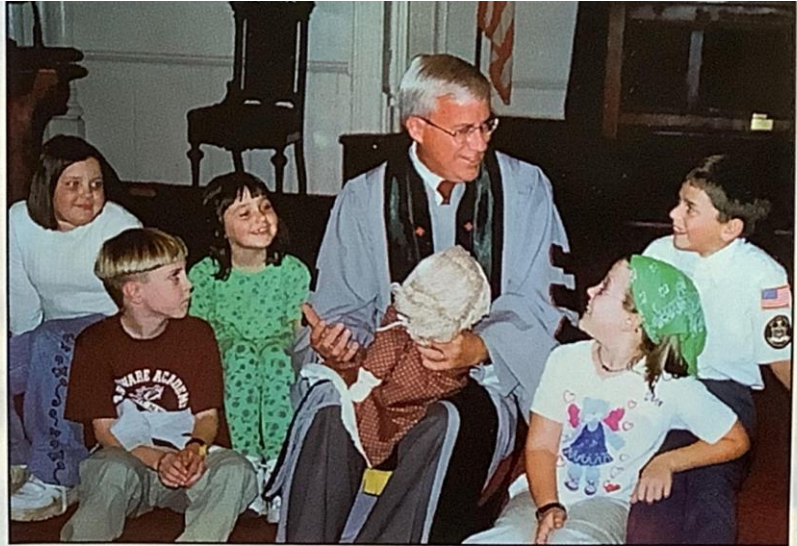
“What I learned over 20 years in ministry, before I came to Delhi, was that a strong church didn't depend on a gifted, talented, or articulate pastor but on the strong lay leadership that was presented in every church I served. Never was it so evident as in The United Ministry of Delhi. The church was filled with talent and solid leadership and good friends who we still have to this day. All I had to do was to lean back and enjoy. Not everything depended on the pastor and that was freeing for me. A good church should invite everyone within it to be empowered to be in ministry. The United Ministry of Delhi WAS that good church.

We had 10 very fulfilling years in Delhi.

Thank you for your ministry to me and my family.

Mark Chatterton”

Rev. Chatterton giving a 'Children's Chat' during worship.





Rev. Chatterton with the Confirmation Class of 1994

50 Years of Music

50 years of faith, music, and community - and we're just getting started! Our music ministry has always brought the joy, the talent, and the spirit, and now it's time to celebrate BIG.

Join us **Saturday, July 18th at 2pm** for an unforgettable 50th Anniversary Concert! You'll hear incredible performances from United Ministry's amazing musicians AND a Youth Choir reunion from the 1970s - how cool is that?!

Want to be part of the show? Reach out to: office@umdelhi.org or 607-746-2191 x 201 and we'll pass your info on to Pat. Otherwise, grab a seat and get ready for a fantastic afternoon of music.



Amy Warner	6/2	Evelyn Jacksto	6/20
Anna Mason	6/4	Deb Kearney	6/21
Latham Gielskie	6/4	Premkumar Clement	6/23
Faith Savage	6/7	Scott Oles	6/25
Rachel Cole	6/8	Leanne Nabinger	6/26
Allen Greene	6/9	Mark Chatterton	6/27
Gillian Fisher	6/9	Charlotte Hill	6/28
Abigail Tessier	6/14	Susan Ackerly	6/28
Crystal Kennedy	6/18	Corinne Jones	6/28
Sandie Reynolds	6/20	Wyatt Frisbee	6/28

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

June 7 Kazmierski
 June 14 _____
 June 21 _____
 June 28 _____

Flowers

June 7 _____
 June 14 _____
 June 21 _____
 June 28 _____

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

Word and Worship

Sunday, June 7

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12;
Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 14

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7;
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 21

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 28

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Lectors

June 7 *Ann Peet*

June 14 *Evelyn Jacksto*

June 21 *Liz Frisbee*

June 28 *Carol Greene*

Acolytes

June 7 *Olivia Kruppo*

June 14 *Cameron Mills*

June 21 *Wyatt Frisbee*

June 28 *Olivia Kruppo*

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