



## **The First United Methodist Church of Delran**

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# **WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

January 26, 2025  
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Chris Miller

## **Greeting & Passing the Peace**

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Songs of Praise**

*Come As You Are*

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

## **Announcements**

## **Children's Message**

## **Joys & Concerns**

## **Song of Praise**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus ~ UMH 526*

## **Scripture Lesson**    *Matthew 14: 13-21*

## **Sermon**    *Shifting Paradigms*

## **Offering**

**\*Closing Song**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

**\*Benediction**

\*Please stand as you are able

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Events

- **Soup-er Sunday!** Sunday, February 2 @ 11:30am in Sonshine Hall. Come join us for a variety of soups and stews. See Linda or Bill for any questions.
- **Diaper Drive:** We are continuing to collect diapers and wipes through the end of January. You still have time to donate!
- **Basin & Towel:** Collecting Shampoo & Conditioner for January and will be collecting Dish Soap for February. Please see Keith & Donita to donate.
- **Bible Study Switching to Wednesdays!** Bible study is switching to Wednesday mornings @ 10:30am.

## Upcoming Meetings

- **Board of Trustees Meeting:** Tuesday, February 4 @ 7pm in the parlor.
- **Sunday School Meeting** Sunday, February 23 @ 11:15am in the parlor.

## Other Announcements

- **Dedicate A Day** Can you help out with our Children and Youth Ministries? If you're able, can you spend one Sunday in Sunday School with our younger children? Or could you spend one Sunday afternoon with the Youth Group? No prep, no pomp, just your presence. Talk to Libby about picking a day.

## **Worship God**

- **In-Person Services** are in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 10AM. Nursery and Sunday school are available.
- **Online Services** - The service is live streamed from the Sanctuary at 10AM on the church [Facebook page](#).
- **Sunday Service Check-in:** Visit our website to record your in-person/online attendance for the service. [Complete this form](#)
- **Giving Options:** Please place your offering in the offering box in-person, go to the [church website](#) to [Donate with Tithe.ly](#) or [PayPal](#), or mail your offering to the church.

## **Fellowship & Small Groups**

- **Kid's Breakfast with Bob and Gus** every Sunday morning at 9:00am.
- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** with Pastor Michael at 9:00am.
- **Coffee Talk** Join with folks for coffee on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the parlor. Enjoy a new discussion topic every week.
- **Youth Group Meeting** - Our Youth Group meets every Sunday at 1:30pm.
- **Ladies Bible Study** Mondays at 7:30pm on Zoom. Here is the [link](#).
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** - In the church parlor at 10:30am.
- **Quilters** - Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7pm in Sonshine Hall.
- **Thursday Evening Bible study** in person at the Blasewitz home, 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7pm.

## **Spiritual Growth & Prayer**

- **Upper Room Devotionals** Paper copies are available in the Narthex.
- **Email Prayer Chain** Chris Verduin coordinates an email Prayer Chain for our church family. If you would like to be a part of this email chain, email the church office or VerduinChris@gmail.com
- **Prayer Requests** Visit our website for our new Prayer Request form. This new easy form allows you to send in your requests at your convenience. They can then be added to our prayer list in the bulletin.
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## **Reach Out in Love**

- **Basin & Towel** are always looking for donations to support the local community. See the bulletin board in the Narthex for specific items being collected each month. See Keith or Donita for more details.
- **Altar Flowers** If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sunday Altar, sign up by filling out the information on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Regular flowers are \$13 per vase. Specialty arrangements can be ordered for a higher price. Questions? Email office@delranumc.org
- **Prayer Quilt Requests:** Would you like to join the quilters? Or, if someone is in need of a prayer quilt, please contact Joyce Kelly sajkelly@comcast.net
- **Shop Rite Suzy** is alive and well. Our church makes a small income from your groceries when you purchase Shop Rite gift cards to shop with. You can purchase these gift cards at the church office Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-4pm or after church every Sunday.

# Prayer Guide

**Follow the acronym P.R.A.Y.**

## **P = Praise God / Thank God**

*Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. Psalm 34:3*

## **R = Repent / Confess**

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

## **A = Ask / Ask Big, Ask Boldly, Ask Persistently**

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:9-10*

## **Y = Yield / Surrender to God's good will**

*Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10*

# Current Prayer Concerns

Those with ongoing health concerns: June John, Meghan Winner, Bill Fink

- ✚ Prayers for Kristine and giving birth to her twins
- ✚ Prayers for Kara B, who is healing from a concussion
- ✚ Beverly is asking for prayers for Rose & Greg. They recently lost their brother.
- ✚ Prayers for Keith & Donita's niece and nephew, Brittany & PJ, who lost their parents within a couple months of each other.
- ✚ Mandy is asking for prayers for her cousin and his friend. The friend was injured and lost her husband in an accident in Philadelphia a couple weeks ago. They were hit by a Septa bus when crossing in a crosswalk.
- ✚ Prayers for John's sister, Carol. She is having hernia surgery on Friday, Jan 17.
- ✚ Janet Davis is asking for prayers for Andy, 48 years old. He suffered a heart attack on Monday and is in the hospital.
- ✚ Prayers for John Knight, Janet's uncle. He is 78, has RSV and not doing well.

## Current Prayer Concerns Cont'd

- ✝ Mary Melvin is asking for prayers for a family that lost their daughter in an accident on the Delaware Memorial Bridge.
- ✝ Prayers for Trisha, Ginny and Bob's daughter whom has been sick with extreme ear and neck pain.
- ✝ Prayers for Janet during this difficult time. She has lost her friend Audrey. Prayers for Audrey's family as well.
- ✝ Prayers for the Kemble family after the death of Ed's brother Lester.
- ✝ Prayers for Marianne K. She has stage 2 pancreatic cancer, doctors are hopeful it is contained and she will be a good candidate for surgery. She goes in on the 21st to have that done.
- ✝ Bill Fink is seeing his cancer doctor to see how he is progressing. Prayers the cancer hasn't spread.
- ✝ Prayers for Maryann's sister who had an accident in Tennessee, but she is fine. The car is totaled, but praise God Becky is OK.
- ✝ Prayers for Maryanne G's friend Jenn who is having cataract surgery.
- ✝ Prayers for California, all the first responders, and all the people that lost their homes and belongings.
- ✝ Constantine is home, but has a long way to go. Continued prayers for him and his family.
- ✝ Prayers for Rosie, Keith and Donita's puppy. She injured herself and cannot use her front legs. She has a month long recovery ahead of her.
- ✝ Prayers for baby George, 1 month old, going through procedures to determine the cause of obstructions with breathing.
- ✝ Prayers for Enid Wordsworth, who fell ill and was hospitalized with a bad case of the flu while visiting family in Africa.
- ✝ Prayers for Vera's daughter-in-law who was admitted to the ICU, and for her son as he stands by her during this difficult time.
- ✝ Prayers for Mary Melvin who fell in her driveway and was taken to the hospital for a head injury.

**\*Prayer concerns are listed for 3 weeks.**

# **The First United Methodist Church of Delran**

Loving God, serving others,  
touching lives with the love of Jesus by:

**Glorifying God** through public and private worship.

**Making new disciples** for Jesus Christ by witnessing to others about  
God's amazing grace through word and action.

**Growing in spiritual maturity** through training and  
equipping opportunities.

**Reaching out** to others in need; beginning with our community and  
moving out across the entire world.

**Making a difference** in the lives of all for whom Jesus died.

## **Staff:**

Rev. Michael Smith, Pastor  
Libby Hickok, Music Director  
Destiny Schultz, Nursery Coordinator  
Libby Hickok, Education Coordinator  
Mandy Cavanaugh, Administrative Assistant