



**The First United Methodist Church
of Delran**

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 6, 2025
5th Sunday in Lent

Greeting & Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Prayer**

***Songs of Praise**

Graves into Gardens

Open the Eyes of my Heart

Announcements

Children's Message

Joys & Concerns

Song of Praise

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded ~ UMH 286

Scripture Lesson *Mark 15: 33-37*

Sermon *Words to the Cross ~ Let's see if Elijah...*

Communion *Let Us Break Bread Together ~ UMH 618*

Offering *Today's offering goes towards the Board of Trustees*

***Closing Song**

Living Hope

***Benediction**

**Please stand as you are able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events

- **Community Lenten Study on Wednesdays** **TIMES HAVE CHANGED** We will be doing community Lenten Study on Wednesdays during lent at local churches. **9:30am** Coffee followed by study at **10:00am**.
April 9-Delran
- **Easter Flowers** We will begin taking orders for Easter flowers in the Narthex. Please have your orders in no later than Wednesday, April 9.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday, April 12 (Rain date April 19) Volunteers and candy are needed. You can sign up in the Narthex, on our website, or directly online.
* [Candy Donation](#) * [Volunteers](#)
***Register your kids for the Egg Hunt today on our [website!](#)**
- **Communion Assistants** If you are a Communion Assistant or would like to become one and need training, please reach out to Pastor Michael.
- **Basin & Towel:** Collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes for March. Laundry soap for April. Please see Keith & Donita to donate.

Gatherings

- **Praise Team** Wednesdays @ 6:15pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Handbells** Wednesdays @ 7pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Youth Group** Sundays @ 1:30pm in the Youth room.
- **Quilter's** 1st and 3rd Thursdays @7pm in Sonshine Hall.

Worship God

- **In-Person Services** are in the Sanctuary on Sundays @10am.
- **Youth Sunday School** is offered immediately following the Children's message during the service.
- **Nursery** is offered every Sunday during our services.
- **Online Services** our service is live streamed every Sunday @ 10am. Join us on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).
- **Check-In** for our service attendance by visiting our [website](#) check-in form whether you're joining us online or in-person.
- **Giving** can be done by placing your offering in the offering box in-person, mail to the church, visit our offering page on our [website](#), or directly through [Tithe.ly](#) or [PayPal](#)

Fellowship

- **Kid's Breakfast with Bob and Gus** Sundays @ 9:00am.
- **Sunday Morning Bible Study** with Pastor Michael @ 9:00am in the Parlor.
- **Coffee Talk Join** with folks for coffee on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the parlor.
- **Ladies Bible Study Mondays** at 7:30pm on Zoom. Contact Chris Verduin to participate.
- **Weekly Bible Study** Wednesdays @ 10:30am in the Parlor.
- **Thursday Evening Bible study** in person at the Blasewitz home, 2nd and 4th Thursdays @ 7pm. Contact Bob Blasewitz for directions.

Spiritual Growth & Prayer

- **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.

Outreach

- **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 Quilts** 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.

Volunteers

- **Readers/Greeters/Ushers** Interested in reading the prayers and scripture during services on Sundays? Want to help greet or be an usher? Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.
- **Dedicate A Day Can** you help out with our Children and Youth Ministries? If you're able, can you spend one morning in Sunday School with our younger children? Could you spend a Sunday afternoon with the Youth Group? No prep, no pomp, just your presence. Talk to Libby about picking a day.



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

~ Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

Prayer Concerns

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

- ✝ Prayers for SoAe and Jeff as they travel to Korea to visit family.
- ✝ Prayers for Mary Melvin's son and family as they travel.
- ✝ Prayers for the Batista family, who lost their home to a fire.
- ✝ Prayers for Debi Brown, who is suffering pain post-surgery.
- ✝ Prayers for Myanmar & Thailand as they recover from the earthquake.
- ✝ Prayers for Linda's mom, Melva, who is in the hospital with congestive heart failure and difficulty breathing.
- ✝ Prayers for Mary's sister, Sharon, who has to have a quadruple bypass.
- ✝ Prayers for Donita's sister, Connie, who has breast cancer.
- ✝ Prayers for Tim, who has to have open heart surgery.
- ✝ Prayers for Leroy, who fell and broke vertebrae.
- ✝ Prayers for Jeannie, whose breast cancer returned after 15 years.
- ✝ Prayers for Craig, who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- ✝ Prayers for Peter, who has neuroblastoma.
- ✝ Prayers for Lauren, who is suffering abdominal pain.
- ✝ Prayers for Dave, who has pancreatic cancer.
- ✝ Prayers for Terri's brother, Jeff, who has bladder cancer.
- ✝ Prayers for Sarah, who fell and hurt her neck and back.
- ✝ Prayers for Shirley and Dwayne's friend, Bob, who is having a hip replacement.
- ✝ Prayers for Megan, who is now awaiting a ruling.
- ✝ Prayers for Lori Salmon's friend, Betty, who is facing cancer again after 9 years of being cancer free.
- ✝ Prayers for Bill, who started radiation this week.
- ✝ Prayers for Mary Anne's friends, Stacy and Michele and the Turner family, who lost their son.
- ✝ Prayers for Alice Worrall, who is in the ICU with heart issues, flu and pneumonia.
- ✝ Prayers for the McGonigal and Stoof families who lost their father/son this past week.

***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:

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