

The First United Methodist Church of Delran

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 30, 2025 4th Sunday in Lent

Greeting & Passing the Peace

Hand Bells When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

The Wonderful Cross What a Beautiful Name

Announcements Children's Message Joys & Concerns

Song of Praise

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done ~ UMH 287

Scripture Lesson *John 19:23-27*

Sermon Words to the Cross ~ Let's not tear it...

Offering

*Closing Song

Lead Me to the Cross

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events

Community Lenten Study on Wednesdays <u>TIMES HAVE</u>
 <u>CHANGED</u> We will be doing community Lenten Study on
 Wednesdays during lent at local churches. **9:30am** Coffee followed by study at **10:00am**.

April 2-Beverly 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.

* <u>Candy Donation</u> * <u>Volunteers</u>

*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 <u>Facebook</u> or <u>YouTube</u>.
- Check-In for our service attendance by visiting our <u>website</u> checkin form whether you're joining us online or in-person.
- Giving can be done by placing your offering in the offering box inperson, mail to the church, visit our offering page on our website, or directly through <u>Tithe.ly</u> or <u>PayPal</u>

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 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 has 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 in Cooper Hospital with 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 had her hearing and 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.
- Prayers for Bob H who is having knee injections.
- Prayers for Pastor's aunt, Ellen, who fell and broke some bones.

*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.

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

<u>Growing in spiritual maturity</u> 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 Brian Bacon, Music Director Destiny Schultz, Nursery Coordinator Libby Hickok, Education Coordinator Mandy Cavanaugh, Administrative Assistant