



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

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# **WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

February 23, 2025  
7th Sunday after the Epiphany

## **Greeting & Passing the Peace**

**\*Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Songs of Praise**

*Mighty to Save*

*Goodness of God*

## **Announcements**

## **Children's Message**

## **Joys & Concerns**

## **Song of Praise**

*Surely the Presence of the Lord ~ UMH 328*

**Scripture Lesson**    *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13*

**Sermon**        *Hurry and Worry - Slow Down*

## **Offering**

**\*Closing Song**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness ~ UMH 140*

**\*Benediction**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Events

- **Ash Wednesday Service** Wednesday, March 5 @ 7pm.
- **Family Game Night** on Sunday, March 23 @ 4pm.
- **Community Lenten Study on Wednesdays** We will be doing community Lenten Study on Wednesdays during lent at local churches. 10:00am Coffee followed by study at 10:30am.  
March 12-Delran, March 19-Beverly, March 26-Dobbins (Delanco), April 2-Beverly, April 9-Delran
- **NO PRACTICE** for Praise Team or Handbells on Wednesday, March 5 due to Ash Wednesday Service.
- **Basin & Towel:** Collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes for March. Please see Keith & Donita to donate.

## Upcoming Meetings

- **Sunday School Meeting TODAY @ 11:15am** in the parlor.

## Gatherings

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

## Welcome!

We would like to welcome Lisa Perez as an intern working with Libby!



Hello, my name is Lisa Perez, and I live in Voorhees, NJ. I am currently a student at Rutgers University, pursuing a master's degree in clinical social work. My goal is to become a family therapist. I have also chosen to complete an internship at your church to gain experience working with the adolescent population. I'm excited to support Libby in her work here at the parish and look forward to contributing.

## **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 @ 10am 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**

- **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](mailto: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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# 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 Mandy's dad, Brian, who will be having knee surgery.
- ✝ Prayers for Donita's sister, Connie, who is having a breast biopsy.
- ✝ Prayers for Vera Harwell and family, her son Jack passed away on Sunday (2/16) at the age of 62.
- ✝ Travel mercies for Sue's daughter, Becky, who is travelling home from London.
- ✝ Travel mercies for Mary Melvin, who is traveling to Colorado to surprise her son, Kyle, for his 30th birthday.
- ✝ Prayers for Bill in getting PET scan results back this week.
- ✝ Prayers for Marylou, who is fighting a rare form of cancer.
- ✝ Prayers for Rob Melvin, who is having brain surgery on Thursday.
- ✝ Prayers for Jeff's mom, Linda, who had kidney stone surgery.
- ✝ Prayers for Bill Grose's dad, who broke a vertebrae in his back.
- ✝ Prayers for West Virginia families dealing with the bad weather.
- ✝ Prayers for Roberta's husband, Paul, who fell and is in the ICU with a head injury.
- ✝ Prayers for Cyndi's co-worker, Bard, who had a colonoscopy and found something,

## Current Prayer Concerns Cont'd

- ✝ Prayers for Ginny Blasewitz's brother, who had a heart attack and is in Wisconsin.
- ✝ Prayers for Sue's friend's husband, Brian, who just found out he has lung cancer.
- ✝ Prayers for Mary Ann's daughter, Katie, who is pregnant and also having Kalani tested for autism.
- ✝ Prayers for Enid Woodsworth who is struggling with exhaustion and weight loss over the recent loss of family members and serious illness.
- ✝ Prayers for Bill Fink on his cancer, for it not to have spread and radiation treatments to work. Also, for the family dealing with financial and food hardship.
- ✝ Michael & Michele Rodriguez are asking for prayers for Beverly Vichko, who is healing from heart issues and Robert Vichko who is having cataract surgery.
- ✝ Prayers for Nancy as she has a cardiologist appointment this week to remove some fluid from her heart.
- ✝ Prayers for Tim Cole's brother Mike who is dealing with his sickness.
- ✝ Prayers for Debi who had hip surgery on Monday.
- ✝ Prayers for Debbie's brother, Rod, who is receiving radiation and will have surgery.
- ✝ Prayers for Sandy, who had leukemia and now dealing with lung issues from the chemotherapy.
- ✝ Prayers for Peter Beardsley who has a brain tumor.
- ✝ Prayers for Joyce who is feeling anxious with the divorce and selling the house.
- ✝ Prayers for Terri's brother, Jeff, who is doing well considering his bladder cancer and a new spot on his chest wall.
- ✝ Prayer for Jean who has cancer on her spine.
- ✝ Earle Simm is asking for prayers for his grandson, Jeremy, who is prone to headaches and now dealing with another concussion.
- ✝ Bob & Ginny Blasewitz are asking for prayers for Connie, who has a mass on her kidney.
- ✝ Maryann G. is asking for prayers for Janet, who has a lump.

**\*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  
Brian Bacon, Music Director  
Destiny Schultz, Nursery Coordinator  
Libby Hickok, Education Coordinator  
Mandy Cavanaugh, Administrative Assistant