

The First United Methodist Church of Delran

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

Greeting & Passing the Peace Opening Handbells *Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

*Songs of Praise

Christ the Lord is Risen Today ~ UMH 302 Goodness of God

Announcements Children's Message Joys & Concerns Song of Praise

Because He Lives ~ UMH 364

Scripture Lesson *Matthew 28:1-10*

Sermon

Final Words

Offering

*Closing Song

Living Hope

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events

- Pot Luck- Cinco De Mayo Sunday, May 4 following the service. Sign up in the Narthex.
- 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 laundry soap for April and cleaning products for May. Please see Keith & Donita for more information.
- Bible Study resumes this Wednesday, April 30 @ 10am

Upcoming Meetings

- **Church Council** Sunday, April 27 @ 11:30am in the Parlor.
- **Finance Committee** Wednesday, April 30 @ 7pm 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.
- 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 Kyle & Danielle during their vacation through Utah, Colorado, and Arizona.
- Prayers for Ralph's friend, Lauren, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer.
- Prayers for Nancy who is have an MRI and echocardiogram on her leg.
- Prayers for Barb Groninger who is in the hospital in a medically induced coma in order to put in a stent.
- Prayers for Gus & June who was diagnosed with cancer in her lungs, liver and abdomen.
- ♣ Prayers for quilt recipients:

Ruth Ann Olden, requested by Albree Tom Manion, who has liver cancer, requested by Katie Maryann, who has breast cancer, requested by Sue

- Prayers for Donita's friend, Joann, who has cancer in her eyelid.
- Prayers for Rose who is transferring to the Masonic Home.
- Prayers for Bob Haberle's coworker, John Sherman, who lost his son to suicide.
- Prayers for Rich Budman who is undergoing surgery.
- 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.

*Prayer concerns are listed for 3 weeks.

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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:

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