

# Delmar Baptist News

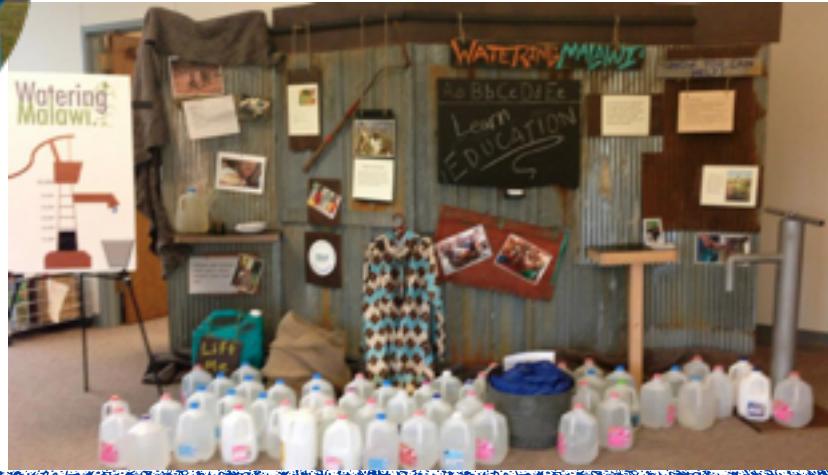
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## Watering Malawi

During Advent, Delmar worked together to bring fresh water to a thirsty world by raising funds for Watering Malawi. Our month-long initiative raised over \$6000 that will be sent directly to the Watering Malawi organization to be used for fresh water solutions in needy villages.

On Sunday, December 2, an intergenerational crowd gathered at 9 a.m. to walk for water before worship. There were pre-schoolers walking with grandparents, teenagers and mothers, and one grandson pushing his grandfather's wheelchair. It was a beautiful sight and a walk of love. Those who were unable to walk sat on the corner in lawn chairs and cheered for those who did. And after each participant returned with their gallon or two of water, they carefully poured it on newly planted fruit trees in front of the church.

We raised our entire Christmas goal the first week and then just kept on going. What a beautiful way to share Living Water and celebrate the Light of the World this season.



# Annual Meeting

January 20

Plan to attend this year's annual meeting following the January all-church dinner. The Leadership Team has been working for several months on revisions to Delmar's By-laws and Rules of Order to support the Ministry Team concept that has been tried out during 2012. Drafts of the documents will be sent to all members early in January and copies will also be available on the information table on Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.

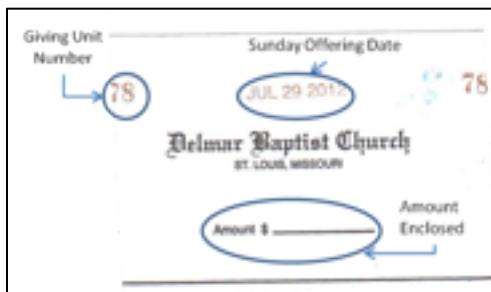
## January Birthdays

- 1 Joanne Cuddeback
- 5 Hunter Husmann
- 6 Sandy Minchow-Proffitt
- 7 Betty Binch
- 8 Nancy Thompson
- 9 Gregory L'Hommedieu
- 13 Ellie Vargo
- 16 Joel Pittenger
- 16 Dorothy Smith
- 18 Sue Murphy
- 21 Marsha Hussung
- 22 Clarence Smith
- 22 Dora Murphy
- 27 Kris Coombes
- 30 Diane Christy

## WHY USE OFFERING ENVELOPES?

At the beginning of the year each person or family that has made a giving pledge to Delmar or gives regularly is issued a box of numbered offering envelopes. The numbered envelope serves a useful purpose in Delmar's accounting process and using the envelopes simplifies the weekly offering counting.

The number is assigned to a name in the offering tabulation system. Only a couple of people have access to the giving information and it is considered highly confidential. Since no name is needed on the envelope it remains anonymous in the offering plate.



Two people count the offering each week and use a double tabulation system. When checks are received without envelopes an envelope is made and noted with the giver's assigned number and the amount. Numbered envelopes are also created for cash or checks put in the offering plate using a pew envelope. The accounting spread sheet is keyed from the giver's assigned number; the

check number and amount are entered. This data is fed into the financial system and provides the information for periodic and year-end giving statements. The envelopes are bundled each week and kept for a couple of years. If you ever need to have a contribution traced, both the envelope itself and the week's spreadsheet are searched.

Too much information? By using the envelopes it helps keep accurate records. It helps **SAVE MONEY** by not wasting pew envelopes when we've already purchased envelopes. And it saves time for the offering counters.

## PLEASE USE THE ENVELOPES

## January at Delmar

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| 1  | Tues. | New Year's Day, Church office closed.          |
| 6  | Sun.  | New Year's Breakfast Buffet, 9:30.             |
| 15 | Tues. | White Cross, 1-3 PM.<br>Leadership Team, 7 PM. |
| 19 | Sat.  | Men's Breakfast, 7:30 AM, Delmar.              |
| 20 | Sun.  | All-church lunch and Annual Meeting, noon.     |
| 29 | Tues. | White Cross, 1-3 PM.                           |

## Meeting Every Week

|            |                                   |                                                                               |
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| Sundays    | 9:00 AM<br>9:30<br>10:45<br>11:50 | Prayer Service<br>Growth Groups<br>Worship Service<br>Coffee & Conversation   |
| Wednesdays | Noon<br>7:00 PM                   | Lunch & Bible Study, Anniversary Hall.<br>Adult Choir Rehearsal in sanctuary. |

## Food for Thought

### Men's Breakfast:

The men of Delmar and Second Baptist Churches meet monthly for a tasty breakfast and warm fellowship. Join them Saturday, Jan. 19, 7:30 AM at Delmar Baptist.

### All-Church Lunch & Annual Meeting:

Our All-Church Lunch is on Jan. 20 this month. Please plan to stay for our Annual Meeting following lunch. Don't forget to make a reservation with the church office to help Kim, our caterer, plan accordingly.

### Wednesday Lunch and Bible Study:

We meet in Anniversary Hall; potluck lunch is at noon, with Bible study from 12:45-1:30.

### Our Averages in December:

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Sunday Worship          | 84 |
| Sunday Growth Groups    | 21 |
| Wednesday Bible Study   | 12 |
| Youth Group             | 12 |
| Weekly Community Groups | 28 |

# Family News

**Mat Hartig**'s father, Richard Hartig, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 6. Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 12, from 8-9:30 AM at Stipanovich Funeral Home, 12444 Olive Boulevard. The funeral mass will be next door at St. Monica Catholic Church at 10 AM. We express our deepest sympathy to Mat, Cathy, and the family.

**Paul Homsher**, son of Celia and Jeff Homsher, completed his undergraduate pilot training and received his wings on Nov. 16 at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas. Paul will soon receive an assignment as flight instructor.



**Elliott Wakefield**, son of Mindy Wakefield, graduated from high school in the Rockwood School District on December 14. Elliott plans to take classes at Meramac Community College this semester and continue working at Merrymount Manor Nursing Home in Eureka. He's looking into colleges for the fall.

**John Hussung** is looking for students. If you are interested in studying beginning guitar or beginning-to-intermediate electric bass, give him a call.

**Nathan McKie** has received a Certificate in Ministry from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City. On Sunday, December 16, Nathan was honored at a ceremony at Third Baptist Church. Participants met together at Third Baptist for a year of interaction, study, and reading, challenging each other to learn and grow closer to God.

# Thanks from Your Church Staff

What a gracious and giving church we have! All of the church staff joins together in thanking our Delmar family for our very generous Christmas gifts this year. You are a blessing to us.

## Get Ready for the "Souper" Bowl!!



On Sunday, February 3, we will be celebrating our very own "Souper" Bowl. Circle of Concern is low on the following items. Let's have a great Sunday and fill their warehouse!

Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Canned Meat  
Chili

Pasta Sauce  
Dry Pasta  
Rice  
Bar Soap

## Opportunities for Mission and Outreach

### Communion Mission Offering

Our January Communion Mission Offering is designated for St. Louis EnergyCare, which provides energy-related services and information for the low-income elderly, ill, disabled and families with young children in St. Louis City and County. Make your check out to Delmar Baptist Church, designated for EnergyCare. You may give all month.

### Used Clothing Ministry

We are collecting used clothing and small appliances to support the ministries of our sister ABC church, Antioch Baptist, and Isaiah 58 in the City. Please leave gently-used items in the designated bin in the narthex.

### Circle of Concern

**Food Drive:** Bring any of the suggested items below in a paper grocery bag and leave in the Narthex. NO GLASS! Remember that it is easier for Circle if you bring many of the same item rather than a bag full of different things.

**Food Items:** Peanut butter/jelly  
Chili, beef stew  
Tomato products  
Dry boxed dinners  
Canned Fruit, vegetables  
Muffin mix  
Gelatin, pudding mixes  
Dry cereal

**Non-food items:** Shampoo, conditioner  
Deodorant  
Dish soap  
Laundry detergent  
Lotion  
Diapers, baby wipes  
Razors  
Bar soap

### White Cross

The ladies of White Cross will meet for hand-on mission work on Tuesday, January 15 & 29, from 1-3 PM.

# Music News

**New Accompanist:** We are pleased to introduce **Stephanie Allee**, our new permanent accompanist as of January 1st.



Stephanie has lived most of her life in Missouri - nearly half of it in the St. Louis area. Because she was raised by church musicians, music and church have always been a part of Stephanie's life. She has taught music in schools, given private piano lessons and played for churches, schools and community choruses. She currently plays for the choirs at Parkway South High School and for the St. Louis Metro Singers.

Although music consumes a large part of Stephanie's time, her favorite thing is being with her family. Hannah has finished college and is working in St. Louis, Marah is a sophomore at Missouri State, and Cole is a junior at Parkway South. Her husband, Jeff, owns and operates two restaurants in the area. Whenever they can be together they love to watch movies, play games, or just sit around the table and talk and laugh.

Stephanie is very happy to be at Delmar to share in music and worship!

**Advent Music:** Thanks again to the Ernst Music Fund, we all enjoyed special musical additions to our services during Advent. We welcomed old friends and new ones. Ann Logan, who sang with us many years ago, helped us out in the soprano section for the entire month. In addition, we were serenaded by the following:



Advent I: Dianne Kirkland, flute

Advent II: Linda Phipps, clarinet  
Josh Daly, percussion  
John Hussung, electric bass

Advent III: Lydia Ruffin, guitar  
John Hussung, electric bass

Advent IV: Lorraine Glass-Harris, violin

Christmas Eve: Sue Taylor, harp

## \$52,000 Donated for Missions in Thailand through New Credit Union

Delmar recently completed the full transition from banking with a commercial financial institution to the Christian Community Credit Union. You may recall previous information shared about its credit card program that gives swipe fees to ABC International Ministries. Below is a wonderful report on the power of that program for missionaries in Thailand. More details about this are on the Delmar bulletin board.

Christian Community Credit Union's "Cards that Give to Missions" program donated \$52,000 for the "Launch a Village" project in Northern Thailand. Launch a Village is a program that is led by American Baptist International Ministries (IM) Global Consultant, Mike Mann and his wife, IM missionary Becky Mann.

"Working together with ITDP allowed us to apply the credit union movement's philosophy of 'people helping people,'" states Dr. John T. Walling, Christian Community Credit Union President/CEO. "Through the 'Launch a Village' project, our members are helping change lives economically, socially and spiritually every time they use their credit or debit card for purchases."

To date, Christian Community Credit Union's "Cards that Give to Missions" program has given over \$3 million. Of that amount, \$1.5 million has gone to the larger American Baptist family which includes \$1.1 million donated to International Ministries. The donation comes from interchange income the Credit Union receives from fees merchants pay to card issuers.

Members of Delmar can obtain a personal credit card that contributes to this program. To apply for "The Card that Gives to Missions," call 800-347-2228 or visit [myCCCU.com/card](http://myCCCU.com/card)

# **Delmar Baptist Church**

## **Who Are We?**

### **Mission Statement**

As followers of Jesus Christ, open in heart and mind, we are committed to worship and witness, fellowship and service, education and faith exploration.

### **Vision Statement**

We strive to love God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength--to know God through Christ's live, teaching and enduring presence and through the grace of the Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves.

### **Core Values**

As a congregation, we are nurturing, prayerful, diverse, and hopeful.

*Adopted April 15, 2010*



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### **Your Church Staff:**

Chris Fillingham, Senior Pastor  
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Stephanie Allee, Accompanist  
Joan Barth, Secretary

### **Your Leadership Team:**

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