



Delmar Baptist News

March 2013

New ideas for ministry

are always being tossed around in the life a church. On occasion, one of these ideas sparks the imagination and excitement of enough people that it takes off. Before you know it all the pieces of the puzzle start falling into place in surprising ways. Green lights start coming on at every turn. The more we move forward, the more it seems that God has been the impetus of this new idea all along.

This is one of those times.

The first week of January a group of people trying to think about new ways to reach out to our community began meeting at the Lorberg's home. Steve brought up the idea of expanding our hoop house to a full-blown Community Garden. He talked about building a large fenced-in area with up to thirty raised beds and opening up the plots to our community.

I have to admit, at first I was skeptical. No one would want to drive somewhere to care for a garden when they could just as easily have a garden in their back yard at home... or so I thought.

Come to find out, I couldn't be more wrong. For one thing, some do not want to build a garden in their yard. Even if they did, deer is a real problem in our area.

As we began exploring this idea, we contacted the Green Commission in Town and Country who began a community garden a few years back. We learned that there is quite a demand for this among our neighbors. In fact, they have a waiting list and would be happy to send people our way. They also said they would be willing to explore a formal partnership with us. Suddenly the lights started coming on.

A week later I was talking with a mentor of mine. Out of the blue he asked me, "Have you ever thought about starting a Community Garden? I bet that would be a good way for a church like yours to do outreach." I couldn't believe what I was hearing. "Funny you mention it," I said.

The next week Trisha Crow, who had not yet heard about this idea, emailed me. She had found a grant from ABC Great Rivers Region to help start new ministry endeavors. "Is there anything new on the horizon that might fit?" she asked. Well, actually, there is.

That was just the beginning. At every turn it seemed another door was opening and more affirmation came. I began hearing more buzz about this among our congregation and my own excitement grew.

Imagine having families and people from our community we've yet to meet on the grounds at Delmar every week tending their plot in the garden spring through fall. Who knows what new relationships we might build as we work our plots along side of them? This was the beginning of the idea, but it keeps growing.

We've begun dreaming about a garden blessing ceremony this spring and a harvest celebration in worship this fall, inviting our new friends to worship with us. We could offer to take any of their extra produce to Circle of Concern along with our own, multiplying our efforts to provide fresh healthy food for those in need in our community. We could use the garden as a tool for faith formation and explore new curriculum for our children and families focusing on Creation Care.

This new Community Garden has developed a four-fold mission: to practice hospitality, create community, alleviate hunger, and cultivate faith formation.

In February, the Leadership Team approved this new endeavor. Throughout March, you'll be hearing more about it in worship. In April, we'll be dedicating our Communion Offering to help fund this new ministry.

The multiple possibilities for us as a church that come with a Community Garden is part of what I find so exciting. The fact that God seems to be bringing it about through your ideas and visions despite my initial hesitancy is what I find so hopeful. It's times like this I find myself looking up, thinking, "Thanks for proving me wrong!"

With Expectant Joy,

Chris

Observing LENT Together

Contemplative Prayer Services

Each Wednesday in Lent we will have a time of silence, prayers and readings from 5:30-6:00 PM. Join us in the Delmar House for this time of centering and prayer.

Christ's Seven Lasting Words from the Cross

This special Sunday School class is led by Terry Minchow-Proffitt on Sunday mornings during Lent. We will explore what Jesus said from the Cross and why. Join us at 9:30 in Anniversary Hall.

Seven Deadly Sins: Sermon Series

In worship we'll be taking a fresh look at this ancient list of sins. Together we'll face our darkness as we journey toward the cross and prepare for resurrection.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 24

Maundy Thursday

March 28

6:00 PM Dinner, Worship at the Table

Good Friday

March 29

7:00 PM Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday

March 31

9:30 AM Continental Breakfast
(no Sunday School classes)
10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
10:45 Worship

With Thanks

Jane Holman wishes to thank the church for the Christmas cookies and poinsettia. Recovery from her recent hip surgery is complete; the thoughts and prayers of her Delmar friends were a source of great encouragement.

New Community Garden



Would you like to garden in a deer-free fenced area?

How about an individual 16' x 4' raised bed accessed by mulched paths?

As Pastor Chris's page 1 column explains, Delmar will be overhauling our current hoop house garden and opening garden plots to our community friends.

Gardens will be available to members and neighbors for planting in mid-April for an annual fee of \$25 per bed.

This is a wonderful way to build community and relations with our neighbors, to increase our produce donations to Circle of Concern, and to practice good stewardship of our property.

happy Birthday

March

- 1 Orpha Johnson
- 2 Beth Unger
- 3 Terry Crow
- 5 Tiffany Murphy
- 6 Kaylin Dofing
- 9 Charlotte Howenstein
- 12 Ashley Homsher
- 15 Benjamin Crow
- 16 Tommie Cole
- 22 Janet Deuel
- 23 Jim Dofing
- 26 Carolyn Holstein
- 29 Emily Dofing



Delmar Variety Show & Dessert Auction, Sunday, April 28, 6 PM

Uncover your hidden talents and step into the limelight at our second annual VARIETY SHOW and DESSERT AUCTION. Delmar boasts some of the most talented people in the Midwest, and we need a “variety” of acts to make this a VARIETY SHOW!

Gather some friends or work up your own solo act. You can sing, dance, tell jokes, or do a skit. Make plans now to participate in a fun evening to help raise funds to send our kids to camp.

March at Delmar

5	Tues.	Woman’s Mission Council lunch and Bible study with John Barth, 12:30 PM, Anniversary Hall.
6	Wed.	Contemplative Prayer Service, 5:30 PM, House.
8	Friday	Youth Group, 6 PM.
9	Sat.	Meet Up to Walk the Labyrinth, 10 AM.
10	Sun.	Daylight Savings Time begins (set your clock forward one hour).
12	Tues.	Leadership Team, 7 PM.
13	Wed.	Contemplative Prayer Service, 5:30 PM, House.
16	Sat.	Men’s Breakfast at Delmar Baptist, 7:30 AM.
19	Tues.	White Cross, 1-3 PM.
20	Wed.	Contemplative Prayer Service, 5:30 PM, House.
27	Wed.	Contemplative Prayer Service, 5:30 PM, House.
28	Thurs.	Maundy Thursday, dinner and worship at the table, 6-7:30 PM.
29	Fri.	Good Friday service, 7 PM.
31	Sun.	Easter Sunday, see p. 2 for schedule.

Meeting Every Week

Sundays	9:00 AM 9:30 10:45 11:50	Prayer Service Growth Groups Worship Service Coffee & Conversation
Wednesdays	Noon 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Lunch & Bible Study, Anniversary Hall. Contemplative Prayer Service, House. Adult Choir Rehearsal in sanctuary.

Youth on the Go!

Friday, March 8

Buckle your seat belts, literally, because we're headed for some Demolition Ball and Adrenaline Zone laser tag!

On Friday, March 8, we will meet at the church at 6:00 and travel to the home of Kaylin and Emily Dofing for dinner. After we enjoy our meal, we'll pack it up and head to St. Charles for some fun playing Demolition Ball and Adrenaline Zone (laser tag)

Plan on a pick up at the church at 10:30.

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, March 16, 7:30 AM, at Delmar Baptist Church.

Wednesday Lectionary Lunch:

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

No Sunday lunch:

Due to our full Holy Week schedule, we will not have an all-church Sunday lunch this month.

Our Averages in February:

Sunday Worship	78
Sunday Growth Groups	30
Wednesday Bible Study	10
Youth Group	13
Community & Supper Groups	40

E-Cycle Event

What? Free electronic and appliance recycling
When? Saturday, March 23, 10-2
Where? Town & Country Municipal Center
(right next door to the church)
Who? Sponsored by the City of Town & Country. Anyone may donate.

Delmar Baptist has chosen not to sponsor an electronic recycling event this year, so here is your chance to get rid of all of those old electronics in an environmentally responsible way.

West Virginia Mission Trip

August 5-9



Please take a moment to consider joining our annual mission trip to the mountains of West Virginia this year. Contact Marsha for details.

Opportunities for Mission and Outreach

Communion Mission Offering

**AMERICA
FOR CHRIST
OFFERING
2013**

Our March Communion Mission Offering is designated for the **America for Christ Offering** sponsored by the American Baptist Home Missions Society. Your donation blesses Christian centers providing after-school tutoring, newly released prisoners struggling for better lives, pastors seeking continuing education, community food pantries feeding the hungry, and much more.

Join with American Baptist Home Mission Societies in building communities of hope across the United States and Puerto Rico with the transforming love of Jesus Christ. Make your check out to Delmar Baptist Church, designated for *America for Christ*. 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, canned meat
Gelatin, pudding mixes
Dry boxed dinners, tomato products
Canned fruit, vegetables
Dry cereal, muffin mix

Non-food items: Shampoo, conditioner
Deodorant, bar soap
Dish soap, Laundry detergent
Diapers, baby wipes
Lotion, razors

White Cross

John Barth will lead a special Bible study titled "In the Potter's Hand" at 12:30 on Tuesday, March 5, in Anniversary Hall. Lunch will be a salad and bread pot-luck and Vi Miller will serve as chair of the day.

The ladies of White Cross will meet for hands-on mission work on Tuesday, March 19, from 1-3 PM.

American Baptist Women Spring Meeting

American Baptist Woman's Ministry of Area 5 will hold their Spring Meeting March 23 at First Baptist Church of Edwardsville, IL. Registration is at 9:30 with the meeting running from 10 AM-2 PM. Lunch is provided. Fred Wear will present the morning program on his mission trip to Haiti.

Become a Giving Circle Member:

To help us fund the new community garden concept, we are applying for grants from both ABC and CBF. One of these grants is the Giving Circle, facilitated by CBF Heartland and explained below. Each donor to the Giving Circle gets a vote on what the money goes to. Become a Giving Circle member today, and you will help decide who receives the \$5000 grant.



In 2011, the Giving Circle helped Big Muddy/Clean Water build a water well in Ethiopia, working with CBF field personnel David and Merrie Harding.

Giving Circle + your \$50 = Change

The CBF Heartland Giving Circle

How can fifty dollars change someone's life forever? Individually, such a small amount has little effect, but together with others, these gifts can have a global impact. This is the power of community.

You can put this power of community giving to work as part of the CBF Heartland Giving Circle. Collectively, our Giving Circle's 100 members are able to fund a life-changing ministry grant of \$5000.

The Giving Circle Mission

The mission of the CBF Heartland Giving Circle is to fund projects that exemplify the values of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and to make possible something good that would not have happened otherwise. The initiative is administered by the CBF Heartland Endowment Board.

The CBFMO Endowment Board reviews applications from partner churches, institutions and ministries, narrowing the field of choices to 3 or 4. Giving Circle members then vote to decide which submission will receive the \$5,000 grant. The group will vote in early March with the recipient announced and the \$5,000 check presented at the CBF Heartland Missional Banquet on Friday, April 26 in Columbia, MO.

Joining the Giving Circle

Fifty dollars plus a modest \$2 administrative fee protects your entire \$50 gift for helping the selected project. Your membership in the Giving Circle can be made online or by mail.

Online: www.cbfheartland.org/Resources/GivingCircle.aspx

Mail: CBF Heartland Giving Circle
PO Box 679
Liberty, MO 64069

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.

Your Church Staff:

Chris Fillingham, Senior Pastor
Andrea Missey, Associate Pastor
Marsha Hussung, Music Minister
Stephanie Allee, Accompanist
Joan Barth, Administrative Assistant

Your Leadership Team:

Joanne Cuddeback, President/Moderator
Tiffany Murphy
Chuck Ackerson
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