



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## We're working to supply AUMS with at least 25 Thanksgiving baskets for the needy

The Mission Ministry Team has set a goal of providing AUMS with 25-30 baskets of "turkey and trimmings" for families in inner-city Albany. Please be generous in assisting these families. Economic hardship will become increasingly more painful for them in the months to come. We'll be collecting donations from now until Nov. 23.

For 30 baskets, we'll need: 30 turkeys (we'll accept frozen turkeys or money/store certificates), 30 cans of cranberry sauce, 60 jars/cans of gravy or packages of gravy mix, 60 cans of green beans or peas, 60 cans of corn, 30 large or 60 small: packages of stuffing mix, cans of sweet potatoes/yams, boxes of instant mashed potatoes, packages of muffin mix, cans of fruit, boxes/packages of cake (and frosting), brownie, or cookie mix or packaged, prepared desserts.

Are we asking for a lot? You bet!! If each person contributes as he or she is able, we'll meet our goal. Thank you for caring – and for sharing.

## Habitat construction push

We're hoping to get 15 builders for this Saturday, Nov. 15! Habitat for Humanity is mounting a campaign to finish three Odell Street homes by Christmas. Let's give these families a home before the winter really sets in! Please send Kevin Conley ([kconley1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kconley1@nycap.rr.com), 475-9034) a note telling him that you will pitch in.

## Learn about the Heifer Project

Learn more about Heifer and how your generous donations provide people around the world with the gifts of hope and self-sufficiency. Please attend a presentation in Fellowship Hall next Sunday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.

## CARE Corps to meet on Sunday

The mission of the CARE CORPS Ministry is to show God's love to those who are elderly, ill, and/or homebound through caring and compassionate visitation. If you would like to learn more about how you can make a huge difference in someone's life with a little of your time (15-30 minutes per month), please stop by Room 207 at 11 a.m. on Sunday, November 16 and meet others who do just that. Feel free to contact Kate Saintcross at [ksaintcross@gmail.com](mailto:ksaintcross@gmail.com) or 439-2252 should you have any questions.

## Returning our blessings through our stewardship

This is a time for each of us reflect upon the blessings God has given us.

At each Baptism, we commit to the Church our time, our talents, our gifts and our service.

Consistent with that commitment, we ask that you prayerfully consider contributions for the 2009 year. We ask that each person answer the following questions for themselves: Why give? Why give to this Church? Why give now?

In the next few weeks, each family will receive pledge cards and we hope to collect them during our Harvest Dinner on Nov 23. Please give this your careful consideration.

– The Stewardship Team

## Celebrate our church and our fellowship at the Harvest Dinner

Come to the Harvest Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 23 in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

This annual dinner is offered free of charge by a group of people from our congregation as an expression of thanks for the bountiful gifts bestowed on us as a church community.

Please join us for a wonderful meal – and an enjoyable time of sharing. Please bring a dessert to share and a contribution for AUMS Thanksgiving baskets (please see article above for further details).

If you'd prefer not to make a dessert, bring several items (or money) for AUMS baskets. Either way, think AUMS! And **please be generous!**

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 16  
9:30 a.m.

Sermon by  
Rev. Janice Palm:

"Stewardship of Bread:  
Making – Wisdom's  
Path"

Text:  
1 Kings 17:8-16

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## Church Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 12	10 a.m. – “Women Speak of God” study (Library) 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 p.m. – RPMs Advisory (207)
Thursday, Nov. 13	1 p.m. – Mary Marthas (Lounge) 6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir
Sunday, Nov. 16	9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship. With special presentation at 11 on the Heifer Project (Fellowship Hall) 11 a.m. – All Choirs (Sanctuary) 11 a.m. – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 a.m. – CARE Corps (207) 7 p.m. – Women’s Study Group (Library) 7 p.m. – RPMs (Del. Reformed)
Monday, Nov. 17	8 a.m. – Senior Ministry Team (4 Corners) 7 p.m. – “Women Speak of God” study (Library)
Tuesday, Nov. 18	8 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 a.m. – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 p.m. – Finance (207) 7 p.m. – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, Nov. 19	10 a.m. - “Women Speak of God” study (Library) 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)

## 'Women Speak of God'

Rev. Janice Palm is offering a special eight-week program through which you will meet six leading women throughout the centuries. This is a study for women and men interested in exploring God.

Hear, learn, share, and question how the beliefs and the experiences of these six women coincide with (and differ from) our thoughts and beliefs.

Two sessions are under way: Monday evenings, 7-8:30 p.m., or Wednesday mornings, 10-11:30 a.m.

Join Pastor Palm in the Library for conversation, song and prayer. For more information, contact

her at 439-9976 ext. 223, or via e-mail:  
[seniorpastor@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:seniorpastor@delmarmethodist.org).

## AUMS needs basic items

The Albany United Methodist Society needs: diapers (sizes 1,2,3, and 4), baby foods (stages 1, 2, and 3), bar soap, dish detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, and canned goods (green beans, mixed vegetables, corn, and carrots). Items may be placed in the AUMS grocery cart.

## Thanksgiving harmony at St. Thomas

On Sunday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. there will be an ecumenical Thanksgiving service at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, with worship to be led by area ministers. The service will feature voices of local church choirs – including First United Methodist. A freewill offering will be taken to help the needy in our community.

## A note of thanks

My deepest appreciation for your prayers and concerns shown me during recent surgeries.

– Shirley Post

## Our Church Family

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Bob Morton, Jeannie Peterson Hall (daughter-in-law of Jeannette Hall), Chuck Payne (friend of Ray Bell), Nick Dubroff (friend of Sally and John Ten Eyck), Sam Kunis (grandfather of Dana Burns), Harold Kelp, Denise Knaack, Shirley Post, Mary Storm, Jennifer Clark and family (friends of Mil Harmon), Susan and Marge Stewart (sister and mother of John Stewart), Katie Lynne Morton, Isabella Cornwell (mother of Denise Gisotti), Gerry Oestreich, Bernice Kapral (mother of Joan Kapral), Cheryl Bentley (friend of Mary Ryther), Sharon O’Conor (friend of Lynda Conway), Priscilla Wing (friend of Dori Hallenbeck), Jason Livingston (friend of Natalie Darrone’s family), George Hartman (friend of McEwan, Ten Eyck families), Kevin Rice and family (nephew of Nancy and Steve Rice), Alan Lewis, Jim and Karen Casey (friends of Fleck family), Louise Marshall, Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Clara Cabelas (friend of Marian and Bill Jewell), Patrick Dewane (friend of Gordon and Susan Fitting), Capt. Sean Quinn (John and Sally Ten Eyck), Chris Sheridan (family of Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Sally Devine (friend of Marilyn Peterson and Ed & Nancy McEwan), Bernice Drozd (grandmother of Karen Ward), Edwin Busch (brother of Joan House), Bobbie & Charlie Ballard and Susan Spanswick, Joe Crowder and Ken Humina (friends of Chris Vorce), Noah Hyde (friend of Mil Harmon), Viva Klim.