



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Celebrate our church, our fellowship and our stewardship at this Sunday's Harvest Dinner

Come to the Harvest Dinner this 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 below 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!**

Returning our blessings through our stewardship

This is a time for each of us to reflect upon the blessings God has given us. Each family should have received pledge cards for 2009 in the mail in recent days. We will collect them during our Harvest Dinner. Please give this your careful consideration. – *The Stewardship Team*

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.

Thank you for caring – and sharing.

We may have to hold up staff salary adjustments for 2009

Given the economic challenge that all of us are facing, the Staff Parish Relations team is unsure how the economy will impact the finances of the FUMC. Staff salaries make up over 50 percent of our overall budget. We do know that the church's investments, which provide a substantial percentage of the income for the current expense budget, will not produce the income they have in the past. Further, we are not sure how individual pledges of giving for this coming year will emerge in the current Financial Stewardship drive. We are hoping that our members will pledge at the same levels or higher than they have done in 2008.

There must be some turnaround in the economy and a successful pledge campaign before we can honor any staff raises for 2009. Therefore, at this time, we are recommending that staff salaries remain the same. We have, however, set aside a budget line item to accommodate raises if our finances can support them. Our hope is that we will be able to offer raises later in 2009. The Staff Parish Team would like to confirm that we appreciate the efforts our staff and always want to be in a position to give them increases.

– *John A. Giordano, chairman, Staff Parish Relations Team*

Thanksgiving harmony at St. Thomas on Sunday

This Sunday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. there will be an ecumenical Thanksgiving service at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, with worship 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.

Women-in-the-Middle

Will meet for breakfast this Sat., Nov. 22 at 8 a.m. (or 8:30 – your choice) this Saturday at Applebee's Restaurant at the Walmart/Lowe's Plaza on route 9W, in support of a fundraising event.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Harvest Sunday
November 23
9:30 a.m.

*Sermon by
Rev. Bob Kanuck:*

"A Real Miracle"

Text:
[Mark 6:30-44](#)

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Church Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 19	10 a.m. – “Women Speak of God” (Library) 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, Nov. 20	6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir
Saturday, Nov 22	8:00 a.m. – “Women in the Middle” (Applebee’s)
Sunday, Nov. 23	9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11 a.m. – Harvest Dinner 7 p.m. – Women’s Study Group (Library)
Monday, Nov. 24	7 p.m. – “Women Speak of God” (Library)
Tuesday, Nov. 25	8 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 a.m. – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 p.m. – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, Nov. 26	10 a.m. – “Women Speak of God” (Library) 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)

Christmas Week worship

Sunday, Dec. 21 <i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>	9:30 a.m. – Worship service: <i>Christmas Choir, Brass and Handbells</i> (Sanctuary) 7 p.m. – Blue Christmas Service: <i>Remembering those we miss at Christmas</i> (Hummel Chapel)
Wednesday, Dec. 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	6:30 p.m. – Live Nativity (front lawn) 7 p.m. – Family Candlelight Service: <i>Christmas story told through singing of the Junior and Intermediate Choirs, and congregational carol singing</i> 10 p.m. – Candlelight Service: <i>Special music featuring our Christmas Choir and instrumentalists. A service of words and carols.</i>

Church Family Life bowled away

CFL’s bowling party on Nov. 9 was a lot of fun! We had about 60 participants. Thanks to Katie Hodge for organizing the event. Thanks to Dana Burns for supplying the cake and thanks to Tim Burns for having a birthday! – *Jennifer Bailey*

Conference prayer week

Conference Minister Rev. Holly Nye writes that she has set aside time in the coming week to offer special prayers for First United Methodist Church – in keeping with *Acts 2* (“And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common.”) She asks that we “consider intentionally holding the annual conference and its leaders in prayer, as well. If there are particular issues, needs or prayer concerns that you would like to share with me, please feel free to call me at the Conference Office (584-8214) or send your thoughts via email to hnye@trovac.org.

Mission movers need cribs

Mission Ministry Team has an urgent need for **six cribs**. Mission Movers also need metal bed frames (queen, full/double, and single/twin), single/twin sheets, and single/twin mattresses and box springs. If you wish to donate, please contact Karen Pass at 767-2809.

Our Church Family

St. Peter’s: Irv Halvorsen

In our thoughts and prayers: Kathy Glaser, Marion McCoy (mother of Kathy Glaser), 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), 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), 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), Noah Hyde (friend of Mil Harmon), Viva Klim. *Also, we pray for families living in war-torn regions, American armed forces on active duty overseas and their families at home.*