



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## We plan to welcome prospective new members in this month

This Saturday, Jan. 10 the Membership & Evangelism team will host a prospective new member orientation in Fellowship Hall. The program starts at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude with a presentation by Marilyn Peterson, our church historian.

Any folks interested in joining the church should contact Rev. Bob Kanuck, Pastor of Congregational Care, at 439-2689, email [rkanuck@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rkanuck@nycap.rr.com) or 439-9976 x226. The orientation program is open to anyone who wants to know more about our church – so invite your friends! Families are welcome to attend, and child care will be provided for children 5 years and younger. So that we may assign enough childcare providers, please let Joe and Denise Gisotti (439-1779) know the number of children who will require childcare.

We'll hold New Member Sunday on Jan. 25 to affirm our new members during the worship service. A special reception will follow at Fellowship Hour.

## Help Wanted: Interfaith meals

Volunteers are needed to provide food for evening meals at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless and the Overflow Shelter. Please help people who need just a bit of help. Sign-up boards are posted in Fellowship Hall. Contact Maureen Roeth at: [maureen.roeth@55galdrum.com](mailto:maureen.roeth@55galdrum.com) or 439-8498.

## Thank you!

Thank you to all of the angels who bought gifts for the AIDS/HIV clients in the residential programs of Support Ministries. In spite of snow, ice, and power outages, 78 gifts were delivered in time for the program's holiday party on Dec. 22. In doing so, our Church helped to make the holidays a little brighter for those in need. What a wonderful way to share Jesus' message!

## New study series to be offered

A new study series, "I Believe in Jesus," is available from Global Ministries. This series will take place in weekly one-hour sessions for six weeks, beginning this Sunday, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. Please contact Denise Gisotti (class leader), [golfing1020@yahoo.com](mailto:golfing1020@yahoo.com), 439-1779 if you're interested. Thanks to an anonymous donation to cover the cost of supplies and the texts, there will be no charge for the course.

## Help needed for Sundays

This is a busy time of year, but please try to spare some time to host **Fellowship Hour**. You can sign up as a group, a team, friends or family. It's a great opportunity to meet other people and serve the church. Contact Beena Salik at 728-0022 or [bsalik@hotmail.com](mailto:bsalik@hotmail.com).

Also, how about serving as an "altar angel"? Several behind-the-scenes assistants are needed to help with weekly changing of the altar cloths, refilling of candle oil, and placement of floral arrangements. Choose a month — all training provided! Contact Dana Burns (475-7292) for more information.

## Mary Marthas on Thursday

The next meeting of Mary Marthas will be held this Thursday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. in the church lounge. As our last meeting was canceled due to the weather, we are delighted that Lisa Pass Ball has again graciously agreed to perform for us with her flute. Don't miss this opportunity to join us. For further information, contact Barbara Logan at 439-4782 or Shirley Milbert at 475-1298.

## Cookbooks for sale this Sunday!

Our cookbook, the "Melting Pot" – a compilation of recipes in celebration of FUMC Delmar's 175th Anniversary – has arrived and will be for sale or distribution this Sunday, Jan. 11 during Fellowship Hour! Not here this Sunday? Stop by Church Office (M-F from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.) or email [churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org). Cost (check payable to FUMC Delmar) is \$10 per book and a limited supply of wooden cookbook stands made by our own Warren Stoker is also available for \$10/ea. Proceeds to benefit the Capital Region Food Bank. Ample supplies of the book will be available for purchase throughout the year.

## Fair trade sale

Need to replenish your supply of coffee/tea/chocolate/nuts/cranberries after the holidays? Church and Society will come to your rescue this Sunday with the usual monthly sale.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 11

9:30 a.m.

*Sermon by  
Rev. Janice Palm:*

"Life at the  
River's Edge"

*Texts:  
Mark 1:4-11  
Acts 19:1-7*

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## Church Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 7	10 a.m. – “Women Speak of God” (Library) 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday Jan. 8	1 p.m. – Mary Marthas (Lounge) 6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday, Jan. 10	8:30 a.m. – Women-in-the-Middle (Tool's) 9:30 a.m. – Prospective Members' Event (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Jan. 11	9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship 9:45 a.m. – Jr. Church School 10:45 a.m. – Fair Trade/Cookbook sales with Fellowship Hour 11 a.m. – Junior / Intermediate Choirs (219/ Choir Room) 11 a.m. – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 a.m. – “I Believe in Jesus” Study (218) 7 p.m. – Women's Study Group (Library) 7 p.m. – RPMs (Delmar Reformed)
Monday, Jan. 12	10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery) 7:00 p.m. - “Women Speak of God” (207)
Tuesday, Jan. 13	8 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 a.m. – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 p.m. – Trustees (207) 7 p.m. - Upper Room (Lounge)
Wednesday, Jan. 14	10:00 a.m. - “Women Speak of God” (Library) 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)

## Organ console fund

At the request of the Music Committee, the Trustees have established a fund to attract gifts, memorials and bequests for the purpose of repairing and upgrading the console of our elderly Sanctuary pipe organ. – *Alan Robertson*

## Interested in lay speaking?

The United Methodist Church offers a Lay Speaking Ministry, with two levels of lay speaking. A *Local Church Lay Speaker* serves in and through their local congregations; the candidate participates in a Basic Lay Speaker course that is

approximately for six weeks. *Certified Lay Speakers* serve in their own congregations, in other churches, and in the community beyond the church; this requires an advanced course every three years. If anyone is interested in taking these courses, please feel free to contact me.

– *Denise Gisotti, Lay Leader*

## Holy families: years past

A collection of photographs showing our Holy Families who participated in Christmas Eve services over the years is displayed in Fellowship Hall. You will see many familiar faces. Our records, however, are incomplete. If you have names or a picture to fill in the blanks, please let our Church Historian, Marilyn Peterson, know at 439-8012 or [ladosta@aol.com](mailto:ladosta@aol.com).

## Our Sympathy

To Jeanne Herrmann and family upon the loss of her sister, Shirley Moore, on Dec. 31 in South Carolina.

## Our Church Family

**St. Peter's:** Sue Secor, Barbara Green, Harold Kelp  
**Good Samaritan Rehab:** Harriet Johnson

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Patrick Dewayne & family (Gordon & Susan Fitting), Nellie Evans, Bill Harden (Natalie Darrone), Irv Halvorsen, Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson) Lynn Mallory, Chuck Payne (Ray Bell), Ken Huddleston (Karen & Kyle Jones), Austine Cline, Nick Dubroff (Sally and John Ten Eyck), Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Denise Knaack, Shirley Post, Mary Storm, Jennifer Clark and family (Mil Harmon), Susan and Marge Stewart (John Stewart), Isabella Cornwell (Denise Gisotti), Bernice Kapral (Joan Kapral), Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), George Hartman (McEwan, Ten Eyck families), Kevin Rice and family (Nancy and Steve Rice), Louise Marshall, Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Clara Cabesas (Marian and Bill Jewell), Capt. Sean Quinn (John and Sally Ten Eyck), Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Sally Devine (Marilyn Peterson and Ed & Nancy McEwan), Bernice Drozd (Karen Ward), Edwin Busch (Joan House), Noah Hyde (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.*

**Please advise Church Office if the prayer concern you've requested may be removed from the list above.**