



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Special Maundy Thursday event

You are invited you to share in a meal commemorating Jesus' last supper with his disciples. The evening will begin with prayer and fellowship at 5:45 p.m. next Thursday, April 9. The focus of the evening will be to combine the enjoyment of fellowship with the events which took place on Maundy Thursday. The evening will culminate with Holy Communion being celebrated at our tables.

To prepare ourselves and the Sanctuary for the death and absence of our Lord Jesus Christ, those gathered will be invited to quietly move to the Hummel Chapel sanctuary, and, then, to the main Sanctuary in order to remove the paraments (the cloths on the Communion table, pulpit, and lectern), the candlesticks, the Bible, and the altar cross. We will strip the two sanctuaries of signs of Christ in silence. Once made barren, those gathered are invited to remain in the main Sanctuary for prayer, and leave quietly.

For this meal, we are hoping to have a Middle Eastern flavor of food offerings. In order to provide a framework for our meal, dried fruits (apricots, raisins, prunes, figs, dates & bananas), nuts, hummus, pita breads, goat cheeses and yogurt will be provided. Beverages will also be available. For those joining the feast, please bring a dish to share. If familiar with Middle Eastern dishes, please bring one; if not, please bring a favorite dish. Because this is Holy Week, if you're thinking of bringing a dessert, rather than a sweet dessert, we ask that you bring fresh fruit.

In order for us to better prepare, please let Church Office know if you will be joining us for the meal and service, 439-9976 or churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org.

CROP Hunger Walk, May 3

WHY WE WALK IN CROP WALK: What is poverty? To come home and see your children go hungry and not have anything to give them. Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes – one child every five seconds. Please join CROP Walk (Sunday, May 3rd) as a walker or a supporter. Make your way to the CROP Walk table during fellowship hour.

Mary Marthas April 9

The Mary Marthas will be meet in the Lounge on Thursday, April 9 at 1 p.m.; Dorothy Anson will tell us about her experiences in England during WWII. For more information, please call Aggie Clark at 439-5578 or Shirley Milbert at 475-1298.

The 3 Ms: a Methodist Men's Ministry

This Saturday, April 4, we'll hold the monthly Methodist Men's Ministry breakfast from 7:30 – 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men of the community are invited and encouraged to attend. Each breakfast features a speaker relating to our daily walk with Christ. Breakfast will be provided. Bring a friend Contact: Brian Collier, 542-2705 or John Lamitie, 439-2356

Easter Egg hunt, April 11

Join the FUN! Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BUT ... while your egg-straordinary generosity is much appreciated, Jen Bailey is in danger of being buried by an avalanche of plastic Easter Eggs. So no more for now! Thanks.

'Love Kits' for the homeless

We continue to collect personal hygiene items for "love kits" for the residents of the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless.

Please bag your items in paper or plastic bags. "Love kit" collection boxes are set up at various locations in the church.

Interfaith needs Sunday meals

Three casseroles, each to feed 10, are needed for the Sunday evening meal at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless this Sunday, April 5. If you can help, please contact Maureen Roeth at 439-8498,

Telescope schedule

A note for your planning: Because the production coordinator (a.k.a. "Nan Rabinow") will be on the RPMs mission trip, **there will be no Telescope for Wednesday, April 14.** So that means anything you'd normally want in that issue will instead have to be placed in *next* week's issue, dated April 8. Deadline for articles is Monday morning, April 6; email shafferdf@aol.com.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 5
Passion –
Palm Sunday

Service at **10:30 a.m.**
(Note change)

Sermon by Rev. Palm

Texts:

Mark 11:1-11;
Isaiah 50: 4-9;
Mark 14:1-15:32a

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Church Calendar

Thursday, April 2	6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday, April 4	7:30 a.m. – Men's Ministry breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, April 5 Palm – Passion Sunday	10:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship (<i>note time change</i>) 11:45 a.m. – Fellowship Hour 7 p.m. - Women's Study Group (Library)
Mon., April 6	10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday April 7	8 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 a.m. – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 p.m. - Upper Room (Lounge)
Wednesday, April 8	10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, April 9	5:45 p.m. – Maundy Thursday service and meal (Fellowship Hall / Sanctuary)

The fascinating story of our Sanctuary windows: take the tour!

1909 – 2009: History reveals that our first four stained glass windows were installed and dedicated one hundred years ago this year. Traditionally, windows have been an instrument in teaching Christians in a picturesque fashion the nature of their faith, when books were not readily available as they are today.

The Good Shepherd Window was originally installed over the altar before the 1982 reconstruction of the Sanctuary. The window depicting a crown encircling a cross is a companion window to the Good Shepherd. You will notice that the motifs and colors at the top of each arch are the same. The third 1909 window shows a very distinctive cross known as a Celtic cross. The fourth window portrays Christ in a brilliant red robe standing on a balcony.

A bulletin board in Fellowship Hall gives more information about these windows. And for those of you who wish to take the full tour of the windows and other memorials around the building, please let me know a suitable time/day of the week and I'll try to accommodate as many as possible: ladosta@aol.com.

– Marilyn Peterson

Summer items of note

Vacation Bible School registration is now open for FUMC members. You may register your child(ren) online at www.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcdelmar/ce. The VBS Team anticipates that the program will fill quickly when general registration begins on April 11 – so we urge you to take advantage of this member registration. If you have questions, please contact Jen Bailey at 439-9976 ext. 225 or education@delmarmethodist.org.

Also, summer camp brochures have arrived and may be found on the literature tables located outside the Nursery on the second floor and in the Narthex, as well as in Church Office.

Messages of thanks

To Our Church Family: Thank you for all the prayers, support, hugs and service during our time of loss. Blessings,
– *Altamont J. Cornwell and Denise & Joe Gisotti*

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation for all the cards, calls, thoughts, prayers and expressions of sympathy and outreach that were extended to me on the passing of my mother. The steadfast support of my church family through the years of my mother's decline and death was a source of comfort. – *Joan Kapral*

Our Church Family

Our sympathy and prayers for our Senior Pastor, Janice Palm and her loved ones upon the loss of her most beloved mom, Grace Palm on March 21, 2009. Grace was women of many gifts and talents and a devoted member of the Jonesville UMC and its choir. Funeral services were held at the Jonesville United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jonesville United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.

In our thoughts and prayers: Janet Robinson, Jeanne Bourque, Mrs. Coppola (Carolyn Heidt), Harold Roeth (Jacque & Maureen Roeth), Barb Wiley, Jonathan Carpenter (Kevin Conley), Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Lynn Mallory, Ken Huddleston (Karen & Kyle Jones), Nick Dubroff (Sally and John Ten Eyck), Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Denise Knaack, Mary Storm, Susan and Marge Stewart (John Stewart), Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), 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), Bernice Drozd (Karen Ward), Edwin Busch (Joan House), Noah Hyde (Mil Harmon), Viva Klim.