



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 this Thursday commemorating Jesus' last supper with his disciples. The evening will begin with prayer and fellowship at 5:45 p.m. 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 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.

Mary Marthas April 9

The Mary Marthas will meet in the Lounge this 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.

CROP hunger walk is May 3 ...

WHY WE WALK IN CROP WALK: Have you ever had to walk a mile or more just to get water for yourself or your family? More than 200 million hours are spent every day by women and children to collect water from distant, often polluted sources. When you walk or support CROP Walk, you help provide clean, safe water through wells, hand pumps, gravity-flow community water systems, water filtration systems, etc. Health programs provide training for village health promoters who work to improve community health, hygiene, and sanitation standards throughout the world. Please join CROP Walk (Sunday, May 3rd) as a walker or a supporter. Make your way to the CROP Walk table during fellowship hour. See www.cropwalk.org.

... and FUMC is a top supporter

Church World Service (CWS) recently announced that not only did our FUMC CROP Walkers capture the Gold Sneaker Award for raising the most money, locally, in last year's CROP Walk, but they also placed **second in the nation!** Only one other group of walkers raised more money than did our walkers. A commendable job! We might say "a job well done," but our walkers know that the job is never "done." As long as there is hunger anywhere in the world, our walkers will

continue to walk. Will we continue to support them as we did last year? Sure! When we support CROP Walk, we make a difference in people's lives, locally and throughout the world.

Our church in Mission

The Albany United Methodist Society emergency **food pantry** is now serving more people than at any other time in its history. If you would prefer to donate money for the purchase of canned goods, you may do so cash or write a check to FUMC and earmark it for AUMS groceries. During the week, please leave money or check in the church office. On Sunday mornings, it can be placed in the money container on the AUMS grocery cart.

April is an especially good time to give because the annual **Feinstein Challenge** is underway. Alan Shawn Feinstein, a philanthropist, will be contributing \$1 million to food pantries and other food programs in the US. The money will be divided proportionately among all agencies that participate. The amount of money and food that is donated or pledged to AUMS will determine the amount of money that will be received from the Feinstein challenge! If Mr. Feinstein is willing to help food programs with a million dollars each year, certainly we can do our share.

Easter Egg hunt, April 11

Join the FUN! This Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. But Jen Bailey could still use some donations of unopened wrapped candy; some helpers for egg-hiding Friday morning and for setup Friday afternoon, and volunteers for the fun on Saturday.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Maundy Thursday
April 9
5:45 p.m.

Good Friday
April 10
5:30 p.m.
Hummel Chapel

Easter Sunday
April 12
8:30 a.m. – Early
Easter Service
(Hummel Chapel)
9 a.m. – Refreshments
in Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m.
Easter Service
Sanctuary
Easter & Handbell
Choirs, Brass

Sunday, April 19
9:30 a.m.
Rev. Kanuck,
preaching

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Church Calendar

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| Thursday, April 9 | 1:00 p.m. – Mary Marthas (Lounge) 5:45 p.m. – Maundy Thursday service and meal (Fellowship Hall / Sanctuary) 8 p.m. – Chancel Choir rehearsal |
| Friday, April 10 <i>Good Friday</i> | Noon to 5 p.m. – Hummel Chapel open for prayer 5:30 p.m. – Meditative Service for Good Friday (Hummel Chapel) 6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (201) |
| Saturday, April 11 | 10 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt/6 th Grade Playlet (Fellowship Hall/Chapel) |
| Sunday, April 12 <i>Easter Sunday</i> | 8:30 a.m. – Early Easter Service (Hummel Chapel) 9 a.m. – Refreshments in Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. – Easter Service (Sanctuary) <i>(note time change)</i> RPMs Mission Trip begins (thru 4/18) |
| Tuesday April 14 | 8 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 a.m. – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 p.m. - Upper Room (Lounge) 7 p.m. – Trustees (Library) |
| Wednesday, April 15 | 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery) |
| Thursday, April 16 | 6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room) |
| Sunday, April 19 | 9:30 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship Hour 11 a.m. – Junior/Youth Choirs (219/216) 11 a.m. – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 7 p.m. – Women's Study Group (Library) |
| Monday, April 20 | 8 a.m. – Senior Ministry Team (4 Corners) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery) |
| Tuesday, April 21 | 8 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 a.m. – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 p.m. - Upper Room (Library) |
| Wednesday, April 22 | 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery) |

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.

Women-in-the-Middle

Our April WIM breakfast meeting will occur on Saturday, April 25, at 8:30 a.m. (8 a.m. for early-birds!) at Tools. RSVP by Thursday, April 23 to Linda Graf, giraffeart@msn.com.

Telescope schedule

A reminder: Because the production coordinator (a.k.a. "Nan Rabinow") will be away on the RPMs mission trip, **there will be no Telescope next week.** Our next issue will be dated on April 22. The deadline for articles is Friday, April 17; email to churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org and to shafferdf@aol.com.

A message of thanks

Dear Folks of Delmar UMC,

Thank you so much for the many prayers and heartfelt wishes of condolence in the death of my mother, Grace Palm. And thank you to those who were able to come to the calling hours and/or the funeral service. Carter and I have been touched by your outreach, love, and care.

God's blessings of shalom,
 – Rev. Janice

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Shannon McNally (Katie Lynne Morton), Jeanne Bourque, Mrs. Coppola (Carolyn Heidt), Harold Roeth (Jacque & Maureen Roeth), Barb Wiley, 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, Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), Louise Marshall, Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Clara Cabezas (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.