



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## Friendship Club will hear Schubert this Friday evening

Friendship Club will be meeting this Friday evening, April 24 starting at 6 p.m. A potluck supper at 6:30 will follow.

This will be the last meeting until next Fall. Please bring a dish to share, your own place setting and a rejoicing spirit. The cost is \$2 a person if you bring a dish to share; \$7 if you're not able to bring anything. If you are not on the calling list, call Hertha Thayer at 453-0450.

Be prepared to be enchanted by pianist Meg Bassinson and her friend Stephanie Pieck. They will play "Fantasia in F minor" by Franz Schubert. Schubert was noted for his wonderful melodies and this piece is a particular delight.

Any questions? Call Connie Tilroe at 439-7571.

## Voices of Hope on Sunday

We'll host the annual Voices of Hope concert at 4 p.m. this Sunday, April 26; donations at the door will be used to benefit the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. The concert will feature the FUMC Delmar chancel choir; the McKnownville Handbell Choir; mezzo soprano Donald Shulte-Vincent; pianist William Jones, Jr.; and George H. Smith on the saxophone.

## CROP hunger walk is May 3 ...

**WHY WE WALK IN CROP WALK:** CROP Walkers help uprooted families in Angola, southern Sudan, the Balkans, and elsewhere - come home to farms laid ruin by years of fighting - to have seeds and other agricultural inputs to increase food security and encourage self-sufficiency.

Please join CROP Walk (Sunday, May 3) as a walker or a supporter.

Make your way to the CROP Walk table during fellowship hour. Together, we can make a difference. See [www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org).

## ... followed by a picnic for all

Not to rest on their laurels, our walkers will follow up by hosting a picnic on Sunday, May 3, at the church for any and all members - whether involved in the walk or not. Come at 4:30 p.m. to enjoy good food and fellowship.

## Our church in mission

Our Mission Movers recently received a gift of \$30 from an individual who had been given furniture. Mike, who was referred to us by the Center for Independence, suffers from borderline personality disorder. Gary, who provided Mike with transportation, said that even the stress of moving was causing Mike great anxiety. As they were leaving, Mike held out \$30. Although we told him that he wasn't expected to pay, he insisted. "You helped me. Maybe it will help others."

We are using Mike's gift as seed money for Computers for Kids, a summer program to teach hardware and software skills to inner-city teenagers, run by the FOCUS churches in Albany. Mike's \$30 was a generous gift from a man who is unable to hold a job. Our generosity could make a lifetime of difference for some teens. If you are able to help, please give cash or checks (made out to FUMC and noted for Computers for Kids) to Karen Pass or leave with Nan Rabinow in the church office. Thank you!

## Stained glass window fund in memory of Carter Eltzroth, Jr.

Carter Eltzroth was new to our church - having joined us only last summer, when his wife, Rev. Janice Palm, became our senior pastor, but he immediately took a strong interest in many aspects of the church, including our beautiful stained glass windows.

He was saddened to learn that one window was damaged years ago and has been in storage, unseen, ever since.

After Carter passed away on April 7, Rev. Janice asked that those wishing to honor his memory make contributions to a stained glass window restoration fund established at the church. Make checks payable to FUMC Delmar, mark them for the window fund, and leave them in Church Office.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 a.m.  
Sunday, April 26

Sermon by  
Rev. Kanuck

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## Church Calendar

Wednesday, April 22	10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, April 23	6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Fri., April 24	6 p.m. – Friendship Club (Fellowship Hall)
Sat., April 25	8 a.m. – Women-in-the-Middle (Tool's)
Sunday, April 26	9:30 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship Hour 11 a.m. – Junior/Youth /Intermediate Choirs (219/216/Choir Room ) 11 a.m. – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 4 p.m. – Voices of Hope concert (Sanctuary) 7 p.m. – RPMs (Del. Reformed) Women's Study Group (Library)
Monday, April 27	10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 p.m. – RPMs Advisory (Room 207)
Tuesday, April 28	8 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 a.m. – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 p.m. - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, April 29	10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)

## Food pantry needs

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 with 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.

## Summer items of note

Vacation Bible School registration is now open. You may register your child(ren) online at [www.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcdelmar/ce](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcdelmar/ce). The VBS Team anticipates that the program will fill quickly – so we urge you to sign up soon. If you have questions, please contact Jen Bailey at 439-9976 ext. 225 or [education@delmarmethodist.org](mailto: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.

## Nursery volunteers needed

The Nursery NEEDS YOU, once again! Thanks so much to those of you who volunteered their time for our youngest members. Their parents really appreciate your willingness to help. We have a handful of spots left on our calendar for the year. The dates are: April 26, May 10, May 17, May 31, June 14 and June 21. Volunteers can be adults, as well as Middle School and High School students. Please contact Jamie Cable, [jsgoes@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jsgoes@nycap.rr.com) or call 729-5516 as soon as possible. Thank you, again!

## Mary Marthas on May 14

The next meeting of the Mary Marthas will be Thursday, May 14 at 1 p.m. in the Church Lounge. Lisa Pass has graciously agreed to entertain us with some beautiful spring music on her flute. For further information, please contact Barb Logan at 439-4782, Shirley Milbert at 475-1298, Janet Gelzheiser at 439-5928 or Aggie Clark at 439-5578.

## Our Church Family

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Sophie Kelly (John Tedesco), Shannon McNally (Katie Lynne Morton), 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'Conor (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.