



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Spring is here ... so it's time for our annual clean-up day!

We want our church and grounds to be as beautiful as the outdoors on a sunny spring day, right? But there's only one way to make that happen – by working.

Man the rakes (or woman, or child)! Hoist the shovels! Trim the bushes; pull the weeds. Bring your tools and wheelbarrows. Pitch in at the Trustees' annual Spring Clean Up to spruce up the properties around the church. Join us on Saturday, May 16 (rain date, May 30) from 8 -11 am for some light yardwork and lots of fellowship! Rain date will be May 30. Questions? Contact Don Foley, 478-9858 or dfoley@nycap.rr.com.

Senior services seminar

Come to an interactive seminar to learn how to access FREE or otherwise affordable programs that enrich senior living. Learn about housing options, independent living assistance, transportation and more! Presentations by Town of Bethlehem Senior Services, CHOICES of St. Peter's and Senior Services of Albany

Date: Sunday, May 31 from 1:30 – 3 p.m.
Reservations: Call Karen Jones at 366-2856.
Sponsored by Care Corps.

More about the stained glass window fund in memory of Carter

Rev. Palm has asked that Memorial Funds in memory of her husband, Carter Eltzroth, be directed to the FUMC Stained Glass Restoration Fund

A crate up on the third floor holds the remains of a stained glass window that was originally installed in the sanctuary in 1926. It was removed when the sanctuary was enlarged in 1982, and parts were used to repair and reinstall the two windows in the chapel.

The damaged window is in memory of Richard Duckworth, a child who died at age 11. (Shirley and Charles Milbert are doing research to find out more about him and his family.) Records show that the window depicts the Lamb of God.

When Carter took the Stained Glass Window Tour with Marilyn Peterson, he was deeply saddened to learn that this window was hidden away in broken pieces, since it represents a very meaningful memorial and deserves to be repaired

and placed in an appropriate location in the church.

This fund will help to realize his vision of properly displaying this special Lamb of God window.

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, May 10

*Sermon by
Rev. Janice Palm
"Overcoming Our
Fear of Alligators"*

*Text:
Acts 8:26-40*

RPMs to host 'thank-you' dinner on Saturday, May 16

You are cordially invited to the RPMs Thank You Dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, at Delmar Reformed Church.

The dinner is being held in honor of those who generously supported the 2009 Mission Trip to Washington D.C. Please join us for good food, a video presentation of our trip, and personal stories of this life-changing experience! Reservations are not required!

For further information contact Beth Hickox, 596-2116 or beth.hickox@gmail.com.

Defensive driving course

Save up to 10 percent on your car insurance rates, by completing the defensive driving course being offered by Ray Bell on Wednesday and Thursday, May 13 and 14, in Fellowship Hall.

This program, formerly known as 55 Alive, is now open to drivers of all ages. We are told that Ray returns with more information – *and* better jokes!

The sessions run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day; enrollees must attend both days to get appropriate credit. Refreshments will be provided.

The cost is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-AARP members). RSVP: Warren Stoker, wstoker@nycap.rr.com, 439-6089.

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'A Christian community, growing together in faith and in service to God'

Church Calendar

Wednesday, May 6	10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, May 7	6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Sat., May 9	9 a.m. – Confirmation Class (Lounge)
Sunday, May 10	9 a.m. – Family Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) 9:30 a.m. – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship Hour with Fair Trade sale 11 a.m. – Junior /Intermediate Choirs (219/Choir Room) 11 a.m. – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge)
Mon. May 11	7:00 p.m. – Lay Leadership & Development (Library) 7:30 p.m. – Administrative Council (207)
Tuesday, May 12	8 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 a.m. – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 2:30 p.m. – Farmers' Market (parking lot) 7 p.m. - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, May 13	10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, May 14	6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Looking for news of graduates

Is someone in your family graduating from high school or college this spring or summer? If so, please let Church Office know at 439-9976 or churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org, so we may publish these names in the Bulletin and Telescope in mid-June. Please include the grad's name, high school name or major, college/university, and degree earned.

Farmers' market

The Tuesday Farmers' Market has returned to the First United Methodist Church parking lot and will continue on Tuesdays through November 10. It's open for business from 2:30 – 6 p.m. And remember that our own Treasure Cove thrift shop is also open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.

Mary Marthas

The next meeting of the Mary Marthas will be on 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.

Got garage space for Movers?

For the past six years, the Mission Movers have been using one bay of our garage for furniture storage. Many beds, tables, chairs, and sofas have passed through our garage during those years. Never once have we had a problem with this arrangement.

But now additional storage space is needed. As word has spread about the Mission Movers, the amount of furniture being offered has increased. If you have unused garage space, please consider allowing its use by the Mission Movers. (Karen Pass is the contact person: 767-2809.) Or call us if you would like to talk about our space-sharing arrangements (439-3350).

– Phil and Mary Johnston

Fair Trade sale is this Sunday

Treat your mother! Buy her some fair trade coffee, tea, or chocolate during Fellowship Hour this Sunday, May 10.

By the way, our next sale – on Sunday, June 14 – will be the last one until Fall. If you would like to stock up on any item in anticipation, please let Barb Wiley know (bwiley@emmawillard.org or 426-5244) so we will have enough on hand for you in June.

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Alvida Putz, Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Shannon McNally (Katie Lynne Morton), Harold Roeth (Jacque & Maureen Roeth), Barb Wiley, Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Lynn Mallory, Nick Dubroff, Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Denise Knaack, Mary Storm, Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), 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.