



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Spring clean-up this Saturday

Pitch in at the Trustees' annual Spring Clean Up to spruce up the properties around the church. Join us this Saturday, May 16 (rain date, May 30) from 8 -11 am for some light yardwork and lots of fellowship! Contact Don Foley, dfoley@nycap.rr.com or 478-9858.

Habitat's Methodist House

We start work at 5 Stephen Street on May 23 and will hold the ceremonial kickoff on June 6. On May 23 we will be laying drain tile, putting the crushed stone in place for the concrete slab to be poured, and perhaps doing yard clean up. How can you help? We have jobs for builders and non-builders alike. Habitat will be working on the site from June 2-10. For more information or to sign up for a day, please contact Kevin Conley (475-9034 or kconley1@nycap.rr.com).

About Richard Duckworth and the stained glass window fund

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

A crate on the third floor holds the remains of a damaged stained glass window that was originally installed in the sanctuary in 1926. The damaged window depicts the Lamb of God, and is in memory of Richard Duckworth. Looking for more information about him, Shirley Milbert tracked down a story from *The Altamont Enterprise* of Friday, March 31, 1923 reading, in part:

The Daily Vacation Bible school which has been in session for the past four weeks closed on Wednesday. It had been planned to have an all-day party for the children with the closing exercises in the afternoon. Instead of this program a very sad one was carried out in the nature of a memorial service for Richard Duckworth, a member of the Junior class.

Some time ago Richard and his brother Donald returned from a two weeks camping trip to Carbondale, Pa. On Tuesday he was stricken with infantile paralysis and on Thursday he passed away..... So instead of a merry party ... with Richard one of the guests, a sad little group of about 35 gathered on the Reformed church lawn where a memorial service was conducted by the Rev. William M. Morrow.

When Carter took the Stained Glass Window Tour with Marilyn Peterson, he was deeply saddened to learn that this window was 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 window. Make checks payable to FUMC Delmar, mark them for the window fund, and leave them in Church Office.

RPMs to host 'thank-you' dinner

You are cordially invited to the RPMs

Thank You Dinner at 6 p.m. this Saturday, May 16 at Delmar Reformed Church. 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.

The CARE CORPS Ministry

The mission of the CARE CORPS Ministry is to show God's love to those who are elderly, homebound and/or ill, through caring and compassionate visitation. If you would like to learn more about how you can make a huge difference in someone's life with a little of your time (15-30 minutes per month), please stop by Room 207 at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 17 and meet others who do just that, or contact Kate Saintcross at 439-2252.

Pentecost on Sunday, May 31

When was the last time you were amazed, perplexed, astonished, or bewildered? These words describe the reactions of the crowds in the story of Pentecost from *Acts 2:2-21*. The day of Pentecost is a part of the Jewish Festival of Weeks about 50 days after Passover. There are several references to Pentecost in both the Old and New Testaments. For us, it is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit after Jesus' Ascension. For us, it is a celebration of the beginning of the early Church.

Come worship May 31, the Day of Pentecost. Come celebrate *Acts 2*. Come celebrate the New Church. Come experience the coming of the Holy Spirit. Come celebrate the Confirmation of our 8th-grade youths. We'll hear the rush of wind, see tongues of fire. Different languages will be spoken, but we will all understand. To help put us all in the spirit of Pentecost, wear something **red**.

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am
Sunday, May 17

Sermon by
Rev. Janice Palm
"Real Relationships"

Text:
Acts 10: 44-48
John 15:12-17

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Church Calendar

Thursday, May 14	1 pm – Mary Marthas (Lounge) 6:30 pm. – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday, May 16	9 am – Confirmation Class (Room 207)) 9 am – Spring Cleanup (grounds) 6 pm – RPMs “thank-you” dinner (Delmar Reformed)
Sunday, May 17	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 7 pm – RPMs (Delmar Reformed)
Monday, May 20	8 am – Senior Ministry (4 Corners)
Tuesday, May 19	8 am – Men’s Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 2:30 pm – Farmers’ Market (parking lot) 7 pm - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, May 20	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, May 21	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	

Senior services seminar

Come 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.

Camperships

There are Camperships available for children who register to attend Skye Farm or Covenant Hills or another United Methodist Summer Camp. We are offering the Camperships to families who have a relationship with the church, and for whose children the camp experience would not be possible without such assistance.

Families will need to make an application for a Campership by June 15; these applications are available at the Church Office. Rev. Palm will

accept the Campership Applications; they then will be reviewed by the Christian Education Director and the Christian Education Team. We have a limit to our budget, so we will take requests and give them as the fund allows.

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 by June 17

Concerning our Faith Community

Because we are a caring community of faith, we are looking for ways to help one another in real ways. That outreach comes in a variety of loving ways. At the same time, the church needs to provide for, and ensure, people’s privacy when those folks do not desire to have the majority of the faith community know of particular events or developments in their life journeys. Because of this we are asking the following:

When making prayer requests or giving health/personal status of individuals which require prayer, in order to ensure accurate information and protect people’s privacy, the Church Office and pastors are asking that they have family members make the announcement or request. If others make the request, the church office will check with the family before putting information out to the rest of the faith community.

– Rev. Janice Palm

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Sally Gazetta, Richard Heidt (Carolyn Heidt), Eleanore Marks, Donna Price (Karen Tedesco), Alvida Putz, Dean Christian, Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Shannon McNally (Katie Lynne Morton), Harold Roeth (Jacque & Maureen Roeth), Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Lynn Mallory, Nick Dubroff, Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Denise Knaack, Mary Storm, Sharon O’Conor (Lynda Conway), Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), 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.)