



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Pentecost story this Sunday

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 this Sunday, 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**.

We're getting ready for Summer Church School; you can help?

Are you passionate about kids? We are seeking individuals who are willing to teach church school one Sunday this summer. All materials will be provided. Please contact Jen Bailey, Director of Christian Education at 439-9976 ext. 225 or at education@delmarmethodist.org if you are interested in this opportunity.

And VBS is in need of trees. Yes, Jen is looking for artificial Christmas Trees to use as decorations. If you have a tree that you can lend or donate, please contact Jen. THANKS!

Women-in-the-Middle Saturday

Our May breakfast meeting will be held at Tool's this Saturday, May 30 at 8:30 am. RSVP to reserve a seat (giraffeart@msn.com).

A second chance at the defensive driving course

Did you miss the first defensive driving course? We're offering another session.

It will be held June 15 & 18 from 9 am – 1 pm, in Fellowship Hall. The program is open to all ages, and completion can save you 10 percent on your auto insurance rates (must attend both sessions to qualify). The course is led by Ray Bell, who returns with more information and better jokes! Refreshments will be provided.

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

Sponsors needed

Rev. Bob Long, whom many of us know, is deeply committed to financially assisting Mozambican ministerial students who are attending Africa Methodist University. To raise money for those students, Bob is seeking sponsors for his "bike-along":

he will be riding his bicycle on a 100-mile trip around the Capital District in early June and then an additional 150 miles round trip to and from Annual Conference. His sponsor sheet is posted on a bulletin board across from our Church Office.

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am
Sunday, May 31

Day of Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday

*Sermon by
Rev. Janice Palm*

*Text:
Acts 2:1-21*

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. It's this Sunday, May 31 from 1:30 – 3 pm. Reservations: Call Karen Jones at 366-2856. Sponsored by Care Corps.

Church Conference on June 28

Hold the date: We will be having a Church Conference on Sunday, June 28 at 11:15 am.

Thanks for the clean-up!

A group of our church members proved (*once again*) that many hands make for light work. We are grateful to the 12 hard-working folks who gave our property a spring spruce-up on Saturday. In less than three hours, trees were trimmed, drains were cleaned, leaves were raked, signs were put back up, sidewalks and parking lots were swept, and most importantly, good fellowship was had by all. If there are other ways you would like to beautify our church home, the Board of Trustees would welcome your thoughts.

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

Church Calendar

Thursday, May 28	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Sunday, May 31	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 1:30 pm – Senior Service Seminar (FH) 7 pm – RPMs Meeting (Del. Reformed)
Monday, June 1	10 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – Administrative Council (207)
Tuesday, June 2	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, June 3	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, June 4	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

A thank-you from the RPMs

The RPMs (our Reformed/Presbyterian/Methodist Sr. Hi Ecumenical Youth Group) would like to extend a heartfelt and warm thank you to everyone who supported their programs throughout the year. This important ministry for the youth of our community could not survive without all of your help.

We would like to recognize the senior members of this group who will be graduating at the end of June and are sure to do amazing things. They are: Anita Bernardi, Becca Gardiner, Amy Halvorsen, Alaina McCreary, Kelsey McNary, Nick O'Brien, Rachel Porter, Lisette Pylant, Sarah Rabinow, Greg Roeth, Ally Swiatowicz, Becky White and Kristen Yates. RPMs will have their Senior Ceremony in the FUMC Chapel at 5 pm on Saturday, June 13, and their End-of-Year BBQ at Elm Avenue Town Park from 1 – 5 pm on Sunday, June 14.

Please keep the RPMs in mind if you have extra winter clothing or toiletries; we will always take donation for our annual Midnight Run serving the homeless of NYC. Contact Beth Hickox, RPMs Leader, at beth.hickox@gmail.com or

596-2116 if you need to arrange for a pickup of items – or leave them in Church Office.

Looking for our 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 mid-June.

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 who require prayer, in order to ensure accurate information and protect people's privacy, the Church Office and pastors are asking that 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.

Our Church Family

Our prayers and sympathy:

- To the friends and family of Lucia "Lucy" Colwell upon her death on May 18. A memorial service will be held on June 6, 2009 at 11 am in our Sanctuary. Rev. Palm will preside.
- To the friends and family of Leonard "Len" Goddard upon his death on May 21. Calling hours will be this Friday, May 29 from 4-7 pm at Applebee Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held this Saturday, May 30 at 1 pm in our Sanctuary. Rev. Palm will preside.

In our thoughts and prayers: Sally Gazzetta, Eleanore Marks, Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Shannon McNally (Katie Lynne Morton), Harold Roeth (Jacque & Maureen Roeth), Barb Wiley, Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Rev. Dean Christian, 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 Cabetes (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).