



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## Our Church in Mission: Some current needs that merit our concern and our help

**School Supplies:** Equipping a child for the start of school will cost an estimated \$10 – \$40, depending on the grade. For lower school and \$40 or more for high school. For parents with limited income, these expenses can be tough. On the other hand, those of us who have cars and a few extra dollars can take advantage of special sales, rebates, and “buy one get one free” offers on school supplies. Working together, we can provide supplies for these children.

The following items are needed (all must be unused): pencils; pens – blue, black, green, and purple ink; pocket folders – plain and 3-hole punched; marble composition books; rulers; school scissors; glue bottles; glue sticks; colored pencils; colored markers; sticky notes; pencil sharpeners; pencil boxes; pencil pouches; pink erasers; highlighters; notebook paper – wide ruled and college ruled; spiral notebooks – wide ruled and college ruled; 3-ring binders (1"-2"); crayons-24 count; calculators; and combination locks.

Please bring donations to FUMC by Aug. 13, so that supplies can be distributed by the AUMS and FOCUS Churches food pantries prior to the start of school. Boxes for donations are located outside the Nursery.

**Mission Movers** need: King-size pillow cases and queen comforters.

**AUMS:** The groceries and money that are collected in our AUMS grocery cart each Sunday are but a small part of the support we provide to the Albany United Methodist Society. In 2009, we will contribute \$6750 to AUMS from our FUMC mission budget. That money is in addition to individual contributions from members of our congregation. AUMS is “blessed to have us as a faithful partner, and grateful for our unwavering support.” We, in turn, can be grateful for all that AUMS is accomplishing!

## Tent-a-Thon for Habitat

This family event to benefit Habitat for Humanity will be held Aug. 13-19 at Tawasentha Park in Guilderland. Participants sleep in tents to demonstrate their commitment to eliminating poverty and sub-standard housing. Each camper collects donations for their efforts on behalf of Habitat for Humanity. Campers enjoy music, softball, games, free food and campfires.

There is plenty of time to enjoy the beautiful park. You can hike through the woods, visit the flower garden and watch the sunset over the

Helderbergs. Complimentary dinner and breakfast are provided. You can camp one night or all seven.

### You can help in any of several ways:

- Collect pledges and camp – our greatest need!
- Support other campers.
- Help transport (and set up or break down) tables and chairs in the dining tent. We are seeking three people with pickup trucks for set-up on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 13, and break-down on Thursday evening, Aug. 20.
- Pick up an evening meal from a restaurant.
- Lead a sing-along or entertain at the campfire.
- Watch campers’ tents and belongings during the days while they are not around.

Contact Kevin Conley ([kconley1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kconley1@nycap.rr.com) or 473-9034).

## Jen Bailey needs help with Vacation Bible School

We are looking for a one or two people to help with **snacks** during Vacation Bible School. Please let Jen know if you are available and would like to help during the week of August 3rd through the 7th between 9:30 and 12:00. Jen can be reached at 439-9976 ext 225.

**Got Rocks?** Vacation Bible School will take them off your hands! We are looking for clean(ish), fist sized rocks for a craft project. If you have rocks that you would be willing to donate please leave them in the box located outside Jen Bailey’s office. THANKS!

## Telescope summer schedule

The Telescope is now on its summer schedule. Our next issue will be August 19. We’ll resume weekly publication on September 9. Deadlines for news items will be:

- Friday, August 14 (for August 19).
- Friday, September 4 (for September 9).

Safest bet is to submit articles both to the Church Office ([churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org), if you can e-mail) and to the editor, [shafferd@aol.com](mailto:shafferd@aol.com).

### WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am  
Sunday, July 19

*Sermon by  
Rev. Janice Palm  
“Resting in God”*

*Text:  
Ephesians 2:11-14;  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

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## Church Calendar

Sunday, July 19	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11:00 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge)
Monday, July 20	10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, July 21	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, July 22	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

## Interfaith needs volunteers to provide meals

Our church is committed to provide meals for the 30 residents of the Interfaith Shelter for the Homeless on each 1st and 5th Sunday. Summer is always a difficult time to fulfill that important commitment. Volunteers are urgently needed to provide meals on Aug. 2 and 30 and Sept. 6. Please consider helping this year. If you prefer to cook ahead, there is always room in the church freezers. For more information call Maureen Roeth at 439 – 8498, or sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall.

## Church Family transport needed

Several elderly members face transportation difficulties to join us for worship. Even if for only one Sunday, at your convenience, you are able to provide transportation to and from worship (more would be wonderful, of course!), please contact Church Office, 439-9976 or [churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org). Please consider helping us with this important ministry.

## THANK YOU from Troy Annual Conference

FUMC Delmar received a certificate of gratitude from Troy Annual Conference signed by Bishop Susan W. Hassinger, in recognition of our generosity in giving 100% to the apportionment covenant in 2008. The certificate may be viewed on the bulletin board across from Church Office.

## Hosts for Fellowship Hour

We know that this is a busy time for everybody, but please try to spare some time to host Fellowship Hour. You can sign up as a group, a team, or just a couple of friends can join together to host. It's a great opportunity to meet other people and serve the church. Feel free to contact Beena Salik, 728-0022 or [bsalik@hotmail.com](mailto:bsalik@hotmail.com).

## Memories for Woody and Carole

So many of us share memories with Woody & Carole. You are invited to share them in the memory books located in the Narthex as well as in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. (During the week at least one of the books will be available in Church Office.)

You can also e-mail comments to the Church Office ([churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org)) and they will be included in the book.

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## Our Church Family

### Our sympathy and prayers:

- To Chip Bradley and family upon the loss of his aunt, Doris Chamberlin, on July 2 at the age of 95. Doris was the sister of our late long-time member, Lois Titus. A memorial service will be held in our Chapel on Sun., July 19 at 2 pm. Rev. Ralph Marino, retired pastor of Shenendahowa UMC, Doris's home church, will preside.
- To the family and friends of Allan Raymond who passed away on July 4 in Columbia, S.C.

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Family of Eileen Maria Palmer, Jeff Nickel, Ron Tinkler and family, Denise Knaack, Judy & Jim King (Julie Bushart), Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Harold Roeth (Jacque & Maureen Roeth), Barb Wiley, Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Lynn Mallory, Mary Storm, Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), Rev. Dean Christian, 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).