



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## Friendship Club on Friday, Sept. 25 hosts banjo band

Come enjoy the fun at the Friendship Club's first fall gathering next Friday evening, Sept. 25. The Tri-county Banjo Band will be getting our toes tapping and our hands clapping. We gather at 6 pm and share a potluck supper at 6:30. The 10 members of the band will be joining us for dinner – so please try to bring a little extra food and, of course, your individual place settings. All are invited for this upbeat time. If you are not on the “regulars” calling list please call Hertha Thayer, 453-0450 so the committee will have enough places set.

## Adult class will explore “Three Simple Rules”

Join us as we study *Three Simple Rules for Christian Living*. The program begins at 11 am this Sunday, Sept. 20, and continues for six weeks (Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1 and 8).

Contact Denise Gisotti, Lay Leader, to register for this exciting new study opportunity: 439-1779 or [golfing1020@yahoo.com](mailto:golfing1020@yahoo.com). Suggested donation for course materials (which are available now from Denise): \$11.

## United Methodist Women

The Troy Conference UMW **Fall Spiritual Growth Retreat** will be held at Green Mountain College, Poultnery, VT on Sept. 26. Registration and luncheon \$15. Send checks to Rene Wilbur, 13 Bliss Rd, Tinmouth, VT 05773 / (802) 446-3953 by Sept. 17. Childcare will be provided.

The Albany District UMW **Fall Meeting** will be held Oct. 3 at the Cobleskill UMC. Registration deadline: Sept. 27; Cost: \$7.50. Mail to Janet Sand, 144 Settles Mountain Rd, Cobleskill, NY 12043 / (518) 234-3945. Child care will be provided. Denise Gisotti, Lay Leader, will be attending and asks anyone who is interested in carpooling to please contact her at [golfing1020@yahoo.com](mailto:golfing1020@yahoo.com).

## World Communion Sunday to be observed on Oct. 4

We will be celebrating Holy Communion Oct. 4 and remembering those who share in this meal with us around the world. In addition, we participate in offering an additional opportunity to give. Gifts given to the World Communion Sunday offering go toward funding World Communion Scholars (who are international and U.S. graduate

students), the Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program (directed toward undergraduate students), and the In-service Training Program (which funds second-career folks seeking church-related vocations).

As a reminder that we are but one community of faith

in a world of diverse cultures, I invite you to bake a loaf of bread whose recipe is from another culture, or a family favorite. These breads will grace our communion table during worship. We will share in tasting pieces and slices during our time of fellowship following the worship service. If you would like to try a new bread recipe, some are available in the Church Office or try one from First United Methodist's *The Melting Pot* cookbook. If you aren't able to knead or bake, consider bringing in some butter, margarine, cream cheese, or jam/jelly. To help us coordinate efforts, please sign up in Church Office for bread baking and condiment donations.

– Pastor Janice

## Choirs back in action; newcomers welcome

Our choirs have resumed their practice schedules — and newcomers are welcome.

**Chancel Choir**, open to all adults, rehearses on Thursdays from 7:30-9 pm in the Choir Room.

**Handbell Choir**, open to all in high school and adults with ability to read music, also rehearses on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. **Youth Singers**, open to all high school students, rehearses on Sundays at 11 am in Room 216.

**Intermediate Choir**, open to all children grades 4-8 rehearses on Sundays at 11 am in the Choir Room. **Junior Choir**, open to all children grades K-3, rehearses Sundays at 11 am in Room 219.

More information? Contact Joe Farrell (439-4558 or [farrellj@mac.com](mailto:farrellj@mac.com)) about Chancel Choir or Youth Singers; Ken Loiacono (479-3032) or [kenloiacono@gmail.com](mailto:kenloiacono@gmail.com) about Handbell Choir; Sue Loiacono (479-3032 or [singstampsue@yahoo.com](mailto:singstampsue@yahoo.com)) about Junior Choir; or Lynda Conway ([lyconway@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lyconway@nycap.rr.com) or 439-7763) about Intermediate Choir.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am  
Sunday,  
September 20

Sermon by  
Rev. Janice Palm:  
“Conflict Resolution”

Texts:  
[James 3:13-4:3, 7a, 8a](#)  
[Mark 9:30-37](#)

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## Church Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 20	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Junior Choir (Room 219) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room) 11 am – Youth Singers (Room 217) 11 am – “3 Simple Rules” Study (Room 207)
Monday, Sept. 21	10 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – Nominations (Room 207)
Tuesday, Sept. 22	8 am – Men’s Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 2:30 pm – Farmers Market (parking lot) 7 pm – Staff Parish Relations (Room 207) 7 pm - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday Sept. 23	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday Sept. 24	6:30 pm – Handbell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Friday Sept. 25	6 pm – Friendship Club (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday Sept. 26	RPMs Car Wash – Parking Lot (time TBD)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

## Fall Fair will be November 7

You know what that crisp feeling in the air means – Fall Fair is coming! Currently we are in need of large cardboard boxes for storing and sorting the plethora of “stuff” we get daily from the community. And volunteers are needed – for as little as an hour, or a half-day, or for as much time as you can offer. Can you help with either or both? Please contact Helen Nickel, 439-7256.

## Our Church in mission

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

**Emmaus Intervention Project with Recent Immigrants and Refugees** has several different kinds of needs: assist with light woodworking projects; clothing collection/distribution before cold weather arrives; tutor in reading (3:30-6 pm weekdays); collect/distribute household needs to

refugee families; raise funds to refinish wood floors in their Christian education building; plan/assist with fieldtrips (Friday afternoons).

## Treasure Cove to celebrate

The Treasure Cove will celebrate 17 years of service with a luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 12 noon at the 333 Café on Delaware Avenue. For reservations and meal selection please call Jean Pelham at 439-4495 before Sept. 21.

## FUMC cookbooks benefit Capital Region Food Bank

Need a teacher, birthday, housewarming, or host/hostess gift? A commemorative cookbook is a great way to say “I thought of you!”

*The Melting Pot*, a compilation of recipes from our FUMC family and in celebration of our 175th Anniversary is a great gift idea and only \$10! Handcrafted wooden cookbook stands are also available for \$10. Books and stands are always available through Church Office (439-9976 or [churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org)). Proceeds benefit the Capital Region Food Bank.

## A thank-you from the Capital Area Council of Churches

Rev. John Miller, executive director of Capital Area Council of Churches, sends a thank-you to our congregation for its most recent gifts to CACC (a quarterly amount of \$416.66) and its partner agency the Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter (\$500). These represent only a partial picture of our financial outreach to local ministries.

## Our Church Family

**In our thoughts and prayers:** George Ridsdale, Kathleen Gingersky and Mitchel Wardell (Debbie Way), Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Matthew Fitting, Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Harriett Johnson, Mark Jones (Laura Rabinow), Judy & Jim King (Julie Bushart), Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Lynn Mallory, Mary Storm, Sharon O’Conor (Lynda Conway), Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), 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).