



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## Harvest Dinner this Sunday will gather food for AUMS families

Come to the Harvest Dinner this Sunday, Nov. 22 in Fellowship Hall, following the 9:30 am worship service. This annual dinner is offered free of charge by a group of people as an expression of thanks for the bountiful gifts bestowed on us. Join in for a wonderful meal – and an enjoyable time of sharing. Please bring a dessert to share and a contribution for AUMS Thanksgiving baskets (or, if you'd prefer not to make a dessert, bring *several* items [or money] for the AUMS baskets.

The Mission Ministry Team has set a goal of providing AUMS with 25-30 “baskets” of “turkey and trimmings” for families in inner city Albany. Please be generous in assisting these families. Economic hardship will become increasingly more painful for them in the months to come. **We'll be collecting donations through this Sun., Nov. 22.** A box for your donations is under the literature table outside the Nursery. **Priority items are turkeys (\$ or gift cards to grocery stores), canned vegetables, canned fruit, stuffing, and candied yams.** Other items include cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, instant mashed potato, cake mix and canned frosting, brownie/cookie mix, and prepared desserts.

## An Ecumenical Celebration of Thanksgiving

Please join us as we unite in song and praise for an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this Sunday, Nov. 22 at 7 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. Worship will be led by area ministers, featuring voices of local church choirs (including members of our Chancel Choir). A free-will offering will be taken to ease the plight of those in our community who are in need who are served by the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. Reception will follow.

## Adult class starts in December

Starting Dec. 6, a new adult education class will begin. It will take place at 8:30am - 9:20 am before each week's service. The focus of the class will be reading the current week's lectionary, and then discussing how this text speaks to us as Christians. The study will be enhanced by worship service. The class will meet each Sunday except holiday weekends or if there is another adult education class scheduled for Sunday. For further information contact Denise Gisotti at 439-1779 or [golfing1020@yahoo.com](mailto:golfing1020@yahoo.com).

## Friendship Club Dec. 4.

The Friendship Club will have its annual Christmas gathering on **Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm.** Rather than the usual potluck we are asking people to call Connie Tilroe, 439-7571 to sign-up to bring an appetizer, tossed salad fixings, or dessert. Please bring a soup bowl and place setting. The nominal charge is \$2 if you bring something and \$7 without. Following our meal we will enjoy the music of Heather Constantine, Christian songwriter, Ruth Welch singer, Charlotte Palmeri, keyboard artist. **Please bring an unwrapped new toy appropriate for ages newborn-12 y/o, or for teenagers, a \$20 gift certificate for Target, Kohls, or WalMart for the AUMS annual toy distribution.** RSVP by calling Hertha Thayer at 453-0450.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

9:30 am  
Sundays

November 22  
Thanksgiving  
Sunday

*Sermon by  
Rev. Janice Palm:*  
“What You  
Appreciate  
Appreciates”

*Text:*  
[Exodus 36:1-7](#)

## Christmas Tea on Sunday, Dec. 6

Women-in-the-Middle and the Mary Marthas will be hosting a Christmas Tea on Sun., **Dec. 6**, from 4-6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Women of all ages are invited! Please extend this invitation to friends and family. Take some time from your busy holiday season to enjoy the company of women, and remember the real values embodied by the Christmas season. A free-will collection for the Albany United Methodist Pantry will be taken. Please RSVP by calling Pam Tindall-O'Brien at 439-1672 after 5 pm by Nov. 30. If child care is needed, please indicate when you call to RSVP.

## School's Out: At the Movies

*At FUMC Delmar!*

Time: 1 pm Place: Fellowship Hall

Admission: Food Item(s) for AUMS

Popcorn: \$.50 (or byop)

*Upcoming Dates/Shows*

Nov. 27 – The Chronicles of Narnia

Dec. 10 – The Polar Express

Jan. 18 – The Sandlot

March 18 – The Parent Trap

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## Church Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 19	6:30 pm – Handbell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Sunday, Nov. 22	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 am – <b>Harvest Dinner</b> (Fellowship Hall) 7 pm – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service (St. Thomas the Apostle)
Monday, Nov. 23	10 am - “Enough” Class (Room 207) 10 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – “Enough” Class (Room 207)
Tuesday, Nov. 24	8 am – Men’s Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 2:30 pm – Farmers Market ( <i>last of season</i> , parking lot) 7 pm - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, Nov. 25	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Nov. 26, 27	Thanksgiving Holiday (offices closed)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

Conference on the state of the church’s property, investments, and resources. It receives gifts/bequests for the congregation and makes sure that trust, endowment, and other funds, are invested properly. The Board also ensures that the Articles of Incorporation are kept up-to-date. In conjunction with the Pastor, the Board is responsible for the use of church buildings and grounds. In addition, the Board maintains adequate insurance coverage on all church property and develops appropriate risk management policies. The Board submits an annual budget to the Finance Committee for insurance, and property maintenance and improvement.

## Update on the Carvers

Change of plans for the Carvers. The move into the Embury Apartments in Saratoga was not to be, but they were able to find a lovely new residence in Wilton, NY. New contact information is available through Church Office and cards and letters will be most appreciated!

## News about the Board of Trustees

On Nov. 9, Bob Morton was approved as our church's ninth trustee by the Administrative Council (sitting as a Special Charge Conference). Bob's term will run through June 30, 2012 (trustees serve 3-year terms), and his primary focus is coordinating the efforts of our custodial staff. Welcome aboard, Bob!

The eight Trustees (with responsibilities and end of current term) are:

- David Cairns - Operations (2010)
- Anna Campas - Vice Chair, Assistant Treasurer and Church Building (2011)
- Rob Cartwright - Chair Person (2010)
- Louise DeCandia - Legal (2012)
- Don Foley - Grounds (2011)
- Joe Gisotti - Secretary (2011)
- Karen Seward - Treasurer (2012)
- Frank Slingerland - Ancillary Buildings (2011)

The Board of Trustees supervises and maintains all property belonging to the congregation so that the ministries of the entire congregation can be effective. The Board works closely with, and is accountable to, the Administrative Council, as well as the Charge/Church Conference. The Board reports annually to the Church/Charge

## Our Church Family

**Our sympathy and prayers** to Richard Spaulding and friends of Marilyn Spaulding upon her death on Nov. 8. Private services were held. Cards may be sent to the family care of: David Spaulding, 407 Derzee Ct., Delmar, NY 12054.

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Frank Davis, Natalie Govanluy (Lexi O'Brien), Harold Kelp, The family of Isaac Blue (Nancy & Lee Diederich), Jim Holland (Nan Rabinow), Rev. Dean Christian, Mary Noble, Jay Gallagher (David Shaffer), Anthony Gisotti (Michael Raymond), Kathleen Gingerskyl (Debbie Way), Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Judy & Jim King (Julie Bushart), Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Lynn Mallory, Mary Storm, Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Bernice Drozd (Karen Ward), Edwin Busch (Joan House).

**Poinsettia Plants  
and  
Heifer International Alternative Gift**

Ordered by: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: SUNDAY, DEC. 13 to be listed in the bulletin on Dec. 20.** Specify whether the plant or gift is made in: memory of (IMO), in honor of (IHO), or in celebration of (ICO) of the person(s) you list below.

**Return form with payment, payable to "FUMC," & note Poinsettia and/or Heifer in memo portion to: attn. Nan Rabinow, Church Office.**

**Poinsettia Plants**

The poinsettias will be added to the Advent greens in our Sanctuary on Dec. 20. Plants will come in a 6 1/2" pot with multiple blossoms.

# of \_\_\_\_ plants X \$12 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total due

The plants are given **in memory of (IMO), in honor of (IHO) or in celebration of (ICO):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Heifer International Gifts**

As an alternative, or in addition, to Christmas Poinsettias, consider a gift to Heifer International. For families in need throughout the world, Heifer provides a "living loan" of an animal and extensive training in animal care. The family's health and standard of living improve as a result of the many benefits their animal can provide: milk, eggs, wool, etc. Families repay the loan by passing on one or more of the animal's female offspring to other families in need. These families in turn pass on the gift to another family. So one gift multiplies throughout the community. Our church has long been a contributor to Heifer International.

**Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

The donation is given **in memory of (IMO), in honor of (IHO) or in celebration of (ICO):**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Given by (as t/b listed): \_\_\_\_\_