



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Enjoy 'Hanging-of-the-Greens' this Saturday morning

Here's a great way to start the Advent season in anticipation of the coming of Christmas. This Saturday morning, Nov. 28, we will hold our annual Hanging of the Greens to decorate the church for the coming celebration of the birth of our Savior. This event is for all ages in our church family. We will provide activities for children and adults, so the whole family can participate.

Adults are invited to come at 8:30 am to help prepare the wreaths that will hang all around the church. Then at 9 am, families with children can come to join in the fun. Adults can help put up the trees and decorate the Sanctuary, while the children can enjoy making holiday crafts and decorating Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast and refreshments will be provided for all. We hope you will spend the morning with us decorating the church while helping to keep the focus of the season where it belongs.

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, 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.

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 the 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.

Christmas Tea on 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!

Take some time to enjoy the company of women, and remember the meaning of 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.

WORSHIP SERVICES

9:30 am
Sundays

November 29

*Sermon by
Rev. Kanuck:*

"What to Do While
Waiting for the End
of the World"

Text:

[Luke 21: 25-36](#)

Special prayers in Advent time

Are you looking for a few quiet, private minutes where you can connect with what is important about the Advent Season and how you can keep from getting overwhelmed? There will be a special Advent prayer vigil in the chapel from 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday, Dec. 12. Individuals or families can sign up for a half hour for prayer and meditation. There will be a written guide for thought and prayer. The meditation will be centered on the individuals in the Christmas story and what they were doing those few weeks before Jesus was born. Connie Tilroe will have the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall after church service, or you can call her at home at 439-7571.

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

Sunday, Nov. 29	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room) 11 am – Junior Choir (219)
Monday, Nov 30	10 am - “Enough” Class (Room 207) 10 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – Finance Team (Room 207) 7 pm - “Enough” Class (Room 207)
Tuesday, Dec. 1	8 am – Men’s Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, Dec. 2	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, Dec. 3	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7 pm – Finance Team (207) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Friday, Dec. 4	6 pm – Friendship Club (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday Dec. 5	7:30 am – Men’s Ministry Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

Church Conference notice

District Superintendent The Rev. Dr Jim Fenimore has called for an Annual Church Conference to be held on Dec. 13, 2009 at 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall following Fellowship Hour. At this time, we will receive reports of committees. This is open to all members of the congregation.

Nativity sets needed

Do you have a special nativity set that you would be willing to share with our church family this Advent season? We would like yours to grace a Sanctuary window sill for the upcoming celebration of Christ’s birth. We are planning to have the sets on display from Dec. 13 through Epiphany, Jan. 6. The measurements of the sill are approximately 7.5 inches deep by 22 inches long. (To help in calculating the space, note that there will be greens with a candle added to the sill on Dec. 18.). Because these sets are precious to you, we ask that you set up your Nativity scene anytime between Dec 6 – Dec 12. As we only have window space for 15 sets, we will assign windows on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact Jamie Cable at 729-5516 or

ilsgoes@nycap.rr.com if you would like to be a part of our Advent/Christmas Celebration in this way.

Be an ‘Angel’

We have an “angel tree” for the AIDS/HIV clients in the residential programs of Support Ministries. The tree is set up on the table outside Fellowship Hall. We ask that purchases be kept to \$20-\$25. Our “angel tree” has been hung with cards listing individuals’ names and their gift requests. Directions for the purchase of these gifts are located on the table. Please wrap the gift and attach a card with the first name and last initial of the individual clearly labeled. Sign your name, if you wish. Other than gift cards, your gifts should be left under the tree in the Hummel Chapel between Nov. 29 & Dec. 13. Gift cards and monetary donations should be brought to the Church Office during the same time period. For information contact Lisa Ball (439-5514).

News about RPMs

Look for donation boxes for our Midnight Run, which will be at the church starting in early December through February. We need lots of WARM winter items, preferably dark colors, such as: hats, gloves, sweaters and sweatshirts (large and x-large), pants (sizes 32-40), boots and/or sneakers (men’s 9-12, women’s/ 8 plus), long underwear, toiletries.

On Friday, Dec. 4, 7-9 pm we’ll be Bell Ringing for Salvation Army. Saturdays Dec. 5, 12, & 19 will be Advent Adventure at Delmar Reformed. Sun., Dec. 13, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm is our Mayan Hands Fundraiser at Delmar Reformed.

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Family of Mary Spinosa, Frank Davis, Harold Kelp, The family of Isaac Blue (Nancy & Lee Diederich), Jim Holland (Nan Rabinow), Rev. Dean Christian, Mary Noble, Jay Gallagher (David Shaffer), Anthony Gisoti (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’Conor (Lynda Conway), Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Bernice Drozd (Karen Ward), Edwin Busch (Joan House).