



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Our worship schedule for Christmas Week

Sunday, December 20

- 9:30 am, Sanctuary — **Fourth Sunday in Advent.** Special Christmas Music and Handbell Choir with Brass Quartet
- 5 pm, Hummel Chapel — **Blue Christmas Service.** Remembering Those We Miss at Christmas

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 6:30 pm, Front Lawn — **Live Nativity**
- 7 pm, Sanctuary — **Family Candlelight Service.** The Christmas story told through anthems by the Junior and Intermediate choirs, and congregational carol singing.
- 10 pm, Sanctuary — **Candlelight Service.** Special music featuring our Christmas and Handbell Choirs and Instrumentalists. *A service of Word and carols.*

Support for the Heifer Project

Heifer Alternative Gift Cards and catalogs will be available in Fellowship Hall following worship this Sunday. Information will also be available on funding specific Heifer projects.

Habitat for Humanity build

Our next build date is this Saturday, Dec. 19, 9 am - 4 pm. We are scheduled to be in the north end, at 486 North Pearl (near Emmet St.), doing finish work. On our last build, we installed sheetrock on the 2nd floor and basements in this house. If Habitat is ahead of schedule, we may be moved to 5 Stephen Street. For information or to volunteer, please contact Kevin Conley (473-9034, kconley1@nycap.rr.com).

Introducing 'Discovery Club'

Discovery Club is an exciting new program for pre-schoolers, based on our very popular Summer Vacation Bible School program. The club will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30-3:15, beginning on Jan. 13. This action-packed program will provide pre-schoolers with the opportunity to discover God everywhere. They will also have the chance to eat lunch at the clubhouse and experience an extended-day program in advance of entering full-day kindergarten in the fall. Please contact Jen at education@delmarmethodist.org or 439-9976 ext. 225 for more information.

Preparing for Jesus' coming

You are invited to help make a sacred space of comfort for the newly born Jesus. During this time before Christmas, as you do a good deed, think a kind thought, or pray for someone in need, you are invited to add some straw to the empty manger in the Sanctuary.

Be an 'Angel'

This year, as in the past, we are having 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).

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 9:30 am

December 20

Can you think of a special time when you were served – or served others?

Sermon by Rev. Janice Palm:
"The Gift of Servanthood"

Texts:

Luke 1:46b-55;
Luke 1: 39-45

Notes on our holiday schedule

- Nan Rabinow, Office Manager, will be on vacation from Dec. 25 – Jan. 1. Please direct all needs to Natalie Darrone, Office Assistant, via phone at 439-9976. Please note in the subject line of any e-mails sent to ChurchOffice@delmarmethodist.org if the need is urgent.
- Offices will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
- Office hours on Dec. 28 – 31 will be 9 am – 1 pm. Normal hours (9-3) will resume on Jan. 4.

Our final **Telescope** edition for 2009 will be Dec. 23. Weekly publication will resume Jan. 6. Any items that need to be published before Jan. 6 should be submitted by Dec. 18.

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

Church Calendar

Wednesday, Dec. 16	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, Dec. 17	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Christmas Choir (Choir Room)
Sunday, Dec. 20	8:30 am – Adult Bible Study (Library) 9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Early Christmas Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5 pm – Blue Christmas Service (Hummel Chapel)
Monday, Dec. 21	8 am – Senior Ministry Team (4 Corners) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, Dec. 22	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 12 noon – Treasure Cove luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library) 7:30 pm – Christmas Choir rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, Dec.23	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, Dec. 24	6:30 pm – Live Nativity (Front Lawn) 7 pm – Family Candlelight Service (Sanctuary) 10 pm – Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
Sunday, Dec. 27	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) Rev. Kanuck preaching 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge)
Mon. Dec. 28	10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, Dec. 29	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, Dec.30	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm Office hours on Dec. 28 – 31 will be 9 am – 1 pm Office closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.	

RPMs need winter clothing for their 'Midnight Run'

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.

A note on the schedule for Church school

Mark your calendars! On Dec. 27, Jan. 17, Feb. 14, April 4 and May 30, Sunday School will **not** be held, due to long weekends or school vacations. Of course children are, as always, welcome at worship on these Sundays.

School's Out: At the Movies

Time: 1 pm Place: Fellowship Hall

Admission: Food Item(s) for AUMS

Popcorn: \$.50 (or byop)

Upcoming dates and shows:

Jan. 18 – The Sandlot

March 18 – The Parent Trap

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Madelene Sutter, Woody and Carole Carver, Stan Kaltenborn, Beatrice Wallace, Jim Holland (Nan Rabinow), Henry Carr, Jay Gallagher (David Shaffer), Anthony Gisoti (Michael Raymond), Kathleen Gingerskyl (Debbie Way), Rev. Dean Christian, 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).