



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## Our worship schedule for Christmas Eve

### This Thursday, December 24

- 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.*

## Nominations Committee

We need volunteers for two new positions now available: a Coordinator for Sunday Worship Greeters and a Coordinator for Coffee/fellowship hosts. If you have time to make some telephone calls and you enjoy talking with people and getting to know them, won't you consider one of these positions?

For Sunday Greeters, the job would involve finding two folks to be present at the front and side doors of the church. For Fellowship hosts, it would involve engaging a ministry team/committee or a couple of families to host each Sunday.

For anyone considering hosting a coffee hour, we are looking to have more folks involved and feeling comfortable in being hosts. Most important is providing hospitality and some things to drink. Someone can show you how to start the coffee and the ins and outs of the kitchen. Do not feel that you have to provide baked goods for an army of a hundred – though a few munchies are always appreciated.

If you have any questions or would consider volunteering, please call Rev. Palm at 439-9976, or e-mail [seniorpastor@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:seniorpastor@delmarmethodist.org). Thanks so much.

## Notes on our office schedule

- This is our final **Telescope** edition for 2009. Weekly publication will resume Jan. 6.
- 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.
- 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.

## 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! Please contact Jen at [education@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:education@delmarmethodist.org) or 439-9976 ext. 225 for more information.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays at 9:30 am

December 27

Sermon by  
**Rev. Bob Kanuck:**  
“...and they chose another way”

Text:

[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

January 3

Sermon by  
**Rev. Janice Palm:**  
“God's Revealing”

Texts:

[Isaiah 60:1-6](#)  
[Matthew 2: 1, 2](#)

## Resolution for 2010: Go electronic with your Telescope – to save money, time and trees

THANK YOU from Church Office to everyone who has converted to the electronic version of our newsletter. Not only do you get the news more quickly than you would through the mail – your willingness to forego the printed version is a big relief to the church budget. It also lets us make better use of the time of our office volunteers – and, of course, it helps on our environment.

Haven't converted yet? 2010 is the year to try the electronic version – free of charge and “hot off the 'net” each week. Anybody with e-mail can try it. Simply e-mail [churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org) asking to be put on the list. (Or you can call Church Office at 439-9976.) Every week you'll get a quick email from us with the link to the on-line version of your *Telescope*.

And e-mail or not, don't forget us! Please keep Church Office updated with any changes to your home address, phone number, e-mail if you have it, or family situations, so we can keep in touch. Without the constant updating of our database, our pastoral and church staff would not be able to respond as quickly to your requests and needs.

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## Church Calendar

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) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge)
Monday, 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)
Sunday, Jan. 3	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge)
Monday, Jan. 4	10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – Administrative Council (207)
Tuesday, Jan. 5	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library) 7 pm – Fall Fair team meeting (207)
Wednesday, Jan. 6	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, Jan. 7	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (50 Wellington Rd. – <i>note change</i> )
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 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 our Church School

This Sunday, Dec. 27, Sunday School will not be held. The same will be true on Jan. 17, Feb. 14, April 4 and May 30, 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

**Congratulations** to Gretchen (Parker) and Mitchel Normand on the birth of their fifth son, Joshua on Dec. 15. Proud brothers are Phillip, Mitchell, Joseph and Benjamin, and his proud grandparents are Debbie and Karl Parker.

**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).