



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## Methodists work to provide relief for the people of Haiti

Haiti was already a country living in extreme poverty – and the massive earthquake that struck on Jan. 12 has caused incalculable loss of human life and has destroyed the homes and livelihoods of millions of people.

The United Methodist Church's General Board of Global Mission is organizing the church's relief efforts. **You can help:**

First, **financial gifts** to support Haiti relief efforts by UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) can be sent directly to United Methodist Church of Delmar. Please designate "Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325," on the check or envelope; 100 percent of donations will go directly to the relief effort.

Second, don't forget **prayer**. Please pray for all of the people affected by the earthquake in Haiti – for those who have lost loved ones; for the survivors still in need of medical attention, food and water; and for those who are working to relieve the suffering.

Third, there will be a time for **volunteers** – but not yet. It is expected that there will be a great need for volunteers to travel to Haiti and help rebuild, once the initial crisis has settled. "At this time, however, it is not safe or possible for volunteers to go to Haiti," UMCOR says. Volunteers in Mission will begin recruiting volunteers once there is a safe and effective way to deploy them.

## Join us this Sunday to discuss the role of an associate pastor

The Staff-Parish ministry team invites one and all to a brainstorming session on Sunday, Jan. 24, from 11 am. to 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. The purpose will be to talk about the needs, desires and expectations for a potential associate pastor to be added to our FUMC staff.

## Membership session on Jan. 23

A new member **information meeting** will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23, between 9:30 – 11:30 am, and will be hosted by our Senior Pastor, Rev. Janice Palm, and the Membership and Evangelism ministry team. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, Jan. 31. If you know someone who might have an interest in knowing more about the church and membership, please speak directly to Rev. Bob or Rev. Janice after the Sunday morning service, call the church office at 439-9976, or call Rev. Bob at home, 439-2689.

## Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, Jan. 23, we return to 5 Stephen Street in the South End. This Methodist-sponsored house is enclosed and ready for indoor work, such as framing and sheetrocking. We meet at the site and work 9–3. Bring water, lunch, gloves, sturdy shoes and coffee if you drink it. There is heat in the building but you should dress in layers. Bring some basic tools if you'd like – though plenty are available at the work site. Contact Kevin Conley ([kconley1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kconley1@nycap.rr.com) or 475-9034) to sign up.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 9:30 am

**January 24**

**Sermon by**

**Rev. Janice Palm:**

"Today This Scripture Has Been Fulfilled"

*Texts:*

1 Corinthians

12: 12-18, 26, 27

Luke 4: 14-21

## Flowers for the Sanctuary

Would you like to remember a special person or a special event in your life? You can do this by providing a flower arrangement for the sanctuary's Communion table; the flowers would be ordered by the church. Please call Rev. Palm or sign up on the sheet provided on the triangular poster holder at the entrance to Fellowship Hall. You can specify a preference for flower colors, and how you would like the flowers noted in the Sunday bulletin. Each arrangement costs \$35; make a check out to First United Methodist Church with a note that the money is for flowers.

## Friendship Club on Friday

The Friendship Club will have a potluck supper starting at 6:30 pm this Friday, Jan. 22. Our program, beginning about 7:45 pm, will feature Marilyn Kaltenborn sharing her trip to Africa. We will also have an important business meeting to determine the future of Friendship Club. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share as well as your place setting. Please call Hertha Thayer at 453-0450 if you would like to come but are not on the calling list so the committee can set up the right number of places.

## No Telescope next week

Because of the editor's travel schedule, we will not publish a Telescope next week (that is, the issue that would be dated Jan. 27.) Publication is expected to resume Feb. 3.

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## Church Calendar

Fri., Jan. 22	6:00 pm – Friendship Club (FH)
Saturday, Jan. 23	8:30 am – Women-in-the-Middle (Tool's) 9:30 am – Member Information Session
Sunday, Jan. 24	8:30 am – Bible Study (Library) 9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am – Assoc. Pastor Meeting (FH) 11 am - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room) 11 am – Junior Choir (219) 11 am – Youth Singers (217) 7 pm – RPMs Meeting (Delmar Ref.)
Mon., Jan. 25	10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, Jan. 26	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, Jan. 27	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 12:30 pm – Discovery Club (217/FH)
Thursday, Jan. 28	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

## Women-in-the-Middle

Women-in-the-Middle is a group of women within our congregation, ages about 40 to 60, who meet once a month to network and enjoyed each other's company. Our first breakfast meeting of the new year will be this Saturday, Jan. 23 at Tool's Restaurant, at 8:30 am. (8 am for early-birds). Please let Linda Graf, 439-6659 or [giraffeart@msn.com](mailto:giraffeart@msn.com), know if you will be attending.

## Gifts of the heart, through Heifer

Thanks to everyone's generosity and caring \$3,055.87 was collected for Heifer International through the Christmas Alternative Gifts, Fall Fair and bottle returns. This is enough to provide a flock of poultry to 154 families in poor countries, so that they can improve their standard of living.

## FUMC to host 'Albany District Day' on Feb. 13; all invited

All clergy and laity of the Albany District are invited to attend a new training opportunity designed to assist you and your churches. We'll be hosting this event at FUMC on Saturday, Feb. 13 (snow date, Feb. 27). Registration is at 9 am, followed by worship at 9:30 am; workshops at 10 am, lunch at 12 noon; and more workshops at 1 pm. There's no cost to attend. Workshop topics include staff-parish relations; finance and stewardship; re-thinking church; safe sanctuaries; and worship technology. To register, send an email with your name, church, and workshop choices to Albany District Office, [albanydist@nycap.rr.com](mailto:albanydist@nycap.rr.com).

## UN program for youth, Feb. 17-19

"Watcha Watching?" will be an adventure in learning for high school youth, sponsored by the Albany District Ministry Team and endorsed by the Conference Council on Youth Ministries. On Feb. 17-19 participants will travel to the Church Center of the United Nations in NYC. The program will explore how God's diversity is expressed in movies, television and music. The cost of \$250 includes: transportation via Amtrak, seminar costs, lodging, a tour of the UN and group entertainment. Applications are available on the bulletin board outside Church Office.

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## Our Sympathy

To Julie Bushart and family upon the loss of her mother, Julia "Judy" King, on Jan. 15 in St. Johnsville, NY. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Judy's name to Mountain Valley Hospice, 108 Steele Avenue, Gloversville, New York 12078.

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## Our Church Family

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Julia Krieger (Bob Krieger), Col. Joseph Germani (Pam and Ray O'Brien), Nellie Evans, Syl Kedzierski (Shirley Post), Norman Matos (Sandra Ryther), Madelene Sutter, Woody and Carole Carver, Stan Kaltenborn, Beatrice Wallace, Jim Holland (Nan Rabinow), Henry Carr, Jay Gallagher (David Shaffer), Anthony Gisotti (Michael Raymond), Kathleen Gingerskyl (Debbie Way), Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), 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).