



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Coffeehouse on Saturday will support RPMs mission trip

The RPMs, the ecumenical youth group, are preparing for our **Spring Mission Trip**, beginning April 3, to Dungannon, in the Appalachian mountains of Virginia, where we will be doing light construction projects on homes. We pay one-third of the cost out of pocket, run fundraising events to get another third – and the final third comes as gifts from the congregations.

This Saturday evening, March 6, from 7 to 10 pm, we will run our key fundraising event – the **Annual RPMs Coffeehouse**. It will be held at Delmar Reformed Church and feature unlimited coffee, teas and desserts – as well as music by Acoustic Hartland. The tickets are \$15 each or two for \$25.

To make a direct financial contribution to help the mission trip, please make a check payable to “RPM Seniors” and mail it to Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054. When the group returns we’ll host a complimentary dinner for contributors, and share our experiences.

Pledging nears goal; let’s push it over the top now!

We are almost there!

As of Sunday Feb. 21, we have received pledges of \$299,000 from 180 families! This means we’ve met 96 percent of our \$310,000 goal for 2010. To date pledges are \$9,300 more than last year. The average pledge per family is \$32 per week; more than a third increased their pledge from 2009.

The Stewardship team wants to thank everyone who has pledged. And of course, we are still accepting additional pledges – it would wonderful if we could fully meet our goal, or even surpass it. New pledges and increases to existing pledges are both always welcome. Pledge cards can be obtained in Fellowship Hall or the Office. They should be returned to the Church Office marked “confidential.” -- *Ray O’Brien, Chair*

Health Kits for Haiti – an important way you can help!

Wondering how you can help with disaster recovery in Haiti? By assembling a Health Kit, you can provide a disaster victim with basic essentials that can make living surrounded by devastation a little more bearable. United Methodist Women will be collecting these kits on Sunday, March 7 for distribution by the United Methodist Committee on Relief volunteers in Haiti.

To assemble a kit, please include the following items (brand-new) in a sealed, one-gallon bag:

- 1 hand towel (15” x 25” up to 17” x 27”, no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1 (for purchase of toothpaste by UMCOR Sager Brown Depot)

UMW will host Fellowship Hour this Sunday. Please stop by and check out our display of upcoming UMW events. Our events include raising funds for mission work in Africa and locally.

Mary Marthas to meet next week

The next meeting of Mary Marthas will be held next Thursday, March 11 at 1 pm in the church lounge. An open invitation is extended to all the ladies of the church. Our program is entitled “A Walk Down Memory Lane.” Please bring two photos of yourself (preferably large) taken around your early 20’s (graduation, prom, school, etc.) and another as a young child. For further information, please contact: Aggie Clark at 439-5578, Janet Gelzheiser at 439-5928, or Barbara Logan at 439-4782.

Feinstein Challenge renewed to match our gifts to AUMS

Again this year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among food assistance programs in the U.S. to help them raise funds during March and April. The more that you donate to the AUMS food pantry during those months, the more Feinstein money will be added to your donation! Donations can include cash, checks, and food items.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 9:30 am

March 7
Service of
Holy Communion

Sermon by
Rev. Janice Palm:

“Pointing in the
Other Direction”

Text:

[Luke 13:1-9](#)

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Church Calendar

Thursday, March 4	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday, March 6	7:30 am – Men's Ministry Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 pm – RPMs "Coffee House" Fundraiser (Delmar Reformed)
Sunday, March 7	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour (hosted by UMW) 11 am – Class: "The Life You've Always Wanted" (207) 11 am - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Youth Singers (218) 11 am – Junior Choir (219) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room)
Monday, March 8	10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, March 9	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library) 7 pm – Fall Fair meeting (218) 7 pm – Trustees (207)
Wednesday, March 10	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 12:30 pm – Discovery Club (FH) 6 pm – Soup and Prayer (Lounge; Chapel)
Thursday, March 11	1 pm – Mary Marthas (Lounge) 6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

Painting party on 3rd floor!

Join our painting party as we tackle the third floor on Saturday, March 20. A few weeks back, we painted the walls and trim in the "sorting room" on the third floor. This time we will be returning to that room to paint windows, doors and the vestibule. We'll also be scraping and painting the living room ceiling, and painting the large "graffiti" storage room and the bathroom. We meet at 9 am on the 3rd floor. Bring your lunch, water and favorite paintbrush. Contact: Kevin Conley (475-9034, kconley1@ncyap.rr.com).

Mission needs this month

Overflow Shelter: The Overflow Shelter is seeking donations of ground coffee (not instant). Cans of coffee can be placed in the Overflow Shelter collection bin on the second floor landing of our Education/Office wing.

Meals for Overflow Shelter: Plenty of casseroles have been prepared and are now in our church freezers, to be thawed as needed for the Shelter. Still needed, though, are desserts and beverages. Home-cooked desserts are preferred (to boost morale), although pre-packaged items will gladly be accepted. We have plenty of freezer space in the church kitchen if you would like to bake/buy in advance. Canned/bottled drinks can be stored in the kitchen pantry closet.

Support Ministries: Anyone have extra buttons lying around? Support Ministries is requesting extra buttons for a special project and would love buttons of any size, shape or color. There is a container for the buttons located on the literature table next to the Nursery on the second floor. Questions? Contact Laurie Munro, 937-1915.

Our Church Family

Our Sympathy to: Mike Mashuta and family upon the loss of his father Michael on Feb. 26, 2010.

In our thoughts and prayers: Charles Milbert, The Seme Boggard Family, Pierre Achille, Marco Bonato (Jane Lang, David Rathjens), Julia Krieger (Bob Krieger), Nellie Evans, Syl Kedzierski (Shirley Post), Norman Matos (Sandra Ryther), Jay Gallagher (David Shaffer), Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Jim King (Julie Bushart), Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Mary Storm, Jean Drew, Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Edwin Busch (Joan House).

We pray also for all who have been impacted by the earthquakes in Haiti, and in Chile.