



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Palm Sunday service at 10:30 am March 28 to begin Easter Week

Our Easter Week celebration will begin with a special **Palm Sunday** service at 10:30 am (*not 9:30 a.m.*) on Sunday, March 28 in the Sanctuary. All church choruses, the youth and chancel choirs will present a special choral suite, "The Crown and the Cross."

Then on Thursday, April 1, we will mark **Maundy Thursday** beginning with a Middle Eastern shared meal at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, followed by worship at 7:15 pm (details below).

On **Good Friday**, April 2, the Hummel Chapel will be open for individual prayer from 12 noon to 3 pm. This will be followed by period for prayerful reflection and silence, at 5 pm.

On **Easter Sunday**, April 4, we will have our glorious Easter service in the Sanctuary, again at **10:30 am**, with the Chancel Choir, the Handbell Choir and brass ensemble.

Also, on Saturday, April 3, we will have an **Easter Egg Hunt** at 10 am starting in Fellowship Hall.

An invitation to commemorate Maundy Thursday with us

You are invited to share in a meal commemorating Jesus' last supper with his disciples. The evening will begin with prayer and fellowship at 6:30 pm. The focus of the evening will be to combine the enjoyment of fellowship with the events which took place on Maundy Thursday. The evening will culminate with Holy Communion being celebrated at our tables.

To prepare ourselves and the Sanctuary for the death and absence of our Lord Jesus Christ, those gathered will be invited to quietly move to the Hummel Chapel Sanctuary, and, then, to the main Sanctuary in order to remove the paraments (the cloths on the Communion table, pulpit, and lectern), the candlesticks, the Bible, and the altar cross. We will strip the two Sanctuaries of signs of Christ in silence. Once made barren, those gathered are invited to remain in the main Sanctuary for prayer, or to walk the Labyrinth in silence.

For the meal, we are hoping to have a Middle Eastern flavor of food offerings. In order to provide a framework for our meal, dried fruits (apricots, raisins, prunes, figs, dates & bananas), nuts, hummus, pita breads, goat cheeses and yogurt will be provided. Beverages will also be available. For those joining the feast, please bring a dish to share. If familiar with Middle Eastern dishes, please bring one. If not familiar with that

cuisine, please bring a favorite dish. Because this is Holy Week, if you're thinking of bringing a dessert, rather than a sweet dessert, we ask that you bring fruit.

In order for us to better prepare, please let Church Office know if you will be joining us for the meal and

service. Phone us at 439-9976 or e-mail:

churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 9:30 am

March 21

Sermon by
Rev. Janice Palm:

"The Whole
Nine Yards"

Text: [John 12:1-8](#)

Painting party this Saturday!

Join our painting party as we tackle the third floor this Saturday, March 20. We'll head for the "sorting 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).

Voices of Hope concert April 25

On Sunday, April 25 at 4 pm, First United Methodist of Delmar will host a musical celebration for the benefit of the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless of Albany

The concert will be a diverse mix of vocal groups and soloists. Featured performers will include the Capital District Youth Chorale, the University at Albany Chamber Singers, mezzo-soprano soloist Kara Cornell, advanced pianists from the Music Studio of Albany, and our own Chancel Choir.

Donations will be accepted at the door. All donations go to the IPH center for their work.

About the Telescope schedule

Next month we will publish the *Telescope* on April 14 and 21 – but NOT on April 7 nor on April 28.

This means that news items you want to go to the congregation before April 14 must be submitted for the March 31 issue; the deadline is to deliver them to us by Friday, March 26. New items that are topical after April 14 but that you want to appear before May 5 must be submitted for the April 21 issue; the deadline for that one will be Friday, April 16. The best way to deliver them is to email churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org.

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Church Calendar

Thursday, March 18	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday, March 20	8:30 am – Women-in-the-Middle/Mary Marthas potluck breakfast (FH) 9 am – Painting Party (3 rd Floor)
Sunday, March 21	8:30 am – Bible Study (Library) 9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour (hosted by Care Corps) 11 am - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Care Corps (207) 11 am - Youth Singers (217) <i>note change!</i> 11 am – Junior Choir (219) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room) 11:15 am – “The Life You’ve Always Wanted” study (218) <i>note change!</i> 7 pm – RPMs Meeting (Del. Reformed)
Monday, March 22	10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, March 23	8 am – Men’s Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, March 24	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) 7 pm – RPMs Advisory (217)
Thursday, March 25	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

On Saturday, March 20 at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall, the Women-in-the-Middle monthly breakfast will be a special combined event with the Mary Marthas. The event is open to all women of our faith community who would like to attend. The format will be a “brunch potluck.” Please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. We will have access to the kitchen for making coffee and warming items.

Skye Farm 2010 brochure is here

The 2010 Skye Farm Summer Camp Brochures have arrived! A full brochure is available on the Skye Farm website: www.skyefarmcamp.org. Copies are also located on the literature table outside the Nursery on the second level.

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.

We'll take your loose change!

From now until Easter, we will be collecting coins (as well as dollars!) for the Pennies for Haven fundraiser for Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. Collection buckets will be located at both entrances to the Sanctuary, near the office, and in Fellowship Hall. No donation is too small - or too large!! Homeless shelters are continuing to face economic hardship at a time when more people are seeking shelter services.

Our Church Family

Our congratulations to Joe Hodgson upon the birth of his grandson, Owen Michael Hodgson, born on March 8.

In our thoughts and prayers: The Seme Boggard Family, Pierre Achille, Marco Bonato (Jane Lang, David Rathjens), Julia Krieger (Bob Krieger), Woody Carver, 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 earthquakes throughout the world.