



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Service this Sunday at **10:30 am** to begin our joyous **Easter Week**

Our Easter Week celebration will begin with a special **Palm Sunday** service at 10:30 am (*not 9:30 a.m.*) this Sunday, March 28 in the Sanctuary. All church choruses will participate; 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 shared Middle Eastern 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.

Join us for **Maundy Thursday**

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@delmar methodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org).

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am
March 28

Palm Sunday Service

All Church Choruses

Youth and Chancel Choirs present special choral suite,

"The Crown and the Cross"

Help wanted for **Easter Egg hunt preparations next week**

The annual FUMC Easter Egg Hunt will take place next Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 AM. In addition to the hunt there will be crafts and games! The Easter Egg Hunt is open to the community so please invite friends and family. Also please note that this is a Bring Your Own Basket event!

Looking for ways to help with this fun event? Here's how:

- Donate unopened bags of wrapped candy in the bin outside the Christian Education office on second floor.
- Help stuff and hide eggs on Friday, April 2 at 10 am. (Helpers do get to sample candy for quality control purposes.)
- Volunteer during the hunt on Sat., April 3 to run games and crafts.

Fun is guaranteed whether you are a volunteer or a participant! Contact Jen Bailey, by e-mail, education@delmarmethodist.org or by phone, 439-9976 ext. 225 for more information.

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, Kara Cornell, mezzo-soprano, 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.

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Church Calendar

Thursday, March 25	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday, March 27	12 noon - 2010 Confirmation Class (Room 207)
Sunday, March 28	10:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 11:45 am – Fellowship Hour (hosted by Church & Society) 7 pm – RPMs Meeting (Del. Reformed)
Monday, March 29	10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, March 30	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, March 31	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 12:30 pm – Discovery Club (FH) 6 pm – Soup and Prayer and Labyrinth (Lounge; Chapel) 7 pm – RPMs Advisory (217)
Thursday, April 1	6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Shared Meal and Service (Fellowship Hall)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

Mary Marthas

The next meeting of Mary Marthas will be held on Thurs., April 8 in the Lounge. We are looking forward to Connie Tilroe's program, "Hymns by Hers." Come join us! For information call Aggie Clark at 439-5578, Janet Gelzheiser at 439-5928, or Barb Logan at 439-4782.

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.

Arranging for altar flowers

Don't miss your opportunity to remember someone special. Call or e-mail Cindy Lamitie to order a Sunday service altar arrangement. They are only \$35 and you can request specific color(s) and/or flowers. Call Cindy at 439-2356, or e-mail lamitiefamily@verizon.net.

VBS news from Mission Control!

This year's Vacation Bible School (aka VBS) is set to launch on Monday, August 2 and run through Friday, August 6. It is open to children who turn 4 years old before December 1st, through those entering 5th grade in September. Registration is now open to FUMC members. Registration will then open to the general public on April 3. This popular program fills up fast, so be sure to register soon. To sign up for this action-packed adventure simply go to www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/fumc and follow the online instructions.

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 e-mail churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org.

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Lee Diederich, Gretchen Willi (John & Deanne Sodergren), Stephanie Stubbs O'Brien (Rob & Ramona Stubbs), The Seme Boggard Family, Pierre Achille, Marco Bonato (Jane Lang, David Rathjens), Woody Carver, 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, Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Edwin Busch (Joan House).