



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Join us for Maundy Thursday ...

You are invited this Thursday 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 Middle Eastern 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. Please bring a dish to share.

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.

... and for our Easter Service this Sunday at 10:30 am

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 a 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. If you can volunteer to help at, or before, that event, contact Jen Bailey at 439-8876 ext. 225, or education@delmarmethodist.org.

About the Telescope schedule

We won't publish a Telescope next week (April 7), nor will there be an April 28 issue. Please plan the submission off your news items accordingly. The best way to deliver them is to e-mail churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org.

FUMC to host major benefit concert for Interfaith

On Sunday, April 25 at 4 pm, First United Methodist will host the annual Voices of Hope musical celebration for the benefit of the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless of Albany.

The concert will be a fantastic 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 its work.

We choose to walk – but remember, some have no choice

In a country where we take for granted having sufficient food and fresh water in our own homes, it's hard to imagine a life in which people (especially women and children) scrounge for food and walk miles to obtain potable water. We can make a difference in the lives of such people. Sign up as a CROP WALK FOR HUNGER walker or supporter during Fellowship Hour. The date of CROP WALK, May 2 is fast approaching!

Chancel organ repairs underway

Thanks to the generosity of the late Hollis E. Harrington, a longtime member who mentioned the church in his will, and a memorial for Isabelle Cornwell, Denise Gisotti's mother, the Trustees were able to finance a long-overdue rebuilding of our chancel organ console. It will be removed for rewiring and installation of new electrical contacts and switches, keys, plus other work. For about five weeks after Easter the Chancel Steinway grand piano will be our major instrument of accompaniment and music worship.

Although Mr. Harrington retired to Florida in the early 1970's after serving as the State Bank of Albany's President, he and his wife Betty still kept up their connection with FUMC, where they had served and worshipped for many years. For details on the repairs and on additional work to be done in the future and its cost, please contact Alan Robertson of the Church Music Committee.

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am

April 4

Easter Sunday

Sermon by

Rev. Janice Palm:

"Look for the Living"

Texts:

[I Corinthians 15:19-22](#)

[Luke 24:1-12](#)

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Church Calendar

Thursday, April 1	6:30 pm – Maundy Thursday Shared Meal and Service at 7:15 pm (Fellowship Hall)
Friday, April 2	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
Saturday, April 3	10:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, April 4	10:30 am – Easter Sunday (Sanctuary) 11:45 am – Fellowship Hour (hosted by the Langs & the Flecks))
Monday, April 5	10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, April 6	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, April 7	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, April 8	1 pm – Mary Marthas (Lounge) 6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Sunday, April 11	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour/ & Fair Trade 11 am – "The Life You've Always Wanted" study class (207) 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Youth Singers (218) 11 am – Junior Choir (219) (No Intermediate Choir)
Monday, April 12	10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – Administrative Council (207) 7 pm – Staff Parish Relations (Library)
Tuesday, April 13	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Trustees (207) 7 pm - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, April 14	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 12:30 pm – Discovery Club (FH) 7 pm – Education Team (207)
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.

Thanks for the 'health kits'

United Methodist Women would like to extend a warm thank you to our congregation for the donation of Health Kits for UMCOR. Over 70 kits were delivered to Troy Conference.

If you are interested in participating in UMW, please let any officer know: Denise Gisotti, Susan Klim and Larisa Suparmanto.

Overflow Shelter need

Thank you for all the cans of coffee that have been donated for the Shelter. Two additional needs have surfaced: soap bars and antiperspirant/deodorant for men. Donations can be placed in the Overflow Shelter collection bin on the 2nd floor landing of our Education/Office wing.

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. This popular program fills up fast, so be sure to register soon. To sign up simply go to www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/fumc and follow the online instructions.

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Stephanie Stubbs O'Brien (Rob & Ramona Stubbs), the Seme Boggard Family, Pierre Achille, Marco Bonato (Jane Lang, David Rathjens), Julia Krieger (Bob Krieger), 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), Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Mary Storm, Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Edwin Busch (Joan House).