



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Special worship this Sunday to feature Dr. MaryNell Morgan

Our 9:30 a.m. worship service this Sunday, April 18 will feature a special presentation by Dr. MaryNell Morgan, focusing on spirituals of the Afro-American tradition.

Dr. Morgan is a tenured associate professor of political science at Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Clark-Atlanta University. Her presentations and lecture/ performances have often focused on the life and work of W.E.B. Du Bois. Her work includes her dissertation, titled "The Souls of Women Folk in the Political Thought of W.E.B. Du Bois," and a presentation titled the "Sorrow Songs" and "The Souls of Black Folk: Enduring Truths, Transitions, and Tensions."

In addition to her work in the academic world, Dr. Morgan is known as an inspirational performer of traditional spirituals and other genres of music, including the blues and popular songs.

She includes music in her teaching – and she teaches whenever she sings. Her singing and lecturing have taken her to the stages at Café Lena in Saratoga Springs, The Peoples' Voice Café in Greenwich Village, and the auditoriums of Bard College, Albany State University in Georgia, and several others. She has performed with Pete Seeger and other well known folk singers and song writers.

FUMC to host benefit concert for Interfaith on Sunday, April 25

Our annual "Voices of Hope" concert to benefit Interfaith will be held Sunday, April 25, at 4 pm. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Why Voices of Hope? Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless has been serving the homeless population in Albany County for over 25 years. The 30-bed emergency facility provides shelter, meals, case management services and numerous resources that help individuals get back on their feet.

The Sheridan Hollow Drop-In Center is a program of Interfaith and helps over 3500 individuals and families each year. This is a safe haven during the daytime hours as well as providing numerous services including health services, laundry facilities, meals, life skills, men's and women's groups, a summer youth program, clothing, and much more. Interfaith's housing program provides permanent affordable housing for individuals who are dealing with a disability.

Featured musicians at the "Voices of Hope" will include:

- Capital District Youth Chorale, directed by Diane Warner.
- University at Albany Chamber Singers, directed by Dr. David Griggs-Janower.
- Kara Cornell, mezzo-soprano.
- Advanced pianists from the Music Studio of Albany, Noel Liberty, Director
- The Chancel Choir of Delmar United Methodist, directed by Joseph Farrell.

For more information on Interfaith please visit www.interfaithpartnership.com or call 434-8021. For more information on the Voices of Hope concert please contact Joe Farrell at farrellj@mac.com.

PLEASE POST THE FLYER IN AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY!

Why we walk with CROP Walk

Why do we walk with CROP Walk? We walk because the partnership to end hunger and poverty is not a spectator sport – it needs everyone's involvement. The U.S. taxpayer gives less than 0.2% of national income (GNI) in aid to developing countries. For every \$1 received in governmental aid grants, low-income countries pay \$2.30 in debt payments.

We can help by supporting CROP Walk on May 2. Visit the CROP Walk table during fellowship hour to sign up as a walker or to support a walker. You can also register to walk, and/or donate, on-line at www.cropwalk.org.

Once again, we are blessed to have the support of an anonymous donor who will match all the funds raised by our FUMC CROP Walkers. The more we contribute, the more will be contributed by that donor!

About the Telescope schedule

We won't publish a Telescope on April 28. If you have news items that you need to get to the congregation before May 5, please be sure to submit them by this Friday, April 16, so they'll make the April 21 issue. The best way is to e-mail churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org.

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am

April 18

Special Worship Service

Guest Vocalist, narrator and song leader:

Dr. MaryNell Morgan

Spirituals of the Afro-American Tradition

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Church Calendar

Thursday, April 15	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Sunday, April 18	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour (hosted by the CROP Walkers) 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Youth Singers (218) 11 am – Junior Choir (219) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room)
Monday, April 19	8:30 am – Senior Ministry (4 Corners) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, April 20	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 12:30 pm – Discovery Club (FH/217) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, April 21	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, April 22	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

Our April Women-in-the-Middle breakfast will take place at Tools' on Saturday, April 24 at 8:30 am. (8 am for early-birds!) Please R.S.V.P. to Linda Graf (giraffeart@msn.com) by Thursday, April 22, if you are interested in attending.

Mission ministry information

Check out the new Mission Ministry Calendar on a bulletin board across from the church office. You will see what is currently happening in mission ministry and what will be happening in the months to come. It will be updated frequently – so please check it regularly.

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.

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.

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 has been 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 the FUMC where they had served and worshipped for many years previously. For details on the present organ repairs and the additional work to be done in the future and its cost, please contact Alan Robertson of the Church Music Committee.

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Mary Jane Hughes (Lynda Conway) the Seme Boggard Family, Pierre Achille, Marco Bonato (Jane Lang, David Rathjens), Woody Carver, Syl Kedzierski (Shirley Post), 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).