



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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This Sunday, enjoy a special concert to benefit Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless

Our annual "Voices of Hope" concert to benefit Interfaith will be held this 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 farrelljl@mac.com.

Get set for CROP Walk 2010

Why do we walk with CROP Walk?

As a nation, we have food in abundance. We have all the water we need – and waste a lot of it. We walk because we want to help communities in developing countries secure adequate water to irrigate their food crops and bring clean, safe water to their villages.

We can help by supporting CROP Walk, 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 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!

Fellowship Hour on Sunday will focus on buy-local opportunities

Church and Society will be sponsoring the coffee hour this Sunday, April 25, to introduce the concept of domestic fair trade and buying locally. We'll serve food made with local products, and we'll have information available about domestic fair trade.

Fair Trade is important for farmers in the developing world – but it's also important close to home. Here at home fair trade is about providing a living wage for our farmers and farm workers. Farmers who subscribe to the principles of farming practices that protect the environment thereby produce healthier foods for us. And buying local products saves on the cost and environmental impact of transportation.

AUMS Summer Camp supplies

The Albany United Methodist Society will be operating a summer camp program for inner-city children that will begin at the end of the school year. The following items have been requested. Note that some items must be new, while others can be new or "gently used". A collection box is located in our FUMC office hallway, for any items you wish to donate. Your generosity would be much appreciated.

NEW ITEMS: glue sticks and paste, children's paint brushes, popsicle sticks, coloring books, tempera paint (primary colors), beads, pipe cleaners, spools of lanyard string, white foam board (poster size), white poster board.

NEW or GENTLY USED ITEMS: badminton sets, puzzles (for ages 6-13), measuring cups (dry and liquid), rolling pins, baking pans and cookie sheets, kitchen knives, mixing bowls and spoons, electric can opener.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays
9:30 am

April 25

Sermon by
Rev. Janice Palm

"Re-Called"

Texts:

Acts 9: 36-43
Revelation 7: 9-17

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Church Calendar

Thursday, April 22	10:00 am – Worship Team (207) 6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Fri., April 23	6:00 pm – District Wide Confirmation Retreat Begins (FUMC) & ends 4/24
Sat., April 24	8:30 am – Women-in-the-Middle (Tool's)
Sunday, April 25	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour (hosted by Church & Society Team) 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Junior Choir (219) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room) 11:15 am – VBS Planning (217) 4:00 pm – Voices of Hope Concert (Sanctuary)
Monday, April 26	10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, April 27	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, April 28	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery) 12:30 pm – Discovery Club (FH/217)
Thursday, April 29	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Sunday, May 2	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour (hosted by the Softball Team) 11 am – Theological & Social Issues 11 am – Youth Singers (218) 11 am – Junior Choir (219) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room) 11:15 am – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Fellowship Hall/stage end) 1 pm – CROP WALK 4:30 pm – CROP WALK Picnic (FHI)
Monday, May 3	10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery) 7:00 pm – Administrative Council (207)
Tuesday, May 4	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 2-6 pm – Farmer's Market begins 7 pm – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, May 5	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery) 12:30 pm – Discovery Club (FH/217)

Driving class

Next month we'll host a defensive driving class that will improve your skills and enable drivers of all ages to save 10 percent on your insurance rates. The course (formerly known as "55 Alive") is led by Ray Bell. It will be held at Monday, May 10 and Thursday, May 13 from 9 am to 1 pm, in Fellowship Hall. (You must attend both sessions to receive credit.) Refreshments will be provided. The cost is \$12 for AARP members, and \$14 for non - AARP members. RSVP to Warren Stoker, wstoker@nycap.rr.com or 439-6089.

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.

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. Go to www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/fumc to sign up.

No Telescope next week

We won't publish a Telescope next week (April 28). Weekly publication will resume with the May 5 issue. Email your news items to churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org.

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Dana Taylor (Terry and Glen Taylor), Mary Jane Hughes (Lynda Conway), The Seme Boggard Family, Pierre Achille, Marco Bonato (Jane Lang, David Rathjens), Woody Carver, 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).