



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## CROP Walk 2010 was a great success – and there's still time to contribute to the cause!

Thank you to all our walkers and all who supported our Crop Walk. The weather was wonderful and we had more than 40 walkers from our church alone!

We appreciate all the donations and support from our church family. We are a bit short of our goal so if you would like to make a donation, there is still time; log on to [cropwalkonline.org](http://cropwalkonline.org) and search for First United Methodist Delmar.

Please remember all donations are matched – so won't you help us reach our goal?

If you were a walker and still have donations to be turned in please see Joe Hodgson or Julie Bushart so we can turn this in. Once again, thank you for all you do to support World Hunger and our local food pantries.

## Voice of Hope benefit concert attracts a new high in donations

The air was filled with glorious and diverse music at the 16th annual Voices of Hope Concert hosted by FUMC Delmar on Sunday, April 25.

More than 400 people from the greater Capital District attended this benefit concert for the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH) of Albany. Performers included the Capital District Youth Chorale; the UAlbany Chamber Singers; Colleen Bernstein, Jien Ogawa and Matt Maguire from the Music Studio, and our own Chancel Choir. The efforts of these fine musicians inspired a new high in giving for the 16-year event: donations totaled \$2,862 -100 percent of which goes directly to IPH. This money will help support the many necessary services provided by IPH for Albany's homeless population, including emergency and transitional housing, a summer program serving 1600 children during a 10-week program, and the hopeful expansion to provide transitional housing; all providing the hope of a better tomorrow for those temporarily without food and/or shelter.

We received a special **note of thanks** from Interfaith:

"Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless guests, board members and staff are truly appreciative of Delmar Methodist congregation, Joe Farrell, Nan Rabinow and all performers.

"Your generosity and thoughtful planning ... will help us to continue programs and services that make a difference in the lives of individuals and

families who are homeless or facing homelessness."

A breakfast and tour is scheduled at the Emergency Shelter and Sheridan Hollow Drop In Center on May 20 and June 17. If you can come, please call Interfaith at 434-8021 or e-mail us at [bonnies@interfaithpartnership.com](mailto:bonnies@interfaithpartnership.com) to let us know.

## Coffee Hour hosts needed

Do you enjoy all the fellowship and yummy treats during coffee hour? Do you have a special occasion coming up that you'd like to celebrate with your church family? Please consider becoming a coffee hour host; gather a few people from your ministry team or extended church family and help this wonderful tradition continue. Hosts are needed for several weeks in May and June. Please contact Jane Lang at 439-5118, [jjlang3@mindspring.com](mailto:jjlang3@mindspring.com) or Marilyn Oestreich at 729-2197, [mmoggo@nycap.rr.com](mailto:mmoggo@nycap.rr.com).

## Driving class

Next week 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](mailto:wstoker@nycap.rr.com) or 439-6089.

## Coffee & Tea sale this Sunday!

Need to replenish your supply of coffee/tea/chocolate/nuts/cranberries? Church and Society will come to your rescue this Sunday with our monthly sale. Fair Trade/Equal Exchange coffees and teas will be sold during Fellowship Hour in Fellowship Hall.

Also, FUMC Cookbooks will be on sale for \$10 (there are a few handcrafted stands as well, for \$10 each.) All cookbook proceeds will benefit the Capital Region Food Bank.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays  
9:30 am

### Sunday, May 9 Celebration of the Christian Home

Sermon by  
Rev. Janice Palm:  
"How Do We  
Measure Success?"

*Texts:*

[Psalm 67](#)  
[Acts 16:9-15](#)

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## Church Calendar

Thursday, May 6	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Sat., May 8	11 am – Confirmands meeting (207)
Sunday, May 9	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge)
Monday, May 10	9:00 am – Defensive Driving Class (Fellowship Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> of two-day class) 10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, May 11	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 12:30 pm – Discovery Club (FH/217) 7 pm – Trustees (207) 7 pm - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, May 12	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery) 7:15 pm – Education Team (207)
Thursday, May 13	9:00 am – Defensive Driving Class (Fellowship Hall) 1 pm – Mary Marthas 6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

## 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.

## Mary Marthas on May 13

Our next meeting for Mary Marthas will be Thursday, May 13 at 1 pm in the Lounge. Our guest speaker will be Donald W. Stake, public relations specialist from the Community Hospice in Rensselaer. For further information call Barbara Logan at 439-4782 or Aggie Clark at 439-5578..

## RPMs Thank-You Pasta Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, May 22

RPMs is an ecumenical youth group made up of youth in grades 9-12. As a way of thanking everyone for their support towards our spring mission trip, please join us as we share stories and photos at our Thank You Pasta Dinner on May 22 at 6 pm at the Delmar Reformed Church.

The next RPMs meetings are scheduled for May 16 and June 6, 7-8 pm at Delmar Reformed Church. RPMs Senior Night will be held on Saturday, June 12, at 6 pm. And on Sunday, June 13 the program year will end with the annual RPMs BBQ, 1-3 pm at Elm Avenue Park. Any youth in grades 9-12 is welcome to attend. If you have, any questions contact Beth Hickox at [beth.hickox@gmail.com](mailto:beth.hickox@gmail.com).

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, through those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in September. Go to [www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/fumc](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/fumc) to sign up.

## Our Church Family

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Fran Gelzheiser, Shirley Post, Janie Corker (Bob & Ellen Kanuck), Mary Jane Hughes (Lynda Conway), Dana Taylor (Terry and Glen Taylor), 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), Ann Gwin. **We pray also for all who have been impacted by all recent natural disasters across the globe.**