



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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New beginnings: Upper New York Conference is about to be our new home!

On June 19, United Methodists from all of Upstate New York north and west of the mid-Hudson Valley will convene at annual conference in Syracuse under a new banner – the Upper New York Area Conference.

Our cherished Troy Annual Conference convened for the last time on May 24, and will officially close as of June 30. The New York churches from Troy Conference will now join the Upper New York Area Annual Conference, along with churches from the former North Central New York, Western New York and Wyoming conferences. (Vermont churches from the Troy Conference will now be part of the New England Conference; Pennsylvania churches from the Wyoming Conference will become part of the Susquehanna Conference.)

The new Upper New York Area will be led by Rev. Dr. Marcus Matthews, who has most recently served as resident bishop of Western New York. Conference offices will be in the Syracuse area. The consolidation – the product of several years of hard work by laity and clergy of all the conferences involved – was developed under guidelines pertaining to the membership and financial support required to sustain an annual conference.

An account of the final Troy conference may be found [here](#). For more information about the new conference, check www.uppernewyork.org and www.troyac.org.

South End baby boy needs some gifts from us

A young woman in Albany's South End has been awarded custody of her 2-week-old nephew. The little tyke is fortunate to have a motivated, compassionate aunt, with a circle of friends, to care for him.

From our Treasure Cove, Mission, and Fall Fair donations, we were able to provide a crib with bumper pad, infant bathing tub, receiving blankets, "bouncy seat," swing, stroller, play mat, carrier, diaper receptacle, a few toys, and some clothing. The new "mom" was speechless at the outpouring of love and support that we provided.

Many other items are still needed, including bottles/nipples, bibs, clothing up through 12 months, disposable diapers (newborn and size 1), diaper wipes, waterproof pads, sheets, towels,

etc. If you have items to share, please leave them in the Church Office corridor under the long table near the nursery. We can help this little baby get off to a good start in life!

Looking for graduates!

Is someone in your immediate family graduating from high school or college this spring or summer?

If so, please contact our Church Office (439-9976, or churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org) with the grad's name and the high school name — or the college or university, with major and degree earned. We'd like to list the graduates in the Telescope and the Bulletin. Deadline for submission is June 11.

Your help needed with Teacher Appreciation this Sunday

Teacher Appreciation Sunday is this Sunday, June 6. Jen Bailey, Director of Christian Education hopes you will join her in showing your appreciation for the people who make our Sunday School possible – our wonderful, fabulous, super-doooper Sunday School teachers!

Here are some ways you can help:

1. Give our teachers the day off. Volunteers are needed to supervise combined classes so that the teachers can enjoy the worship service. Activities, games and videos will be provided.
2. Appreciation Lunch. The lunch will take place at 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up.
3. Monetary donations. Contributions are needed to help cover the cost of the food. Donations can be given directly to Jen Bailey or dropped off at Church Office. Make checks payable to FUMC.

Without your help this event will not be possible so please call Jen at 439-9976 ext. 225 or email education@delmarmethodist.org to let her know how you would like to help.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays
9:30 am

Sunday, June 6

Communion Homily by:
Rev. Bob Kanuck

Text:

[Philippians 2: 1-16](#)

[Matthew 11: 27-28](#)

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Church Calendar

Thursday, June 3	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Sunday, June 6	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour (hosted by Dom & Sue Hendrickson) 11 am – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 11 am - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge)
Monday, June 7	10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – Administrative Council (207)
Tuesday, June 8	8 am – Men’s Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 2:30 pm – Farmers Market (parking lot) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, June 9	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery) 7:15 pm – Education Team (207)
Thursday, June 10	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

Mary Marthas picnic on June 10

Mary Marthas will gather in the Lounge for their annual picnic on Thursday, June 10 at noon (*note time change*). Bring a dish to share and your table service, (plate, silverware, cup or glass). Coffee, tea and/or cold drink will be provided. All are welcome. For further information contact Aggie Clark at 439-5578, Shirley Milbert at 475-1298 or Janet Gelzheiser at 439-5928.

RPMs picnic on June 13

The RPMs will hold their annual end-of-year BBQ on June 13 from 1 pm to 3pm at Elm Avenue Park (in the small pavilion next to the volleyball court). All RPM families and alumni are invited to attend.

A thank-you note

Twice each year, in the fall and again in the spring, volunteers from our congregation provide a hearty, noontime meal for the Bethlehem Senior Meal Group. We recently received note of appreciation from the Senior Citizens Services

Office: “Thank you, the volunteers from the First United Methodist Church, for providing lunch for our seniors. Everybody enjoyed the food that was prepared for them. Your church has been a valuable contributor to our community and has helped provide nutritious meals to seniors. It is good to know that you are there! Thank you so much. With your help we are able to continue to offer this program to elderly home-bound citizens in our community.”

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.

Our Church Family

Good Samaritan Rehab: Russ Parker

In our thoughts and prayers: Louise DeCandia, Art Crossley (Linda Graf), Woody Carver, Mary Jane Hughes (Lynda Conway), Marco Bonato (Jane Lang, David Rathjens), 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), Ann Gwin.

We continue to pray also for all who have been impacted by all recent natural disasters across the globe.