



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Hospitality begins at the door....

Did you ever think about how much it means that you open your front or back door when someone knocks? And did you ever think about how much more meaningful it is, when you extend an invitation to come inside and there's a smile on your face?

We are looking for folks like you who realize the importance of a welcoming presence and would offer the same at our church doors. The opportunity to say welcome to friends and strangers alike is there every week of the year. It is an opportunity to introduce yourself and to say, "I am glad you chose to worship with us." It is a time to ask, "Are you new?" "Might I help you?"

There is no age limitation to this ministry. So consider being a welcoming presence and volunteer some Sunday, or if you see that there is no one at a door, consider offering yourself right then and there.

Better yet, we are in need of a Coordinator for Greeters on Sundays. Please let Rev. Palm know if you are interested or if you'd like more information on being a Coordinator.

Come learn about joining a journey of "Biblical Discovery"

Rev. Ray Stees – who has served the Pine Grove, Shenendehowa, Jonesville, Cohoes and Delmar churches – will be our guest speaker during worship this Sunday, June 20.

Ray is working with Journeys Unlimited, a Christian travel service, on a "Biblical Discovery" tour of the sacred sites of Israel's Galilee and Judea – a 10-day trip from Jan. 10-20, 2011. He will meet with the congregation during Fellowship Hour to talk about the forthcoming trip. Roundtrip airfare, buses, guided sightseeing, entrance fees, first-class hotels, gratuities, and daily breakfast and dinner are included in the approximate \$3,000 per-person cost. Contact Ray Stees at rstees@nycap.rr.com or (518) 406-5349 for more information.

Habitat for Humanity

This summer Capital District Habitat for Humanity will dedicate the newly-constructed Methodist House at 5 Stephen Street – and wasting no time, area Methodist churches will hold their Tent-a-Thon Aug. 12-18 to raise funds for the *next* one! Volunteers are needed to pick up dinner from an area restaurant, police the campgrounds, receive pledges or camp for a night or more. Please contact Kevin Conley (475-9034) or kconley1@nycap.rr.com with questions.

We'll greet Rev. Iona Dickinson and family on June 27

Rev. Iona Dickinson, who is joining First United Methodist as our new Associate Pastor, will preach at our worship service on Sunday, June 27. And at Fellowship Hour after the service, we'll greet her and her family. *Save the date and be sure to help make this a memorable welcome!*

Rev. Dickinson was born and raised in Wynantskill and was baptized at Salem United Methodist Church in West Sand Lake. A graduate of Claremont School of Theology in California, she has served as associate pastor at Claremont United Church of Christ since 2002.

Rev. Dickinson will officially begin her service with us on August 30. She and her family – husband, Phil Jenkins, 16-month-old daughter, Eliza Jenkins, and dog Lucky – will be relocating to Delmar this summer. Iona enjoys swimming, canoeing, reading, spending time with family.

Your help needed to provide new hymnal supplement

The Worship team is asking for your help in supplying the Sanctuary with *The Faith We Sing* hymnal, as a supplement to our UM Hymnal that will help us sing out God's praises!

Our goal is to have **390 copies of the Pew Editions (\$15/each)** for both the congregation and choir, and **12 copies of the Large Print Edition (\$20/ each)**. You can dedicate them to a family member, a church member or someone who has had an impact on your faith journey.

If you would like to contribute to the life of the church in this way, order forms are located on literature tables in Narthex and next to the Nursery, on the bulletin board across from Church Office or in the Church Office. Orders with payment should be returned to Church Office (checks may be made out to FUMC Delmar, noting "Faith We Sing" in the memo portion).

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays
9:30 am

Sunday, June 20

Sermon by:

Rev. Ray Stees

"Delmar At Its Best"

Text:

[Philippians 4: 8-10](#)

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Church Calendar

Sunday, June 20	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour (hosted by the softball team) 11 am - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge)
Monday, June 21	8:00 am – Senior Ministry (4 Corner's) 10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – Finance team (207)
Tuesday, June 22	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 23	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery)
Our calendar is now available on-line at http://calendar.yahoo.com/delmarmethodist	
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

Welcome home to our organ, after Stage 1 repairs

The Music Committee invites your close attention as Ken Loiacono puts our organ through its paces. On May 30 our organ console came home after extensive electrical work – and now, when Ken presses a key note or activates a circuit to use another set of organ pipes and make the organ sound softer or louder, what is supposed to happen will happen accurately!

While these repairs and reconditioning work – Stage 1 – will make the organ play better, another phase of upgrades (Phase 2) is being planned to further improve sound quality.

For information on projected costs and funding, please contact any member of a new Ad Hoc committee of interested members of the Choir and congregation: Sally & John Ten Eyck (smteneck@yahoo.com, 765-2535), Steve & Barb Wiley (sjw@fwc-law.com or bwiley@emma.troy.ny.us, 426-5244), Ed & Nancy McEwan (emcewan@verizon.net, 439-6009), Bev & Rob Heineman (bev_heineman@hotmail.com, 439-6929), Joe Farrell (farrelljl@mac.com, 439-4558), Ken

Loiacono (kenloiacono@gmail.com, 479-3032), or Alan Robertson (bigal_61@msn.com, 439-5235). Interested in working with the group? Let Joe or Sally know!

Crop Walk a huge success!

We have made our goal and a bit more! With the generosity of a matching donor, more than \$30,000 was raised to help fight world hunger. On behalf of the Crop Walk Team, congratulations to our congregation for achieving this amazing feat.

– Julie Bushart, Team Leader

Lay speaking courses to be offered this summer

There will be two opportunities for those wanting to become local lay speakers to begin their course work this summer. There's a new basic course in which individuals are encouraged to recognize and employ their personal spiritual gifts for the church.

Rev. Michael Terrell will lead this course at Northville First United Methodist Church, 301 South Main Street, Northville on six Saturday afternoons beginning July 10, 3-5 pm. Contact Rev. Terrell at beachpastor@frontiernet.net

Denise Gisotti will lead the new basic course at First United Methodist Church of Delmar on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, from August 25 through September 29. Contact her at golfing1020@yahoo.com

Request and Recommendation forms are required. The text cost is \$11 and the course is \$15, payable to UNYUMC.

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers:

Cassie Riordon & Jay Edgar (Marc Edgar), Carol Houseknecht (Karen Seward), Rich & Mare Palm (Rev. Palm), Tim Haverly, Woody & Carole Carver, Bob Zick, Rev. John Miller, Mary Jane Hughes (Lynda Conway), Dana Taylor (Terry and Glen Taylor), Marco Bonato (Jane Lang, David Rathjens), Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Jim King (Julie Bushart), Mary Storm, Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Edwin Busch (Joan House), Ann Gwin.