



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## Our fabulous Fall Fair will be Saturday, Nov. 6 – and we can't pull it off without *your* help!

The most eagerly awaited event in Delmar each autumn – our Fall Fair – will be held on



Saturday, Nov. 6. We need lots of help to pull this off – for as little as an hour, or a half-day, or for as much time as you can offer. Please contact

Deb Suparmanto at [DSuperma@nycap.rr.com](mailto:DSuperma@nycap.rr.com). or 439-1155. Take your pick(s) and pitch in!

- **Sorters** are needed each Monday (6:30 am or 6 pm) and Wednesday (6:30 am).
- **Brawny types** are needed at 7 am before worship on Oct. 24 and 31. Enjoy a quick breakfast and then – carry!
- The **Bake Room**. Prepare any favorite foods

Church Calendar	
<b>Weekly schedule</b>	
Sundays	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am – Junior /Intermediate Choirs/Youth Singers (219/Choir Room/218 ) 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Bible Study with Rev. Kanuck (207) 11 am – Book study “ He Loves Me” (216)
Mondays	10:30 am – Community Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesdays	8 am – Men’s Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 2:30 pm – Farmers’ Market (parking lot) 3 pm – “Coffee Talk” (Perfect Blend) 7 pm - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesdays	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursdays	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
<b>Other events of note</b>	
Tues., Oct. 12	7 pm – Trustees (207)
Thurs., Oct. 14	1 pm – Mary Marthas (Lounge)
Sat., Oct. 16	5 pm – RPMs pasta dinners (Fellowship Hall)
Mon., Oct. 18	8 am – Senior Ministry (4 Corners Rest.) 7 pm – Finance Ministry Team (Room 207) Stewardship (218)
Mon., Oct. 20	7 pm – Staff-Parish Relations team (207)
Fri., Oct. 22	6 pm – Friendship Club (Fellowship Hall)
Sundays, Oct. 24 & 31	7 am – Breakfast for the Brawny (Fellowship Hall). <b>Fall Fair set-up before worship.</b>
Church calendar on-line at: <a href="http://calendar.yahoo.com/delmarmethodist">http://calendar.yahoo.com/delmarmethodist</a>	

## Our Church Family

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Gail Garson, Jean Richardson (Hyacinth Mason), Paul Vandemark, John Vadney, Joan Kapral, Rob Heineman, Mark Hagy (Ann Hagy), Patti Hardy (Pam Skripak), Rev. Bill Barney, Erica Kanuck & Susan Mincher (Ellen and Bob Kanuck), Cassie Riordon & Jay Edgar (Marc Edgar), Carol Housekmecht (Karen Seward), 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), Mary Storm, Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Edwin Busch (Joan House).

that would not require refrigeration the day of the Fair and could be easily packaged. Let your creative skills show! Contact Nan Rabinow ([rainbow1228@verizon.net](mailto:rainbow1228@verizon.net) or 321-6882.

- The **Silent Auction**. We are looking for donations of all types. It could be weeding, cooking, cleaning or whatever your specialty (tutoring?) or talent you possess. We're also happy to auction off things as well! Lift tickets, week-ends at the Cape, and handmade quilts are some of the bighearted donations we've received. Contact Jamie Cable at [jlsgoes@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jlsgoes@nycap.rr.com) or 729-5516.
- The **Plant Room**. Every year the Plant Room gets many visitors looking for a beautiful plant to take home. Past donations have included spider plants, African violets, jade plants, and rosemary plants. So don't throw away that begonia because it was only for the summer patio - donate it! For more information, call Sarah Slingerland, 439-4736.

## Book & Toy Sale, Oct. 29 and 30

Of course some of the very best Fall Fair items go on sale the week before, at our **Book & Toy Sale** – which will be from 12-8 pm on Friday, Oct. 29 and from 8 am to 2 pm that Saturday.

It features over 10,000 quality books for all ages sorted by author/category – hundreds of them like new: novels, cooking, health/fitness, humor/graphics, history/military, biographies, classics, poetry, politics/commentary, home/garden, sports, travel, art/architecture, crafts, education, business, reference, religion,

CD books, scholastic, teens, chapter, early readers, picture books and more. PLUS a huge room full of select toys – Barbies, collector dolls, doll houses, Transformers, Legos, board & electronic games, stuffed toys, infant toys, play furniture, matchbox cars, cars/trucks, tea sets, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, videos, much more. Also an assortment of sports equipment.

### When you need a Pastor's care

Going to the hospital? Someone you know and love has died? Have a pastoral emergency? Call the church (439-9976) and you will be greeted by a friendly person in the church office who can help put you in touch with a pastor.

If the church office is closed, it is still important that you call the church (439-9976). The answering machine will give you an option to "press 3 for pastoral emergencies." When you do that, you will be asked to leave your name, a phone number and a brief message; one of the pastors will be "paged" and will then return your call as promptly as possible.

### Let the RPMs cook for you!

On Saturday, Oct. 16, the RPMs will be providing pasta dinners to take out or dine in, from 5-7 pm at FUMC. The dinner choices are spaghetti with meatballs, or stuffed shells; dinner includes salad, garlic bread and dessert.

Prices are \$8 for an adult; \$5 for a child. To place your order, contact Beth Hickox at [beth.hickox@gmail.com](mailto:beth.hickox@gmail.com) or 596-2116.

### JUMP to the corn maze

JUMP (for Junior United Methodist People) is our youth group for anyone in middle school (grades 6-8.) On Sunday, Oct. 17 we'll head to a corn maze with a campfire and smores to follow! Approximate cost is: \$9.50 per child. Friends are always welcome. Drivers are needed (and let us know how many children your car can take). Contact Julie Bushart at 439-7341 or [jules385@verizon.net](mailto:jules385@verizon.net).

### Coffee talk with Iona

Have church-related questions and don't know where to turn? Ever wanted to just chat about our faith? Associate Pastor Iona Dickinson will be having "office hours" on Tuesdays from 3 pm – 5 pm at the Perfect Blend in Delmar. Stop in any Tuesday, no appointment necessary. (By the way, this is not guaranteed to be a private conversation; if you want a one-on-one talk with a pastor, contact any one of them to schedule a time for that.)

### Bible study opportunities

A new class of Bible Study with Rev. Kanuck is taking place at 11 am on Sundays in Room 207. The study began on Oct. 3 and the first discussions are centered around Paul's Letter to the Colossians. The class will meet on an on-going basis at the discretion of the class.

### Adult book study starts Oct. 10

The book *He Loves Me*, by Wayne Jacobson, will be the focus of an adult study starting Sunday, Oct. 10. Christian filmmaker Bobby Downes says, "This is one of those books that frees you up to walk with the Father like never before." We will meet at 11 am in Room 216 for an hour of reading and discussing one or two chapters each week. Interested in participating? Contact Connie Tilroe at 439-7571, or via e-mail at [connietilroe@yahoo.com](mailto:connietilroe@yahoo.com). Meeting dates: 10/10, 10/19, 10/24, 11/7 & 11/14.

### Mary Marthas

On Thursday, Oct. 14 at 1 pm the Mary Marthas will get together to plan and reconnect. The Mary Marthas meet on second Thursdays; we have speakers and Bible studies, bring cookies to our homebound, and enjoy mutual support and friendship. All are welcome! Contact: Aggie Clark, 439-5578 or Barb Logan at 439-4782.

### Cooking for Interfaith

Our church will be providing the Sunday evening meal for the 30 individuals at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless on Sunday, Oct. 31. Please consider volunteering to provide a casserole, vegetable (or salad), or beverage. A delivery person also is needed. The meal sign-up board is posted in Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Karen Pass at 767-2809 or at [Karen.pass@esc.edu](mailto:Karen.pass@esc.edu).

### Opportunities to help

Here are some ways you can help our Church programs – and thereby enjoy the satisfaction of contributing, as well as the fun and fellowship you'll find along the way:

- Take a turn as an **usher**. The ministry of the ushers is to greet worshippers with a smile, assist them in finding a seat where they will be most comfortable, collect prayer requests and participate in receiving our morning offering. Contact Soheil Azarpour, Usher Coordinator, at 275-0707 or via e-mail at [soheil.moayedi@gmail.com](mailto:soheil.moayedi@gmail.com).
- Host a **Fellowship Hour**. Do you have a special occasion coming up which you would like to celebrate with your church family? Please consider becoming a Fellowship Hour

host. Contact Jane Lang at 439-5118, [jjlang3@mindspring.com](mailto:jjlang3@mindspring.com) or Marilyn Oestreich at 729-2197, [mmoggo@verizon.net](mailto:mmoggo@verizon.net).

- Help with our **communications**. Maybe you could run a Facebook page for the church. Maybe you could show ministry teams how to use Twitter to communicate. Maybe you have skills in graphics design, or in dealing with the news media, or in website design. If you think you could lend a hand, even occasionally, contact David Shaffer at [shafferdf@aol.com](mailto:shafferdf@aol.com), or 439-7261.
- Serve as an **altar angel**. Behind-the-scenes assistants are needed to help with altar cloths, candle oil and floral arrangements. Choose your month – all training provided! Contact Dana Burns at [dmburns@att.net](mailto:dmburns@att.net) or 475-7292.
- Help with **sorting clothing** on Tuesday afternoons from 1 pm - 3 pm with pleasant co-workers at Treasure Cove Thrift Shop. Contact: Linda Graf at 439-6659 or via email at [GiraffeArt@msn.com](mailto:GiraffeArt@msn.com).

## Snowblower services needed

Our Church is in need of snowblowing (not plowing) services for our properties at 128 Adams Place and 135 Adams Street. If you know a reliable person who has a snow blower and who might be interested in contracting with the Church for this work, please ask them to call Rob Cartwright at 439-1813.

## Friendship Club on Oct. 22

The Friendship Club will present a program on Friday, Oct. 22 featuring Susan Leath, Bethlehem Town Historian, with a slide presentation on the history of Bethlehem from 6000 BC to the present. Susan will share the history of local Native American tribes, early Dutch settlers, early toll roads, famous families, agriculture and railroads. *This is a program you won't want to miss.*

We gather in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm and then share a potluck dinner promptly at 6:30 pm before Susan's presentation. For those bringing a casserole, salad or dessert the cost is \$2 and for those without a food donation the cost is \$7. Bring a friend, a neighbor, or a fellow church member. Call Hertha Thayer for reservations at 453-0450. For questions, call Ray or Beth Bell at 439-0871 or Mark Baumbach at 765-4419.

## Tech task force

We are looking for a couple of folks who are familiar with technology to serve on a tech task force. The time commitment would not be great. Presently we have three folks on the tech task team who have expertise and experience with computers. We are considering such things as

projectors for visuals in worship, DVD players, sound systems, and systems that would offer DVDs/broadcasting to Sunday School classes. (And these are only examples of some of the kinds of items that real experts might bring up for consideration!)

Please contact Rev. Palm at 439-9976 ext. 233, or [seniorpastor@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:seniorpastor@delmarmethodist.org).

## Calligrapher in the house?

Do you know how to do calligraphy? Would you be willing to share your talent? We are looking to update our Memorial Gift book which is displayed in the entry area of our Sanctuary. Please contact Rev. Palm at 439-9976 ext. 233, or [seniorpastor@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:seniorpastor@delmarmethodist.org).

## Let's get the word out!

We hope to have increased input to our monthly Telescope coming in the form of articles from our Ministry Teams. SO if your team is involved in a project, let your light shine! Send your item to [shafferdf@aol.com](mailto:shafferdf@aol.com). The deadline is the Friday before the first Wednesday of the month.

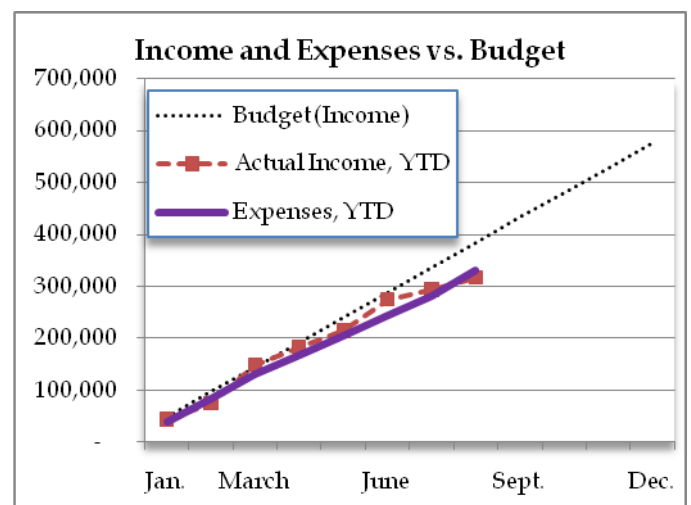
## A thank-you for help with the organ renovation campaign

The Organ Renovation Committee would like to thank Barbara McGivney of Kinderhook for designating the funds in the Alvida Putz Memorial toward the "Organ Renovation Campaign." Barbara mentioned that her mother Alvida loved church music.

For details on transfer or designation of Memorials, contact Karen Seward at 475-0458 or [tseward@nycap.rr.com](mailto:tseward@nycap.rr.com). If you would like discuss the designation of funds specifically toward the "Organ Renovation Campaign" you may contact Alan Robertson at 439-5235 or e-mail [bigal\\_61@msn.com](mailto:bigal_61@msn.com).

## A glimpse at FUMC finances

Through August our income was running \$14,000 below year-to-date expenses, and more than \$60,000 below our budget.



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### **From Rev. Janice: *A new beginning....***

There is a lot of spirited energy flowing around worship and Sunday School and the many ministry teams here at Delmar First UMC. The Spirited energy extends to the Pastoral Team as well. On August 30, we grew from 1¼ pastors to 2¼ pastors. In case it's not evident to you yet, I underline that Rev. Bob, Rev. Iona and myself are a team, working together, and working as one body. We respect one another, support one another, are in continual discussion with one another, and laugh together with one another. You might even say we like one another!

Having several pastors may cause some questions for you, however, like, who's on first. Who is doing what? Each of us possesses unique gifts of ministry; we will all share them in our worship leadership each month. We all will offer emergency care as it is needed. (To receive emergency care, you call the church office. Read more on this in a related article on Page 2.) We all will offer visits when we know of the need to those who are hospitalized. We also all offer counsel for those seeking such. We all will offer Pastor-led Christian Education.

Rev. Bob will continue to serve as the Pastor of Congregational Care, offering a welcoming voice to visiting/new worshippers and being in touch with the older generations in our congregation.

Rev. Iona, our Full-time Associate Pastor, will be giving special attention to young families as their needs are expressed in the areas of worship, education, and membership & evangelism. She also will be developing a new worship service with a team of you folks, lots of prayer, and time to see the needs of the Delmar community.

Rev. Janice will serve in an administrative role overseeing the ministries of the church. She also will be visiting older generations in addition to the above-mentioned pieces.

With the hope that is born out of the gift of Christ in our presence, I look forward to this journey in a new church year.   – Rev. Janice

### **From Rev. Iona: *Thank you, and stay tuned ...***

It has been more than a month since I began as your Associate Pastor and what a wonderful time it has been. From your eager handshakes and hugs following worship, to stopping by the office to say hello, to greeting us when we first moved in and bringing gifts of welcome, you have helped us to feel right at home from the very beginning. *Thank you.* Thank you for welcoming us with open arms.

And, now that I have been here a month, you might be wondering ... "what is she doing anyway?" Well, after conversation with the Staff Parish Relations Team, as well as many conversations with our other pastors, Janice and Bob, my focus areas will be membership, worship, and education, with an emphasis on young families. But, before I can dive fully into any of these areas, my primary job is observing. First it is important that I get to know who you are as individuals, who you are as the church, as well as getting to know the wider community. Before any new programs or grand ideas are implemented, I first must see what you are already up to, what your passions are, what your needs are, and listen with you for God's call for this church. Then and only then, can we begin to work together to respond to that call.

As we look toward the future in ministry together, I can promise you that we will try new things. I can promise you that we will strengthen existing things. I can promise you that we will continue those already existing things that are truly amazing. I can promise you that some of what we do together will fail miserably and we will learn much. And, I can promise you that some of what we do together will succeed beyond our wildest imaginations! Through all of this, God will be there with us, guiding us especially if we pay attention.

So stay tuned. Stay tuned to God; stay tuned as we see together what the future unfolds to be.

– Rev. Iona