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THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Fall Fair is Nov. 5—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. 5. 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 or 439-1155. Take your pick and pitch in!

- **Brawny types** are needed at 7 am before worship on Oct. 23 and 30. Enjoy a quick breakfast and then – carry! If not completed prior to service we will continue after worship.
- The **Bake Room**. Prepare any favorite foods 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 or 321-6882).
- The **Silent Auction**. We are looking for donations of all types. It could be weeding, cooking, cleaning, tutoring – or whatever your talent. Things like lift tickets, weekends at the Cape, and handmade quilts are some of the donations we've received in the past. Contact Jamie Cable at 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. For more information call Sarah Slingerland, 439-4736.

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Jack Brown (Dawn McMahan), Jack Tuell (Jim Knowles-Tuell), Joshua Gazzetta (Sally Gazzetta), Nellie Evans, Albert Mertz (Emily Thomas), Doug Jones (Robin Cairns), Sharon Ornoski, Velma Jones, Shirley Post, John Lang Sr. (John & Jane Lang), Kevin Farnell (Pat & Roger Sutliff), Marilyn Peterson, Ann Ten Eyck (Sally and John Ten Eyck), Harold Johnson (Karl Parker), Maria Maynard and Gordon Durnford (Susan and Gordon Fitting), Jim King (Julie Bushart), Gianna Gisotti (Gisotti and Jachym families), George Marion Boswell, Jr. (Boswell-Penc family), Ginny Diederich (Nancy and Lee Diederich), Jean Richardson and Andy Grimes (Hyacinth Mason), Patti Hardy (Pam Skripak), Mary Jane Hughes (Lynda Conway), Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Mary Storm, Laura and Edwin Busch (Joan House).

'Seasons of the Spirit': A new adult Sunday School class

A lectionary-based class will meet weekly to discuss the scripture reading(s) of the day. We will gather prior to worship from 8:30-9:15 am in Room 207 to discuss the scripture of the day, its historical and Biblical implications. We will discuss how the passage relates to our lives; topics will vary from issues of social injustice, environmental concerns and morality. This class will be ongoing so drop in at any time. This event is BYOB (bring your own Bible!) For more information email Jo Ann Supan at jass11942@aol.com.

No strangers here! — our nametag initiative

The Membership and Evangelism Committee is working to have our congregation wear name-tags, both during the worship service and at fellowship hour.

We want to be a welcoming congregation to those who are visiting us. This is one way we can help newcomers get to know us better. Additionally, we have one brand-new pastor, and another still somewhat-new pastor who are both working hard to try to learn everyone's names. Also, while there may be some who know every member of our congregation, most people do not.

Once you get into the habit of doing it, wearing a nametag will become second nature — and it really is an important part of facilitating a welcoming, friendly environment in our church.

So how does it work? If you have not yet done so, please pick up a blank nametag, at either entrance of the church, either in the narthex or the education wing. Fill it out with your first name (or your nickname, if you prefer) and your last name. Once you fill it out yourself, it will be typed up for you the following week. Simply wear your nametag during worship and also in Fellowship Hall if you attend coffee hour. As you leave you can leave your nametag in a red basket at any of the entrances, and you'll find it at that same entrance next time. (Or you can leave it in Fellowship Hall in baskets that will be marked education wing, narthex left, and narthex right.)

Members of the Membership and Evangelism Committee will be helping with creating and finding your nametags for the next several months until we all get used to the process. The committee thanks you for your cooperation and support of this initiative!

Stewardship campaign for 2012 builds toward Oct. 30 commitment

Our church's vision statement speaks of "growing together in faith and in service to God" — and this year's Stewardship campaign is being built around that theme.

God has bestowed many blessings on each of us. There are countless ways that we respond to God's love and can grow together. We all have talents and gifts which we bring to our Christian community. With Jesus's love and inspiration, we can work together toward fulfillment of our vision. Our understanding of the life Jesus taught us to live can always be improved and we can all grow towards being closer to Him.

During the Memorial Day parade, we distributed seed packets with the invocation of "Come Grow With Us." We need to plant our vision, nurture it with commitment and water it with compassion. We will each be able to do all of these during this year's Stewardship campaign.

Rev. Iona on family leave!

Rev. Iona Dickinson has scheduled a family leave from mid-October through mid-December. During her absence the teams with which she works — Education, Membership and Evangelism, Church Family Life, the Methodivas and the Worship Dream Team — will continue with volunteer and/or pastoral leadership.

Let's use up our plastic utensils

There are plenty of disposable spoons, forks, and knives in the church kitchen. If your event will need plastic silverware, please do not buy any; use these instead. Once these are gone, however, let's remember that disposable flatware is NOT recyclable. Using and washing regular flatware will help keep our Earth a little cleaner.

Friendship Club to gather on Oct. 21 for program on roses

Ray and Beth Bell will present a special Friendship Club program on Friday, Oct. 21. They will focus on roses grown in the Pacific Northwest, specifically four gardens in Portland, Oregon and one in Victoria, British Columbia.

Friendship Club gathers on selected Friday evenings at 6 pm and eats at 6:30 pm, followed by a program. The meal is potluck; for those bringing a casserole, salad or dessert, the cost is \$2; for those without a food donation, the cost is \$7. Bring a friend, a neighbor, or a fellow church member. If you are not on the calling list, call Hertha Thayer for reservations at 453-0450. For questions, call Ray or Beth Bell at 439-0871 or Mark Baumbach at 765-4419.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE — WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 AT 7 PM

District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Brolin Parker will lead our Church Conference on Oct. 26. The agenda will include:

- Lay speaker reports and renewal of certification.
- Bequests and other gift to the church.
- Pastoral support package.
- Nominations report and endorsement of new team members.
- Receipt of team reports.

To our team leaders: Many reports were provided at the conference held on June 27. If those reports would no longer be current or applicable, please notify Church Office and provide any new team reports no later than Wednesday, Oct. 19 to Nan Rabinow at churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org.

New adult study focuses on '10 Old Testament heroes'

Think the Old Testament doesn't relate to you? Time to think again as we look at "10 Old Testament Heroes." In five weeks we will come face to face with some amazing people and learn some timeless truths. They will encourage us to be God's people in today's world. John Maxwell's little book, "Running with the Giants" will be our guide in this five-week study starting Oct. 16 at 11 am in the Chapel. Want to know more or sign up? Call Connie Tilroe at 439-7571 .

Senior luncheon on Oct. 12

On Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 11:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, the Senior Ministry Team is sponsoring a fall luncheon for any members in our congregation who remember penny candy or a 5-cent cup of coffee. (Of course, if you have someone to bring you, they are welcome to stay too.) We all had such fun last Spring with the luncheon. You are invited, but a reservation is really important so we can have the right amount of food. Please call Hertha Thayer at 453-2535 by Oct. 9.

Mary Marthas on Oct. 13

It's time again for the Mary Marthas! If you would like to join us, we will meet on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 1 pm in the Lounge as we make plans for another exciting year!

Mary Marthas is a small, friendly group of women. Their gatherings include various speakers, book discussions, and common interests. We also provide support to those unable to come to church with periodic deliveries of treats and a warm smile. We especially support one another. For more information please contact: Aggie Clark (439-5578), Barb Logan (439-4782), Janet Gelzheiser (439-5928) or Shirley Milbert (475-1298).

Laity Sunday service on Oct. 16 ...

We will celebrate Laity Sunday during worship on Oct. 16, to consider our service to others and to honor our church leadership.

Each team leader may offer a gift from their respective teams that day in the form of either a health kit or cleaning bucket. We are asking the congregation to bring a health kit or cleaning bucket as well. You may also contribute by providing an item for a kit or bucket. A list of the contents for the kits and bucket are located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

... followed by a report on Africa!

After worship on Oct. 16, Beth Hickox Gould, our RPMs leader, will join us at Fellowship Hour to share her experiences in Africa. She spent much of the summer actively working in mission ministry there, and it proved to be a life-changing experience for her. Beth also will be speaking at the Delmar Presbyterian Church on Oct 15 at 7pm – dessert and coffee provided.

Treasure Cove news & fun facts!

Did you know that our shop made \$800 for FUMC in one day a couple of weeks ago? Did you know that in the past year we gave clothing to: local fire victims, Burmese refugees, “Dress for Success” recipients, Emmaus refugee children, Capital City Rescue Mission, AUMS, Teen Pregnancy Organization, and the Midnight Run for RPM’s.

Did you know that we are celebrating 19 years of Treasure Cove? Did you know that we have FUN every week and we could use your help?

Volunteer opportunities every Tuesday 9am – 6pm (we especially need help at “put-away” time from 5pm to 6pm). Just show up anytime on Tuesday and we will train you!

Organ upgrade, Phase II

The congregation responded promptly and generously to a request for pledges to support the repair and renovation of the pipe organ in the sanctuary. A contract for the work was recently signed by the Board of Trustees with Rosenberry and Myers, organbuilders in Stuyvesant, NY.

The metal pipes will be manufactured in a shop in the Catskills. The wooden pipes will be produced in Erie, Pa., and the pipes for the trumpet will come from Ohio. After they are received at Rosenberry and Myers’ shop (expected in 4-9 months), that firm can build the windchests. The builder says the organ should not be inoperable for any extensive period during this process.

– *Stephen Wiley for the Organ Upgrade Support Team*

RPMs youth program has a busy month ahead – check it out!

Anyone in 9-12th grade is invited to come and check out our RPMs – an ecumenical group drawn from three churches: the Reformed, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches in Delmar. For more information please email Beth Gould at RPMsYouthGroup@gmail.com.

October schedule:

Sunday, Oct. 9, 11:30 am - 4:00 pm – Flood relief help in Schoharie/ Meet at First United Methodist Church

Friday, Oct. 14, 7 pm – Live Band Night / Delmar Reformed Church

Sunday, Oct. 16, 7 pm – RPMs Meeting at Delmar Reformed/ Retreat forms & money due

Saturday, Oct. 22 – Pasta Dinner / Delmar Presbyterian Church

Friday, Oct. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 30 – Retreat at Camp Pinnacle

Church Calendar for the month

Wednesday, Oct. 5	6:30 pm	Lay Speaking (& 10/12, 19, 26)	Room 207
Thursday, Oct. 6	1 pm	Worship Team	Room 207
Monday, Oct. 10	7 pm	Bible Basics (& 10/24, 10/31)	Library
Tuesday, Oct. 11	11 am 7 pm	Bible Basics (& 10/25 & 11/1) Trustees	Library Room 207
Wednesday, Oct. 12	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Membership & Evangelism Stewardship Team	Room 216 *note change Room 218
Thursday, Oct. 13	1 pm 7 pm	Mary Marthas Nominations Team	Lounge Room 207
Friday, Oct. 14	5:30-7 pm	Pot Pie Palooza	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Oct. 15	8:30 am	Women-in-the-Middle	Tool's Restaurant
Sunday, Oct. 16	11 am 11 am	"Volunteer in Africa" (Beth Gould) Bible Study (& 10/23, 10/30)	Fellowship Hall Chapel
Monday, Oct. 17	8 am	Senior Ministry Team	Four Corners
Tuesday, Oct. 18	5:30 pm 7 pm 7 pm	Staff Parish Relations Team Finance Team Upper Room study	Room 207 Room 207 Library
Friday, Oct. 21	6 pm	Friendship Club	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Oct. 23	8 am	Brawny Movers (also 10/30)	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Oct. 25	7 pm 7 pm	Worship Dream Team Administrative Council	Room 207 Room 218
Wednesday, Oct. 26	7 pm 7:30 pm	Annual Church Conference Stewardship Team	Lounge Library
Friday, Oct. 28	12-8 pm	Annual Toy/Book Fair	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Oct. 29	8 am -12 pm	Annual Toy/Book Fair continues	

Regular weekly schedule

Sundays	8:30 pm 9:30 am 9:45 am 10:45 am 11 am 11 am	Adult Bible Study Worship Church School Fellowship Hour Junior/Int./Youth Choirs Theological/Social Issues	Library Sanctuary Classrooms Fellowship Hall 219/Choir Rm/218 Lounge
Mondays	10:30 am	Community Playgroup	Nursery
Tuesdays	8 am 10 am 7 pm	Men's Breakfast Treasure Cove Upper Room Study Group	Four Corners Lounge Library
Wednesdays	10:30 am 10:30 am	Bible Study Community Playgroup	Delmar Place Nursery
Thursdays	6:30, 7:30 pm	Bell Choir; Chancel Choir	201; Choir Room

‘Bible Basics’ classes to focus on Old Testament prophets

In October and November we'll explore some of the books found in the middle of the Bible. Prior attendance not needed, and feel free to come to just one or two of the sessions! We meet in the Library. Classes are held on either Monday evenings at 7 pm or on Tuesdays at 11 am – but **no class on Oct. 17 or 18.**

During Rev. Iona's family leave, Rev. Robert J. Zittel will be leading our Bible Basics study. Rev. Zittel is a recently retired United Methodist pastor.

Oct. 10, 7 pm – OR Oct. 11, 11 am

Isaiah 1:1-20; 2:1-5; 6:1-13; 7:10-17; 9:1-7;
11:1-10; 12:1-6

Oct. 24, 7 pm – OR Oct. 25, 11 am

Isaiah 40:1-11; 52:13-53:12; 55:1-13; 55:1-13;
58:1-14; 60:1-11; 65:17-25

Oct. 31, 7 pm – OR Nov. 1, 11 am

Jeremiah 1-3:5; 14:1-15:21; 18:1-12; 31:1-14,
27-34

Nov. 7, 7 pm – OR Nov. 8, 11 am

Daniel 6:1-28, Jonah

Nov. 14, 7 pm – OR Nov. 15, 11 am

Micah 3:5-12; 6:1-8; Habakkuk 1:1-2:5; Mala-
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Class will not meet Nov. 21 or 22

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