



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## 'Let Your Light Shine' – a special Lenten program comes to us

This Sunday, March 1, the **First Sunday of Lent**, we will host the Clown Ministry of the King's Clown Troupe of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Clifton Park.

The theme for the worship service is **Let Your Light Shine**. We will celebrate Holy Communion. Do plan on coming to worship this day; your hearts will be warmly touched by this troupe of 25 youth.

## Ministry teams gather this Saturday morning

This Saturday, Feb. 28, from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., the Administrative Council will bring together the ministry teams of our church around the goal of forming a common set of priorities for the next year. We'll explore questions like: What does your path of faith exploration look like? Who is joining you on your journey? How do you serve, and how do others serve you, during the journey?

If you are serving on a ministry team, please join us. If you want to serve on a ministry team, please join us. If you want others to join you on your journey, please join us.

– Rev. Palm, Jeff Peterson, John Lamitie

## Friendship Club to learn about clean energy this Friday

One of our own church members, John Saintcross, will lead the program for February's Friendship Club. Using a PowerPoint presentation along with time for dialogue, John's topic is "Will Our Children Breathe Easier? The Promise of Windpower and Other Forms of Clean Energy."

Since John and Kate Saintcross arrived here in New York (from Vermont), John has been involved on the leading edge of research and development on alternate power sources for our state with NYSERDA.

The Feb. 27 gathering will follow the usual format: 6 p.m. gathering in the Fellowship Hall; 6:30 p.m. sharing in the delicious potluck meal and conversation; 7:30 p.m., program.

The format counts on most of those attending providing main dishes, salads or desserts. If it's not convenient to bring food, just put a few extra bills in the basket above the \$2 that everyone contributes. To help us get an approximate count for tables and chairs set up, it's helpful if you

contact Hertha Thayer at 453-0450 to say you expect to attend.

## Mary Marthas on March 12

Mary Marthas will meet on Thursday, March 12. A very special program has been planned. We are to meet at the church at 12:15 p.m. (*note new time*); the senior van will pick us up at 12:30 and take us to the Bethlehem Town

Hall to hear the Bethlehem Senior Chorus. After the program the senior van will bring us back to the church for our meeting and refreshments. For more information contact Barb Logan 439-4782, Aggie Clark 439-5578, Janet Gelzheiser 439-5928 or Shirley Milbert 475-1298.

## RPMs Coffee House on March 7 – tickets available!

RPMs, our Sr. Hi ecumenical youth group, still have tickets available for their annual Coffee House Benefit and will be selling them during Fellowship Hour on Sundays. Tickets (which are \$15 each, or two for \$25 – checks payable to RPM Seniors) are also available through Church Office. All proceeds will support the RPMs 2009 Spring Mission Trip to Washington, D.C. where they will assist the homeless and others in need.

The Coffee House will be held Saturday, March 7, 7:30–10:30 p.m. at Delmar Reformed Church. The evening includes entertainment by Acoustic Hartland (featuring several from our congregation), an unlimited selection of coffee and teas, and a spectacular array of gourmet desserts. A HUGE silent auction of goods and services will also be offered.

## Our Church In Mission

**Food Pantry Needs:** The AUMS food pantry is in need of canned fruits, vegetables, cereal, pasta sauce, canned meats and tuna fish. Though always grateful, they are abundantly supplied with pasta. What may seem like a lot of canned goods will be gone in a week's time. The need for food assistance in the inner city continues to rise. We can help!

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

March 1  
1st Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.  
Service of Holy Communion

**Clown Ministry**  
*from*  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,  
Clifton Park

"Let Your Light Shine"

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## Church Calendar

Thursday Feb. 26	6 p.m. – Potluck Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 7 p.m. – Church Conference 8 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Fri., Feb. 27	6 p.m. – Friendship Club (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, Feb 28	8:30 a.m. – Administrative Council and ministry teams meet to set priorities for the year ahead (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, March 1	9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship with King's Clown Troupe 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship Hour 11 a.m. – Jr. Choir/Intermediate/Youth Choirs (219/Choir Room/216 ) 11 a.m. – "I Believe in Jesus" (218) 11 a.m. - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 7 p.m. – RPMs Meeting (Del. Reformed) 7 p.m. - Women's Study Group (Library)
Mon., Mar. 2	10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 p.m. – Administrative Council (207)
Tuesday, March 3	8 a.m. – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 a.m. – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 p.m. - Upper Room (Lounge)
Wednesday, March 4	10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, March 5	6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

## A thank-you from Alpha

All of us here at the Alpha Pregnancy Center would like to thank you and your church for the many beautiful donations you have provided over the last several years. The Center serves needy individuals and families with young children or who are pregnant. Numerous times your church has provided us with strollers, cribs and other needed items. I cannot begin to express the relief and joy that these families experience as they see God provide for their needs in their time of trouble. Some of the ladies that come to the Center have decided to carry through with an unplanned pregnancy. Most are single women raising their children without a lot of support. The Center is a Christian-based organization that is

concerned with the life of the unborn child as well as the life of the mother and family.

– *Kathleen Rosecrans, Center Director*

## Serve as an acolyte

Any child in grade 4 - 8 who is interested in being an acolyte should contact Karen Seward at church or via e-mail ([tseward@nycap.rr.com](mailto:tseward@nycap.rr.com)). If you have never done it before, Karen will meet with you following church on a convenient Sunday for a short practice session.

## Help needed in our Nursery

We are desperately looking for volunteers to staff the Nursery. We need at least two people each Sunday – one of the two people needs to be an adult, the second person can be a teen or adult. Upcoming dates unfilled are: March 15, 22, & 29. Please contact Jamie Cable at 729-5516 or [jlsgoes@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jlsgoes@nycap.rr.com).

## Our Church Family

### Our prayers and sympathy for:

- Joan Kapral and family upon the loss of her mother, Bernice Kapral on Feb. 17 in Corning, New York.
- Marilyn Kaltenborn, Brian Mayes and families upon the loss of their father, Murray Mayes, a steadfast member of FUMC Delmar, on Saturday, Feb. 21. A memorial service is being planned here for Saturday, March 7. Visiting hours will be 1-3 p.m. with the memorial service immediately following.
- Jim Stroud and family upon the loss of his beloved wife Shirley on Thursday, Feb. 19. Funeral services were held at Applebee F.H. Rev. Palm presided.
- Jim and Jane O'Neill and family upon the loss of their newborn granddaughter, Lily Marie, on Tuesday, Feb. 17.

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Keith and Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Kyle Wahl (Tom Stephany), Karen Boughton (Linda Blattner & Kim Ryan), Barb Wiley, Jonathan Carpenter (Kevin Conley), Julia Hymes ((Mary Noble), Maud Denham, Bill Harden (Natalie Darrone), Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Lynn Mallory, Chuck Payne (Ray Bell), Ken Huddleston (Karen & Kyle Jones), Nick Dubroff (Sally and John Ten Eyck), Sam Kunis ( Dana Burns), Denise Knaack, Mary Storm, Susan and Marge Stewart (John Stewart), Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), Kevin Rice and family (Nancy and Steve Rice), Louise Marshall, Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Clara Cabesas (Marian and Bill Jewell), Capt. Sean Quinn (John and Sally Ten Eyck), Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Bernice Drozd (Karen Ward), Edwin Busch (Joan House), Noah Hyde (Mil Harmon), Viva Klim.