



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Holy Week services

April 5: Palm – Passion Sunday

- Worship at 10:30 a.m., combined choirs.

April 9: Maundy Thursday

- 5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Hall. Middle Eastern Shared Meal & Service with Communion. Followed by Stripping of Signs of Christ (Sanctuary & Hummel Chapel)

April 10: Good Friday

- Hummel Chapel open for prayer, 12– 5 p.m.
- Meditative Service, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (Hummel Chapel)

April 12: Easter Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. – Early Service (Hummel Chapel)
- 9 a.m. – Refreshments in Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. – Easter Service, Sanctuary. Easter & Handbell Choirs, Brass

The fascinating story of our Sanctuary windows: take the tour!

1909 – 2009: History reveals that our first four stained glass windows were installed and dedicated one hundred years ago this year. Traditionally, windows have been an instrument in teaching Christians in a picturesque fashion the nature of their faith, when books were not readily available as they are today.

The Good Shepherd Window was originally installed over the altar before the 1982 reconstruction of the Sanctuary, at which time it was moved in order to install the new organ pipes. It reminds us of these words of Jesus: "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep."

The window depicting a crown encircling a cross is a companion window to the Good Shepherd. You will notice that the motifs and colors at the top of each arch are the same.

The third 1909 window shows a very distinctive cross known as a Celtic cross. It contains some very interesting imagery. Perhaps the ram's-horn image indicates a connection to the symbol of Christ as the sacrificial Lamb of God. The fourth window portrays Christ in a brilliant red robe standing on a balcony.

A bulletin board in Fellowship Hall gives more information about these windows. And for those of you who wish to take the full tour of the windows and other memorials around the building, please let me know a suitable time/day of the week and I'll try to accommodate as many as possible: ladosta@aol.com.

– Marilyn Peterson

Friendship Club Friday

Friendship Club will enjoy "An Evening of Musical Nostalgia - Songs We All Remember" this Friday evening, March 27. "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" and other selections from the '40s and '50s will resound through Fellowship Hall, thanks to a group of choristers from New Scotland.

As usual, we will begin to gather at 6 p.m. and turn to the Pot Luck Supper table at 6:30 p.m. Needed for the food tables are plenty of main dishes, salads and desserts we look forward to. Those bringing food are also asked to provide \$2 each and those not preparing food can contribute \$7. In order to plan for the set up of chairs and tables, it is helpful if those planning to attend contact Janet Gelzheiser (459-5928)

'Love Kits' for the homeless

During March we are collecting personal hygiene items for "love kits" for the residents of the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. Appropriate items include any or all of the following (and similar items):

Toothbrushes, toothpaste; shampoo, hair conditioner; combs; razors, shaving cream; lip balm, hand lotion; washcloths, soap, deodorant; feminine hygiene products; socks.

Please bag your items in paper or plastic bags. "Love kit" collection boxes are set up at various locations in the church.

Church Conference results

The budget and the resolution proposing a Program Director (subject to financial backing) were both endorsed by the Church Conference held on Feb. 26. Copies of the minutes and proposed budget are available in Church Office.

Mary Marthas April 9

The Mary Marthas will meet in the Lounge on Thursday, April 9 at 1 p.m.; Dorothy Anson will tell us about her experiences in England during WWII. For more information, please call Aggie Clark at 439-5578 or Shirley Milbert at 475-1298.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

March 29*Sermon by**Rev. Janice Palm**"What's On Your Heart"**Texts:*

Jeremiah 31:31-34;

John 12:20-33

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Church Calendar

Thursday, March 26	6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Friday, March 27	6 p.m. Friendship Club with “Songs We All Remember” (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, March 29	9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship Hour 11 a.m. – Jr. Choir/Intermediate/Youth Choirs (219/Choir Room/216) 11 a.m. - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 7 p.m. - Women’s Study Group (Library)
Mon., Mar. 30	10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday March 31	8 a.m. – Men’s Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 a.m. – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 p.m. - Upper Room (Lounge)
Wednesday, April 1	10:30 a.m. – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, April 2	6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Coffee House, Midnight Run

The RPMs would like to thank EVERYONE who supported the Annual Coffeehouse. It was a great success with the biggest attendance ever! A special thanks goes out to all of the parent volunteers who helped to coordinate the event, especially co-chairs Nan Rabinow and Carol Hart.

Also, thank you to everyone who donated clothes and/or toiletries to the Midnight Run to New York City. It was a great night! I will continue to collect items all year long so if you find WARM winter wear that you want to donate as you are doing your spring cleaning, let me know and I'll take it! You can contact me at 596-2116 or beth.hickox@gmail.com. Items most asked for: hooded sweatshirts (dark colors), men's sneakers, jeans. – *Beth Hickox*

Senior services seminar May 31

Mark your calendar now: Care Corps will sponsor a special seminar on Sunday afternoon, May 31, on local programs for senior living. Details to follow!

Summer Camp brochures

Brochures may be found on the literature tables located outside the Nursery on the second floor and in the Narthex, as well as in Church Office.

Check out our clean kitchen!

Lots of time, effort, and elbow grease went into the dusting, washing, scrubbing, and sorting that took place in our church kitchen one day a few weeks ago. Five volunteers gave their time to do work that might not have been necessary if everybody who uses the kitchen would clean up thoroughly and ensure that all items are returned to their proper places. All cabinets, drawers and closets are labeled to show where items are stored. Dish towels and pot holders should be laundered and returned to the kitchen. Let's treat our church kitchen with care!

Messages of gratitude

The family of Barbara Green would like to extend sincere, deep gratitude to our church family for your tremendous support and sympathy on behalf of Barbara. It was particularly meaningful to conduct the service in our wonderful church with Rev. Palm's leadership. In God's Grace,

– *The Green, Lamitie and Collier families*

As we said goodbye to our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Eleanor Morton, your kindness was a great comfort. Thank you for all the warm embraces, beautiful music, uplifting message and delicious cookies. We feel so blessed to be a part of such a caring community.

– *Bob Morton and family*

Our Church Family

St. Peter's: Janet Robinson, Jeanne Bourque

In our thoughts and prayers: Harold Roeth (Jacque & Maureen Roeth), The family of Karen Boughton (Linda Blattner & Kim Ryan), Barb Wiley, Jonathan Carpenter (Kevin Conley), Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Lynn Mallory, 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'Conor (Lynda Conway), Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), Louise Marshall, Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Clara Cabelas (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.