



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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Our Church in Mission

Sharing Garage Space with Mission Movers:

For the past six years, the Mission Movers have been using one bay of our garage for furniture storage. Now additional storage space is needed. If you have unused garage space, please consider allowing its use by the Mission Movers. (Karen Pass is the contact: 767-2809.) Call us if you'd like to talk about our space-sharing arrangements (439-3350).

– Phil and Mary Johnston

Computers for Kids: This a summer program to teach hardware and software skills to inner-city teenagers, run by the FOCUS churches in Albany. The program's objective is to prepare at-risk teens with job skills for future employment in computer technology. If you are able to help, please give cash or checks (made out to FUMC and noted for Computers for Kids) to Karen Pass or leave with Nan Rabinow in the Church Office.

Mozambique: Rev. Bob Long, whom many of us know, is deeply committed to financially assisting Mozambican ministerial students who are attending Africa Methodist University. To raise money for those students, Bob is seeking sponsors for his "bikealong": he will be riding his bicycle on a 100-mile trip around the Capital District in early June and then an additional 150 miles round trip to and from Annual Conference. His sponsor sheet is posted on a bulletin board across from our Church Office.

Habitat's Methodist House

We start work at 5 Stephen Street this Saturday, May 23 and will hold the ceremonial kickoff on June 6. On May 23 we will be laying drain tile, putting the crushed stone in place for the concrete slab to be poured, and perhaps doing yard clean up. How can you help? We have jobs for builders and non-builders alike. Habitat will be working on the site from June 2-10. For more information or to sign up for a day, please contact Kevin Conley (475-9034 or kconley1@nycap.rr.com).

An update from the Carvers

Thanks to all of your help and good wishes, we have sold our house and are anticipating temporary housing options until we get accepted into the Wesley Health Center in Saratoga. Our address till then and as long as weather permits will be 3044 Parkwood Dr., Weiss Grove, Hagaman, NY 12086 – (518) 882-1818. Woody is in intensive sleep deprivation study and hopefully some help will result.

– Carole and Woody Carver

Senior services seminar

Come learn how to access FREE, or otherwise affordable, programs that enrich senior living. Learn about housing options, independent living assistance, transportation and more! Presentations by Town of Bethlehem Senior Services, CHOICES of St. Peter's and Senior Services of Albany. **Date:** Sunday, May 31 from 1:30 – 3 p.m. Reservations: Call Karen Jones at 366-2856. Sponsored by Care Corps.

Thanks for the clean-up!

A group of our church members proved (*once again*) that many hands make for light work. We are grateful to the 12 hard-working folks who gave our property a spring spruce-up on Saturday. In less than three hours, trees were trimmed, drains were cleaned, leaves were raked, signs were put back up, sidewalks and parking lots were swept, and most importantly, good fellowship was had by all. If there are other ways you would like to beautify our church home, the Board of Trustees would welcome your thoughts.

Pentecost on Sunday, May 31

When was the last time you were amazed, perplexed, astonished, or bewildered? These words describe the reactions of the crowds in the story of Pentecost from *Acts 2:2-21*. The day of Pentecost is a part of the Jewish Festival of Weeks about 50 days after Passover. There are several references to Pentecost in both the Old and New Testaments. For us, it is the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit after Jesus' Ascension. For us, it is a celebration of the beginning of the early Church.

Come worship May 31, the Day of Pentecost. Come celebrate *Acts 2*. Come celebrate the New Church. Come experience the coming of the Holy Spirit. Come celebrate the Confirmation of our 8th grade youths. We'll hear the rush of wind, see tongues of fire. Different languages will be spoken, but we will all understand. To help put us all in the spirit of Pentecost, wear something **red**.

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am
Sunday, May 24

*Sermon by
Rev. Janice Palm
"Remembering the
Saints"*

*Text:
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1: Response #2
Pg. 738*

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Church Calendar

Thursday, May 21	6:30 pm. – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Sunday, May 24	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge)
Monday, May 25	<i>Memorial Day Observed – Offices Closed</i> 10 a.m. – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, May 26	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 2:30 pm – Farmers' Market (parking lot) 7 pm - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, May 27	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, May 28	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	

About Richard Duckworth and the stained glass window fund

Rev. Palm has asked that contributions in memory of her husband, Carter Eltzroth, be directed to the Stained Glass Restoration Fund.

A crate on the third floor holds the remains of a damaged stained glass window that was originally installed in the sanctuary in 1926. The damaged window depicts the Lamb of God, and is in memory of Richard Duckworth. Looking for more information about him, Shirley Milbert tracked down a story from *The Altamont Enterprise* of Friday, March 31, 1923 reading, in part:

The Daily Vacation Bible school which has been in session for the past four weeks closed on Wednesday. It had been planned to have an all-day party for the children with the closing exercises in the afternoon. Instead of this program a very sad one was carried out in the nature of a memorial service for Richard Duckworth, a member of the Junior class.

Some time ago Richard and his brother Donald returned from a two weeks camping trip to Carbondale, Pa. On Tuesday he was stricken with infantile paralysis and on Thursday he passed away..... So instead of a merry party ... with Richard one of the guests, a sad little group

of about 35 gathered on the Reformed church lawn where a memorial service was conducted by the Rev. William M. Morrow.

When Carter took the Stained Glass Window Tour with Marilyn Peterson, he was deeply saddened to learn that this window was in broken pieces. This fund will help to realize his vision of properly displaying this special window. Make checks payable to FUMC Delmar, mark them for the window fund, and leave them in Church Office.

Vacation Bible School

Are you passionate about the mission(s) with which you are involved? Then Jen Bailey would like you to come and share your passion with campers at VBS this summer. We are seeking individuals who can come one morning during the week to share stories or lead activities for small groups of campers. Please contact Jen at education@delmarmethodist.org (or 439-9976 ext. 225) if you are interested in this opportunity.

If you are interested in drama, come help with our Vacation Bible Story skits. For information contact Julie Bushart jakber@aol.com or 439-7341.

VBS is in need of trees. Jen Bailey is looking for artificial Christmas Trees to use as decorations. If you have a tree that you can lend or donate, please contact Jen at 439-9976 ext. 225 or at education@delmarmethodist.org. **THANKS!**

Our Church Family

Our prayers and sympathy to To Susan Fitting and family upon the loss of her mother, June Bennetton, on May 11 in Niskayuna.

In our thoughts and prayers: Sally Gazzetta, Eleanore Marks, Donna Price (Karen Tedesco), Alvida Putz, Dean Christian, Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Shannon McNally (Katie Lynne Morton), Harold Roeth (Jacque & Maureen Roeth), Barb Wiley, Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Lynn Mallory, Nick Dubroff, Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Denise Knaack, Mary Storm, Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Clara Cabezas (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).