



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## Welcome to our confirmands!

On Sunday, May 31, the congregation welcomed these new members from our 2009 Confirmation Class:

- Jessica Fleck
- Ian Foley
- Robbie Held
- Danielle Lang
- Nicholas Mashuta
- Alexandra Rathjens
- Kevin Rudolph
- Michael Turi
- Caroline Weiss

## We're getting ready for summer Church School; can you help?

Are you passionate about kids? We are seeking individuals who are willing to teach church school one Sunday this summer. All materials will be provided. Please contact Jen Bailey, Director of Christian Education at 439-9976 ext. 225 or at [education@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:education@delmarmethodist.org) if you are interested in this opportunity.

And VBS is in need of trees. Yes, Jen is looking for artificial Christmas Trees to use as decorations. If you have a tree that you can lend or donate, please contact Jen. THANKS!

## A second chance at the defensive driving course

Did you miss the first defensive driving course? We're offering another session.

It will be held June 15 & 18 from 9 am – 1 pm, in Fellowship Hall. The program is open to all ages, and completion can save you 10 percent on your auto insurance rates (must attend both sessions to qualify). The course is led by Ray Bell; refreshments will be provided.

The cost is \$12 for AARP members, and \$14 for non-AARP members. RSVP: Warren Stoker, [wstoker@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wstoker@nycap.rr.com), 439-6089.

## Sponsors needed

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 "bike-along": 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 across from our Church Office.

## Habitat Methodist House

Join us for the kickoff for the 5 Stephen Street house at 9 am this Saturday, June 6! Following a welcome by Habitat for Humanity Director Steve Haggerty, Michael Breslin will address the group on behalf of the County, Kevin Conley will speak on behalf of sponsoring area churches, and pastors William Pattison and Robert Zittel will confer blessings. If you can make snacks for the refreshment period, or can volunteer for construction on June 6 or Friday, June 5, please contact Kevin Conley (475-9034 or [kconley1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kconley1@nycap.rr.com)).

## Church Conference on June 28

Hold the date: We will be having a Church Conference on Sunday, June 28 at 11:15 am.

## 'Three Rules': A special class coming in September

What are the three simple rules for Christian living? Where do they come from? Why are they so important? How can I practice them?

These questions are addressed in the book *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*, by Rueben Job, and we will be exploring them in a special six-week course in September. His three rules are:

1. Do no harm.
2. Do good.
3. Stay in love with God.

You will learn what these rules mean and how you can practice them in your daily life. The six-week course will begin on Sunday, Sept. 20; the cost is \$11. Contact Denise Gisotti, Lay Leader, to register for this exciting new study opportunity at 439-1779 or [golfing1020@yahoo.com](mailto:golfing1020@yahoo.com).

## Telescope vacation June 17

The Telescope will be on vacation for the June 17 issue – returning on June 24. If there's anything you need published before June 24, it will have to go in next week's (June 10) issue. Please get your items to Church Office by this Friday, June 5.

## WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am  
Sunday, June 7

*Sermon by  
Rev. Janice Palm  
"Whom Shall I Send?"*

*Text:  
Isaiah 6:1-8;  
Romans 8:12-17;  
John 3:1-17*

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## Church Calendar

Thursday, June 4	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday, June 6	7:30 am – Men's Ministry Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9 am – Habitat for Humanity Kickoff (5 Stephen St., Albany) 11 am – Colwell Memorial (Sanctuary)
Sunday, June 7	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11:30 am – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 7 pm – RPMs Meeting (Del. Reformed)
Monday, June 8	10 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, June 9	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 2:30 pm – Farmers Market (parking lot) 7 pm - Upper Room (Library) 7 pm – Trustees (207)
Wednesday, June 10	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, June 11	1 pm – Mary Marthas (Lounge) 6:30 pm – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday, June 13	6 pm – RPMs Senior Ceremony
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

## Summer Camp brochures

Brochures for Skye Farm Summer Camp programs 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.

## Camperships

Camperships are available for children who register to attend Skye Farm, Covenant Hills, or another United Methodist Summer Camp. We are offering the Camperships to families who have a relationship with the church, and for whose children the camp experience would not be possible without such assistance. Families will need to make an application for a Campership by

June 15; these applications are available at the Church Office. Rev. Palm will accept the Campership Applications; they then will be reviewed by the Christian Education Director and the Christian Education Team. We have a limit to our budget, so we will take requests and give them as the fund allows.

## Looking for our graduates

Is someone in your family graduating from high school or college this spring or summer? If so, please let Church Office know at 439-9976 (or [churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org)) so we may publish these names later this month.

## Concerning our Faith Community

Because we are a caring community of faith, we are looking for ways to help one another in real ways. That outreach comes in a variety of loving ways. At the same time, the church needs to provide for, and ensure, people's privacy when those folks do not desire to have the majority of the faith community know of particular events or developments in their life journeys. Because of this we are asking the following:

When making prayer requests or giving health/personal status of individuals who require prayer, in order to ensure accurate information and protect people's privacy, the Church Office and pastors are asking that family members make the announcement or request. If others make the request, the church office will check with the family before putting information out to the rest of the faith community.

## Our Church Family

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Judy & Jim King (parents of Julie Bushart), Eleanore Marks, Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Shannon McNally (Katie Lynne Morton), Harold Roeth (Jacque & Maureen Roeth), Barb Wiley, Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Rev. Dean Christian, 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, 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).