



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## Homecoming Sunday Sept. 13 starts off the new program year

Celebrate Autumn and begin a new season of ministry together! Our traditional "Homecoming Sunday" will be Sept. 13, beginning in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am with a communion service led by Rev. Janice Palm.

The pastors and choir will be there to greet you, and the church school teachers will be smiling at the sight of their new students.

After the worship service, enjoy a Homecoming picnic on the church lawn (or in Fellowship Hall, if need be). Please bring a food item to share (i.e. casserole, salad, dessert, etc.) and your placesetting(s); beverages will be available. Supervised fun and games will follow for the young ones ... so the grown-ups can help with clean-up.

Let's feast together, renew acquaintances and recharge our spiritual batteries!

## Adult class will explore "Three Simple Rules"

Join us as we study *Three Simple Rules for Christian Living*. The program begins at 11 am on Sunday, Sept. 20, and continues for six weeks (Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1 and 8).

Contact Denise Gisotti, Lay Leader, to register for this exciting new study opportunity: 439-1779 or [golfing1020@yahoo.com](mailto:golfing1020@yahoo.com). Suggested donation for course materials (which are available now from Denise): \$11.

## RPMs youth group resumes Sept. 13; welcomes newcomers

RPMs Youth Group is an ecumenical group supported by three churches: the Reformed, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches in Delmar. All 9-12th graders are welcome to come and join in on the fun.

The RPMs do community service around the area, including working with Habitat for Humanity, cooking for Interfaith and the Overflow Shelter, and preparing Thanksgiving Meals with Equinox. We go to New York City on a Midnight Run bringing supplies to the homeless, go on a retreat and work on an annual mission trip in the Spring.

This is a great group! In September we'll meet Sunday at 7 pm on the third floor at Delmar Reformed Church, beginning Sept. 13. If you'd like more information, please contact Beth Hickox at [beth.hickox@gmail.com](mailto:beth.hickox@gmail.com).

## United Methodist Women

The Troy Conference UMW **Fall Spiritual Growth Retreat** will be held at Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT on Sept. 26. Registration and luncheon \$15. Send checks to Rene Wilbur, 13 Bliss Rd, Tinmouth, VT 05773 / (802) 446-3953 by Sept. 17. Childcare will be provided.

The Albany District UMW **Fall Meeting** will be held Oct. 3 at the Cobleskill UMC. Registration deadline: Sept. 27. Cost: \$7.50. Mail to Janet Sand, 144 Settles Mountain Rd, Cobleskill, NY 12043 / (518) 234-3945. Child care will be provided. Denise Gisotti, Lay Leader, will be attending and asks anyone who is interested in carpooling to please contact her at [golfing1020@yahoo.com](mailto:golfing1020@yahoo.com).

## Choirs back in action; newcomers welcome

Our choirs will resume their practice schedules — and newcomers are welcome.

**Chancel Choir**, open to all adults, rehearses on Thursdays from 7:30-9 pm in the Choir Room. **Handbell Choir**, open to all in high school and adults with ability to read music, also rehearses on Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. **Youth Singers**, open to all high school students, rehearses on Sundays at 11 am in Room 216. **Intermediate Choir**, open to all children grades 4-8 rehearses on Sundays at 11 am in the Choir Room. **Junior Choir**, open to all children grades K-3, rehearses Sundays at 11 am in Room 219.

Need more information? Contact Joe Farrell (439-4558 or [farrellj@mac.com](mailto:farrellj@mac.com)) about the Chancel Choir or Youth Singers; Ken Loiacono (479-3032) or [kenloiacono@gmail.com](mailto:kenloiacono@gmail.com) about the Handbell Choir; Sue Loiacono (479-3032 or [singstampsue@yahoo.com](mailto:singstampsue@yahoo.com)) about the Junior Choir; or Lynda Conway (439-7763) or [lyconway@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lyconway@nycap.rr.com) about the Intermediate Choir.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

9:30 am  
Sunday

September 13  
**HOMECOMING SUNDAY**  
Service of  
Holy Communion

Sermon by  
Rev. Janice Palm:  
"What's Important"

Texts:  
James 3:1-6a  
Mark 8:27-38

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## Church Calendar

Sunday Sept. 13	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 11 am – Picnic (Courtyard, or Fellowship Hall if inclement weather)
Monday Sept. 14	10 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – Administrative Council (Room 207)
Tuesday Sept. 15	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 Sept. 16	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday Sept. 17	6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

## Our Church in mission

**Mission Movers' Needs:** King-size pillow cases and queen comforters.

**Emmaus Intervention Project with Recent Immigrants and Refugees** has several different kinds of needs: Assist with light woodworking projects; clothing collection/distribution before cold weather arrives; tutor in reading (3:30-6 pm weekdays); collect/distribute household needs to refugee families; raise funds to refinish wood floors in their Christian education building; plan/assist with fieldtrips (Friday afternoons).

## Fair Trade coffee and tea

Fellowship Hour on Sunday, Sept. 13 will feature Fair Trade coffee and tea, offered for sale by our Church and Society Ministry Team.

## Treasure Cove to celebrate

The Treasure Cove will celebrate 17 years of service with a luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 12 noon at the 333 Café on Delaware Avenue. For reservations and meal selection please call Jean Pelham at 439-4495 before Sept. 21.

## FUMC cookbooks benefit Capital Region Food Bank

Need a teacher, birthday, housewarming, or host/hostess gift? A commemorative cookbook is a great way to say "I thought of you!"

*The Melting Pot*, a compilation of recipes from our FUMC family and in celebration of our 175th Anniversary, is a great gift idea and only \$10! Handcrafted wooden cookbook stands are also available for \$10. Books and stands are always available through Church Office, 439-9976 or [churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org](mailto:churchoffice@delmarmethodist.org). Proceeds benefit the Capital Region Food Bank.

## Fall Fair will be November 7

You know what that crisp feeling in the air means – Fall Fair is coming! Currently we are in need of large cardboard boxes for storing and sorting the plethora of "stuff" we get daily from the community. And volunteers are needed – for as little as an hour, or a half-day, or for as much time as you can offer. Can you help? Please contact Helen Nickel, 439-7256.

## Happy birthday Eleanor!

Eleanor Riddell will be a healthy, active 98 years old on Sept. 18. (If you would like to send a card, please contact Church Office for the address.)

## Update on Woody and Carole

There is an excellent chance that the Carvers will be able to move into the towers at Embury by Christmas '09. They will also be taking up residence briefly in Delmar at the home of Bob Green from Oct. 1-4. And... if Woody's health cooperates this will also mean that they will both be joining us in Worship on Sunday, Oct. 4.

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## Our Church Family

**Our prayers and sympathy** to the family of Michael Ostrander, nephew of Joan House and cousin of Karl Parker, upon his death on Aug. 28.

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Matthew Fitting, Joe Looper (Cindy Tilroe Looper), Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Harriett Johnson, Mark Jones (Laura Rabinow), Judy & Jim King (Julie Bushart), Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Harold Roeth (Jacque & Maureen Roeth), Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Lynn Mallory, Mary Storm, Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Priscilla Wing (Dori Hallenbeck), 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).