



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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“ENOUGH” Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Money has great power in our lives and, when used wisely, helps us meet our goals, provide for our needs, and fulfill our life purpose. But in recent years, many of us ignored this when managing and spending our money. We found ourselves spending tomorrow's money today. The result of all of this was not greater happiness and satisfaction, but greater stress and anxiety.

Enough is a new study opportunity – an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom on prudent financial practices. Come and be a part of a discovery and discussion group who will hear about such topics as Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis, When Dreams Become Nightmares, Wisdom and Finance, Cultivating Contentment, & Defined by Generosity.

There will be two different sessions gathering on Mondays. One will be held in the morning at 10–11:30 and the second session will be in the evening from 7 until 8:30. We will begin Oct. 19 and continue with five meetings. (We will not gather on November 2.)

Rev. Palm will lead this study developed by Adam Hamilton a United Methodist pastor of one of the denomination's largest congregations.

Men's Ministry resumes on first Saturday morning of month

The monthly Methodist Men's Ministry (aka 3 M's) breakfast will be held on the first Saturday of each month, 7:30 – 9 am in Fellowship Hall beginning Oct. 3.

All men of the community are invited and encouraged to attend. Each breakfast will feature a speaker relating to our daily walk with Christ. Breakfast will be provided. Bring a friend!

For more information, contact Brian Collier (542-2705) or John Lamitie (439-2356).

Friendship Club this Friday will host Tri-County Banjo Band

Come enjoy the fun at the Friendship Club's first fall gathering Friday evening, Sept. 25. The Tri-county Banjo Band will be getting our toes tapping and our hands clapping. We gather at 6 pm and share a potluck supper at 6:30. The 10 members of the band will be joining us for dinner – so please try to bring a little extra. Please call Hertha Thayer, 453-0450 so the committee will have enough places set.

Women-in- the-Middle do breakfast on Saturday

Women-in-the-Middle is a group of women within our church community that meets for breakfast once a month to network, support, and enjoy each other's company.

Because our ages run from

approximately 40

to 60, we are in the middle of many passages of our life journeys, such as college for our kids, aging parents and partners, menopause, illness, and much more! Anyone is welcome to come and join us at any meeting. Announcements and e-mail reminders are made a few weeks prior to our breakfast meetings.

The first meeting for WIM this year will be 8:30 am this Saturday, Sept. 26 at Tool's Restaurant. Please RSVP to Linda Graf at 439-6659.

Acolytes needed – and we've added easy email signup!

The fall 2009 Acolyte schedule is being put together now so there's plenty of time to join the ranks of Youth Acolyte. Being an Acolyte is a great way to feel deeper involvement with the church service. Our young people get to work behind the scenes – and do things with fire! Please contact Hyacinth Mason or Pascale Stain via email to acolytes@delmarmethodist.org for more information and to sign up. On-the-job training takes place before and during the 9:30 am service, so no prior training or experience is needed.

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 with either or both? Please contact Helen Nickel, 439-7256.

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am
Sunday

September 27

*Sermon by
Rev. Janice Palm:
“Access to God”*

*Texts:
Mark 9:38-50*

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Church Calendar

Friday, Sept. 25	6 pm – Friendship Club (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, Sept. 26	8:30 am – Women-in-the-Middle 10 am – 2 pm – RPMs Car Wah
Sunday, Sept. 27	9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – “Three Simple Rules” (207) 11 am – Junior Choir (219) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room) 11 am – Youth Singers (217) 11 am – CARE CORPS (Saintcross Home) 7 pm – RPMs Meeting (Delmar Ref.)
Monday, Sept. 28	10 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7pm – Finance Team (207) 7 pm – Stewardship Team (207)
Tuesday, Sept. 29	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. 30	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – RPMs Advisory (207)
Thursday Oct. 1	6:30 pm – Handbell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday Oct. 3	7:30 am – Men's Ministry Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

World Communion Sunday to be observed on Oct. 4

We will be celebrating Holy Communion Oct. 4 and remembering those who share in this meal with us around the world. In addition, we participate in offering an additional opportunity to give. Gifts given to the World Communion Sunday offering go toward funding World Communion Scholars (who are international and U.S. graduate students), the Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program (directed toward undergraduate students), and the In-service Training Program (which funds second-career folks seeking church-related vocations).

As a reminder that we are but one community of faith in a world of diverse cultures, I invite you to bake a loaf of bread whose recipe is from another culture, or a family favorite. These breads will grace our communion table during worship. We will share in tasting pieces and slices during our time of fellowship following the worship service. If you would like to try a new bread recipe, some are available in the Church Office or try one from First United Methodist's *The Melting Pot* cookbook. If you aren't able to knead or bake, consider bringing in some butter, margarine, cream cheese, or jam/jelly. To help us coordinate efforts, please sign up in Church Office for bread baking and condiment donations.

– Pastor Janice

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.

Our Church Family

Our Deepest Sympathy: To Melissa and Christopher Blattner on the sudden death of their mom Linda, and a most faithful member of this church family. Information regarding funeral arrangements will be shared as soon as they become available.

In our thoughts and prayers: Anthony Gisoti (Michael Raymond), George Ridsdale, Kathleen Gingersky and Mitchel Wardell (Debbie Way), Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Harriett Johnson, Mark Jones (Laura Rabinow), Judy & Jim King (Julie Bushart), Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Mary Storm, Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Edwin Busch (Joan House), Noah Hyde (Mil Harmon).