



# THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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## Our help counted for these families at Thanksgiving

Many families served by the AUMS food pantry enjoyed a hearty Thanksgiving dinner, thanks to First United Methodist of Delmar. We provided 74 turkeys, 239 packages of stuffing, 102 cans/boxes of yams/mashed potatoes, 58 cans of corn, 111 cans of other vegetables, 85 cans of fruit, 54 cans/packages of gravy, 115 cans of cranberry sauce, 20 boxes of bread/muffin mix, and 62 dessert items. Donated money that was not spent will provide additional groceries for the food pantry during the coming months.

Thank you for caring – and for sharing. We as a church are fortunate that financial circumstances have not prohibited our ability to share with those in need.

## Friendship Club this Friday

The Friendship Club will have its annual Christmas gathering **this Friday**, Dec. 4 at 6 pm. Rather than the usual potluck we are asking people to call Connie Tilroe, 439-7571 to sign up to bring an appetizer, tossed salad fixings, or dessert. Please bring a soup bowl and place setting. The nominal charge is \$2 if you bring something and \$7 without. Following our meal we will enjoy the music of Heather Constantine, Christian songwriter, Ruth Welch singer, Charlotte Palmeri, keyboard artist. **Please bring an unwrapped new toy appropriate for ages newborn to 12 years old (for teenagers, a \$20 gift certificate for Target, Kohls, or Walmart) for the AUMS annual toy distribution.** RSVP by calling Hertha Thayer at 453-0450.

## Be an 'Angel'

This year, as in the past, we are having an "angel tree" for the AIDS/HIV clients in the residential programs of Support Ministries. The tree is set up on the table outside Fellowship Hall. We ask that purchases be kept to \$20-\$25. Our "angel tree" has been hung with cards listing individuals' names and their gift requests. Directions for the purchase of these gifts are located on the table. Please wrap the gift and attach a card with the first name and last initial of the individual clearly labeled. Sign your name, if you wish. Other than gift cards, your gifts should be left under the tree in the Hummel Chapel between Nov. 29 & Dec. 13. Gift cards and monetary donations should be brought to the Church Office during the same time period. For information contact Lisa Ball (439-5514).

## Christmas Tea for women this Sunday afternoon

Women-in-the-Middle and the Mary Marthas will be hosting a Christmas Tea on Sun., **Dec. 6**, from 4-6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Women of all ages are invited! Take some time to enjoy the company of women, and remember the meaning of the Christmas season. A free-will collection for the Albany United Methodist Pantry will be taken. Please RSVP by calling Pam Tindall-O'Brien at 439-1672 after 5 pm by Nov. 30. If child care is needed, please indicate when you call to RSVP.

## Special prayers in Advent time

Are you looking for a few quiet, private minutes? There will be a special Advent prayer vigil in the chapel from 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday, Dec. 12. Individuals or families can sign up for a half hour for prayer and meditation. There will be a written guide for thought and prayer. The meditation will be centered on the individuals in the Christmas story and what they were doing those few weeks before Jesus was born. Connie Tilroe will have the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall after church service, or you can call her at home at 439-7571.

## Church Conference notice

District Superintendent Rev. Dr Jim Fenimore has called for an Annual Church Conference to be held on Dec. 13, 2009 at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Hall following Fellowship Hour. At this time, we will receive reports of committees. This is open to all members of the congregation.

## School's Out: At the Movies

*At FUMC Delmar!*

Time: 1 pm Place: Fellowship Hall  
Admission: Food Item(s) for AUMS  
Popcorn: \$.50 (or byop)

*Upcoming Dates/Shows*

Dec. 10 – The Polar Express

Jan. 18 – The Sandlot

March 18 – The Parent Trap

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 9:30 am

**December 6**

*What are the things that get in the way of you becoming closer to God?*

**Sermon by  
Rev. Janice Palm:**  
"The Gift of Salvation"

*Texts:*

[Luke 1:68-79](#)

[Luke 3:1-6](#)

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## Church Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 3	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7 pm – Finance Team (207) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Friday, Dec. 4	6 pm – Friendship Club (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday Dec. 5	7:30 am – Men's Ministry Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Dec. 6	8:30 am – Adult Bible Study (Library) 9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 am – Fellowship Hour 11 am – Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room) 11 am – Junior Choir (219) 11 am – Youth Singers (217) 4 pm – Women's Ecumenical Tea (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, Dec. 7	10 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – Administrative Council (Room 207)
Tuesday, Dec. 8	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Trustees (Room 207) 7 pm - Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, Dec. 9	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7:15 pm – Education Team (Room 207)
Thursday, Dec. 10	1 pm – "School's Out" at the Movies (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

## Adult class starts this Sunday

Starting Dec. 6, a new adult education class will begin. It will take place at 8:30 am - 9:20 am before each week's service. The focus of the class will be reading the current week's lectionary, and then discussing how this text speaks to us as Christians. The study will be enhanced by the worship service. The class will meet each Sunday except holiday weekends, or if there is another adult education class scheduled for Sunday. For further information contact Denise Gisotti at 439-1779 or [golfing1020@yahoo.com](mailto:golfing1020@yahoo.com).

## Nativity sets needed

Do you have a special nativity set that you would be willing to share with our church family this Advent season? We would like yours to grace a Sanctuary window sill Dec. 13 through Epiphany, Jan. 6. The space is approx. 7.5 in. deep by 22 in. long. Because these sets are precious to you, we ask that you set up your Nativity anytime between Dec 6 – Dec 12. As we only have window space for 15 sets, we will assign windows on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact Jamie Cable at [jlsgoes@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jlsgoes@nycap.rr.com) or 729-5516 if you would like to be a part of our Advent/Christmas Celebration in this way.

## Coffee hour on Sunday celebrates Interfaith shelter

Please join us at Coffee Hour this Sunday, Dec. 6 to celebrate our service to the Interfaith Shelter. Did you know that from Sept. '08 – Sept. '09 over 540 meals were provided for Shelter Residents by the generous people of FUMC? Our church community provides dinner for the shelter residents every 1st and 5th Sunday of the month. If you would like to provide part or all of a meal, sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall or call Maureen Roeth at 439-8498.

## RPMs need winter clothing for their 'Midnight Run'

Look for donation boxes for our Midnight Run, which will be at the church starting in early December through February. We need lots of WARM winter items, preferably dark colors, such as: hats, gloves, sweaters and sweatshirts (large and x-large), pants (sizes 32-40), boots and/or sneakers (men's 9-12, women's/ 8 plus), long underwear, toiletries.

## Our Church Family

**In our thoughts and prayers:** Frank Davis, Harold Kelp, Jim Holland (Nan Rabinow), Rev. Dean Christian, Jay Gallagher (David Shaffer), Anthony Gisotti (Michael Raymond), Kathleen Gingerskyl (Debbie Way), Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Judy & Jim King (Julie Bushart), Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Mary Storm, Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Edwin Busch (Joan House).