



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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A recap on some of our mission efforts at Christmas

The annual **Christmas dinner** at our church on Christmas day fed over 120 people who enjoyed gathering together for that festive meal.

Not only that, but many more people also will be fed as a result of that meal – because 16 half-steamer pans of turkey casserole and five of ham casserole were created from the leftovers! Each casserole (which also includes stuffing, pasta, or mashed potato) will serve 10 people. Since our church provides a hot evening meal for the Emergency Overflow Shelter every Saturday during the winter months, those casseroles will be put to good use to feed the shelter's 19 consumers and their several staff members. The motto of our food prep crew: waste not, want not!

Also, many children in the area served by the **Albany United Methodist Society** received Christmas presents, thanks to the generosity of our congregation. We lost track of the number of heavy cartons of toys, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and gift certificates that were transported to AUMS in the weeks prior to Christmas. Parents were able to "shop" without cost for gifts for their children, gifts that otherwise would have been unobtainable. Thank you for caring - and for sharing!

And, thanks, too, to everyone who purchased **Angel Tree** gifts. Once again, our church's generosity was overwhelming. The gifts we provided went to the adults and one child who are living in the Support Ministries residential program. All of the adults in this program are dealing with HIV/AIDS, and for many of them, these gifts were their only Christmas gifts.

United Methodist Women

Calling all women ages 16 and up! Come to an organizational meeting next Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 pm in the Hummel Chapel to discuss: Prayer of Denial, mission projects and other UMW activities for 2010. Contact Denise Gisotti golfing1020@yahoo.com.

Mary Marthas

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall (note: not our usual location in the Lounge). Come join Marilyn Kaltenborn on her "African Safari"! For further information contact Aggie Clark 439-5578, Janet Gelzheiser, 439-5928, Barb Logan, 439-4782 or Shirley Milbert, 475-1298.

'Discovery Club' starts next week

Discovery Club is an exciting new program for pre-schoolers, based on our very popular Summer Vacation Bible School program. The club will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 12:30-3:15, beginning next Wednesday, Jan. 13. Feel free to contact Jen Bailey at 439-9976 ext. 225 or education@delmarmethodist.org for more information.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 9:30 am

January 10

Sermon by
Rev. Janice Palm:
"Captured
By Love"

Texts:
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22;
Acts 8:14-17

Learn about church membership on Saturday, Jan. 23

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, Jan. 31. If you have an interest in knowing more about the church and membership, please fill out one of the Welcome Cards, speak directly to Rev. Bob Kanuck or Rev. Janice Palm after the Sunday morning service, call the Church Office, 439-9976, or call Rev. Kanuck, 439-2689. A new member **information meeting** will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23, between 9:30 – 11:30 am, and will be hosted by our Senior Pastor, Rev. Palm, and the Membership and Evangelism ministry team. Please consider attending the session on the 23rd, and joining us in our journey of faith.

Overflow shelter needs

The Overflow Shelter, operated by the Capital Area Council of Churches in partnership with the First Lutheran Church in Albany, serves individuals who cannot stay at other shelters because of mental health issues such as bipolar disorder and substance abuse. The shelter provides overnight lodging, a hot evening meal, a simple breakfast, laundry service, and referrals for health care needs. Since the shelter initially opened several years ago, our church has contributed money toward its operating expenses. We also have provided Christmas gifts. Most recently, we provided heavyweight "hoodies" and gift bags. Each gift bag contained personal care items such as lip balm, hand lotion, and nail clippers, disposable hand warmers, candy (for energy), and a heavy scarf. Such simple items carry the message that someone cares.

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Church Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 6	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Thursday, Jan. 7	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (50 Wellington Rd. – <i>note change</i>)
Friday, Jan. 8	1–10 pm – CARE CORPS event (Main Kitchen)
Sunday, Jan. 10	8:30 am – Bible Study (Library) 9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 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)
Monday, Jan. 11	10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery)
Tuesday, Jan. 12	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – UMW gathering (Hummel Chapel) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library) 7 pm – Trustees (207)
Wednesday, Jan. 13	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 12:30 pm – Discovery Club Begins (classroom/FH) 7 pm – Education Team (207)
Thursday, Jan. 14	1 pm – Mary Marthas (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

Junior Choir welcomes you

Junior Choir will begin rehearsals this Sunday at 11 am in Room 219. This choir is open to all young singers in grades K - 3. Using singing games and other age appropriate activities, children are encouraged to find and develop their singing voices while preparing to be an active part of the Sunday worship service. Not sure if this is for your child? Come and try a rehearsal!

Bible study each Sunday

Sunday class will continue to be held on Sundays this month at 8:30 am in the Library. The class reviews the scripture that the sermon is based on at the 9:30 am worship service.

RPMs need winter clothing for their 'Midnight Run'

Look for donation boxes for our Midnight Run, which will be at the church 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.

Mission request

We have only two volunteers to sort and fold bed linens that are donated for mission use. And when bed size is indicated on donated items, that task is much easier. Currently, fitted bottom sheets (all sizes except king) are in short supply and donations would be welcomed.

2010 Applebee calendars

Applebee Funeral Home has again (as for many years) graciously supplied special 2010 calendars for FUMC Delmar. These handy personal calendars may be found on the various literature tables throughout our church and on the windowsill of Church Office.

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Normando Matos (Sandra Ryther), Madelene Sutter, Woody and Carole Carver, Stan Kaltenborn, Beatrice Wallace, Jim Holland (Nan Rabinow), Henry Carr, Jay Gallagher (David Shaffer), Anthony Gisoti (Michael Raymond), Kathleen Gingerskyl (Debbie Way), Rev. Dean Christian, Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Judy & Jim King (Julie Bushart), Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Tiffani Hughes (Byron & Barbara Wilson), Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Lynn Mallory, Mary Storm, Sharon O'Connor (Lynda Conway), Geneva Long, Jean Drew, Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Bernice Drozd (Karen Ward), Edwin Busch (Joan House).