



THE TELESCOPE

First United Methodist Church of Delmar

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UMCOR responds to tragic earthquakes in Haiti, Chile

Chile: The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is responding to the needs of people affected by the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Chile early on Feb. 27. Checks to support UMCOR's Chile Relief efforts can be made to FUMC Delmar noting Chile Emergency Advance # 3021178 in the memo portion.

Haiti: Financial gifts to support UMCOR's Haiti Relief efforts are still urgently needed and can be made to FUMC Delmar noting Haiti Advance #418325 in the memo portion.

Donations may be brought directly to Church Office or given with the Sunday offering. If you prefer to give on-line using your credit card, follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/>. Under Global Ministries Mission News, click on Chile Emergency Advance #3021178, or Haiti #418325.
2. On the next screen, click on Donate Now and follow instructions for making your donation.
3. Please list this with FUMC by indicating: Troy Conference, Albany District, Delmar, First United Methodist.

You give with the security of knowing that 100% of your donation(s) will go to support relief and development efforts. No money will be deducted for overhead expenses.

My Dear Church Family:

I was truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support shown to me by friends and family on Sun., Feb. 28. When I saw all of you I truly thought I would faint!

The curio cabinet is a special addition to the church, and the celebration was truly in honor of all who work so faithfully towards the Fall Fair each year! The memory book is a keepsake for life and tears of joy flowed down my face when I read it. May God bless each and every one of you!
— Love, Helen Nickel

Many thanks to all

To the congregation for the generous contributions towards the celebration of Helen Nickel. A special thank-you to co-host Marilyn Hasbrouck, and to Phyllis Van Demark, Janet Rathjens, Elaine & Russ Parker, Doug Hasbrouck, Nan Rabinow, my daughter Larissa and my husband Suparmanto for all of their assistance.

— Deb Suparmanto

Painting party!

Join our painting party as we tackle the third floor on Saturday, March 20. We'll head for the "sorting room" to paint windows, doors and the vestibule. We'll also be scraping and painting the living room ceiling, and painting the large "graffiti" storage room and the bathroom. We meet at 9 am on the 3rd floor. Bring your lunch, water and favorite paintbrush. Contact: Kevin Conley (475-9034, kconley1@ncyap.rr.com).

Health Kits for Haiti

More than 60 kits were donated by the congregation on Sunday! If you would still like to donate to this important mission, Delmar's UMW will receive them this Sunday, March 14 during Fellowship Hour.

By assembling a Health Kit, you can provide a disaster victim with seemingly basic essentials that can make living surrounded by devastation a little more bearable.

To assemble a kit, please include the following items (brand-new) in a sealed, one-gallon bag:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1 (for purchase of toothpaste by UMCOR Sager Brown Depot)

Feinstein Challenge renewed to match our gifts to AUMS

Again this year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among food assistance programs in the U.S. to help them raise funds during March and April. The more that you donate to the AUMS food pantry during those months, the more Feinstein money will be added to your donation! Donations can include cash, checks, and food items.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 9:30 am

March 14

Sermon by
Rev. Janice Palm:

"Reckless Living;
Reckless Loving"

Texts:

[Luke 15:1-3,](#)
[11b-32](#)

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Church Calendar

Thursday, March 11	1 pm – Mary Marthas (Lounge) 6:30 pm – Bell Choir (Room 201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Saturday, March 13	12-3 pm – Confirmation Class (Lounge)
Sunday, March 14	8:30 am – Bible Study (Library) 9:30 am – Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45 am – Fellowship Hour (hosted by Girl Scouts) 11 am - Theological & Social Issues (Lounge) 11 am – Youth Singers (218) 11 am – Junior Choir (219) 11 am – Intermediate Choir (Choir Room) 7 pm – RPMs meeting (Delmar Reformed Church)
Monday, March 15	8 am – Senior Ministry team (4 Corners) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 7 pm – Finance Team (Room 207)
Tuesday, March 16	8 am – Men's Breakfast (4 Corners Rest.) 10 am – Treasure Cove (Lounge) 7 pm – Upper Room (Library)
Wednesday, March 17	10:30 am – Bible Study (Delmar Place) 10:30 am – Playgroup (Nursery) 12:30 pm – Discovery Club (FH) 5:30 pm – Soup and Prayer (Lounge; Chapel)
Thursday, March 18	6:30 pm – Bell Choir (201) 7:30 pm – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm	

Women-in-the-Middle

On Saturday, March 20 at 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall, the Women-in-the-Middle monthly breakfast will be a special combined event with the Mary Marthas. The event is open to all women of our faith community who would like to attend. The format will be a "brunch potluck." Please bring a dish to pass and your own place setting. We will have access to the kitchen for making coffee and warming items. Please let Linda Graf, 439-6659, or giraffeart@msn.com know by 3/13 if you will be attending.

Mission needs this month

We'll take your loose change! From now until Easter, we will be collecting coins (as well as dollars!) for the Pennies for Haven fundraiser for Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. Collection buckets will be located at both entrances to the Sanctuary, near the office, and in Fellowship Hall. No donation is too small - or too large!! Homeless shelters are continuing to face economic hardship at a time when more people are seeking shelter services.

The Albany United Methodist Society (AUMS) is seeking **mentors** who are able to commit to at least a bi-weekly consult with one or more job candidates in a Career Pathways program, beginning in March. The 18-24-year-old job seekers will be training for entry-level positions in health care, construction, weatherization, and food service. Mentors will meet with these young people keep them encouraged and on track. Mentor training will be provided. For information, please contact Karen Pass at 767-2809 or Karen.Pass@esc.edu or Peter Fish, AUMS executive director, at 432-0824.

Support Ministries: Anyone have extra buttons lying around? Support Ministries is requesting extra buttons for a special project and would love buttons of any size, shape or color. There will be a container for the buttons next to the Nursery on the second floor. Questions? Contact Laurie Munro, 937-1915.

Our Church Family

In our thoughts and prayers: Charles Milbert, The Seme Boggard Family, Pierre Achille, Marco Bonato (Jane Lang, David Rathjens), Julia Krieger (Bob Krieger), Woody Carver, Nellie Evans, Syl Kedzierski (Shirley Post), Norman Matos (Sandra Ryther), Jay Gallagher (David Shaffer), Ray Scheesley (Ten Eyck Family), Gil & Elsie Faustel (Karen Tedesco), Jim King (Julie Bushart), Dorothy Gisotti (Joe Gisotti), Sam Kunis (Dana Burns), Mary Storm, Jean Drew, Chris Sheridan (Dick & Jeanne Herrmann), Edwin Busch (Joan House).

We pray also for all who have been impacted by earthquakes throughout the world.