

The Ties that Bind – NEWSLETTER



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HOLIDAY 2015 – COVERING THANKSGIVING, EARLY DECEMBER

From the Pastor's Desk

November 1, 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanksgiving is upon us, and I am asking myself, "What am I thankful for?"

I am thankful for many things.

I am thankful for you, the people of God who worship with me every Sunday and help me to start off the week knowing how blessed I am.

I am thankful for the children of the church, and their great help in bringing me the Sermon for the Young at Heart each Sunday.

I am thankful for the choirs and to the Chancel Choir for allowing me to sing with them.

I am thankful for the new organ.

I am thankful for the nation in which I live. I am thankful for my freedom.

I am thankful for the roof over my head. I am thankful for the lovely parsonage.

I am thankful that food is abundant in this land.

I am thankful for my children and my grandchildren.

I am thankful that I had the parents that I had.

I am thankful for the beaches of my youth and of now and the beautiful mountains that came in between.

I am thankful for God's creatures great and small. I am thankful for my parrot who watches my every move and likes me to massage her neck.

I am thankful for you members and friends of the Babylon Methodist Church. Thank you for sharing your life-walk with me. I am blessed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Tom

OUR MISSION STATEMENT – We are a community of Christ's followers. Our mission is to be worshipping, welcoming, inclusive, caring, growing in faith and to live and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in the world.

Welcome to eNewsletter 2015. Receiving your newsletter *via email will help us to save paper, postage and time.* Please let us know your email address if you have not already done so. Email us at babylonumc@yahoo.com.

The Infant Toddler Nursery is for all children 3 years and under and is an important element of our church mission. Nursery care is available at 9:30 and 11 am. **Our Infant Toddler Nursery** is located in the Education Building.

The United Methodist Men will hold their breakfasts on Sunday, November 8 and Sunday, December 13. It will be at the Atlantis Dinner in West Islip at 7:30 am. All men of the congregation are invited to participate in this time of fellowship and food. We guarantee that you be able to make in time for the 9:30 am service. Please join us – Mark your calendar, we will be looking for you!

Bible Study – Join an open Bible study and discussion group - **Monday morning at 9:45 a.m. in Wesley Hall.** . Sharon Niggemeier and Ed Tournu, facilitators. **Tuesday Evening at 6:45 p.m.** in the library with Rich Santoro, facilitator. For more information, call the church office.

Information for the Christmas Special Events eNewsletter is due no later than December 2nd for immediate mailing
Please get your information to Doris in a timely manner.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Help with sending newsletters, **Update collections** in the library, **help at Rotary food collections** to benefit our food pantry – the next Food Drive will be November 14 at Stop/Shop, Great Neck Road and Montauk Highway, West Babylon, **Teach and Substitute** at Sunday School. Call the church office for additional information and/or offer to help in other areas.

Giving thanks for all our blessings, **Our Sharing & Caring Soup Kitchen** is inviting our patrons on Thanksgiving Day, 12:00 PM through 1:00 PM, to our delicious traditional turkey lunch. We need donations of turkeys, apple cider and homemade pies from our angels, along with adopting a turkey, taking it home with them, cooking it, and bringing it back on Thanksgiving morning. Meanwhile, please keep sharing your hearts by donating soup labeled with date and type. We can't say "Thank you!" enough to all of the angels who give of themselves by making donations and working so hard to make our **Sharing & Caring Kitchen** a continuous blessing to our community. If you would like further information, please call Rose Alfini at 669-4581 or Vicki Troise at 234-2560.

Our Food Pantry needs have increased. We are serving many more families on a monthly basis. Please continue to remember the **FOOD PANTRY** when you are shopping. Spam, corned beef hash, beef stew, tuna, chili, jelly, peanut butter, dry milk, canned vegetables, canned fruit, juice, spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes, rice(2lb), coffee, shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, disposable razors, dish detergent and laundry detergent. Bread and margarine can be delivered directly to the food pantry during church office hours. In addition to non-perishable food items, cash donations and supermarket gift cards are needed and gratefully accepted to assist in meeting the current demands of our food pantry

OUR PARISH FAMILY

WEDDING – Congratulations to Justin Covert and Jenna Short on their marriage on November 1st

SYMPATHY – We extend our Christian sympathy to Greg Lupion and his daughter Miranda, their family and friends on the death of Greg's mother, Dolores Lupion on October 10th; to the family and friends of Sandra Hembach, a former member on her death on October 13th; to Sheri May and her son Thomas, their family and friends on the death of her father in Louisiana; to Peter and Catherine Richardson, their children, family and friends on the death of Peter's father; to Elvia Abeles, her family and friends on the death of her husband, Richard.

Hospital Visitation – Due to the Hospital Privacy Act, it is **vital** that you call the church office when loved ones in the hospital wish a visit from the pastor.

UPDATE(Sept. 2015): Zachary Smith, son of Jeff and Patti, was diagnosed with Dense Deposit Disease and C3GN in the summer of 2012. They are both rare conditions that affect the way his kidneys function. Currently there is no cure for these conditions. Zachary goes to Stony Brook Hospital every 2 weeks for treatment. If you would like to keep up to date on his progress and treatment please visit the Facebook page his parents have set up. Go to Facebook – Care for Zachary. His parents are collecting aluminum tabs from soda and canned products. The tabs are sold to a scrap metal company for money. The money is sent to a foundation in Iowa that funds research for Zachary's condition. Zachary will be going to Iowa in October to meet those who are doing the research and meet people like him at the family conference that will be held. Between cash donations and selling of the tabs, over \$1,000 has been donated. Thank you for your continued support.

UMW CHRISTMAS COOKIE JAR - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 - BETWEEN CHURCH SERVICES

(Snow date: December 13)

Enjoy the treats of the holiday season without the hassle of baking all your cookies yourself! Come to the UMW CHRISTMAS JAR in Fellowship Hall for an assortment of homemade cookies for your selection prepared by our United Methodist Women. Come and FILL-A-BOX for \$10. We will supply the one pound box. Everyone in the Church community is invited to contribute homemade cookies to support this UMW fund-raising event. We appreciate the support. For more information, call Millie Scott 884-9183 or Ethel Vasseur 598-0667.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is experiencing a loss, illness or special joy and you would like to request a blessed prayer shawl or lap robe for them, please fill in a prayer request card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

We have yarn available for those who would like to create a shawl or lap robe. Call [Priscilla Schlegel 667-8252](tel:667-8252) or [Marlene Downing 242-8740](tel:242-8740) and we will arrange for you to get the yarn. Suggested sizes are: rectangular shawls, 19" x 69" or 14" x 70", triangular shawls 65"W x 32" center, Lap robes 36" X 42". Please do not put fringe on any pieces.

We appreciate and thank all of you who support this ministry with your time, talents and gifts. Please remember to include all those who have received these gifts of God's love in your prayers.

Knitting or crocheting skills are optional to be part of this fulfilling ministry. If you are interested in joining us please contact Priscilla Schlegel or Marlene Downing.

NURSERY SCHOOL

Autumn is a colorful month in the Nursery School. We have been painting, cutting and gluing all month long using orange, yellow, green and brown as the theme. The children have been watching the trees outside their windows as the leaves change colors and fall to the ground. They are understand the change in season.

The weather has been beautiful and the children have continued to use the playground daily. The Fall Festival was a great event which included festival themed activities and pumpkin picking. Fellowship Hall was set up in stations where the children were able to bowl, play in leaves, and ride in wagons, etc. Afterward, they picked pumpkins and played outdoors.

When they were dismissed that day, each family was given daffodil bulbs to plant in their gardens at home. Even though we were celebrating Fall, we look forward to the beauty of spring. It is our hope that the daffodils will bloom each year and remind them of the wonderful days at the UMC Nursery School.

“When We Give, We Receive” is the theme for November. We are reinforcing the meaning of giving and how it makes a person feel to make someone else happy. The children and their families are contributing canned goods and other food items to help the Food Pantry’s mission providing Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need. The children will participate in another food drive later in the school year when we Block Out Hunger with a breakfast cereal drive.

In December, the crèche made years ago by the children under the direction of Anna McGowan will once again adorn the lobby in the Education Building. As the anticipation for Christmas Day builds, the children will learn that it is a very special birthday that we celebrate and we will again revisit the importance of giving. We will be singing Christmas Carols in the village and giving gifts to our neighbors to celebrate the season.

The Nursery School wishes everyone a very safe and happy holiday season.

If you would like more information about the Nursery School, please contact Lisa Murray at (631) 661-5165. We currently have openings for three and four year olds. Looking ahead-- Pre-Registration for the Three and Four Year Old Program for church members for September 2016 will begin December 1, 2015. Current students and their siblings will begin registration on January 7, 2016 and new families will begin registration on January 22, 2016.





Many thanks to all our members who were such a big help during the month of October. Our ladies did all of the ushering for Oct., setting up and managing the Coffee Hour on 10/11, plus contributing food and handling the reception following John Pletto's Memorial Service on 10/10. It was a lot of work and a busy month, but, as usual, you all came through with flying colors.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wed., 11/4, at 7:00 pm in the Church Library. During this meeting we will be planning our 2016 calendar, plus putting together our budget. This is also the time we nominate new officers for UMW. We now have three openings on our Board. One is the position of President. We also need to fill the offices of Global Concerns and Social Action. Please think about joining the Executive Board in one of these positions. As you know, we have a wonderful group of ladies that are more than willing to help anyone taking on a new title.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8th. This is a covered dish luncheon to be held at 12 noon. Non-Circle will be hostesses, and Anna Circle is in charge of the program. Please keep in mind this is also the day Rev. Carney will install officers. A Special Recognition Pin will be presented to a surprise recipient, and Reading Certificates will be handed out to the eligible Book Club members.
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Ethel Vasseur (filling in for Peg)

United Methodist Women's Book Club

WELCOME Marcia, and Welcome Back Priscilla! Our next meeting time is 5:30. **Wed. Nov. 11th**. This is a change from 7 PM, because it's Veterans' Day. Don't have dinner - I will bring a PIZZA - I love PIZZA!

Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead by Sheryl Sandberg

She encourages women to "sit at the table," seek challenges, take risks, and pursue their goals with gusto, and offers compelling, commonsense solutions that can empower women to achieve their full potential. She provides practical advice on negotiation techniques, mentorship, and building a satisfying career, urging women to abandon the myth of "having it all." With both humor and wisdom, Sandberg's book is an inspiring call to action and a blueprint for individual growth.

Children's Book - Because I Am a Girl I Can Change the World

Each part begins with one real girl's story, illustrated with amazing photographs.

Wed., Dec. 9th - 7 PM Church Library

House of Purple Cedar by Tim Tingle

"The hour has come to speak of troubled times. It is time we spoke of Skullysville." Thus begins Rose Goode's story of her growing up in Indian Territory in pre-statehood Oklahoma. Skullyville, a once thriving Choctaw community, was destroyed by land-grabbers, culminating in the arson on New Year's Eve, 1896. It's a world where backwoods spiritualism and Bible-thumping Christianity mix with bad guys, a one-legged woman shop-keeper, her out of a husband, herbal potions, and shape-shifting panthers rendering justice.

DREAMING IN INDIAN BY LISA CHARLEYBOY (YOUTH) A powerful and visually stunning anthology from some of the most groundbreaking Native artists working in North America today. carolcaincgraver@yahoo.com

LADIES, START YOUR OVENS!

The 18th Annual UMW Cookie Jar is coming soon- Sunday, December 6, (snow date December 13). All UMW members are asked to bake TWO batches (approx. 72) of their favorite cookies. All members of the Church community who would like to participate are also invited to bake and donate cookies. **No peanuts or peanut products.** Drop off your cookies at 9 am on the day of the sale or if that is a problem, call Millie Scott. The entire congregation is invited to **FILL-A-BOX** at \$10 per pound box. Pre-packaged boxes will also be available. All proceeds from this fund-raiser are used to support mission and mission related organizations locally, nationally, and globally. For more information, call Millie Scott 884-9183 or Ethel Vasseur 598-0667.



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ON
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IN
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(Snow date: Sunday, December 13)

**FILL-A- BOX
WITH HOMEMADE COOKIES
\$10 PER POUND
(We will provide the 1 lb. box)**

CHRISTMAS DINNER

DECEMBER 5, 2015

6:00PM



MYF PUNCH BOWL TABLE

HAM, TURKEY, STUFFING, SALAD, ROLLS AND GRAVY WILL BE PROVIDED

PAGEANT BY BUMC SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please let us know what favorite dish you would like to bring. Please make enough for at least 10 people.

Vegetable _____

Potato - Mashed - Scalloped etc _____

Macaroni and Cheese _____

Dessert _____

We also need some help to make it easier on everyone. Please let us know if you can help in the following areas. Questions, contact the church office at 661-5151.

Donate & Cook a Ham _____

Wash Dishes _____

Clean up Hall and Kitchen (after dinner) _____

Name _____ Phone _____ How many _____