

The Ties that Bind – NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor's Desk

October 11, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is a crisp Autumn day. I love these days. I was reading some devotional material this morning and I was struck by how BRAVE Jesus was and can be when we allow Jesus to live in us.

I could sight many examples. First Jesus sought with all his heart to include people and invite them in. He drew the circle wider and wider. Lepers, so excluded in Jesus' day: they were not to enter the towns or the cities. In including them Jesus went to the length of embracing them and touching them. They were excluded, in part, because people were afraid of contagion, but we exclude people for all sorts of reasons like hatred and fear and prejudice. Jesus was BRAVE.

Jesus was not afraid to correct the behavior of people when it needed to be corrected. Remember the mob chasing the woman caught in the act of adultery. Remember the violence. Jesus stood face to face with that mob. Violence is never the answer.

Jesus was BRAVE.

Jesus said so many wise things. "Judge not unless you want to be judged." (Matthew 7) "And then there's this one "If a man wants your coat, let him have it and your overcoat as well." (Matthew 5) And this one, "It is not what goes into a man that makes him common or unclean. It is what comes out of a man's mouth that makes him unclean." (Luke 15)

Jesus worked so hard at keeping us: his beloved, on the right path. He was so brave.

As we go through the beautiful season of Fall and into the wonderful days of Thanksgiving and Light let us turn to Jesus who worked so hard at transforming us into people of character and compassion.

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

In the love of Jesus,

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 October/November 2016. 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.

Worship Services are at 8, 9:30 and 11 am. Sunday School classes are in session at 9:30 am. Children come to church with their parents and then are dismissed to their Sunday School Class after the children's message.

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 for worship services. **Our Infant Toddler Nursery** is located in the Education Building.

Bible Study – Join an open Bible study and discussion group - **Monday morning at 9:45 am** will restart on September 12th. 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 eNewsletter is due no later than December 2nd for immediate mailing. This is our Christmas/New Year mailing. Please get your information to Doris in a timely manner.

FOOD PANTRY We wish to thank everyone who has supports the Food Pantry. We appreciate your donations of food and gift cards, and especially wish to thank the people who volunteer their time for the food collections at Stop/Shop.

Please continue to remember the Food Pantry when you are shopping – Spam, corned beef hash, beef stew, tuna chili, peanut butter, dry milk, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, instant potatoes, rice(2 lb),and coffee. **Shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, disposable razors, dish detergent and laundry detergent are greatly appreciated.**

In addition to non-perishable items, cash donations and supermarket gift cards are gratefully accepted. Thank you!

The Sharing & Caring Soup Kitchen is having their annual Halloween luncheon Sunday, October 30th, and asking for angels to donate Halloween candy to make goody bags for the patrons for this event. We're also inviting our patrons to our delicious traditional turkey lunch on Thanksgiving Day, from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. 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 Thanksgiving morning. A heartfelt thank you goes out 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 631-827-2245 or Kathy Montreuil at 917-476-6338.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - If you know of someone who is experiencing a special joy, a loss, or illness and you would like to request a blessed prayer shawl or lap robe for them, please fill in a prayer shawl request card found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate, or email: priscilla1629@optonline.net or mardowning@optonline.net .

Please include, recipient's name, address, and event also include your name and phone # and if you can deliver

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.

UMW CHRISTMAS COOKIE JAR - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 BETWEEN CHURCH SERVICES

(Snow date: December 11) 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 631-884-9183 or Ethel Vasseur 631-598-0667.

NOTES FROM COMMISSION ON EDUCATION - September is a time when we get back on schedule, when summer is over and the kids are back at school, when the temperature slowly cools down and the pace of the Fall season begins. Our church is no different and experiences these changes as well.

All of our education programs are back from recess, Thank God! The facilitators of our study groups are excited to continue their studies of God's word. As we welcome a new group of kids for confirmation, a process of learning and growth, we extend the invitation to you as well, in whatever way you so choose. Treat yourself, by attending a Bible Study, Open Mind Discussion or Art Fellowship session, and you may be surprised at the great time you would have, all the while learning more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Looking ahead, we will gather to learn or reinforce our knowledge of what it means to be a Methodist.

Let us learn together.
Noeline Gittens, Chair

LOOKING AHEAD AT BABYLON UMC

Annual Church Charge Conference – Monday November 7 at 7 pm
in the Sanctuary

Stewardship Dedication of Pledges Day – Sunday, November 13
Gain all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can. – John Wesley

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent begins on November 27
UMW Christmas Cookie Jar – December 4
Church Christmas Dinner & Pageant – December 10 at 6:30 pm
100th Annual Candlelight Service – December 18 at 5:30 pm
MYF/Church Christmas Party following
Christmas Eve Services at 4, 8 and 11 pm
Christmas Day December 25 – Family Worship at 10 am – no Sunday School
New Year's Day – January 1 at 10 am – One Room Sunday School

The Nursery School welcomed the children and their families back to school in September. After a brief adjustment period, the children are doing beautifully and we are so proud of them.

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. A group of our three year olds, pictured below, used hand painted telescopes, similar, perhaps to the one Christopher Columbus may have used when he was exploring. They were not exploring the high seas or looking for land, though. Instead they were looking for signs of Autumn.



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.

As part of our Fall Festival, each family was given a gift from the Nursery School- 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 feels 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 in the three year old program. Looking ahead-- Pre-Registration for the Three and Four Year Old Program for church members for September 2017 will begin December 1, 2016. Current students and their siblings will begin registration on January 3, 2017.

Sincerely,

Lisa Murray, Administrator
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REPORT FROM MISSIONS –

Thanks to all the sponsors and budding artists who supported *Funday on Sunday*. Everyone had a great time painting a beautiful sunset scene. Each painting was unique and beautiful!

Thanks to all who donated school supplies and gently used clothing for school children. Many families took advantage of your donations and their children went to school well prepared for a new school year. These families were extremely thankful to be able to outfit their children without having to take money out of their budgets. Clothing is still available by calling Carol or Kathy for an appointment. Signs are posted in the Education Building with the phone numbers.

On September 25th The Montreuil family presented a slide show about their VIM trips to R.I. And CT. It was very informative and exciting to see three teens so enthusiastic about Missions! If anyone is interested in future trips please contact Kathy at (917) 476-6338.

Our winter coat drive began October 9th and will continue until November 13th. All gently used jackets and coats will be donated to SCO Family of Services.

After Thanksgiving we will, once again, have our Christmas Angels Tree. A \$20 gift card from Target for each child at SCO is our goal.

On behalf of the Missions and Outreach Committee I want to express my deepest gratitude to the congregation of BUMC for their generous support throughout the year.



MYF October thru December 2016 Schedule

October 7-9 - Columbus Day Weekend

No MYF Events - Have a good, safe weekend!

October 16 - Sunday - 6:00pm-7:30pm

MYF Meeting: Fellowship Hall - Grades 6th - 12th

October 23 - Sunday - 6:00pm-7:30pm

MYF Meeting: Fellowship Hall - Grades 6th - 12th

October 29 - Saturday - 6:00pm-8:30pm

MYF Halloween Party - This is open to all!

November 5 - Saturday - 9:30am-12:30pm

MYF Field Trip - Our Lady of the Island in Eastport - This event is open to all!

November 13 - Sunday - 6:00pm-7:30pm

MYF Meeting: Fellowship Hall - Grades 6th - 12th

November 20 - Sunday - 6:00pm-7:30pm

MYF Meeting: Fellowship Hall - Grades 6th - 12th

November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Weekend

No MYF Events - Have a good, safe weekend!

December 2-3 - Friday-Saturday - 8:00pm-8:00am

MYF Lock-In!! - Grades 6th - 12th

December 11 - Sunday - 6:00pm-7:30pm

Christmas Caroling - This event is open to all!

December 18 - Sunday - 5:30pm-7:30pm

Candlelight Service (5:30pm) followed by MYF Christmas Party - This event is open to all!

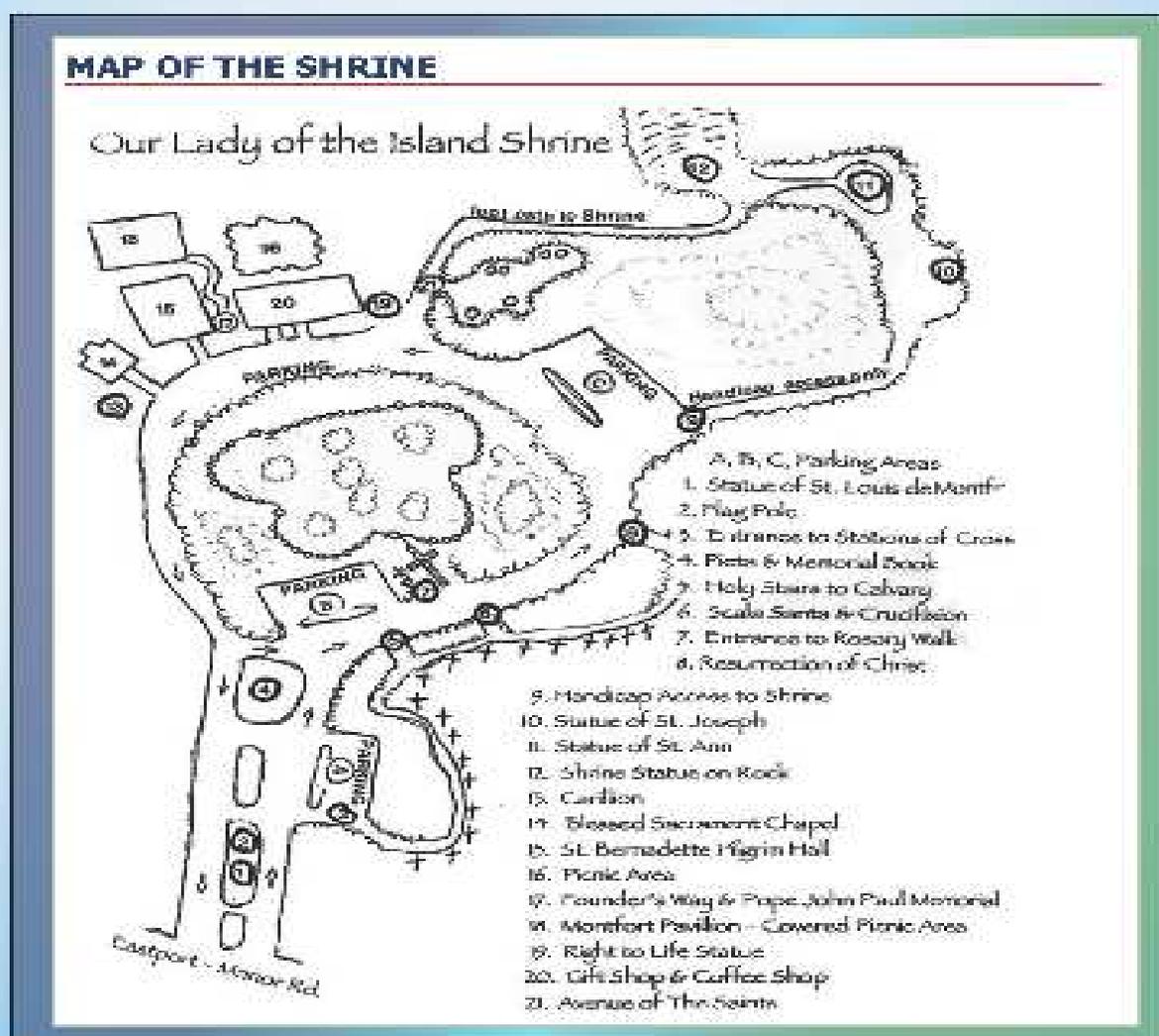
December 23-25 - Christmas Weekend

No MYF Events - Have a great, safe weekend!

 **Please Join Our Facebook Group Page: Babylon MYF**

JOIN THE MYF ON A FIELD TRIP TO OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND SHRINE

EASTPORT, NY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
9:30AM – 12:30PM



DRIVERS WANTED – RSVP TO RICH SANTORO
PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK GROUP FOR MORE DETAILS



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BabylonMYF>

DECEMBER MYF EVENTS

2016

WINTER LOCK IN
Friday December 2nd –
Saturday December 3rd
8PM-8AM



CHRISTMAS PARTY
OPEN TO ALL
Sunday December 18th
6PM-8PM

CHRISTMAS CAROLING
Sunday December 11th
6PM-8PM

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE 19TH ANNUAL
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN COOKIE JAR
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
BETWEEN CHURCH SERVICES
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
(Snow date: Sunday, December 11)
FILL-A- BOX
WITH HOMEMADE COOKIES
\$10 PER POUND
(We will provide the 1 lb. box)

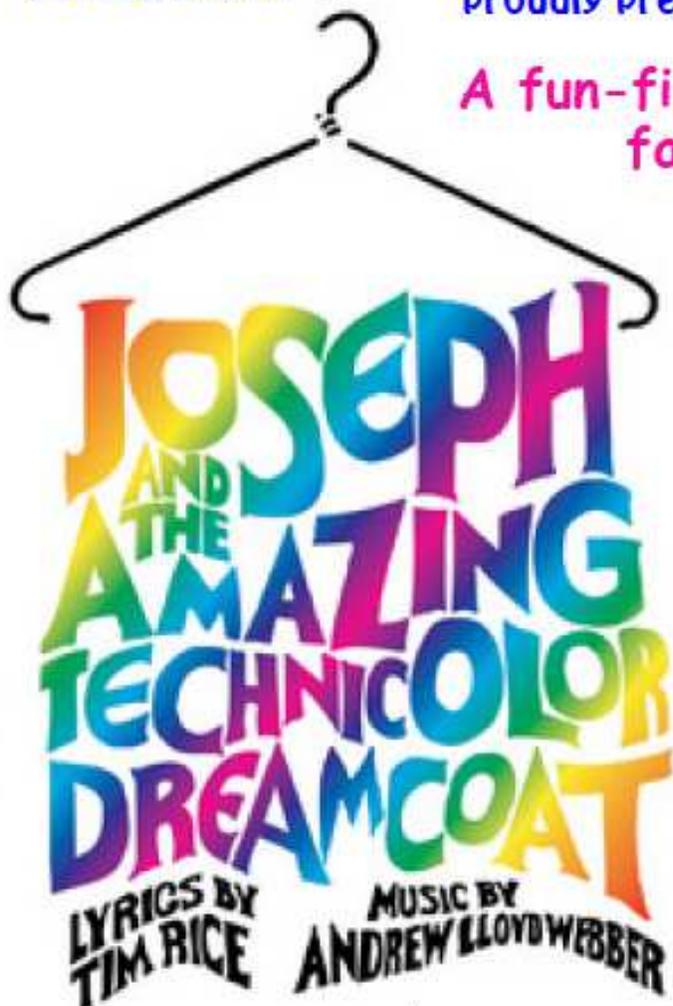


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Performance Dates:

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| Fri. Nov 18 th | | 8PM |
| Sat. Nov 19 th | | 3PM |
| Sat. Nov 19 th | | 8PM |
| Tue. Nov 22 nd | | 8PM |
| Fri. Nov 25 th | | 8PM |
| Sat. Nov 26 th | | 8PM |
| Sun. Nov 27 th | ... | 3PM |

For Tickets Call:
631-649-4140

- or -

Visit our website at:
www.JamesStreetPlayers.org

Tickets go on Sale
Monday Oct 17th
Reserved Seating:
all seats JUST \$15

The James Street Playhouse is located at:
Babylon United Methodist Church
21 James Street, Babylon, NY

James Street Players is a non-profit organization that has been bringing affordable live theater to the Babylon area for over 48 years.
Every member is a volunteer, with all profits being donated back into the community.