



The Ties that Bind – NEWSLETTER

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends in Christ,

At 2 am this morning, when the Olympic coverage ended, it was 81 degrees. I took a dip in the pool. The water was 84 degrees. It is hard to imagine that back to school is right around the corner.

The summer has been renewing for me with some real bright spots for the church. The church picnic was great and everyone who was there had a great time. The production of *Alice in Wonderland* was a great success in every way, and the cast, which was mostly young people, and the production staff are all to be commended.

Right now Vacation Bible School is in its last day. About 50 to 60 people, around 40 of them students, have gathered for a week to study the last part of Genesis. Come to the Fellowship Hall and visit the camels gathered there on the stage. They stuck around after the Bible School ended. The Ducks Game with the Chancel Choir singing the National Anthem is set for Friday August 26th. Contact Barbara Atchison if you would like to come.

September will be full of wonderful services and programs beginning. Read the Newsletter carefully to see all that is happening. On Labor Day Sunday September 4th, we will invite you if you like to bring with you a symbol of your labor. You don't have to bring anything, but if you feel so moved, please do.

On the following Sunday, September 11 Sunday School and Youth Fellowship start again and that day is the 15th anniversary of the terrible events of 9/11 and a good day for us to gather and pray for our nation and for our world. On Sunday September 11th we will return to three Sunday services at 8 am, 9:30 am and 11 am. In the meantime Sunday Services will be at 8 and 9:30 am.

Blessings to you. Keep cool.

In Christ's love,

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 September/October 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 will be at 8, 9:30 and 11 am starting September 11. Sunday School classes will begin on September 11 with registration at 9 am.

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 October 17th for immediate 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 will resume its ministry on September 11th, once again asking our angels for some delicious, healthy, hearty soups for the upcoming cold weather seasons, and that they be labeled with the date and type, as we put them in the freezer and once frozen, they become unrecognizable. Our patrons love any type of homemade soup. It is a little early to address a Halloween luncheon, however, just a reminder; we will need goody bags for our patrons from our angels. We hope you had a great summer, and if you would like further information about our mission, volunteering or donations, please call Rose Alfini at 669-4581 or Vicki Troise at 234-2560.



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 tel # 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.

MISSIONS NEWS -Thanks to all who have donated school supplies, gently used clothing and shoes. There is a great need in Babylon and the surrounding communities for these items. We are looking for volunteers to help sort and prepare

these supplies and clothing so they will be available for the beginning of the school year. Please contact Carol Langstroth at 631-587-5823 if interested in helping.

We are planning a **Funday Painting on Sunday on September 25th** from 4-6 pm. The cost is \$40 per person. We will be selling hot dogs, chips, soda and water. You can make a reservation with Carol Langstroth or Kathy Montreuil at 1-917-476-6338 or purchase your tickets after church (9:30 service). We are limited to 50 tickets so please get your reservations in ASAP!

The **2nd Annual Taste of Home** is planned for October 16th from 2-5 pm. Everyone interested in being a chef, sous chef or taster can contact Carol Langstroth or Kathy Montreuil. Tickets will be sold after the 9:30 service on Sundays. Last year's event was a huge success and we are hoping to have an even better event this year. The cost for tasters is \$20 per person. Children 12 and under are \$5 each. Sous chefs are \$10 and there is no charge for chefs. There is no age limit for chefs. Prizes will again be awarded for the winners in each category.

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Financial Update

The summer is always challenging for the church and in late August the church finances are always at their lowest. We have a few more Sundays before we are back in full swing. Hope you will help us catch up. Thank you for all your many gifts to the church.

Confirmation Class

Soon the Confirmation Class will be starting. Traditionally this class is for those in the 9th grade or older who would like to be confirmed and join the church.

The first meeting for the youth and their parents will be Wednesday, September 14 at 7pm. Mark your calendars.

The Confirmation Class has three components. There is the weekly class that the confirmands must attend. Each confirmand will have a mentor who is to work with the confirmand. Each confirmand is asked to have a regular Sunday morning obligation at the church. They may help with Sunday School. They may sing in the Chancel Choir. They may help with setting up and cleaning up for the Soup Kitchen. They may attend the Sunday Morning Senior Seminar held during Sunday School. Those who would like to help with Sunday School should contact Barbara Blaskopf before Sunday School begins on September 11th. Those who wish to sing in the choir may come to rehearsal (7 pm on Thursday) or call Neil O'Connell. Those who wish to help with the Soup Kitchen should talk to Rose Alfini. Some of these avenues for fulfilling the requirement may only need a few volunteers, so the class members are encouraged to act on this as soon as is possible.

The 11 am Service

There has been some informal discussion about Sunday morning at the church. As you know about 3 years ago we added the 8 am Communion Service as a year round service and it has a regular group of attendees each week.

Over the last few decades attendance at the 11 am service has declined. We will be taking a look at Sunday morning at the church. We may add a discussion group. This is in the early talking stages.

If you like to worship at the 11 am hour we hope you will be as attentive as you can be as we study Sunday morning and think about what our Sunday morning will look like going forward.

The 11am service resumes on Sunday September 11th. See you there.

Our Two Bible Studies Resume

The Monday morning Bible Study will start meeting again on Monday morning September 12 at 9:45. They will be studying the Book of Matthew, the first book of the New Testament, and a book that demonstrates how the life of Jesus fulfilled so many of the Old Testament prophecies. It is a great book to study. This study is held in Wesley Hall.

The Tuesday evening Bible Study meets again starting on September 13 at 6:45 pm They will be studying Mark the oldest of the biographies of Jesus. Come discover Jesus through this study. This study is help in the church library.

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UMW READING PROGRAM

The UMW Reading Program for 2017 is now available online! This is an exciting time as the summer comes to a close, I will be busy researching the titles that we will be reading in the next few months.

The UMW Reading Program selects book from recommendations from individuals and church members worldwide. Committee participants read many titles and review the books to find the most interesting and timely stories. I remain a member of the panel that selects titles every year.

Most books are nonfiction, and some have serious messages of faith and Christian spirituality. Others explore universal themes for children, youth, young adult, and of course, adult readers. With a variety of formats - a book with pages to turn, an electronic book, and audio book - the appeal is universal.

Please join us as we continue our journey in reading this year on the second Wednesday of the month in the church library. Time will be 6:30 or 7:00, details are forthcoming.

You do not have to read the book to participate in the book club - Come simply to hear the lively discussion. You do not have to read every book - drop in when a title is of special interest. Make a recommendation of a book you enjoyed and I will certainly investigate the title and pass it along.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, October 12th, 2016, at 6:30 in the church library. Please call me or text or email me any questions. I will select a book by September 14th, that will give us all a month to read the book and get ready to chit chat.

Happy Reading!
CaroleAnne Weik - Librarian
caroleanneweik@yahoo.com 516 318 2928

Please join us for
**Sunday School at the
Babylon United Methodist Church**



Registration for Sunday School at the Babylon United Methodist Church is on **Sunday, September 11th, at 9:00am. Classes will begin at 9:30am** after registration is completed. Sunday School is offered for children in nursery school through the 9th Grade, as well as a Senior High Seminar for young adults.

Why bring your children to Babylon United Methodist Church Sunday School?

1. Sunday School will provide a basic foundation, and understanding of the scriptures at a level of understanding appropriate for each age group.
2. In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers while discovering God's teaching.
3. Regular involvement in the church community will help foster a sense of belonging within the church, and a familiarity with the church building as a safe place to learn, worship, and enjoy the presence of God and his congregation.

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Babylon United Methodist Church
SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Child's Name _____ DOB _____

Age _____ School Grade _____

Parents Names

Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Does your child have any food allergies or medical conditions?

Please indicate if there is anyone with whom your child is **NOT AUTHORIZED** to leave with:

We will be preparing our annual Christmas pageant. Will your child participate? _____

Do you want your child released or wait to be picked up after class?

Parent Signature

The United Methodist Church of Babylon Asbury and Wesley/ Epworth Choirs



Children's Choirs rehearse Sundays:

Asbury Choir: K-3rd grade: 10:45a.m. - 11:10a.m. in the choir room

Wesley/Epworth Choir: 4th - High School: 9:00a.m. - 9:25a.m. in the chapel

The Children's Choirs will be singing in the sanctuary the third Sunday each month beginning in October. They will also be singing at the Candlelight and Choir Sunday services. There will be a Children's Choir presentation during Sunday School registration on September 11th. Rehearsals begin on September 18th.

Child's name _____

Grade: _____

Child's name _____

Grade: _____

Parent's Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Facebook: y or n Facebook name _____ (to be added on our group page: Babylon UMC Children's Choir)



UMW



Hello -

Summer is such a special time, that I hesitate to bring up the Fall activities that will be starting (too) soon. As we begin planning our events, we hope more women will decide to become a part of the United Methodist Women of Babylon. This is a wonderful and rewarding way to become more involved with the people and activities of our church. The UMW membership has five different circles (groups) that meet either during the day, the evening, or by technology. You can decide which is most convenient for you, and since every little bit helps, your involvement can be as much or as little as your time allows. If you have any questions, please call me at my home 631-234-2560 or my cell 516-429-6964. As I mentioned in my Laity Minute a few Sundays ago, I hope you will decide to become involved and make more friends in our church community.

Thank you,
Vicki Troise, UMW President

A coordinator is needed for Blanket Sunday which will be on October 16. It's very simple, and Millie has all the information you will need.

Please consider donating non-perishable food for the Food Pantry. A can a week would be very helpful.

September - Mary/Martha Circle is in charge of Flowers for the month

September 7 - Executive Board Meeting at 7 pm in the Library

Saturday Sept 17 at 9:30 -Breakfast General Meeting, Priscilla Circle is hostess and Anna Circle has the program

Sept 25 - Food Sale, Anna Circle

October is UMW month - We will be ushering at the Sunday services, and will sponsor a Coffee hour.

Circle Meetings

Anna - 3rd Tuesday - 10:30 am- Contact Person, Kay Case

Priscilla -3rd Tuesday - 7:00 pm - Contact Person, Meg O'Connell

Miriam - Third Wednesday - 1:00 pm - Contact Person, Ethel Vasseur

Martha/Mary -Contact Person, Nancy Hussain

Non-Circle -Contact Person, Marcia Brucculeri

Monday Morning Bible Study

September 2015-June 2016

September- November: Jeremiah

December-April: Luke

May: Jonah, Obadiah & Micah

Concluded with personal thoughts and prayers

June: End of year party

Although we progressed slowly, it was another successful year as we moved from one area of the bible to another. We focused on books we had never read and others we thought we knew well (but really didn't).

Some weeks most of us were there, other weeks only a few, but regardless, we were all there together in thought and spirit. Each week our yik-yak time allowed for catching up and then we focused on the words we yearned to understand. It was the collaboration, respect and caring of each other that allowed our group to continue to learn and better understand God's word.

We may not have understood it all, but the important thing was, we focused on someone other than ourselves and we thought about those bible words and God. Keep focusing, see you on September 12th when we begin again, with the book of Matthew.

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Sat. Nov 19 th	3PM
Sat. Nov 19 th	8PM
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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
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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.

Auditions are:

Sunday September 11th from 2 to 5 PM &
Monday September 12th from 7 to 9 PM.
Seeking ages 15 & up for leads & Ensembles
ages 7 & up for Youth Chorus.