

The Ties that Bind – NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends,

It has been almost 5 years since I became your Pastor and 50 years since I first set foot in the United Methodist Church of Babylon. It is a privilege to be your Pastor and I hope that you will read this letter with a lot of interest.

As you know every year we have a Stewardship Drive where we talk about our giving which usually culminates in a Dedication Sunday where we bring Pledge Cards to the church service.

This year our program is called **NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY**. It begins on October 8 and ends on **NEW DEDICATION SUNDAY** on November 5th. On that day at the **Speaker's Request** we will only have 1 service at 9:30am *followed by a Free Celebration Brunch in the Fellowship Hall*. Please plan on being there.

Our speaker and presenter on New Dedication Sunday will be Joe Andreanna of the Frontier Foundation. The Frontier Foundation holds half of the church's Endowment Funds and is doing very well with the returns on our investments. The Frontier Foundation is a United Methodist Agency sponsored partially by our Conference. Joe is a dedicated Christian layman who does his program voluntarily because of his deep Christian commitment. He is to many the layman on the bar stool who talks about giving. You won't want to miss him.

Prior to **New Dedication Sunday** you will hear brief presentations and moments of witness each Sunday. Also, you will receive two letters concerning **New Dedication Sunday**. Please listen carefully to the speakers and read the letters carefully. The Estimate Of Giving Cards will actually be distributed on November 5th.

I am very excited about this Stewardship Drive. It comes at a very important time in the history of our church. It is based on the Biblical beliefs about giving.

Pray for our Stewardship Drive and plan to take part.

The very best to you in Christ's name, ***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 for October, November. 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.

Information for the late November December eNewsletter must be submitted by November 10 for immediate release in this Newsletter. Please make every effort to get it submitted earlier.

Worship Services are at 8 and 9:30 am with Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Sunday School classes have resumed. Children will come to church with their parents and then are dismissed to their Sunday School Class after the children's message. Special program offerings will occur at 11 am on Sunday morning. Information on these programs appears in this newsletter and is open to all.

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

We will be starting a Prayer Chain. This will be a group of folks who will be contacted in the case of emergency or event that warrants the church launching into prayer. If you are interested in being part of such a chain, give us your name, telephone number and email address (to the church office).

Please continue to remember the Food Pantry when you are shopping – Spam, corned beef hash, beef stew, tuna, chili, peanut butter, jelly, 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. NO spaghetti or soup is needed at this time.**

The Church Food Pantry is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 - 12 noon, and is in need of volunteers. Assistance is needed to sign in our patrons and distribute a box of food to them. If these mornings are busy times for you, perhaps you would be willing to help with the shopping which we do at Aldi. If you can do either, please call the church office and let Doris know. Thank you!

The Rotary sponsored FOOD DRIVE for Babylon UMC is scheduled for Saturday November 11 from 9 to 3 pm – we need help! Can you help us – please call Doris at the church office or Sue Tremblay to let us know you will be there – an hour or two of your time would be appreciated and is needed. – Just come with a smile and an open heart!



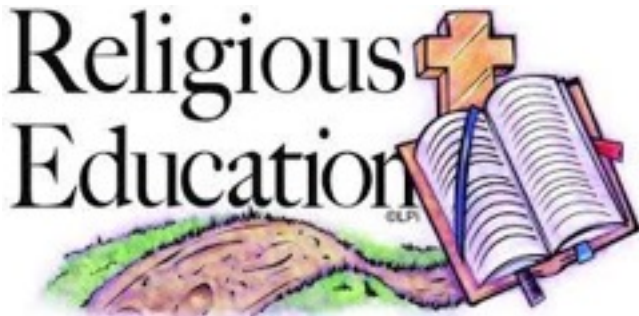
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you know of someone who is experiencing a special joy, a loss, an illness or you just want to bless them with God's love, you may request a blessed prayer shawl or lap robe for them by filling in a prayer shawl request card found in the pew racks and placing it in the offering plate, or email: priscilla1629@optonline.net or mardowning@optonline.net with "prayer shawl request" in the subject line. Please include, recipients name, address, and event also include your name and tel # and if you can deliver it.

We have yarn available for those who would like to create a shawl or lap robe. Email (subject line "prayer shawl") or call [Priscilla Schlegel 631-667-8252](tel:631-667-8252) or [Marlene Downing 631-242-8740](tel:631-242-8740) 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.

DID YOU SAVE THE DATE! The Missions and Outreach Committee is sponsoring Wine Tasting on Saturday October 14th at Babylon Fish and Clam, 458 Fire Island Avenue, Babylon from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person. All proceeds will support the work of the BUMC Missions and Outreach Committee.



Bible Studies

Please take the time to look at your Tuesday schedule, as we have two Bible Study groups active and waiting for you to attend!

The first is offered Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. in Wesley Hall and is led by Sharron Niggemeier and Ed Tournu, and the second opportunity is led by Richard Santoro at 6:45 in the Library.

Feel free to attend either one (or both) as your schedule allows.

Sunday School

We are happy and proud to welcome 69 new and returning Sunday School students this September and we would also love a visit from you. Please stop by on any Sunday to see our children and teachers in action.

The new confirmation class met for their first meet-and-greet, and it was a delight to have had four students and parents present. As the confirmation class begins its journey towards confirmation each individual Confirmand will be in search for a mentor.

These four upcoming Confirmands have the liberty to request a mentor from any member of our Church Congregation, and as such, anyone and everyone should be open to receiving a request via call or person to person in the coming weeks.

Our annual Christmas Pageant will be held on December 9, 2017. Anyone who is interested in participating please see and/or contact Karen Thompson for more details. Karen is currently in need of anyone willing to aid in making costumes for the pageant. If you are talented with a thread and needle or have any history as a seamstress or tailor, your help is needed to make simple angel and shepherd costumes.

Advent Wreath

Karen Thompson will also be running orders for Advent Wreaths this year. Please place your order for an Advent Wreath with Karen by November 19th. Orders will be ready for pick up on November 26, 2017. With each order the following is included: A calendar, candles with accompanying stand, ever-green wreath, decorations and a prayer book. All of this is included for the everyday low cost of \$20.

Movie Night

After a wonderful turnout and support for the first Movie Night, the series of Church related filmography will continue with our second Movie Night! It will be held October 13th at 7:00 p.m. join us for the viewing of "**God is Not Dead 2**".

Called to Be Merciful

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You can find the words in the grid by looking Diagonal, Forward, Backward, Up and Down. Circle them with a pencil or highlight the letter on your computer.

Answer to last newsletter word search



Missions and Outreach -Thank you to everyone who participated in our School supplies drive. Eight utility size bags and two boxes of assorted supplies were delivered to SCO. They were very appreciative for everything they received.

On October 14th from 1-4 p.m. there will be a Wine Tasting held at the Babylon Fish and Clam restaurant, 458 Fire Island Avenue. You will also be able to participate in a silent auction with baskets of wine and other great baskets. Call Ellie Senft at 631-647-8245 for reservations.

Our annual coat drive began on October 1st and will continue until November 12th. Coats, hats and gloves can be brought in and left in the boxes in the Narthex, the education building, and outside Doris's office.

A dinner is planned for everyone to learn about the exciting UArmy trip that the Montreuil family attended in Massachusetts this past summer. The date and time to be announced.

The Sharing & Caring Soup Kitchen has resumed ministry and is in need of some delicious, healthy, hearty soups for the cold weather season. We ask that they be labeled with the date and type, as we put them in the freezer and once frozen, they become unrecognizable.

Our Sharing & Caring Soup Kitchen hosts several events between now and the end of the year, the first of which is their Halloween luncheon. We ask our angels for donations of Halloween candy to make goody bags for this occasion, which will take place Sunday, October 29th.

Every year **Our Sharing & Caring Soup Kitchen** celebrates Thanksgiving Day with a delicious traditional turkey lunch. We'll 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.

Lastly, but certainly not least, **our loving kitchen** will be serving their annual Christmas Day lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. We're looking for angels to donate apple cider and eggnog and *help with clean up for this and the other afore mentioned affairs.*

Finally, a shout out "thank you" to all of our wonderful angels! We could not host these affairs for our patrons without you. If you would like further information, please call Rose Alfini at 631-827-2245 or Kathy Montreuil at 917-476-6338.



The Nursery School began in September and we are off to a great start. We are looking forward to a great year. We will also begin the first session for the Almost Nursery School for two and half-year-olds in mid- October. For information, please contact Lisa Murray at (516) 661-5165.

On display in the hallways of the Education Building is the work of our enthusiastic students. You will notice the stages of development from the three year old age group to the four year olds. They complete all of their own projects and take great pride in their work. Enjoy!

Follow us on Instagram @unitedmethodist_nurseryschool to see the latest news at the Nursery School.

There are openings in our Almost Nursery School for 2 ½ year olds. Please call Lisa Murray if you want additional information at 631-661-5165 or email at umcnsbabylon@hotmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Hello,

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather given to us by God. Some of the leaves are beginning to change colors on the trees, while some of my summer flowers seem to be in full bloom. Tonight I look forward to seeing the Harvest Moon. Please remember that the United Methodist Women is open to all women of the church. With our 5 circles meeting at different times and in different ways, I hope we can become part of your life. If you have any questions, please call me at home 631-234-2560 or on my cell 516-429-6964.

Thank you! Vicki Troise

Thank you to the Esther Circle for the successful Food Sale on September 24th. We will not have the Food Sale that was tentatively scheduled for Nov. 5th.

Upcoming events

On Saturday October 14th, at 9:30 am, we will have our General Meeting Brunch. Priscilla Circle is Hostess and Miriam Circle has the program. All women are invited to attend and enjoy the morning with us.

Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 - Executive Board meetings at 7 pm in the church library.

Flowers - October - Priscilla Circle
November - Miriam Circle
December - Anna Circle

Our church note cards are ready to go on sale. There are 10 cards to a bag for \$10. Five cards have photos of the front of our church on Christmas Eve with the moon above the steeple, and the other five cards are of the decorated altar. The inside is blank for you to use however you wish. Please consider purchasing some.

Start baking for our Annual Cookie Jar to be held on December 3 this year. More information will be forthcoming from Millie and Ethel who have graciously volunteered to chair this event once again. Thank you ladies!

The Red Bird Mission is no longer collecting Box tops.

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Sat. Nov 18th 8PM
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James Street Players is a non-profit organization that has been bringing affordable live theater to the Babylon area for 50-years now. Every member is a volunteer, with all profits being donated back into the community.



IT IS ALMOST TIME!

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN COOKIE JAR WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**BETWEEN CHURCH SERVICES IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
(Snow date: Sunday, December 10)**

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

**EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH IS INVITED TO BAKE COOKIES TO SUPPORT THIS UMW FUND-RAISING EVENT! MORE DETAILS IN NEXT
NEWSLETTER OR CALL CHAIRPERSONS: MILLIE SCOTT 884-9183 or ETHEL VASSEUR 598-0667.**

United Methodist Church of Babylon

The Laity League. . .

October 2017

Creating VISION For Our Church!

We are embarking on an exciting journey in our church! At our Church Council meeting held on Monday, October 2, we approved to move forward with a Visioning and Budgeting process to help us better unify our activities and resources. . .

As faithful stewards of the time, talents, and gifts we have received, it is incumbent for us to manage those as effectively as possible in pursuit of the mission of our church.

One striking area where we can improve is to create a UNIFYING VISION

for our church that will help to give us focus and clarity for the ministries we pursue, as well as a common thread to which we are all striving to achieve.

The visioning process will consist of four major steps, and will be led by Pastor Carney and our Church Council. The major steps include:

1. Vision - discover and articulate a shared vision.
2. Team - build the team for it to become a reality.
3. Culture - embody the vision throughout church culture.
4. Integrity - ensure the

leader and church are aligned with the vision.

So WHY move forward through the visioning and budgeting process?

Create a Cohesive Vision for our Church

UNIFY Church Ministries and Resources

No "winners" and "losers" due to competition for same resources.

Church Council to Become the Guiding Force for our Church

- a. Where ministries are overlapping or competing, help to decide prioritization, etc.



Sue Macaluso, Lay Leader
Babylon United Methodist Church

- b. Most Effectively Use Our Resources
- c. Cooperative Management of Church Calendar

If you are interested in participating in this exciting activity, please feel free to contact Pastor Carney or Sue Macaluso at sueslav@optonline.net or call/text 631-365-2070.

VISION!

Mark Your Calendars!

Walk to Emmaus – Next Women's Walk, October 19-22, 2017. This is a Christian spiritual renewal and encouragement experience during a three day Christian study. "While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them." - Luke 24:15. For information, please contact Alexandra Bossung, evenings at 631-325-2253 or via email: bossunga@optonline.net or www.nyacwalktoemmaus.org.

Laitly Convocation - We invite you and ask you to invite others to the Annual Laitly Convocation on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, at the Stamford Hilton Hotel, 1 First Stamford Pl. Stamford Ct. 06902. The day consists of continental breakfast and lunch; workshops, coordinated by David Gilmore; and communion, celebrated by Bishop Bickerton. Our special guest speaker is Rev. Junius B. Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Min-

istries. Lay servants attending the Convocation will have an opportunity to earn credits for an Advanced Course. The cost is \$25.00 and also includes a copy of the NYAC study book, Holy Habits. Registration is now available on the New York Annual Conference website at nyac.com.

Bishop Bickerton visits Long Island East - November 29, 2017; details TBD.

Join Bishop Bickerton and NYAC Journeys of Paul Cruise; October 14-25, 2018

Our Bishop invites us to experience a cruise that he is hosting from Rome, Italy, that will take us along Paul's missionary journey to the gentile world. For information, please contact Chuck Ferrara at pastorchuckjn316@aol.com. Pastor Chuck, who is the regional representative for EO, will be able to provide you with information about Holy Land and other travel opportunities.