

The Ties that Bind – NEWSLETTER



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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I just was reading that we are in the season of transitions. Thank God the longer days are here now. Thank God the leaves are on the trees, and the beaches are warming up.

But speaking in terms of the church and our worship. Pentecost has come, and we are empowered now to do the work which is before us. We are transitioning from the days of preparation and now we need to enter the days of performance.

So many, against the back drop of terrible violence, are crying out “Do something.”

Sunday, I preached on how so often when people see some of the terrible situations in the world they exclaim, “How could I not have known.”

This is the age of the church. The church is the body of Christ doing his will in the world. “Just do it!”

Just some food for thought. Blessings to you all.

Tom

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 May June 2018. 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 Summer eNewsletter must be submitted by June 11 for immediate release in this Newsletter. Please make every effort to get it submitted earlier.

Join us in the Sanctuary for our annual Memorial Day Sing-a-Long at 10 am. We will sing from 10 am until the parade is approaching and then go out to cheer the marchers on.

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

Promotion Sunday is June 3 at 9:30 am.

Sunday School classes - 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.

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

Mostly dependent on individual donations from generous individuals and organizations, the **SHARING & CARING Soup Kitchen** is in need of monetary support from our loving church community. Although we receive a small amount from the state, without your contributions, we simply could not exist. Many people who depend on us would go hungry. Checks may be written to Babylon United Methodist Church, with Soup Kitchen written on the memo line. Cash donations may be put in an envelope, marked Soup Kitchen and put in the Sunday offering plate to send to the church office.

We send a special "thank you", with love from our hearts, to all who contributed to our recent fundraiser thus far. Additional gifts may be given any time through the year and are tax exempt. We say it all of the time, that without all of you and your generosity, we could not exist.

Please note; the **Sharing & Caring Soup Kitchen** will be closed from Sunday, August 5th, through Labor Day weekend. As of May 20st we will no longer need offerings of soup until we resume our ministry on Sunday, September 9th. A loving "thank you" to all that generously provided. If you would like further information about our Caring & Sharing Kitchen, please call Rose Alfini 631-827-2245 or Kathy Montreuil at 917-476-6338.

Please continue to remember the Food Pantry when you are shopping – Cereal, 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.**

Rotary/BUMC Food Drive on Saturday June 9 at Stop and Shop, Montauk Hwy West Babylon. Springtime is very busy but we need your help to collect food to cover our needs for the next months. Volunteer today by calling Sue Tremblay at 631-422-5839 or the church office 631-661-5151 x101 and give us an hour or two between 9 am – 3pm.



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 phone number, if known. Also, please include your name and phone # so that you can be contacted for delivery.

At this time, the prayer shawl ministry is in need of crocheted or knitted prayer shawls and lap robes. Yarn is 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 or Marlene Downing 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.

The Missions and Outreach Committee have several wonderful events planned this year. **SAVE THE DATE:** September 15, 2018 we will be hosting a **Wine Tasting at Babylon Fish and Clam.**

On Sunday, October 21st, **our 3rd Annual Taste of Home** will take place in Fellowship Hall from 3-6 pm; the price is still \$20 per person. We're hoping to be able to prepare a cookbook filled with recipes from this and previous events! Test one of your family favorite recipe and be one of our chefs!

United Methodist Women News

Welcome to Spring and some well deserved warmer weather.

Our latest **Tea at Two** was another successful afternoon shared by many. A huge THANK YOU goes to our chairperson Connie Pancella for her expert organizing skills. The baskets, the food, the table decorations, the door prizes, Neil at the piano, the waiters, and the "Kit-Tea Alley" decorated stage all were wonderful. So many people assisted in ways large and small, and I know that Connie appreciated all that was done. Thank you!!

A huge "Thank You" goes to all the women who volunteered in so many ways during our March UMW month. Many ladies contributed to the success of the Health kits, Blanket Sunday, our UMW Coffee Hour, Sunday ushering, and our General Meeting where we enjoyed a wonderful program by the Priscilla Circle while Anna Circle was the Hostess treating us to a delicious dessert.

We welcome two new members this year, and always have room for more.

Thank you, Vicki Troise cell 516-429-6964

A UMW THANK YOU.

Because of your generosity, the United Methodist Women collected \$914 for Church World Service Blanket Sunday and \$703 for Church World Service Kits. 56 health kits and 6 school kits were also collected. These kits and blankets will be distributed at home and around the world. for your support.

The UMW thanks you for your support .



Family Letter

Dear Family,

At Rolling River Rampage VBS, your students will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to experience the ride of a lifetime with God. During Vacation Bible School at Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God, your students will become Rafters and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly, the Rafters make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Rapid Reminders to equip your Rafters for an active life with God. Your Rafters will discover a Rafting Ready Verse that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by participating in a variety of activities: making art projects at the Craft Station, singing new music at the Music Station, exploring at the Science Station, participating in recreational activities at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Snack Station. Along the way, the Rafters will hear about our mission project and as their respond to a call for action!

Let's go! Join us at United Methodist Church of Babylon VBS
on Aug 13, 2018 through Aug 17, 2018
from 9:30 Am to 12:30 pm

To register or to find out more about Rolling River Rampage, call the church office at

631-661-5151

COST will be \$20.00 Before Aug 1, 2018 \$
\$30.00 After Aug 1, 2018

Sincerely,
Your Rolling River Rampage Team



VRS Registration Form

\$10.00 Before 8/1/18
\$30.00 after 8/1/18

Rolling River Rampage Forms

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____
Work _____

Age Information

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other: _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information:

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Other Information (church use only)

■ Rafter Group

Are parents/guardians/family members helping with Rolling River Rampage? _____ If yes, where?