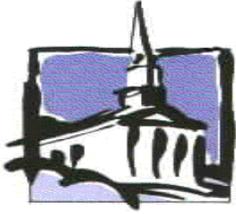


The Ties that Bind – NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends in Christ,

As you may or may not know I am entering retirement and much more quickly than I had planned. The Bishop has given me many options among them leave and retirement now. He is well aware of my health situation. Sunday September 23rd was my last Sunday among you and actually since that day and today there have been four more doctor appointments as they attempt to get my blood pressure down to a safe level.

I shall miss you. I shall miss being your pastor. I will be on leave for two months and at the parsonage during that time if you wish to speak to me. Then I will enter retirement.

They are already preparing my possessions for sale as I will be taking little into retirement. I will be travelling. I have to make decisions about what to keep and what to cast away.

As I looked at my binoculars and my bird books, I pondered, "Should I keep them?" Then I thought "Yes I will keep them." And I hope that you will imagine me somewhere in this beautiful country of ours zeroing in on some wild life species that I have never seen before and singing "How Great Thou Art." I will imagine you praising God and singing here in the church as you have always done.

There is so much to do in eight weeks.

All the best and God bless you always.

Tom Carney

9/26/18

A note from the Staff Parish Relations Committee –

We all wish Tom well while he is on leave and we also wish him a good retirement. Tom has served this church for 6 years and the Methodist Church for over 40! We were lucky to have him and to allow him to complete the circle by returning to the church that started him on his path

to the ministry. God Bless you Tom! The bishop has blessed us with the choice of the Rev. Penny Gadzini as our interim pastor. She is a familiar presence to many of us which will be a help as we are still processing the rapid departure of Pastor Tom. Between now and December 1, Pastor Penny will be paid by the conference for what is called "pulpit supply". In other words, she is being paid to deliver worship on Sunday mornings. If you need pastoral care during this period, or want to plan a wedding, baptism or funeral, call or email the church office and Tom and Penny will work it out. After December 1, Penny will be our fulltime interim pastor until the end of the church year in June. The Bishop and the cabinet will be meeting in the coming months to work on the appointment of a permanent pastor and we should keep them in our prayers, that God will work with them to make the best possible choice for our beloved church.

Yours truly,
Greg Cortelyou and the SPR committee

Dear Friends,

It is with joy and gratitude that I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we begin a new journey together. Though November it is my privilege to provide pulpit supply at Babylon UMC. We have begun a five-part sermon series on "Compass: Tools for Life". Scripture says that Jesus came that we might have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10). I believe that too often, we miss out on the abundant life Jesus promised and that following a Spiritual Compass may be a part of finding our way back into fullness of life with God. Please, come and join us for worship!

Beginning December 1 until June 30, I will be the full time interim Pastor. I'm thinking of our time together as something of a pilgrimage: the adventure of setting out on a journey together with the intention of being attentive to what the Living God is doing in our midst. Let us be together in prayer for our Church and for one another, trusting that God is present and active in our midst!

Sincerely,
Rev. Penny Gadzini (Pastor Penny)

Worship Services are at 8 and 9:30 am.

Sunday School began its Fall season on September 9 and will continue to register children in the Sunday School office. Children will come to church with their parents and then are dismissed to their Sunday School Class after the children's message. Special announced program offerings will occur at 11 am on Sunday morning.

The Annual Church Children's Pageant will be at the Christmas Dinner on Saturday December 8. Information about this pageant will be forthcoming. Check the Sunday bulletins or with the Sunday School office.

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.

There is an opening at our church for a part time bookkeeper. We are seeking a person with experience as a bookkeeper as well as experience in accounting software and other common office software. Hours are flexible, you will have your own office and you will work directly with the pastor, the church secretary, the finance committee and the church treasurer. If interested please contact Greg Cortelyou at chefgreg190@gmail.com.

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 peas, 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.**

Next Rotary/BUMC Food Drive on Saturday November 10. Volunteer to help resupply our Food Pantry 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.

Curious About Becoming a Lay Servant?

If you have a desire to become a lay servant or merely want to explore the possibilities, we'd love to talk to you about it. A lay servant can play many roles beyond speaking in church. For example, you can be trained to serve communion (especially to those who are house-bound) or visit patients in the hospital, among other activities. Perhaps you have your own unique ministry in mind! If you would like to start a conversation and learn more, email or call Greg Lupion: glupion@gmail.com, 631-703-6520.

MISSION NEWS

A hearty THANK YOU to everyone who so generously contributed to any and all of the many fund raisers and collections we've sponsored throughout the year. We were able to send money, through UMCOR, to states across the country and Puerto Rico that were hit by devastating hurricanes, volcanoes, wild fires and floods. We supported a missionary in Nepal and sent 18 back packs filled to the brim with school supplies, along with two large boxes, to SCO Family Services. We are currently sponsoring a winter apparel drive which will end on November 18th. SCO will be receiving these coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

The Mission and Outreach Committee will be hosting their 3rd Annual Taste of Home on Sunday, October 21st from 2-5 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. For \$20 you can enjoy the many wonderful dishes prepared for you by our chefs. We promise you won't go away hungry! Call Carol Langstroth at 631-587-5823 or the church office at 631-661-5151 for reservations. There are prizes for the winner of each category (Appetizer, Entrée, Dessert and Other).

Operation Christmas Child boxes, sponsored by Samaritans' Purse and our Missions and Outreach Committee are available every Sunday after church for anyone interested. Soccer balls with pumps are available for purchase for these boxes. The cost will be \$6 each. Boxes must be returned by November 18th.

Our final event will be the Christmas Angel Tree. We receive approximately 100 names of children from SCO who probably won't be receiving any other gifts for Christmas. We're asking for a \$20 gift card from Target for each child. The tree will be placed in the Education Building after Thanksgiving. Please help us by taking an angel or two or more, and getting the gift card and returning, along with the angel, it to the church.



Every year our **Sharing & Caring Soup Kitchen** hosts several events between October 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 28th.

We will be celebrating **Thanksgiving Day** with a delicious traditional turkey lunch. We welcome 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.

Our loving kitchen is going to serve their annual **Christmas Day Lunch** from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. We're looking for angels to donate apple cider and egnog 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.



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 needs 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](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.

Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!!

Consider joining the Chancel Choir and be able to sing for Christmas. There are no auditions and rehearsals are on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the choir room on the third floor.

All parts are welcome but especially sopranos and basses. Rehearsals usually last only 1 1/2 hours and we sing at the 9:30 service on Sunday mornings. We would love to have you join us.

If interested, please call Neil O'Connell, choir director, at 631-587-5210.

United Methodist Women News

Welcome back as we enter the season of Fall and anticipate our holiday events. We already had a successful Food Sale on September 23rd and a Breakfast General Meeting on October 13th. Our church cards will be available for \$1.00 each. They are blank on the inside, so can be used for note cards or holiday messages. It's a nice way to share a picture of our church with friends far and near.

Flowers – Priscilla Circle has October, Miriam Circle has November, and Anna Circle is responsible for December.

Exec Board meetings will be on November 7th and December 5th at 10 am in Wesley Hall.

Our Annual Cookie Jar will be on Sunday, December 2nd. Start baking your delicious cookies!

The Christmas General Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 11th at 12:30 pm. Esther Circle is hostess and Anna Circle has the program. This meeting will include the installation of officers, the awarding of the Special Recognition Pin, and the approval of our budget and calendar for 2019.

Once again, I invite all women of the Babylon United Methodist Church to attend our activities and join the UMW. There are no mandatory requirements or obligations. If you have any questions, please call me at 516-429-6964.

Thank you, Vicki Troise

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS -

The new school year is well underway and the children are now familiar with the Nursery School routine. Although the weather has been quite rainy, the children are enjoying their time on the playground. We are fortunate to have a new fence and about 40 beautiful hostas now, thanks to Eagle Scout candidate Andrew Lutz. Andrew attended the Nursery School from 2005-2007 and chose the Nursery School for his Eagle Project – to giving back to the school and Church where he has fond memories.

In a few weeks, the Science and Nature class will plant daffodil bulbs to accent the beautiful fence and plants.

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.



Three year olds caring for a cicada....trying to feed it a leaf!



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BETWEEN CHURCH SERVICES
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(Snow date: Sunday, December 9)

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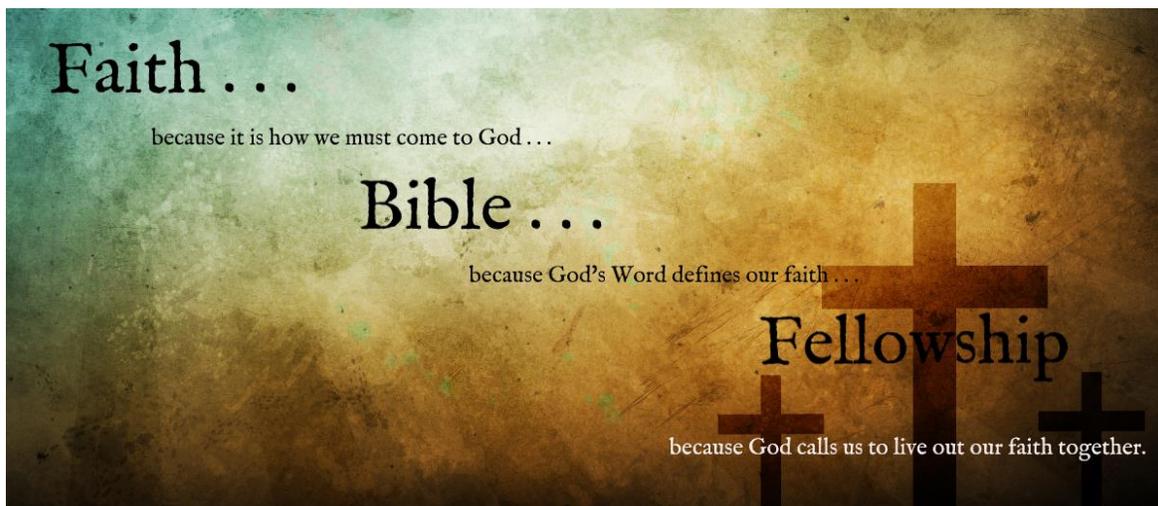
EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Moving to Thursdays!!

6:00pm-6:45pm (You won't miss choir, I promise!)

Began October 18, 2018

Located in the Library (Education Building)



**ALL are welcome - No Bible experience necessary!
We will be reading the Gospel of John**

Please bring a Bible - Facilitated by Rich Santoro



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