

The Ties that Bind – NEWSLETTER



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POLITE, FORMAL, AND FRIENDLY

A Word from the Pastor

August 17, 2018

Dear Friends,

Today I looked up the word "invite". It means to ask someone or request someone that they go somewhere or they do something with you and that they ask in a "polite, formal and friendly" way. This letter coming to you is definitely an invitation. This invitation is sincere, heartfelt and genuine.

First it is an invitation to worship. Each Sunday we worship at 8 and at 9:30am. At 8am each Sunday we have communion. On the first Sunday of each month we also have communion at 9:30am. At all Sunday services we praise and we pray. We make a special point of praying for those with special prayer requests. And we open ourselves to the word of God. I am a firm believer that God is trying to tell us all something, all the time. Come discern the will of God for your life.

And this is an invitation to learn. We have learning opportunities for all ages. Each Sunday at the 9:30 hour we hold Sunday School. There is a flyer in the Bulletin to tell you exactly when and where you can sign up for Sunday. Sunday School starts at 9:30am on Sunday, September 9th. There will also be adult study groups on Tuesday morning and on Thursday evening at 6pm before choir rehearsal. Look to this Newsletter for details.

And this is an invitation to sing. As Carolyn Cavanaugh brought us the message on August 12th I was reminded of the old piece of wisdom which reads "when you sing, you pray twice." So, come pray twice. Chancel choir for adults rehearses every Thursday at 7pm and sings every Sunday at the 9:30am service. First rehearsal this year is the 6th of September at 7pm in the choir room and we will sing at 9:30am on the 9th. The choirs also sing at the traditional Candlelight Service and on Christmas Eve. Our Youth Choirs are under the direction of Melissa Halversen and details about our youth choirs and joining our youth choirs are in this Newsletter. Take a look.

Sixth through twelfth graders you are invited to join Youth Group. Youth Group meets for the first time on Saturday September 15th at 5pm and begins with dinner. See this Newsletter for details. You are invited.

Other invitations include:

United Methodist Men's Breakfast - at the Atlantis Diner West Islip - 7:15am - Sunday October 14th.

United Methodist Women General Meeting - Saturday October 13 at 9:30 am.
All women of the church are invited.

James Street Players - auditions for Once Upon a Mattress - Saturday and Sunday - September 8 and 9.
2-5pm Come join in the fun.

Come. You are invited. Come be blessed. Come!

Sincerely yours in the love of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Tom

Church Finances

As you may know contributions to the church go down in the summer. This had been especially true in August of this year. If you have fallen behind in your giving or just want to help the church catch up we encourage you to do so and thank you in advance.

Discussion Night at the Parsonage

Wednesday, August 29 join us at the parsonage at 6:30 pm for dinner and study and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass. Chicken, salad and watermelon will be provided. Bring your Bible we will have an informal Bible Study. If its hot come and jump in the pool. The address is 80 Village Line Road in the village of Babylon.

Coffee Hour

There will be our first coffee hour of the season on Sunday September 9th following the 9:30am service. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be our hosts.

Worship Services are at 8 and 9:30 am.

Sunday School begins its Fall season on September 9 with registration in Fellowship Hall at 9 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.

A Centennial Celebration

Long time Babylon United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women member **Jeannette Smith** *will be celebrating her 100th birthday* on September 11th. In honor of that special event, her family is planning a celebration in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 16th from 2 - 4 pm. We are all invited to attend and wish Jeannette a very Happy Birthday.

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.**

Next Rotary/BUMC Food Drive on Saturday September 8. 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.

COME AND SING WITH US!! Chancel Choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 7 at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. All parts are needed; there are no auditions, just come and join us if you like to sing. We would like to build up our numbers again and need you to add to our beautiful sounds. Don't be shy. We don't bite, we just sing!



Autumn being right around the corner, **The Sharing & Caring Soup Kitchen** will resume its ministry Sunday, September 9th. It's time we ask our angels to once again prepare delicious, healthy, hearty soups for the upcoming cold weather seasons. Please label with the date and type, as we put these in the freezer and once frozen, they become unrecognizable. Our patrons love any type of homemade soup. We are still in need of monetary support from our loving church community. 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. If you would like further information about our mission, volunteering or donations, please call Rose Alfini at 631-827-2245 or Kathy Montreuil at 917-476-6338.

United Methodist Women News

Hello, and I hope you all have had a healthy and happy Summer. The Fall is a perfect time for women to think about joining the Babylon UMW. There are no requirements, and your involvement can be based on your family, work, and other needs. We understand!! Please give me a call if I can be of help. 516-429-6964. Here are some events that you can look forward to in the next few months.

The **Exec Board** will have their first meeting on Wednesday, **September 5th** at 10 am in Wesley hall. The next meeting will be on **October 3rd**.

Long time BUMC and UMW member **Jeannette Smith will be 100 years young** on September 11th. Her family is planning a celebration in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 16th from 2 - 4 pm, and we are all invited. I'm sure she would also appreciate receiving birthday cards.

There will be a **Food Sale on Sept 23** with Esther Circle in charge. All Circles are asked to contribute foods to sell.

Our Fall General meeting is a Breakfast meeting on **Saturday, October 13 at 9:30 am**. Priscilla Circle is Hostess and Miriam Circle has the Program.

Flowers - Exec board for Sept and Priscilla Circle for October.

Thank you, Vicki Troise 516-429-6964



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](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.

Sunday School

I want to thank everyone who helped out with Vacation Bible School this year.

Sandra Haas & Pamela Danziger for taking on the leadership. Samantha Conk for helping put together the craft project and everything else she did. For all the teachers that came back to help, without them it would not be the success that it was. Thank you to most of all to the children that came and had fun.

Also thanks to Noeline for all her help that she has done for VBS and for the last two years as chairperson of Education committee. She will be missed.

Sunday school will start on Sept 9th, 2018. Registration will start at 9am that morning in fellowship hall. The children will not be going into church that Sunday, but right to their Sunday school classrooms. This year all the classes will be on the third floor.

Thank you,
Barbara Blaskopf

There will be a **Missions meeting on August 26th after the 9:30** service in the church library. Feel free to join us anytime! New members are always welcome.

Our next event is **Wine Tasting, including a silent auction, on September 15 at Babylon Fish and Clam from 2-5 pm.**

Our 3rd Annual Taste of Home will be held in Fellowship Hall on October 21st from 2-5 pm. Anyone interested in attending or participating as a chef can call Carol Langstroth at 631-671-4533. Tickets will be available between services on September 23rd. We are hoping to get recipes from this year's and prior events for a cookbook.

We will be collecting school supplies until September 2. Thanks to all who have so generously contributed supplies for SCO. Our **Coat Drive** will begin on September 30th.



The Nursery School is preparing for the beginning of the school year and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school at the Children's Orientations on September 10th and 11th.

We wish the best of luck to all of our current and former students, young and not so young, for a successful school year! We would love to hear how you are doing- contact the Nursery School at umcnsbabylon@hotmail.com to let us know!

The United Methodist Church of Babylon

Asbury and Wesley/Epworth Choirs



Children's Choirs rehearse Sundays:

Asbury Choir: Grades K-3: 10:45-11:00 in the choir room

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

****Asbury Parents, please wait on the third floor during our short rehearsals.**

The Children's Choirs will be singing in the sanctuary the third Sunday of each month beginning in October. They will also be singing at the Candlelight and Choir Sunday services, as well as Christmas Eve and Easter. There will be a Children's Choir sign up during Sunday School registration on September 9th. Rehearsals begin September 16th.

Child's Name _____ Grade_____

Child's Name _____ Grade_____

Parent's Name _____

Phone_____

Email _____

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



MYF Schedule - September-October - 2018

(all meetings/events are for 6th-12th grade unless otherwise noted)

September 15 (Saturday): MYF Dinner & Meeting - 5:00pm-7:30pm

September 22 (Saturday): MYF Dinner & Meeting - 5:00pm-7:30pm

September 30 (Sunday): MYF Car Wash - 10:30am

October 5-7: Columbus Day Weekend - No Events

October 14 (Sunday): MYF Meeting - 6:00pm-7:30pm

October 20 (Saturday): MYF/Church Field Trip - *Our Lady of the Island Shrine* - 9:30am

October 27 (Saturday): MYF Halloween!!! - 5:00-8:00pm

And coming in November: *New York City Field Trip!!*

And in December: *Christmas Caroling! Lock-In!*

Please join our Facebook page: Babylon MYF

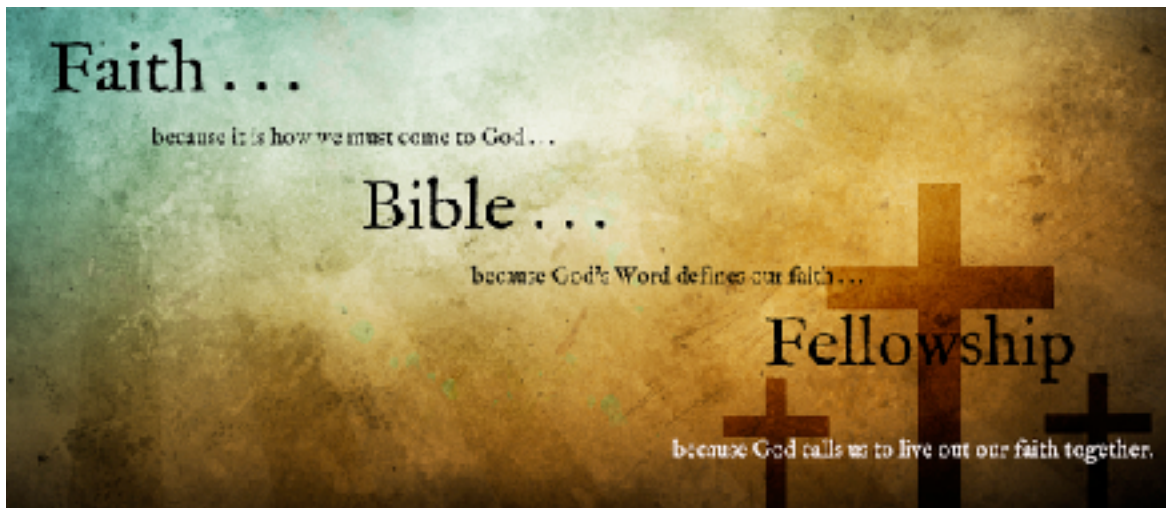
EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Moving to Thursdays!!

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

Beginning September 20, 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



Seeking ages 16 and Up --- All Roles Are Open
Prepare to sing 16 bars of a song from the show
or the same genre of music.
An Accompanist will be provided.
Please come prepared to dance.

The James Street Players
is holding Auditions on
Sat. Sept. 8th & Sun. Sept 9th ...2 to 5 pm

Attendance is required for all performances and all rehearsals during tech week, Sunday,
November 11, through Sunday November 25, 2018.

Rehearsal are:
Mon. & Wed. from 7:30 to 10:00 pm and Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.
Rehearsals will begin Monday Sept 10th.

Show dates are....
Nov 16, 17, 20, 23 and 24 at 8:00 pm
Two Matinee's
Sat. Nov 17th @ 2 PM and
Sun. Nov 25th @ 3 PM



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Seniors playing ingenues
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*Appetizers
and Desserts
Will Be Served*



Reservations Only... \$20 each
Send check to James Street Players Attn: Lisa
21 James Street, Babylon NY 11702

Show Dates

Fri. Sep. 28th ... 8 pm
Sat. Sep. 29th ... 8 pm

For Information:

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