

The Ties that Bind – NEWSLETTER



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Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Babylon UMC,

What a pleasure and a joy to walk with you during this in-between-time in the life of the Church. Interim ministry gives congregations time after the departure of a Pastor to process the loss and to ask important questions: who are we as a congregation? what are our strengths and how can we build on them? what are the issues we need to address? what feelings do we need to process? It is my hope and prayer that our time together will prepare the congregation for a new and effective ministry under the leadership of Rev. Adrienne Brewington.

Early in our time together I shared a sermon series called "Compass: Tools for Life"; I reminded us that Jesus came that we might have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10), and I asked, "do we have a spiritual compass that can get us there?". Life is difficult for us as individuals, families, and congregations and to navigate successfully we need a spiritual compass. We need to learn to follow a God given heading, seeking God's leading both for our own lives and for the life of the congregation.

Over the coming months the primary questions I will return to again and again are: "Who is Jesus, really (prophet, priest, Lord, savior, teacher of wisdom, healer, movement builder, liberator)?" and, "What does it mean to follow him (become his student? serve in new ways? take up our cross? dedicate ourselves to prayer, love and friendship?)? To help us in wrestling with these questions Lay Servants and I together, will offer a Lenten Study entitled, "A Disciple's Path". We will meet Sundays in Lent- March 10-April 14 at 11:00 in the sanctuary.

Prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness is what we commit to when we become members of the United Methodist Church. During this six-week study we will explore our commitments, seek deeper understanding, develop spiritual practices, discover our unique gifts, and engage in ministry with the potential to bring transformation to our lives, church and world. My prayer is that this distinctively Wesleyan study will deepen our discipleship as we find answers to the question, "what does it mean to follow Jesus?"

Who should participate in this program? Prospective new members, church leaders, long term members, seekers, learners and all who seek to deepen their spiritual life. Please come and join us! Bring a relative or a friend, and let the church office know you intend to be a part of it!

Yours in Christ's service,

Pastor Penny

Worship Services are at 8 and 9:30 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 am for worship services. **Our Infant Toddler Nursery** is located in the Education Building.

Youth Sunday January 27th, 2019. Sunday School grades kindergarten through 12 grades will be in church for the whole service. Children will sit with their parent/s.

Scout Sunday will be February 10 at the 9:30 service. All Scouts are invited to attend in uniform. Please provide your name and troop number to the Church office for inclusion in the roster. Adults representing their troops please supply the information.

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.**

Lent, a season of reflection, is fast approaching, **Ash Wednesday** is **March 6th**. For some in our community, these have become especially hard times. If in your reflection, you ask what ways you can support your neighbors and care for our church community, perhaps helping to nourish our **SHARING & CARING Soup Kitchen is your answer. Donations of soup labeled with date and type** to feed our patrons, **monetary donations** because we depend on funds to purchase food and goods to feed our patrons, **lending a helping hand** to prepare or serve, or **keeping company with the patrons** so they feel still part of a community and cared for. These are all some of the ways to support your church. If you would like further information, call Rose Alfini 631-827-2245 or Kathy Montreuil at 917-476-6338.

United Methodist Women News

Happy and Healthy New Year wishes to you all! Remember when there was concern about all that could happen as we changed from 1999 to the year 2000? Friends and I went to the beach that cold morning to see the sunrise for 2000. We were so excited, and joined many others, but the clouds never cleared for a visible sunrise. Still, it is a good memory, and here we are now 19 years later. Yes, time marches on, and so does our UMW with so many activities and helpful members. Soon we will be making plans for our annual Tea at Two on May 4th. Come join us for an afternoon of fantastic food and friendship.

The UMW was founded in 1869 and will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary this year. We will remember that as we plan UMW month in March. We will sponsor the coffee hour on March 10 and have our General Meeting luncheon on March 12.

Please remember the church email is now church@babylonumc.org. I can be contacted at vicksteroise@yahoo.com or at 516-429-6964.

Once again, I wish you a very Happy and Healthy 2019!

Vicki Troise

Exec board meeting - Feb. 6th at 10 am in Wesley Hall.

Flowers - The Miriam Circle has January, Priscilla Circle has February, and Esther Circle has March.

Food Sale - Feb 3 Miriam Circle; This is Super Bowl Sunday so appetizers and other football foods will be appreciated.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Come join our class, as together we read the bible and discuss what it means to us. No Bible knowledge needed. Come with just yourself and the ability to ask questions. We start: 9:45 am for chit chat and friendship in Wesley Hall. 10am -11am Bible study. Co Facilitators Sharon Niggemeier and Ed Tournu
Questions? Contact Sharon at: Sharon.niggemeier@gmail.com

Nursery School News

This year instead of singing Christmas Carols to the village and store owners, the Nursery School children spent a beautiful morning in the Sanctuary. With the help of Neil O'Connell, Rev. Penny Gadzini, Doris Richter, and the entire Nursery School staff, the children sang for their parents, entering the Sanctuary singing "This Little Light of Mine". The families loved every moment and it was nice to introduce them to our Church. Thank you, Neil, Penny and Doris!

We have begun registering for the 2019-20 school year. If you would like additional information, please contact the Nursery School at 631-661-5165.

We are looking forward to a busy February and March,
Follow us on Instagram [@unitedmethodist_nurseryschool](https://www.instagram.com/unitedmethodist_nurseryschool)



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.



Let's
get
Cooking!

Ring in the New Year
BUMC Pot Luck Dinner
February 9th, 2019
6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

*An opportunity to get together
young and old, share our stories
and learn about our church family.*

Main Dish _____

Salad/Vegetable _____

Potato Dish _____

Mac and Cheese _____

Bread/Butter _____

Dessert _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____ How many: _____

I can help set-up: _____ yes _____ no

I can help clean-up: _____ yes _____ no

MYF Schedule - February-March - 2019

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



January 27: Youth Sunday Service - 9:00am - Sanctuary

February 2: Education Building Clean-Up - 10:00am (open to all)

February 10: MYF Meeting - 6:00-7:30pm

February 16-17: President's Day Weekend - No Events

February 24: MYF Meeting - 6:00-7:30pm

March 10: MYF Meeting - 6:00-7:30pm

March 16-17: St. Patrick's Day Weekend - No Events

March 23: Movie Night! - 5:00-7:30pm - Chapel

March 31: MYF Meeting - 6:00-7:30pm

Please join our Facebook page: Babylon MYF

Spring Flings

a musical cabaret



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Reservations Only... \$20 each
Send check to James Street Players Attn: Lisa
21 James Street, Babylon NY11702

Show Dates

Fri. Mar. 1st ... 8 pm
Sat. Mar. 2nd ... 8 pm

Information & Reservations:

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