



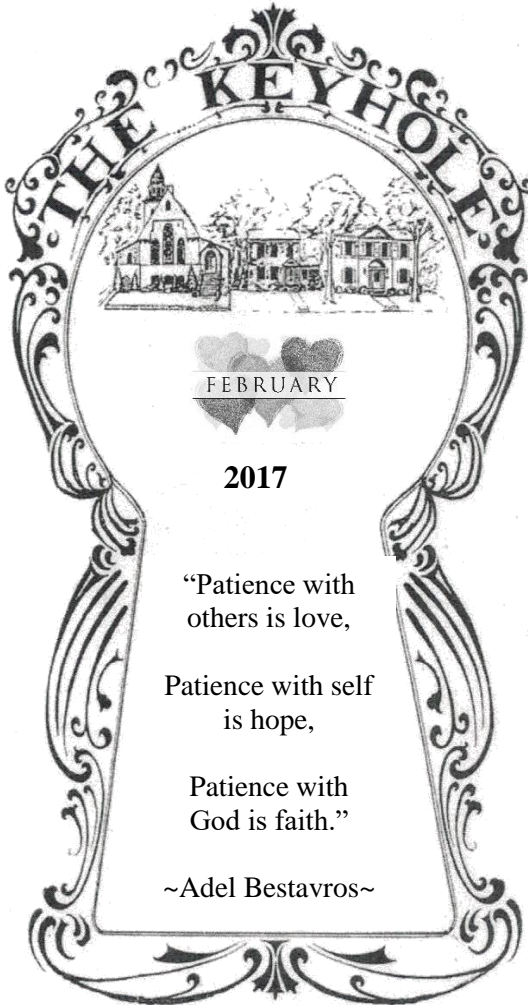
## ***Keyhole***

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*"The people who walked in  
darkness have seen a great light"  
~ Isaiah 9:2*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I greet you with love and respect for who you are and what you do in the name of our brother, Jesus. For those of you who serve the church so openly, God is thankful for you. For those of you who serve quietly on the fringes, God is thankful for you.

During this Epiphany season, we are reminded of our call to seek the light of the Kingdom of God. Sometimes light comes into our darkness because we actively seek it. Sometimes light comes into our darkness unexpectedly. Either way, it is God's gift to us.

During winter, when darkness is abundant, we are reminded of the darkness of poverty, pain, war, and despair. Yet we also know that the Lord, our God, brings us light; the light of forgiveness, love, and hope.

I pray we all may see this great light and dwell in its brightness.

In Christian love,  
Sandra



## **New Program!**

Each Saturday in February (4,  
11, 18, and 25)

**Breakfast Club 9 AM**  
**Joey Z's, Main Street**  
**Port Jefferson**

Please come prepared to share one new thing you learned this week.



With joy we welcome  
**Kylin Victoria Beeman**,  
daughter of Victor and  
Kimberly Love Beeman and,  
granddaughter of Cheryl Love  
who was Baptized on January  
8<sup>th</sup> into the family of God.

## **Report from the Trustees**

The Board of Trustees of the First United Methodist Church is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the buildings and property on Main Street, Port Jefferson. The 9-member board consists of Richard Cox, president; Ken Combs, Vice-president; Brad Borders, Secretary; Sandra Swenk, Treasurer; John Cuttone, Arthur Olsen, Montgomery Granger, George Grassman and Bob Libby. The Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

This past year a number of roof and interior leaks surfaced, both in the church choir room and at the Education Building. Rice Construction has been readily available to take care of these critical issues. An attic fan was also installed in the parsonage to provide more comfort and circulation on the second floor. Painting of the lower kitchen staircase and the parsonage railing was done by Noel Swords. Landscaping, lawn care and snow removal have been contracted with Jeff Kito's Nursery and Greenhouses; Sted Hall; and Jim Scholl. Some of these latter costs will be included in the General Budget for 2017.

The Trustees also receive donations to the Organ, Memorial and Endowment Funds that are in turn managed by Tom Taylor, financial advisor. In October, nine scholarships were given to Hunter Conforti,, Natalie Conforti, Haley Conforti, Benjamin Granger, Jimmy Guder, Alexa Ruggiero, Rhianna Ruggiero, Brenden Short and Savannah Short. The scholarships are provided through a Church policy approved in 1994 which allows yearly interest from the Endowment Fund to be properly distributed for scholarships, General Fund and Missions.

An important proposal currently under review is the future use of the former nursery school facility by a non-profit day care arrangement. Some of the former Harborview Nursery School staff will be involved in the school that will run five days a week in the Education Building. The process involves various agency approvals and inspections by the directors who are working closely with Richard Cox, liaison from the Board of Trustees. It is expected that this similar use of the brick building will continue to provide a community service to families needing child care.

While a majority of repair and maintenance needs of our buildings and grounds are contracted, there are projects that are often undertaken by Trustees and other church volunteers. This work, including painting, lighting and clean-up is much appreciated and reduces costs to the church.

Looking ahead to 2017, the Trustees expect to provide some air conditioning in the Fellowship Hall, the cost of which will be borne by donations. The prayer garden area will be enhanced by the placement nearby of a memorial bench and landscaping from friends and family of a former member. The Board always welcomes additional suggestions for improvements to the buildings and property, so don't hesitate to contact Richard Cox or Sandra Swenk. Our continued interest in preserving our historic landmark church benefits not only the congregation but also the community of Port Jefferson. This year marks our 124<sup>th</sup> year on Main Street.

*Sandra Swenk*

“Happiness depends more upon the internal frame of a person’s own mind, than on the externals in the world.”

~George Washington~

## **Special Giving Restoration Fund**

Barbara and Kent Edwards

Bob and Lillian Spears

Sandra Swenk

Ken and Elizabeth Combs

Lee Nichols

Ginny and Ted Anderson

Ellen Cheeseman and Marty

White

Jane and Bob Collins

Eric and Marlene Kadel

### **Memorial Fund**

In Memory of Joel Hull

In memory of Ethel Kolff

Given by Carole and Robert

Darling

In memory of Ethel Kolff

Given by Susan Audino

### **Endowment Fund**

In memory of Joel Hull

Given by Ginny and Ted

Anderson

In memory of Joel Hull

Given by Sandra Swenk

“We cannot pray in love and live in hate and still think we are worshiping God.”

~A.W. Tozer~

## Recipe from Bobbie Grassman

The following breakfast recipe  
was served at the January  
meeting of the Women's Group

### Baked French Toast

#### **Ingredients:**

1 Loaf of Cinnamon Bread  
cubed  
1 8 ounce package of Cream  
Cheese cubed  
10 Eggs  
1/2 Cup of Maple Syrup  
1 Cup of Milk

#### **Directions:**

Spray 11x 13 pan with cooking  
spray. Line bottom of pan with  
half the bread cubes. Layer  
cream cheese on top of bread.  
Arrange remaining cubes of  
bread on top.  
Beat together eggs, syrup and  
milk in large bowl. Pour over  
bread. Cover and refrigerate  
overnight.

Next morning bake at 350  
degrees for 45 minutes. Cut in  
squares and serve with  
additional warm syrup.  
ENJOY!!



*Women's  
Group*



### **Calling all Women!**

Please join us for the  
Women's Group meeting  
**Friday February 10, 10:00AM**  
**in Fellowship Hall.**



### **Richard E. Shea Memorial Soup Kitchen**

Come serve with us at **Trinity  
United Methodist Church in  
Coram** preparing and serving  
meals for those in need,  
Tuesdays from 4pm to 6pm.  
(once a month)

See Judy Spencer on Sunday or  
call her at 631-473-6667 to sign  
up!



To the congregation @ First United Methodist Church,

I thank you for your continued generous support of our Tuesday evening soup kitchen. This mission continues because of your help both of financial and that precious commodity of TIME!!

More than that though I thank you for your friendship and the laughter shared....in the end it is all about the fellowship!

God Bless! Love Laura Shea



January 1<sup>st</sup> Happy New Year!  
Trudy and David Clark

January 8<sup>th</sup> In celebration of the Baptism of Cheryl Love and Family

January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Ashely and David Grills

January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Ellen and Marty White

January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Carole Darling and Lyn and Steve Schutter



January 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Flowers

January 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Flowers

January 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Flowers

January 22<sup>nd</sup> In memory of George Nichols by Lee Nichols

January 29<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Stephanie and Kurt love Mom and Dad

**Special dates**

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, *February 5, 2017*
- Valentine’s Day, *February 14, 2017*
- Presidents Day, *February 20, 2017*
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, *February 26, 2017*



## *Birthdays*

- 3 Sophia Marlowe  
Craig Nilsen
- 5 Nicholas Altebrando  
Matthew Hubbard  
Seth Meier
- 6 Barbara Edwards
- 9 Lorraine Steiner  
Raymond Howell
- 10 Kevin Moss  
Kimberly Love
- 11 Fynn Grills  
Charles Poutrain
- 12 Ethan Farrell  
Shane Lyons  
Robert Desmond, Sr.  
Julie Meola
- 14 Casey Mandaro
- 15 Mary Dwyer  
Craig Gross  
Gabriella Prato
- 16 Grace Kelly  
Janet Olsen  
Keira Ann Mooney
- 17 Greg Kopcienski
- 18 David Clark
- 20 Jane Lux  
Robert Collins
- 21 Clifton Brown  
Allison Gandt
- 24 Leah Ceglowski  
Lynn Bohlen
- 26 Michelle Passik  
John Prentice, II
- 27 Trudy Clark

# 2017

28 Gerald Miller

## *Anniversaries*

- 4 Janet & Art Olsen
- 14 Sandra & Montgomery  
Granger  
Shirley & Bill Leonard
- 15 Leah & Kevin Ceglowski

*80<sup>th</sup>*  
*Birthday*  
*Greetings*  
*go out to*  
*Janet Olsen*  
*on February 16<sup>th</sup>*  
*and to*  
*Bob Collins*  
*on February 20<sup>th</sup>*





## Lectionary for February

### February 5<sup>th</sup>

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1:9a (9b-12)

Psalms 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

### February 12<sup>th</sup>

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

### February 19<sup>th</sup>

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

### February 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

*"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from The Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book."*

~Abraham Lincoln~



### Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Genesis Bible Study in

Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon

### Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>

Choir Practice at 11:20AM in Sanctuary

Confirmation Class at 7PM in church office

### Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>

Worship Committee at 7:00PM in Board Room

### Friday February 10<sup>th</sup>

Women's Group at 10:00AM in Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>

Finance Committee 6:30PM

Evan/Outreach 7:30PM

### Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>

Trustees 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>

Adm. Council 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> Ash

Wednesday

## Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers add beauty and serenity to our worship service. If you would like to donate flowers please fill out this form and give it to Ellen Cheeseman with a donation of \$15.00, or place them in the offering plate. ***Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church of Port Jefferson and clearly marked flower donation.***

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

On Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_

## Giving Credit Where Due?

Running late for a meeting, a man circled the block, looking for a place to park. Desperately, he raised his eyes toward heaven and prayed, "Lord, if you'll find me a parking spot, I promise I'll start going to church again."

Just then, a car pulled out of a space right in front of the man. "Never mind," he said to God. "I found one!"

## The Gift That Gives



Love ever gives,  
forgives, outlives  
and ever stands  
with open hands.  
And while it lives, it gives.  
For this is love's prerogative  
to give, and give, and give.  
~John Oxenham~



# PUZZLE

## Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love.  
How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

*Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here:  
(12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12<sup>th</sup>  
letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

- (1) You really like ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_
- (16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. \_\_\_\_\_
- (21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_
- (11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. \_\_\_\_\_
- (17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. \_\_\_\_\_
- (6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. \_\_\_\_\_



"Honor \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ your  
\_\_\_\_\_."



Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV

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