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To love and serve Christ and others through praise, prayer,
preaching of the Word of God and to welcome all to join
us in our faith journey

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*"Create in me a clean heart,
O God, and put a new and
right spirit within me."
~ Psalm 51:10~*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in
Christ,

As we enter the Lenten Season of the church year, we are reminded of our common bond with Christ, who made the journey we are also about to take; being misunderstood, being doubted and betrayed even by his friends, a struggle with his call, and the deep prayers for wisdom he prayed all along the way. Sounds like life, our lives.

Many observe this season of the church year by "giving up something for Lent." I would rather encourage you to take on something which enriches you spiritually during this time. You may construct your own way for this, but we are offering two opportunities for you to observe this Lenten Season as a community of faith. Beginning **Ash Wednesday, March 1st** and

continuing for all the Wednesdays in Lent are services we share with our fellow Christians in this and surrounding communities. The schedule and locations for these services are in this issue of The Keyhole. Beginning **Sunday, March 5th**, and for all Sundays in Lent, we gather following worship for lectionary discussion. We will review scriptures for the coming Sunday. This will bring familiarity with Jesus' journey to Jerusalem as well as provide a structure for discussion.

I wish you all the blessings of this special season of the church year.

Faithfully,
Sandra Moore, Pastor

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Special Giving

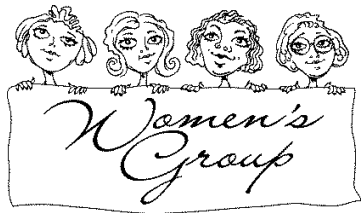
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Ellen and Marty White
Roberta and George Grassman

“Though we cannot think alike,
may we not love alike? May we
not be of one heart, though we
are not of one opinion? Without
all doubt, we may. Herein all
the children of God may unite,
notwithstanding these smaller
differences.” ~**John Wesley**~



Calling all Women!
Please join us for the
Women's Group meeting
**Friday March 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!

Congratulations
on Your
New Grand Baby!



Congratulations to proud Grandma Judy Spencer on the birth of Simone Jean Spencer, on January 26th to her son and daughter-in-law Douglas and Regina Spencer.

Information please!

Do you know anyone who has moved, changed family status, changed emails, or any other life changes that would affect the church directory? Please share with the church office. The email address is: 1stumc@optonline.net. The mailing address is FUMC, 603 Main Street, Port Jefferson, NY 11777. We love hearing from you!

Trudy Clark, Office Assistant



February 5th

Given by Ken and Elizabeth Combs In Honor of Loved Ones

February 12th

In honor of Andrew Cheeseman's birthday with love Mom and Marty

February 19th

Given Caroline and Kevin Kunz

February 26th

In honor of Robin Jane Cheeseman Bianculli's birthday Love Mom and Marty



February 5th

Harriet Reisman and Ken

February 12th

Carole Darling and Lyn and Steve Schutter

February 19th

Jane Collins and Bobbie Grassman Happy Birthday Bob

February 26th

The Grills Family



Cluster Church Lenten Services

This year's theme is **UNITY**

March 1st-Ash Wednesday-St. James UMC – Clergy
(Soup & Bread)

March 8th-Port Jefferson UMC– Laity (Dessert)

March 15th-Setauket UMC– Clergy (Soup & Bread)

March 22nd-Smithtown UMC – Laity (Dessert)

March 29th-Port Jefferson UMC– Clergy (Soup & Bread)

April 5th-St. James UMC– Laity (Dessert)

Soup & Bread or Dessert begins at 6pm
Each service begins at 7pm

Addresses of participating churches:
Setauket UMC 160 Main Street East Setauket, NY
St James UMC 545 Moriches Road St. James, NY
**Smithtown UMC 230 East Main Street (Middle
Country Road) Smithtown NY**

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Birthdays

- 1: Liane Amy Rose Russell
Rebecca Getwin
Jim Conforti
Janice Zeh
- 3: Daniel He
- 4: Aubrey Schleiffelder
- 5: Mary Cox
- 6: Megan Passarelle
- 7: Joseph Nappo
- 8: Carol McAnaney
- 9: Emma Farrell
Ashley Kenyon
- 10: Christopher Love
- 11: Kristianna Prato
- 12: Meilin Stosuy
Bruce Howard, Sr.
Betty Korner
- 13: Sandra Swenk
- 14: Savanna Edwards
Gerald Kunz
Mason Cardineau
- 15: Hannah Cuttone
Carol Landis
- 16: Mabel Noelle Barasic
Charlotte Goodrich
- 17: Edward Grassman
- 18: Jennifer Pfister
- 19: Leah Knight
Jaelyn Altebrando
- 20: H. Theodore Anderson
- 21: Scott Reynolds
Lynda Schutter
Erin McNamara
- 22: Kay Hilton Shockley

- 23: Joyce McGrath
- 24: Katherine Lalli (*Brienza*)
- 26: Ben Kopcienski
Eric Kunz
- 27: Ryan McArthur
Carol Polly
Sierra Edwards
Scott Townsend
- 28: Desiree Clasen
- 29: Elaine Short
David Pfister
- 30: Richie Miller
- 31: Juliette Hall
Carol Passik
Gail Tilton



Anniversaries

- 20: Carole & Rob Darling
- 23: Patricia & Robert
Desmond
- 26: Barbara & Donald
Slingerland
- 30: Bonnie & Dennis
O'Connor





Milestone Birthdays in March

*Mar. 5: Happy 90th Birthday
Mary Cox*

*Mar. 13: Happy 80th Birthday
Sandra Swenk*

*Mar. 14: Happy 85th Birthday
Gerard Kunz*

Special Dates

March 1st Ash Wednesday,
St James UMC, 6PM

March 3rd, 2017 Bible Study
Session 8 Page 85/ World Day
of Prayer

March 7th Worship Committee

March 10th Women's Group

March 12th Daylight-Saving
Time begins/Girl Scout Sunday

March 20th First day of spring

March 26th One Great Hour of
Sharing



Lectionary Readings

March 5th First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

March 12th Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalm 12

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17, Matthew 17:1-9

March 19th Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

March 26th Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41



Mark the date Saturday, April 29th. Our spring mission event will take place at the Port Jefferson High School cafeteria again this year. Last year we, along with Port Jefferson Lutheran Church, Stony Brook Protestant Campus Ministries, Setuaket UMC packaged over 25,000 meals. Along with Infant Jesus RCC and students from the high school we raised over \$7,200.00 to help end hunger.

We will be holding fund raising events again this year to shoot for over 25,000 meals. These meals cost \$0.29 per meal and we are seeking all donations we can get to attain this goal. Please prayerfully consider a donation to assist in helping end hunger in our lifetime. Make checks payable to the church and make in the memo line this is for the spring mission event “Rise Against Hunger”.

Then, come join us for a packaging party on April 29th. If you don't package you can cheer on the teams from the different groups as we strive to pack 25,000+ meals.

If you have any questions please contact me or another member of the mission team to learn more. David Clark

A New Spring



Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves. Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.
~Jane Truax ~



PUZZLE

The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

*Directions: Find each missing letter in the alphabets below.
Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.*

A B C E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z _____
A B C D E F G H J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z _____
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When I am in _____, I _____ to you,
because you _____ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.
Psalm 86:7, NIV

Easter Flower Order Form

The Easter Lily is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground to a glorious flower. As we make our way from the long dark nights of winter into the promise of spring let us join together to beautify our sanctuary for the celebration of Christ's resurrection! Thank you, Ellen Cheeseman

<u>Type of Plant:</u>	<u>Price:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Total</u>
Easter Lily	\$12.00	_____	_____
Spring Mums	\$12.00	_____	_____
Hyacinth	\$10.00	_____	_____

**Please make checks payable to:
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Clearly marked for Easter Flowers**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

**PLEASE ORDER FLOWERS ON OR BEFORE
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