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Keyhole

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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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The New York Annual Conference, through the grace of God embodies a beloved community of hope, building up a healthy Body of Christ, with heart-warmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world.

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Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____

Answers include: in, is, hi, he; hip, end, sip, dip, np, nip, pie, sit, hid; ship, send, nce, dine, find, me, drip, shed, dish, fish, and, npc, hide; tried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns; friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, string, flush, shiner; insider, hinders, inspired, refinish, finished



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: _____



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Faith,

Science fiction is a genre with which I have limited experience, although I did read "Stranger in a Strange Land," was a viewer of "Star Trek, The Next Generation," intrigued by "The Matrix," and loved "Star Wars." Science fiction peers into the future and sometimes sees disaster; artificial intelligence gone rogue, invaders from outer space. Sometimes science fiction provides a glimpse into imagined worlds and imagined possibilities, some fearful, some full of wonder. But it is always an adventure into the unknown, and not for the faint of heart.

Our journey in faith is also not for the faint of heart. To journey in faith is to accept an invitation to exploring our relationship with God. Among other things, this exploration requires courage, openness, study, prayer, hope, and being in community with fellow-travelers. It is a journey into the unknown.

This Fall, two education classes are being offered to support your journey in faith: 1) For those having little time to prepare but have interest in Biblical study, you are invited to attend the lectionary discussion group convening during Fellowship Hour after service. We explore the scripture readings for the coming Sunday; 2) On the **first and third Fridays** of September, 12 Noon, we will study Marcus Borg's "Embracing an Adult Faith." Please prayerfully consider taking advantage of these opportunities.

Faithfully,
Sandra Moore, Pastor

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me, thus says the Lord. ~ Deuteronomy 4:29~



There is progress in a Christian's life when he may not seem to be going ahead — like a canal boat in a lock, when it stands still but is rising all the time. ~D.L. Moody~



A few more thoughts.....

A TRIBUTE TO MARY LOU

(modified from presentations at Mary Lou's 90th birthday celebration after church on December 4, 2016 and at her funeral on May 14, 2017)

Mary Lou was a member of our church since childhood and served on many committees during the years. Her aunt Allie was our church's treasurer for 40 + years. Mary Lou's monthly article in the Keyhole titled "A Few More Thoughts" was the first one many of us read upon receiving our copy.

She loved her flowers and spent hours in her garden during the summer (and spring and fall) months. And her birds. She had numerous bird houses and feeders in her yard plus a bird bath which had warm water in the winter. She fondly remembered the day she was sitting on her front porch when the baby sparrows fledged and landed in her lap. She actually

wrote about this in one of her Keyhole articles.

She had 3 children of her own, 2 stepchildren, 17 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren. And if you think that she was a quiet mother at home, think again. She was married in Minneapolis, Minnesota; lived in Chicago when her husband was stationed at Great Lakes; had her first child (Linda Sue, better known as Lyn) in Astoria, Oregon; her second child, Joy, was born in Long Beach, California; and her third child, Lee, was born in Port Jefferson.

Lest you think this is the extent of her travels, she also rode a camel in Egypt; went up in a hot air balloon in Albuquerque; took a 2 month vacation and visited our western national parks, taking a helicopter ride in the Grand Canyon and visiting the more than six million acre Denali National Park in Alaska; vacationed on the Greek Island of Patmos where the apostle John is recognized as having written the New Testament Book of Revelation; and who knows what else she did.

She served as leader of girl scouts and as president of the

**Endowment Fund
Calling All College Students**

The Church has made a commitment to support our youth and adult members who are registered full –time or registered part – time students in school above the high school level. Each year 25% of the interest earned on the Endowment Fund is divided among our college, graduate school and post graduate school students.

To qualify for a portion of the fund, please fill out the form below and return it along with a copy of your schedule for the 2017 - 2018 school year by 08/30/17 to:

**Janet Davis – Lowe
73 Van Buren Street
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776
Endowment Fund Application**

Date: _____

Name: _____

Home Address or College Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

School Attending as of September, 2017: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Address: _____

Parent's Phone Number: _____

I certify that I will be enrolled as a full time/part time student at the above named school for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

Signature: _____



September

2017

~ Happy Birthday ~

- 1: Christopher Steiner
- 2: Anya Marin Schade
- 3: Robert Darling, Sr.,
Dakota Edwards
- 5: Michael Brienza
- 6: Mary Lee Gaylor
- 8: Matthew Lux Jr.,
Edward Fringo,
Kimberly Loper

Castellena

- 10: Susan Capasso,
- 11: Angela Sing, Gary Sing,
- 12: Kenneth Bohler, Jr.
Ella Miller
- 13: Madelyn Finn
Ed Wurorio, Sean
Wuorio,
Roscoe Loper
- 15: Diane Jantzen,
John Passarelle
Stevie Rae Skrobacz
- 16: Joseph Meola,
Robert Desmond, III,
Heather Nielsen
Paul Kelly
- 17: Lisa Luciano
- 18: Mia Amundsen
- 19: Sean Cardineau
Bernard Miller
- 20: Peggy Ney
- 21: Isabella Borders,
George E. Nichols

- 12: Diane Olst
- 13: Gabrielle Granger,
Robert Grassman
- 25: Donna Marie Scott
Josh Frazier
- 29: Marlene Kadel
- 30: Freddy Bryant, Jr.
Robert Libby

~ Happy Anniversary ~

- 3: Lorraine & John Steiner
- 4: Trudy & David Clark
- 11: Carol & John Passarelle
- 12: Roberta & George
Grassman
- 13: Mary & Richard Cox
Sylke & Philip Schade
- 16: Jennifer & W. Scott
Hall
- 17: Linda & Richard Meola
- 20: Linda & Petter
Scalcione
- 23: Catherine & Kevin
Kispert
- 28: Gail & Robert Tilton

In Remembrance of

Sept.



American Legion (when she supported a program of dancing with soldiers at Northport Veteran's hospital + taking them on field trips which included ferry rides). She volunteered for several years at the Presbyterian Church in a program for severely retarded children; worked at the Port Jefferson Free Library, at an insurance agency in Port Jefferson, at the Port Jefferson High School cafeteria and at the Shoreham power plant.

She took her children and their friends to Mt. Sinai harbor each day to swim (because she couldn't swim herself but was determined that her children would be able to do so).

In the last few years she saw her role as one of quietly behind the scenes doing God's work – visiting shut-ins and church friends and taking them her homemade bread pudding or her favorite two-for-one Carvel sundaes

I am a better person because I knew her. As many have said, they never heard her say an unkind word about anybody. She always had a prayer on her lips, even saying "thank you Jesus" when she found a

desirable parking space. As I have heard many people say, "she was an angel among us". She often said "I am so blessed to have a wonderful family and friends". And we too are so blessed to have known her as our friend.

Submitted by Janet McBride



AMY'S 90th BIRTHDAY

(a presentation at Amy Russell's 90th birthday celebration after church on July 16.)

Amy, we're happy to celebrate with you your 90th birthday. And if Shirley were well, I'm sure we would have a special song or poem for you.

So you all will have to make do with me as a substitute. I'd like to share with you what I have heard about Amy and what I have been able to glean from conversations with Amy and

from several documents which were in Mary Lou's possession. (By the way, for those of you who don't know, Amy and Mary Lou were cousins.)

When she was 16 Amy met Woody. They met on Main Street in Port Jefferson in 1944 during WWII. When they met he was a submarine service specialist in the Navy and he was retrieving practice torpedoes in LI Sound.

They were married 2 years later and Amy traveled in the service with him to Hawaii, San Francisco, Illinois and who knows where else. They also lived in Iran for 2 1/2 years where Amy learned enough Farsi to get around. Two of their children, Kathleen and Carol, lived with them in Iran and Carol graduated from the American School of Isfahan.

Woody and Amy were the parents of 5 children: Nancy, Darryl, Kathleen, Harry and Carol. As you know, Harry is listed on our prayer list and is in the Air Force Reserves at the Charleston, South Carolina, Air Force Base.

Eventually Woody and Amy returned to Port Jefferson and

settled in her grandfather's home that was built by shipbuilders. They both joined the church in 1995.

Amy was part of a group in our church which became known as the **WHOOPIE GIRLS** - Amy Russell, Mary Lou Stein, Harriet Reisman, & Sally Bryant. They appeared in several musicals presented by the church which included **A WALK DOWN BROADWAY** (2001) which featured Bruce Howard and his Lovely Ladies performing "Making Whoopee". A year later in 2002 **SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY** was presented by the Sunday School under the direction of Juliet Filimon and the group was now called the **WHOOPIE GIRLS**. This time they sang "Ma, He's Making Eyes at Me" and "I Can't Give You Anything but Love".

Apparently they were a **BIG** hit and are still talked about today. And it has been said by some that Amy put the "whoopie" in whoopie girls.

So now you know that beneath her quiet and calm exterior lies this vibrant, fun loving person.

SO, WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO SAY EXCEPT "LET'S



Lectionary Reading

September 3rd

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exod.3:1-15
Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26,45
Rom. 12:9-21
Matt:16:21-28

September 10th

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exod. 12:1-14
Ps. 148
Rom. 13:8-14
Matt. 18:15-20

September 17th

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Exod. 14:19-31
Exod. 15:1b-11, 20-21
Rom. 14:1-12
Matt. 18:21-35

September 24th

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exod.16:2-15
Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45 or Ps 78
Phil. 1:21-30
Matt. 20:1-16

Four perspectives

Because different writers penned each Gospel, the four books offer unique angles and insights. Although the overall message is the same, the human authors' backgrounds and perspectives shine through every account. These verses by an unknown writer remind us of each Gospel's characteristics:

Matthew — Messiah, Israel's King, sets forth, by Israel slain; but God decreed that Israel's loss should be the Gentiles' gain.

Mark tells us how in patient love this earth has once been trod by One Who, in a Servant's form, was yet the Son of God.

Luke, the physician, writes of a more skilled Physician still Who gave himself, as Son of Man, to save us from all ill.

John, the beloved of Jesus, sees in him the Father's Son, the everlasting Word made flesh, yet with the Father One.



July 2017

2nd Ellen and Marty White
9th Ashley and David Grills
16th Happy Birthday Amy,
Carol Polly, Jane Collins, Janet
McBride
23rd Schutters and Whites
30th

August 2017

6th Neilsen Family In honor of
Kimberly's Baptism
13th Ashley and David Grills
20th Ashley and David Grills
27th Friends of the church

Thank to everyone who has
donated their time and energy to
providing for our "Coffee Hour
Fellowship" time.

Thank you to everyone who has
donated the flowers on Sunday
morning, they are a blessing to
our service.



July 2017

2nd No donation
9th Betty Korner in memory of
her loving husband Andrew
16th Lee Nichols in memory of
loved ones
23rd In honor of Steve Schutter's
birthday on July 18th.
30th In memory of Kent Koehn
by David and Trudy Clark

August 2017

6th In honor of Kimberly
Nielsen Baptism
13th Deb Koch in memory of her
mother Kay Dalessio
20th Ken and Elizabeth Combs
in memory of loved ones
27th In memory of Grandma
Miller and her sisters Winnie
and Elsie by Carolyn
Zambrowski

**HAVE FUN AND
CELEBRATE AMY'S 90TH
AND ASK GOD'S
BLESSING ON AMY AND
ON OUR CELEBRATION
TOGETHER!**

Submitted by Janet McBride



**Remembering Our
Friend Shirley**

She was a woman with many
interests and a curiosity to learn
new skills, whether they be
carpentry, music, art, poetry,
sewing, baking, computer
technology or other fields. Yes,
this is how her friends and family
will remember Shirley Leonard
who passed away peacefully on
August 1, 2017 following a
challenging struggle with
pneumonia. She was a longtime
friend of the First United
Methodist Church where she
offered her artistic talents and
musical tributes to many events,
including the annual Chicken

Barbeque which was recently
dedicated to her memory.

A Rhode Island native from
Cranston, Shirley graduated
from the local high school,
served in the U. S. Army from
1950-53 and received a teaching
degree from the University of
Rhode Island. She then moved
to Long Island where she taught
elementary school for 27 years in
the Middle Country School
District. When she bought the
circa 1851 Samuel Still home on
High Street in Port Jefferson,
Shirley took on the formidable
task of historic restoration,
learning as she progressed and
working with local craftsmen
including Bob Swenk and friend
Robert Arnold. She married
Bill Leonard in 1974 after
"eyeing" him on South Street
where the Leonard home stood
and at Aunt Betty Colen's home
during family gatherings. Bill
joined the preservation efforts
with "Shirley the contractor", as
he affectionately called her,
adding a collection of Jeeps and
vintage outhouses to their
limited property.

Historic restoration and research
were significant interests during
Shirley's retirement years. Both
she and Bill became involved

with the Port Jefferson Historical Society's 1976 Bicentennial project of moving and restoring the former Dedio house to Prospect Street where it remains today as part of the Museum complex. As a former Trustee of the Church, Shirley offered her knowledge of property surveys and critical information that assisted in the plans for the current parking lot on the east side of the church. And what would the many fund-raising events be like without her personal designs for tickets and posters? In fact, the aging green and white sign on the front lawn that has for years advertised the Chicken Barbeque was Shirley Leonard's creation.

The large gathering of friends and church members at Bryant's Funeral Home on August 3 was a testament to her life as remembrances, memorable and amusing anecdotes were shared. Shirley A. Leonard will be greatly missed as she touched so many lives in the church, neighborhoods and Port Jefferson community.

Sandra Swenk, A Friend of 50 years



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!



All Women Are Welcome!

The Women's Group meets the **second Friday** of each month **September to June**. All the ladies of the church are invited to join us Friday September 8th at 10:00AM in Fellowship Hall.

Special Giving

Restoration/Mtn Fund/Special Envelopes

Kent and Barbara Edwards
 Bob and Lillian Spears
 Sandra Swenk
 Ken and Elizabeth Combs
 Lee Nichols
 Ellen and Marty White

In Memory of Shirley Leonard
 Given by Sandra Swenk
 Bob and Jane Collins
 George a Bobbi Grassman
 Dianne Szceny

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Mary Lou Stein
 Given by Janet McBride
 Elaine Short
 Grace Ryan
 Karen Irvine
 Clif Brown
 Jae lee
 The Grabowski Family

In Memory of Shirley Leonard
 Harriet Reisman
 Margaret Foster

Organ Fund

In Memory of Shirley Leonard
 Given by Carol Polly

Endowment Fund

In Memory of Shirley Leonard
 Given by Ellen Cheeseman and
 Marty White
 Bob and Lillian Spears
 Ginny and Ted Anderson

In Memory of Mary Lou Stein
 Given by Ellen Cheeseman and
 Marty White



Sunday School

Calling All Young People!

Sunday School will begin!

**Sunday September 10 2017
 At 10:00AM**



Third
 Sunday of
 the month
 Collection to
 benefit the
 Food Pantry at Infant Jesus
 Church