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“You aspire to great
things? Begin with
little ones.”

~St. Augustine~



Keyhole

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First UMC of Port Jefferson Mission Statement

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

The New York Annual Conference Vision Statement:

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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Articles submitted after the 15th will be included in the December issue. Please email your articles and reports to:

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The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.



“ _____ the _____ was _____
through _____; _____ and
_____ came _____
_____.”
_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV



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: _____



October, 2017

"...with God, all things are possible."

~ Matthew 19:26

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Faith,

There is an old story about a truck getting stuck under an overpass, the truck was a few inches over the height limit. Police and emergency vehicles surrounded the scene, trying to figure out what to do; shall we chainsaw the top off the truck? remove some concrete from the overpass? try to force it out by towing or pushing? Finally, a 10-year old girl, who'd been watching the goings-on, offered the suggestion they let some air out of the tires. Problem solved. It was also the least invasive and the most elegant.

This comes under the heading of "Creative Answers to Difficult Circumstances."

Our congregation is holding our Charge Conference Tuesday,

October 17, at 7 PM. This is a crucial time for us. It is a time when our leadership needs to share our spiritual and financial health and to generate with you some creative answers to our circumstance. We have so many gifts here, so many good things over which we are stewards.

We ask for the Spirit of God to speak to us through our prayers and meetings, providing a pathway through, so ministry may continue in this place.

Prayerfully,
Sandra Moore, Pastor

Bible Study

Embracing an Adult Faith
written by Marcus Borg
1st and 3rd Friday of the Month
In Fellowship Hall 12 noon

Bidanset Bequest to Church

A generous gift was recently received by the Trustees from the estate of the late Joan Fletcher Bidanset of Florida. Deborah Bidanset-Ponder, daughter of Joan and her late husband Jesse presented the gift to the First United Methodist Church on behalf of her mother whose wish was to give a portion of her estate to her “first and dearest home of spiritual growth”. Joan grew up in our Church and her parents, Ethel and Lowell Fletcher were active in the nursery school and trustee boards.

While there were no restrictions on the gift, it was hoped that a portion would be designated to a scholarship fund as education was a great concern of both parents. The family understands the “financial struggles of smaller churches” and wants remaining monies to be used where needed. Therefore, the Trustees and Administrative Council agreed that \$5,000 would be added to the existing Endowment Fund, while other funds would be invested for

future needs of the church buildings and properties.

Sandra Swenk

First United Methodist Church Port Jefferson’s Fall Mission Project.

I want to thank everyone for your generous donations to this quarters mission project of the Evangelism and Outreach Committee. With your help and generosity, we were able to assist 26 elementary students in the Edna Louise Spears Elementary school in Port Jefferson with everything they needed for the beginning of the school year, including backpacks and lunch boxes. They were very grateful for supplies

Our mission project for the next quarter will involve assisting families for Christmas in the Port Jefferson community. We will be revealing more details on a Sunday morning in the future. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Blessings, Elaine Short, Chair,
Evangelism and Outreach
Committee

The Endowment Fund

This year the Endowment Committee was pleased to present funds to 11 student members who are currently enrolled in a Graduate or Undergraduate program. Each student received a check totaling \$100.00. The following students received funds:

Hunter Conforti	Temple University
Natalie Conforti	SUNY Buffalo
Haley Conforti	Temple University
Benjamin Granger	SUNY Empire
Harrison Granger	SUNY Stony Brook
Michael Loper	UCLA
Anselm Lowe, Jr.	University of St. Francis
Alexa Ruggiero	College of Saint Rose
Rhianna Ruggiero	SUNY Stony Brook
Savannah Short	Morrisville State College
Alexander Steiner	George Washington University

Please keep these students in your prayers for a successful school year.

Janet Davis - Lowe



Lectionary Readings

October 1, 2017

Exod. 17:1-7
Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16
Phil. 2:1-13
Matt. 21:23-32

October 8, 2017

Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Ps. 19
Phil. 3:4b-14
Matt. 21:33-46

October 15, 2017

Exod. 32:1-14
Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23
Phil. 4:1-9
Matt. 22:1-14

October 22, 2017

Exod. 33:12-23
Ps. 99
1 Thess. 1:1-10
Matt. 22:15-22

October 29, 2017

Deut. 34:1-12
Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thess. 2:1-8
Matt. 22:34-46

In communion



In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.



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 October 13th at 10:00AM in Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Beads for United Methodists

Karen Smith from the Practical Resources for Churches (PRC) will present our Program for October "Prayer Beads" Karen will present the history of the prayer beads, teach us how to make our own prayer beads and show us how to use them.

The workshop is free, a gift from the PRC but there is a \$10.00 fee for materials. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like some prayer beads please let me know and we will make you a set. Invite your family and friends. Ellen



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!

Advice from a pumpkin



Be well-rounded.
Get plenty of sunshine.
Give thanks for life's bounty.
Have a thick skin.
Keep growing.
Be outstanding in your field.
Think big!

Special Giving

Restoration Fund

In Memory Of Shirley

Leonard by
Elaine Short

Dianne H. Sczesny

Carole and Robert Darling

Phil and Sara Ruggiero

Ken & Elizabeth Combs

In Memory of Mary Lou Stein

by:

Elaine Short

Memorial Fund

In memory of:

Shirley Leonard by:

Harriet Reisman (air
conditioning)

Margaret Carter Foster

Pastor Sandra Moore

Lorena Nichols

Phil and Sara Ruggiero

In Memory Of Mary Lou

Stein by

Carol Polly

Endowment Fund

In Memory Of Shirley

Leonard by

Ginny and Ted Anderson

Bob and Lillian Spear



September 3, 2017

Friends of the Church

September 10, 2017

Lyn Schutter & Carole Darling

September 17, 2017

Roberta & George Grassman

September 24, 2017

Ashley and David Grills



September 3, 2017

Eleanor Davis In Memory of
Chet Davis

September 10, 2017

Lee Nichols In Memory of
Alice Okst

September 17, 2017

Ellen & Martin White In
Memory of Marty's daughter
Karen Larson

September 24, 2017



~ Happy Birthday ~

- 1: Christian Wood
- 2: Cheryl Love
Damon Francoeur
- 3: Danielle Altebrando,
Brittany Brienza
- 4: Sally Bryant
- 5: Jacqueline Lewis
- 6: Ryan Patrick Flanagan
- 7: Christopher Dantzig,
Ryan Pfister
Henry Steiger
- 8: Lucas Schade,
Lynn Scofield,
Andrew Francoeur
- 9: Hunter Conforti,
Natalie Conforti,
Lorraine Rusnak
McKean
- 11: Linda Altebrando
- 12: Nolan Borders
- 14: Harrison Granger
- 15: John West, Jr.
- 16: James Kilkenny
- 20: Cara Dantzig
- 21: James Zahn
- 24: Nicole Gross
Philip Ruggiero

- 25: Richard Dalton
Barbara Slingerland
- 28: Laurie Campfield
Heather Quiggle
Christine Collins
George Grassman
- 30: Christine Scott

~ Happy Anniversary ~

- 3: Linda & Nick
Altebrando
- 4: Jeanne & Brian Fletcher
- 5: Lesli & Dennis Finn
- 7: Phyllis & John Cuttone
- 10: Diane & Darren
Eggerman
- 15: Susan & Tom Capasso
- 16: Dawn & Robert Short
- 20: Kathie & Bob Rusnak
- 21: Heather & Bryan Knight
- 24: Nancy & Gary Sing
- 28: Cara & Christopher
Dantzig

