

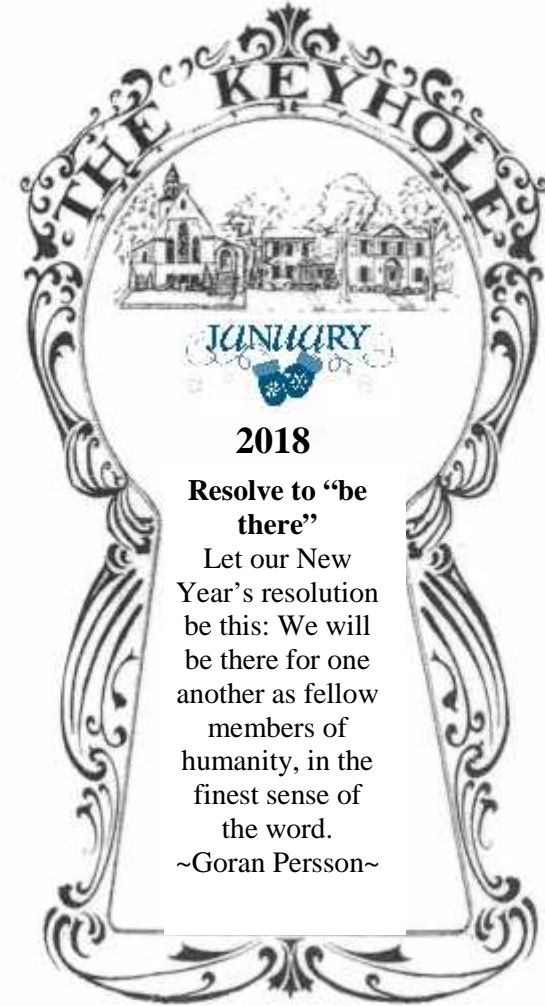
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To love and serve Christ and others through praise, prayer, preaching of the Word of God and to welcome all to join us in our faith journey

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 14th will be included in the March issue. Please email your articles and reports to:

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PUZZLE

A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

THIEROEFQORXEIDFAMNYAON
 SEILSITNCVHRKISDTTBHEWNE
 QWCDREYATMIOCNHFASWCOR
 MEGTHWEOFLDXHASSGZONL
 ETJHEWNEQWIDSHREROE

! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV
 Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come;

Christmas Flowers

Given by:

Clif Brown
Mary and Richard Cox
Ellen Cheeseman and Martin White
Lyn and Steve Schutter

Bob and Gail Tilton

In Honor Of:

Morgan Elizabeth Bullis
Our Family and Friends
Three new great grandsons.
Our Children and
Grandchildren
My Parents and our Family

Sheaves of Wheat for the Food Pantry

Carolyn and Kevin Zambraski

In memory of our Moms

Given By:

Clif Brown
Ken and Elizabeth Combs

Mary and Richard Cox
Carole and Robert Darling

Barbara and Kent Edwards
Farrell Family
The Kunz Family
Carol Polly

Lyn and Steve Schutter

In Memory Of:

Jane Wittek Brown
Raymond Combs
Gordon McMill
Loved Ones
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Wells
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Darling
Our Parents
Mema/ Joan Farrell
Wanda Kunz
Mary Lou Stein
Anna Wells
Shirley Leonard
Our Parents, Church Loved
Ones
and Harrie He Pollack

For The New Year

Hold fast to your faith

(Hebrews 4:14)

Assemble with the saints

(Hebrews 10:25)

Pray earnestly every day (1

Thessalonians 5:17-18)

Pray for great blessings

(Malachi 3:10)

Yield not to temptation (1

Thessalonians 5:22)

Neglect not your talents and

opportunities (Galatians 6:10)

Examine yourself daily (2

Corinthians 13:5)

Work diligently for the Lord (1

Corinthians 15:58)

Yield your members to

righteousness (Romans 6:11,
16)

Exercise yourself in godliness

(1 Timothy 4:7)

Aim for a perfect, mature faith

(Hebrews 6:1)

Redeem the time (Ephesians

5:15-16)

~Gus Nichols~

BREAKFAST CLUB REDUX

When: Saturdays, 8 AM,

January 13, 20, 27;

February 3 and 10

Why: To share something new
we've learned

(or a new perspective on

something

already known.)

Where: TOAST

242 East Main Street, Port

Jefferson

631-331-6860

INTER-GENERATIONAL CHOIR REHEARSALS

Each Saturday (beginning

January 6)

9:30 AM

Sanctuary

All age are welcome!

Marcus Borg's "Embracing an Adult Faith"

Final two sessions:

Friday, January 19

Friday, February 2

12 Noon

2018 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; Montgomery Granger, Secretary; Sandra Swenk, Treasurer; John Cuttone, Arthur Olsen, George Grassman, Brad Borders and Bob Libby. The Trustees meet in the Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

In April of this past year, the Trustees received on behalf of the Church, a generous bequest from the family of the late Joan (Fletcher) Bidanset. Joan and her family were strong church members who were involved in various capacities of the church growth and activities. The unexpected gift actually came at a crucial point in building maintenance. With the advent of Harbor View Day Care opening, a Suffolk County Health Services inspection determined that lead remediation was required on the windows and doors of the Education Building. Thus, the Day Care would not be

able to open until all necessary contractual work was approved and completed. To facilitate the \$15,500 cost to accomplish this requirement, the Board of Trustees and Administrative Council were granted approval at a charge conference to use monies from the bequest. As of late November, the project was completed and the Day Care operation is expected to begin in January of 2018. The Trustees look forward to a new relationship with the group and hope for a successful venture that provides a community service to families needing child care.

Donations to the Organ, Memorial and Endowment Funds are gratefully accepted by the Trustees. In October, eleven scholarships were given to Hunter Conforti,, Natalie Conforti, Haley Conforti, Benjamin Granger, Harrison Granger, Alexa Ruggiero, Rhianna Ruggiero, Michael Loper, Alex Steiner, Savannah Short and Anselm Lowe, Jr. The scholarships are provided through a Church policy approved in 1994 which allows yearly interest from the Endowment Fund to be properly



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!

Thank you to everyone who so generously provided Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers for the month of December.

Coffee Hour provides a wonderful time of fellowship for the congregation.



Lectionary Readings

January 7

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

January 14

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

January 21

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

January 2018

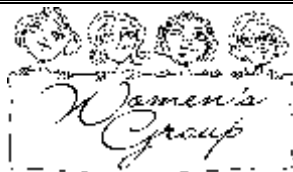
Birthdays

- 1 Martin White
- 2 Janet Marlowe
Juliet Filimon
James Scholl, Jr.
- 4 Brenden Short
- 5 Ronald Morlock III
- 6 Eleanor Davis
- 9 Rev. Alan Carvalho
- 12 Lauren Filimon
Darryl Russell
William Scofield
- 13 Paige Miller
Nora Hubbard
- 14 Jacob Ziskin
- 16 Nina Garafalo
David Konnick
- 17 Virginia DeHart
Laurel Libby
- 18 Dyan Carvalho Newlin
- 19 Dana Moss
Kelly Wuorio
- 21 Kathleen Rusnak
- 23 Sophia Lyn Dabbraccio
Theodore Granger
Rollin Haffer
- 24 Stephanie Schutter Smith
- 25 Robert Spears
- 27 Tina McArthur
- 30 Alexa Levine
- 31 Samuel Kopcienski



Anniversaries

- 1 Debbie & Fred Bryant
- 15 Doreen & Michael
Brienza
- 18 Jane & Matthew Lux
- 25 Michael & Hazel
Cardillo



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 January 12 at 10:00AM in Fellowship Hall.

distributed for scholarships, General Fund and Missions.

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. Donations from church members and friends help pay for these costs, as rental fees, weekly tithes and offerings go directly to the General Fund.

Looking ahead to 2018, the Trustees are continuing to research air conditioning in the Fellowship Hall, the cost of which will be borne by donations. The Board always welcomes additional suggestions for improvements to the buildings and property, so don't hesitate to contact Richard Cox or Sandra Swenk. Continued interest in preserving our historic landmark church benefits not only the congregation but also the community of Port Jefferson. This year marks our 125th year on Main Street.

- *Sandra Swenk*

2017 CHRISTMAS FAIR & COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 2nd was a cold, but nice day. Port Jefferson was bustling because the Dickens Festival was in full swing that weekend. Our fellowship hall was all a buzz too because of our now famous Cookie Walk and Christmas Fair. Our yearly, faithful patrons lined up at the door starting at 9:30 am even though our Fair and Cookie Walk didn't open until 10:00 am. When the doors opened it was a rush of people seeking to buy our homemade cookies. I saw one person leave with four boxes! I announced in church several Sunday's before our Christmas Fair & Cookie Walk, "We will sell as many cookies as everyone bakes". Sure enough we did and all because of YOU! So many of you dropped off cookies Friday night and Saturday morning, I just knew our Cookie Walk was going to do really well. It did, to the tune of \$1,848.00!! Amazing, isn't it? Our other booths did outstanding as well. Wreaths: \$420.00, Country Store/Jewelry: \$408.00, Bakery: \$522.00, Sewing and Knitting:

\$335.00, Holiday: \$502.00 and our Lunch booth made: \$486.00. The grand total was \$4,521!! Outstanding! Everyone who contributed to our Christmas Fair & Cookie Walk in any way was part of our success, and I thank you all so very much.

Sadly, Santa Claus was very sick the day of our Fair and couldn't make it. Mrs. Claus was there as usual and people who wanted pictures with Santa took them with Mrs. Claus in his absence. We now have a new addition to Santa's family, a cute little elf. Our elf was busy selling hot chocolate out in front of our church much to the liking of the cold people walking around Port Jefferson that Saturday!! Our elf was also helping in the kitchen and took photos with children when requested. We are happy that one of Santa's elves could leave Santa's workshop at the North Pole to spend the day with us.

It was a fun, exciting and successful day for the people of the First United Methodist Church of Port Jefferson. I cannot thank all of the people enough who baked and everyone who worked so hard that day (and days before). I can't find the proper words to express my

thankfulness for all you did, but please know my thank you comes from the bottom of my heart.

In His Service, Rollin Haffer,
Chairperson

Great Decisions Discussions to recommence Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Discussions on topics of current interest take place in the Port Jefferson Library from 7 to 8:45 PM on the fourth Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to come and join the discussion. You may obtain background material for each discussion from the reference desk of the library.

Topics are selected each year by the Foreign Policy Association for discussion by groups throughout the US. Topics for 2018 and dates for discussions in the Port Jefferson library are as follows

1/24/2018 The waning
of Pax Americana?

2/28/2018 Russia's
foreign policy

3/28/2018 China and
America: the new
geopolitical equation
4/25/2018 Media and
foreign policy

5/21/2018 Turkey: a
partner in crisis
U.S. global
engagement and the
military

June 27, 2018
South Africa's fragile
democracy

Sept. 26, 2018
Global health:
progress and
challenges

Oct. 24, 2018 or more
information, see
Margaret Foster.
Discussion facilitators
are Stojan Rebic and
Margaret Foster.

Special Giving

Restoration/Mtn Fund/Special Envelopes

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Sandra Swenk
Lee Nichols
Montgomery Granger
John and Phyllis Cuttone
Amy Russell
Ellen Cheeseman and
Marty White

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In Memory of Mary Lou Stein
Given by the Giordano Family

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In Memory of Mary Lou Stein
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Kadel

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Kadel

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Prentice

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