



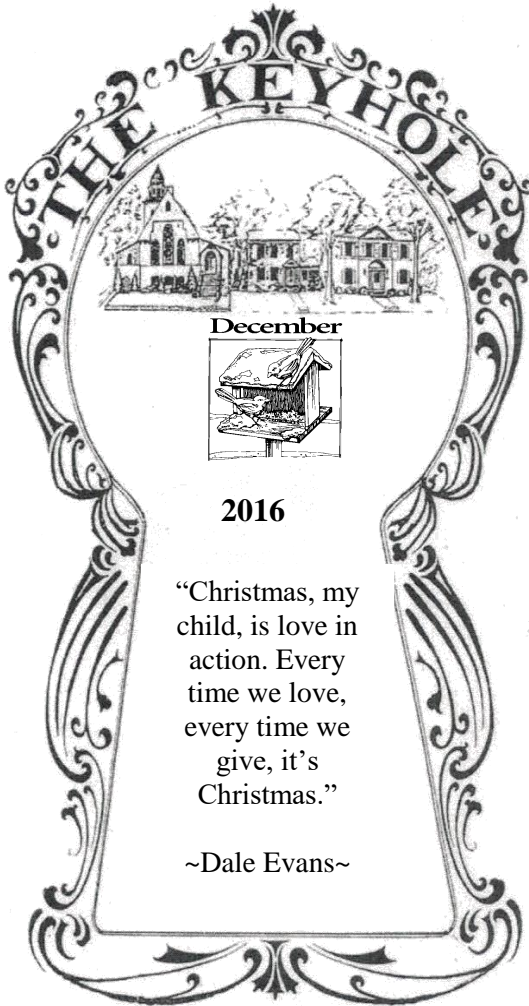
Keyhole

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Now begins the season of Advent, the first season of the church year. The term Advent means “coming.” We are preparing for the birth of the Christ, the promise of God entering into our world, becoming one of us. Such a deep and endless love God has for us that God sought to experience the life we experience, and for us to experience God among us.

It is so easy to miss the profound meaning of this season. So much of our preparation is connected to the world's secular celebration, revolving around over-spending, over-consumption, and sometimes stretching our schedules and resources to the limit.

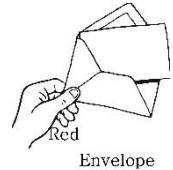
It is my hope that we all come clear on what this season means to us as Christians; to prepare our hearts for the Christ to be born in us, to cherish our home and families, to be generous to strangers, and to let the love of

God shine through us in the world.

I wish you all a warm, peaceful, and Christ-centered Christmas,

Sandra

Red Envelope Sunday



This “The Keyhole” includes a special red envelope. On Sunday December 18th, at the conclusion of the Children’s Christmas Pageant, we’ll have a chance to come forward toward the altar and pin our red envelope to the Christmas tree at the front of the church. If you can’t be there on December 18th, you can mail in your red envelope to the church office and it will be pinned to the tree on December 18th for you.

If you wish, this gift can also be done with prayer and as a memorial. You can do so by simply writing in memory or honor of on the red envelope and offering it with prayer.

God is always generous! Jesus is our gift from God at Christmas and our church is the local representation or presence for that gift. Our regular Sunday giving is

our tithe, a shared cost of ministry together. These red envelopes are different. We should consider them to be a special Christmas gift to God and to the church – above and beyond our tithe.

In Memoriam
Earline “Tex” Spinney,
1919-2016

She was known in Port Jefferson as the “clock lady” and was an avid collector of all types of timepieces. Tex Spinney, a member of our church since 1996, died on November 9, 2016 at the age of 97. For the past 12 years, she had lived in Escondido, California where her sister and other relatives lived. She continued to live an active life as she did in Port Jefferson, volunteering at a local museum and in the New Hope Community Church. She also enjoyed river cruises as well as travels to several European countries.

A native of Oklahoma, Tex met her late husband Ross in New York and eventually moved to Port Jefferson. A love of clocks encouraged the couple to begin a 30-year

hobby that involved traveling to auctions and sales on the East Coast. Their circa 1850 home on High Street was filled with timepieces from tall case clocks to miniatures to ornate French and German mantle clocks. The collection totaled more than 900 pieces. Tex was a gracious hostess who opened her home to friends and the public on many occasions.

In 2000, the Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson was the recipient of the remainder of the extensive clock collection, a commitment shared by both Tex and her husband. A separate building for exhibiting the clocks was constructed on the Mather Museum property on Prospect Street. The Spinney Clock Guild later formed to care for and repair the collection. Another gift from Tex Spinney is the village clock on the corner of Arden Place and Main Street. This elegant tall clock once stood near her home and is a daily reminder of her generosity to Port Jefferson.

Sandra Swenk

Great Decisions discussions for 2017

Great Decisions is a discussion program on world affairs sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. The program provides background information each year on eight critical issues facing society. Groups across the country meet to discuss these issues.

The Great Decision group in Port Jefferson meets the fourth Wednesday of most months (no meetings in July, Aug., Nov., Dec.). The meetings take place in the Port Jefferson library from 7 to 8:45 PM. Briefing books for the 2017 discussions will be available by January at the reference desk. Discussion leaders are Margaret Foster and Stojan Rebic.

Discussion topics for 2017 are as follows:

Wed., January. 25: The Future of Europe

Wed., February. 22: Trade and Politics

Wed., Marc. 22: Conflict in the South China Sea

Wed., Apr. 26: Saudi Arabia in Transition

Wed., May 24: U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum

Wed, June 28: Latin America's Political Pendulum

Wed., Sep. 27: Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan

Wed., Oct. 25: Nuclear Security

All are invited to come to any meeting and listen and take part, as you wish, in the discussion.

Restoration/Mtn Fund/Special Envelopes

Kent and Barbara Edwards

Bob and Lillian Spears

Sandra Swenk

Amy Russell

Lee Nichols

Eric and Marlene Kadel

Ellen Cheeseman and Marty

White

Organ Fund

In memory of Carol Landis

Given by Mary Lou Stein

Given by Jane and Bob Collins

Given by Amy Russell

Memorial Fund

In memory of Tex Spinney

Given by Mary Lou Stein

3 Ingredient Peanut Butter Cookies by Max

Max baked these cookies for coffee hour on October 2, 2016
And they were delicious!

Ingredients: 1 cup peanut butter, 1 cup white sugar, 1 egg

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees).

Mix peanut butter, sugar, and egg together in a bowl using an electric mixer until smooth and creamy. Roll mixture into small balls and arrange on a baking sheet; flatten each with a fork, making a criss-cross pattern.

Bake in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Cool cookies on the baking sheet for 2 minutes before moving to a plate.



November 6, 2016

In memory of Clair
Adler by the

Kunz/Zambraski Family. The
Kunz Family has donated the
two large chrysanthemum plants
in loving memory of Wanda
Kunz

November 13, 2016

November 20, 2016

In memory of Tess and George
Kunz by Gerard Kunz
In honor of Ashley Downs' and
Ginny Anderson's birthday!

November 27, 2016

In honor of Pat Balcom's
retirement by her church family
in Port Jefferson



November 6, 2016

Ellen and Marty White

November 13, 2016

November 20, 2016

Laurel and Bob Libby and Ellen
and Marty White

November 27, 2016

Member Care Retirement Party
for Pat Balcom

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Sunday November 27th

First Sunday of Advent

Worship 10:00 A.M. and Hanging of the Greens

Saturday December 3th

10:00 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Annual Church Christmas Fair and Cookie Walk

7:00 P.M. Dickens Festival Concert and Santa



Sunday December 4th

Second Sunday of Advent

Communion 10:00 A.M.

Friday December 9th

Woman's Group Christmas Party 12:00 NOON

Catered affair in Fellowship Hall

Saturday December 10th

SCAMPS Christmas Party 7 PM

at Laurel and Bob Libby

Concert Three Village Chamber Players 4PM



Sunday December 11th

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Service 10:00 A.M.

Sunday December 18nd

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Pageant and Red Envelope Sunday 10:00 AM

Saturday December 24th

Christmas Eve

Family Worship 7:30 P.M.

Candle Light Communion Service 11:00 PM



Sunday December 25th

Christmas Day

Worship Service 10:AM

Christmas Plant Order Form

<u>Type of Plant:</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Red Poinsettia:	\$12.00	_____	_____
White Poinsettia:	\$12.00	_____	_____
Pink Poinsettia:	\$12.00	_____	_____
White Kalanchoe:	\$12.00	_____	_____
Red Kalanchoe:	\$12.00	_____	_____

Total Amount of Order: _____



Sheaves for the Food Pantry

In lieu of flowers you may wish to make a donation to the food pantry in memory or honor of a loved one.

Please make check payable to First United Methodist Church

Name: _____ **Telephone** _____

Address: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Please place order on or before December 18, 2016

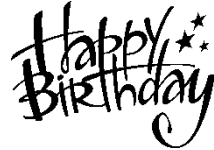
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DECEMBER 2016 Birthdays

- 1: Max Amundsen
Ashley Grills
- 2: Nathaniel Hubbard
Michael Filimon
- 3: Lisa Farrell
Holly Gallo
Emily Mantz
Timmy Moss
Mary Lou Stein
- 4: Taryn Morlock
- 5: Jeanne Fletcher
Erin Miller
- 6: Joel Hull
John Blazejewski
- 7: Michael Cardillo
- 12: Michael Filimon, Jr.
- 14: Dennis Finn
- 15: Alexander Steiner
- 19: Denis Cardineau
- 20: Chase Jaden McKean
Diane Eggerman
- 21: William Leonard
- 22: Hugo Schleiffelder
- 24: Lorraine Curson
- 25: Susan Nilsen
Carol Passarelle
Steven Mansourbeigi
- 27: June He
- 28: Eliza Meier Ozorio
- 29: Philip Schade
- 30: David Okst
Annie Mae Welsh
Makenna Rose Nappo
- 31: Jamie Zahn
Kenneth Bohler, Sr.

Anniversary

12: Donna & James
Conforti



Happy
Birthday

**Love and best
wishes go out to
Mary Lou Stein
as she celebrates
her 90th Birthday**

on

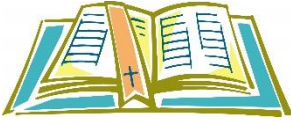
December 3, 2016



**Best Wishes
go out to**

Jamie Zahn

**as she celebrates her
Sweet 16th Birthday
on December 31, 2016**



Lectionary Readings for December:

December 4th

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 11

Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:47-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 18

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24th Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-19
Luke 2:1-20

December 25 Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-15

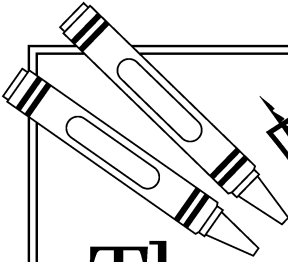


Where's Your Security?

When *A Charlie Brown Christmas* debuted in 1965, religious references were unheard of on television. Yet the show's climax features the Christmas story verbatim. As Linus begins reciting Luke 2, he's clutching his ever-present blue blanket. Yet, as pastor Jason Soroski points out, Linus drops it right as he utters the words "fear not" (Luke 2:10). Soroski believes the timing is intentional and that "Peanuts" creator Charles M. Schulz sends a simple, brilliant message. "The birth of Jesus separates us from our fears," Soroski writes. It "frees us from the habits we are unable (or unwilling) to break ourselves. The birth of Jesus allows us to simply drop the false security we have been grasping so tightly, and learn to trust and cling to him instead.

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

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

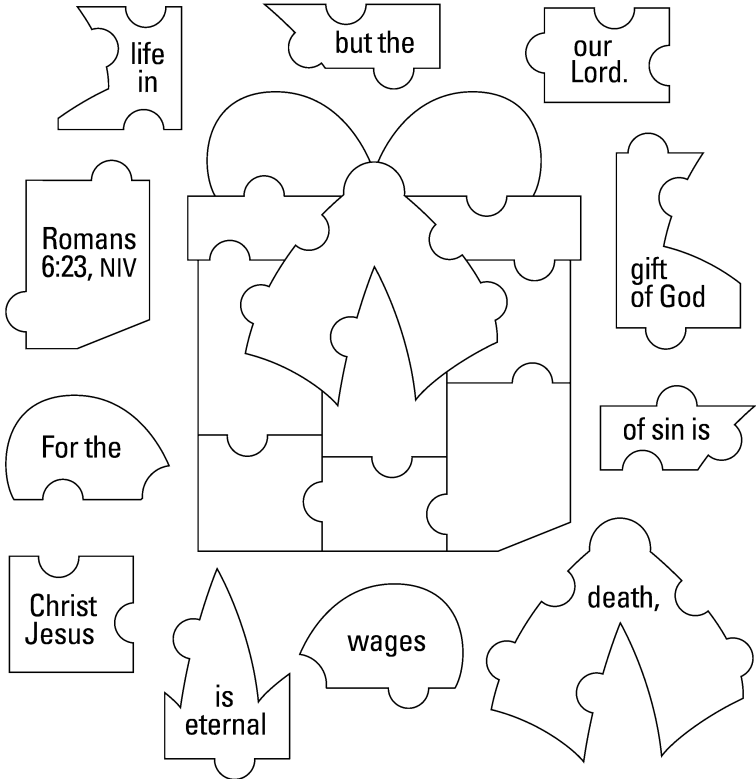


PUZZLE

The greatest gift

Gift-giving is a fun Christmas tradition.
What very special gift has God given to you?

Directions: Write the words from each puzzle piece on the matching blank piece of the gift-shaped puzzle.



Answer: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23, NIV

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Christmas Eve Services
Saturday December 24th
7:30 PM Family Service
11:00 PM Communion
Christmas Day
Sunday December 25th 10:00
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