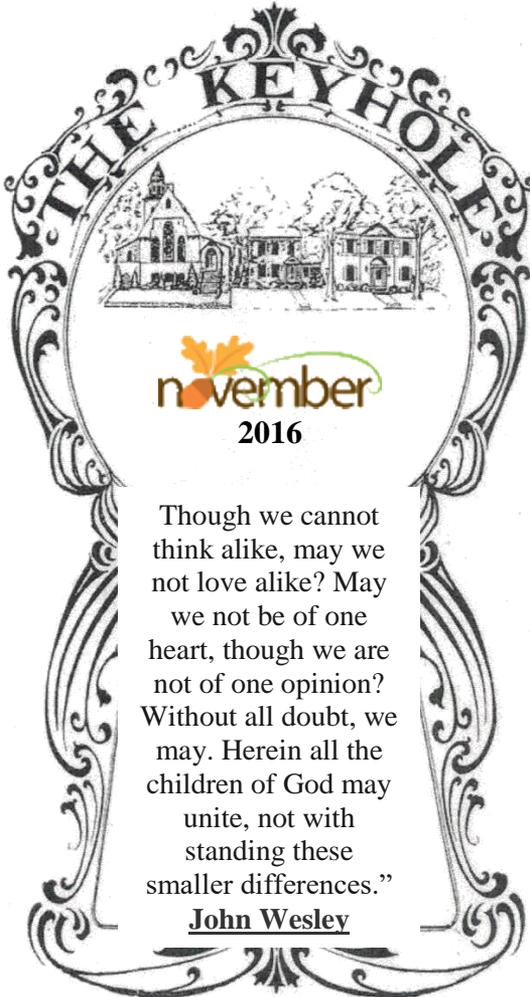




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In Memoriam

Jayne Carpenter 1938-2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

All Saint's Sunday is November 6th . On All Saints Sunday we remember all those who have gone before us in the faith; all those who have brought the light of faith and the love of God to our lives.

My mother fondly tells the story of how her grandmother often asked her to play the piano for her so she might sing the old hymns she knew so well. This experience shaped my mother's life as well as her image of God. Her grandmother's faith brought light to my mother's life. My mother's faith brought that light to my life also.

This All Saints Sunday, let us give thanks for and celebrate all those who have been a light to us.

Let us also be reminded of our commitment to be a light to the world

Faithfully, Sandra Moore,
Pastor.



Jayne Carpenter, wife of Dr. George Carpenter, former pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Port Jefferson, died on October 4 , 2016 In Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Jayne was born in Baldwin, Long Island on October 21, 1938.

The Carpenter family served our local church from 1968 to 1977. As a life partner to her husband's ministry, Jayne was very active in the church and choir. She was also a Girl Scout leader in the community and participated in local projects. One particular undertaking of her troop was an on-hands planting of olive shrubs on the Village road to the east beach. This conservation project would help preserve the sloped banks and provide a green border above the railroad tied wall.

The Carpenters were married for 58 years and were the parents of Joel and his wife, Karen of North Carolina, and Ruth of Mechanicsburg. A memorial service for Jayne will be held at Bethany Village in the near future.

Submitted by Sandra Swenk

The Most Important Sign of a Successful Church

Ken Bohler

If you talk to different folks you will get different opinions on what factors make a church likely to be successful or not. Some would opine a charismatic preacher, a robust choir, a beautiful building, a friendly congregation, or even ample parking. All these things are certainly helpful, but none are the primary item necessary. The item that makes all the rest of them matter. The one common theme successful churches share are sermons that preach God's Word, expositional or expository sermons. You may be thinking to yourself, "Don't all churches preach God's Word?". The sad truth is the answer to that question is no.

An expositional sermon is one where the preacher chooses a scripture then preaches on the context and meaning of the scripture. What it meant for the people of that time and what it might mean for us today. The end message of the sermon should be what the message of the scripture was meant to be. Often you might sit through a sermon at a church and hear the preacher's "opinion" of how



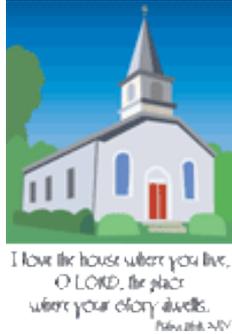
people should be reacting to one circumstance or another. You may hear them use scripture to solidify or validate their point. But using scripture to support a sermon message is way different from using the sermon message to illustrate scripture. One preacher's opinion often contradicts another's. That's very evident when you hear preaching on today's hot topics like abortion, alternative lifestyles, and paths to salvation.

That kind of preaching leads to conflict and confusion for someone looking for the truth. Scripture, God's Word however, is consistent. It doesn't, can't, contradict itself.

Simply, the truth is God's Word. It is God's Word that the child of God yearns for because it's shows His love for us. His Word reveals our true nature and leads us to salvation and gives meaning to our lives. It leads us to fruitful episodes in life and comforts us in tough times. A charismatic speaker can be informative but God's Word is transformative. A preacher can be inspirational but God's Word is salvation. A sermon can be lively, but God's Word gives life. We are creations of God and are hard-wired to blossom when we are nurtured with His Word. You might hear someone say after listening to a charismatic

speaker “He changed the way I think.”, but you’ll hear a person convicted by God’s Word say “He changed *me!*” And that’s what people are looking for in a church, not entertainment or a new perspective, you can get that in a lot of places. They are looking for a new life. A life with meaning, purpose, honor, and hope. Only God can provide that.

To be successful a church *must* revolve around God’s Word. In Genesis 1 we read, “...and God said..” God’s Word brings all things seen and unseen into existence. God’s Word was delivered to the people as a mold for how to survive and live during the Exodus in chapter 20. The people wept when they heard Ezra reveal God’s Word which has been lost for so long. In Ezekiel 37, Ezekiel was told by God “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the **Word** of the LORD.” and the Word of the Lord brought life to a field of dead dry bones. In John chapter 1 we read, “In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.” echoing Genesis, and further “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,”. Still in Romans 10 “The **Word** is near you, in your



mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved”.

Our faith, our hope, and even our lives are empty without the Word of God. A church that doesn’t focus on that Word

through preaching, Bible study, and prayer and act on that Word is a dying church. A church with leaders, no matter how “good” they may be, who do not center their lives on God’s Word is a church of the world, not the Word, is not in the body of Christ,

and is a dying church. Only the Word of God can breathe new life into that which is dying. If a church is dwindling and become less relevant by the day, it’s a sign that they have wandered from their Lord and Savior and need to turn back so that He may provide for them and give them hope to His glory.

We all need to look in the mirror God holds up for us and honestly see what we are then, choose to stay on our paths or follow the Word of God. I pray we all choose life. Amen

“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!

¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'.....Revelation 3:15-22

This is Not Goodbye....

As many of you already know Angela and I have made the heart wrenching decision to change churches. There were many factors that were taken into consideration, from the distance we had to travel for all we were

trying to participate in, to seeking a place to continue to grow in the Spirit. All of that however was consistently counter balanced by our affection for all of our friends as well as our brothers and sisters in Christ that we are agonizingly leaving behind. In the almost 25 years that I attended and the years Angela has attended, we have grown very close to so many of you, considering some as even family. At this point there is more sadness than anticipation about the choice we have made, however we trust in the Lord because of all He has provided thus far and know that He is leading us to even greater opportunities to serve, to His glory.

You will still be seeing us from time to time, whether you like it or not, because we just couldn't bear the thought of not seeing you! I pray that Port Jefferson finds its way closer to our Savior so that He might provide for you all and make you a formidable church in His name. We will continue to tithe, to a lesser degree, for some time and participate in work and events at the church. We look forward to seeing more and more of you in District level events as that is the direction that I am looking to grow in service.

God's speed to you all and
may you all grow in the grace
and peace of our Lord and Savior
...until we meet again.
Ken and Angela Bohler

Cookie Walk



Annual Christmas Fair & Cookie Walk

**Saturday,
December 3, 2016
10 am to 4 pm**

**Please bake cookies for our
Cookie Walk,
we sell as many as we
make!**

Thank you!

Prayer Chain

Please help update our Prayer
Chain by notifying Pat Balcom
(church secretary) at 631-473-
0517 or Betty Korner (Prayer
Chain Coordinator) at
bakorner@yahoo.com
Of any additions or subtraction

Special Giving

Restoration/Maintaince Fund/Special Envelopes

Kent and Barbara Edwards

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Tom and Mare Tivenan

Amy Russell

Lee Nichols

Ellen Cheeseman, Martin White

Carol Polly

Organ Fund

In memory of Carol Landis

Given by Sandra Swenk

In memory of Carol Landis

Given by Ken and Elizabeth

Combs

Memorial Fund

In memory of Jayne Carpenter

Given by Ginny and Ted

Anderson

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Will be held at
First Presbyterian Church of
Port Jefferson
East Main and South Street

**Monday November 21, 2016
7:30 PM**

Endowment Report

This year the Endowment Committee was pleased to present funds to 9 student members who are currently enrolled in undergraduate school. Each student received a check totaling \$125.00. The following students received funds:

Hunter Conforti attending Temple University

Natalie Conforti attending SUNY At Buffalo

Haley Conforti attending Temple University

Benjamin Granger attending Suffolk Community College

Jimmy Guder attending SUNY Albany

Alexa Ruggiero attending The College of Saint Rose

Rhianna Ruggiero attending Stony Brook University

Brenden Short attending Suffolk Community College

Savannah Short attending Morrisville State College

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

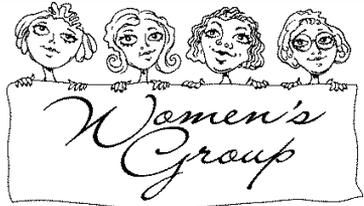
Janet Davis - Lowe



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!



Calling all Women!

Please join us for the
Women's Group meeting
Friday November 11, 2016
10:00AM in Fellowship Hall.

Altar Cloths

We are quickly approaching Advent and our church has a beautiful set of blue altar cloths to be used during Advent. It is not known who donated them or when they were donated to the church. Last year Carol and I thought we would use them but Pastor Dave didn't want to because he didn't have a blue stole to wear. We did use them at our Chrismon Tree display at the Festival of Trees in the Port Jefferson Village Center. Pastor Sandra has agreed that we should use the blue Altar Cloths and has purchased a new blue stole to wear at Christmas!

I have included this official United Methodist explanation of the color blue being used for Advent to help the congregation understand and embrace the change from purple to blue.

Ellen Cheeseman



The Color Blue in Advent

While the traditional color for Advent is purple, there is a growing interest in and acceptance of the color blue as an alternative. *The United*

Methodist Book of Worship identifies purple or blue as appropriate colors for Advent (224, 226, 238).

This has led to some confusion and many questions among worship leaders. Many churches have invested significant dollars in purple paraments that serve both for Lent and Advent. Some wonder if this is some kind of marketing ploy by supply houses to sell an additional set of paraments. Most are simply puzzled by the introduction of a color not *traditionally* associated with liturgical colors.

The genesis of the introduction of blue into the liturgical colors comes from continued reflection on the calendar of the Christian year, particularly on the season of Advent. Here is how the reasoning goes: Advent is a season of preparation that anticipates both Bethlehem and the consummation of history in the second coming of Jesus Christ. Since this anticipation is characterized by hope -- in contrast to the repentance characteristic of Lent -- the color for the season should not be purple, with its mood of solemnity and somberness, but blue with its hopefulness. Admittedly, there is some subjectivity in linking colors with certain moods.

There is precedent for the use of blue during Advent. The Swedish Church and the Mozarabic rite (the rite used in the parts of Spain under Moorish rule from the eighth to the twelfth centuries) used blue.

In considering which color to use, keep in mind that the standardization of colors is a fairly recent phenomenon in the church and that a scheme of colors is still evolving. The latitude of *The United Methodist Book of Worship* suggests that we are a part of this ongoing process. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in its 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship* lists blue as the preferred color for Advent, but leaves purple as an option.

The rule of thumb here is this: Your congregation may use either color. If you just bought purple paraments, enjoy them and wait for a memorial gift sizable enough to buy blue ones later. If your paraments are in poor repair and need replacement, or if there are no paraments for your worship space, consider blue as the color for use during Advent and purple for use during Lent.

“Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.” ~W.J. Cameron



October 2, 2016

In honor of Damon Francoeur’s Birthday Love Mommy, Daddy and Arianna

October 9, 2016

In memory of my husband Richard by Elaine Short

October 16, 2016

In memory of my sister Robin by Elaine Short

October 23, 2016

In memory of Paul Myer by the Kunz/Zambraski Families

October 30, 2016

In memory of Loved Ones by Lee Nichols



October 2, 2016

Max, Renee and Mia Amundsen

October 9, 2016

Carole Darling and Steve and Lyn Schutter

October 16, 2016

Mary Lou Stein and Janet McBride

October 23, 2016

The Grills Family

October 30, 2016

Carole Darling and Steve and Lyn Schutter

Operation Christmas Child

By Gail Tilton

Alina received a shoebox at age 5 in a Central Asian country.

My family and I had what we needed, but gifts were a luxury we didn't always get. So when I received a shoebox gift, I stood there baffled and confused. It seemed impossible for someone overseas, for someone I didn't know, to send me a gift for Christmas. I carefully undid the tape and unwrapped it. In the box, there were ponytail holders, a toothbrush, socks, and candy.

What caught my eye were a pair of plastic princess shoes. Those shoes were like nothing I had ever seen. They were pink, and I loved the color pink. I got so excited when I put on those shoes. They were too big, but I still wore them. I tried to wear them as much as I could. I showed them to everyone.

To this day, 13 years later, I still remember what it was like to receive a shoebox. In that moment it felt like God was there giving that gift to me.

I've been packing shoeboxes ever since my family came to America. For the past three years I've been volunteering at a collection center. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are gifts that keep on giving. They

are a tangible representation of Jesus' love for me and millions of kids around the world.

In talking with our students, one questioned "who gets this"? Where does it go?

Well last year our boxes went to Ecuador. This year I'd like to add something to our boxes. A short note about who you are, age, male/female, what you like to do, etc. and sign your name and address, (using the Church address, 603 Main Street, Port Jefferson, NY 11777, USA. See if we get any letters back.



The meaning of life

The greatest thing is to give thanks for everything. He who has learned this knows what it means to live. He has penetrated the whole mystery of life: giving thanks for everything.

Albert Schweitzer~

November

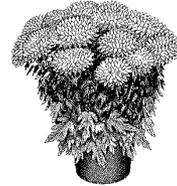
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Birthdays

- 2: Kaylee Prato
- 3: David Nichols
- 4: Michelle Downs
Eric Kadel, Sr.
- 5: George Okst
- 7: M. Scott Hall
- 8: Stephanie Chapelliquen
Sylke Schade
- 9: Ellen Cheeseman
- 14: Bridget Lux
Benjamin Granger
Blake Bohlen
Donna Conforti
- 15: Kyle Desmond
- 16: Carol Florio
- 17: Adam Bryant
- 19: Stephanie Capasso
- 20: Richard Cox
- 21: Lillian Spears
Ginny Anderson
Ashley Downs
Bobby Bohlen, Jr.
- 23: Rev. Emily B. Hall
- 24: Ava Brielle Campfield
- 25: Katelyn Collins
Lois Kilkenny
- 28: David Wells
- 30: Robert Bohlen, Sr.
Harry Landis

Anniversaries

- 1: Ashley & David Grills
- 3: Jennifer & Paul Kelly
- 5: Laurie & Brian
Campfield
- 7: Alyssa & Peter Heitz
- 17: Kim & Mike Castellena
Lillian & William
Scofield
- 21: Ginny & Ted Anderson



Looking Ahead

Monday November 7th
6PM Choir Rehearsal for
The Dickens' Festival
Concert

Monday, November 21stat
7:30PM, Ecumenical
Thanksgiving Service at
First Presbyterian Church
Port Jefferson

Saturday, November 26th,
Greening of Sanctuary

Sunday November 27th
Hanging of the Greens.



Revised Common Lectionary

What is the Revised Common Lectionary? Simply it is a three-year cycle (A, B and C) of suggested scripture to be read in worship services that follows the Christian year. Each Sunday, four passages of scripture are recommended, usually two from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. Making it possible to cover the whole Bible in the three-year period. Most Protestant Church's and the Roman Catholic Church use the Revised Common Lectionary

Pastor Sandra follows the Revised Common Lectionary for our worship services so please take a look at the scriptures each week in preparation for Sunday.

November 6th

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 13th

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12 or Psalm 118
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 20th

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:6868-79
Colossians 1: 11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 27th

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



We have a great website and facebook page, please take the time to look at them and click on "like". We are being followed by people all over the world as well as local people and the average age is between 25 and 35 years of age.

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SWEET 16

TO ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN
IT SEEMS THE TIME WILL NEVER COME WHEN
A CELEBRATION OF THIS TURNING POINT
WILL BE A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME.

PARENTS WILL BECOME OBSOLETE
AS NOW OUR TEENAGER HAS COME OF AGE.
NO ONE KNOWS AS MUCH AS THEY DO AND
THEY'LL BE THE ONES TO SAY.

THERE WILL BE THE LONG SIGHS AND THE ROLLING
OF THE EYES AS THEY IMPATIENTLY LISTEN TO ADVICE.
PARENTS KNOW NOTHING OF THEIR WORLD AS THEY
ARE TOO OLD TO UNDERSTAND – PLEASE, JUST BE NICE.

AFTER ALL, A TEENAGER'S LIFE IS FULL OF MANY
DEMANDS.
I NEED NEW CLOTHES – LAST WEEKS ARE OUT OF DATE.
THESE SHOES AND SNEAKERS ARE NO LONGER IN STYLE.
MY NAILS HAVE TO BE DONE, AS THIS COLOR I HATE!

COULD I GET A NEW FRAME FOR MY GLASSES
AND MY BACKPACK IS FALLING APART!
YOU JUST DON'T REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS
THAT ALL THESE THINGS ARE DEAR TO MY HEART.

DID I DO MY HOMEWORK, IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID?
PLEASE DON'T ANNOY ME BY ASKING THAT QUESTION.
THE HAIRDRESSER'S WAITING TO GIVE ME A NEW LOOK
AND MAYBE WE SHOULD END THIS LITTLE SESSION.

YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU MOM, YOU ARE THE BEST!
I NEED A FAVOR AND PLEASE DO NOT FROWN
I FILLED UP MY CHARGE CARD RIGHT TO THE BRIM. I NEED
YOURS SO I CAN BE THE BEST DRESSED GAL IN TOWN.

SHIRLEY A. LEONARD

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the blanks.
The only vowel used is the letter A.

1. The mountain where Noah's ark rested *(Genesis 8:4)*
_ _ _ _ _
2. Jacob's grandfather and Ishmael's father *(Genesis 18:1, NW)*
_ _ _ _ _
3. She sometimes laughed inappropriately. *(Genesis 18:12)*
_ _ _ _ _
4. He had a talking donkey. *(Numbers 22:28)*
_ _ _ _ _
5. This bird is both a color and a species. Did he come from the Islands?
_ _ _ _ _
6. This can refer to a hat, canal, country or isthmus.
_ _ _ _ _
7. The country with the largest area in the Western Hemisphere
_ _ _ _ _
8. This animal is an early entry in the dictionary.
_ _ _ _ _
9. A magician's exclamation
_ _ _ _ _
10. A brand name for motorcycles and pianos
_ _ _ _ _

Answers: 1. Ararat, 2. Abraham, 3. Sarah, 4. Balaam, 5. Canary, 6. Panama, 7. Canada, 8. sandvark, 9. abracadabra, 10. Yamaha

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