



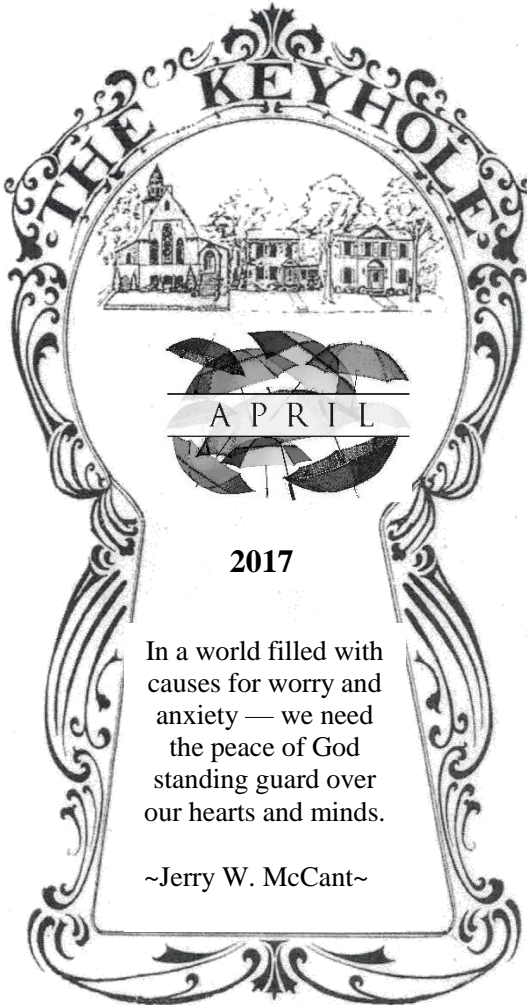
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To love and serve Christ and others through praise, prayer,
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us in our faith journey

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

So looking forward to my first Palm Sunday parade in Port Jefferson!

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of our journey through Holy Week. It is an important journey because the observances of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday bridge the story between Palm Sunday and Easter.

Some observe Palm Sunday and Easter only, celebrating the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the resurrection, avoiding the pain of betrayal, denial, and crucifixion.

There is no new life without leaving something behind, without letting something go, without experiencing pain. Observance of Holy Week is a vital part of our own journey.

The story of Jesus shows us this wisdom. We know through the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, new life is born.

I invite you to join with me in our common journey toward new life.

Faithfully, Sandra

Holy Week April 9-15

Palm Sunday Procession

Meet behind the Gap in the parking lot at 9:15AM. We will march triumphantly singing to CVS and then back to First United Methodist Church for our 10:00AM Worship Service

Maundy Thursday Service

at First United Methodist Church at 7:00PM in the Chapel in the back of the Sanctuary

Good Friday Worship Service

At First United Methodist Church at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Worship Service

At First United Methodist Church at 10:00AM. Please bring some fresh cut flowers from your yard for the "Living Cross"



Special Giving

Restoration/Mtn Fund/Special Envelopes

Kent and Barbara Edwards
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Sandra Swenk
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In Memory of Joel Hull and Harriet Pollack
Given by Steve and Lynne Schutter

Organ Fund

In Memory of Carol Landis
Given by Clif Brown
In Memory of Carol Lands by Jae Lee
In Memory of Joel Hull
Given by John and Audrey Prentice

“It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live.” ~Ethel Percy Andrus~

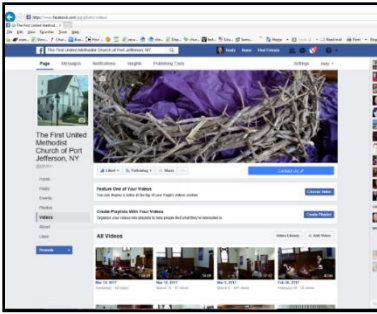
In Loving memory of Joel Hull, our church friend who embodied the Special Spirit of Santa and "Christmas Love."

In loving memory of Harriet Pollak, a cherished friend of 50 years, always thought of others first.
With Love,
Lynda & Stephen Schutter



Calling all Women!

Our April Meeting will be Friday April 28th. This change to the 4th Friday of the month is for this April only
Friday April 28, 10:00AM
in Fellowship Hall.



The videos are stored on facebook for viewing after service. You can help spread the Word by clicking “like,” commenting, or sharing the page with friends. May God Bless us now and always with His Love. Amen!
Trudy Clark

If you are on facebook, this should look familiar to you. It is our Port Jefferson First United Methodist Church facebook page and it can be found using your web browser <https://www.facebook.com/pjfu>. We are highlighting the videos that we record each week using *facebook live*.

Our *live* viewership has steadily grown over the year. Along with the persons sitting in the pews, the *live* viewer attendees give us a total weekly attendance of about 100 people. Our purpose is “getting the Word out” through scriptures and the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are glad that so many can share in our Sunday morning experience and we welcome anyone wanting to know God.

For those who are home-bound and those who are seeking, we are here to provide the Message.



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!

Different Times

I have to admire the teen agers today. So many of them find jobs after school and during the summer vacation. When I was their age, we never thought about it. A few of the boys would get jobs as caddies at the local golf clubs or as life guards at the ocean beaches. We didn't have fast-food restaurants. The following poem is about my first job. Shirley A. Leonard

FIRST JOB

It was the summer of nineteen forty-four
I decided to look for some work.
What possessed me, I'll never know.
But it would keep me on my toe(s.)

Not too far from where we lived, there
Were some factories on Wellington Avenue.
To the United Lace and Braid Co.
I nervously walked as I made my way.



I had no idea what to expect nor did
I know what kinds of things they made.
The interview went very well and after
Landing a job – hurried home to tell.

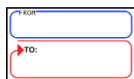
The workplace started early, I had to
Punch the time clock at seven a.m.
You'll never guess what I had to do!
I paired the shoelaces, two by two.



Here I was, a high school junior, spending
The time with experienced workers.
I was assigned a workbench with some tools.
And one of the workers showed me what to do.

There was a cast iron ring mounted on a rod that
Went through a hole in the bench, to the floor.
The ring was cut in half and each side could be moved.
To accommodate the size of the shoelace approved.

Each half had a post seated in the middle of its curve
On which the laces would be carefully wound.
In the space between the halves you placed the label.
Holding two laces, you'd wind them post to post ably.



Carefully you put glue on the label and folded it
Around the laces making sure it was neat and clean.
The rod to the floor had a foot pedal attached which
You pressed and the pair of laces would detach.

The next step was to pick up that pair of laces and
Place it in a box provided on your workbench.
Then you started all over again to fill the box
With forty-eight pairs that seemed a lot.

I wish I could recall how many boxes
That I was able to fill in a day.
Now they are paired in a mechanical way.
Think about it, the next time for laces you pay.



Trustees Request

The Trustees are in the process of updating and confirming the numbered keys for our Church building.

Please complete the following:

Name _____

Position Held in Church _____

Key Number 331 _____

Kindly complete and return to Arthur Olsen

by putting this form in the Trustees Mailbox in the Board Room.

Thank you

April 2017

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1: Sandra Granger
- 3: Michael Loper
- 4: Shannon Kelly
- 5: Matthew Gallo
Frederick Eichenauer
- 6: John Knight
- 7: Hannorah Townsend
- 8: Craig Edwards
John Steiner
- 10: Heather West
- 11: Joann Jantzen
Peyton Prato
- 15: Austin Marlowe
- 16: Thomas Farrell
Cassandra Love
Brian Fletcher
- 18: Jennifer Combs
Brielle Knight
- 20: Peter Scalicione II
- 21: Megan Wood Francoeur
- 23: Julie Godwin
- 24: Pastor Sandy Mantz
- 25: Tyler Joseph Iaccarino
- 26: Teva Blazejewski
- 28: Craig G. Godwin
Dawn Okst
Laura Passarelle
- 30: Patricia Diaz

4: Angela & Ken Bohler

- 9: Beth & Sean Cardineau
- 15: Pat & Paul Diaz
- 15: Janet & Henry Steiger
- 18: Sandra & James Zahn
- 27: Tracy & Robert Darling



April Special Dates

- Palm Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday Procession before church. Meet at the Gap at 9:15AM
- Holy Week, April 9-15, 2017
- Maundy Thursday Service, April 13 at 7:00PM
- Good Friday Service, April 14, at 7:00PM
- Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017 Service at 10:00AM. Bring fresh flowers for the 'Living Cross'
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 26th





Coffee Hour

March 5th
Sunday School

March 12th
The Kunz Family
Happy Birthday, Jerry and
Sandra

March 19th
Trudy and David Clark

March 26th
Rise Against Hunger Fund
Raiser



Altar Flowers

March 5th
In honor of the birth of Simone
Jean Spencer granddaughter of
Judy Spencer

March 12th
In memory of Wanda Kunz by
the Kunz Family

March 19th
In memory of Chet Davis by
Eleanor Davis

March 26th

In memory of Evelyn Earl and
Evelyn Chopay by Laurel and
Robert Libby

Thank you to everyone who so
generously donated flowers and
provided coffee hour.

Curing vs. Healing

In *We Know How This Ends* (Univ. of Minnesota Press), Bruce Kramer writes about “living while dying” from Lou Gehrig’s disease. While not denying his impending death, Kramer focuses on getting as much out of life as possible. Part of that involves the following distinction:

“Know the difference between curing and healing,” he writes. “Curing implies that things will be brought back to the way they were. ... Expecting a cure will only result in frustration and disappointment. But healing can take place.”

In Scripture, *curing* and *healing* are generally used interchangeably, yet one can happen without the other. We know people with disease or disability whose spirits are vibrant and faithful. Though they haven’t been cured, their lives are marked by God’s healing

touch. Even in the Gospels, Jesus' curing of ailments was often a sign of his greater healing: sins forgiven, community restored, faith embraced.

For what have you prayed for a cure? Might healing be the greater need?

Bible Quiz



By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B
- E. A and C

(See John 20:24, NIV and ESV.)
(E)



Lectionary Readings

April 2nd

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

April 9th Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21: 1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 27:11-54

April 16th Easter Sunday

Acts 30:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

John 20:1-18

April 23rd

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

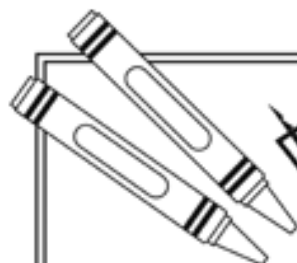
April 30th

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Like 24:13-35



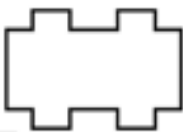


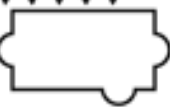


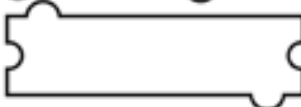


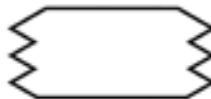

PUZZLE

> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



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  through the
  
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1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

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