



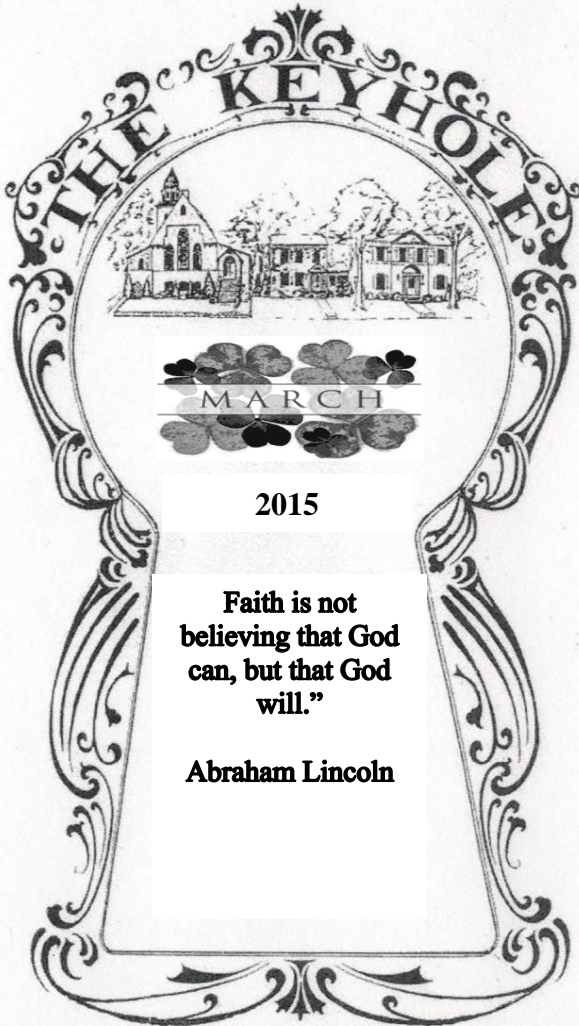
## *The Keyhole*

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To love and serve Christ and others through praise, prayer,  
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Articles submitted after the 15<sup>th</sup> will be included in the  
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## Members and Friends

Just when we thought we might have an easy Winter, we get February. No wonder many folk disappear to warmer climates for this month. In any event, March begins the season of Lent, which is basically a time of preparation for the biggest celebration in the entire church year – Easter. And this year, we're very excited to welcome two more congregations into our now FIVE Church Wednesday Lenten rotation. Stony Brook and Port Jefferson Station have asked to join in with us! The schedule of services is reprinted again this month here for your reference. Please also note that Maundy Thursday is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm, Good Friday is April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm, and Easter is April 5<sup>th</sup> – 10am.

We've also included information in this issue about our big Spring Missions project. We hope to make this an annual event. Not only will

we raise some funds and help feed hungry people around the World, but we'll have a huge amount of fun doing it! At least three other churches will be joining us in this first of what we hope will be many years!

I told you planning has already began on a handicap bathroom for the sanctuary, and a location right inside the Board Room has been chosen. Our architect will develop plans in late Spring and we hope to go out to bid by Summer, completing the project by Fall. Thanks to a very generous donation from a regular member, the entire project is fully funded.

Stay warm and have a blessed Lent!

### **Holy Land Trip – October 2016**

With security questionable, the potential Fall 2015 event has been postponed to 2016.



## Lenten Worship Schedule 2015 – the Theme is *Mercy*

At the end of the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus asks the lawyer: ‘Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ The lawyer replied, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise’ (Luke 10:36-37).

**03/04/2015 6:30 PM First UMC Port Jefferson**  
Soup & Bread before Worship  
7:30 PM Worship Service Rev Chuck Van Houten Message

**03/11/2015 6:30 PM Setauket UMC**  
Refreshments before Worship  
7:30 PM Worship Service Setauket Laity Message

**03/18/2015 6:30 PM Christ Church Port Jefferson Station**  
Soup & Bread before Worship  
7:30 PM Worship Service Rev Sandra Mantz Message

**03/25/2015 6:30 PM First UMC Port Jefferson**  
Refreshments before Worship  
7:30 PM Worship Service Port Jefferson Laity Message

*The offerings from our combined services will be collected and contributed to Three Villages Meals on Wheels.*

Setauket UMC 160 Main Street, East Setauket, NY  
St James UMC 532 Moriches Road, St. James, NY  
Christ’s Church UMC 545 Old Town Road, Port Jefferson Station  
Stony Brook Community UMC, 216 Christian Ave, Stony Brook

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday** – Meet Pastor and folk from four other area churches downtown in the parking lot behind ***The Gap*** at 9:15am to prepare for our annual parade of Palms up to the CVS Parking Lot and then a short walk back to church. Sheet music and Palms will be provided.

## Spring Mission Project

First United Methodist Church is partnering with several other Port Jefferson churches to raise funds and then pack upwards of 20,000 meals as part of a new annual Spring Missions event. We'll all work together to raise 29 cents a meal by the Packing Day Extravaganza on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, where we'll learn more about **Stop Hunger Now's** world-wide efforts and compete with the other churches to pack and send off our meals.

**Stop Hunger Now** is an international hunger relief agency that has been fulfilling its commitment to end hunger for more than 15 years. Since 1998, they have coordinated the distribution of food and other lifesaving aid to children and families in countries all over the world. They are committed to creating a world without hunger by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

**Stop Hunger Now** created its meal packaging program, in 2005. The program perfected

the assembly process that combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packets. Each meal costs only 29 cents. The food stores easily, has a shelf-life of two years and transports quickly. **Stop Hunger Now** works with international partners that ship and distribute the meals in-country.

The packaging operation is mobile enough to go wherever volunteers are located, and can be adapted to accommodate as few as 25 and as many as 500 volunteers at a time. The use of volunteers for product packaging has resulted in an extremely cost-effective operation while, at the same time, increasing awareness of global hunger and food insecurity issues across the world. As of 2013, **Stop Hunger Now** volunteers have packaged over 120 million meals that have been distributed in 65 countries.






### **Richard E Shea Memorial Soup Kitchen**

Come serve with us at Trinity UMC in Coram preparing and serving meals for those in need, Tuesday's from 4pm to 6pm. (once a month)

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



The Women's Group will meet, Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall.  
9:30AM to 12:00PM  
All the women of the church are invited

### **Ladies Save The Date!**

Kingdom Hearts Spring Women's Conference  
Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> 8am to 4pm at Villa Lombardi's  
877 Main Street Holbrook NY  
Speaker Sharon Jaynes and Worship Leader Gwen Smith

Tickets:

\$60.00 before March 7<sup>th</sup>,

\$75.00 March 7<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>.

Call Carol Polly for information or go to

**kingdomheartsministry.com**



Everyone is invited to the Thursday Morning Craft Group! The group will be meeting on:

**Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> at  
9:30am in Fellowship  
Hall.**

and every other week thereafter.

For information please call Ashley at 631-566-5673

## Special Giving

### Restoration/Special Envelopes:

Kent Edwards  
Ken Bohler  
Bob Spears  
Ken Combs  
Sandra Swenk  
Lee Nichols  
Ellen Cheeseman  
Martin White  
Carol Polly

### Endowment Fund: Marlene and Eric Kadel

In Memory of Pat Hall  
Given by Sandra Swenk

### Memorial Fund: In memory of Anna Wells and Pat Hall Given by Lee Nichols

In Memory of Pat Hall  
Given by  
Mary Lou Stein  
Linda Shropshire  
Kate Seeley



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Have you checked out our new web site? It includes a calendar that can be printed, The Keyhole, history, and pictures



*Congratulations and  
Best Wishes to  
Carole and Rob  
Darling*

*As they celebrate their*

*5<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding  
Anniversary  
on March 20, 2015*

Your loving family  
Michelle, Gregg, Ashley &  
Alexa  
Robert, Tracy, Kylee, Ryann  
& Kenned



Ann Carvalho, wife of the Rev. Alan D. Carvalho, passed away in North Carolina on February 9<sup>th</sup> after a lengthy illness. Alan and Ann were here at First United Methodist from 1977-1987.

While here, Ann wore many hats. In addition to singing in the Senior Choir, she organized and directed the Junior Choir for several years. They didn't just sing, they had fun doing so. Their annual sleepover in the Chapel is a memory to cherish. Ann's homemade Ginger Bread Cookies were an extra special treat at Christmas time. The banner that recently hung in the sanctuary was created under Ann's direction. Many of the children listed have grown up and are still active members here.

Ann worked full time in different capacities at Stony Brook University. She retired in 2000 after 30 years there.

Ann touched many lives and she will be missed by all who the privilege of calling her friend.

In addition to her husband of 52 years, Ann is survived by her daughter Dyan, her husband Billy Newlin and their son William.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Bryson City United Methodist Church on March 8, 2015. Condolences may be sent to the family at: Rev. Alan D. Carvalho, 1520 Highway 28 So., Bryson City, NC 28713.

When I spoke with Alan, he mentioned Ann had two favorite charities. I share the addresses with you:

Western Carolina University (*initials are okay*). The School has a Music Endowment.

WCU School of Music  
Attn: Sheila Frizzell  
239 Memorial Dr.  
Cullowhee, NC 28713

or

Bryson City UM Church  
Music Fund  
76 Main St., POB 817  
Bryson City, NC 28713

Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

*Jane Collins*



# MARCH

## *Birthdays*

# 2015

- |                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| 1: Liane Amy Rose Russell | 21: Scott Reynolds                     |
| Rebecca Godwin            | Lynda Schutter                         |
| Jim Conforti              | Erin McNamara                          |
| Janice Zeh                | 22: Kay Hilton Shockley                |
| 3: Daniel He              | 23: Joyce McGrath                      |
| 4: Aubrey Schleiffelder   | 24: Katherine Lalli ( <i>Brienza</i> ) |
| 5: Mary Cox               | 26: Ben Kopcienski                     |
| 6: Megan Passarelle       | Eric Kunz                              |
| 7: Joseph Nappo           | 27: Ryan McArthur                      |
| 8: Carol McAnaney         | Carol Polly                            |
| 9: Emma Farrell           | Sierra Edwards                         |
| Ashley Kenyon             | Scott Townsend                         |
| 10: Christopher Love      | 28: Desiree Clasen                     |
| 11: Kristianna Prato      | 29: Elaine Short                       |
| 12: Meilin Stosuy         | David Pfister                          |
| Bruce Howard, Sr.         | 30: Richie Miller                      |
| Betty Korner              | 31: Juliette Hall                      |
| 13: Wanda Kunz            | Carol Passik                           |
| Sandra Swenk              | Gail Tilton                            |
| 14: Savanna Edwards       |  |
| Gerald Kunz               |  |
| Mason Cardineau           |  |
| 15: Hannah Cuttone        |  |
| Carol Landis              |  |
| 16: Charlotte Goodrich    |  |
| James Scholl, Sr.         |  |
| 17: Edward Grassman       |  |
| 18: Jennifer Pfister      |  |
| 19: Leah Knight           |  |
| Jaclyn Altebrando         |  |
| 20: H. Theodore Anderson  |  |



## *Anniversaries*

- |                       |
|-----------------------|
| 20: Carole & Rob      |
| Darling               |
| 23: Patricia & Robert |
| Desmond               |
| 26: Barbara & Donald  |
| Slingerland           |
| 30: Bonnie & Dennis   |
| O'Connor              |



## Who's who in Methodism!

### Charles Wesley Greatest hymn writer of all time!

Charles Wesley was the eighteenth of Samuel and Susannah Wesley's nineteen children and younger brother of John Wesley, Charles was born prematurely in December 1707 and appeared dead. He lay silent, wrapped in wool, for weeks.

It is recorded that Charles wrote 8,989 hymns, some of these hymns are the most lasting and memorable of the church and appear in the hymn books of other denominations of Christian churches as well as ours.

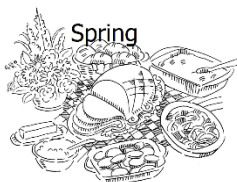
His brother John is considered the founder of Methodism, but without the hymns of Charles, the Methodist movement may have gone nowhere. As one historian put it, "The early Methodists were taught and led as much through Charles's hymns as through sermons and John Wesley's pamphlets."

The Methodists became known (and sometimes mocked) for their exuberant singing of

Charles's hymns. A contemporary observer recorded, "The song of the Methodists is the most beautiful I ever heard ... They sing in a proper way, with devotion, serene mind and charm."

On Sunday check the hymnal to see how many of your favorite hymns were written by Charles Wesley. EGC

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Ham Dinner

### ~Save the date~

Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> First United Methodist Church annual spring Ham Dinner. There will be two seating's the first at 5pm and second at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for youth. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets, cook, serve, and cleanup. See Pastor Dave or Lyn Schutter to help out.



## **Bible Readings for March**

### **March 1, 2015**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-3

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

### **March 8, 2015**

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

### **March 22, 2015**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

### **March 15, 2015**

Numbers 21:4-9

### **March 29, 2015**

#### ***Liturgy of the Palms***

Mark 11:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

#### ***Liturgy of the Passion***

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-1

## **Good Friday**

At first glance, Good Friday appears to be a misnomer. It seems inconsistent that the day of Christ's crucifixion should in any way be described as "good." But that seeming inconsistency vanishes when we understand that the ancient meaning of good was "holy." The word holy is entirely consistent with the suffering and cross that Christ endured for us. Hence, Good Friday is also known as Holy Friday.

# *Easter Flower Order Form*

The Easter Lily is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground to a glorious flower. As we make our way from the long dark nights of winter into the promise of spring let us join together to beautify our sanctuary for the celebration of Christ's resurrection! Thank you, Ellen Cheeseman

<u>Type of Plant:</u>	<u>Price:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Total</u>
Easter Lily	\$13.00	_____	_____
Daffodil	\$11.00	_____	_____
Hyacinth	\$11.00	_____	_____

**Please make checks payable to:**  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Clearly marked for Easter Flowers**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

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IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE ORDER FLOWERS BEFORE SUNDAY: MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>



**February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
George and Roberts Grassman

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Mary Lou Stein, Amy Russell  
and Janet McBride

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Jane Collins and Carol Polly

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Ashley Grills

**February 1<sup>st</sup>**

No donation

**February 8<sup>th</sup>**

No donation

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Johannah

Faith by the Grills family

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No donation

## 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.

***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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Long Term Church Meetings and Activities**

**Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, Port Jefferson Lenten Worship**

Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>, noon, Disciple Bible Chapter 12

**Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> Spring Ahead Day Light Savings Time Begins**

Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm Finance Committee

**Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am , Women's Group Meeting**

Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Harrison Granger Eagle Court of Honor

**Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Confirmation in the Parsonage**

Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Trustees in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> Lenten Service**

Friday March 20<sup>th</sup>, noon Disciple Bible Chapter 13

**Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Church Council in the Parsonage**

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, Port Jefferson Lenten Worship – Laity Led

### **Easter Week**

**Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 Palm Sunday Possession**

**10:00am Worship Service**

7pm Confirmation in the Parsonage living room

**Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30pm**

Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday Service 7:30pm

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday 10:00am no Sunday School**

Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 11-1pm Stop Hunger Now Meal Packing  
Extravaganza!

**Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm fund raiser at Amici's Restaurant in  
Mt Sinai for the Richard E. Shea Memorial Soup Kitchen**

**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 5 and 6:30pm Spring Ham Dinner**



# PUZZLE

## POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do – any time and anywhere.

**Directions:** Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

1 apple anxious artichoke	2 every eagle emu	3 purple pink prayer	4 Paul petition Peter	5 taste touch thanksgiving
6 rest requests relax	7 God George Greg	8 puddle peace pond	9 transcends train truck	10 unusual unique understanding
11 guard giraffe gorilla	12 hearts hold held	13 many minds more	14 Philadelphia Pennsylvania Phillipians	

“Do not be \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> about anything, but in  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> situation, by \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> and  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>, with \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>,  
 present your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>. And  
 the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> of God, which \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup>  
 all \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup>, will \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup>  
 your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> and your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13</sup>  
 in Christ Jesus.” \_\_\_\_\_<sup>14</sup> 4:6-7, NIV

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard, 12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Phillipians

Alive in  
CHRIST