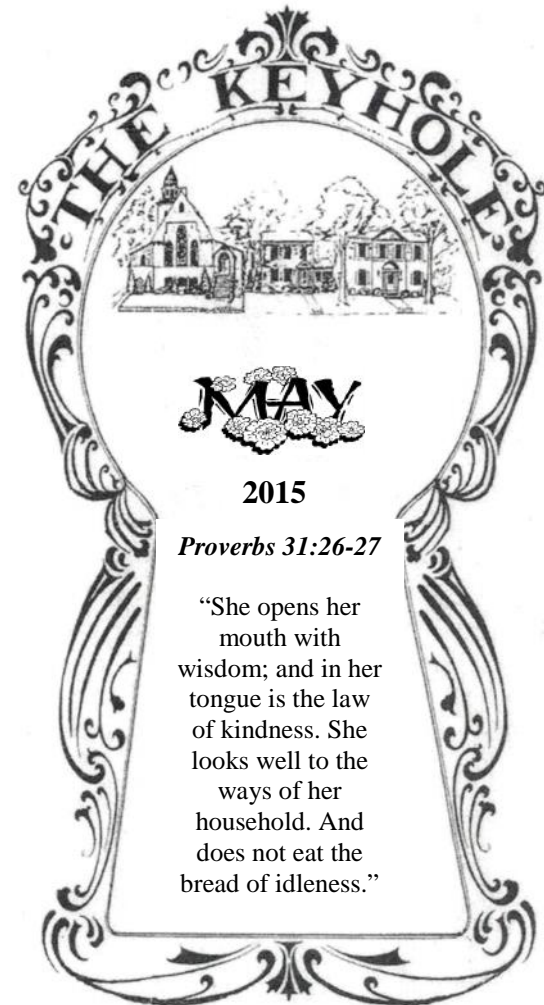




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PUZZLE

Spring has sprung!

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.

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⊗ singing come the of has season ⊗

the _____

_____ ,

⊗ heard the land our in is of cooing doves

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SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV

Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

Samuel Jr, John and Charles were ordained in the Church of England. John and Charles faith drove them to form societies called “Methodists”, visit prisons, feed the hungry and start



schools for children. When John founded his first school he wrote and asked his mother to write down some of her teaching methods, this is how she responded: **“No one can, without renouncing the world, in the most literal sense, observe my method; and there are few, if any that would entirely devote above 20 years of the prime of life in hopes of saving the souls of their children, which they think may be saved without so much ado; for that was my principle intention, however unskillfully and unsuccessfully managed.”**

(End of letter dated February 21, 1732; Susanna, Mother of the Wesley’s by Rebecca Lamar Harmon page 57)

As a young girl Susanna would pray every night “Dear God, guide me and make my life count.” When I was 14 years old I expected that to mean I would do great things...become rich and famous maybe. But I see that God can use people in much smaller ways wherever you are if you are willing to risk and to suffer and to endure. “Religion

is not to be confined to the church or closet, nor exercised only in prayer and meditation but everywhere I am in his presence.”

Susanna’s place in Christian history is based on her sons accomplishments but it is easy to see that her example influenced and helped them to do what they did. Susanna’s best legacy was indeed her children, particularly John.

John Wesley’s Tribute to His Mother:

Take her all in all, I do not believe a human being ever brought into the world, and carried through it a larger portion of original goodness than my dear mother. Everyone who knew her loved her, for she seemed to be made to be happy to be herself, and to make everyone happy within her little sphere. Her understanding was as good as her heart: it is from her that I have inherited that alertness of mind and quickness of apprehension without which it would have been impossible for me to have undertaken half of what I have performed. God never blessed a human creature with a more cheerful disposition, a more generous spirit, a sweeter temper, or a tender heart.



On Saturday April 18th, between 50 and 60 folk from our church, St Paul’s Lutheran, and the Protestant Campus Ministry from Stony Brook University gathered at the Port Jefferson High School and in just over 2 hours, packed and sent off 13,000 meals to needy individuals around the world.

Planning and fundraising began months earlier and a total of just under \$4000 was raised. Thanks to your support, \$2650 was raised by our church alone and just over 9000 meals packaged by our church. Plans are already in progress for next year, with the potential to triple our goal and perhaps hold the event in the much larger venue of the gym on the Stony Brook Campus.

Thank you to everyone who generously supported this mission with you time, energy and finances!

Holy Homophones!

Do you remember learning homophones in school? We enjoy hearing our grade-schooler make the connections. Every once in a while, he hears one — say, *chilly* — and announces, “Hey! That’s a homophone of the kind of chili we eat!”

Stuck at home one Sunday morning, I listened to a local worship service on the radio. When the pastor prayed, “O Lord God, reign ... ” my brain — apparently due to the same son’s horse-riding lessons — perceived “rein.” In the fraction of a second before the pastor’s next word, I assumed he’d say “us in”; instead, he said “in us.”

Ah, I realized, his phrase was “reign in us,” not “rein us in.” But sometimes God has to do both: In order to reign in us fully as King of our lives, God must rein in our tendency to wander away from him. Only then can we sense the peace that comes from Christ alone *raining* down on us! (Aren’t homophones fun?!) ~Heidi Mann~

(NewsletterNewsletter)

Special Giving

Restoration Fund/Special Envelopes

Kent and Barbara Edwards
Ken Bohler
Bob and Lillian Spears
Ellen Cheeseman and Marty White
Sandra Swenk
Lee Nichols
Ken and Elizabeth Combs
Montgomery Granger
John and Audrey Prentice

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Marlene and Eric Kadel

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In Memory of Pat Hall
Given by John and Audrey Prentice

Organ Fund

In Memory of Ann Carvalho
Given by John and Audrey Prentice

Fellowship Hall Floor Replacement –

The Trustees are asking for financial support to replace the Fellowship Hall floor and supports this Summer. Total project cost is around \$10,000 and they are hoping to raise all the necessary funds by May 1st.



May Meeting

Friday May 8, 2015
9:30AM
Fellowship Hall

Program: Woman of the Bible
Lunch at Ruvo's Restaurant
Port Jefferson. Call Carole
Darling at 473-8380 to make
your reservation



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 Mother of Methodism Susanna Wesley

Susanna Annesley was born on January 20, 1669, the 25th and youngest child of Dr. Samuel Annesley, a puritan minister in London. Susanna had a happy childhood and was educated by her father. Very early in life she made it a rule **“to never spend more time in any matter of mere recreation in one day than in private religious duties”**.

Her father's parsonage was visited by many “non-conformist” or “dissenting” pastors and students who came for discussions and fellowship. One of the students was Samuel Wesley, they had much in common, they both came from “non-conformist”, poverty stricken parsonages. They both were serious about their religious convictions. Samuel was ordained in 1689 in the Anglican Church, and they were married soon after.

Susanna's life was not easy, money was always lacking, Samuel was absent for long periods of time on church business and once was imprisoned for a debt owed a parishioner. Susanna gave birth to nineteen children in nineteen years and only ten survived

infancy. Once Samuel left her because of a difference in royal political beliefs. Twice their home was destroyed by fire. Sometime members of the congregation would burn their crops and stab their cows when they were offended by Samuel's preaching.

Susanna believed that it was “no small honor” to be entrusted with the care of young souls. As soon as the children could speak they were taught the Lord's Prayer which they would say in the morning and at bedtime. All the children learned to read and write, their formal education began the day after their 5th birthday by learning the entire alphabet. The Bible was their text book, which she supplemented by writing text books herself. All the children attended classes for six hours, six days a week.

Each week she would spend one hour with each child, getting to know them and to talk with them about spiritual matters. Susanna also spent at least one hour a day in private prayer, sometimes sitting at the kitchen table with her apron pulled up over her head to let the children know that she was praying.





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 unlimited non-alcoholic
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 Delectable Desserts, Tea &
 Coffee; DJ; Dancing; Raffles;
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 2015

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Bible Readings

May 3, 2015

Acts 8:26-40
 Psalm 22:25-31
 1 John 4:7-21
 John 15:1-8

May 10, 2015

Acts 10:44-48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17

**May 17, 2015 Ascension
 Sunday**

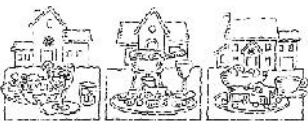
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 Psalm 1
 1 John 5:9-13
 John 17:6-19

May 24, 2015 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Romans 8:22-27
 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 31, 2015 Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8
 Psalm 29
 Romans 8:12-17
 John 3:1-173



**Annual
 Progressive Dinner**

SCAMPS
Singles, Couples And
Married PersonS

The Annual Progressive
 Dinner is planned for
 Saturday May 30th, at 5 PM.
 The sign-up sheet will be
 posted in the fellowship hall.
 Prepare one dish and enjoy all
 four courses. Come for Food,
 Fun and Fellowship. For more
 info, see Lee Nichols or call
 473-2165.



April 5th "Easter Bunnies"

April 12th Ellen Cheeseman
 and Marty White

April 19th The Grills Family

April 26th The Pfister Family



April 5th In memory of my
 mother Pauline McClean on
 by Ellen and Marty

April 12th In honor of Barbara
 Edwards birthday by her
 grandchildren, Sierra, Dakota
 and Savanna

April 19th In memory of
 Loved Ones by Lee Nichols

April 26th In memory of John
 Swenk by Sandra Swenk



*Congratulations and
 best wishes to*

*Barbara and Kent Edwards
 as they celebrate their*

50th Wedding Anniversary
 on
Friday, May 15, 2015



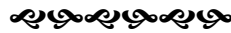
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Happy Birthday to:

- 1: Hunter Lyons, Brenda Swenk
- 2: Russell Brown, Janet Lowe
- 4: Bonnie DeFeo
- 5: Brenda Knight, Eric Nilsen
- 7: Sue Wuorio, Jessie Bidanset, William Love, Nancy Sing
- 8: Cody Steiner
- 9: David McAnaney, Jr.
- 11: Shinae Lee, Kyle Gallo
- 12: Shirley Leonard, Susan Loper, John Prentice, III, Linda Scalcione
- 13: Bruce Howard, III, David McAnaney, Sr.
- 14: Maxine McNamara Colin McArthur
- 16: Judy Scholl, Ralph Hoerger, Sara Ruggiero, Miriam Unger, David Grills
- 17: Nora Hubbard, David Bidanset, Scarlet Skrobacz, Wayne Mantz
- 18: Alexa Downs
- 20: Jeffrey Meier, Lee Nichols
- 21: Melissa Scholl, Erin McNamara
- 22: Dorothy Slater
- 23: Briana Smith, Hazel Cardillo, Roger Heyrman
- 25: Michael Scaturro, Jr., Gina Sing
- 26: Craig Godwin
- 27: Brenda Nappo, Richard Scofield, Savannah Short, Judy Spencer, Janet Steiger
- 28: Heather Bohler

- 30: Donald Rusnak, Elizabeth Mantz
- 31: Haley Rose Godwin, Lee Small, Mike Filimon, Sr.



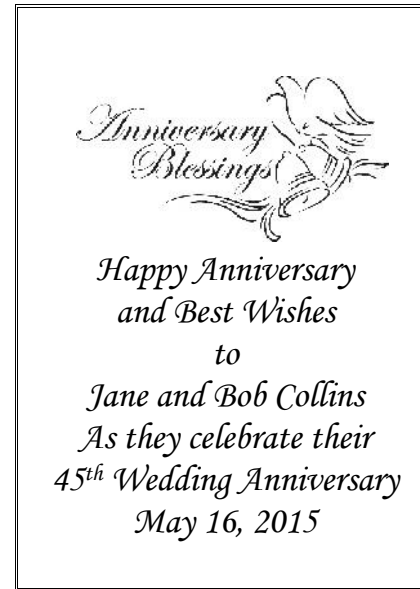
Happy Anniversary to:

- 2: Dawn & David Okst
- 7: Bonnie & Lewis DeFeo
- 14: Lynn & Robert Bohlen Lyn & Steve Schutter
- 15: Barbara & Kent Edwards
- 16: Juliet & Mike Filimon Jane & Bob Collins Miriam & Ed Dudek
- 17: Sandra & David Mantz
- 24: Julia & Ed Fringo
- 26: Nora & Nathaniel Hubbard Joann & Glenn Jantzen
- 30: Megan & Andrew Francoeur



Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 7, 2015*
- Mother's Day, *May 10, 2015*
- Ascension of the Lord, *May 14, 2015*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 16, 2015*
- Pentecost, *May 24, 2015*
- Memorial Day, *May 25, 2015*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 31, 2015*



District Pentecost Celebration:

Consider joining us on Saturday May 23rd at 3:30pm at Port Washington UMC, 35 Middle Neck Road Port Washington

Rev Dr Derrick-Lewis Noble will be preaching and the Shepherd's Singers from Westport will be musical guests.

Church Calendar

Tuesday May 5th, 7pm, Worship Meeting in the Board Room

Friday May 8th, 9:30am Women's Group

Tuesday May 12th, 7pm, Summer Vacation Bible School Parsonage Living Room

Thursday May 14th, 6:30pm Finance Meeting in the Board Room

Saturday May 16th, 7pm Confirmation Class Lock-in

Tuesday May 19th, 6:30pm Trustees Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday May 24th, Memorial Day Weekend – No Sunday School

Tuesday May 26th, 6:30pm Church Council in the Parsonage

If at first you don't succeed, do it like your mother told you."

~Author unknown~