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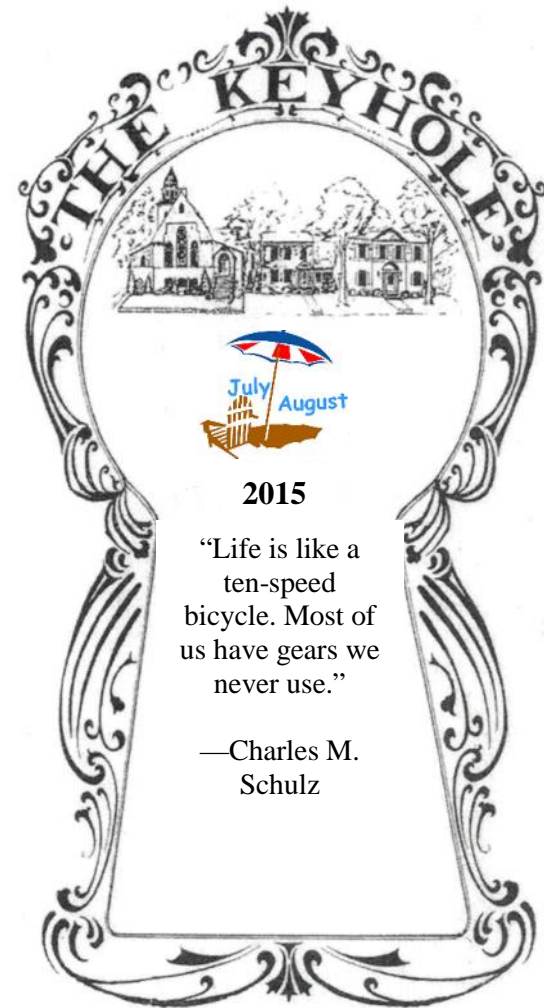
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“Life is like a
ten-speed
bicycle. Most of
us have gears we
never use.”

—Charles M.
Schulz

Celebrating 180 Years of Service in the name of Christ
~1835 - 2015~



First UMC of Port Jefferson Mission Statement

To love and serve Christ and others through praise, prayer, preaching of the Word of God and to welcome all to join us in our faith journey

The New York Annual Conference Vision Statement:

The New York Annual Conference, through the grace of God embodies a beloved community of hope, building up a healthy Body of Christ, with heart-warmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world.

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Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.

Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a around words describing God's actions. Draw an around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
 who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
 who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...

Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

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 a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y

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Answer: The LORD Almighty



July & August Happy 2015 Birthday



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| 7/1: Carolyn Heyrman
Michelle Altebrando | 1: Donna Clasen, Noreen Townsend |
| 3: Phyllis Cuttone, Robert Tilton
Anna Maria Kambos | 2: Jamie Gallo, Karrienne Lalli, |
| 4: David Loper | 3: Sungsu Lee, Bryan Knight,
Tex Spinney |
| 5: Kent Edwards | 4: Colin Schutter, Justice Spencer |
| 6: Sara McArthur, Dacien Slevin | 6: Morgan Bullis, Natalie Zahn |
| 7: Sydney Strohmayr
Thomas Capasso, Jr. | 7: Bonnie O'Connor |
| 8: Harry Russell | 8: Scott McAnaney |
| 9: Dawn Short, Angela Bohler | 9: Peter Scalcione, III |
| 10: David Clasen | 10: Jae Lee, Janet McBride |
| 11: Zachary Miller, Jon Erik Miller | 11: Tiffany Clasen, Jennifer Kelly |
| 15: John Cuttone, Jane Collins, | 12: Patricia West |
| 18: Stephen Schutter, William
Marlowe | 13: Thomas Meier, Courtney Nilsen |
| 19: Amy Russell, Richard Meola | 14: Seth Unger |
| 21: Gary Grassman, Katie Meola | 15: Max Okst |
| 22: Noelle Finn | 16: Luke Myers |
| 23: Carole Darling, Patrick Pfister | 17: Kathleen Prentice |
| 24: Edward Miller, Jr. | 18: Molly Nicole Ceglowski
Pastor David Mantz,
Dennis O'Connor |
| 25: Sarah Combs, Julia Fringo,
Christopher Welsch | 19: Talon Nappo, Lewis DeFeo,
Jacob Unger |
| 27: Bradie Bohlen, Noelle Bohlen | 21: Jonathan Hubbard |
| 28: Matthew Lux, Sr. | 22: Thomas Capasso, Sr.
Sarah Slingerland |
| 30: Kaitlyn Marlowe | 23: Harriet Reisman, Carol Spence |
| 31: Brennan Lux | 26: Anselm Lowe, Jr. |
| | 28: Stedmen Hall, Siena Pelliccia |
| | 29: Haley Conforti, Hamilton
Granger,
Robert Rusnak |
| | 30: John Prentice, IV, Charlotte Gross |
| | 31: Jordan Ziskin, Audrey Prentice |

Happy Anniversary

- 2: Carol & David McAnaney
- 4: Lillian & Bob Spears
- 7: Christine & Gary Grassman
- 9: Donna & John Knight
- 11: Judy & James Scholl
- 19: Julie & Craig Godwin
Jennifer & David Pfister
- 22: Laurel & Robert Libby
- 24: Audrey & John Prentice
- 28: George E. & Diane Nichols

Happy Anniversary

- 8/2: Michelle & Gregg Downs
- 4: Nicole & Craig Gross
- 7: Susan & Eric Nilsen
- 8: Allison & Alan Gandt
- 15: Barbara & Dennis Wells
- 16: Susan & David Loper
- 29: Kathy & Desmond O'Sullivan



On vocation? Use GPS!

Many vacationers rely on a global positioning system to get them easily to a destination. But in every season of life, God sends us on *vocation* — following his call to both feed our passions and serve others. Our “calling,” Frederick Buechner said, is “where [our] deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

But is there a GPS for *vocation*? It’s not as detailed or predictive as we’d like. It doesn’t name our destination at the outset, and it offers general instructions rather than specific directions. And we may end up “recalculating” our life route more often than our vehicle GPS recalculates our vacation route.

Even so, we travel in safety. This “GPS” might stand for *God’s Peace and Strength, or Gospel Promises Sustain, God Provides Salvation or Go! Proclaim! Serve!* The GPS guiding our vocation speaks to us through Scripture, worship, trusted Christian friends, life events and the silence of our heart. Listening, we hear our Guide’s

calm voice and continue on vocation.

~Heidi Mann~
NewsletterNewsletter

Pastor’s Vacation Plans and Coverage

Vacation: It is the policy of the New York Annual Conference that pastors shall be entitled to *at least* one month vacation (31 days) with pay, including five Sundays. Appointment years begin July 1st. In 2015, Pastor Dave will be on vacation for four full weeks, including 4 Sundays, during the summer months.

Continuing Education and Spiritual Growth:

The New York Annual Conference has a policy that each pastoral member under appointment is eligible for two weeks study leave per year (including two Sundays): one for purposes of continuing education and one for spiritual growth. In 2015, Pastor Dave will be away for one week of Continuing Education, including 1 Sunday.

Coverage: Whether Pastor Dave is in town or away on business or vacation, any matter of critical importance should

always be handled the same - he should be contacted through his mobile phone. If after consultation, Pastor determines that it is necessary to physically call in another clergy person, he will make that call and any further necessary arrangements. Calls can be made to his cell phone 24hrs a day and will be returned expediently! That number again is: 845-546-4837

Restoration Fund/Special Envelopes

Kent and Barbara Edwards
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Sandra Swenk
Lee Nichols
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Henry and Janet Steiger
Confirmation Class of 2015

In memory of Ella Hoerger
Given by Mary Lou Stein

Memorial Fund
In memory of Richard Short
Given by Mary Lou Stein

The Keyhole

Miriam Dudek

Thank You!

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank the Confirmation Class of 2015 for its special gift to the Fellowship Hall restoration project.

Your sincere interest in the future of our Church is most appreciated.

A. Richard Cox President,
Board of Trustees



September Meeting

**Friday September 11, 2015
9:30AM
Fellowship Hall**

All the Women of the church
are invited to join us.

School will also participate in VBS. It is free for church members, and a lot of fun! The cost for non members is only \$20. Please contact Pastor Dave or Gail Tilton to register.

We are always looking for new students, new volunteers and new ideas! Again, contact either Pastor Dave or Gail to get involved. Best wishes for a fantastic summer!
Sandra Spears-Granger

High School Graduations

Sarah Combs graduated from from Mount Sinai H S, and will be attending Northeastern University in Boston, MA

Hailey Conforti graduated from Rocky Point HS and will be attending Messiah College in Mechanicsburg PA

Hunter Conforti graduated from Rocky Point HS and will be attending Temple University in Philadelphia, PA

Natalie Conforti graduated from Rocky Point HS and will be attending The University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N

Calendar July and August

**All July-August, Church at
9:30am, No Sunday School
Children welcome in the
worship service!**

**Vacation Bible School
Monday July 27 to Friday
July 31 1-4pm**

**Chicken Barbecue
Saturday August 1st
Sign up sheets to volunteer
your help in the Fellowship
Hall**





Dear Congregants,
 Recently I was asked to write this column updating the congregation about all that has been happening in Sunday School. In the past, Elaine Short wrote this column. I pray that soon Elaine will write it again.

In the fall, we played our annual game of softball, challenged the congregation to collect food for those in need for Thanksgiving, and prepared Operation Christmas boxes for children in poor areas.

In the winter we performed our Christmas pageant, Christmas caroled at the Atria Senior Center, participated in Youth Sunday and Scout Sunday and enjoyed the Organ Expo.

In the spring, we volunteered with Stop Hunger Now at Port Jefferson High School, did a neighborhood scavenger hunt for food donations and did a walking field trip to the Infant Jesus food pantry. We were able to see where our food collection items go, and we presented a Joyful

Noise check to the volunteers. I am sure I am forgetting something, and if so, I apologize. Regardless, we have a lot to be proud of!

On Sunday, 6/14 we had our teacher appreciation / student pin ceremony. A few weeks prior, Mrs. Farrell and I switched classes. She took the younger students and made a present for me. (I absolutely love the paving stones the children made. They are in my garden. I have taken a photo that I will have Mr. Pfister post on our new website. Thank you!) The older students came with me and made a book for Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Kopcienski and Mrs. Zahn. Each student made a page for each of the three books thanking their teachers and remembering special moments in Sunday School.

The confirmation class met on Sunday evenings. They had opportunities to learn together and enjoy fellowship together. The confirmation ceremony was on Sunday 6/21, and was celebrated with a beautiful and delicious cake.

Vacation Bible School will be held at our church from Monday, July 27 to Friday July 31, 12 – 3 PM. It is my hope, that every student who attends Sunday

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!



June 7, 2015
 Lyn & Steve Schutter and
 Carole Darling

June 14, 2015
 Jane & Bob Collins &
 Marlene & Eric Kadel

June 21, 2015
 Barbara & Kent Edwards

June 28, 2015
 The Grills Family



June 7, 2015
 In Honor of Loved Ones by
 the Combs Family

June 14, 2015
 In Honor of Wanda and
 Gerard Kunz by Carolyn and
 Kevin Zambraski

June 21
 In memory of Chet Davis by
 Eleanor Davis

June 28, 2015
 In memory of Evelyn and
 Hilton Earl
 By Bob and Laurel Libby

Prayer — it's in our genes
 I don't think prayer is merely a
 sociological phenomenon. I
 don't think it's something we do
 just to fit into a community or
 when we've exhausted all other
 options. I think it's hardwired
 into our spiritual DNA. God is
 the inevitability of humanity's
 search for true meaning.

~Jared Brock,~

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

On Sunday, June 21, 2015, the following young people were Confirmed In Christ into the full membership of our church. Since September, the students had been attending preparation classes under the direction of Pastor Mantz and Ken Bohler.

Ashley Morgan Downs is the daughter of Michelle and Gregg Downs, sister of Alexa and granddaughter of Carole and Rob Darling and Ginny and Bob Downs. Ashley was born in Port Jefferson on November 21, 1999 and she attends Rocky Point H.S. Ashley has a love for animals and she is taking lessons in horseback riding. Ashley has developed an interest in photography and also enjoys producing and editing short films. Her favorite Bible verse is *Ecclesiastes 3:1,4*.

Theodore Gareth Granger is the son of Montgomery and Sandra Granger, brother of Benjamin, Harrison, Hamilton and Hermione, and grandson of Robert and Lillian Spears. Theodore was born at Stony

Brook University Hospital on 1/23/02. In September he will attend 8th grade at John F. Kennedy J.H.S. Theodore plays the double bass in the school orchestra. Theodore plays soccer, basketball and track on his school teams. He loves video games, Legos and spending time with his friends. He was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society, and at a recent awards night at school, his name was called to come up on the stage many times, more than any other 7th grader! Theodore is a First Class Boy Scout with Troop 354. His favorite Bible verse is *Jeremiah 29:11*.

Carly Rose Guder is the daughter of Angela Bohler and Matt Guder, and stepdaughter of Kenney Bohler. She has a brother Jimmy. Carly was born in New Hyde Park, New York on July 1, 2000. In September she will be a sophomore at John Glenn High School. She enjoys sports and is on a travel soccer team and also Team 91 - a travel lacrosse team. Her favorite Bible verse is *Proverbs 19:21*.

James Robert Guder is the son of Angela Bohler and Matt Guder, and stepson of Kenney Bohler. He has a sister Carly. Jimmy was born in New Hyde Park, New York on May 1, 1998. (also his Grandfather Robert Guder's birthday) In September he will be a senior at John Glenn High School, Jimmy runs cross country and is a member of the Greenlawn Junior Firefighters. He has enjoyed going on 2 Mission Trips to Ohio with the church and looks forward to another mission trip next year. His favorite Bible verse is *1st Timothy 4:12*.

Margaret Anne Kopcienski is the daughter of Matthew and Rebecca Kopcienski sister of Gregory, Benjamin and Samuel and granddaughter of Alfred and Honor Kopcienski of Mount Sinai and Betty Lou and Raymond Buel of Gilboa Margaret Anne was born in Port Jefferson on June 7, 2001 and in September she will attend (Mount Sinai H.S. While in the Middle School, Margaret played on the JV. Basketball team and volunteered for various clubs and organizations. She loves to sing and she recently received a perfect score on her NYSMA solo. Her favorite Bible verse is *Philippians 3:14*.

Jamie Lynne Zahn is the daughter of Sandra and James Zahn, sister of Natalie and granddaughter of Roberta and George Grassman and Pat Zahn. Jamie was born in Port Jefferson on December 31, 2000 and in September she will attend Shoreham Wading River H.S. While in the Middle School, Jamie played the viola in the Chamber Orchestra and was on the field hockey and lacrosse teams. She loves to dance and has performed in several dance recitals. She was recently inducted into the National Jr. Honor Society. Jamie also loves to swim. Her favorite Bible verse is *Psalms 118:24*.

Congratulations and
welcome!

Out of order

A confirmation teacher asked students to list the Ten Commandments in any order. One girl wrote:
3, 6, 1, 8, 4, 5, 9, 2, 10, 7.