



The Keyhole

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~1835 - 2015~



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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

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**The Dead Line for the November issue of
“The Keyhole” is Sunday October 18, 2015**

Articles submitted after the 18th will be included in the
December issue. Please email your articles and reports to:

EllenGCheeseman@optonline.net



Pastor's Report

Friends,

The Fall season has begun but we're going to have to wait till week three of September for the temperatures to drop into the 70s. On September the 13th Sunday School began with the hanging of the Sunday School Banner, blessing of the Backpacks, and a Rally Day picnic after services of hot dogs and all the fixins! It was good to see all our young folk and teachers back again. A special thanks to new Sunday School Co-Superintendent Linda Altebrando for jumping back in to help Gail.

The floor in Fellowship Hall is done and carpet was installed Wednesday September 16th. Trustee Sandra Swenk picked up an approved Building Permit from the Village and work began officially Friday September 18th on the new handicap accessible bathroom on the sanctuary level. We expect to be finished with that job by the beginning of October and to have the new kitchen floor installed by the end of that month. A big Thank you to all of those who contributed, as with your help, we had 100%

cash on hand from donations before the start of each phase.

After much discussion, it was determined that we would not change the nursery on the lower level to make space for a third bathroom. Many issues arose making it difficult and expensive, hard to configure, if not impossible, and the space was thought better used as a classroom and children's play area.

On Sunday October 4th, we'll begin our big Fall Mission and Outreach project – Operation Christmas Child. You can expect to see the familiar red and green boxes begin to grace our sanctuary. Make a point of doing one or two yourself or as a family. Through this mission, millions of children are blessed all around the world and have a chance to hear the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

October 18th is Laity Sunday, a special service where lay members of the congregation do the entire service. This year, we have a very special new speaker for you!!! Make a point to come and be blessed!!

Love always!!! Pastor Dave



Sunday School

Sunday School has returned!!!!

We had a great start to Sunday School with the blessing of the Backpacks and a pot luck luncheon. Please welcome some new faces! Linda Altebrando has agreed to return as my Co-Superintendent along with her two daughters, Nicole Gross and Michele Vagle who will be co-teaching. Please take a moment to say Hi.

Our teachers are:

PreK-2nd grade- Sandra Spears-Granger

3rd -4th -5th grades – Nicole Gross and Michele Vagle

6th & 7th grades- Lisa Farrell
Becky Kopcienski

Ken Bohler will be coordinating upper grades for Youth Group events!

Sunday School has lots of exciting things happening this Fall. We will be busy! Don't forget to pick up your Christmas Child boxes.

If you haven't already, please complete the Registration Form, Field Trip Form and Safe Sanctuary form and return to myself or Linda. Copies are available on our website www.pjfumc.org.

Also, you will receive email reminders of events happening in Church and Sunday School through a Shutterfly program. Please let me know if you are not receiving them.

As always, we are truly blessed!

Yours In Christ, Gail Tilton

Thank You!

To Our Church Family,

We would like to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. Your cards of get well, your phone calls of best wishes and meals have been wonderful.

In grateful appreciation we will be making a donation to the Food Pantry to Honor Our Extended Church Family.

Art & Janet Olsen

8-30-15

Thanks So Much!



Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful party you gave us. The picture is beautiful and will be cherished. The hardest part of our move is leaving all of you. This will always be our family church. We look forward to seeing you all soon. We will be at the cookie walk every year as long as we are able. Thank you also for all of your love and support as we make this transition. Please keep in touch and ask if you need us for anything! God bless you all.

With love,
Donna and Jim

Our address is:
4052 Liberty Corners Road
Towanda, PA 18848

Our phones and email are the same.

Come Visit!!!



October Meeting

Friday October 9, 2015

Time: 10:00AM

Fellowship Hall

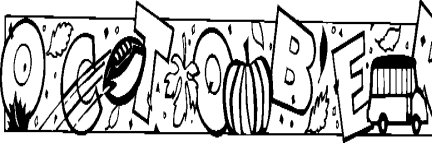
Come join us for a time of fellowship, you may be assured of a warm welcome.



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 631-473-6667 to sign up!



2015



~ **Happy Birthday** ~

- 1: Christian Wood
- 2: Cheryl Love
Damon Francoeur
- 3: Danielle Altebrando,
Brittany Brienza
- 4: Sally Bryant
- 5: Jacqueline Lewis
- 6: Ryan Patrick Flanagan
- 7: Christopher Dantzig,
Ryan Pfister
Henry Steiger
- 8: Lucas Schade, Lynn
Scofield,
Andrew Francoeur
- 9: Hunter Conforti, Natalie
Conforti,
Lorraine Rusnak
McKean
- 11: Linda Altebrando
- 12: Nolan Borders
- 14: Harrison Granger
- 15: John West, Jr.
- 16: James Kilkenny
- 20: Cara Dantzig
- 21: James Zahn
- 24: Nicole Gross
Philip Ruggiero
- 25: Richard Dalton
Barbara Slingerland
- 28: Laurie Campfield
Heather Quiggle
Christine Collins
George Grassman
- 30: Christine Scott

~ **Happy Anniversary** ~

- 3: Linda & Nick
Altebrando
- 4: Jeanne & Brian Fletcher
- 5: Lesli & Dennis Finn
- 7: Phyllis & John Cuttone
- 10: Diane & Darren
Eggerman
- 15: Susan & Tom Capasso
- 16: Dawn & Robert Short
- 20: Kathie & Bob Rusnak
- 24: Nancy & Gary Sing
- 28: Cara & Christopher
Dantzig

*Happy
Birthday*

wishes go out to

Chris Wood

as he celebrates

his 40th Birthday

on

October 1, 2015

Altar Flowers September

6th Given by Sandra Swenk and Nancy McKissock and their Families in memory of the anniversary of their mother Ethel Clark's 100th Birthday.

13th Given by Clif Brown and Family in memory of Jane Brown

20th Given by the Combs Family in memory of Loved Ones

27th Given by Laurel and Bob Libby

Coffee Hour September

6th Happy 50th Anniversary to Bobbie and George Grassman; "Good-bye" to Clif Brown with thanks for his long-time service to the church

13th Barbara and Kent Edwards

20th The Pfister Family

27th
Thank you to everyone who so generously provides our coffee hour!



Revised Common Lectionary

October 4, 2015

World Communion Sunday

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10: 2-16

October 11, 2015

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 18, 2015

Laity Sunday

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

October 25, 2015

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52



Take Time to
Read the Bible

**In dedicated memory to the
life of Wanda Rose Kunz –
Reminiscent of her life and
Christian walk among us.**

If with pleasure you are viewing
any work a person's doing. If
you like them or you love them
let them know. Don't withhold
your appreciation till the parson
makes oration and they lie with
snowy lilies o'er their brow. For
they cannot read their tombstone
when they're dead.

If you think some praise is due
them now's the time to slip it to
them. Let the words of true
encouragement be heard more
than fame and more than money.
Is the comment warm and sunny
and the hearty warm approval of
a friend. For it gives to life a
savor and it makes you stronger,
braver and it gives you courage
till the end.

If they earn your praise bestow
it. If you like them let them
know it. Do not wait till life is
over and they're underneath the
clover. For no matter how you
shout it they won't really care
about it, they won't know how
many teardrops you have shed.
For they cannot read their
tombstone when they're dead.

Clyde H. Box
Submitted by Anna Maria
Kambos

New Monthly Prayer Meeting:
will begin in September on the
3rd Tuesday of the month. Come
to pray or to be prayed for. We'll
begin each session in the
Sanctuary at 6pm and take no
longer than 45 minutes to allow
time for folk to transition to other
church meetings. Initial dates
are Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 and
Dec 15.

Bible Studies Resume: The
Friday mid-day study resumed
with the 2nd half of Disciple One
on September 18th. The Sunday
study, held right after choir
practice (and NOT with lunch
this term), will resume
September 27th and will study
Adam Hamilton's – *The Call*.

**Long Term Church
Calendar**

Tuesday October 6th, 7pm SPR
Meeting in the Parsonage
Living Room

Friday October 9th, 10am
Women's Group in Fellowship
Hall

Tuesday October 13th, 7pm
Trustees Meeting in Fellowship
Hall

Friday October 16th, noon
Disciple Bible Chapter 19

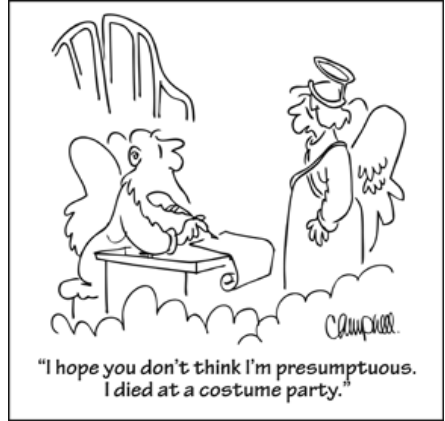
**Saturday October 17th, 9-1
All Church Work Day**

Tuesday October 20th, 6pm
Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary
7pm Church Council in the
Parsonage Living Room

**Thursday October 22nd, 8pm
Charge Conference Port
Jefferson Station**

**Saturday October 24th,
Church Rummage Sale**

Friday October 30th, noon
Disciple Bible Chapter 20



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: _____

SATURDAY

10 am - 4 pm

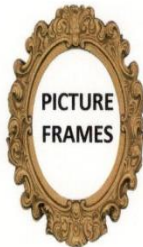
OCTOBER 24th

YARD SALE

METHODIST CHURCH
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(across from Theater III)

collectibles

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small kitchen
appliances



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