



The Keyhole

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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 December issue of
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Articles submitted after the 22nd will be included in the
December issue. Please email your articles and reports to:

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Thanksgiving Beatitudes



Be thankful that you don't already have everything

you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.



The Sounds of Music



Rachel Schutz our new choir director and organist was born in Cardiff, Wales and moved to Berlin Germany

when she was 13 years old. She lived in Berlin until she completed her high school education. Rachel's father is from Long Island so she decided to attend The State University at Stony Brook for her undergraduate degree in music.

Rachel met her husband, Jonathan Korth while at Stony Brook (he's a pianist) and after finishing her Masters at Bard College, they moved to Honolulu Hawaii. Jon teaches at the University of Hawaii and Rachel had been teaching there part time while also performing opera for the last 6 years. Rachel and Jon often perform together and frequently travel to Asia to perform and teach.

She decided to return to Stony Brook to work on her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in voice and has been living in East Setauket since August. She previously was the choir director for the Stony Brook Community Church and also organist/choir

director at the Rhinebeck Reformed Church upstate.

Rachel's hobbies include yoga, hiking, reading non-fiction and vegetarian cooking.

The first Sunday that Rachel lead us in song her mother who lives in Berlin, Germany was a guest voice in our choir. We are truly blessed to have Rachel leading us in worship on Sunday mornings!

Rachel's Performance Schedule

Solo recital on Sunday
November 29 @ 7pm
Rachel's husband Jon will be accompany her on the piano.

Baroque Sundays at Three,
performance on November 15th
@ 3pm

Opera Workshop performance
on November. 20th @ 8pm

In The Baroque Sundays at Three and the Opera Workshop Rachel will be participating in a few numbers but the recital involves a lot of other people as well.

All performances are at The Staller Center Recital Hall



In Sync!

Need another reason to join the choir? Consider this:

Neuroscientists in Sweden discovered that singers' heartbeats tend to synchronize, which leads to a sense of emotional calm and bonding.

“Joint action leads to joint perspectives,” write the researchers. “In other words, singers may change their egocentric perspective of the world to a ‘we-perspective,’ which causes them to perceive the world from the same point of view.”

So start singing — and enjoy the many benefits and blessings of being part of a choir!



“Feather Tom Turkey”

This year the Sunday School would like to offer a different kind of challenge to the Congregation.

We would like to jointly collect food for Thanksgiving. Please mark the number of items included in each bag. For every 5 items a “feather” will be placed on “Tom Turkey”.

Our goal 250 items! Feathers will be added weekly!



23rd Annual Cookie Walk



Saturday December 5th
10:00am to 4:00pm

We will be needing your help in many ways but we are hoping for many of your pretty and great tasting cookies.



Yard Sale, Bakery, Books, Food & Vendors

On October 24 the First United Methodist Church Family took on the task of a yard sale. You were all so generous bringing in items for us to sell. Mother Nature gave us a nice day with no rain until that night.

In addition to the Yard Sale (Judy Spencer and friends), we had a Bakery down in the fellowship hall (Phyllis Cuttone and friends). Lunch in the fellowship hall (Kent Edwards, Bob Spears, Ellen Cheeseman and friends) and Books (Chris Wood and friends) out in the parking lot next to the Yard Sale.

We did GREAT! \$1,808.00 all combined. What a fantastic day for our church and church family. Once again we came together and the event was a HUGE success. Many thanks to EVERYONE who had a part in its success!

There were five vendors also on hand, but sadly I think they didn't do that well. ☹

A reminder, Our Annual Christmas Fair and Cookie Walk will take place on December 5th, from 10am to 4 pm.

Word has it that Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there too. Please bake cookies, lots and lots of cookies for our Cookie Walk; this is always a huge hit.

Gratefully, Rollin Haffer

Special Giving

Restoration Fund/Special Envelopes

Kent and Barbara Edwards
Ken Bohler

Bob and Lillian Spears
Sandra Swenk
Lee Nichols

Dave and Trudy Clark
Jim and Donna Conforti
Eric and Marlene Kadel

Montgomery Granger
Ed and Julia Fringo
John and Phyllis Cuttone
Amy Russell

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Wanda Kunz
Given by Amy Russell

In Memory of Alf Olsen and
Darren Grassman

Given by Carole and Rob
Darling

Keyhole

Given by Tom Meier



November Meeting

Friday November 13, 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!

Port Jefferson Village Center Annual Festival of Trees

First United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a Christmas Tree in the Port Jefferson Village Center's Festival of Trees. The theme of our display will be "Symbols of Christmas" We will be creating a Christmas scene in a sanctuary setting.

The Festival of Trees will be on display from Friday December 5th until after Christmas.

We will be decorating the tree with "Chrismons", handmade ornaments that are symbols of Christ.

If you would like to help or want more information contact Ellen Cheeseman at 631-921-0409
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On Veterans Day remember the sign at the Veterans Cemetery which reads: "All gave some and some gave their all."
~The Arizona Republic~

November



2015

Birthdays

- 2: Kaylee Prato
3: David Nichols
4: Michelle Downs
Eric Kadel, Sr.
5: George Okst
7: M. Scott Hall
8: Stephanie Chapelliquen
Sylke Schade
9: Ellen Cheeseman
14: Bridget Lux
Benjamin Granger
Blake Bohlen
Donna Conforti
15: Kyle Desmond
16: Carol Florio
17: Adam Bryant
19: Stephanie Capasso
20: Richard Cox
21: Lillian Spears
Ginny Anderson
Ashley Downs
Bobby Bohlen, Jr.
23: Rev. Emily B. Hall
24: Ava Brielle Campfield
25: Katelyn Collins
Lois Kilkenny
28: David Wells
30: Robert Bohlen, Sr.
Harry Landis



Anniversaries

- 1: Ashley & David Grills
3: Jennifer & Paul Kelly
5: Laurie & Brian
Campfield
17: Kim & Mike Castellena
Lillian & William
Scofield
21: Ginny & Ted Anderson



Wishing Ashley Downs
a very

Happy Sweet Sixteenth
Birthday

November 21, 2015

Special Dates

- Veterans Day, *November 11th*
- Christ the King Sunday,
November 22nd
- Thanksgiving, *November 26th*
- First Sunday of Advent,
November 29th



Altar Flowers

October 2015

4th No donation

11th No donation

18th In memory of Thomas
Libby Given by Laurel and Bob
Libby

25th In memory of Loved Ones
Given by Lee Nichols



October 2015

4th Bill and Shirley Leonard

11th Ellen Cheeseman and
Martin White

18th Carole Darling, Lyn and
Steve Schutter

25th The Grills Family

A very special thank you to
everyone who donated flowers
and provided coffee hour!

Lectionary Readings

November 1, 2015

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 8, 2015

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127 or Psalm 42
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15, 2015

1 Samuel 1:4-20
Psalm 113
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-
25
Mark 13:1-8

November 22, 2015

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 26, 2015

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

November 29, 2015

First Sunday of Advent,

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Church Calendar

**Tuesday November 10th, 7pm
Stop Hunger Now Meeting in
the Parsonage Dining Room**

Friday November 13th, 10am
Women's Group in Fellowship
Hall

**Sunday November 15th,
Operation Christmas Child
Box Dedication
3pm Brooklyn Tabernacle
Concert**

Tuesday November 17th, 6pm
Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary
7pm Trustees Meeting in
Fellowship Hall

**Friday November 20th, noon
Disciple Bible Chapter 21**

Sunday November 22,
Thanksgiving Food Collection
Day

**Monday November 23rd,
7:30pm Infant Jesus
Thanksgiving Service**

Tues Nov 24th, 7pm Church
Council in the Parsonage
Living Room

**Saturday November 28th, 9-12
Church Holiday Decoration
Day**

Sunday November 29th,
First Sunday of Advent Hanging
of the Greens,

1-4pm Sunday School Cookie
Baking Party

Festival of Trees Decorating
11/29, Sunday 3PM – 8PM
11/30, Monday 10AM – 8PM

New Monthly Prayer Meeting:
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.
November 17 and December 15.

Potential Quiet Room – If a
donor can be found for \$2500,
we'd love to build a knee wall
and window on the front of the
choir room, add sound, a
changing table and a rocking
chair for young families.

Brooklyn Tabernacle Concert
Join us Sunday November 15th
after Church for a Free Big
Daddy Weave concert at the
Brooklyn Tabernacle. See
Pastor or Kenny to join up in
our car pool!

**West Point Hallelujah Chorus
Concert** – Join us for a free
concert at the West Point
Chapel on Sunday December
6th. We'll leave immediately
after services and car pool up.
Bring a bag lunch for the ride!
See Pastor Dave.



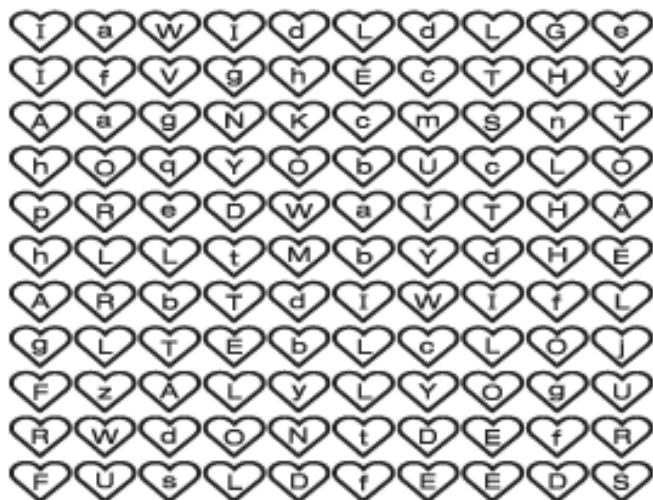
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With all my heart



This Thanksgiving — and every day —
let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

*Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines
below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.*



“ _____

_____”

PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all
your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV

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