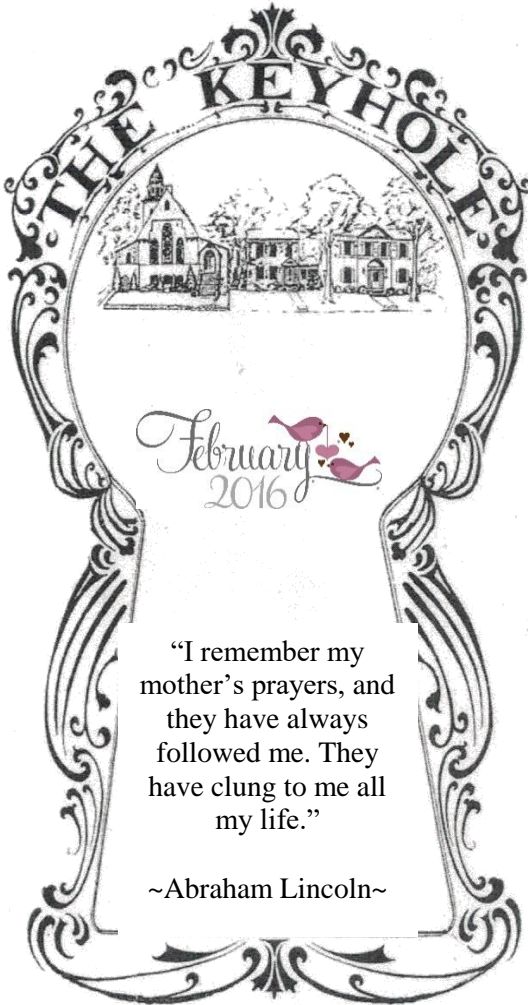




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To love and serve Christ and others through praise, prayer,
preaching of the Word of God and to welcome all to join
us in our faith journey

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**The dead line for the March issue of
“The Keyhole” is Sunday February 14, 2016**

Articles submitted after the 14th will be included in the April issue. Please email your articles and reports to:
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Friends and family,

We begin 2016 on a high note, official figures now being out, that we made our budget of just under \$185,000 by \$800. Not a huge amount for sure, but being in the black, with every last bill paid, for the first time in many years, is a cause for much celebration! Thank you all for your hard work and financial sacrifices on our shared behalf. Thank God for His continual no-stop blessing.

Easter is early this year falling on March 27. As such, preparation begins earlier than usual as well. Ash Wednesday, the official beginning of Lent, will occur on Wednesday February 10th at 6:30pm with Soup and Bread at our church. David Clark will lead worship and Rev Sandra B Mantz, from Setauket will celebrate Communion and Impose the ashes. A sign-up sheet for Soup and Bread will be up in the Hall a few weeks prior.

The complete schedule of Lenten Services is included in this issue of the Keyhole.

Another new and different approach this year for us will be the use of Adam Hamilton's book "24 Hours that Changed the World" as a basis for the sermon messages, followed by a brief video produced on-site in Israel, and a group discussion. For six consecutive Sundays beginning February 14, at 12:30 we'll transition Fellowship Hall into a classroom as the final part of coffee hour. We'll then show the movie and allow for a time of discussion. You won't want to miss a single session! This will be a great time of learning about the specifics of our faith. The topic for February 14 is the Last Supper, so we'll celebrate communion twice in February at morning Worship!

Love, Blessings and Prayers
Pastor David

Grateful for grace

John Newton, a slave-ship captain who became a minister and abolitionist, had a special affinity for grace. In fact, he wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace" to celebrate the freedom that God gives to Christians.

"I am not what I ought to be," Newton said. "I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am."



Yim Named To Lead LIE District

Dear Beloved Sisters and Brothers:

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

I am pleased to announce that Reverend Julia Yeon-Hee Yim will be appointed as superintendent of the Long Island East District effective July 1. Rev. Adrienne Brewington will completing her 8-year term as Long Island East District superintendent this year. I know that Rev. Yim will follow the legacy that is left to her with similar zeal and commitment.

Rev. Yim, who pastors the Warwick United Methodist Church, has served a variety of churches, has held many district- and conference-level leadership responsibilities, and most of all, brings a passion to serve Christ and the people of God.

She is respected by clergy and laity as one who truly loves Jesus. She currently serves as member of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Board of Ordained Ministry and as chair of the

Rev. Julia Yeon-Hee Yim

NY/CT District Committee on Ordained Ministry. Rev. Yim is a graduate of Barnard College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

During this transition, please pray for Reverend Yim, for the congregation of the Warwick UMC, and the LIE District. In Christ's love,

+ *Jane Allen Middleton*

Bishop Jane Allen Middleton

Great Decisions 2016

Great Decisions discussions are held on 4th Wednesdays of the month (except July and August) from 7 PM to 8:45 PM in the Port Jefferson library.

Discussion leaders are Margaret Foster and Stojan Rebic.

The seven remaining Great Decisions are as follows:

Wednesday, February. 24th
The rise of ISIS

Wednesday, March 23rd
The future of Kurdistan

Wednesday, April 27th
International migration

Wednesday, May 25th
Korean choices

Wednesday, June 22nd
The UN's post-2015 development agenda and leadership

Wednesday, September. 28th
Climate geopolitics

Wednesday, Oct. 26th
Cuba and the U.S.

Background material for the discussion are in the Great Decisions books, which you may pick up at the reference desk in the Port Jefferson library.

Margaret Foster

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



Julia and Ed Fringo announce
the birth of their first
Great Grandchild

Joseph Edward Fringo born
December 15, 2015, 6lbs 14ozs

Happy parents are Joseph and
Dina Meola

Proud Grandparents are Linda
(Fringo) and Richard Meola

Thank You!

**To all a Great Big
Thank You!**

To Pastor Dave for your visit.
To all for your prayers.
To all for your cards and phone
calls!

Julia and Ed Fringo

Special Giving

Restoration Fund/Special Envelopes

Kent and Barbara Edwards

Ken Bohler

Bob and Lillian Spears

Dave Loper

Janet Lowe

Ellen Cheeseman and Marty
White

Sandra Swenk

Lee Nichols

Ken and Elizabeth Combs

Carol Addressi



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!



Friday February 12, 2016
Time: 10:00AM
Fellowship Hall

**All women are invited to join
us for a time of fellowship.**



"To err is human, to forgive, divine,
and well, I've done my part."

FEBRUARY

Birthdays

- 3 Sophia Marlowe
Craig Nilsen
- 5 Nicholas Altebrando
Matthew Hubbard
Seth Meier
- 6 Barbara Edwards
- 9 Lorraine Steiner
Raymond Howell
- 10 Kevin Moss
Kimberly Love
- 11 Fynn Grills
Charles Poutrain
- 12 Ethan Farrell
Shane Lyons
Robert Desmond, Sr.
Julie Meola
- 14 Casey Mandaro
- 15 Mary Dwyer
Craig Gross
Gabriella Prato
- 16 Grace Kelly
Janet Olsen
Keira Ann Mooney
- 17 Greg Kopcienski
- 18 David Clark
- 20 Jane Lux
Robert Collins
- 21 Clifton Brown
Allison Gandt
- 24 Leah Ceglowski
Lynn Bohlen
- 26 Michelle Passik
John Prentice, II
- 27 Trudy Clark
- 28 Gerald Miller

2016 Anniversaries

- 4 Janet & Art Olsen
- 14 Sandra & Montgomery
Granger
Shirley & Bill Leonard
- 15 Leah & Kevin Ceglowski
- 20 Carol & Don Spence



February Events

**Wednesday February 10th,
6:30pm Ash Wednesday
Service will be here in First
UMC Port Jefferson**

Thursday February 11th,
6:30pm, Finance Committee in
the Board Room

Tuesday February 16th,
*6pm Prayer Meeting in the
Sanctuary
*7pm Trustees Meeting in
Fellowship Hall

No Church Council and No
Friday Disciple Bible Study in
February



*Congratulations and
Best Wishes to*

*Janet and Artie
Olsen*

as they celebrate their

6th

*Wedding
Anniversary
on February 4, 2016*

Just a note. . . .

Janet and Artie are in Florida for a couple of months. Their mailing address is:

4739 Chancellor Dr., Unit 11
Village of Abocoa Condo.
Jupiter, FL 33458

They would love to receive mail from “back home”.



January 3, 2016
Ellen Cheeseman-Marty White

January 10, 2016
Laurel and Bob Libby and
Carol Addressi

January 17, 2016
The Libbys, Schutters and
Whites

January 24, 2016
The Grills Family

January 31, 2016
Lyn and Steve Schutter



January 3, 2016
Poinsettias in memory of
Wanda Kunz by the Kunz
Family

January 10, 2016
Given by Eleanor Davis in
memory of Chet Davis

January 17, 2016
Poinsettias in memory of
Wanda Kunz by the Kunz
Family

January 24, 2016
Lyn and Steve Shutter in honor
of Stephanie’s Birthday

Lenten Worship Schedule 2016
Theme: *Being Lost – Being Found*



02/10/2016 Ash Wednesday First UMC Port Jefferson
6:30PM Soup & Bread before Worship
7:30 PM Service & Communion Meditation David Clark
Communion & Ash Imposition Rev. Sandra Mantz

02/17/2016 St James UMC
6:30PM Refreshments before Worship Service
7:30 PM Worship Service St James Laity Message

02/24/2016 Setauket UMC
6:30 PM Soup & Bread before Worship
7:30 PM Worship Service: Rev Kirk Lyons Message



03/02/2016 First UMC Port Jefferson
6:30 PM Refreshments before Worship
7:30 PM Worship Service: Port Jefferson Laity Message



03/09/2016 St James UMC
6:30 PM Soup & Bread before Worship
7:30 PM Worship Service: Rev Sandra Mantz Message

03/16/2016 Setauket UMC
6:30 PM Refreshments before Worship
7:30 PM Worship Service: Setauket Laity Message

Address of participating churches:
Setauket UMC 160 Main Street East Setauket, NY
St James UMC 545 St. James, NY



The Inauguration

When president-elect Abraham Lincoln headed to Washington, D.C., he called himself a “humble instrument in the hands of the Almighty.” He spoke of America’s citizenry as God’s “almost chosen people.”

Wasn’t that a lovely compliment? One suspects Lincoln was speaking as a good father speaks to children, wanting them to live up to their full potential. He surely wanted the “almost chosen people” to be servants of the living God.

As God’s chosen people, as well as Americans who soon will have a new leader, how can we live up to God’s expectations for us? What can we each do to make our country a better place? And how can we share the good news with others that God has chosen us to live with him forever?

“Christians are not men and women who are hoping for salvation, but those who have experienced it.”

~Martyn Lloyd-Jones~



Lectionary Readings for February 2016

February 7th Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 10th Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 14th Scouting Sunday

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

February 21st

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

February 28th

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9



PUZZLE

True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

WORD BANK:
heart prings ir verbs vice ness end

27:9, NIV

pleasant

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from

27:9, NIV

Answers: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.

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"People judge by
outward appearance,
but the LORD
looks at the
heart."

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