



Keyhole

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~1835 - 2016~



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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 April issue of
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May issue. Please email your articles and reports to:

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Friends and family,

As I heard it, all the ground hogs agreed this year that Winter is over and that Spring is coming fast.

I keep waiting for the next shoe to drop, in the form of one last snow storm, but I'll be thrilled if they're right!



In March we have the special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing to support UMCOR on March 6th, Scout Sunday on the 13th, the Palm Sunday Parade on the 20th and Easter Sunday on the 28th. All during this time we're accepting contributions for our April Stop Hunger Now Missions project. All contributions over \$40 will receive a free T-Shirt!

Our theme of Lent this year is the concept of being lost in sin, but as Christians, found and saved through Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.



Remembering this and being thankful would be a great use of devotional time this Lenten season!

Blessings always! Pastor Dave

Happy to Help

The International Day of Happiness is observed on March 20th (also the first day of spring this year; coincidence?). Jesus said we'll be happy (or "blessed") when we're meek, merciful, pure and so on (see his Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-12). In other words, happiness results from putting others' needs above our own.

Research confirms that helping others boosts people's self-esteem, forges strong friendships, offers a sense of belonging and purpose, decreases stress, increases gratitude and sparks others to "pay it forward." In fact, University of Texas researchers found that the "activism cure" is a great way to overcome bouts of sadness. So get helping — and get happy!





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



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

Easter Week

Sunday March 20th, 9:15am Palm Sunday Possession

Join Pastor Dave and other Port Jefferson Churches at 9:15am for our annual Palm Sunday Procession to the CVS and back to the church.

Palms and song sheets will be provided.

10:00am Worship Service

Thursday 24th – Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30pm

Friday March 25th – Good Friday Service 7:30pm

March 27th Easter Sunday 10:00am no Sunday School

Sunrise Services

Stony Brook Village Green at 6:30am

Cedar Beach Mount Sinai at 6:30am

Thanks,
Everyone!



Dear Pastor Dave,

Please extend my sincere thanks to everyone at PJ Methodist for the 'surprises' this morning. For the plaque, the BEAUTIFUL book of memories and the lovely cake and reception downstairs. You guys are tremendously supportive and I am so appreciative. It has always been my pleasure to work with all of you on music within the church and I treasure the wonderful friendships formed over the years. No one knows what the future holds, but I wish you all well in whatever comes your way. God speed - always.

Love, Carol Landis



All the women of the church are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship and friendship.

Friday March 11th
10:00am in Fellowship Hall



Richard E. Shea
Memorial Soup Kitchen

Come serve with us at **Trinity United Methodist Church in Coram** preparing and serving meals for those in need, Tuesdays from 4pm to 6pm. (once a month)

See Judy Spencer on Sunday or call her at 631-473-6667 to sign up!

Special Giving

Restoration Fund/Special Envelopes

Kent and Barbara Edwards
Ken Bohler
Bob and Lillian Spears
Amy Russell
Sandra Swenk
Lee Nichols
Ken and Elizabeth Combs

Endowment Fund

Eric and Marlene Kadel
Ellen Cheeseman and Marty White
Monty and Sandra Granger
Anselm and Janet Lowe

MARCH H Birthdays

- 1: Liane Amy Rose Russell
Rebecca Godwin
Jim Conforti
Janice Zeh
- 3: Daniel He
- 4: Aubrey Schleiffelder
- 5: Mary Cox
- 6: Megan Passarelle
- 7: Joseph Nappo
- 8: Carol McAnaney
- 9: Emma Farrell
Ashley Kenyon
- 10: Christopher Love
- 11: Kristianna Prato
- 12: Meilin Stosuy
Bruce Howard, Sr.
Betty Korner
- 13: Sandra Swenk
- 14: Savanna Edwards
Gerald Kunz
Mason Cardineau
- 15: Hannah Cuttone
Carol Landis
- 16: Mabel Noelle Barasic
Charlotte Goodrich
James Scholl, Sr.
- 17: Edward Grassman
- 18: Jennifer Pfister
- 19: Leah Knight
Jaclyn Altebrando
- 20: H. Theodore Anderson
- 21: Scott Reynolds
Lynda Schutter
Erin McNamara

2016



- 22: Kay Hilton Shockley
- 23: Joyce McGrath
- 24: Katherine Lalli (*Brienza*)
- 26: Ben Kopcienski
Eric Kunz
- 27: Ryan McArthur
Carol Polly
Sierra Edwards
Scott Townsend
- 28: Desiree Clasen
- 29: Elaine Short
David Pfister
- 30: Richie Miller
- 31: Juliette Hall
Carol Passik
Gail Tilton



Anniversaries

- 20: Carole & Rob Darling
- 23: Patricia & Robert Desmond
- 26: Barbara & Donald
Slingerland
- 30: Bonnie & Dennis O'Connor



Special Dates

World Day of Prayer, *March 4th*

Girl Scout Sunday, *March 6th*

**Daylight-Saving Time
Begins, *March 13th***

Easter Flower Order Form

The Easter Lily is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground to a glorious flower. As we make our way from the long dark nights of winter into the promise of spring let us join together to beautify our sanctuary for the celebration of Christ's resurrection! Thank you, Ellen Cheeseman

<u>Type of Plant:</u>	<u>Price:</u>	<u>Quantity:</u>	<u>Total</u>
Easter Lily	\$12.00	_____	_____
Spring Mums	\$12.00	_____	_____
Hyacinth	\$10.00	_____	_____

**Please make checks payable to:
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Clearly marked for Easter Flowers**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

**PLEASE ORDER FLOWERS ON OR BEFORE
PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 20th**



February 7th

In Honor of Janet Olsen on our
60th Anniversary, Love Art

February 14th

In Memory of Loved Ones by
the Combs Family

February 21st

In Memory of Loved Ones by
Lee Nichols

February 28th

In Honor of my children Robin
Jane and Andrew Birthday Days
by Ellen and Marty



February 7th

Jane and Bob Collins

February 14th

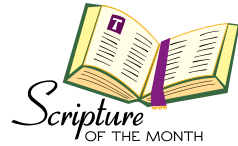
Lyn and Steve and Carole
Darling

February 21st

The Grills Family

February 28th

The Schutters and Whites



March 6th

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 13th

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

March 20th Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms
Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56

March 27th Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

If there is anything in my
thoughts or style to commend,
the credit is due to my parents for
instilling in me an early love
of the Scriptures.

~Daniel Webster~

----**The Dash**----
by **Linda Ellis ©1996**

I read of a man who stood to
speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the
tombstone from the
beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date
of birth and spoke the following
date with tears, but he said what
mattered most of all was the
dash between those years.
For that dash represents all the
time that they spent alive on
earth.

And now only those who loved
them know what that little line
is worth.

For it matters not, how much we
own, the cars...the house...the
cash. What matters is how we
live and love and how we spend
our dash.

So, think about this long and
hard. Are there things you'd like
to change? For you never know
how much time is left that can
still be rearranged. If we could
just slow down enough to
consider what's true and real
and always try to understand the
way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and
show appreciation more and
love the people in our lives like
we've never loved before. If we
treat each other with respect and
more often wear a smile,
remembering that this special

dash might only last a little
while.

So, when your eulogy is being
read, with your life's actions to
rehash...would you be proud of
the things they say about how
you spent YOUR dash?

Judy Spencer shared this poem
with the Women's Group at our
February meeting. We realize
that many people have heard it
before but we all felt that it is
especially appropriate for Lent a
time for reflection and new birth.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: is
usually, 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. Future dates are Mar
15 and Apr 19.

New Church Email – We are
transitioning to Optimum.
Please use
(1stumc@optonline.net) as our
new church email address.

Wireless Internet on Campus
– is available free. Our ID is
FUMCguest and the password is
JESUSISLORD.

Stop Hunger Now! – Our Spring Mission Project has begun! Our challenge (as a part of the Port Jefferson Council of Churches) is to raise over \$4000 so we can pack 12,000+ meals to feed the hungry at the PJ HS Café on Saturday April 9th. Free T-Shirts are available for any contribution over \$40. A table will be set up in Fellowship Hall to receive your contribution! All checks should be made out to FUMC.

New Personal Listening System – Church Council has approved the purchase of a listening system for those with hearing challenges. The system costs \$1000 and if you'd like to donate toward its purchase, checks can be noted "*Listening System*".

St James United Methodist Church St Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner – is Saturday March 5th beginning at 6pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for youth.

Stop Hunger Benefit Concert / Variety Show – will be held at 7pm on Saturday March 12th. To assist with planning or contribute to the show, see Dave Clark or Juliette.

You are cordially invited to join us for

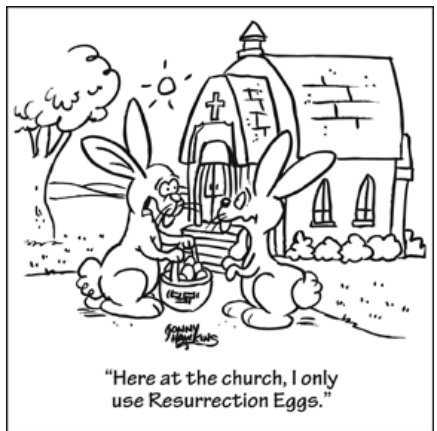
**Harbor View Nursery School's
LADIES NIGHT OUT**

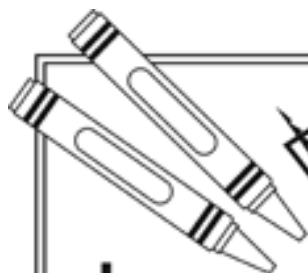
Thursday, April 14th, 2016
6:30-10:30 in the evening
\$45 per ticket

THE MEADOW CLUB
1147 NY-112, Port Jefferson
Station, NY 11766

Your evening will include wine & beer, cash bar for cocktails, buffet dinner, ice cream bar & cookies, silent basket auction & 50/50 raffle.



Please call Kristina at 631-375-1811 to reserve your seats!



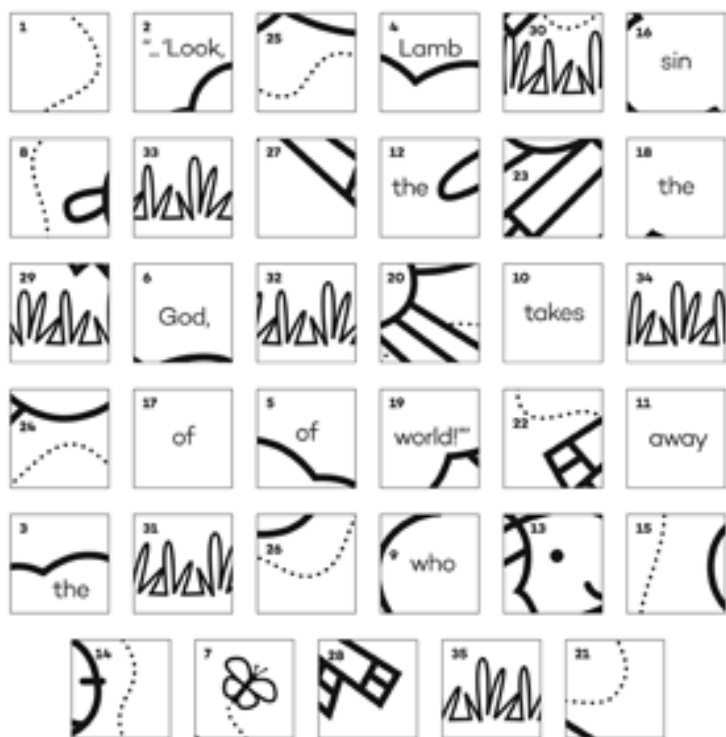


PUZZLE

Lamb of God

 John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah —  and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.

Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.



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*"I am the
resurrection
and the life."*
JOHN 11:25

