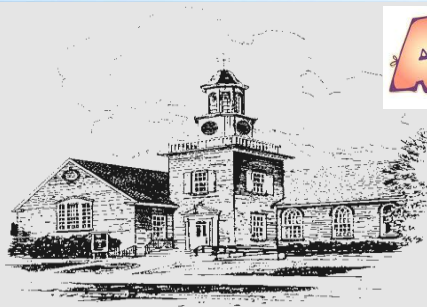


TOWER CHIMES



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CLERK'S CORNER

HAPPY EASTER!

I'm hoping that you get this message before Easter. If not – oh well –there's always the future.

I'm also hoping for some warmer weather. But you can't have it all. Or can you?

As we celebrate Easter in the coming weeks, it's good to remember that His life, and death – given for us, is an opportunity to have it all in Jesus' grace and forgiveness. There's not much more than that, after all.

So as we celebrate Easter, I challenge you: to spread the word and invite someone new to our morning worship. Studies show that personal invitations are the most effective way in finding new members. We, the members of this congregation, are the best source for new members.

If this message does get to you before Easter, try to join us for the dawn service. It's worth the couple of hours of lost sleep. I will be there. We will be worshipping with the LICC, a large group at 6:30 am. Be there sharp, or you will miss the spectacular sunrise. Here's a picture from last year:



Now that's a wow. Happy Easter, all!

Blessings, Gary

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Prayers of thanks to **Auntie Ling and Uncle Joey** for all their help;
Prayers of healing for **Rev. Tom Philipp**;

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Edna and Desi** who are now out of the hospital;

Prayers of thanks to all who help with Fellowship;

Prayers for the brother of Joe Nelson, **Jim**, his sister-in-law **Chrissy** and his niece **Brianna** as they had to put their beloved dog, Alfie, to rest;

Prayers of healing and a successful operation for **Deak Gregorio** who is recovering from very painful spinal surgery;

Prayers for those affected by the poisoning in Salisbury, England;

Prayers of gratitude for the beautiful clean church grounds. Hello spring!

Prayers for the family of **Wendy Budzinski** who has now graduated to heaven;

In loving memory of my Nana Helen, who knit for me this beautiful Irish sweater, and my **grandpa George** who was never at a loss for words. "May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be at your back; may the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again; May God hold you in the palm of his hands."

Prayers for **Annette Werner** who had a kidney removed last month. Prayers of thanks to God for a successful surgery!;

Prayers for **Joyce and Steven** who are going through great financial difficulty. Thank you for praying for them;

"**My son** that he finds a home for rent as he has to be out of his home in a month. "

WITH OUR CONDOLENCES....

We just found out that Joyce McRae passed away last May as did Marilyn Nelson. Some of you may remember them from years past. Our condolences to their friends and family.

AND A FRIENDLY REMINDER to please share your joys and concerns (and birthdays) with one of our deacons or Barbara in the office. HELPING HANDS loves nothing more than to reach out and let you know we share in your joys as well as in your heartaches. We're here for you, but you must let us know! Please call **Diane Wood at 623-9495** or the church office (378-7761).

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOAN: A pastor out east said that he normally likes the winter season and likes the warmth and comfort of a warm, cozy home. He also said he has reached the point where he wants the spring weather that usually comes in like a lamb at the end of March and wants no more of the beginning of March that comes in like a lion. This year, he added, I think the lion ate that lamb. Throughout all the cold and snow, there was always a big smile, a word of encouragement and plenty of warmth when entering the Presbyterian Church in Merrick. So many of you are dedicated – not only to our church – but also to our Christian faith. My goal has always been to be a disciple. Thomas doubted, sons of Zebedee wanted a special seat and Peter denied knowing Jesus. We also turn from Jesus, but then are renewed by the faith of others, the confession of sin with the resulting pardon and the celebration of Communion and church holidays. I wish blessings and inspiration for all of you as we anticipate Resurrection Sunday.

A happy and holy Easter! (Pastor) Joan

Our 2018 Session is working diligently to fine-tune our commissions, and by next month, we should know of the fruits of their labors! Let's take this opportunity to again thank our Session volunteers for stepping up to the plate with 'home runs' always in mind for CPC: Ernie Bayha, David Brackett, Scott Dodge, Mary Jane Gould, Fran Kelly, Charlie Leschinski, Tom Rose, Gary Stuber and Nancy Stuber.

A round of applause and a heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this year's **LENTEN JOURNEY, PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES.**

The ecumenical Wednesday night programs were inspirational and thought-provoking, even though the weather got the better of two of them, and enormous thanks to our brothers and sisters in Christ at Bellmore Methodist and Presbyterian churches, Merrick Methodist and Seaford Methodist.



Kelly; and thanks to our Christ candle bearer, Charlie Leschinski.



And last but not least, thank you Bellmore Methodist for hosting the joint ecumenical **GOOD FRIDAY** service.

The **2018 CPC DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS** is done! Copies can be picked up at church. If you live out-of-town and would like a copy, please call the office, and Barb will make arrangements to get one to you. We ask one per family, please, so there's enough to go around.

APRIL HAPPENINGS

April Birthdays:

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|--------------------|----|
| Lois Leimbach | 2 |
| Melissa Crummy | 5 |
| E. David Houghton | 6 |
| Ann Peterson | 9 |
| Lily Kelman-Nelson | 13 |
| Charles Leschinski | 21 |
| David Brackett | 23 |
| Margaret Smith | 25 |
| Irma Rios | 27 |
| Marissa Bello | 30 |



(If your name did not appear here, it's because we don't know it's your birthday! Please call Diane Wood at 623-9495 so we can add your name to our list!)

Our own **PALM SUNDAY** service really told THE story! Thanks to our Sunday school children for helping distribute the palms; to Rev. Joan for leading us in worship and for the Palm Sunday Passion narrative; to our Passion cast (Rich Kelly, Mary Jane Gould, Joe Schuessler, Mary Leschinski, Pat Lofaro, Karen Bard, David Brackett, Ernie Bayha and Jo Gencorelli); to our *Call to Worship* leader, Mia Bello; to our youth choir (Jia Bello, Ellianna Bowani, Charlie Leschinski, Lily Williams, and Emma Williams) and our bell ringers (Jia Bello and Charlie Leschinski), to Lily Williams and Emma Williams for their vocal duet; and to their musical accompanist and director, Lily Kelman-Nelson. Special thanks to our worship chair, Fran Kelly, for overseeing EVERYTHING that transpires in our sanctuary!



Our **MAUNDY THURSDAY** evening service was as memorable as ever! Thanks to Rev. Joan, AGAIN, for leading us in such a moving service; thanks to our floor setter-uppers Mary Jane Gould, Fran Kelly, Rich Kelly, Mona Grimm and Mary Leschinski; to our stage crew of Charlie Leschinski and Gary Stuber; thanks to Cathy Donohue and our choir (also AGAIN); to our Tenebrae scripture readers Nancy Stuber, Gary Stuber, Ernie Bayha, Anne Reynolds, Karen Bard, Mary Leschinski, and Rich



The Long Island Council of Churches invites one and all to its annual ecumenical Easter Dawn worship service at Jones Beach State Park on **April 1 at 6:30 a.m.** The service will be led by people from many denominations and people of all faiths are

welcome. The Rev. Thomas W. Goodhue, Executive Director Emeritus of the Council will preach. He also will tell a story to children (and the young at heart) from his collection "Sharing the Good News with Children" (Franciscan Media). Liturgical dancers from St. David's Episcopal Church in Cambria Heights, led by Carol Callendar, will perform. In addition, the men's choir from Woodbury New Apostolic Church, the newest denomination to join the Council, will sing. The service will take place on the beach at Parking Field 6, which is just east of the East Bathhouse. Look for a large blue Long Island Council of Churches banner. It will be brief (about half an hour) and fairly informal. Dress warmly and bring a blanket or beach chair. Donations for the LICC's emergency food pantries and monetary contributions for the pantries will be gladly received.



Please join us as the Easter celebration continues with Holy Humor Sunday, a special service filled with laughter, smiles and giggles. It's a light-hearted celebration contrasting with the more serious formality of the Easter service. Both are joyous events; why not celebrate with joyous laughter because that's the good news, referring to the Christian tenet of Christ's triumph over death and the God's promise of everlasting life to those believe in him. Wear your brightest colors to help celebrate this most joyous season!

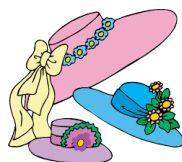
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1 – Let us join with



millions of other Christians around the world to proclaim that greatest affirmation of our Christian faith: **“He is Risen, He Lives”** and celebrate Christ's Resurrec-

tion. Our Sanctuary will once again be gloriously decorated with flowers and filled with special Easter music. We will also receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Children will worship their families in the Sanctuary and our **Adult Handbell Choir** will join the service.

And Easter bonnets are encouraged! CPC began this tradition quite a few years back, and it's always a grand sight to see!



Please join us at 10am for this most holy day!!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



Attention, Ladies! Our next Women's Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, April 14 at 10am** in Grafig Hall. Please join us for light refreshments, prayer, praise, and a good time! Be sure to bring a friend! If you have ANY questions, please call Fran Kelly at 221-3561.

Any articles for the Tower Chimes are due into the office by the 15th of the prior month, so all articles for the May edition are due into the office by **April 15**. Thank you!

REMINDER:

CPC's Administrative Office Hours:

Mondays and Tuesdays: 8:30am – 12:30pm
 Wednesdays and Thursdays: 8:30am – 2:30pm

PEACEMAKING ESSAYS – APRIL 15

CPC, with the cooperation of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, has for twenty-four years sponsored an annual Peacemaking Essay contest. Each year we ask the students to consider a personal experience,



something they have witnessed, or something they read or studied about that impressed them and taught them how to preserve peace in their families, their communities, their schools, or somewhere in the world. Two winners are chosen, and they are each presented with a \$100 check from CPC.

Our 2018 winners will present their essays during our worship service on April 15. Please join us to show them our support for this most worthwhile cause.

(There will be no Sunday school today.)

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, YOU ASK???

Seaford United Methodist is inviting all area churches to come to the flagpole at Jones Beach on **Sunday, May 20 at 2pm** as witness to our faith and share a time of prayer and gathering. All are invited to stay for a time of fellowship where the food and beverages will be provided by those who are coming. "May God's Holy Spirit bless you and yours richly as we prepare to celebrate this momentous remembrance of the very first church." Questions may be directed to Rev. Steve Knutsen at 845.204.0349. Rev. Steve asks that you wear something red on this special day.....it's Pentecost Sunday.

Our Board of Deacons is having another GARAGE and BAKE SALE on Saturday, June 2 from 10am-3pm!

And you know what that means.... We need YOU and YOUR STUFF! Volunteers will be needed **before, during and after** the sale, and we need you to go through your garages, cars, sheds, lockers, attics, closets, and basements for donate-able merchandise!

We'll accept almost all merchandise prior to the SALE (you can start dropping off at CPC now), with the really big and bulky items the morning of between 8am and 9:30am. Any big items that do not sell must be taken back by you.

We won't be able to accept any 'personal care items' or items that are broken or have missing parts.

What we CAN accept is: (**but not limited to**): clothes (donated hangers needed), shoes, jewelry, small furniture, housewares, glassware, tools, rugs, throws, luggage, pocketbooks, computer and car stuff, books and magazines, baby items, knick-knacks, pictures and frames, pet items, (washed!) linens, games, toys, etc. Quality items are always accepted, whether they be new or antique. These items will be put on a 'special quality table'. Tax forms are also available, if requested, for all donations.

~ You may drop off your smaller items at church (on the stage) during Barbara's office hours, and/or on Sundays before or after church. Please get in touch with one of our deacons if those times are not convenient to you.

~ If you want any of your unsold items back, you'll have to pick them up after the sale. Any unclaimed items will be at the disposable discretion of the deacons.

AND that's not all!

We'll also be selling some **vegetable and herb plants** for all you home growers out there! Our May Tower Chimes will be more detailed, but for now, consider the 'seed' planted!



AND let's not forget to start **baking for the Bake Sale!** Cakes, cookies, tarts, pies, whatever!!! Anything is **ALWAYS** appreciated and always delicious!!

Questions should be directed to any of our deacons! **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesd | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 EASTER SUNDAY 10AM Worship service; Rev. Joan; CHILDREN WILL WORSHIP WITH THE FAMILIES IN THE SANCTUARY; Communion (Al Lewis, Gary & Nancy Stuber, Bobbie Zimmerman-Lewis); Ushers #2 (Milan Alexander, Scott Dodge, Fran Kelly, Al Lewis & Bobbie Zimmerman-Lewis); Adult Bell Choir; Special Easter music; Fellowship | 2 OPA 7-10pm | 3 AA 7:30-9:30p | 4 | 5 NA 7-9:30p | 6 AA 6:45-9:30p | 7 Set-up of Grafiing Hall for tomorrow's Coffee Hour |
| 8 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY Bring your sense of humor with you today and be prepared to laugh! 10am Worship Service; Usher Team #3 (David Brackett, Jamie Brackett, Mona Grimm and Joe Nelson); SUNDAY SCHOOL; Coffee Hour; NASC 1-6pm | 9 OPA 7-10pm | 10 AA 7:30-9:30p | 11 | 12 NA 7-9:30p | 13 AA 6:45-9:30p | 14 10am Women's Fellowship Breakfast in Grafiing Hall Set up for tomorrow's special coffee hour |
| 15 PEACEMAKING ESSAYS 10am Worship Service; Rev. Joan in the pulpit; Usher Team #4 (Janel Crummy, Jessie Gregorio, Tom Rose and Joe Schuessler); NO SUNDAY SCHOOL; Special Coffee Hour; May Tower Chimes articles due | 16 OPA 7-10pm | 17 AA 7:30-9:30p | 18 7pm Session meeting (tent.) | 19 NA 7-9:30p | 20 AA 6:45-9:30p | 21 |
| 22 10a Worship Service; Rev. Joan in the pulpit; Usher Team #5 (Joe Arcuri, Alex Bard, Pat Lofaro and Vinny Lofaro); SUNDAY SCHOOL; Refreshments | 23 OPA 7-10pm | 24 AA 7:30-9:30p | 25 | 26 NA 7-9:30pm | 27 AA 6:45-9:30p | 28 |
| 29 10am Worship; Rev. Joan in the pulpit; Usher Team #1 (Pat Dubovick, Charlie Leschinski, Nancy Stuber and George Weeks); SUNDAY SCHOOL; Refreshments | 30 OPA 7-10pm | | | | | |