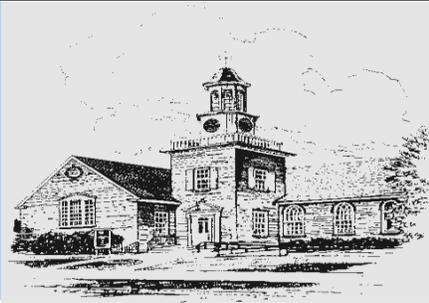


# TOWER CHIMES



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## From the Desk of Pastor Moira Ahearne

*"...when the time came for the kindness and love of God our Savior to appear, then he saved us—not because we were good enough to be saved but because of his kindness and pity—by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling Holy Spirit, whom he poured out upon us with wonderful fullness—and all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did" (Titus 3:4-6)*

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy that I write to you for the first time in the Tower Chimes newsletter! I look forward to getting to know you better as well as the church's history, challenges and hopes and dreams. I pray for your forbearance as I begin to learn names, enter your lives and begin to serve. It will take patience to learn to accommodate a new worship schedule and the limits and opportunities that provides. Please do not hesitate to call or email me. I invite your feedback. I am very prompt in returning calls! It is my hope to "hit the ground running" but I can only do that with your help and prayers.

In the midst of getting to know each other, I am delighted that we soon get to celebrate together one of my most favorite church holidays: Pentecost, on May 20.

The Pentecost message is critical for us to hear at this time. Remember the first Pentecost? A handful of Jesus' followers were in the upper room, praying, when suddenly, there came a mighty wind, and tongues of fire seemed to land on everyone's head. That small group of believers couldn't contain themselves. They were filled with Spirit. They went out into the streets, sharing the Good News of Jesus. People from all parts, at least 16 different languages, could understand them. And everyone was amazed.

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**We are in the midst of "Pentecost" times at Merrick. What hopes and dreams are brewing in this church? It is the Spirit who gives guidance, comfort, prodding, and ultimately the vision for the journey. It is the Spirit who takes away our timidness and spirit of fear, and gives us a spirit of love, a spirit of power,**



**and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7). It is the spirit who propels us out of our safe confines and into the street – to rediscover our community and its needs. It is the Holy Spirit who enables**

**us to understand and minister to those around us. The Holy Spirit teaches us what to say and will make Merrick's evolving mission clear.**

As a pastor, I am committed to the Merrick's conscious development – not just the brick and mortar -- but with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to define a new future, nurture new leadership, upbuild the congregation and rediscover joy. It is Pentecost that gives us the example on how we will move us forward. Let us celebrate not only the universal church's birthday this May 20 – but a new birth-day for Merrick Church in these momentous days – as we begin to embrace a future into which Jesus is calling us.

Faithfully yours,  
Pastor Moira Ahearne

***WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR NEW PASTOR? ASK AND YE SHALL RECEIVE!***



**Pastor Moira** has served churches in transition, program renewal, healing and transformation in the greater New York City area. She is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (having graduated from the dual-degree program between Union Theological Seminary and the Columbia University School of Social Work)

and has worked as well as a pastoral counselor. She just completed an interim position in Brooklyn and served part-time with her husband

at the Community Church of Little Neck in Queens. She is a quality assurance consultant at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Moira recently finished two terms on the Committee on Ministry of the New York City Presbytery (PNYC). Before that, she was a member on the *Sexual Misconduct Care and Response Team* and *Council of Witness to Society and World* for the PNYC. Presently she is a member of the Western Steering Committee of the Long Island Council of Churches.

On a more personal note, Pastor Moira lives in Great Neck with her husband Forrest who is co-pastor of the Community Church of Little Neck, and a pastoral counselor at the Lutheran Counseling Center. They have two children, Andrew, a college student, and Hannah, a senior in high school. Two pugs named Gracie and Betty and a cat named Bob complete the family!

**IMPORTANT NEWS! With the sharing of Pastor Moira with First Presbyterian, Freeport, OUR Sunday morning services now begin at 9AM!**

**CHANGE IN MERRICK'S OFFICE HOURS:**

**Barb's office hours have changed, too!**  
**NEW: Thursdays 8:30pm-12:30pm**  
**NEW: Fridays 8:30pm-10:30pm**  
 (No change to Mondays 8:30-12:30, Tuesdays 8:30-12:30 and Wednesdays 8:30-2:30  
 (Barb will be in the Freeport church on Wednesdays from 3-5pm and on Fridays from 11-3pm)

Brian Belak / Mimi Jones  
 Gordon Jones  
 John Michael Holden  
 Mimi Fleming  
 James Fleming  
 Wynne Hallen  
 Chelsea Fleming / Salvatore Romanotto  
 Steven Romanotto / Nettie Vasalero  
 Rocky Fleming



Prayers of joy and gratitude for the Easter flowers in our beautiful church today (Easter Sunday), and especially for Rev. Joan!  
*The families of the Canadian hockey team*  
*Amanda's job search and apartment hunt*  
*For Rich's eyes*  
*For the healing of Elizabeth's eyes*

For the niece of Ernie B., Linda Straubec, who is recovering from a serious skiing accident."

Susan as she begins chemo after a recurrence of her cancer.

For the grandson of Pat and Vinny L., Dylan, in his job search.

Janice Niepert who passed away at the age of 60 and was the sister-in-law of Joe and Ginny Arcuri.

Gary's sister, Amy, on the loss of her companion animal, Dazy, after 18 years.

Health and Recovery for Mary Lopez

Frank – health and recovery

Steve Rivera- health and recovery

The family and friends of Helen May Thienpon, who passed on April 6.

For the family and friends of Rich and Kathy Sanfillippo on the unexpected passing of their 48 year old son.

Prayers of thanks to Rev. Joan and her family for the many months of leading us in worship!

"Let us remember today (April 22) is Earth Day. Thank you God for your gift and may we show our gratitude by caring for the earth."

"Happy (help save the) Earth Day!" Thank you, God, for our "home" in your universe."

...signed by 'Us Earthlings'

For "John", a dear neighbor who is having medical rests this week. A Prayer for 'good news'.

For our outgoing and incoming pastors, the Freeport and Merrick churches, and for Earth over which God has given us stewardship.

Abundant blessings for Pastor Joan and her family!

Pray for me that I have won and received a Nobel Prize Award for environmental justice in the USA and Canada. (Jerry Rivera)



**CONDOLENCES ON THE  
PASSING OF ONE-TIME  
MEMBER, HELEN MAY  
THIENPONT**

Last week we received an email from Wendy Thienpont alerting us to the passing of her mother-in-law Helen May Thienpont on April 6.

Helen had joined CPC back in 1952 with her husband, Marcel. She served as a Deacon in 1968 and again in 1978, and as an Elder in 1973.

Please see Wendy's email below:

*"Dear former congregation –*

*This is just to let you know that long-time member, choir member and Elder, Helen May Thienpont, passed away on*

*April 6, 2018 after a long and beautiful life (95 years young). She loved this church so much so that we have directed anyone wishing to make a memorial gift to send it to you. We have no idea how many people might do this, but if there is something special that these monies could go for, we would prefer that rather than to the general budget. Thank you. ~Fondly, Russell and Wendy Thienpont"*

Thank you, Wendy, for your generosity and our sincere condolences to Helen's family and friends.

Sympathy cards may be sent to:

Russell and Wendy Thienpont  
212 Ridgewood Lane  
Washington, NC 27889

**EASTER SUNDAY THANKS**

Thanks to all who helped make our Easter service even more special!:

to our fantastic **handbell choir** under the direction of Cathy Donohue: Karen Bard, Brian Donohue, Cathy Donohue, Jo Gencorelli, Rich Kelly, Kristen Jacobsen, Lily Kelman-Nelson, Mary Leschinski, Amanda Pitt, Gary Stuber and Nancy Stuber;

to our angelic Easter **voice choir**: Karen Bard, Brian Donohue, Cathy Donohue, Jo Gencorelli, Rich Kelly, Kristen Jacobsen, Lily Kelman-Nelson, Mary Leschinski, Amanda Pitt, and Gary Stuber;

to our very proficient **candle bearer** Charlie Leschinski;

to our gifted **soloist** Brian Donohue;

to Brian Donohue and Lily Kelman-Nelson for their beautiful communion duet;

to our devout **scripture reader** Jo Gencorelli;

to our loyal **Easter litany reader** Mary Leschinski;

to our always-dependable **communion servers**: Al Lewis, Gary Stuber, Nancy Stuber, and Bobbie Zimmerman-Lewis;

to our ever-faithful **ushers**: Milan Alexander, Scott Dodge, Fran Kelly, Alfred Lewis, and Bobbie Zimmerman-Lewis;

and, of course, to our adaptive and innovative leader, **Rev. Joan Finck**, who guided us through yet another Holy Season with reverence, HUMOR, and, thank goodness, flexibility! Thank you, Rev. Joan, for bringing the LORD into our hearts this Easter Sunday and for the past seven months! God bless you!

And speaking of humor.....The Sunday after Easter is called **HOLY HUMOR OR BRIGHT SUNDAY**, and it is meant to leave you with a feeling of lightheartedness and humor. Rev. Joan's son, Joseph, led us in morning worship and did a fantastic job. Thank you, Joseph, for sharing this humorous day with us! And thank you Rev. Joan for sharing your son with us! *Did you hear the one about a rabbi, a priest, and the Dali Lama walking into a bar.....???*



### PEACEMAKING ESSAY CONTEST



For the past twenty-five years, our church has sponsored a Peacemaking essay contest for students in the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD. This year we received many wonderful high school entries, however, no entries from our middle schools. Therefore, we chose two high school winners this year, one from Calhoun and one from Kennedy. Both of the winners are good students and thoughtful young women. This year, on April 15, we honored our winners:

From Kennedy High School - **Ekaterina Fakinov**, daughter of Father Nicholas and Chrissy Fakinov. Her father is the priest at Saint Demetrios Church in Merrick. Ekaterina has a younger sister, Natalia, who is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Merrick Avenue Middle School. Ekaterina attended Birth Elementary School and is currently in 11<sup>th</sup> grade at John F. Kennedy High School. She plays the flute and piccolo in the school's wind ensemble and has written teacher interviews for the school newspaper. Her future plans are to pursue higher education at one of the fine colleges on Long Island.

Here is Ekaterina's winning essay, 'Bringing Solemnity in Times of Calamity':  
*"Life is a collection of moments, experiences, emotions and events that amount to becoming a*

*beautiful mosaic, as colorful and as diverse as the pebbles that comprise it. Times of joy are vibrant and charming. Times of difficulty are rather darker and sorrowful. From the distance of viewing past events long after they have happened, they all somehow work together thanks to the people that help and support; these are the peacemakers, people who share joys and are emphatic in times of need. And since peacemakers are called blessed, it is profound to remember and honor the examples when peacemaking alleviated the calamity and turned it to solemnity, peace and joy.*

The date is August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The sound of sirens is louder than any other time. It is a sound associated with disaster and devastation. The fire engines are racing one after the other. Many of them are frantically going down the street at what seems to be a huge disaster. Where is the fire? I could never have imagined that the flames were coming out of our church. This is the place that I have associated with the most beautiful moments of my life, where we assemble with friends and we share our values and beliefs. The news spread quickly: Saint Demetrios Church is on fire!

The morning after, thousands of volunteers are gathered at the Church parking lot to help and encourage each other. Thankfully, no persons were physically hurt. However, the damages in the building are immense. We are not allowed to go inside, but we see the effects of the fire. We witness gorgeous art that has been destroyed beyond repair. From the most precious times, all the way to the children's toys, everything has been part of our collective life experience. Everything is precious and valuable.

The people who gathered came from different congregations, organizations and neighborhoods. Yet, they all had one thing in common: in times of need, we are one. So many helped in so many ways that it would be impossible to provide a precise account of their benevolence. It is inspiring to witness the love and empathy of people, who reach out and assist in times when devastation is no longer felt, but only love, compassion and care. It is then that the dark pebbles of sorrowful events are placed next to the vibrant ones, filled with emotions of love and care. Now, I look at this mosaic and the picture is no longer sad. Thanks to the peacemakers, this is a beautiful image. I look at it and smile..."

And From Calhoun High School - **Brianna McDonough**, daughter of Bryan McDonough and Dayann Molina-McDonough. She has two younger brothers, Douglas, a student at Brookside, and Donovan, a student at Jerusalem Avenue. Brianna starts her day at Calhoun and finishes her day at the Long Island High School for the Arts studying vocal performance. Her musical skills have taken her on a tour of Europe where she sang at Dachau, the former Nazi Concentration Camp. She and her mom were caught in Puerto Rico during hurricane Maria. Since that time, Brianna has raised funds for hurricane relief for Puerto Rico and for anti-bullying programs locally. This summer she will attend a special music program at NYU Tisch School of Music. In the future she would like to be a musician or a teacher.

And here is Brianna's winning essay!

*"Peace is a concept we all believe in one form or another, but how exactly do we achieve peace in a world with so many differing people, opinions, and beliefs? Many people deem the concept of peace something to be impossible, but I believe that peace is an easy thing to achieve.*

*When people talk about peace, many of them have this predetermined, almost over-exaggerated idea of what peace in the world should look like and how others would react to an environment where peace would be common or considered the standard.*

*So I believe that people would see a lot more peace in our world if they just step back, and instead of looking at that overall idea of what peace is, see the everyday times in their life where peace exists.*

*Peace can be made daily through acts of collaboration and coexistence. These acts don't have to be made just by activists for peace, everyone and anyone can take an action to bring about a little more peace in the world. Peace can be made through simple things like making a new friend that may be different from you or sharing music with another person. Peace can be made by being polite to someone you may not particularly like or by helping someone with their homework. These all may seem small and unimportant, but they all spread kindness,*

*positivity, and help us coexist with others which is what peace is all about.*

*Even though it's a small step, it counts. If more people use small acts of peace throughout their day, more people see or are affected by those small acts and may be inclined to do the same which makes peace overall spread. Peace doesn't have to change the world in order to be an active part of our society. However, peace does have to change your world in order to spread and be effective.*

*These are the things I believe are able to bring about peace."*

We are pleased to honor both of these two young peacemakers!

**FROM OUR SESSION:** Our Session has finished detailing its committees, and there's only one change.... Newest Elder Scott Dodge will be added to the Fellowship and Property / Use of Building commissions.

Here's our 2018 Commissions:

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Mary Jane Gould

**CLERK OF SESSION** – Gary Stuber

**FELLOWSHIP** – David Brackett, Scott Dodge  
and Charlie Leschinski

**FINANCE** – David Brackett and Tom Rose

**MEMBERSHIP** – Nancy Stuber

**MISSION AND STEWARDSHIP** – Nancy Stuber

**OUTREACH** – David Brackett and Charlie Leschinski

**PEACEMAKING** – Mary Jane Gould

**PROPERTY / USE OF BUILDING** – Ernie Bayha, Scott Dodge  
and Tom Rose

**PUBLICITY** – David Brackett and Charlie Leschinski

**SOCIAL EDUCATION AND ACTION** – Mary Jane Gould

**TECHNOLOGY** – Ernie Bayha and Tom Rose

**WORSHIP** – Fran Kelly

Please feel free to approach any one of these members with questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding their specific committee(s).



### ANYONE GRADUATING FROM ANYWHERE?

Please call the church office and let Barbara know if we

have any May or June graduates in our midst's and what their plans are after graduation. We always like to put a little

something about them in the June Tower Chimes because they deserve the press!

## HOLMES PRESBYTERIAN CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER NEEDS HELP SENDING KIDS TO CAMP!

In the past they've been able to send kids to camp with full, or near full scholarships. They would love it if camp could be free for everyone. Sadly, they are no longer in the position to offer scholarships without the backing of donors who can support such efforts.

Camp makes an essential difference in the life of a child. Campers learn new skills, develop new relationships, increase their self-confidence and are exposed to new ideas and activities. At Holmes, campers are encouraged to explore and develop their authentic, spiritual self.

And the need for scholarship funding is great this year. Please consider making a donation to Holmes Presbyterian Camp for the benefit of camp scholarships, enabling more young people to benefit from the many blessings that manifest through participating in camp. Your gifts will directly pay for campers in need of help. Please mail a check with "Campership" in the memo line to:

Holmes Presbyterian Camp  
60 Denton Lake Road  
Holmes, NY 12531

**Thank you for your help in sending a kid to camp!**

### May HAPPENINGS

#### May Birthdays:

Elizabeth Hwang	11
A. Scott Dodge	14
Judy Wilkin	16
Samantha Grgas	17
Richard Gallo	18
Tony Grgas	20
Ann Seeley	21
Mary Leschinski	27



***(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!)***



### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER –

This year's National Day of Prayer will fall on May 3, but was recognized by CPC on Sunday,

April 29 with handouts supplied by Joe Schuessler (Thank you, Joe). Below is a bit of information about this special day, along with the 2018 prayer. Please set aside some time on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to read or recite it.

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was unanimously amended by both the House and the Senate and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on May 5, 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as a day of national prayer. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people.

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY.

The 2018 theme is **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "*Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*"

The hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble themselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. It is clear that this is our greatest need. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally. Together, we can mobilize unified public prayer for America!

*"There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin with the extraordinary prayer of God's people."*

~Dr. Ronnie Floyd

Please see the 2018 Prayer on the next page.

“Our Dear Heavenly Father, while we come to You in complete humility, we also come to You with boldness in the authoritative name of Your One and Only Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In Jesus’ name, fill us now with Your Holy Spirit and lead us as we pray in Jesus’ name for America.

Oh God, we are burdened for our nation today. We turn from the sins that we have committed against your Word and your Name. We turn away from our contentious words and ways toward one another that has led us to division and polarization. We turn away from our disrespect and lack of dignity toward each other, and we turn away from our continual devaluation of all human life from the womb until death in this world. We also turn away from and refuse to participate in skepticism, criticism, and cynicism in our nation. We turn away from anything that divides us, and we run toward the gospel of Jesus Christ that is the only thing that has the power to unite us together.

Lord, in this critical hour in our nation, we pray for unity in America. Only You can bring unity, harmony, and oneness in America. As your Word calls us in Ephesians 4:3, *“Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”*, we ask You to empower us to make every effort to live in unity, to call for unity, and to forward unity in America continually.

We pray for the churches in America to unify in Jesus Christ and to pray as one unified spiritual family for America. May Your Church pray for America passionately, perpetually, privately, and publicly.

We pray for God’s power to unify families, workplaces, communities, and cities in America. By Your Spirit, lead us to forgiveness, reconciliation, healing, and unity.

We pray for people of all ethnicities and races in America to come together as one, living in peace and unity together. Oh Lord, because each of us is created in Your image, please give us the courage to stand against all racial and ethnic division, denouncing it as evil and sinful, while simultaneously coming together in unity with all persons knowing this is God’s will for us.

We pray in unity for the security of our nation. We ask You to preserve the United States of America from the forces of evil that

are threatening our lives and our future. God, please guard all persons in public and private settings from anyone or anything that desires to harm us or take our lives. Our future is in Your hands.

We agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily for the next Great Spiritual Awakening in America. Oh Lord, wake up Your church spiritually and convict Your people to agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily until the next Great Spiritual Awakening occurs in our generation.

Oh God, we stand together upon Your words in *Psalms 133:1*, *“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony.”* Through Jesus’ name and by the Holy Spirit’s power, we pray for all Americans to unify and to live together in unity.

In the mighty and majestic name of Jesus Christ who is the Only Savior and the Only Hope in this world, we pray. Amen.”

~Dr. Ronnie Floyd

### WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



Attention, Ladies! Our next Women’s Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, **May 12 at 10am in the Sanctuary.**

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.

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 10

Forty days after the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday), we remember and celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. (See Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:1-11; see also Mark 16:19-20.) On this day, the church gives thanks for Christ’s sovereign rule over all the earth, as well as his priestly intercession for us at the throne of mercy (Hebrews 4:14-16).



**MOTHER’S DAY** falls on **MAY 13** this year and we’ll be celebrating here at CPC with a special

service and a special ‘Mother’s Day’ coffee hour afterwards in Grafing Hall. You

don't have to be a 'mother' to come and enjoy this special day. **Mother's Day** is a modern celebration honoring one's own mother, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society in general. Please join us!

Any articles for the Tower Chimes are due into the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the prior month, so all articles for the June edition are due into the office by May 15. Thank you!

### **MAY 20 – PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual, but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible possible.



The Pentecost Offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and is about helping young people begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church of the world.

60% of collected funds are remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support the Young Adult volunteers program, Ministries with Youth programs, and education and advocacy for children at risk through the "Educate a Child: Transform the World" national initiative.

40% of the Pentecost Offering stays with our congregation to support ministries with children and youth in our church and local community.

We will be collecting the Pentecost Offering on May 20 during worship service, with two Minutes for Mission on May 6 and 13. Envelopes will be in the pews on that Sunday the 20th, and for your convenience, they are also included in this issue of the Tower Chimes.

Thank you for caring about our youth! And please wear **RED** on Pentecost Sunday as a sign of support!

AND THAT'S NOT ALL! Please see the next article.

### **MAY 20 IS ALSO PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE SUNDAY.**

Every year Presbyterians celebrate Heritage Sunday, a day to reflect upon and learn more about the long and rich history of the Presbyterian church in America.

It always falls on the Sunday closest to May 21, the opening date of the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in 1789.

### **JONES BEACH FLAG POLE INVITE – MAY 20**

**Also on May 20, Seaford United Methodist** is inviting all area churches to come to the flagpole at Jones Beach (Field 4 boardwalk) **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.

### **Trinity Sunday – May 27**

On Trinity Sunday we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

The celebration of Trinity Sunday began among Western Christians in the 10th century and developed slowly until it was formally established on the Sunday after Pentecost by Pope John XXII (1316-1334).

Trinity Sunday, in a sense, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher. It is, therefore, a fitting transition to that part of the year when Sunday by Sunday the work of God among us is unfolded in a more general way.

The triune God is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we are baptized. As the baptized ones we bear the name of the triune God in our being. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this parentage when, in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world. The triune God is the basis of all our prayers — we pray *to* God the Father, *through* Jesus Christ, *by* the Holy Spirit. The Trinity holds central place in our faith.

In celebrating Trinity Sunday, remember that every Lord's Day is consecrated to the triune God. On the first day of the week, God began creation. On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus from the grave. On the first day of the week, the Holy Spirit descended on the newly born church. Every Sunday is special. Every Sunday is a day of the Holy Trinity.

**Memorial Day, May 28:** Memorial Day is not



Remember -  
our fallen heroes.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

just a day for air  
shows and picnics.  
It's a day to  
remember the people  
who died while

serving in our country's armed forces.

Please find time on Memorial Day to recite the below prayer:

God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst and  
wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called your sons  
and daughters.  
Keep in your mercy those men and women

who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely  
into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

The CPC office will be closed on May 28.

### **COMING UP NEXT MONTH....**

**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, linens (**washed**), 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!

Pricing will be set in June. If you have any questions, please call Mona about the Garage Sale and Mary Leschinski about the vegetables and herbs. **PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP!**

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Sunday	Monday	Tues.	Wednes.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  OPA 7-10pm	3 Nat'l Day of Prayer  NA 7-9:30p	4  AA 6:45-9:30p	5
<p>6 <b>9AM</b> Worship Service; Rev. Moira Ahearne in the pulpit; <b>Communion</b> ( Pat Lofaro, Vinny Lofaro, George Weeks &amp; Diane Wood); <b>CHILDREN WILL WORSHIP WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THE SANCTUARY</b>; Usher Team #2 (Milan Alexander, Scott Dodge, Fran Kelly, Alfred Lewis and Bobbie Z-Lewis); <b>Minute for Mission</b>; <b>Refreshments</b>; <b>NASC</b> 1-6pm</p>	7  (Barb out)	8  (Barb out till late afternoon)  AA 7:30-9:30p	9  OPA 7-10pm	10 Ascension of the Lord  NA 7-9:30p	11  AA 6:45-9:30p	12 <b>10am Women's Fellowship Breakfast in Sanctuary</b> ----- <b>OPA party in Grafing Hall</b>
<p>13       <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>9AM</b> Worship Service; Rev. Moira in the pulpit; Usher Team #3 (David Brackett, Jamie Brackett, Mona Grimm and Joe Nelson); <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>; <b>Minute for Mission</b>; <b>Coffee Hour</b></p>	14	15 <b>June Tower Chimes articles due</b> AA 7:30-9:30p	16 <b>Session 7pm at CPC (tent.)</b>  OPA 7-10pm	17  NA 7-9:30	18  AA 6:45-9:30p	19
<p>20       <b>Day of Pentecost</b> <b>Presbyterian Heritage</b> <b>9AM</b> Worship; Rev. Moira in the pulpit; <b>Communion</b> (Joe Arcuri, Scott Dodge, Mary Leschinski and Joe Schuessler); Usher Team #4 (Janel Crummy, Jessie Gregorio, Tom Rose &amp; Joe Schuessler); Pentecost Offering; <b>CHILDREN WILL WORSHIP WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THE SANCTUARY</b>; <b>Refreshments</b>; <b>2PM</b> invitation from <b>Seaford Methodist</b> to join them at the <b>Jones Beach flagpole</b></p>	21	22  AA 7:30-9:30p	23  OPA 7-10pm	24  NA 7-9:30pm	25  AA 6:45-9:30p	26
<p>27       <b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> <b>9AM</b> Worship; Rev. Moira in the pulpit; Usher Team #5 (Joe Arcuri, Alex Bard, Pat Lofaro &amp; Vince Lofaro); <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>; <b>Refreshments</b></p>	28 <b>MEMORIAL DAY - REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OUR COUNTRY</b> (CPC Office Closed)	29  AA 7:30-9:30p	30  OPA 7-10pm	31  NA 7-9:30pm		