

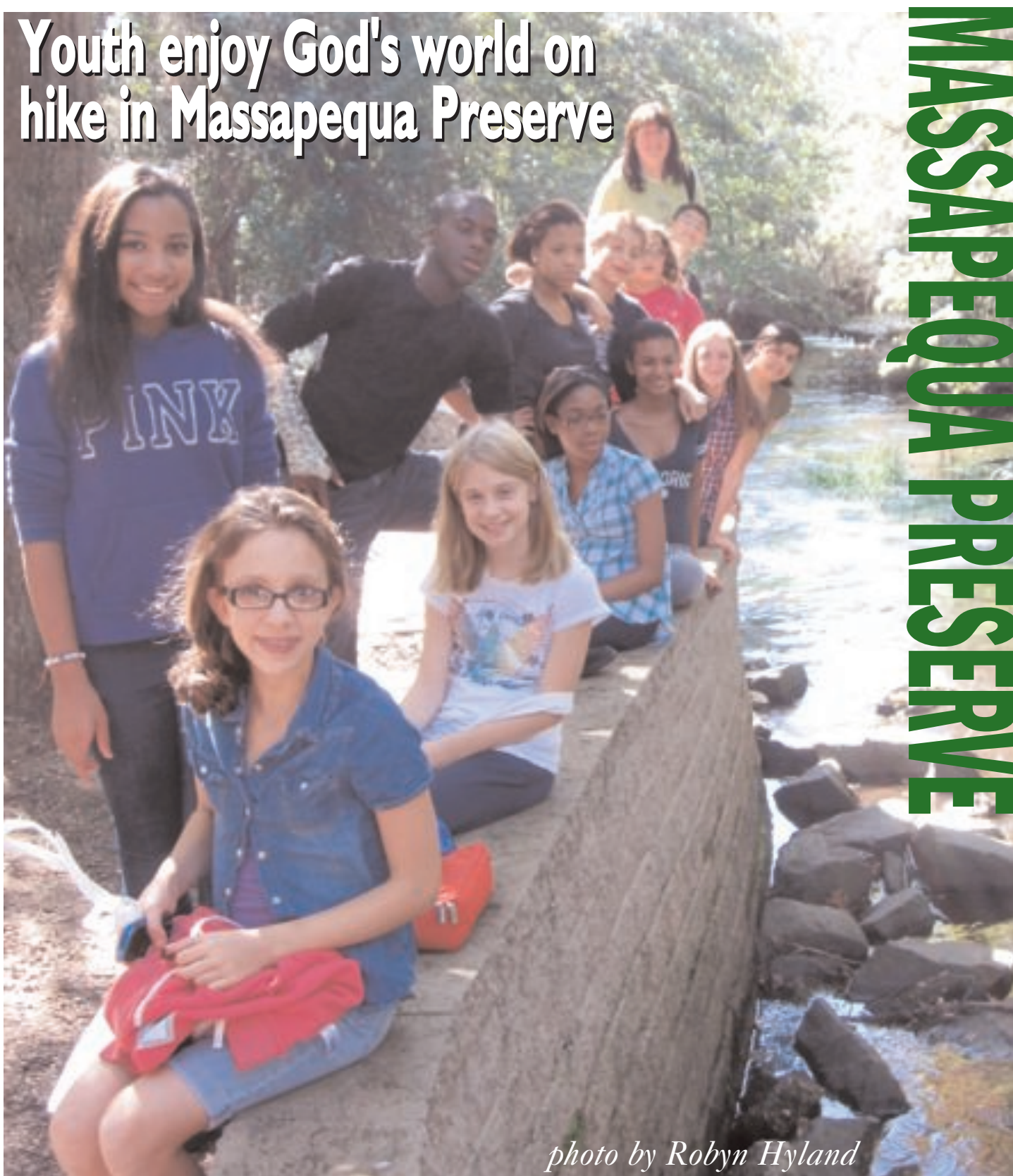
# The Lamplighter

NOVEMBER 2011

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AMITYVILLE, NY

## Youth enjoy God's world on hike in Massapequa Preserve

MASSAPEQUA PRESERVE



*photo by Robyn Hyland*



PASTOR LOUISE

A bartender overheard a conversation I was having with several other people and asked me about it.

To get to her question, I'll first explain that I am the chair of the Long Island East District Jail & Prison Ministry Committee. I wasn't looking for the "position", but it has been good to work with other United Methodists on issues of jails in Suffolk and Nassau counties. A major emphasis of the committee is to provide information to congregations and individuals who want to help inmates, former inmates or their families.

On Wednesday, October 26 our committee met with two key persons from the Riverhead Jail in a Riverhead restaurant. There is one room at the jail for volunteer groups to use. Every day they have people coming in to lead religious services. They have NA and AA meetings, plus a number of other programs. We were not intending to add a program. Instead we wanted to know what ways the church can be of help. We talked about various forms of ministry.

When I went to the bar to pay for our soup and coffee (notice I didn't say we had ordered drinks), the young bartender asked, "Does the jail need paperback books?" I don't think she was closer than about 40 feet from our table and there was a lot of conversation to sort out, but she picked up on that part of it. I told her that the women and men like to have books to read and that paperback books are most welcomed. I let the lieutenant and sergeant know about her inquiry and they made arrangements with her before they left on how to get the books to the jail. The bartender works no more than two minutes from the jail, but had no idea that something she didn't need and was happy to contribute could be useful to the inmates.

Her question reminded me of how often people overhear something and it makes an impression or elicits a response—not always positive, but often it is. Last year several confirmands from our 2010-2011 class were shopping for toiletry items for health kits to be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). While we were in the checkout line we were heard talking about what we were doing. Someone in line gave us money to add to what we had. I am grateful that in both instances our unintended witness had positive effects.

If someone overheard you at a grocery store, restaurant, or at work, would the person be inspired by what was heard?

Here are ways we can reach out to people in jail and be a positive influence. Notice particularly #4. If you wish to help, please speak with me to get further information.

1. Donate unused Christmas cards (preferably stamped);
2. Donate paperback books;
3. Become a pen pal (no mail would go to a personal, home address of the volunteer pen pal);
4. Buy or donate clothing: all white: T-shirts, sweat pants (no pockets), socks, boxer shorts. In addition to no pockets on the sweat pants, there is a strict rule that there be no logos or printing of any kind on the items. These clothes are given to a special program for a select group of 16-19 year-olds in the jail. They have earned privileges by good conduct.



## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – OCTOBER 9, 2011

BARBARA LA POMA

I have always been an active member of a Church. I started in Sunday School at age 6 in the 12th Street Reformed Church of America in Brooklyn. I subsequently joined a Methodist Church when we moved to Long Island; then a Lutheran Church for a while. We moved to Amityville about 25 years ago, and came back to the Methodist Church where my husband Bob Smith had been baptized and confirmed.

Growing up I was not aware of the Church's need for pledging in order to keep it open. In other words I did not think of the Church having similar bills like we have at home. I don't recall Stewardship Drives being so much a part of the Church. I came from a large "poor" family and we never had extra money to give to the Church.

When I married at age 20, we started a family right away. My husband had just graduated college and started teaching. He was also working toward his Masters Degree.

However, we always gave our services to the Church. We taught Sunday School, sang in the youth and then adult choirs, worked at all fund raisers, etc. (you get the picture).

We were finally able to increase our pledge and have continued doing so for many years.

First Church has been undergoing financial problems for a number of years. I served on the Stewardship Committee for 9 years and saw the ins and outs of the Church's financial needs. I know many people think all the Church does is ask for money, but we must realize that without funds, the Church cannot remain open to fulfill its mission.

Won't you think twice, or three times this year and pray to God for help in deciding how much you can comfortably increase your pledge? This Church has been here more than 200 years and I'm sure we all would like to see it continue its work in the community and around the world.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – OCTOBER 9, 2011

DAN TIERNO

When Dan Tierno gave his "Stewardship Moment" on being thankful for all of God's blessings, he had his one year old son DevIn with him. Of course, DevIn took the "spotlight". Dan referred to DevIn as "his prop" and during his Stewardship Moment spoke about how thankful his family was with all that God has blessed them with this past year, especially his son DevIn. He reminded everyone of the importance of showing God your thankfulness for what God has given us by being a good Steward and using our time, talents and treasures for God's work.

The final Stewardship Moment will be given on Sunday, Oct. 30 by the children of our Sunday School, along with Tracie Harper in another appropriate song on Stewardship written by Tracie.

*We thank Tracie Harper for composing the following words, then singing them during her Stewardship Moment. The Congregation also participated in her rendition of "Hey There, Christian" and "Volunteer".*

**"HEY THERE, CHRISTIAN"**

By Tracie Harper

The minute you walk in the church, there's an usher with a handbill and a greeter so glad to seat yah.  
 Robyn and handbells to put you at ease;  
 Blessed reassurance done by Pastor Louise.  
 Now let me get right to the point, that's not manna in the parlor, it's cake, coffee, and tea.  
 Hey, Big Spender, spend your ten percent on me.  
 Hey, Big Spender, what's your agenda?  
 Don't get hyper, we still owe LIPA.  
 Hey there, Christian, what's your mission?  
 Are you listening? Then assume the position and spend your weekly tithes  
 Or, give some extra time, but spend your ten percent on me.

**"VOLUNTEER"**

By Tracie Harper

Volunteer. Volunteer. It's a job, you'll hold dear.  
 Sign your name to this form  
 and you'll feel all fuzzy and warm.  
 What a rush, what a thrill.  
 And, I'm sure you all have a skill.  
 We know that the economy is in the trash can.  
 The contents of the septic tank are hitting the fan.  
 'Cause we need every able body, woman and man.  
 May sound strange, may sound brash.  
 Sometimes time is better than cash.  
 You reach into your pocket and out comes big balls of lint.  
 You looking for some extra change and don't have a cent.  
 But if you give some extra time, you'll be heaven sent.  
 Volunteer. Volunteer. Volunteer.



## Worship Committee

BY LINDA THOMPSON, CHAIR

### VISION STATEMENT:

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the people of First United Methodist Church of Amityville, NY will

- Witness to Jesus Christ in the world.
- Follow Jesus' teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion.

In September we were blessed with another youth led service their enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment provided us with appreciation for their dedication to sharing God's word at both the 8 am and 10 am services. We, on the committee, were left with a positive feeling about the unity within the youth group during the preparation time. It was wonderful to welcome Alexandra (Ali) Maxson into our church family through her Baptism. We look forward to watching her grow in her journey of faith.

World Communion Sunday was once again celebrated using breads from other parts of the world as we joined our brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe at the communion table. Our attendance numbers have remained steady and we look forward to future increases as focus on making disciples equipped to share God's word with others.

During October we celebrated Children's Sabbath; a national weekend to encourage awareness of children in our congregation. The children shared the sermon through a beautiful children's book, *The Turtle*.

Roy's Boys were led by Roy Van Nostrand on Laity Sunday, October 23. In conjunction with the Gospel lesson for that day – Love God and your Neighbor, Bob Silz shared his experiences from his visit to Mexico and Arizona in May.

As we come to November we will celebrate All Saint's Sunday honoring those who died during this past year and others who requested Pastor Louise to officiate at a loved one's funeral. We will soon be

planning for the season of Advent including the hanging of the greens and our annual cookie walk sponsored by the youth of the church. Stay tuned for further updates.

Once again, I hope that you will share your ideas of what you would like to see included in our services. Do not hesitate to speak with me (Linda Thompson) or any member of the committee and we will be happy to include those suggestions at our regular monthly meeting.

The sights of God's gifts are everywhere. Let us give thanks for the beautiful fall colors that dress the trees, pumpkins that are around and the chrysanthemums that decorate many yards.

## OUTREACH UPDATE

BY JOAN STERN

The summer that wasn't seems to have gone its way and the event that now is ahead of us at First Church is Thanksgiving and our commitment to helping out some of the less fortunate with a meal such as we will be enjoying. Our Social Service contact, Mrs. Dawson, has provided the list that numbers 17 adults and 44 children from ages 3 years to teens and as always Outreach is asking for your help in providing this important meal. For the next few weeks, the stores will be showing specials on canned goods such as all vegetables (corn, peas, string beans, carrots, sweet potatoes), cranberry sauces, stuffing and also bags of onions and potatoes). Gravies such as turkey or chicken and perhaps some canned fruit. Monetary donations may be easier and Outreach members are ready and willing to do the shopping.

We are hopeful that the service organization that usually helps us out with turkey donations will again be able to fill that need. If you can help, it would be so appreciated and all our Outreach members thank you. We will be accepting donations from now until November 22.



*Presents:*

**Immigrant Rights Advocate Jaqueline García**

Sunday, November 6  
4:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church  
Amityville, New York  
25 Broadway (Route 110)

Jacqueline Garcia joined her mother and brother in migrating to California when she was 16. They were all undocumented. She worked at a number of low-wage jobs and in the process became committed to learning more about service.

She returned to Mexico and worked for several years as a Catholic missionary in poor areas of the country. After finishing her Master's Degree in Social Sciences she had an even greater understanding of the issues of migration.

Presently she works as an advocate and organizer in Veracruz, Mexico with the Jesuit Migrant Service.

Throughout her work she has gained a greater understanding of her own story of migration. Jacqueline says, "I read books, studies, and articles about migration and ended up reading my own story. I



am the daughter of migrants and bear the marks and emotional costs that are left by my father's absence [since I was four years old]. I am a witness to the unfinished story my mother began to live as the wife of a migrant."

*For more information, call 631-264-0152*

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# Church Membership

“PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS”

## By Your Prayers

EDNA KRACKE (BROKEN LEG)  
 JOSE MARTINEZ & FAMILY  
 LUKE MAZZILLI  
 LOTTIE SYMINGTON

## By Your Service

<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Feb 27: Analicia Gonzalez & Emily Korba
<b>REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE</b>	Nov. 6: UMW Nov. 13: Finance Committee Nov. 20: Church & Society Nov. 27: Soup & Bread Luncheon
<b>COMMUNION STEWARDS</b>	Nov. 6: Jeanne Otis, Charlene Jourdan, Margaret Wolter
<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>8 a.m.</b> Month of November - Linda Thompson <b>10 am:</b> Nov. 6: Charlene Jourdan Nov. 13: Tracie Harper Nov. 20: Gene La Poma Nov. 27: Margaret Wolter
<b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b>	Nov. 6: Beverly Bode & Kate Peterson Nov. 13: Cathy Taylor & Kate Peterson Nov. 20: Arlene DeLand & Wes Reinhardt Nov. 27: Margaret Wolter & Nell Rasmussen
<b>USHERS</b>	Nov. 6: Linda Cohen, Kathy & Pat Dougherty Nov. 13: Sherri Warta, Nicholas Roloson & Gene La Poma Nov. 20: Judy Hartten, Judy Silz & Tracie Harper Nov. 27: Dorothy Hyman, Natalie & Mike Korba
<b>JUNIOR USHERS</b>	Nov. 6: Jack Dubyn & Anthony Erdody Nov. 13: Jamella Tracey & Francesca Ciaramella Nov. 20: Derek Gonzalez & Jameer Waterton Nov. 27: Kianna Ciaramella & Robert Castellano
<b>GREETERS</b>	Nov. 6: Korba Family Nov. 13: Cathy & Dylan Bedell Nov. 20: George Wrage Nov. 27: Castellano Family



## By Your Presence

Date	8 am	10 am	Sunday School	Total
Oct. 2	16	61	12	89
Oct. 9	11	65	20	96
Oct. 16	11	59	Childrens-Sabbath	65
Oct. 23	17	64	12	93

# All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 6 we will remember those who have entered the eternal kingdom in the past year. The following names will be read and a candle will be lit in their memory by a family member, friend or a member of First Church:

DENISE BOURGARD

Nov. 22, 2010

RAYMOND RODRIGUES

Oct. 24, 1924 – Nov. 27, 2010

GEORGE BEIERLING, JR.

Oct. 8, 1935 – Jan. 4, 2011

FLORENCE E. BECKER

Oct. 18, 1918 - Feb. 2, 2011

ARTHUR KING

Dec. 12, 1932 – Feb. 6, 2011

VALERIE SAWYER VOLKMANN DICKENS

Feb. 23, 1923 – Feb. 15, 2011

RONALD GEORGE THOMSON, JR.

Jan. 17, 1943 – Feb. 20, 2011

THELMA MARIE LILLIESKOLD PEET BRICE

Oct. 13, 1921 - Mar. 7, 2011

BETTY LAIRD BOEHM SHAVE

Mar. 23, 1924 – Mar. 11, 2011

RUTH M. HAASER

May 7, 1915 – Mar. 15, 2011

HOWARD GEORGE CHICKERING

April 3, 1927-May 25, 2011

ALICE MARIE CONSTANTINE

Oct. 20, 1914 – April 7, 2011

JEAN DAY BOUSQUET NOBLE

July 8, 1925 – June 3, 2011

LINDA ANN CASTELLANO SAMPER

July 12, 1953- June 25, 2011

THOMAS S. DICKENS

Apr. 11, 1940 – June 24, 2011

ELIZABETH A. BENNETT

June 14, 1923 – Aug. 11, 2011

DAVID VAN BENTHUYSEN

Jan. 21, 1929-Oct. 3, 2011

PETER J. DIMAGGIO

Dec. 13, 1926 – Oct. 25, 2011

ANNMARIE WHITE

July 12, 1968 – Oct. 26, 2011

DONALD KING

Nov. 30, 1935 – Jan. 3, 2010

# LOOKING AHEAD

NOV. 5: "YOUTH ALIVE" AT FARMINGDALE UMC

NOV. 6: ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY - 4 PM JAQUEL

NOV. 13: COMMITMENT SUNDAY

NOV. 17: CHARGE CONFERENCE - 7 PM

NOV. 18-19: UMFY LOCK-IN AT FUMC

NOV. 22: 7:30 PM - COUNTY LINE CLUSTER  
THANKSGIVING @ GRACE, UMC,  
LINDENHURST

NOV. 27: 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - HANGING OF  
THE GREENS  
BREAD & SOUP LUNCHEON

DEC. 4: TRIP TO PRINCETON, N.J. TO SEE  
WESTMINSTER BELL CONCERT CHOIR

DEC. 11: COOKIE WALK  
3 PM - ECUMENICAL ADVENT LESSONS &  
CAROLS HOSTED AT FUMC

DEC. 24: 4:45 PM CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRESENTATION  
5:00 PM CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS  
CELEBRATION WITH HOLY COMMUNION

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

During the month of October we had several "Stewardship Moments" which were given by Barbara La Poma, Daniel Tierno, Tracie Harper and the children of our Sunday School. We thank them all for their willingness to share their time and talents for the Pledge Drive.

After Commitment Sunday, everyone who has been sent the initial letter and pledge card but has not returned it, will receive a personal phone call from a committee member.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider your commitment to First United Methodist Church when you complete the pledge card for 2012.

As previously mentioned, our goal is \$90,000, the same as 2011. Unfortunately, last year we did not reach our goal. With your help, we can obtain it for 2012.

# Upcoming UMYF News :

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend the following UMYF events.

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5: Youth Alive 2011 at Farmingdale UMC 6 pm - 9 pm**

Meet at church at 5:30pm. Bring non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Long Island Council of Churches. Also, an offering will be taken during the program. There will contemporary Christian music, the Asbury Spirit Dancers will perform and the guest speaker will be Rashid Warner. Refreshments and fellowship will follow program.

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19:**

Lock-in begins at 6:30 pm  
on Friday at FUMC with a Thanksgiving Dinner.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11: Cookie Walk**



## That's "MY PAN"

Have you ever taken food to someone—or the church—and the pan wasn't returned or someone left a pan at your house? To make sure your cookware is returned, why not purchase a pan that has your name on it? These pans are also great as a Christmas present, birthday present, etc. Deadline to order pans is Nov. 20. Pans will arrive in time to be given as a Christmas gift. You may also contact the church office during those dates to place your order. Money raised will be used for brightening the Narthex and other areas that need repairs.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL BELL CHOIR ATTENDING BROADWAY SHOW.**

Sunday, Oct. 30 our Middle School/High School Bell Choir and chaperones will be attending the Broadway Play "Billy Elliot: The Musical" in NYC.

We thank Robyn Hyland, the Bell Choir director for planning this trip.

## **TRIP TO PRINCETON**

*to see Westminster Concert Bell Choir  
Concert Princeton, New Jersey*

**DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011**

**LEAVING FUMC: 11:30 AM**

Julia Beckmann, a member of the FUMC Teen/College Handbell Choir and the Westminster Concert Bell Choir, will be performing at their annual Christmas Concert.

Reservation are needed. Sign up sheet on Narthex table.

We will carpooling and will need drivers.

Please contact Robyn if you can drive.

## **L.I.E. District 2012 Retreat Planning Meeting**

Our UMYF will be hosting the planning meeting of the Long Island East District Retreat schedule for the spring of 2012. This meeting will be held on Saturday, November 12 at 10 am. All members of our UMYF groups are invited to participate. Let Robyn know if you plan on attending



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Board of the United Methodist Women held a meeting on October 25th and discussed donations as well as needs of the local community. We are very aware of need with regard to food pantries and soup kitchens and talked about ways we can help. We made donations to the Amityville Fire Dept. as well as the Hope for Youth organization. We will meet again on Nov. 29 in the parlor at 9:30 am.

Joan Kaplan, Chair

## MEMBERSHIP & Nurture EVANGELISM

The group meets monthly to discuss creating effective ministries in our church. We have recently reviewed the membership list, made phone calls and mailed out letters in an effort to determine an exact number of active as well as inactive members.

We have also prepared WELCOME BAGS for distribution to visitors and new members.

Our goals are to focus on implementing groups that meet regularly, and to reach out to inactive members by perhaps offering transportation on Sundays. There are also members in need that we might offer our support by preparing a meal etc.

Our focus is to reach out to people, to relate people to God, to nurture and strengthen them in their journey of discipleship and to send them into the world to be the church.

## COUNTY LINE CLUSTER THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Tuesday, November 22 @ 7:30 pm**

Grace United Methodist Church  
Lindenhurst, NY

Bring canned goods for Grace's food pantry. Please join us at the County Line Cluster Thanksgiving Service.

This year Pastor Lee Gangaware, (from Grace, UMC) will be the preacher.



**Sunday, December 11 @ 3 pm**  
**Hosted by FUMC**

The Amityville Ecumenical Churches will present a Service of Advent Lessons & Carols.

*Free Will Offering to benefit St. Martin of Tours Outreach Program and Food Pantry.*



**NOVEMBER 13, 2011**

**Commitment  
Sunday**

If you have not already submitted your pledge for 2012, please do so by Commitment Sunday, November 13.

*Did you know that your gift to Heifer International which will help families in need this Christmas season, would purchase the following:*

**ANIMAL:                      DONATION:**

A flock of Ducks/Geese or chicks	\$20.00
Honeybees	\$30.00
A trio of rabbits	\$60.00*
Tree Seedlings	\$60.00*
a Pig , a sheep or a goat	\$120.00*
A Llama	\$150.00

\*A \$10.00 donation, would purchase a "share" of those animals marked.

This is one of the many great alternative giving ideas. All names of those honored or remembered will be listed in the 2011 Christmas Giving Booklet.



- 2 JOHN MALINKA
- SABRINA WALKER
- 3 ELIZABETH (BRICE) DRAKE
- 5 WES POWELL
- 7 MARTHA PETERSON
- 11 DOROTHY LUNT
- JUDITH SILZ
- 13 VINCENT ERDODY
- 20 DANA BASSARAGH
- KEVIN SMITH
- 21 BRENDAN KENNEDY
- 22 KRISTIN SILZ
- 23 SANDY DEQUILLFELDT
- PETER NEIDHART
- 26 MELISSA KENNEDY
- 27 ROBERT ERATH
- BRUCE KENNEDY
- 29 SHAYNE WARTA



For Christmas we will have Poinsettias in the Sanctuary which you can purchase in loving memory of or in honor of a special person or persons in your life. Your gift not only remembers or honors a loved one, but it helps to beautify the church during the season and can bring cheer to the ill or house-bound church members. **COST FOR EACH PLANT: \$12 Please send this completed form**

**to the church office with your check made payable to First UMC, clearly marked "Poinsettias" or call the Church Office by December 18th!!!!**

**Alternative Gift Giving** - Instead of purchasing a poinsettia, or in addition to purchasing a poinsettia you may make a contribution of \$12 (or more) and designate it for an outreach project, such as UMCOR, Heifer program, Habitat for Humanity, Imagine No Malaria or another one of your choice.

The name of the person you are honoring or remembering will be listed in the Christmas Poinsettia & Alternative Giving Booklet.

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you want it to appear in our booklet)

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF** (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

**IN HONOR OF** (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

- Give the poinsettia(s) to a shut-in
- I will take the poinsettia(s) sometime after the Christmas Eve service
- I want my contribution to go to an outreach project (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

# of Plants Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_



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**Every Sunday Schedule**  
 8 & 10 am Worship  
 9 am Choir Rehearsal  
 10 am Sunday School  
 11:15 am Youth Choir

# November 2011

Church Office Hours : Tues.-Fri. 9 am—1 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <b>Support Group Meetings—basement</b>                      AA Wednesday &amp; Saturdays @ 8 pm                 </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     IH Ireland Hall    BH Binkley Hall                      AR Amanda's Room    P Parlor                 </div>		<b>1</b> 6:30 pm Parents with Young Children Group (P) 7:30 Worship Committee Mtg.	<b>2</b> 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	<b>3</b> 5 pm Finance Committee (P)	<b>4</b> 8 pm PeaceSmiths (IH)	<b>5</b> 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal
<b>6 21st Sunday</b> After Pentecost All Saints' Sunday <b>4 pm Witness for Peace</b> Jaqueline Garcia, Speaker	<b>7</b> 7:15 pm Cub Scouts (BH) 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	<b>8</b> 6:30 pm Parents with Young Children Group (P)	<b>9</b> 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal 10 am L.I. East UMYF Planning Mtg. for 2012 Retreat
<b>13 22nd Sunday</b> After Pentecost 11:30 am Administrative Council Meeting (BH) <b>Commitment Sunday</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Parents with Young Children Group (P)	<b>16</b> 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Charge Conference	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm UMYF Overnight Lock-in begins	<b>19</b> UMYF Lock-in ends 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal 5 pm Cub Scouts Thanksgiving
<b>20 Reign of Christ</b>	<b>21</b> 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	<b>22</b> 6:30 pm Parents with Young Children Group (P) 7:30 pm County Line Cluster Thanksgiving Worship @ Grace UMC	<b>23</b> 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	<b>24</b> Thanksgiving Office Closed	<b>25</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b> 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal
<b>27 1st Sunday in</b> Advent Hanging of the Greens Soup & Bread Luncheon	<b>28</b> 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	<b>29</b> 9:30 am UMW Mtg. 11 am M, N & E 6:30 pm Parents with Young Children	<b>30</b> 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>HB Ens.:</b> First Church Handbell Ensemble  <b>Adult HB:</b> Adult Handbell Group  <b>T/C HB:</b> Teen/College Handbell  <b>MS/HS HB:</b> Middle/High School Handbell                     </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <b>Note: Please check your Sunday</b>  <b>insert for Handbell Rehearsals</b> </div>		

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Return Service Request

# November 2011

Dated Church Material



UMYF Hiking Trip at Massapequa Preserve.  
 Picture by Robyn Hyland.

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