



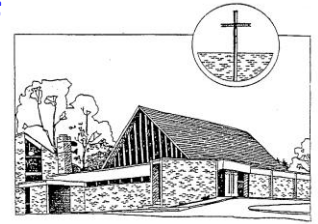
The United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff

Carpenter and Downing Avenues

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Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior,

As this letter reaches you, we are firmly in the grip of the Lenten season; it is my fervent wish that each of us might have a holy Lent - a Lent devoted to a contemplation of Him and of our walk with Him - for indeed Jesus did not come to the earth to do a cameo appearance; He came so that all might be essentially changed. How is one changed, and in what fashion, you might ask - I think that that is one of the purposes of the Lenten season; that we might explore our place now and the places that He might wish us to attain - and this is explored through a time spent with Him; He will provide the answers that we all strive for. We can begin this journey through a time of reading - both books devoted to the issues that face us, and THE book that deals with the same, His word, the Holy Bible. Another facet of our journey can, and should be, an increased focus on the time that we spend in our prayer life... and by this I do not mean *just* the time that we spend in prayer during Sunday worship... prayer is intended to be a function of living... not something that we do when we need something or when we are in the midst of a crisis:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ¹⁶ Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

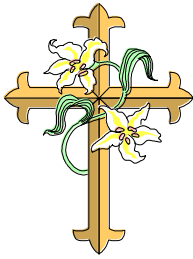
Finally, let us not forget the family that we share here in the United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff; it is a very special family, one of diverse ideas, and differing opinions; yet united, in a belief in the necessity and sufficiency of Jesus Christ; whose season it is that we celebrate, for this season leads us to Holy Week, toward the Passion... and then beyond, to the resurrection. Indeed the concept of that resurrection is essential to our faith as Methodists, that by His death and resurrection we are freed from the burden of sin; and that by no other means is this possible (20th Article of Religion p. 64 Book of Discipline (2008)).

Let us keep, together, this season, and enjoy, together, a Holy Lent.

In His Name,

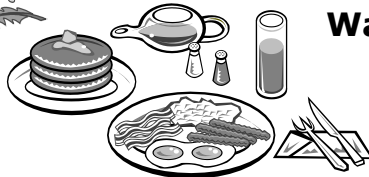
In His service,

Pastor Kirt



Easter SERVICES

Palm Sunday Brunch



- **April 17th** – Palm Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m. followed by Outreach Committee Brunch. Watch for more details in upcoming bulletins.
- **Lenten Festival** during Sunday School – Easter Crafts and Activities

Soup & Bread Supper



- **April 21st** – Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Holy Communion & Soup Supper
- **Note:** Please sign-up in the back of the sanctuary if you plan to attend and tell us whether you will be bringing soup (what kind of soup), bread, or juice. *Also, let us know if you will need Child Care.* Thanks!

Good Friday



- **April 22nd** – Good Friday Worship Service, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt



- **April 23rd** – Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. @ the church.
- **Note to parents:** We have lots of plastic eggs here that you can take home, fill, and bring back. Please don't buy more eggs.



- **April 24th** – Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m. @ Memorial Park in Sea Cliff, followed by a Continental Breakfast & Coffee hosted by the Clark family @199 Prospect Ave., Sea Cliff



- **April 24th** – Easter Service @ the Church, 10:00 a.m.



Bulletin Board

..... UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3rd – Outreach Meeting, after the service - in the choir room
- NS Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. – noon @ NS High School.
Adults - \$5, children & seniors - \$4, Entertainment!! Balloons!!
- April 9th – Memorial Service for Betty Kolk – 11:00 a.m.
- April 10th – Women's Communion Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
- Outreach – Blanket Program Kickoff & Special Children's Skit during the service
- Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting, after the service
- April 13th – Healing Service, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- April 26th – Reconciling Task Force Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

..... SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH - SAVE THE DATE!

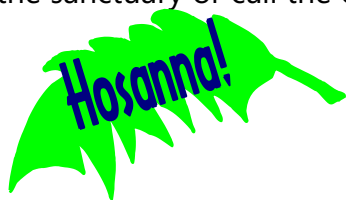
Holy Week begins in only 2 short weeks!

Please plan on beginning this very special time in the Christian year with fellowship and food at the annual...

OUTREACH COMMITTEE PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

This year's menu will include: bacon, eggs & home fries, quiche, bagels & cream cheese, fruit salad, and beverages. In addition anyone who would like to bring something "sweet" for the buffet table such as doughnuts, coffee cake or brownies, is happily invited to do so.

As the brunch is a church fund-raiser, a free-will offering is requested. Please sign-up in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office.



When?
Sunday April 17th @ 11:15

Where?
Downstairs, in the fellowship hall!

Why?
To fellowship! To eat great food!
To help support our church!

Free-Will Offering

*Please put your donation in the plate on any Sunday, or send cash or check made out to The United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff.



Hope to see you there!

..... A NOTE FROM CAROL PERKINS

When I came to this church in 2006, I was impressed with all of the activities going on. Photos of the youth were in many places. Because I enjoy photography, I thought it might be nice to see photos of adult activities, also. I spoke to Rev. Pak about putting up a board to share other happenings in the church.

We found a board in the office, and I hoped that it might be used by others in the congregation. In those days you could sometimes get a free set in developing. I gave many photos to members as the years went along. Then along came the digital camera and a whole new process. I find I am not taking as many photos as I did; so unless someone has an idea for this project, I think we will lay it aside at the end of the month.

..... WOMEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST

All women of the church are welcome, as are any guests you would like to invite. Please join us on Sunday morning for Communion and afterward a for a delicious breakfast. Charlie and Hap will be manning the griddles as usual.

Place: The United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff
 Time: 8:00 a.m.
 Date: April 10th
 Speaker: To be announced
 Cost: \$5.00

Any questions, call Sally Davies @ 671-0831

..... APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY

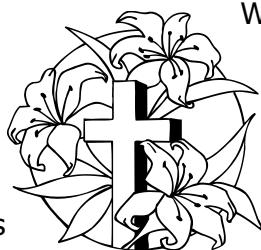
| <u>Birthdays</u> | | | <u>Anniversary</u> |
|------------------|----|----------------|----------------------|
| Marisa Fahey | 5 | Stacy Doering | 21 |
| Caroline Lucas | 9 | John Hinde Sr. | 23 |
| Antonia Laruccia | 16 | | |
| | | | John & Judy Hinde 22 |



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 Will give: \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$50

... EASTER FLOWERS

For our Easter Altar, April 24th, please send in your donation for Lilies and other spring flowers. **Please return this form along with your check to the church office by Friday, April 15th, 2011.** All checks should be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff, and indicate Easter Flowers on the memo line.



Name: _____

Circle one
 Other: Write in amount \$ _____
 In Memory of Loved Ones _____
 In Loving Memory of _____
 In Honor of _____
 Please take a plant to _____

I would like to take a plant home

_____ I will deliver Easter Plants.

..... OUTREACH NEWS - CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

"BLANKETS +" PROGRAM

On Sunday April 10, our church will launch a special, month-long Mission Project for Church World Service called "Blankets +". This program raises funds for relief and long-term recovery efforts all around the world in places such as Haiti, Pakistan, Kenya and now - Japan. Our donations through the Blankets + program can provide warmth and protection to victims of a disaster, seeds, and tools to struggling farmers and water to impoverished communities. All month, members of the Outreach Committee will be available in the back of the sanctuary after church where special Blankets+ cards may be purchased in honor of a loved one. These cards cost only \$5 each and make wonderful Mother's/Father's Day gifts. Further information about the program as well as offering envelopes will also be available from April 10 through May 8. We hope you will support this very worthy cause.

..... MEMORIALS

We are pleased to announce that an unrestricted bequest in the amount of \$10,000 has been received from the Estate of Kate Chase, a long time member of the church. This generous bequest has been added to the Memorial Endowment Fund which provides income for the annual operating budget of the church. This is a wonderful remembrance of Kate and those who have meant so much to the life of the church over the years past.

† **Remember our church in your will.**

..... CHURCH FOOD BOX -

COLORS OF EASTER FOR THE THIS MONTH!

What colors do you associate with Easter? Purple? Yellow? Green? Pink?

Let's think of Easter as we shop for our non-perishable items for the church food box this month. What color do you think we'll see the most of in the box by the end of the month? Let's see...

..... SAVE THE DATE

THE STEINERS ARE COMING AGAIN!

- **Friday, May 27th**
- **A covered dish supper will be provided**
- **For more info, to host a Steiner, or to provide a covered dish for the supper, please call Judy Clark @ 671-1338.**

..... FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble: it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.

..... LOVELY GIFTS FROM JIM AND SIS NORTON

Jim and Sis Norton handmade sixteen beautiful quilted lap-ropes and gave them to their niece Beth Johns to share with special friends. Two have been delivered to Gladys Baxter and Joan Clarke who have been very active in the life of our church and who now live in health care facilities. They were received with sincere appreciation and joyfulness. The remaining lap-ropes will be given to the Brooklyn United Methodist Church Home for residents in that facility. We are

| - Prayer List - | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Healing, Comfort, and Strength of Mind and Spirit | | |
| Eve Haim Connie Fisher | Carol Kathy Valente | Victor Johnston Pastor Watkins |
| For those Homebound and in Health Care Facilities | | |
| Gladys Baxter Joan Clarke | Stewart Gaynor Bob Josephson | Dot Sprague Laura Valente |

sincerely grateful to Jim and Sis Norton for these heart-warming gifts.

..... HIDDEN TREASURE EVENT

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Hidden Treasure is a chance for the Children to learn about and meet the Adults that are involved in their Church.

Please pick a child from the list on the left and let me know, by April 10th, of your choice and to insure that your selection has not already been chosen.

Please correspond with the child you selected at least 3 times. In your correspondence you should give clues about yourself, and on May 1st we'll see if they have figured out who their "Hidden Treasure" is.

In the past some Adults have given the children gifts, please wait until the day of the reveal and also please keep the gift to a minimum of \$5.00 or less. This is purely voluntary and you are in no way obligated to purchase anything.

If you should have any question or to submit your selection, please either call, email or see me in Church.

Thank you & Have Fun.

Linda Ninesling

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Person of the Month Judy Hinde

Written by Carol Rescigno

Judy Hinde looks back on kindergarten as a pivotal point in her life. That's when she became friends with Barbara Stack (Ed's sister) and accompanied her to Sunday school at the Methodist Church on Sea Cliff Avenue.

"The parsonage was in what is now the museum," Judy said recently, "and I can remember running over there when we'd hear that Elvis Presley was on TV. We had a big Sunday school and, later, a huge youth group that met once a week and always had a good time. And there was barely room to fit everyone when the Children's Choir, the Youth Choir and the Senior Choir would sing together."

Judy has been at this church for more than 60 years. She was confirmed here. At 18, she started teaching Sunday school with Ginnie Thompson and, later, Mrs. Braynard. Several years later she even had an opportunity to teach with her sister, Dorothy. Judy and John were married in the old church in 1965 and their son, John, was baptized there. Daughters Joy (Sullivan) and Debi (Santiago) were baptized in the new church and now Joy is raising her children in the church that means so much to her parents.

"From the time I started coming to this church, through raising children here and now grandchildren, I've always felt safe and at home," Judy said.

Judy was born in Brooklyn and moved to Glen Cove, back to the city and then to Sea Cliff in her early years. Her family moved several times within Sea Cliff, and she attended North Shore schools for all but a 6-month stint in Glen Cove. She and John lived in Bayville early in their marriage, trekking back to Sea Cliff Methodist on Sundays, and have been in their Glen Cove home since 1982.

Through the years, Judy and John were church youth leaders as well as being involved in Junior Baseball and the children's theater groups at school. Some of those now-grown "kids" still stop by for visits and laugh with Judy about all the bottles and cans they used to collect and wash to raise funds for the youth group. She and John have also gone up to Kingswood for more than 30 years for youth and family retreats. Judy worked as church secretary for 13 years and also worked for the Presbyterian Church in Glen Cove. Finally, she worked at Glen Cove Hospital for two decades, retiring three years ago.

At church or away from church, Judy Hinde is the quiet center of a busy family that now includes five grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 14. "If John doesn't see kids and grandkids for a few days, he's lost," she says. The Hinde family is musically talented and Judy's a loyal soprano in the Adult Choir. And if you want to get her talking about another passion, ask about the latest trade for the Mets!

Sometimes Judy says she looks back and misses the days of monthly church suppers and children's shows at the church ("Methodists love to eat and they love to sing," she says.) But she's comfortable with the church today, too, and says she feels that it is still growing.

"This church is a real community. People are friendly and open, and everyone has always been welcome. It's a family."

On the Light Side

A lecturer when explaining stress management to an audience raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g.

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden."

"So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow."

"Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can. So my friend, put down anything that may be a burden to you right now. Don't pick it up again until after you've rested a while."

Live simply, love generously, speak kindly... leave the rest to God.

Here are some great ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

- * Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- * Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- * Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be "Recalled" by their maker.
- * If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- * If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- * It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to be kind to others.
- * Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- * Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- * When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- * Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- * You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- * Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- * We could learn a lot from crayons... Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- * A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Have an awesome week and know that someone has thought about you today!