



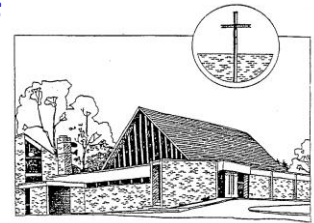
The United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff

Carpenter and Downing Avenues

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Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior,

Finally, we can begin to enjoy some of the weather that we longed for this long winter just past. It's June, filled with so many things to do that the weekends are already filled. However, am I ever going to get this all accomplished; oh my...busy busy, dreadfully busy – so much to do, so many people to see, so many outings, parades, picnics, events... That's just human nature I guess... I wonder how well that "human nature" squares with the teachings of Jesus.

Hmmm. I think I can hear His one word command... STOP!

Whatever are we worrying about in our frantic race to get it all accomplished; I think that He would rather we *s l o w d o w n* and enjoy the life that we have.

Matthew 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life."

Matthew 6:27 "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

Matthew 6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."

It seems as though I have my answer... and this is from just one book in the Bible. Let us spend this season of our lives enjoying the beauty and glory that he sends to us.

In His Name,

In His service,

Pastor Kirt

Bulletin Board

..... UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 4th - Thrift Shop & SC Community Garage Sale Day, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- June 5th - Reconciling Service 10:00 a.m.
- June 6th - Spirit Builders, in the Library, 7:30 p.m.
- June 8th -11th - NY Annual Conference @ Hofstra University
- June 11th - Sea Cliff Senior Action Picnic, 12-3 p.m.
- June 14th - UMW Covered-Dish Supper @ Hempstead Harbour Club, 5:30 p.m.
- June 16th - Sanctuary in use by St. Christopher Otilie, for moving- up ceremony, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- June 18th - Kathryn Brickell Piano Recital, 2-10 p.m., in the sanctuary
- June 19th - Father's Day!
- June 20th - Spirit Builders, in the Library, 7:30 p.m.

..... KING KULLEN - CARE & SHARE PROGRAM

Our church has signed up to participate in King Kullen of Glen Cove CARE AND SHARE PROGRAM. Anytime you shop at King Kullen of Glen Cove, please save your receipt and bring it to church. Please put your receipts in the envelope in the back of the church. Phyllis Harbach will be collecting the receipts; and after a certain dollar amount is reached, we begin to get money back from King Kullen. Thank you!

..... PRAISE AND WORSHIP NOTICE

Praise and Worship will continue to meet at the new time of 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. (It will no longer meet at 7:00 p.m.)

..... THANK YOU

I thank God for directing me in the right direction to The United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff. I came from the Carpenter Memorial Methodist Church in Glen Cove when they moved to Bayville.

The first experience I had was when one of the members approached me. She had overheard me saying that my daughter was in the hospital. She told me to take one of the plants from the altar, and take it home for my daughter.

That's when I said, "This is my church. This is my house of worship because there is compassion for one another."

On Easter Sunday, I mentioned that my son-in-law and my son's mother-in-law both had cancer. The next day someone from the church came to deliver an Easter lily after hearing of the death of my son's mother-in-law.

The thoughtfulness was there for me and my family as well as my son's family. Thank you so much. May God bless all of you.

Harold Conklin & Family

..... SPIRIT BUILDERS ANNOUNCEMENT

The *Spirit Builders* will begin a new 4-part study of the book *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* by Philip Yancy and Paul Brand. *Join us June 6 & 20 and July 11 & 25* as we read and explore God's most wonderful creation – the body.....

At the church – 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome! The book is available at a cost of \$10.

Tell Beth, Stacy, or Sylvia if you are interested in participating!

..... UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, June 14th at 5:30 pm at the Hempstead Harbour Club for a Covered-Dish Supper and meeting. Please call Joan Ajamian to let her know how many will attend and whether you will bring a main course, salad, or dessert. Her telephone number is 671-7155.

..... CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!

After much hard work, Sheila Fontana graduated this May from Nassau Community College with a degree in nursing. Congratulations, Sheila!

..... ANNUAL RECONCILING SERVICE

Pastor Kirt and members of the Reconciling Task Force have worked together in preparation for the service on June 5th. We will gather for Worship and Communion and focus on our Sunday bulletin statement:

“Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. The People of the United Methodist Church.”

..... INSPIRATION

On a cold day in December some years ago, a little boy about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on a roadway, barefooted, peering through and shivering with the cold. A lady approached the young boy and said, “My, but you’re in such deep thought staring in that window!”

“I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,” was the boy’s reply. The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could bring her a basin of water and a towel.

He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with a towel. By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing them upon the boy’s feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, “No doubt, you will be more comfortable now.”

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her, “Are you God’s wife?”

..... CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will be given beginning September 22nd, and continuing on Thursday evenings. This is open to teens who wish to join the United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff; the usual age is 13 and 7th grade. If there are those who are desirous of joining us PLEASE see Pastor Kirt and reserve Thursday evenings.



Person of the Month Chris Lucas

Written by Carol Rescigno

If you want to hear fine music or work at getting healthy, head over to the very-busy Lucas household in Glen Head. Dad Chris believes in exercise and loves to sing, and his family feels pretty much the same way.

"Ellen and I met while we were performing as professional free-lance musicians," he said over coffee recently. Chris had received his bachelor's degree from the University of Hartford by then, plus a master's from Yale – both in musical performance. His instrument of choice in those days was the trombone. Nowadays, it's his voice, which provides the wonderful tenor tones we hear in Sea Cliff Methodist's choir.

Chris is also a runner, and he finds a common theme in many of his passions: the church, music and running. "There's a spiritual element," he said. "Running long distances towards finish lines that lie many miles away tests both your faith and commitment to finish what you've started." He recently completed the Long Island Half-Marathon and has run the New York Marathon 15 times. "Endurance events teach a lot about faith," he said. "Testing your physical limits, you learn so much about yourself."

The Lucas girls – Elizabeth, 15, who attends North Shore High School, and Caroline, a 6th-grader at the Middle School – share their dad's passion for sports. They've played soccer for several years, and Chris has coached their teams for the North Shore Soccer Club. Through team sports, he says, the girls challenge themselves and learn teamwork and self-confidence in addition to spiritual development. The family is also involved in sailing at Hempstead Harbour Club, for which Chris runs the junior sailing program.

Music is equally important to the Lucases. Ellen, a violinist, teaches music at Mattlin Middle School in Plainview. Elizabeth also plays violin, Caroline is a cellist and they often share their musical gifts with the Sea Cliff congregation.

Chris grew up in Massapequa -- an Indian word meaning "near the mall" according to comedian and former Massapequa native Jerry Seinfeld. Chris's mom lives in Bayshore now and his sisters live in Greenlawn and Atlanta.

Chris and Ellen were married 20 years ago at a Methodist church in Lynbrook and rented a cottage on a horse farm in Old Brookville for several years, discovering the area when Ellen taught at Friends Academy. Chris found their Glen Head home "about nine years ago when I was biking in the area." He worked for Showtime for over a decade, earning two Emmys for technology, and is now with Cablevision in Bethpage, where he works as part of the strategic product development team.

The Lucases came to Sea Cliff Methodist when they were church-shopping some 15

years ago. "We loved the choir," he said. "That's what brought us here." A member of the Board of Trustees, he has also chaired the Staff Parish Relations committee.

"We have such strong friendships at this church, and we've enjoyed them tremendously," Chris says. "There's great fellowship – both within the church and from gatherings and groups that have evolved from it." Fellow church member Carol Perkins was Chris's 1st grade Sunday school teacher in Amityville. Her late husband, Bill, was Chris's first pastor and co-officiated at the Lucases' wedding.

Chris says one event he particularly enjoys at the Sea Cliff church is the summer men's sing directed by choir director Diane Laruccia. "There's something special about blending the men's voices that is reminiscent of chamber music." He's also pleased to be in the midst of what he sees as a renewed energy at the church – a feeling of elevated spirituality and rising attendance.

..... JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Henry Doering	2	Katherine Doering	2	David Johns	2
Bonnie Watkins	19	Lauren Abbondandolo	9	Benjamin Hartman	15
George Weiss	17	Courtney Pozzi	22	Lisa Hill	25
Kyle Fahey	26	Nicole Ninesling	27		



Anniversaries

Tom & Leslie Hartman	June 3, 1989
Bob & Janet Meyer	June 3, 1967
Bruce & Sylvia Wagner	June 23, 1956

On the Light Side

WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You're a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining; and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here; and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough."

Church Pictures

A CELEBRATION OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF GINNA PEDULLA

On Sunday, May 8th, The United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff held a celebration for the many years of the Music Ministry of member Ginna Pedulla.

The service highlighted music composed by Ginna which the choir has enjoyed singing/performing for many years.

The church thanked Ginna for her years of faithful service by hosting a special coffee hour following the service.



The UMC of Sea Cliff Choir

Ginna Pedulla & choir director Diane Laruccia



Ginna & Mike Pedulla



Church Pictures

Alexander and Ethan Laurens Baptism May 15th 2011



Kirt blessing the Weiss' on their 25th wedding anniversary.

All the people who have worked with the children of the church this year



Church Pictures

Pastor Kirt & confirmands



Sara Abbondondolo
Alexander Laurens
Marisa Fahey
Cassandra Sullivan



Sullivan/Hinde family & sponsor



Abbondondolo family & sponsor



Laurens family & sponsor



Fahey family & sponsor

- **Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.**
- **Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.**
- **All things in life are temporary. If going well - enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong - don't worry, they can't last long either.**
- **Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!**
- **Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"**
- **When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems, HE has faith in your abilities.**
- **A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision."**
- **WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.**

