



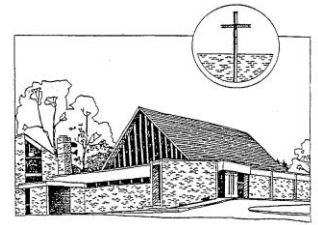
The United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff

Carpenter and Downing Avenues

P.O. Box 190

Sea Cliff, New York 11579

Rev. Kirtland M. Watkins, Pastor



Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior,

SUMMERTIME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

School is out – the kids are enthusiastically proclaiming.

The boat is in – the sailors (after the annual emptying of the wallets) joyously declare.

As we walk about the Village, we see friends that we have not seen since the snows began last December – Summertime, and the living is easy (to borrow from Porgy and Bess). There are so many things to do, and so many trips to plan – although with gas still hovering at \$4 a gallon they may be planned with more care than usual.

With so much happening, with so much to occupy our time and energy, I feel called to re-iterate that THE CHURCH DOES NOT CLOSE! God does not take a vacation. Services will continue to be held, prayer, praise, and song will continue to be offered here, and it is hoped that you will continue to worship Him with us... I realize that there will be times when we will be away; I urge you to continue to make Sunday worship a priority.

Wherever you might be, go to worship where you find yourself on Sunday. I urge you, too, to make note of portions of others' worship that are especially meaningful to you; they can be brought to the pastor and/or Worship Committee – perhaps they can improve our worship experience here.

Enjoy the summer. Travel with The King.

In His name,

In His service,

Pastor Kirt



Bulletin Board

..... UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 4th – Independence Day!
- July 20th – Healing Service, 7:30 p.m.
- September 6th – UMW Pool Party @ the Ajamian's, 5:30 p.m.
- September 17th – Men's Bible Study Resumes, 8-9 a.m.
- September 18th – Youth/Sunday School service, 10:00 a.m.

..... THE CHURCH PICTORIAL

DIRECTORIES

After much work, the 2011 pictorial directories have arrived! Many thanks to Robin Krasnoff who made this all happen. You may pick up your copy during office hours at the church (Monday- Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon) or Sunday morning when they will be in Fellowship Hall.

Directory changes and additions:

Carol Perkins

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..... YOUTH SUNDAY

On September 18th, there will be a Youth/School Presentation during the service. The presentation will be about Christ in the Passover.

..... LECTORS

Lectors are needed for the summer. Please sign up for a Sunday. The list will be in Fellowship hall.

..... COFFEE HOUR BECOMES

"JUICE & COOKIES" - FOR THE SUMMER

Refreshments will be light during the summer as those who do Coffee Hour would like to take a break. If you would be willing to make some lemonade & iced tea, and bring some cookies, please sign up to bring refreshments on the list in Fellowship Hall. The church provides the lemonade, iced tea, and all the paper goods. There are also lots of cookies in the kitchen.

..... CHILD CARE DURING

THE SUMMER MONTHS

Church school is not in session during the summer, but childcare will be available. All children in the third grade or younger are eligible for childcare during worship. The Nurture Committee will continue to be responsible for childcare, but each Sunday a second person must be in the room so that we continue to abide by the Safe Sanctuary policy. Please contact Sylvia Wagner @ 676-3220 if you would be willing to help.

..... **SUMMER OFFICE****HOURS**

- The church secretary will be away for the first three weeks in August. If there is anything you need from Holly, please see her during July.
- Pastor Kirt will be away August 9-21.

..... **MUSIC NOTES**

It's been another wonderful year! I would like to sincerely thank each member of the Adult Choir for their dedication to our music ministry. Without the commitment of each person there could be no choir!

Our 2010/2011 members are:

Soprano: Judy Hinde, Beth Johns, Ginna Pedulla, Joy Sullivan, Jenny Weiss

Alto: Patti DiStefano, Natalie Gunter, Julie Howell, Carol Rescigno, Patti Wolf

Tenor: Chris Lucas

Bass: Roy Gustafson, John Hinde, Ed Lanning

Thanks also to the instrumental musicians who so beautifully shared their talents: Ellen, Elizabeth, & Caroline Lucas, Lisa Quispe, Sonia Teseo, Matt Grabowski...

Summer choir: There will be a casual, "walk-in" choir during the month of July meeting at 9:00 a.m. before the worship service. This will be a great opportunity to test out the choir experience! We will quickly put together easy, yet meaningful, music for the morning service. All persons (including high school students) are welcome!

Note the following basic plan:

July 3 & 10: All singers (male & female)
 July 17: Women only (I'd love to have some mother/daughter duos join us!)
 July 24: NO CHOIR (Diane away)
 July 31: All singers (male & female)

I hope to see you there! (There will be no choir during the month of August.)

-- Diane Laruccia --

..... **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 in 7th grade. If there are those who are desirous of joining us, PLEASE see Pastor Kirt and reserve Thursday evenings.

..... **"SAVE THE DATE"****VACATION CELEBRATION NIGHTS!**

Thursday, July 14th & Thursday, August 11th @ 7 p.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Faith, Fun, Joy, Games,
 Song, Scripture, Food, Fellowship

Sponsored by the Education Committee

..... **TREASURER'S REPORT**

As of 6/21/11

Current Expense Received: \$75,833.94

Current Expense Needed: \$90,675.00

Deficit: \$14,841.06

Please continue to pay your pledge during the summer; salaries, utilities, maintenance & other expenses continue during the summer.

Thank you.

New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
Hofstra University
June 9, 2011 through June 12, 2011

As Lay Delegates to the NYAC, we felt blessed to receive many varied messages of inspiration, hope, and dedication. The Opening Worship Service was highlighted by personal stories of mission and the appearance of the joint choirs of 28 men and women whose lives have been transformed at Anchor House, a Christ-centered substance abuse recovery program. An offering for this cause resulted in gifts of \$5,166. Earlier in the Laity Session, Lay Leaders from each District led a Worship Service and Lay Members seeking to represent the Conference at General and Jurisdictional Conferences were introduced.

Thursday we took part in the Ministries of Advocacy Legislative Session. Reports were received and Petitions were discussed and voted on. Fourteen of these received concurrence and later consensus. These received Petitions concern Support of Retired Bishops' Statement, Aligning UMC Investments with Resolutions on Israel/Palestine, Banning High-Capacity Ammunition Magazines, Ministry to the Marginalized, Solidarity with Working People and Their Unions, Pastoral Duty, Full and Equal Participation in the Life of the UMC, Marriage Equality, and General Church Ethics Policies. These will be presented at General Conference next April.

Thursday morning a Memorial Service led by Rev. Adrienne Brewington honored the memory of departed clergy and clergy family members. In the evening, a Black College presentation was followed by an offering in which \$4,019 was received. Then eighteen retiring clergy members were honored.

Throughout each day, ballots were called for Clergy and Lay Delegates to 2012 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Clergy voted for their delegates and Lay Members only vote for Lay Delegates. The following were elected: Clergy Delegates to General Conference are: Rev. Bill Shilladay, Rev. Adrienne Brewington, Rev. Tim Riss, Rev. Constance Pak, and Rev. Noel Chin. Lay Delegates are: Fred Brewington, Jorge Lockward, Carolyn Engelhardt, Marva Usher-Kerr, and Rashid Warner. Jurisdictional Conference Clergy Delegates are: Rev. Ed Horne, Rev. Kun Sam Cho, Rev. Ken Kieffer, Rev. Evelyn McDonald, and Rev. Luisa Martinez-Buck. Lay Delegates are: Roena Littlejohn, Kevin Nelson, Natassia Velez, Chan Gilliam, and Bob Hunsinger. Clergy Alternates are: Rev. David Henry, Rev. Judith Stevens, and Rev. Stephen Bauman. Lay Alternates are: Maria Maine, Richard Nicodemus, and Darlene DiDomenick.

A highlight of Friday was the Commissioning Service led by Bishop Violet Fisher. Nine elders, seven provisional elders, recognition of two associate members and one full elder, and licensing of four local pastors was carried out. Corporate Resolutions were acted upon; and these included the chartering to two new congregations.

On Friday, along with Ed Stack and Marylee Smyth, we attended the Methodist in New Directions Luncheon. The message was given by Rev. Gregory Dell who began by recalling a civil-rights march he participated in and the message he received then to be "intolerant of intolerance". During his trial for marrying a gay couple, he told of an email message he received from a 14-year-old boy. The boy was considering suicide because he was ashamed of his orientation, but he heard about the trial on an NPR radio interview of Rev. Dell and received hope. The ecclesiastical jury convicted Rev. Dell, and he never heard from the boy again. In closing, he asked us to celebrate intolerance; but he carefully defined this intolerance. He said, "But when intolerance is directed at the actions or words that are dehumanizing or destructive of God's gifts of diverse identities, it must be celebrated."

In closing, the theme "For Such a Time as This: We Are Heart Warmed United Methodists in Mission" was truly carried out.

Sylvia Wagner and Chris Stack



Person of the Month

Carol Hartney

Written by Carol Rescigno

Carol Hartney's warm smile draws you in before you've even talked to her. A lifelong resident of Sea Cliff and member of this church, she has friends all over town. Her name is on the Cradle Roll from the old church building on Sea Cliff Avenue and she grew up among many of the people who head out to Sunday services on Downing Avenue today.

Carol and her husband, Richard, also a Sea Cliff native, married shortly after he returned from Korea during his service in the Marines. They spent five months at Quantico Marine Base in Virginia and then returned to Sea Cliff to raise their five children. "This is where our roots are," Carol said recently. And deep roots they are. Carol's mother grew up on Maple Avenue, one of 10 children.

Richard worked as a maintenance electrician at the Grumman Corporation for 57 years, a place Carol calls "the family business" since her father, grandfather, brother-in-law and son also worked there at one time or another. Richard was raised a Catholic and the Hartneys were married and raised their children at Sea Cliff's St. Boniface Catholic Church. The family has grown, with nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren – most of them boys. Most of the family lives on Long Island or in New Jersey.

Carol worked at LILCO after graduating from high school and later worked for the village of Sea Cliff for many years. She retired from her position as deputy village clerk in 1994. She has scheduled the docents for the village museum and is on the Senior Action Committee. She's also a member of Golden Ring. She enjoys embroidery in her spare time and is making a quilt for her great-grandson Jack, who's about to celebrate his first birthday.

Carol has fond memories of the early days at the church and at Sea Cliff School, which in those times was kindergarten through 12th grade. Church members Ed Stack, Natalie Gunter and Lee Janelli were classmates, along with Judy Hinde's sister, Dorothy.

"I have lots of friends here," Carol said. "It's always felt like a family. People have been kind and compassionate and everybody's always been there for me." The church is like a family for the Hartneys in more ways than one: Carol's cousins Jean Scott; Linda Ninesling and her daughters, Nicole and Jessica; Harold Conklin, and Lisa Taylor and her son, Noah, are all members.

After missing more Sundays than she liked as she raised her growing family and sent them off to their Catholic services, Carol began to get more involved again at Sea Cliff Methodist after Joan Ajamian called one week to see if she would be a greeter. Now, Carol schedules the greeters for the Nurture Committee. In the past, she undertook a child care role for the same committee and served at coffee hours. When she was growing up, she belonged to the Methodist Church Fellowship, taught Sunday School and sang in the choir.

"I feel blessed to be a member of this church," Carol said, and the church members feel blessed that she is here.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TO ALL.....

FROM UMC of Sea Cliff

July Birthdays

Briana Laderer 3
 Alex Laurens 15
 Ethan Laurens 17
 John Laruccia 20
 Sylvia Wagner 23
 Dagmar Yabsley 30



Amy C. Gunter 23
 S. Bruce Wagner 31

Katrina Weiss 13
 Ingrid Weiss 17
 Patti Wolf 19
 Jean Scott 20
 Judy Clark 29
 Natalie Gunter 31

August Birthdays

Lee Janelli 6
 Jessica Ninesling 15
 Katelyn O'Donnell 24

Deborah Hinde 7
 Sean O'Donnell 17
 Michael Pedulla 24

Sandra Laurens 8
 Russ Sullivan 19

Anniversaries

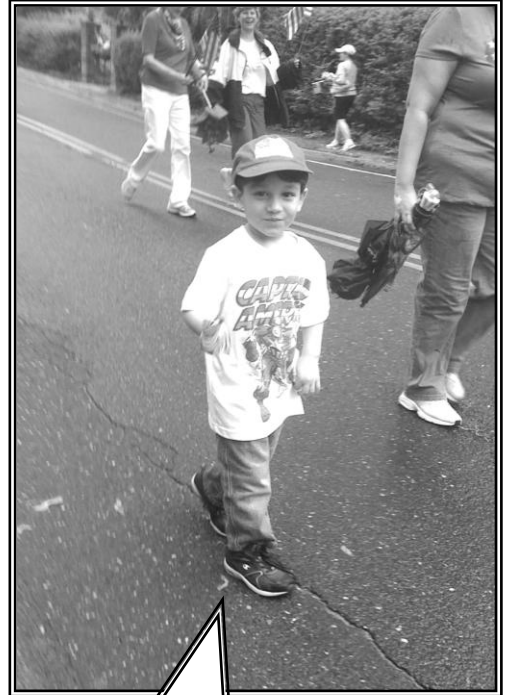
Roger & Lisa Hill July 12
 Rev. Kirt & Bonnie Watkins July 14

Michael & Ginna Pedulla August 10
 Ed & Chris Stack August 19

On the Light Side

- 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.

Church Pictures



Memorial Day Parade: Roger and Lisa Hill leading the way as our hardy band of marchers avoid the drizzle at the Sea Cliff Memorial Day Parade. Following was Ed Stack with "Ed's Gang" - Natalie Gunter, Roy and Louise Gustafson, Regla McKnight, and Marilyn Smith. We had a lot of fun greeting the onlookers. Join us next year!!

Our youngest marcher, Naveen Neveroski



New members with Pastor Kirt: David Volz holding Carolina, GiGi Erneta, Pastor Watkins, Christina Volz holding Ariella