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The United Methodist Church of Patchogue

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Edited By George Hoag

Living The Resurrection

"We know that our old self was crucified with him (Christ Jesus) so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him." (Romans 6:6-8)

In the resurrection of Christ Jesus, I believe, we find a new way of living, a new way of being children of God and a new way of being together with our neighbors. Through our journey of Lent, we have experienced Jesus' forgiving love and have taken a step forward for our spiritual growth.

On Palm Sunday, we are going to have "a drama worship service," which is based on the story of Jesus' entering to Jerusalem, his passion, crucifixion, and resurrection. It is a powerful spiritual moment that we can visualize and imagine how Jesus was suffering and died on the cross for us. I would like to express my special thanks to our music director and the readers for the drama.

Easter Sunday service is very special to all of us. Many friends join our worship and we all celebrate together the miracle of Jesus' resurrection. I pray that we experience the resurrection of Jesus Christ as not only an event after

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Worship In April

April 1 (Holy Thursday; Agape Meal; Color: Purple)—Exodus 12:1-4,11-14, John 13:1-7, 31b-35, Service: 7:30 P.M.

April 2 (Good Friday; Color: Purple)—Service: 7:30 P.M.

April 4 (Easter Sunday; Color: White)—Isaiah 65:17-25, John 20:1-18, "I Have Seen the Lord", Rev. In Koo Chung.

April 11 (2nd Sunday Of Easter; Color: White)—Acts 5:27-32, John 20:19-31, Lay Speaker.

April 18 (3rd Sunday Of Easter; Color: White)—Acts 9:1-6, John 21:1-19, "Do You Love Me?", Rev. In Koo Chung.

April 25 (4th Sunday Of Easter; Color: White)—Psalm 23, John 10:22-30, "My Sheep Hear My Voice", Rev. In Koo Chung.



**"...the LORD has
laid on him the
iniquity of us all."**

Isaiah 53:6b

Circle of Concern

For Bereavement:

For the Family and Friends of Ruth Jones Wyckoff. Ruth was married in Patchogue UMC in 1939 and served as a Sunday School Teacher.

For Guidance:

Lisa D., Barbara McAllister, Joe Brentlink, Ray Gallo, Ray Clark, Maj. Don Cornwell stationed in South Korea, Cat Placement and Rescue, Christy Wood, Lois Wood, Michael Dellazizzi and family, Michael Amarati, Philip Demacos, Joanne, Robert C. Hiene, the Americo Family, Philip Crandall, Rose Conti and Dean Butera's mother, Bob Pignataro, Irene and Scott Schwartzberg, the Mansfield family on the death of their cousin Rachel Gilligan., Holly Nelson.

These Who are Hospitalized:

Josh Boneventure, Christine Quinn's cousin Frank, Nana Grace, Nancy Marshall, Bertha Smith, Corinne Burdett, Cheryl Keeley's mother in law Marie, Lee Hollowell, Mary Payne, John Prodan and Connie Ott's grandson, Roberto (Bayport UMC), Marino Rice, Alice Titus, Harry Watson, John Casale, Debbie Fiore, Kathy Hollowell and Paul Rice (hip surgery).

These at Home:

Betty Hansley, Joan Welsh, Joseph Weinzettle, Pat Carlson, Natalie Burnett-Lynch, Kathleen Chodorski, Philip Crandall, Kyra McCarthy, Debi DelRossi, Belle Barile, Tom Furman, Lisa Lopez, Dorotea Sanchez, Mary Jones, Mike Welsh, Hazel Freely, Dave McKendrick, Timothy Oliva's Aunt Susan, John Krulger, Shelly Granger, Marie Lino, Marta, Donna Herrick and Philip Rudolph, Mike Amodio, Jytte & Nils Forensom (Geri Sheridan's relatives in Denmark), Robert Dodge, Suzanne Olivotti-Dodge and Shelly Granger.

These who are in Rehab or Nursing Care Facilities:

Alice Zahnd in Patchogue Nursing Center, 25 Schoenfeld Blvd., Patchogue, NY; Anna Satterly in Brookhaven Health Care Facility, 801 Gazzola Drive, East Patchogue, NY 11772; Kitty Brunnemer in Cedar Lodge Nursing Home, 6 Frowein Road, Center Moriches, NY 11934; Gerry Flood in St. James Nursing Home (Room 269) 273 Moriches Rd., St. James, NY 11780; Doris Shrimpton in Bellhaven Nursing Center, 110 Beaverdam Rd., Brookhaven; Hazel Nargi, Rachel Nason in McPeak's Adult Home, 286 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue; Marian King in Sunrise Assisted Living, 2 Hills Rd., E. Setauket, Rm. 2; Anna Bonfe, Rm. 201, Cunningham Bldg., Loretto Rest, 708 E. Brighton Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205; Connie Halliwell, Our Lady of Consolation, 111 Beach Drive, West Islip, NY 11795.

* Please contact the Church Office if someone should be removed or added.

Stewardship

The first Wesley Dinner on February 25 was a great success. Although there were torrential downpours that day, more than fifty people came out for the dinner. We had a lot of volunteers from greeters to the clean up crew. Most were from our Church, but a few were not.

About 90 meals were fed to guests, another dozen to volunteers. Many hungry people came back for a second serving and a couple of those requested meals to take home. All enjoyed not only the meal, but the fellowship as well.

Many thanks to the volunteers. Chef Steve Shadbolt and family prepared the meal on Wednesday night. Carol Kirschner, Barry Burrell and Lenny Pearson were shopping for the food and discussing what they needed for 100 guests. Another shopper overhearing them asked what they were doing and then donated towards the project. Several volunteers bought the left over food, providing \$60 for the next dinner. That will be on Thursday, March 25. See you there.

We have some dedicated teachers for Sunday School. Debbie and Don Kolacki spent a Sunday afternoon sprucing up their classroom up in the old Church office of the Cloud Room. Don has been doing the children's sermons for some time now and we all enjoy them. We need a few more people to help with Sunday School lessons. If you can be a teacher or teacher's aide, please call Superintendent Barbara Schroeder evenings, at 714-4283. She would also appreciate suggestions to improve our Sunday School.

Barbara Schroeder and Carla

Lift up your church with your prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Gibson, MYF leader, hosted the Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on March 5. One hundred people attended the dinner that raised \$400. This was split between the Heifer International and World Vision Famine projects. A parishioner donated \$100 to the Heifer Fund. This fund helps children and families around the world receive training and gifts of animals that help them become self-reliant.

The 30-Hour Famine is a youth movement to fight hunger and feed hungry children around the world. Our MYF, which includes the Confirmation Class, numbers 18 young Methodists. It is great that our youth are becoming involved in the life of the Church. With Carla's encouragement, our kids raised \$640 through the Spaghetti dinner and soliciting sponsors for the sleep over/Famine on March 6.

Fifteen youth slept in Wesley Hall the night of March 6. Carla organized games and fun things with the support of Luann Layton and Raquel Miller in the afternoon. Steve Rice stayed Saturday night with Carla and everyone finally went to sleep around 2:00 AM. These blurry eyed good stewards were in Church Sunday. The last major sleep over was decades ago.

Our intrepid Carla Gibson is planning another MYF outing to Papa John's Pizza around noon on Sunday April 25. Barry Burrell arranged with the owner for the kids to make pizza. Papa John's is at 133 Medford Avenue (Route 112) in Patchogue. The owner has offered a rebate to the Church of \$1 for each pizza purchased by anyone that says he is from our Church. There will be flyers at Church. This is a generous offer and we appreciate the offer. Every little bit helps us.

Early Head Start has used an area below the Cloud Room to store their stock of paper goods and utensils. They had to go through the boiler room to get to that area. They would leave the fire door chocked open, lights on and placed combustible items in the boiler room. Their many trips also tracked the soot from the boiler room onto the hallway floor, where kids sometimes played. This situation forced the Trustees to have them relocate their supplies. Barry Burrell, Ray Henson, Lenny Pearson, Steve Rice, and I moved their two lockers plus two loaned them by our Church, into the lower stairwell of Wesley Hall.

The Trustees are wrestling with our old steam boiler. We are not sure of its age. It began as a coal fired boiler and converted to fuel oil in the 1960s. Swezey Fuel Oil Company increased its efficiency in the 1980s. In early February it began giving off steam from what we think is one of the seams. The boiler is larger than a Chevy Suburban automobile. Large steam boilers are built of sections that bolt together. Between the sections are rope sealers. We hope it is a compromised seal or a cracked area that can be repaired. But several thousand dollars worth of work is necessary to remove old insulation and prepare the area for a complete inspection.

If the old boiler can be repaired, we will have to re-insulate the area and hope to coax a few more years out of it. The problem with putting it back on line is both its age and inefficiency. At best it is over sixty years old and other weak areas may develop. One contractor estimated that a new natural gas boiler will pay for itself in ten years. Last year (mild winter) it cost \$16,000

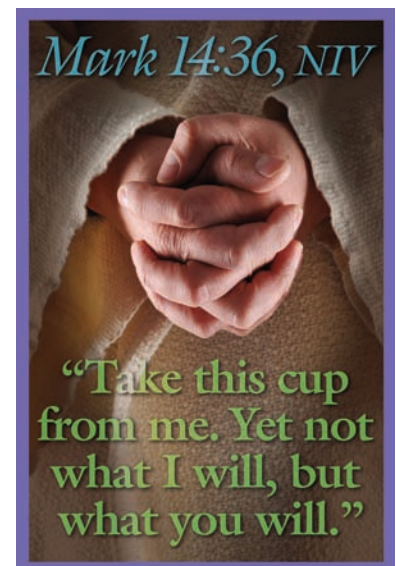
to heat both buildings. During the coldest days of this past winter, we were burning seventy gallons of fuel oil a day!

Estimates for a complete boiler replacement run around \$100,000. Last year we had to remove the old buried oil tank and install two smaller ones in the basement. The oil tank and boiler at the parsonage had to also be replaced. This work has reduced our endowment funds drastically.

We understand that the Church's finances, like your own, during these tough times are stretched. A Chinese Auction is being planned for the fall. Grants are being examined; but these funds are many months to years in obtaining and then for much less than we need. What we need is your help! Please pray for a solution. Think outside the box for fund raiser ideas. If you have ideas about raising money, please contact Ed Klingel, or any Trustee, or call the office (475-0381) and tell Chris, our secretary. With your help and support, we will persevere.

Thank you and may God Bless you.

—Dave Hollowell



Celebrate your life! Witness for your faith!

Resurrection (from Page 1)

death but also the reality of our daily lives.

I want to take this moment to encourage you and your family to join us on Easter Sunday, April 4, as we once again look at the reality of the Resurrection of our Savior. Invite a friend to come with you for this very special day.

Col. 1:18: "And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy."

Jesus Is Alive!

—*Rev. In Koo Chung*

An Easter Prayer For Children



Time for
joy and
time for
giving

Time for remembering
Love while living.

Take this message Easter Day
Show kindness, care
At home and play.

It's in our very acts of giving
Easter's joy
Makes life worth living.

Children round the globe now
hear
Keep Easter
In your heart all year.

May joy and love spread land to
land
Linked heart to heart
And hand to hand!

—*bellaonline.com*

Meet Our ESL Teacher.

Jean Romeo has been teaching ESL classes at our church for the last four years, initially through BOCES and the last two working directly for the church. She brings not only a wealth of experience to her work, but also a loving and caring attitude.

Jean was born in Brooklyn, of an Italian immigrant family. When she was a child, only Italian was spoken in the home. When she began school, she faced some of the same problems her present ESL students face. The experience of learning a new language, adjusting to school, and meeting new people gave her a sensitivity to others in similar situations.

Following in the footsteps of family members, Jean became a teacher, first earning a Masters in Education from Adlephi University. She taught music and the arts at a progressive private school, The Calhoun School, in Manhattan. After moving to Patchogue with her family, she taught pre-school at Emanuel Lutheran, and was an adjunct professor at Dowling College, where she was head of the Communications program for HEOP (Higher Education Opportunities Program).

It was in Patchogue that Jean met her husband and raised her two children. She holds her family dear and is proud of them.

Though most of the students in our ESL class are of Hispanic origin, Mrs. Romeo does not speak Spanish. How then does she teach? She explained that teaching English as a Second Language uses the immersion method. Students hear and speak only English. It is not uncommon in ESL classes to have students from many countries and languages together. In some of our earlier classes, we had students from Turkey, Iran, and Haiti, as well as from Mexico, Central and South America. Jean does, however, utilize bilingual materials and visuals to give the students more confidence in learning.

She finds them to be highly motivated, eager to learn, and very appreciative of help given them. Some face terrible odds— with no skills or education, they work hard at whatever jobs they can find and often face bias and hostility. Yet they come here to work because there is no work to sustain them or their families in their homelands. Some students were professionals in their native countries - Jean mentioned a lawyer, teachers, and an accountant. All want to learn English and become a part of this community.

When she began teaching at the UMC of Patchogue, Jean immediately felt at home. "I love the atmosphere of this church. It is an atmosphere of faith and welcome."

She feels that teaching should reflect the same patience, love and encouragement that Jesus used in teaching his message. Clearly, Jean Romeo is a fine example of just such a Christian teacher.

—*Barbara Becker*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> Potluck Supper/ Agape Meal 7:30 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service 8:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>2</i> 7:30 p.m.—Good Friday Service	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> 10 a.m.—Easter Communion Wor- ship <i>Counters: Linda Werner and Dave Hollowell</i>	<i>5</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>6</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>7</i> 7:30 p.m.—Bible Study	<i>8</i> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School <i>Counters: Lenny Pear- son and Linda Stawecki</i>	<i>12</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>13</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 9:30 a.m.—UMW
<i>18</i> 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m.— Finance Committee 7:00 p.m.—Healing Service <i>Counters: Debbie Kolacki and Kate Weber</i>	<i>19</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>20</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>21</i> 7:30 p.m.—Bible Study	<i>22</i> 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. —Wesley Dinner 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School <i>Counters: Brenda Klingel and Joanne Shadbolt</i>	<i>26</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>27</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>28</i> 7:30 p.m.—Bible Study	<i>29</i> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>30</i>	

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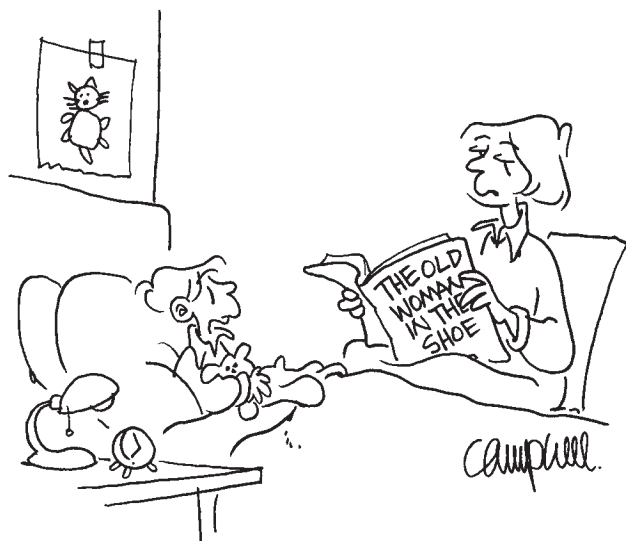
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Women Face Long Road To Change In Church

Women have made major inroads in The United Methodist Church, but many of the issues the first Commission on the Status and Role of Women tackled in the 1970s remain on the radar today.

“It is very easy to take for granted that women are pastors and that women of all colors are bishops, district superintendents and top agency executives,” said Garlinda Burton, an African-American laywoman who heads the United Methodist Commission on the Status and Role of Women. “But it was less than 40 years ago that we had no women bishops.”

And few students in seminaries.

“When I first went to seminary at Vanderbilt in 1955, there were only four women in the student body. When I transferred to Claremont in 1960, there were four women students, no women faculty or administrators,” said the Rev. Nancy Grissom Self, one of the first two commission executives. “Now both seminaries have student bodies that are 50 percent-plus women.”

“The period reflected intensely the reality of the first wave of clergywomen in the United States, women who were graduating from seminaries, completing candidacy and entering annual (regional) conferences for appointments and the journey toward full ordination,” she said.

Not every woman made it. “It was a time of heavy casualties of women getting into conferences but many not staying,” Kammerer added, “or entering extension ministries because of the discrimination.

“It was absolutely a time for all clergywomen to bond together—for survival, support, affirmation and empowerment—and for strategizing how to offer our best

gifts to the church we loved (which) at the same time . . . was rejecting us.”

Those were the early years of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, which began as a study commission in 1968 and became a full-fledged agency eight years later.

A nurturing family

Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed was one of the commission’s first executives.

“The greatest gift I received from COSROW was living within an organization that transmitted education for social change through the lens of transformative leadership,” said Reed, now president of Bethune-Cookman University.

“The very connectional nature of our United Methodist Church has made a big difference in supporting and encouraging me along the way,” she said. “The commitment to inclusiveness . . . has been a strong thread of passion for me.”

Barbara Ricks Thompson, who served as the commission’s first president, agrees.

“I know that who I am today in large measure is due to my life in The United Methodist Church and its predecessor bodies. From childhood, most of my developmental experiences stemmed from some facet of the church,” she said. “As an African-American, the church was the primary avenue for the wide range of experiences and contacts not readily available in the general society.”

A bumpy road

The road has not been without pot-holes, Burton said.

“I’m very clear that my position as an agency exec was made possible by the risk-taking advocacy of groups like COSROW, Black Methodists for Church Renewal, the Commission on Religion and Race and United Methodist Women.

“Those groups spoke truth about the destructive, counter-Christian impact of gender and racial discrimination on the cause of Christ in our church, and opened the doors for creative, committed women and people of color to take our rightful place at the leadership tables around the world,” she added.

“Justice for women in church leadership is still a relatively new concept in our denomination.”

In the early days, Kiyoko Kasai Fujii said, “we worked a great deal on individual advocacy related to sexual and gender discrimination.” It was usually on a case-by-case basis, the former commission executive said. Now, she noted, the commission is training leaders and groups in advocacy related to sexual harassment and other hot-button issues.

Main issues remain

Much has changed, but much remains the same, women leaders said.

“The issues have shifted. But even though we have high-profile women, there is still discrimination in the local churches,” Self said. “As the (membership) declines, women often receive less consideration for appointment because churches still seem to feel that men—especially young men with families—are preferred.”

Women also still experience sexual harassment, Reed said.

In the broad scheme of things, however four decades is a relatively short time.

Retired Pastor Lana Thompson Sutton, Naperville, Ill., likened the church to a ship.

“The church was—and still is—like a huge ocean liner,” she said, “whose captain and navigator are trying to turn the ship to follow a new path on a new map, but it takes a long time to change direction.”

—Barbara Dunlap-Berg, UMNS

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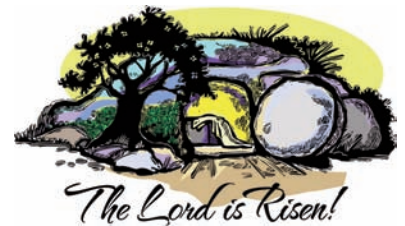
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UMW

Following our business meeting on April 17, we will be pleased to present a workshop on spiritual practices, led by Deborah Kolacki. The workshop will guide us in learning about meditation, lectio divina, spiritual journaling and prayer beads, among others. There will also be an opportunity to walk the labyrinth. Debbie is a member of our congregation and a consultant at the Parish Resource Center. Every one is invited to attend the workshop. The business meeting will be from 9:30 until 10:15; the workshop from 10:15 until 12:15. Of course, refreshments will be served.

—Barbara Becker



Golf Tournament



Our Golf Classic 2010 will be held Monday, May 10 at Bellport Country Club. The tee off time this year is 11:00 a.m.

Brochures are available in the church office. This is a major fund raiser for us. Please start thinking about your golfer friends, vendors and colleagues.

The deadline for the May edition of **The Link** is April 16. Please e-mail your copy to gbhoag@optonline.net.