

The Link



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The United Methodist Church of Patchogue

July-August 2008 Edited By George Hoag

Transition



Rev. Stevens delivered her last sermon in Patchogue on June 22, speaking

fondly of her five years with our congregation and delivering an inspirational message for our future. A reception in Dr. Steven's honor was held following the service. At press time, she was scheduled to move to her new home in Staten Island on June 27.

Our new pastor, Rev. In Koo Chung and his wife, Myung, are scheduled to move from Peekskill to the parsonage on July 1. Between the last moves, in 2003, considerable work was done by the Trustees on the parsonage, but this time only cleaning and some minor work is necessary.

Pastor Chung will be with us in worship for the first time on July 6, but will not deliver his first sermon until a week later.

We wish Rev. Stevens all the best with her new appointment and look forward to outstanding leadership from Pastor Chung and warm friendship with Myung.

Worship in July and August

July 6—8th Sunday After Pentecost. Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19,25-30. Lay speaker Ernest Ipke will deliver the sermon this Sunday while Pastor Chung will celebrate Communion.

July 13—9th Sunday After Pentecost. Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. Sermon: Rev. In Koo Chung.

July 20—10th Sunday After Pentecost. Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12,23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. Sermon: Rev. In Koo Chung.

July 27—11th Sunday After Pentecost. Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52. Sermon: Rev. In Koo Chung.

August 3—12th Sunday After Pentecost. Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7,15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21 Sermon: Rev. In Koo Chung.

August 10— 13th Sunday After Pentecost. Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33, Sermon: Rev. In Koo Chung.

August 17— 14th Sunday After Pentecost. Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 10-28. Sermon: Rev. In Koo Chung.

August 24— 15th Sunday After Pentecost. Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20. Sermon: Rev. In Koo Chung.

August 31—16th Sunday After Pentecost. Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28. Sermon: Rev. In Koo Chung.



Circle of Concern

For Joys:

The marriage of June Barile's son Philip Demacos to his girlfriend Justine. Katie Weber's friend Steven Santiago has returned safely from Iraq. Jessica and Frank Nuzzo's new son (and Barbara Schroeder's grandson), Gavin Anthony, born March 11th, 6lbs, 15oz, 19 and 3/4" long. The Chae's granddaughter was given a gold medal from New York State as a writer amongst young writers.

For Bereavement:

Family and Friends of: Liam Keady, Richard Simpson; the family of Maria Guadron's father; Beulah Wylazlowski; George Roessler, Sr.; Olive Ann Cox; John Williford, John Emerson Bransford; Ruth Siebert.

For Guidance:

Marina and Devy Agtuca, Kersheal Beggs, Shantey, Elise Gavrock, Steven Santiago, Lisa D., Barbara McAllister, Joe Brentlink, David & Lori Purificato, Ray Gallo, Ray Clark, Maj. Don Cornwell stationed in South Korea, Cat Placement and Rescue, Brenda Bonfe D'Angelo, the Stawecki family, Maria Spera and family.

These Who are Hospitalized:

Frank Barile, Nancy Rogers, Nancy Marshall, Kathy Lebbins, Eric Carlson, Isaiah and his parents, Michael Abate, Howard Alt, Zachary, Doug Brown, Deborah Belmonte, Joe Schievone, Alicia Sophabmixay, Marge Kirkup, Vincent Maggio, Maggie Reynolds, Warren Davis.

These at Home:

Steve Mulderig, Martha Campanile, Natalie Burnett-Lynch, Kathleen Chodorski, Philip Crandall, Kyra McCarthy, Cheryl Ward, Chrissy Leddin, Aunt Lee Kraemer, Sheila and Anthony SanGiovanni, Ernie Titus, Linda Werner's friend Lois, Lucille Barthelme, Jean Miller, Wayne Stawecki, Henry Prince, Debi DelRossi, Belle Barile, Rick Healy, Lisa Ann Manginelli, Catherine Cullen, Tom Furman, Krysten Wagonberg, Antonio Salgada, Ann Mazie Diema, Robert and Don DeLaVergne, Lisa Lopez, Dorotea Sanchez, Mary Jones, Carol Knapp, Mary Ceaser, Josephine and Louis Adone, Ed Erdmann, Ruth Masem, and Kitty Dayton, Billy Drew, Cheryl Ward.

These who are in Rehab or Nursing Care Facilities:

George and Shirley Strauss; 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; Lew and 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 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; Toby Miller (Room 213B) in Affinity Skilled Living and Rehabilitation Center, 305 Locust Avenue, Oakdale, NY 11769.



We Begin To Address Money Problems. All Church Meeting Held.

An all church meeting to address our serious financial problems was held, following a potluck dinner in Wesley Hall on June 19.

Finance Committee Chairman George Hoag opened the meeting by telling about three churches that were highlighted at the recent New York Annual Conference. One was a brand new congregation, New Millenium Church, in Bayside Queens, that was formally admitted to the conference. The church, with an average attendance of 170, is meeting in a former synagogue that they have purchased.

There was less ceremony for the other two churches which are closing. One of them, in Norwalk, CT, is similar to ours, established in 1789. The message is that we are in such condition that our church could close as well, but, George said, if we act in the spirit of the Bayside church, and work as if we are establishing a new congregation, we will survive.

It was strongly stressed at the meeting that we need to work to make our July 28 golf tournament a success. Quite a few more golfers are needed. We also will be doing a Chinese Auction in the fall.

Suggestions were also made for several other fundraisers.

We will meet again soon after the new pastor arrives.

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

Donations Fund Pew Cushions

Thanks to donations to our Memorial Fund, many sanctuary pew cushions have been replaced or are in the process of being replaced.

Huge appreciation goes to Robert Bransford whose cash donations enabled us to replace ten cushions. The donation was in memory of his parents, Sarah (Sally) Bransford and J. Emerson Bransford, through Roger Overton.

Robert (Bob) Rogers and his sister Norene Rogers Caputo's donation replaced cushions across the back (east wall) pews and are in loving memory of their mother, Madeline T. Rogers.

Geri Sheridan's donation in memory of her beloved husband Robert (Bob) replaced the cushions across the front pews.

Many more cushions need replacing so tax exempt donations to the UMC Memorial Fund will be appreciated. The fund is maintained by Diane Adone and appropriate entries will be made in our Memorial Book at the rear of the sanctuary.

—Geri Sheridan



**"FOR I AM WITH YOU
TO RESCUE
AND SAVE YOU,"
DECLARES THE LORD.**

JEREMIAH 15:20, NIV

Stewardship

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.



1 Corinthians 4:1

only at our homes, but at the parsonage and church too. We should all thank Ray Henson for volunteering to take care of these chores for us. If you have an extra hour or so, please contact the office at 475-0381 (Monday through Thursday from 9-1) to let us know that you can help.

As we read our **Link**, please be informed that June Barile, Valerie Ward and Janice LaBlanc are instrumental in the preparation and mailing of the Link. They provide their professional mailing services for free (we pay only for postage) so we all can enjoy it.

George Hoag is the editor and works closely with our church Administrative Assistant, Kathleen D'Angelo, organizing and printing the Link. To save money, the Link is printed on our office copying machine. It is available also on line at our website, www.gbgm.umc.org/patchogue. You can also request to have the Link sent to you by e-mail. Please contact the office with your e-mail address to make this change.

There was a special spring cleaning in the sanctuary for the BAFFA (Bay Area Friends for the Fine Arts) con-

Celebrate your life! Witness for your faith!

Now that Summer is here, we all have many projects to do. Lawn mowing and shrub trimming are necessary not

cert. Five of our fine ladies spent a Saturday dusting and cleaning: Barbara Becker, Lorraine Brenner, Wendy Hollowell, Jean Miller, and Geri Sheridan. The concert was a great success with standing room only for the audience. Many people complimented us on such a beautiful church.

While working on the suppression system for the kitchen stove, Ray Henson and Dave Hollowell noticed that the flat roofs of the Cloud Room and Sanctuary were in desperate need of recoating.

Since Trustee endowment funds have been diminished by the need to help the church with current expenses, Ray, Dave, and Steve Rice pooled their resources to buy the roof coating. The re-coating began last Fall and is continuing this Spring-Summer. This process will extend the life of those roofs for years.

Please, if you see a problem with the church building, let a trustee know about it. Your diligence may save us a lot in repairs. Dave Purificato noticed that the steps leading to the office entrance needed sealing and painting. We thank him for a job well done

If you are able to do a small repair or trim shrubs, your efforts are appreciated. Keeping God's house a beautiful place to worship is our duty. God loves a cheerful giver.

—Dave Hollowell

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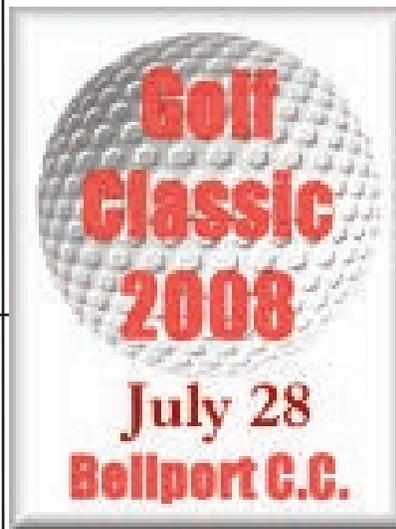
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Golf



Our Golf Tournament, scheduled for April 28 was rained out and has been rescheduled for Monday, July 28 at Bellport Country Club.

We are still in need of additional players and Tee sign sponsors. Please make very effort to recruit golfers. If you or a member of your family is not a player, please

consider asking those you know who are. We have brochures in the office which can be sent to anyone you wish. Give the office a call

We are committed to a minimum of 72 players and are still several foursomes short. Kathy Wells made a nice poster for us to keep track of our golfer count progress, so let's send that number soaring.

We also will be collecting Chinese Auction type baskets for prizes.

This is a very important fundraiser for us so please make every effort to help.



"Mind if I call ya back? I'm in the middle of a sermon."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> 10 a.m.—Church School /Communion Worship 2:00–7:00 p.m.— Chrysalis	<i>7</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>8</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL Class 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>9</i> 6:30 p.m.—ESL Class	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 1:00–3:00 p.m.— Quincenera (in sanc- tuary)
<i>13</i> 10 a.m.—Church School /Worship 11:30 a.m.—Finance Committee	<i>14</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>15</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL Class 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>16</i> 6:30 p.m.—ESL Class	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 10 a.m.—Church School /Worship	<i>21</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>22</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL Class 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>23</i> 6:30 p.m.—ESL Class	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 10 a.m.—Church School /Worship 11:30 a.m.— Trustees	<i>28</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>29</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL Class 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>30</i> 6:30 p.m.—ESL Class	<i>31</i>		

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<p>31 10 a.m.—Worship</p>						

UMC.Org Reviews Leatherheads

Production Company: Universal Pictures; Director: George Clooney; Cast: George Clooney, Renée Zellweger, John Krasinski, Jonathan Pryce, Stephen Root, Ezra Buzzington, John Vance, Dan John Miller; Rating: PG-13 for some language and violence

By Gregg Tubbs

(UMC.org)—You’ve got to love an actor—twice named “sexiest man alive”—who is willing to spend the majority of a film wearing the most hysterical piece of sports headgear, all for the sake of a good laugh. Luckily those flimsy leather helmets aren’t the only source of comedy in *Leatherheads*, George Clooney’s rollicking homage to the early days of professional football. Throw in a magnetic college football superstar, a wise-cracking lady reporter, and a lovable team of football-fumbling misfits, and you’ve got all you need for a comic touchdown. And for extra points, if you pay close attention, you’ll discover weightier themes, the need for heroes and how half truths can grow into convenient and useful legends.

In his directorial follow up to the very serious *Good Night and Good Luck*, Clooney takes a hard left turn into pure silliness. *Leatherheads* aspires to capture the elusive comic madness of the 1930s screwball comedies, which deftly combined slapstick, sexual tension and rapid fire dialogue—exemplified by classics like *Bringing Up Baby* and *His Girl Friday*, both starring Cary Grant, the George Clooney of the time. While *Leatherheads* never reaches those heights, its energy, irreverence and overall conviviality over-

come its few shortcomings. The film is at its best when it’s on the field, where the pratfalls and brawls are endless and milked for all they’re worth.

Leatherheads also does a nice job at capturing the sepia-toned, smoky atmosphere of 1920s America, filled with speakeasies, newsboys and “dames” both classy and otherwise.

The film follows the story of two football players on very different trajectories. Dodge Connolly (Clooney) is a roguishly handsome football pro with a few too many games under his belt and too few ahead. He’s the captain of the Duluth Bulldogs, a motley team of former miners and farmhands, struggling to stay solvent. In fact, with all 25 pro teams in financial straights, the entire league could collapse before it even gets started. The big draw in 1925 is college football, and its brightest star is handsome Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski), whose blazing speed on the field nearly guarantees a touchdown the moment the ball touches his hands. Further enhancing his allure are his WWI exploits, when he reputedly forced an entire German platoon to surrender to him and earned the nickname, “The Hero of Argonne,” and the Congressional Medal of Honor.

For Dodge, Carter Rutherford and his legions of fans and eager sponsors represent pro football’s salvation. For Carter, who is facing graduation, the rough and tumble pro league offers him the only chance to continue playing football, something he loves as much for the sport as for the adoring fans. After some crafty negotiations by his manager (Jonathan Pryce), The Hero of Argonne signs on to become the savior of the Duluth Bulldogs and as well as pro football. But there’s a

hitch. Hot on Carter’s trail is Lexie Littleton (Renée Zellweger), a newspaper reporter whose star is rising almost as fast as Carter’s. Though pretending to write a sympathetic profile on Carter, she’s in fact preparing to reveal his war heroics as a fraud.

College football’s brightest star is handsome Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski), also famed for his heroism in World War II. Copyright © 2008 Universal Pictures.

Leatherheads is designed to deliver laughs, nostalgia and a little romance, so reading too much into it would be a mistake. But central to the film is the idea of heroes—how we crave them, need them and sometimes even construct them. Whether they are war heroes or sports heroes (Carter is both), we want to believe in them, emulate them and project in them all that is best in us. When there is evidence that our heroes have failings and are human just like us, many of us turn a blind eye, preferring the illusion to the truth.

The theme of honesty is also explored. For example, we learn that Carter was less than heroic in the trenches, and he even admits to Lexie that “the facts are true, but the telling gets better each time.” Stories grow, get embellished and, as the Football Commissioner says, eventually “smell of legend” rather than fact. Because fame is so addictive, Carter struggles over coming clean, which will bring shame and destroy his celebrity status. Intriguingly, the film leaves us with the question of whether or not football and the country as a whole are better off with its hero intact—even if he is a fake.

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Sunday Worship—10 A.M. — Sunday School—10 A.M.
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 This Month's Birthdays

07/01 Michael Puglia
07/04 Alexandra Martino
07/05 Brandon Butler
07/05 William Thompson
07/05 Meghan O'Leary
07/06 Taylor Bomschein
07/08 Jennifer Whalen
07/08 Nicholas Turano
07/09 John Puglia
07/10 Ralph Marques
07/11 Cassandra McMillin
07/12 Cassidy Naekel
07/13 Travis Mazza
07/13 Andrew William Rose
07/15 Kayla Collazo

07/16 Alex Schiavone
07/17 Kelly Arasa
07/19 Justin Garbarino
07/19 Christopher Geist
07/19 Krista Collazo
07/21 Brianna Barbaro
07/22 Andrew Aldrich
07/24 Danielle Foy's
07/26 Nicholas Moffitt
07/28 Jaime Morello
07/30 Ashley Kuzmech
07/31 Savannah Lanzetta
07/31 Zachary Barbaro
08/01 Ava Walsh
08/02 Evan Michael Louis
08/03 Dalen Pereira
08/04 Erin Hutchens
08/06 Michelle Newman

08/07 Paul Rice
08/07 Jordan Thompson
08/08 Samantha Petrosian
08/09 Katie McCatham
08/09 Alexandra Wertz
08/11 Gloria Leahy
08/18 Justin Zimmerman
08/19 Jacqueline Braile
08/19 Kaitlin Braile
08/19 Meghan Braile
08/19 Christopher Algieri
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08/24 Sarah Turner
08/24 Sophia EucarNacion
08/25 Jacob Miller
08/26 Elizabeth Erdmann
08/31 Kaitlin Ficurilli