

April 2009

# Church Herald

*Stony Brook Community Church, United Methodist*  
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## **The Pastor's Column**

### **"Entering Holy Week"**

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will enter Holy Week with a celebration of Palm Sunday. This will begin the journey to the cross, and through the cross to the Resurrection. This is really where the Gospel story began. Those early followers of Christ needed to make sense out of the events of this last week – the confrontations, the betrayal, their struggle to be courageous in the midst of persecution, the tragic death and the miraculous resurrected presence of the Christ. As they reconstructed the stories of Jesus' ministry – as they remembered the teaching on the hillsides, the healings, the parables he told about the Kingdom of God, it all came together through the lens of those eye witnesses that saw him die on the cross and then found an empty grave. Those that dared to make the journey with him.

The story comes to us also through the deep struggle of those first century Christians who faced exclusion, persecution, and even death when they dared to live out their faith. How can we get in touch with that "life on the edge" Christianity? We fortunately are not publicly persecuted for our faith in this country, so have we relegated the cross to the joy of Easter morning and skipped right over the Crucifixion. Is the cross a thing of the past?

I don't believe so. Perhaps the most meaningful Good Fridays that I have experienced have involved a walk to several "stations" of the cross that remind us of our imperfect world – that in my comfort, I not forget the poor, the excluded, the victims of violence, the imprisoned, the homeless, the mentally ill, those suffering from life-threatening diseases – the list goes on. "Where Cross the Crowded ways of Life" was an early 20<sup>th</sup> century hymn that reminds us that we are called to be the bearers of the Cross – of Christ's compassion for all who are in need and at the same time, to do so in the powerful realization that that Christ of Compassion is there for us as well. As comfortable as our life appears, every one of us has experienced places along the journey to call out for the Christ who offers us the strength, hope, and love for healing and new life.

Please join us on the journey, as we remember the entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, have a Tenebrae service with communion on Holy Thursday, join with others in the community for Good Friday, 12-3, and then on Easter Sunday, we will have a community sunrise service on the Stony Brook Village Green and the regular Celebration of the Resurrection at 10:00 a.m.

## **Stewardship**

### **LOOK TOWARDS MAY AND JULY 1st --**

*A time of commitment and the time, moment, of putting feet with that Commitment.*

I am trusting that you have been wondering in your heart and soul about next things, about caring for our community and the community beyond us. That's real work any family does — and with a larger family like our church fellowship, we do that together. I am counseling together with others to keep ourselves mindful of full stewardship of our energies, talents, monies, and spirit so that we can be the faithful servants of the spirit of compassion and love in our corner of the kin-dom of God.

On a Sunday in May, we will have the opportunity to declare individually what we will do to continue and sustain our vision of compassion and love. Our planning retreat will be a critical time together to be specific in what we want to do together and how we will be active together.

All of this counseling, sharing, and planning together and then making our individual commitments together in May in worship will enable us to begin July 1st to see our renewed vision come to life.

Yes - I have been enjoying talking and wondering together with many persons and look forward to continuing those dialogs. As someone has said, "It takes a village to raise a kin-dom." Join me, talk with each other so that our energy, talents, and monies are sufficient to be the hands, heart, legs of the grace and love of God, in the spirit of Jesus' way of love that flows from our wonderful corner of the world.

Wally Robinson, Stewardship Chair

## **Treasurers Report** **February 2009**

Income: \$16,819.10

Expenses: \$24,900.55

Shortfall: -\$ 8,081.45

Congregational contributions totaled \$6,069.10 for the month. An average of \$2,100 each week is required to meet income goals.

## **United Methodist Women**

### **April is Pledge month!**

Through our pledges and fund-raising projects, our UMW unit supports the missions of the United Methodist Church that focus on social concerns involving women and children at local, national, and international levels. Through the proceeds of our annual Book Fair, Plant Sale and Holiday Greens and Wreath sale, donations are given to a variety of non-profit organizations.

The following are programs that have received monies from the SBCC UMW in 2008

Habitat for Humanity

Ministries of Coram

Herstory

UMCOR

Eastern Farm Workers Association

Hobbes Farm

National Organization for Rare Diseases

Pledge to Mission

Racial Justice

Health

Children and Youth

Social Action/Advocacy

Environmental Justice

# UMW 2009 Plant Sale Order Form

- ❖ Please print all information legibly.
  - ❖ Orders must be accompanied by payment.
  - ❖ **No order will be processed without payment.**
  - ❖ Checks should be made payable to: United Methodist Women
    - ❖ Check notation should be "UMW Plant Sale"
  - ❖ Orders must be picked up at the specified times only.
    - ❖ **Firm deadline: April 27<sup>th</sup>**
- FLATS: \$12 each  
(48 plants per flat)

	Impatiens	Petunia	Marigold
Begonia green leaf			
----- red	----- red	----- yellow	-----
white			
----- white	----- white	----- orange	----- pink
----- pink	----- purple	----- mixed	----- red
----- coral	----- pink		
----- lavender	----- mixed	Ageratum	Begonia
bronze leaf			
----- swirl peach		----- blue	----- red
----- violet	Coleus		----- pink
----- mixed	----- mixed	Allysum	-----
white			
		----- white/purple	-----
mixed			
Bicolor Marigold	Dahlia		
----- yellow	----- mixed		
----- orange			

10" HANGING BASKETS: \$14

Double Impatiens	Fuchsia	Petunia	Lantana
----- hot pink	----- white & red	----- white	-----
----- pink	----- purple & red	----- purple	
----- salmon		----- pink	Ivy
Geranium			
----- red		----- red	----- pink
			----- red

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**PICK UP:** Friday, May 8 (10-12 a.m.)

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ITEMS** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PAYMENT \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL**

Order forms *with* payment attached may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday  
Or mailed to the church office- 216 Christian Ave Stony Brook NY 11790, marked "plant sale"

## **Church News and Notes**

### **Children's Easter Party**

Saturday April 11, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Please join us in the Education Building for Easter fun!!

We'll make a craft, play some games, dye some eggs and of course, will have our famous Easter Egg Hunt.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Community Room -- or you can contact Sue Murphy via email at [smurphy52@optonline.net](mailto:smurphy52@optonline.net) or call her at 631-871-2368.

Friends are always welcome !!

Don't forget your Easter basket!!!

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*Mark your calendar!  
Children's Easter  
Party Sat April 11,  
10:30 -12 noon.*

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### **Holy Week Schedule 2009**

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 9 – 8 pm – Tenebrae and Holy Communion

Friday, April 10 -12-3 pm – Community Good Friday Service at Bethel AME

Saturday, April 11 – 10:30 am – Children's Easter Party

Sunday, April 12 - 6:30 a.m. – Community Sunrise Service at S B Village Green

10:00 a.m. – Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

### **Annual Progressive Dinner**

SBCC Spring Progressive Dinner, May 2nd

Sign up in the Community Room

Homes needed for Appetizer Course, Dinner for 8-10

It's a great event open to everyone!

## **Church Retreat**

Join us for the Spring All Church Retreat at Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island, NY  
May 8-10

A special time for all ages

Come for the whole time or part of the time

Cost: Adult (overnight) \$50

Children \$20

Saturday Daytime \$20

## **Annual Spring Musicale**

Sunday, May 3rd, 4:00 pm

Concert featuring: Christine Free, soprano; Jacob Rhodebeck, piano; Robert Price, organ; Ellen Phipps, bells.

Tickets - \$12, Senior and students \$10.

Reception following the concert.

Concert supporters are encouraged to contribute as sponsors, benefactors, patrons or donors. Look for the flyer in the bulletin for more details.

## **Vacation Bible School**

The Community Vacation Bible School program is scheduled for the week of July 13 through the 17<sup>th</sup>

This is a wonderful program that our church has been participating in for many years.

Watch the monthly newsletter and church bulletin for more details and registration information as it becomes available.

### **2009 Faith and Film Series**

This year's film series sponsored by local congregations, protestant campus ministries at SBU, and the PJ Arts Association will take place in April and May.

April 15 ,7 p.m. – "The Kite Runner" shown at Theater Three in Port Jefferson

*Note: Rev. Braddon will be part of this panel discussion*

May 14, 7 pm – "Lars and the Real Girl" at Temple Isaiah on Stony Brook Rd

May 21, 7 pm – "The Visitor" shown at Theater Three, Port Jefferson

Following the Film, there will be a panel discussion and each evening will close with a reception and refreshments.

A Flyer and Free Tickets will be available soon in the community room

### **The Three Village Interfaith Clergy Association presents: Open Doors, Open Minds: Our Faith Traditions and Social Justice**

Please join clergy and members of local Jewish, Christian and Muslim congregations for this exploration of our faith traditions' calls to seek justice. Through film clips, clergy presentations and small group reflection, we'll discuss critical justice concerns in light of our various faith traditions and get to know one another and our traditions better. Advance registration is required. To register, please speak with the clergy of your congregation by Monday, April 13th.

Wednesday, April 22, 7:00-9:30pm, North Shore Jewish Center: Poverty

*Note that Rev. Braddon will be part of the panel for this session*

Wednesday, April 29, 7:00-9:00pm, North Shore Jewish Center: The Environment

Wednesday, May 6, 7:00-9:00pm, Setauket Presbyterian Church: War and Peace

Wednesday, May 13, 7:00-9:00pm: Setauket Presbyterian Church: The Death Penalty

### **Sail the sound with the Parish Resource Center**

Saturday May 30 2009 7-10pm

Join us for an evening of Dancing, Food, Raffles and Fun

Aboard the Port Jeffeson Ferry – Cost \$35

For tickets call PRC at: 631-821-2255

E mail: info@ [info@prcli.org](mailto:info@prcli.org)

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## **2009 Summer Performing Arts Program**

@ the Stony Brook Community Church

The PERFORMING ARTS CAMP is a Musical Theatre Workshop for Ages 7 to 15, that includes Acting, Voice, Dance, Improvisation and Rehearsals for an Open House Performance of an abridged Musical Theatre Production on the last day of each session.

The cost is \$495 per session with a 10% discount for siblings and double-sessions.

To register, down load an enrollment form at the church website:

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and mail it along with a \$100 non-refundable deposit to Performing Arts Camp@ Stony Brook Community Church, 216 Christian Ave., Stony Brook, NY 11790.

For further questions, please contact Sherrill Jones at [performingartscamp@gmail.com](mailto:performingartscamp@gmail.com) or phone 631-751-6740.

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