

# The Church Herald

Stony Brook Community Church (United Methodist), Stony Brook, New York



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## The Pastor's Column

### Building the Fellowship

This month will offer us several opportunities for quality time and a lot of fun with other members of the church community. I like being the community that prays together and plays together, so I anticipate, with joy, my first Progressive Dinner in this congregation. I look forward to this time set apart for good food, laughter and storytelling in the warm settings of several homes. I hope that you will sign up and join in. I know that it has been a wonderful event in the past.

Speaking of food and laughter and relaxing together, I want to introduce an experience that I bring with me. Beginning May 14 – and continuing every Wednesday thereafter throughout the summer (weather permitting) – we will gather at West Meadow Beach (we'll try the left side of the beach house) anytime after 6 p.m. for supper and sunset. This is *very informal*. Bring everything you need for dinner! That's everything, including plates, cups, utensils, chairs, blankets and bug spray!

This experience carries with it fond memories for me personally. I first encountered this midweek getaway at a church I served on the other side of Long Island Sound; they had been gathering for years when I came in 1984, and they are still doing so! I discovered that, especially in the summer when people are traveling often on weekends, this event provided a time to touch base during the week with other members of the church in a beautiful place. It was fun and deeply spiritual at the same time. I enjoyed it so much that I organized a similar midweek experience in two other congregations, and they are still meeting. This year, since it will be held on Wednesday nights and we usually have a candlelight *Taizé* service at the church, we will offer an added opportunity on the beach for those who would like to participate: time set aside to enjoy the sunset as we listen to and sing this beautiful meditative music. I think you will find it a good mix!

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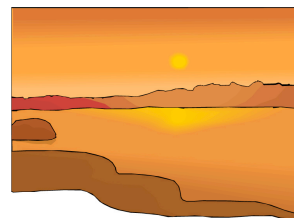
## Flower arranging at UMW, concert for Habitat build

Learn how to embellish your home with a beautiful flower arrangement when guest Marilyn Barrone comes to speak at the next UMW meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the downstairs Community Room. Marilyn will show us how it's done so we can take the lovely flowers from our gardens and enjoy them indoors.

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On Friday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m., the Centerport Methodist Church will present Linda Ray from the Huntington Cabaret and award-winning Lennie Watts in a musical revue featuring extraordinary young singers ages 13-17. Proceeds from "Welcome to the 60s" will benefit the Habitat for Humanity project. There also will be a Chinese Auction that evening.

Only 200 tickets (\$20 adults; \$15 children 18 and under) are available. To purchase yours, call Virginia Sassano at 689-2366 or Ethel Abbott at 427-6956.



*Join us for*

### **"Wednesday Nights at the Beach"**

**Every Wednesday at 6 p.m.  
(beginning May 14)  
at West Meadow Beach**

*Bring everything you need for your own  
dinner. Don't forget chairs, blankets  
and bug spray!*

**For those who wish:  
Taizé meditation at sunset!**

**COME AWAY!  
RELAX WITH FRIENDS!**

## **STONY BROOK COMMUNITY CHURCH INTERGENERATIONAL RETREAT WEEKEND AT CAMP QUINIPET SHELTER ISLAND, NY**

**MAY 16-18, 2008**

For details about our facilities in the Jesse Lee House,  
go to [www.quinipet.org](http://www.quinipet.org)

**COST: \$50 for adults; \$20 for ages 18 and under  
(Includes two nights and five meals)  
Saturday only attendees: \$20**

Scholarships available for anyone for whom this is a hardship – speak to Rev. Braddon.

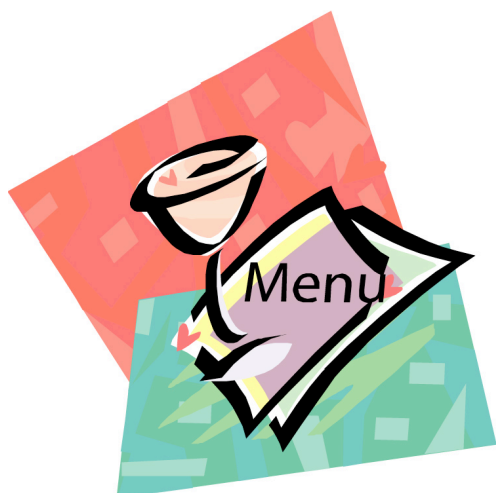
## UMW SPRING DINNER

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Mauricio's Restaurant

Route 25, St. James



### Menu:

*Choice of Pasta*

*Choice of Salad*

*Choice of one of 10 entrees*

*Bread/garlic knots*

*Coffee/tea*

*Dessert*

**\$27 per person (includes tax and gratuity)**

Reservations must be prepaid. Make checks payable to "United Methodist Women"  
(include name, telephone, number attending and check amount).

Deadline for reservations is May 27.

Questions? Call Vicki Jutkiewicz at 689-9130.

## Word and Worship for May

Sunday, May 4

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter  
4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 11

*Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John  
7:37-39

Sunday, May 18

*Trinity Sunday*

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew  
28:16-20

Sunday, May 25

*Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 49:8-16a; Psalm 131 or Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5;  
Matthew 6:24-34



## Children work together to fill Heifer International ‘arks’

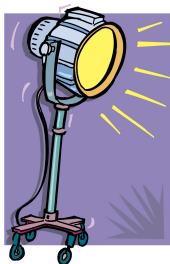
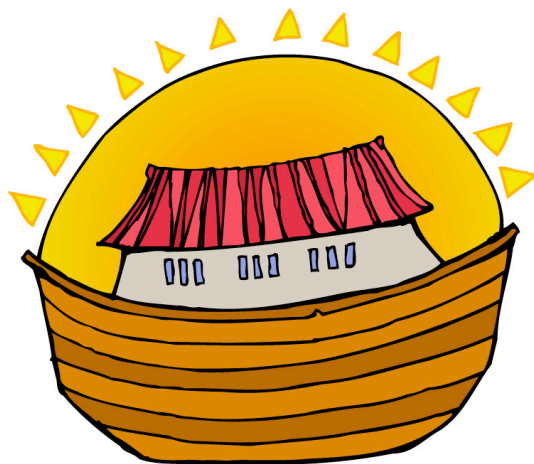
The SBCC Sunday School students are joining children from throughout the Annual Conference as they raise funds to fill 10 “arks” with animals to be donated to needy families in the world’s poorest regions through Heifer International.

The youngsters have accepted the mission-giving project at the request of Bishop Jeremiah Park, who also has issued an invitation for 1,000 children to join him for a day of celebration at the New York Annual Conference, to be held at Hofstra University on Saturday, June 14. The Children’s Day at Conference, to take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., will include many fun activities in a carnival-like atmosphere on the Hofstra campus.

Children and Youth Coordinator Sue Murphy hopes that many of the Sunday School children will be available to attend the June 14th event. Between now and then, the Conference is asking that each church raise money for the Heifer International ark project. The goal is to fill 10 arks, valued at \$5,000 each. Each ark “contains” two pigs, two cows, two trios of rabbits, two donkeys, two beehives, two sheep, two llamas, two flocks of geese, two goats, two oxen, two flocks of chicks, two trios of ducks, two trios of guinea pigs, two water buffalo and two camels.

The Sunday School children will continue to collect your “loose change” to help in this effort. If you can act as a chaperone for the Children’s Day at Conference event, please contact Sue Murphy at 871-2368.

Let's work together to fill the ark!



### Performing Arts Camp at SBCC

For children ages 7 to 15 years

**Session 1: June 30 - July 18**

**Session 2: July 21 - August 8**

**Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Classes in acting, improvisation, dance and voice and rehearsals for an Open House performance of an abridged musical theatre production. Intensive, small camp workshop taught by an Actor's Equity professional. Open to all children in the community, with or without previous performing experience.**

**Cost per session: \$495 with a 10% discount for siblings and double-session enrollment. (Children may enroll in one or both sessions. Limited to 20 campers per session.)**

**Enrollment applications may be downloaded from the SBCC website:**

**[www.stonybrookcommunitychurch.org](http://www.stonybrookcommunitychurch.org)**

**For more information, call Camp Coordinator Sherrill Jones at 751-6740  
or e-mail [sherrilljones@mac.com](mailto:sherrilljones@mac.com).**

## United Methodist 101: *A Continuing Series by Pastor Elizabeth Braddon*

As you read this, I am attending the 2008 General Conference in Fort Worth, TX. Last month, I described the United Methodist organization. This month, I will briefly summarize some of the important issues that will be reviewed and decided upon and which in most cases will guide the church for the next four years and in others result in possible permanent changes.

**Seven Vision Pathways and Four Foci** – The Council of Bishops, the Connectional Table and the General Agencies are requesting that we concentrate on four vital and very specific areas of ministry over the next four years: Developing quality leadership, both clergy and lay; developing new churches; ministering in the area of global health; and working toward the eradication of profound poverty. The General Agencies are committed to working together in these four areas, and the church appears fairly unified on this direction.

**Worldwide Church:** Currently the United Methodist Church is organized as a U.S. church that has some satellites called Central Conferences in other parts of the world, namely Europe, Africa and the Philippines. The structure has fostered the dominance of the U.S. and the colonialism of the other areas. The proposal for this General Conference is that all areas of the church be called regional conferences and that the U.S. become one regional conference. This would pave the way for some additional structural changes in the future with the hope that the UMC will truly assume a worldwide character. There will be much discussion on this proposal, which I have favored.

**The Purpose of the Church:** The current statement of purpose says that the church is to make disciples. The proposal is to add the words, “for the transformation of the world.” This is likely to pass without a problem.

**The Status of Persons Who are Homosexual, Bisexual or Transgendered:** The controversy over the membership, ordination and marriage of persons of differing sexual identities remains a major struggle in the denomination. During the past four General Conferences, I have hoped for and worked toward the full inclusion of all persons and have been deeply saddened that the church has not lived up to its slogan: “Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors.”

**General Church Budget and Apportionments:** The proposed budget uses between three and four cents of each dollar you donate to the local church.

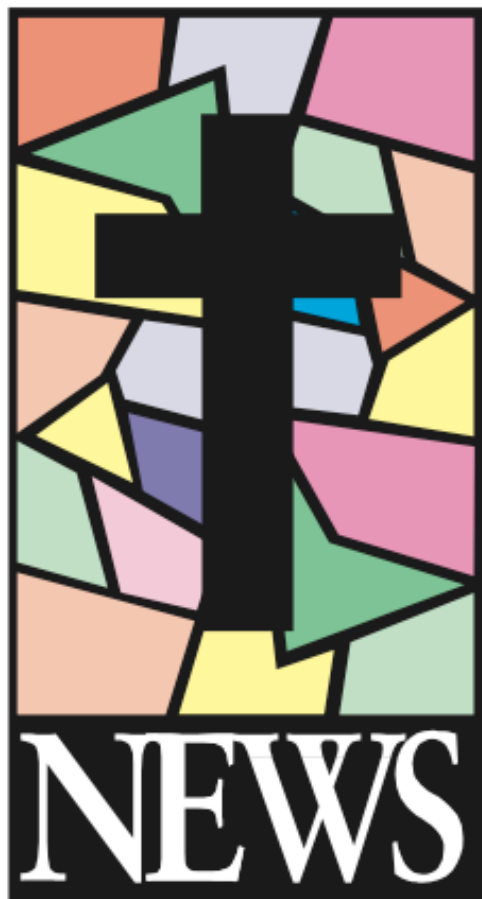
## Consider a Methodist camp experience



Children, youth, families and adults can attend week-long overnight sessions at one of our camp sites. The closest is Camp Quinipet on Shelter Island. There is a half-week “first-timers camp” for first and second graders. Activities include sailing, hiking, horseback riding, kayaking, athletics and dance. In addition to Camp Quinipet, there is Kingswood, a rustic camping facility in Hancock, NY, and Camp Epworth in High Falls, NY. Brochures are in the Community Room.

**SEE PAGE 2 TO LEARN ABOUT SBCC’S QUINIPET RETREAT MAY 16-18!**





## Congregational News

The MYF raised \$1,451 for the World Vision 30-Hour Famine Project. Thanks to all who contributed.

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Many thanks, too, to those who recently hosted coffee hours: the **Marino** family, the **Murphy** family and **Virginia Sassano** in February, and **Dana Spellman and Danny**, the **Betz** family and the **UMW** in March. Thanks also to everyone who brought refreshments on Easter Sunday. To host a coffee hour, use the sign-up sheet in the downstairs room. See Maureen Tangen if you have any questions or need more info.

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SBCC is participating in the Three Village Community **Vacation Bible Study** July 14-18. Registration forms are available in the Community Room. Volunteer adult/youth teachers are needed, as well as people to help with crafts, snacks, etc. For details, call Sue Murphy at 871-2368.

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On April 6th, we welcomed the following new members: **Malisa Borak**, **Cindy Cadicamo** and **Wally Robinson**. Another new member reception will take place in early June.

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Revs. Braddon and Hankins baptized **Matthew Benjamin Cadicamo**, son of Mark and Cindy, brother of Jonathan and grandchild of Elsie and Bert, on April 13.

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**Helen Leaming**, a longtime member, died on January 4 at the age of 99. A graveside service was held at Oak Hill Cemetery on April 12. **Virginia Erdman**, a friend of the church, died on April 17. A memorial service will be held at the Neighborhood House on May 29.

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Finally, I am very excited about my first Intergenerational Church Retreat with this congregation at Camp Quinipet. I love retreats! I love the combination of slowing down to take time for quality conversations with God and with one another; for the natural humor that arises when 20-plus people try to manage to live together for 40 hours; for the opportunity to lead informal worship and discussions; and for the beautiful setting of Shelter Island – my own personal Mecca. We hope to fill Jesse Lee House with children, youth and adults. There is also an opportunity for people who can't stay overnight to come out for the day on Saturday.

See you around and about!

*Pastor Liz*

## May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6 p.m., AA Chancel Choir Reh., 7:30 p.m.	2 10 a.m., Al-Anon	3 Annual Progressive Dinner
4 Worship, Eucharist & Sun. School, 10 a.m. Fellowship, 11 a.m. MYF, 6 p.m.	5 Bible Study, 10:15 a.m. Food for Life, 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m., AA Bpok Club, 7:30 p.m.	6	7 Taizé Worship 7 p.m. (Last service in church for summer)	8 6 p.m., AA Chancel Choir Reh., 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.	9 10 a.m., Al-Anon UMW Plant Sale, 10 a.m. - noon Centerport Methodist Concert for Habitat, 7:30 p.m.	10 UMW Plant Sale, 10 a.m. - noon
11 Mother's Day Worship & Sunday School, 10 a.m. Fellowship, 11 a.m.	12 Bible Study, 10:15 a.m. Food for Life, 6:30 p.m. 7 p.m., AA Bd. of Trustees, 7:30	13	14 Wednesdays at West Meadow Beach, 6 p.m., with Taizé meditation at sunset	15 Herald Deadline 6 p.m., AA Chancel Choir Reh., 7:30 p.m.	16 10 a.m., Al-Anon	17
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