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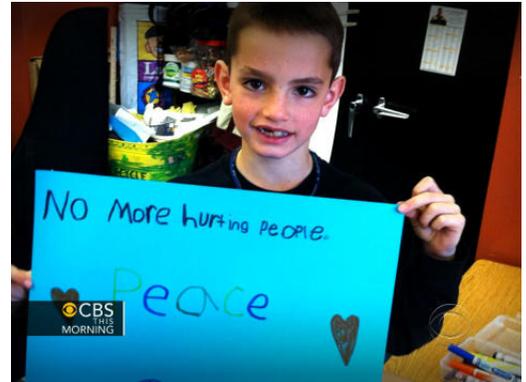
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From the Pastor: Reflections on the Boston Bombings

Oh no! Not again! When I turned on the television on Monday afternoon I couldn't believe my eyes. They were still weakly speculating the possibility of a gas explosion but we all knew that was unlikely given the location of the finish line.



The scene on Monday brought forth images of all the news of violence – the far too fresh images of Newtown, the shootings in the Aurora movie theater, the Sikh temple in Detroit, and of course, I can't help but go back to 9/11.

After checking in with my friend, Patricia, who wasn't in her Back Bay apartment because of the holiday, and finding out my nephew and his wife were in the area but o.k. – then I clamored for more news and with all of you sat on the edge of my seat fearful of more explosions.

Guns and Bombs! I've had enough of demented hatred! I'm angry! Anger is natural but what do I do with my anger? Paul Raushenbush, religious editor for the Huffington Post, has helped me think about this. He distinguishes between demonic anger and holy anger. Demonic anger is the fury that wells up in us and just wants to lash out with vengeful radical emotions and even violence. It's the anger that jumps to conclusions and passes on the worst rumors. We all have those moments that short circuit our normally healthy hearts. It's hard to resist this anger, but resist it we must if we are to experience peace, both within and around us.

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NYAC VISION STATEMENT

The New York Annual Conference, through the grace of God, embodies a beloved community of hope, building up a healthy Body of Christ, with heartwarmed United Methodists in mission for the transformation of the world.



This doesn't mean we should not be angry! Holy anger however requires that I stop, and in my prayers, ask for wisdom to not let my anger take over my heart. Instead, may it fuel the kind of response that truly reflects the kind of person that I want to be in the world.

How else do we respond? Of course, we cry with the injured and the loved ones of the dead. We hold our own loved ones tighter. We hope for a quick answer – suspects rounded up – and the signs of the violence washed away. None of that will happen. So we wait.

How do we wait? As people of faith, we pray – with compassion, we pray for the victims; with gratitude and deep respect, we pray for the first responders – and the bystanders who instinctively reached out to help; we pray for hard work of those who will be continuing to find the answers; and we pray for the strength to endure another painful time.

Desmond Tutu penned these words that we sang last Sunday:

“Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than Hate. Light is stronger than Darkness; Life is stronger than Death. Victory is ours! Victory is ours in Christ Jesus”

There is more to come from me, including this Sunday's sermon. The text will be Psalm 23 and the sermon title, “Walking through the Valley”. Please join us as we pray together.

Peace, Pastor Liz

Brand New Mourning

We never know what each new day will bring.
We hope for joy and peace
Or at least the comfort
Of predictable routine.
We're never prepared
For the intrusion of Evil
Acted out through
Harm and mayhem.
When death rips life
From our grasp,
When horror blurs
Our sight,
Have mercy on us, Lord.
Hold our aching souls
Guide us through
Dizzying grief,
Listen to our wailing "Why?"
Be the Comfort we may not even know we need
As we live through this brand new mourning. Amen.

by the Rev. Dr. Kwasi Kena



MYF
WALK

TALENT NIGHT

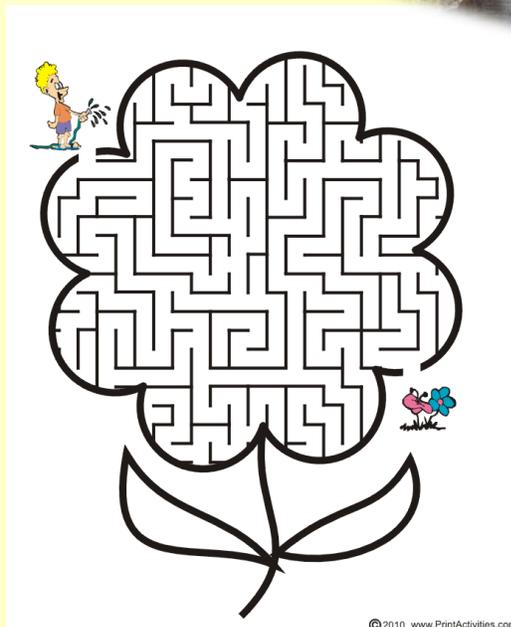
SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

Thank you all who attended SBCC's Talent Night! It was a night full of fellowship, fun and laughter! Here are a few highlights from that night!



Coming Soon!

- Service Opportunities
- Summer Theme Park Trip
- MYF Gym Nights



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TWENTY YEARS OF SPRING MUSICALE

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This year marks the twentieth consecutive time that Stony Brook Community Church has produced a Spring Musicale. Started in 1993 by then Director of Music and Organist Carol Landis, every spring a different group of talented community, church and SUNY Stony Brook musicians have performed to benefit the church. Coordinated since 2004 by Joan Wingerter, the event has hosted violinists, pianists, hand bell players, singers, flutists, trumpeters, and organists. Several very young musical prodigies have played at the musicale: Eva Simpson-Abrams played when she was thirteen and has been the pianist for the church's summer Performing Arts Camp. Many of the musicians with Doctoral degrees from SUNY Stony Brook, such as Rachel Schutz, soprano, Christine Free, mezzo-soprano, Jonathan Korth, pianist and Jacob Rhodebeck, pianist have gone on to successful careers in music.

On April 21st at 4:00 pm this year's Spring Musicale will feature our own choir director, Valerie Grehan, soprano, singing beloved arias and as well as playing a piano-guitar duet with Matt Nemeth on guitar. We will hear a classical guitar duo consisting of Michael Belajonas and James Kennedy specializing in Latin American classical guitar sounds. Concluding the performance will be Glenn Baldwin and Friends of Jazz, a group that consists of piano, guitar, drums and a vocalist all playing blues, jazz and American songbook standards.

Help make this 20th concert the best Spring Musicale ever by your sponsor support and attendance (Sponsors signing up at this time will receive recognition in the April 28th church bulletin plus the profound gratitude of all who love music). These many professional musicians donate their time and talent to our concert and this year's program has something for everyone! Be sure to join us Sunday afternoon, April 21, at 4:00 for a wonderful experience. The suggested donation is \$15, with discounts for seniors (\$10) and students (\$5). A reception with the artists will follow the concert.



Glenn Baldwin and Friends of Jazz

Vocals, sax, piano, guitar, bass, and drums perform blues, jazz, bossa and American songbook standards from Cole Porter & Richard Rodgers to Miles, Monk, and Jobim with original material as well, delighting Long Island library and community audiences since 2002.

UMW 2013 Plant Sale

May 10th & 11th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon (pick up at 4 Pleasant Dr.)

- Order forms are available in the Narthex
- Checks should be made payable to "United Methodist Women" and must accompany your order (We regret that no orders can be processed without full payment).
- Firm deadline for orders: April 28th
- Questions? Call 751-0574 during Church office hours (9:00-1:100,M-F or Maureen (246-5512)





Last summer Stony Brook Community Church’s Performing Arts Camp premiered an original work that was written and composed by one of our own campers. The campers did a wonderful job, not only of portraying wolves, but of working together to bring *The Waterwolf* to life. We presented an excellent, highly entertaining production and it was a magical month down to the last splash in the pool!

This year Performing Arts Camp 2013 will begin on June 24th and run through July 19th in one four week session. Camp Director Sherrill Jones is once again planning an exciting month, the sort that brings campers back year after year. Although the production will not be chosen until Sherrill has a better sense of the ages and experience of her campers, those of us who have seen PAC performances in the past are already looking forward to the July 19th closing extravaganza.

Also already this year Sherrill has heard from some children who hope to attend but who can only attend if they receive a scholarship. The joys of PAC should not be limited to the well-off: please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the PAC scholarship fund. Then plan on coming July 19th to see what happens when your generosity combines with the campers’ hard work to produce a thrilling afternoon for everyone.

Thanks to Elizabeth Whitmore who identified the sink pictured in the *March Herald*:

“Dear Friends,

I think the sink pictured in the *Herald* came from the bathroom in the small apartment in the Hague House when we renovated it in 199?. I was head of the Board of Trustees at that time. There was some discussion about it being too "old" or valuable to put in a rental apartment. I won't guarantee that this is right, but I think so.”



ANNOUNCEMENT

This July, as we bid farewell and happy retirement to Pastor Liz, we will also be welcoming our new pastor, Reverend Chuck Van Houten. Rev. Van Houten is currently Senior Pastor at Centerport United Methodist Church, where he has served since 2001. He has also served in Mamaroneck United Methodist Church, as Associate and Assistant Pastor, and at the United Methodist Church of Port Washington, as Student Assistant Pastor. A native of Long Island, Rev. Van Houten graduated from Syosset High School (class of '79). He earned a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Music from Long Island University, C.W. Post Center, and a Masters in Divinity and Theology from Drew University, Theological School. Opportunities to meet Rev. Van Houten will be announced in the coming months.



Relive the fun and glory of Easter: click on the **bold** title of each video or "paste in" the URL's to enjoy the sights and sounds courtesy of Malcolm Bowman.

Malcolm interviews the Martins

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Easter Egg Hunt

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Pass the Easter Egg!

<http://www.dailymotion.com/video/k4VS8XpqHuoHT33YzOv>

SBCC Easter Service Social Hour

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**EASTER PARTY &
EGG HUNT**