

The Lamplighter

FEBRUARY 2010

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AMITYVILLE, NY



BIRTHDAY
PARTY

.....for.....
JESUS

on January 3

featured Angel Food Cake



A busy December and January for handbell ringers. Teen|College Handbell Choir is happy after "Click Sticks", played at the Haitian Relief Concert, January 31.



PASTOR LOUISE

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Do you have a gift from the Spirit of God that you are utilizing—or not utilizing—for the good of others?

For several weeks there have been sheets of newsprint on walls in the church with descriptions of Gifts of the Spirit and space for people to write in names of persons they believe have those gifts.

Not everyone in the congregation is listed. There are several reasons for that. One is that people may not have seen the gifts exhibited in the church. Another is that the person may not have exercised the gifts she or he has. Within each of these gifts there is always the possibility and need to continue to mature in manifesting the gift.

The word “gift” means it is not anything we earned. We didn’t engineer the gift. Unlike some things we are given, the gift we receive is not frivolous or to be admired as a sign of special favor from God. It is totally practical in the sense that it is useful for the community. When someone tries to use the gift for self-centered reasons or refuses to offer the gift to others, the effect will be greatly diminished and the community suffers.

In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul points out that no one part of the body is more important than the other. It is beautiful to behold when gifts come together, and it is truly amazing to see what can be accomplished.

Encourage others to utilize their gifts and to continue growing into them. Consider whether your gift or gifts are being shared. Others may not always affirm you. Some may be envious or misunderstand its use. They may not appreciate the ways in which your gift is impacting the congregation. Not all of us want to be taught,

or to be helped, or to be administered, or – chastised!

What pleases others does not always please God. And what pleases God does not always please others. Gifts are from God. We receive them with thankful hearts for building up the body of Christ in this congregation and around the world.

The gifts of the Spirit are in Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, & Ephesians 4:7-16. The sheets of paper are still on the walls. Add names of persons who personify that gift.

We need all of these gifts working together for the good of all. Do you have a gift you are not giving away?

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A GROWING CHURCH

SUBMITTED BY BOB SILZ

My church is composed of people like me.

-- It will be friendly if I am.

-- Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.

-- It will do great work, if I work.

-- It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

-- It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

-- It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

-- Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

<i>Gift of the Spirit</i>	<i>Persons in congregation having gift</i> The numbers after the name are the times the person was listed
<i>Administration:</i> helping people to keep focused on a task and delegating appropriately	Susan Fasciano, Joan Kaplan, Missy Kennedy (3), Linda Thompson, George Beierling, Jeanne Priola, Robyn Hyland, Mary Carbee, Pastor Louise
<i>Evangelism:</i> able to sense when it is time to share one's faith and the ability to do so persuasively	Robyn Hyland, Charlene Jourdan, Bob Silz, Linda Thompson, Wes Powell (2), Pastor Louise
<i>Faith:</i> a deep confidence in God	Judy Hartten, Linda Thompson (5), Pastor Louise (3), Kate Peterson, Lurline Dixon
<i>Giving:</i> Generosity of material resources	Steve Brice (3), Robyn Hyland (2), Joan Kaplan (2), Alan Lush (2), Peggy & Roy Van Nostrand (7), Wes Powell (5), Joan Stern (2), Linda Thompson (2), Janet King, Pastor Louise
<i>Healing:</i> an intermediary between others and God in healing of the human body: emotionally, physically, psychologically	Choir – through their music, Lurline Dixon, Carmen Bassaragh, Bev Bode, Barbara Simpson, Jan de Quillfeldt, Pastor Louise (3)
<i>Helpfulness:</i> giving of oneself in such a way that the effectiveness of others' ministries is increased	Dana Bassaragh, Danielle Bassaragh, Robyn Hyland, Carol Ketcham, Natalie Korba, Joan Kaplan (2), Wes Reinhardt, Judy Silz (4), Bob Silz, Joan Stern (3), Linda Thompson (2)
<i>Hospitality:</i> putting guests at ease	Joan Kaplan (3), Wes Powell, Judy Silz (4), Bob Silz (1), Barbara Simpson, Linda Thompson (2), Pastor Louise
<i>Knowledge:</i> the ability to discover, analyze and share vital information	George Beierling, Martha Peterson, Barbara Simpson, Steve Brice, Pastor Louise (3)
<i>Leadership:</i> seeing the big picture and enabling others to move in that direction	Pat Dougherty, Robyn Hyland, Missy Kennedy, Wes Powell, Barbara Simpson, Linda Thompson, Pastor Louise (3)
<i>Mercy:</i> having compassion and empathy for others, often expressed in phone calls and visiting	Linda Cohen, Charlene Jourdan, Joan Kaplan, Wes Powell, Barbara Simpson, Joan Stern (3), Ron & Jan Thomson, Linda Thompson (2), Judy Silz
<i>Missionary:</i> ministering in a culture unlike one's own	Bev & Ron Bode (4), Jan Thomson, Mary Carbee, Valerie Miller, Tom Goodhue
<i>Prophecy:</i> receiving and expressing the "word of God" which may be comfort, encouragement, warning, or chastisement	Pastor Louise (2)
<i>Shepherd:</i> a long-term investment in tending to the welfare of another	George Beierling, Charlene Jourdan, Wes Powell, Bob Silz, Pastor Louise (2)
<i>Teaching:</i> ability to communicate so that others can learn	Cathy Bedell, Robyn Hyland, Mike Korba, Korba Family, Wes Powell, Linda Thompson, Christine Castellano
<i>Wisdom:</i> insight to apply spiritual truths to daily life	Joan Stern, Charlene Jordan (2), Pastor Louise (3)



By Gene and Barbara La Poma

We have not reached our Pledge Drive Goal for this year -- we are short \$15,000. It is very important for our Church ministry to have an idea of what funds can be anticipated. In order to close this gap, we will renew our Drive to call on those who remain "unpledged".

The Lenten Season will soon be upon us. Ash Wednesday falls on February 17th and we plan to distribute Lenten Offering Cups on Sunday, February 21st. All of the monies collected will be donated to an initiative to help retirees in Central Conferences outside the United States. This will benefit those pastors and widows in Conferences where they are beginning to receive pension funds for the first time.

Spaghetti Dinner

and

TALENT SHOW

Sunday, Feb. 28

5 pm Dinner

6 pm Talent Show

Sponsored by our Youth

Suggested Donation is:

\$5.00 each for 13 years old —Adult
 \$3.00 each 3-12 year olds
 under 3 years old, free
 \$15.00 maximum for family.

To raise funds for the Youth April Retreat to Camp Quinipet.

Please support our youth and attend this wonderful dinner and talent show that they are working so hard on.

If you have a talent to share, sign-up! All persons wanting to perform must sign-up by Sunday, February 21, so the acts can be arranged for the most enjoyable program.

Sign up Sheet to bring food and to come on Narthex table.

OUTREACH REPORT

By JOAN STERN, CHAIR

With a brand new year ahead of us, Outreach committee members thought the parishioners would be interested in reading what their dollars and goods accomplished in 2009.

Our Blankets Plus program resulted in our sending \$630.00 to Church World Service, allowing them to send where most needed 126 blankets and/or tools.

We then geared up for Thanksgiving, knowing the need for help with families would be increased and indeed it was! We were grateful for our parishioners' donations of money and goods and to the Kiwanis of Amityville whose turkey donations were most welcome. Our list of families totaled just 16 in number, but this translated to 61 adults and 51 children to enjoy a dinner just like the rest of us. The evening the baskets were distributed was a joyous one for all the committee members and helpers, knowing we were doing something helpful.

And then, it was time for The Christmas Giving Tree and the distribution of 38 packages to needy children. This event was featured in our Lamplighter last month...the few pieces of "feedback" from the children just warmed our hearts.

And so, dear people, another year is beginning and our committee thanks you all for your past support and generosity. Can we dare to think we can do as well in 2010?



- 3 HAYLEY JACOBSEN
- KERI WATSON
- 9 NATALIE KORBA
- 11 BARBARA LA POMA
- 15 CHRISTOPHER LEWIS
- JADEN RIVERA
- 16 JEFFERY ERATH
- MARGARET WOLTER
- 17 LYNN CHIELLO
- 24 PHILLIP SANFORD
- 25 RHODA McVICKER
- 26 Nnamdi UKASOANYA
- DAVID WATERMAN
- 28 JACOB SMITH



Confirmation Classes have begun for 7th & 8th grade students.

The next class will be held:
 Sunday, Feb. 14 from 2:15—3:30 pm



HANDBELL MINI CAMP

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
7 PM

Anyone interested in learning how to play handbells, come to this handbell mini-camp. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn.

Please contact the Church Office if you plan to attend.



FEBRUARY 17
 Worship Service
 12:15 pm at FUMC

7:30 pm
 Cluster Ash Wednesday Service
 Community UMC, Massapequa, NY



We have begun hosting intergeneration events. Families and friends of FUMC are always welcomed to attend. A delicious luncheon is provided, along with activities.

On January 3rd, we held our "Birthday Party for Jesus". We had a Mediterranean feast that included pitas, chicken, Greek salad and a rice dish. In honor of Jesus' birthday there was a special cake. The angel food represented the hosts of angels, the white icing was for purity and 21 red candles (for Pentecost Holy Spirit and the 21st century). We sang a special version of "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.

The children participated in several games, including a treasure hunt where they followed the clues to find gifts to give to Jesus. These "gifts" were centered around the theme of giving of their time and talents to Jesus.

Approximately 35 people attended our Hot Potato Luncheon on February 7th. It was a nice cold day for hot potatoes and chili. One of the activities was a potato puzzle, which both adults and children enjoyed putting together.

Look for much information in upcoming issue of the Lamplighter and your Sunday bulletin for future Intergenerational Fellowship Events.

HAITI RELIEF CONCERT

On Sunday, January 31 at 4 pm First United Methodist Church held a benefit concert to raise funds for Haitian Relief. Robyn Hyland, our Director of Music Ministry, played the organ, along with other music during the concert. Under the direction of Robyn Hyland, the First Church Handbell Ensemble and our Teen/College group performed several handbell pieces. Fred Fehleisen, a gifted violinist, was also featured.

We raised \$2,670.00.



Church Membership

“PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS”

By Your Prayers

LEROY VAN NOSTRAND

MARY CARBEE

FAMILY OF CHARLES TAYLOR, SR.

RHODA McVICKER (SURGERY ON HER HAND)

ARTIE PETERSON

IAN & NATALIE PAGAN (RECOVERING FROM PNEUMONIA)

By Your Service

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE	Feb. 7: "Hot Potato" Event Feb. 14: Finance Committee Feb. 21: Church & Society Feb. 28: Outreach
COMMUNION STEWARDS	Feb. 7: Wes Powell, Mike Korba & Linda Cohen
USHERS	Feb. 7 Wes Reinhardt, Dot Bausch & Rustica Mc Conneaughey Feb. 14 George Beierling, Douglas Allen, Judy Hartten Feb. 21 Barbara Simpson, Jasmine Allen & Jan deQuillfeldt Feb. 28 George Wrage, Mike & Natalie Korba
GREETERS	Feb. 7: Barbara Simpson Feb. 14: Barbara & Gene La Poma Feb. 21: Wes Reinhardt Feb. 28: George Beierling
MONEY COUNTERS	Feb. 7: Cathy Taylor & Carrie Watson Feb. 14: Arlene DeLand and Wes Reinhardt Feb. 21: Margaret Wolter & George Beierling Feb. 28: Jeanne Otis & Charlene Jourdan

Interested in becoming a member



or learning more about the Methodist Church?

Come to our Adult Membership Class:

SUNDAY, FEB. 21 • 1:00—2:15 PM

By Your Presence

Date	8 am	10 am	Sunday School	Total
Jan. 3	-	92 with SS		92
Jan. 10	12	43	21	76
Jan. 17	11	49	23	83
Jan. 24	16	44	18	78
Jan. 31	12	53	19	84
Jan. 31	concert			106

Congratulations on your wedding!

LEE ANNE BODE & MIGUEL RAMERIZ

DECEMBER 12, 2009





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Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

Every Sunday Schedule

8 & 10 am Worship
 9 am Choir Rehearsal
 10 am Sunday School
 11:15 am Youth Choir Rehearsal
 11:30 am Middle School Handchime Reh.
 11:45 am Teen/College Handbell Rehearsal
Unless Otherwise Indicated below.

Support Group Meetings

AA Wednesday & Saturdays @ 8 pm
NA Fridays @ 8:30 pm
Ninja NA 3rd Saturday of each month @12 Noon

February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	2	3 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm HB Ens.	4 5 pm Finance Comm. (P)	5 7:15 pm Scouts (AR) 8 pm PeaceSmiths (IH)	6 9 am-1pm Leader to Leader Workshop Westbury UMC
7 Scout Sunday 5th Sunday in Epiphany Communion Souper Bowl Sunday 11:15 am "Hot Potato" Fellowship (IH)	8 7 pm Irish Dancers (IH) 7:30 pm Worship Comm. (BH).	9 10 am Trustees (P) 7:30 pm Jr. League (P)	10 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm HB Ens.	11	12	13 9 am HB Ens.
14 Last Sunday in Epiphany 11:30 am Admin Council 2:15-3:30 pm Confirmation	15 President's Day Office Closed	16 5:30—7 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ CUMC	17 Ash Wednesday 12:15 pm FUMC Ash Wed. Serv. 7:30 pm Cluster Ash Wed. Service @ Community UMC, Massapequa	18	19 7:15 pm Scouts (AR)	20 9 am HB Ens.
21 1st Sunday in Lent 1-2:15 pm Adult Membership Class	22 10:30 am (P) Membership, Nurture & Evang. 7 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	23	24	25	26 7:15 pm Scouts Pack Night (IH)	27 9 am HB Ens. CUMC Leader Retreat @FUMC

28 2nd Sunday in Lent
 Human Relations Offering
 5 pm Spaghetti Dinner

HB— Handbell Rehearsal HB Ens.—1st Church Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal

Room Guide: (IH) Ireland Hall (BH) Binkley Hall (P) Parlor (AR) Amanda's Room

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Our FUMC Handbell Choirs Slogan