

The Lamplighter

JULY/AUGUST 2012

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AMITYVILLE, NY

POPSICLE PARK



Vacation Music Camp Participants Eating Favorite Snack: Popsicles



Photos by Fred Fehleifen

Cheetos game at Wacky Olympics

The Models are Ed Ramirez and Michael Castellano.



PASTOR LOUISE

Anniversaries are a good time both to review and look forward. As I begin my eighth year as pastor at First United Methodist Church, I am excited about what lies ahead. I have also been reflecting on my time among you.

On Sunday, July 8 we had the annual reappointment celebration. I am grateful to Linda Thompson as Lay Leader and Robyn Hyland as Director of Music Ministries for organizing this each year. In my sermon I talked about how the congregation has affected my ministry. These were some of my thoughts:

“Recently I have noticed in my preparation that very familiar passages of scripture are revealing new thoughts and causing different exploration. In fact often there are so many things that intrigue me I have a hard time deciding where the Spirit is leading. A phrase may stand out that I had never considered. Or I’ll think, I can’t believe this is the first time I noticed that. I am convinced that one reason for new insights is this congregation—you! In one or two churches I have tried to serve I have felt like nothing could awaken the people out of their determination to be mediocre disciples—if there is such a thing. Would it help if I stood on my head? No. How about a spectacular healing? Probably not. It would be basically a ho-hum reaction. Or, it might be, “That was entertaining, pastor. What else can you do?” Feeling free from having to prove something or amuse the masses has unleashed new understandings in scripture.

“I believe you are calling out something more in me. I am not always the one invoking and paying attention to the work of the Spirit. Your openness, questions, comments, initiative, and the occasional—I don’t agree with what you said or are doing—are all welcome stimuli for my continued growth. It also encourages me.”

“Jesus and the disciples suffered rejection and failure. We will also, because God is still sending people out. Whatever we do or say we should be able to answer in some fashion that reflects our commission: Why are we doing what we are doing or planning? If it doesn’t advance God’s reign on earth, we need to recalibrate. Even when that is clear, we may sense a depletion of our authority. Doing the right thing will not always garner applause. Then we can remind ourselves of

Jesus’ instructions to the disciples while on those missionary journeys. If they are not welcomed and the people refuse to listen, they are to ‘shake off the dust on [their] feet as a testimony against them’ (Mark 6:11). There is no hostility implied and no retribution. It is simply recognition of our limitations or the limitations of those with whom we desire to share and serve. But, like Jesus and the disciples we will also experience great joy and amazement when we have been instruments of God’s healing power.”

My husband, Dick, retired after nearly 40 years of pastoring, puts it succinctly: “Some churches multiply by ten what the pastor does. Some divide by ten.” I believe we have been and continue to be a congregation that multiplies what each of us does. Let’s encourage one another to keep on serving and growing in Christ-likeness.



Worship Committee

BY LINDA THOMPSON, CHAIR

VISION STATEMENT:

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the people of First United Methodist Church of Amityville, NY will

- Witness to Jesus Christ in the world.
- Follow Jesus' teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion.

Summer has arrived bringing hot, hazy, and humid weather with rain that has kept the earth lush and green around us. In past years our summer attendance has decreased due to the heat within the church; hopefully this will not be a factor this year as we look forward to the installation of air conditioning in the sanctuary and the chapel. Come join us as we also give thanks to God and the Bishop for the reappointment of Pastor Louise.

Our third annual beach service was a huge success. An outstanding 79 worshippers were in attendance. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Sunday school promotions and the outstanding attendance of our children. The handbell choir provided the prelude, postlude and musical accompaniment during the service. They were outstanding! Many thanks to Bob Silz for support with the sound system; we would be lost without him. Following the worship service bottled water was distributed to members of the community at the beach or in the ball fields. Finally we enjoyed a picnic lunch with heroes, salads and watermelon and great fellowship. We thank Christine Castellano and Cathy Bedell for their important leadership in the Christian education of our young people who are the future of the church. Our thanks also to Nicole Tierno who has organized weekly pre-school teachers for children four years and under.

Vacation music camp was June 25-29 with fourteen young people attending from within the church family and the community. Pastor Louise and Robyn faced the challenge of bringing a group of young people together to learn and perform a musical in a week's time. The children shared their talents with us twice, once on Friday evening June

29 and then at our 10 am service on Sunday, July 1. An added surprise to the Friday night performance was handbell music by FUMC Handbell Ensemble.

Fourth of July we walked for the 6th year in the annual village 4th of July parade; boomwhackers were in hand, but insufficient whackers inhibited their use. The Fire Department provided food and drink at the end of the parade. Our thanks to the UMW for purchasing a new smaller American flag to carry; it is lighter and will be easier to handle.

Wacky Olympics returned to Amityville this year on July 7th. There were great games with teams of all ages and abilities. See article for more details on page 5.

Our Intergenerational services will begin on July 15th and continue through August 5th. The theme this year will be "God in Films". Come join us for some interesting discussions around this subject.

Congratulations to Pastor Louise and Pastor Johns; they have returned from California where they celebrated with family in the ordination of daughter Michele as a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. What an exciting time for them as she continues as a seventh generation pastor within Pastor Louise's family. Congratulations Michele! Our Blessings go with you as you begin a new phase in your journey of Faith.

We will be ordering 100 new bibles shortly, as we begin replacing the existing varied editions currently being used in both the chapel and the sanctuary. Thanks to Judy Silz and Charlene Jourdan for coordinating this effort.

If we can make your spiritual journey better or more meaningful please let us know. We are open to suggestions, requests or both.



TAIZÉ SERVICE

MONDAY, JULY 16

7:30 PM

OPEN TO COMMUNITY



Each summer we have a series of worship services at 10 a.m. which are slightly shorter, followed by a variety of ways to explore the themes further. It is designed for all ages and as you will see below in the films chosen (from which clips will be shown) there is variety.

10:00—10:45 a.m.: worship: for all ages!

10:50—11:15 a.m.: Activities & Discussion Groups

Theme: God in Films

Each week we will see clips from movies and discover the presence (or absence) of God.
July 15, 22, 29, August 5

July 15: Bruce Almighty

Bruce Nolan works for a television station as a reporter. He has a gift for human interest stories, but is determined to be an anchor. When he doesn't get the job, he blames God. Then he says a half-hearted prayer for God to show him what to do. God uses Bruce's anger to offer him the job of being God for a week—in Buffalo, NY. There are two rules he must follow. 1) He is to tell no one that he is to be God, and 2) He can't mess with free will. When he and his girl friend split up he asks God, "How do you make someone love you without affecting free will?" God replies, "Welcome to my world, son!" Bruce's struggle is to recognize that everything does not revolve around him.

July 22: Charlotte's Web

Wilbur the pig is the runt of a litter and the 11th

piglet who has no chance of being nursed by the mother. Fern, daughter of the farmer, insists that her father not kill the pig. She nurses the piglet and names it Wilbur, but must finally let him be taken to another farm where he is to be fattened for the dinner table. Charlotte A. Cavatica is the spider who devises a plan using her abilities to weave webs in order to save him. At the end of the movie Wilbur has to deal with the death of Charlotte and what that means for him. The film is based on the book by E. B. White.

July 29: Coach Carter

Ken Carter was a sporting goods store owner in 1999 when he stepped into another world: coaching a high school basketball team in Richmond, California. The area was poor and the students generally not meeting their potential. They didn't seem to care much anyway. Based on the true story of Carter's revolution in the school, he faces predictable obstacles to motivate the students' academic work.

August 5: Rango

Being a chameleon can keep a body in something of an invisible state. But that is changed when Rango, a pet chameleon, accidentally winds up in the lawless town of Dirt. A drought has put everyone on edge and they are without a sheriff. Rango starts to invent a new identity and soon has placed himself as both sheriff and savior—with the promise to bring water to the town. Johnny Depp is the voice of Rango in the animated movie.

THE BLESSING OF ATTENDING CHURCH

Any youth through 18 who attends at least five services between July 1 and August 19 will be invited to a pool party and picnic at the home of the Castellanos. If you are out of town for a Sunday or attend elsewhere, let Pastor Louise know.

wACKY oLyMpICs

The countries of Jamaica and Australia were on the Great Lawn, Saturday, July 7 in weather that made grown people hot and sweaty (along with the youth). But the teams played heroically. Maybe they didn't always reach the Olympic motto of "Faster, Higher, Stronger". But their performance was enough to be awarded Silver Bagels (Jamaica) or Gold Bagels (Australia). Team captains Marissa Ramirez and Mike Korba stirred their players to achieve their best on water balloon toss, Cheetos hairdo (see cover photo), racing cars propelled with water guns, and much more. Thirty-four people participated and had a tasty indoor picnic at the end of the games.

LIBRARY EXHIBIT OF RON THOMSON ART

The Amityville Public Library is presently hosting an exhibit of the work of Ron Thomson. He was an artist and educator. He passed away in February 2011. He was also a member of this congregation and served for years as our sexton. His wife is Jan Thomson. Take advantage of this opportunity to see a collection of his fine work.

Church Attic

WILL BE CLOSED
JULY 30 - AUGUST 11

*They will re-open on
August 13 at 10 am.*



SENATOR FUSCHILLO'S "SHED THE MEDS"

SATURDAY, JULY 21
9:00 AM TO 12 NOON
Amityville Village Hall
21 Ireland Place, Amityville
(Just west of Route 110)

Drive up, Drop off your Unwanted
Meds & Drive Away!

Looking to get rid of unwanted or expired medications? Drop them off at Senator Fuschillo's "Shed the Meds" program for safe disposal by the Amityville Police Department.

Safe disposal of medications prevents pollution of our waterways, protects our environment and keeps them out of the hands of young children.

"POPSICLE PARK" PARTICIPANTS

On the cover are cast and helpers of our 5th Annual Vacation Music Camp. The fourteen actors/singers learned the musical "Popsicle Park" in five days and shared it with the community on Friday, June 29 and in church on July 1. Participants were: Gianna Amendolara, Kathy Calderon, Robert Castellano, Victoria Castellano, James DeMarco, Joseph DeMarco, Madeline DeMarco, Analicia Gonzalez, Derik Gonzalez, Tiare Gordon, David Mullon, Hollyann Preisel, Janessa Reyes, and Juliana Warta. Assistants were Caitlyn Buttigieg, Nellie Maiello, Deirdre Maynard, and Olivia Maynard. Robyn Hyland was Music Director and Pastor Louise was Director.

FIVE CONTINENTS: 988 DELEGATES: 60 NATIONS: 28 WORSHIP SERVICES

BY PASTOR LOUISE

The headline gives a few stats from General Conference that was held in Tampa in late April. General Conference of the United Methodist Church is held every four years and is the only body that can pass legislation. Half of the delegates are lay and half are clergy. Bishops rotate in presiding, but have no vote.

One challenging issue was church structure. Although years of planning and discussion had taken place, and although the plan passed, the Judicial Council (our “Supreme Court”) ruled on the last day of Conference that the restructuring was “unsalvageable”. That was due mainly to the “commingling of authority and oversight”. It was quite a blow to those who had worked on it and a surprise to the delegates.

Since 1972 the Discipline of the United Methodist Church has had the statement that the “practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian Teaching” (par. 304.3). I heartily disagree with that statement and am glad efforts continue to rectify the hurtful attitude and language. It is unconscionable that the mindset remains. Retired bishop, Melvin Talbert had strong words regarding its continued inclusion when he addressed a group at General Conference.

“I stand before you here this afternoon and I declare that God has already settled this matter: all human beings are created in the image of God. There are no exceptions, no exclusions. We belong to the family of God.

“At the same time, I declare to you that the derogatory language and restrictive laws in the Book of Discipline are immoral and unjust and no longer deserve our loyalty and obedience.”

Talbert said that the “time has come for those of us who are faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ to do

what is required of us.” ... “In light of the actions taken by the General Conference, the time has come to act and to invite others to join what I’m calling an act of Biblical obedience.

“You see, we, too, have the good book on our side,” he said, “our Biblical marching orders....” To Bishop Talbert’s words, I say, “Amen”.

The next big quadrennial gatherings are Jurisdictional Conferences, July 16-20. There are five jurisdictions in the United States. We are in the Northeastern Conference, which will meet in Charleston, West Virginia. The area includes churches from Washington, D. C. up through New England and as far west as Pennsylvania (ten annual conferences).

The most significant action is the election of three bishops to replace three retiring bishops. The first ballot is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, after there has been opportunity for all of the persons nominated to meet with delegates. Our Annual Conference nominated three people: The Reverends Adrienne Brewington (Long Island East District Superintendent); Tim Riss (pastor, Hicksville UMC); Edward C. Horne (pastor of UMC of Westport and Weston, Connecticut). An additional nominee from our conference has been endorsed by the jurisdiction’s Black Methodists for Church Renewal: the Reverend Maxine Nixon (pastor Fenimore Street UMC, Brooklyn). An Episcopacy Committee will assign the bishops to their area, after elections have been concluded. Just as local clergy can be moved, so can bishops. They are elected for life and may serve in an area a maximum of twelve years.

Please pray for God’s Spirit to lead the delegates in their work at Jurisdictional Conference. The course of our denomination is directly affected by their action.



Church Membership

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

By Your Prayers

ROY VAN NOSTRAND
 BERT HYLAND
 JEANNETTE KRAUSZER
 LUKE MAZZILLI
 GEORGE NESTER
 LURLINE DIXON & FAMILY AT THE DEATH OF HER MOM
 DWAYNE WARTA & FAMILY AT THE DEATH OF HIS GRANDMOTHER, ELSIE WARTA
 THE JOHNSON FAMILY AT THE DEATH OF ELEANOR JOHNSON & JUDITH JOHNSON

JULY - By Your Service

ALCOLYTES	Emily Korba & Analicia Gonzalez
REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE	July 1: "Make Your Own Sundaes" July 8: Worship July 15: Stewardship July 22: Administrative Council July 29: 5th Sunday Integenerational Event
COMMUNION STEWARDS	Charlene Jourdan, Martha Peterson & Valerie Miller
LECTORS	8 a.m. Linda Thompson 10 am: July 1: Natalie Korba July 8: Margaret Wolter July 15: Martha Peterson July 22: Dan Tierno July 29: Jan de Quillfeldt
OFFERING COUNTERS	July 1: Linda Thompson & Joan Stern July 8: Jasmine Allen & Kate Peterson July 15: Dorothy Bausch & Joan Kaplan July 22: Cathy Taylor & Martha Peterson July 29: Arlene DeLand & Charlene Jourdan
USHERS	July 1: Dorothy Hyman, Dorothy Bausch, Margo Martinez July 8: Jasmine & Douglas Allen, Danielle Bassaragh July 15: Natalie & Mike Korba, Jan de Quillfeldt July 22: Linda Cohen, Sherri Warta, Tracie Harper July 29: Nick Roloson, Dwayne Warta, Gene La Poma
TODDLERS 4 YEAR OLDS	July 1: Eric Maxson July 8: Diana Sukhrum July 15: Daniel Tierno July 22: Nicole Tierno July 29: Margo Martinez
GREETERS	July 1: Judy Hartten July 8: Carol Ketcham July 15: Barbara & Gene La Poma July 22: Judy & Bob Silz July 29: Tracie Harper

*Let perpetual light
 shine upon you.*

ELEANOR JOHNSON
 MARCH 15, 1915 - JUNE 20, 2012
 Mother of Barbara Seymour, Charles Johnson,
 Diane Relyea & Lawrence Johnson

JUDITH JOHNSON
 OCTOBER 29, 1946 - JUNE 27, 2012
 Wife of Charles Johnson
 Mother of: Thomas, Frederick & Christopher Johnson

JEANNE MALDZYKOWSKI OLSEN
 MAY 27, 1921 - MAY 5, 2012
 Interment June 1, 2012, L.I. National Cemetery

AUGUST - *By Your Service*

ACOLYTES	Jameela Tracey & Victoria Castellano
REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE	Aug. 5: UMW Aug. 12: Finance Committee Aug. 19: Outreach Aug. 26: Trustees
COMMUNION STEWARDS	Wes Powell, Beverly Bode & Erik Thomson
LECTORS	8 a.m. Kate Peterson 10 am: Aug. 5: Charlene Jourdan Aug. 12: Missy Kennedy Aug. 19: Barbara La Poma Aug. 26: Margaret Wolter
OFFERING COUNTERS	Aug. 5: Barbara & Gene La Poma Aug. 12: Margaret Wolter & Nell Rasmussen Aug. 19: Jeanne Otis & Charlene Jourdan Aug. 26: Barbara & Gene La Poma
USHERS	Aug. 5: Rustica McConneaughey, Judy Hartten, Bob Silz Aug. 12: Dorothy Bausch, Christobelle Maynard, Horace Bassaragh Aug. 19: Natalie Korba, Dana & Danielle Bassaragh Aug. 26: Dorothy Hyman, Jasmine & Douglas Allen
GREETERS	Aug. 5: Dorothy Hyman Aug. 12: Margaret Wolter Aug. 19: Barbara Simpson Aug. 26: Carol Ketcham

By Your Presence

Date	8 am	10 am	Sunday School	Total
June 3:	10	64	14	86
June 10:	19	50	9	78
June 17:	10	50	15	75
June 24:	9	79	Beach Service	88
July 1:	16	91	Vacation Music Camp Musical	107

Birthdays!



- 1 NELL RASMUSSEN
- 3 KAITLIN RAMIREZ
- 6 DONALD AUPERIN
ANITA COLBY
- 7 RICHARD MORSE
- 10 JO ANNE GARDINO
- 11 CHRISTINE CASTELLANO
DYLAN MILLER
- 13 ANDREA LOTTMAN
ALISON NOONAN
- 14 MATTHEW PREISEL
WILLIAM SHAVE
- 18 IRENE GREENHALGH
- 19 RUSS KAISER
- 22 ANALICIA GONZALEZ
- 24 DAN TIERNO
- 27 CHIMA UKASOANYA
- 29 ERIK THOMSON

Birthdays!



- 3 CARMEN BASSARAGH
- 5 PAUL KETCHAM, JR.
- 6 PEGGY VAN NOSTRAND
- 10 VICTORIA CASTELLANO
- 13 JACK DUBYN
- 18 JAMES THOMSON
- 19 CHARLENE JOURDAN
- 21 JULIA FASCIANO
- 23 NICOLE BATTISTA
- 24 HOLLY PREISEL
- 26 LINDA THOMPSON
- 28 SHIRLEY JOHNSON
MICHELE HOPF
- 31 JOSEPH UKASOANYA
MICHAEL FASCIANO

Tools

Given In Loving Memory of:

- ♥ **Robert W. Phillips**
Presented by Mary Carbee
- ♥ **C. Frank Carbee**
Presented by Mary Carbee
- ♥ **My Father, C. Wesley Powell**
Presented by Janet P. King
- ♥ **My husband, H. Bruce King**
Presented by Janet P. King
- ♥ **My Father, William Jordan**
Presented by Bruce Jordan
- ♥ **Emil F. Wolff**
Presented by Ken & Pam Barritt
- ♥ **James M. Barritt**
Presented by Ken & Pam Barritt
- ♥ **H. Robert Bausch**
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ **Lawrence E. Haaser**
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ **Lawrence W. Haaser**
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ **Robert La Poma**
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ **Daniel La Poma**
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ **Robert Smith**
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ **Paul Ketcham**
Presented by Paul & Carol Ketcham
- ♥ **Bertrand Henn**
Presented by Paul & Carol Ketcham
- ♥ **My Dad, Thomas Thompson**
Presented by Linda Thompson
- ♥ **Father, Clemens C. Bach**
Presented by Lianne & M. Ellwood Fisher
- ♥ **Husband, Clemens C. Bach**
Presented by Frances W. Bach
- ♥ **Our Dads & Grandfathers**
Presented by Linda & Jack Cohen
- ♥ **C. Wesley Powell**
Presented by Sally & Wes Powell
- ♥ **William A. Mc Collough**
Presented by Sally & Wes Powell
- ♥ **Richard G. Powell**
Presented by Sally & Wes Powell
- ♥ **My Dad, William Ferris**
Presented by Joan Kaplan
- ♥ **Theodore Gooch**
Presented by Dorothy Lunt
- ♥ **Walter Lunt**
Presented by Dorothy Lunt
- ♥ **My husband, Ron Thomson Jr. & Father-in-law Ron Thomson, Sr.**
Presented by Jan Thomson
- ♥ **My father and husband**
Presented by Jeanne Otis
- ♥ **Charles de Quillfeldt, III**
Presented by Sandy de Quillfeldt
- ♥ **Henry A. von Essen**
Presented by Florence Walters
- ♥ **Leroy von Essen**
Presented by Florence Walters
- ♥ **My Husband, Arthur Peterson**
Presented by Martha Peterson
- ♥ **My Dad, Frank Burch**
Presented by Martha Peterson
- ♥ **A friend, Ron Thomson**
Presented by Joan Stern

- ♥ *My husband, Gilbert Tregarthen Stern*
Presented by Joan Stern
- ♥ *My Dad, Reginald Marmaduke Boyle*
Presented by Joan Stern
- ♥ *My Husband, Gilbert Tregarthen Stern*
Presented by Joan Stern
- ♥ *Thomas Charles Harper*
Presented by Madelyn Harper-Walsh
- ♥ *Michael James Mc Causland*
Presented by Madelyn Harper-Walsh
- ♥ *Her father, Arthur H. Jones*
Presented by Ken & Doris Klemens
- ♥ *His father, Bernard Klemens*
Presented by Ken & Doris Klemens
- ♥ *Her Dad, John Dugan*
Presented by Kathy & Pat Dougherty
- ♥ *Her Dad, Edward Smith*
Cathy & Charlie Taylor
- ♥ *His Dad, Charles Taylor*
Cathy & Charlie Taylor
- ♥ *Dick Compitello*
Cathy & Charlie Taylor
- ♥ *Lilittino DeSanctis*
Presented by Cahy & Charlie Taylor

Tools Given In Honor of:

- ♥ *Carl Carson*
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ *Steven Carson*
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ *Warren Carson*
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ *Robert Haaser*
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ *David La Poma*
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma

- ♥ *Gene La Poma*
Presented by Barbara & Gene La Poma
- ♥ *Our Grandpa, Harry Kaplan*
Presented by Simon & Audrey Finamore
- ♥ *Our Sons-in-law, Dwayne & Gil*
Presented by Linda & Jack Cohen
- ♥ *My Dad, Edward F. Jourdan, Jr.*
Presented by Charlene Jourdan
- ♥ *My Brother-in-law, Jeffrey R. Rothman*
Presented by Charlene Jourdan
- ♥ *My husband and my son*
Presented by Jeanne Otis
- ♥ *My Sons*
Presented by Jan Thomson

Blankets Given in Loving Memory of

- ♥ *Ethel Gooch*
Presented by Dorothy Lunt
- ♥ *Alice Lunt*
Presented by Dorothy Lunt

**NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
JUNE 6-9**

Robert Silz- Lay Delegate

CALL TO ACTION REVISITED

Bishop Parks address to the NYAC underscored the need for a new church for a new world. He noted that the strength and vitality of the Methodist church has diminished over the last several decades --the path that the church is taking is not sustainable. The Call to Action Initiative was designed to bring about a new vitality to the life of the United Methodist Church. The purpose of this Call to Action is to enable as many congregations as possible to become more vital by demonstrating signs of vitality in areas of mission and witness: worship attendance, new disciple making, small group ministries, mission and ministry engagement, and giving. Periodic assessments will determine the extent to which congregations are increasingly loving and growing communities adjusting to different ways of church life and achieving a new level of accountability. The bishop stated that, "If we lose our relevance, we won't last."

Bishop Park outlined three essential criteria to become a new church in a new world:

1. The church must be missionary, beginning with the mission field in its own back yard. It must dare to "define its mission based on those outside the church, those with little relationship to Jesus Christ." The bishop stated that, "Pastors can now longer be chaplains to their churches; members can no longer act like country club members... Everyone is in mission!"
2. The church must be led by young people. Young people must find a voice in the church now, Park said. "We must make serious commitment to nurturing and identifying young leaders and clergy now." The bishop pointed out that the "Imagine No Malaria" initiative is an excellent opportunity to get young people involved in efforts to make the world a better place. He noted that the United Methodist Church has set a goal to raise \$75 million to support education and prevention of this disease that takes the lives of 3,000 children each day.
3. A new church is what the Holy Spirit is about. The bishop concluded with the affirmation that a flourishing new church is achievable "not because of what we can do, but what we can do by the Holy Spirit."

**MISSION – FIRST UMC GARDEN OF HOPE
AND LOVE**

The fruits of our labor are finally making a difference in the lives those in need! As of July 5th, we have harvested over 50 lbs. of produce and delivered it to the Long Island Council of Churches and other pantries in Freeport. We will also be sharing our harvest with the Farmingdale UMC to help with their community soup kitchen needs.

Thanks to the early seed plantings of Pastor Johns, we have an abundance of string beans, lettuce, and zucchini. Other crops that will become ready for harvesting are potatoes, onions, carrots, cucumbers, and tomatoes. So far those who have been involved in the harvesting are Pastor Johns, Missy Kennedy, and Bob Silz. We will need more assistance with harvesting as the season progresses. We are hoping that our youth will be involved to help the needy in our community.

Anyone interested in becoming a regular part of the harvest team, please contact the church office or Bob Silz. We need all the help we can get not only with the harvest, but with sharing of ideas that may make our garden even more productive! Everyone has the opportunity to MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Do you have a flourishing home garden?

Those who have their own home gardens are encouraged to bring any crop surplus to the church so that we can add it to the regular donations to our local pantries.

NEEDED: Scale to weigh produce given to food pantries.

**MISSION—ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE
JUNE 19, 2012**

Thanks to those who supported our blood drive held at Grace United Methodist Church:

Pastor Louise, Linda Thompson, Jan Thomson, Missy Kennedy, Pat Dougherty, Maria Porrazzo, and Bob Silz.

The combined effort of Amityville First and Grace yielded 41 pints.

Those who were not able to donate on the 19th can make an appointment with Long Island Blood Services at any of the local drives listed at their website or visit the donation site in Melville, on Rte. 110 -- just north of the Northern State Parkway--800-933-2566.



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 The Rev. Dr. Louise-Stowe-Johns, Pastor
Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

Every Sunday Schedule
 8 & 10 am Worship

July 2012

Church Office Hours : Tues.-Fri. 9 am—1 pm

Support Group Meetings—basement
 AA Wednesday & Saturdays @ 8 pm
 NA Fridays @ 7:30 pm

IH Ireland Hall BH Binkley Hall
 AR Amanda's Room P Parlor
 C—Chapel

Note: Please check your Sunday insert for Handbell Rehearsals.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 5th Sunday After Pentecost 10 am Vacation Music Camp Presentation	2	3	4 Marching in Amityville Parade	5	6	7 10 am Wacky Olympics 11:45 am Picnic in Parlor
8 6th Sunday After Pentecost	9 7 pm Worship Mtg.	10	11 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal	12	13	14 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal
15 7th Sunday After Pentecost 10 am Intergenerational Worship Service 11:30 am Administrative Council Meeting (BH)	16 7:30 pm Taize Prayers Chapel	17 10:30 am Membership, Nurture, & Evangelism	18 7:15 pm Adult HB Rehearsal 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal	19	20	21
22 8th Sunday After Pentecost 10 am Intergenerational Worship Service	23	24	25 7:15 pm Adult HB Rehearsal 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal	26 7 pm County Line Cluster Mtg.	27	28 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal 2:00 pm Gardino/Boesch Wedding
29 9th Sunday After Pentecost 10 am Intergenerational Worship Service	30 7:30 pm Taize Prayers Chapel	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>HB Ens.: First Church Handbell Ensemble Adult HB: Adult Handbell Group C HB: College Handbell MS/HS HB: Middle/High School Handbell</p> </div>			
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 C—Chapel

Note: Please check your Sunday insert for Handbell Rehearsals.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> HB Ens.: First Church Handbell Ensemble Adult HB: Adult Handbell Group C HB: College Handbell MS/HS HB: Middle/High School Handbell </div>			1 7:15 pm Adult HB Rehearsal 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal	2	3	4 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal
Church Attic Closed this week						
5 10th Sunday After Pentecost Communion 10 am Intergeneration Worship Service 3 pm Cub Scouts (BH)	6	7	8	9 5 pm Finance Committee	10	11
Church Attic Closed this week. Will re-open August 13.						
<i>August is our month to have fewer meetings. Enjoy the summer!</i>						
12 11th Sunday After Pentecost	13	14	15 7:15 pm Adult HB Rehearsal 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal	16	17	18 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal
19 12th Sunday After Pentecost	20	21	22	23	24	25 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal
26 13th Sunday After Pentecost	27	28	29 7:15 pm Adult HB Rehearsal 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal	30	31	

