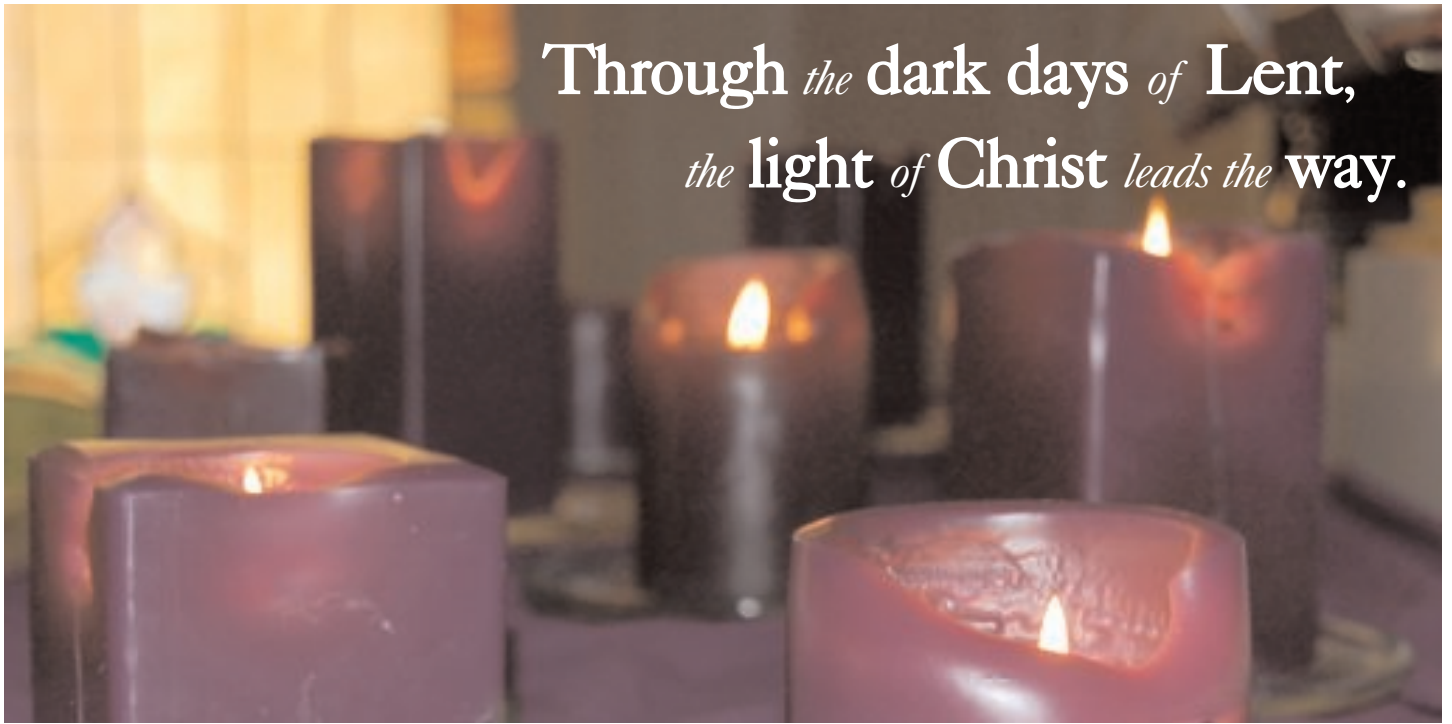


The Lamplighter

MARCH 2013

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AMITYVILLE, NY

Through *the* dark days of Lent,
the light of Christ *leads the* way.



photos by Robyn Hyland

PARLOR MAKE-OVER:
new floors, fresh paint,
furniture rearrangement,
and the rediscovery
of the fireplace

Picture Perfect



PASTOR LOUISE

I am covered up in apps. I was at a Digital Ministry workshop at Camp Olmsted (UMC), Cornwall-on-Hudson. It was an intense two days. The leader, the Rev. Paul Moon, was throwing out suggestions for apps (applications) and software that would increase the church's digital presence in a world that relies increasingly on wireless and mobile connections. Added to my "smart phone" are Adobe Connect, YouTube, and B3M.

On my computer I downloaded Vertical Response that allows for large e-mail distribution, "event marketing" with online registration and more. I also downloaded Xilisoft video cutter so if I want to show a film clip I can edit how much is shown. I downloaded other tools and heard about a bunch more.

I learned that iPads are becoming popular with grandparents who may never have used a computer. They are buying, because they are able to see grandchildren who live miles away, through programs such as Skype.

I don't look any different, but my head is full of information and possibilities. By late spring you will see a big change in our website. It will be less "menu-driven" and more visual with a layout that is more appealing to an age range largely missing from many congregations: 20 and 30 year-olds. Our website and Facebook pages will be linked.

Concern is growing about the amount of time people are spending staring at a screen all the way from tiny to huge. Text messages fly between people no more than a few feet away, or in the next room. During church, people are accessing their accounts and staying in touch with friends and family. There is legitimate concern about the harm that has come in addictive behavior and the ways sometimes posts have bullied people and spread hurtful rumors.

There is nothing new about our needs, but how they are met has undergone tremendous change for millions of people.

Our workshop leader, Rev. Moon, said initially as he became more connected through mobile devices to parishioners, he thought attendance in worship and events would decrease. But he says just the opposite has happened. The connections made online have enhanced and encouraged face-to-face interaction.

Every major communicator and spiritual leader has found creative ways of reaching more people. It seems commonplace to us to read of Jesus' roving storytelling, but in his age, he was a sensation! John Wesley was not happy at all about preaching outdoors, but that was where the people were who needed to hear the message of salvation. The Wesley biographer, Basil Miller says, "Here was a crowd of people to whom Wesley's message came as a bursting light from heaven, and he would not deny them this glimpse of Christ."

The digital age is a cultural shift. It provides tools for new ways of sharing information. It has no morality in itself, but can be used in ways that are highly destructive and ways that are extremely beneficial. It is up to us to use the tools responsibly.

A "glimpse of Christ" can come through Facebook or YouTube, through a tweet or sermon on Sunday morning. We should use whatever ways God makes available.



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.

Lent has arrived and the signs are all around us. Cross outside the parsonage draped in purple (thanks to Bob Silz); Purple paraments in the Sanctuary and the chapel. In this solemn time of year the Lord is guiding our footsteps toward that cross on Calvary.

Our first service in Lent was the Ash Wednesday service at FUMC at 12:15 pm. Imposition of ashes, communion and a brief message started us off on our Lenten journey. This was followed by the cluster service at Community United Methodist Church in Massapequa at 7:30 pm. The music was wonderful; the attendance was great; the message was inspiring and the opportunity to nail our Lenten concerns or promises to the cross in the Sanctuary was just another beginning step in the Lenten journey.

Our Lenten series has begun; a group of twelve met on Sunday night, February 17th to begin the discussion of the process required to become a Reconciling Congregation. Want to learn more? Join us on Sundays during Lent at 5 pm; a Taizé prayer service follows and that is followed by a delicious meal and fellowship time to be enjoyed by one and all.

Pastors Louise and Dick enjoyed a well-deserved vacation and once again our thanks to Charlene Jourdan for leading Sunday worship on one of the days. We also learned about the Walk to Emmaus, a time of meditation and spiritual renewal, shared by Ken Ahlers of Bellmore United Methodist Church on the following Sunday.

The handbell choir is rehearsing for their next performance, the Mass Handbell Ringing in Sayville; come if you want to be inspired by some fantastic music. Many handbell choirs from around the island rehearse one evening and one day together and then present the concert the night of Saturday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm. It will be held at Gospel Community Church, 138 Sayville Avenue in Sayville.

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

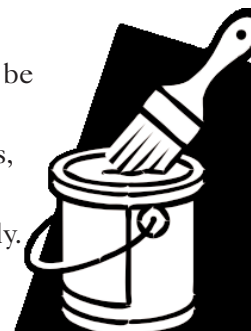
In our Worship Committee meetings we have been reviewing the scriptures for Sunday and discussing our interpretations; it is a challenging but rewarding exercise. If you would like to become part of this team please do not hesitate to join us, we meet on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm in Amanda's room.

*OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 4TH.
NEW IDEAS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.*

Lenten Self-Denial Cups

Please remember this time of giving to your "Lenten Denial Cups". Stop by the parlor and see our "New Look."

Lenten-Self-Denial offerings will be divided between continued refurbishing of our gathering areas, and ongoing Hurricane Sandy recovery. So please give generously.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Remember to
move clocks ahead
1 hour
so you aren't late
for church!



Holy Week & Easter

S E R V I C E S

March 28 • Holy Thursday

6:30 pm Supper &
Communion

March 29 • Good Friday

7:30 pm Service

March 31 • Easter Sunday

8 am First Service of Easter
(Chapel)

10 am Easter Celebration
with Communion

*Easter Egg Hunt following
Service*



EASTER COLLECTION FOR CCAN

Every year the Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN) provides valuable support services to hundreds of children and their non-offending family members who have been involved in child abuse cases.

Please donate both girl and boy items for ages 2-5 and 6-8. Stuffed animals are always welcomed by little children. Some suggestions: candy (without nuts), small games and toys, outfits for infants and toddlers, or a complete basket. **DEADLINE MARCH 24.**

Many of these children had to leave everything behind. Let us help to give them a ray of sunshine and let them know that others care about them by making their Easter a little bit brighter.

Lenten Series and

Taizé service

Sunday evenings at 5 pm.

March 3, 10, 17, and 24

The topic of discussion is about First Church becoming a Reconciling Congregation.

Dinner is served after the Taizé service.

Come and join us!



*Strive for peace with
everyone, and for the
holiness without which no
one will see the LORD.*

HEBREWS 12:14

Musical Production "THE HEIGHTS"

Thursday, March 14 -

Saturday, March 16

7 pm

Copiague High School

Natalie Korba, Marissa Rameriz and Joseph Rameriz will be performing in the show "The Heights". Natalie & Marissa are members of FUMC and Joseph is in the Confirmation Class.

Marissa & Natalie have both sung at Worship Services here at First Church. Natalie also is in the Middle School/High School Handbell Choir and is a lector.

Please support our young people by attending a performance of this production.

We were unable to confirm ticket prices at this time, but in previous years the tickets were \$10.00 each.

HANDBELL FESTIVAL CONCERT

SATURDAY,
MARCH 2 @ 7:30 PM

GOSPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
138 GREELEY AVENUE, SAYVILLE, NY

The First United Methodist Church Ensemble Bell Choir will be participating in the Festival Concert.

Reception following

G-O-D 1-2-3

*ANNUAL UMC LONG ISLAND
EAST DISTRICT YOUTH
RETREAT AT CAMP QUINIPET
APR 19—21, 2013*

ARRIVE FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM
LEAVE SUNDAY AT 1:00 PM

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH
6TH GRADE AND UP

1 ADULT PER 6 YOUTH

HOUSING, MEALS, SNACKS, AND
ACTIVITIES ARE ALL INCLUDED.

Would you like to be a part of the
"Quinipet Worship Band"? Looking
for instrumental and vocal.
Please let Robyn Hyland know.

ANY QUESTIONS SEE
ROBYN HYLAND.

MEMBERSHIP
& *Nurture*
EVANGELISM

SHERRI WARTA
CHAIR

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE:
TUESDAY, MARCH 5 @ 10:30**

all are welcome



Church Membership

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

By Your Prayers

FAMILY OF DONALD AUPERIN
 BEVERLY BODE (KNEE REPLACEMENT)
 JANET POWELL KING

*Let perpetual light
 shine upon you.*

DONALD L. AUPERIN
 JULY 6, 1926 - FEBRUARY 10, 2013

SOUPER BOWL



of Caring

2007: \$332.50
 2008: \$421.38
 2009: \$506.38
 2010: \$345.00
 2011: \$430.00
 2012: \$365.00

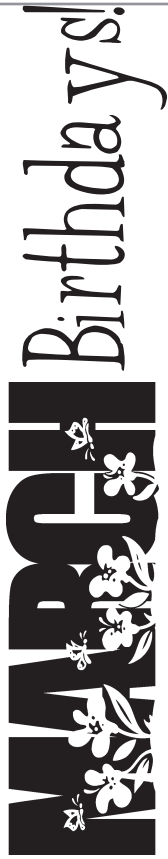
2013: \$300.00

By Your Presence

Date	8 am	10 am	Sunday School	Total
Feb. 3	10	32	16	58
Feb. 10	17	20	No SS	34
Feb. 17	20	49	11	80
Feb. 24	13	53	14	80

By Your Service

ACOLYTES	Rachel Korba & Victoria Castellano
REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE	Mar. 3: Christian Education & Sunday School Parents Mar. 10: Trustees Mar. 17: Membership, Nurture & Evangelism Mar. 24: Staff Parish Mar. 31: Administrative Council
COMMUNION STEWARDS	Bob Silz, Tracie Harper, Mike Korba
MONEY COUNTERS	Mar. 3: Kate Peterson & Margaret Wolter Mar. 10: Jasmine Allen & Joan Kaplan Mar. 17: Martha Peterson & Arlene DeLand Mar. 24: Kate Peterson & Beverly Bode Mar. 31: Linda Thompson & Joan Stern
LECTORS	8 a.m. Kate Peterson 10 am: Mar. 3: Margaret Wolter Mar. 10: Eric Maxson Mar. 17: Alan Rossman Mar. 24: Charlene Jourdan Mar. 31: Martha Peterson
USHERS	Mar. 3: Christobelle Maynard, Judy Silz, Gene La Poma Mar. 10: Jasmine & Doug Allen, Rustica Mc Conneaughey Mar. 17: Margo Martinez, Tracie Harper, Dorothy Bausch Mar. 24: Sherri & Dwayne Warta, Bob Silz Mar. 31: Dana, Danielle & Horace Bassaragh
JUNIOR USHERS	Mar. 3: Emily Korba & Anthony Erdody Mar. 10: Jalen Le Bour & Dana Sukhram Mar. 17: Juliana Warta & Vincent Erdody Mar. 24: Aaron Reichbach & Zachary Korba
GREETERS	Mar. 3: Judy & Bob Silz Mar. 10: Valerie Miller Mar. 17: Wes Powell Mar. 24: Margo Martinez Mar. 31: Castellano Family



- 1 NICOLE TIERNO
- 2 BRENDON ALLEN
- 3 TRACIE HARPER
- 8 VALERIE MILLER
- 9 JOANNE YOUNG
- JANESSA REYES
- 11 WILLIAM YOUNG
- 12 AUDREY HAMMELL
- 14 DYLAN LOUIS BEDELL
- 15 GENE LA POMA
- 19 FREDERICK MYSLIWIEC
- 22 BENJAMIN SKIDMORE
- CATALINA BALANTAC
- 24 MICHAEL LAROSA
- CHARLES TAYLOR
- 28 NICHOLAS ROLOSON
- 30 DESEAN CAMPBELL
- RAYMOND MAYNARD
- YVETTE MILLER
- KATIE LYNN WATSON

UMYF

BAKE SALE

for Confirmation Retreat in May 2013
 Sunday, March 17
 after 10 am service

Saturday, March 23

10 am • Parlor

Making palm crosses to hand out Palm Sunday
 Filling Easter eggs for Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, March 31

After 10 am Service

Ages toddlers-5th graders



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter is March 31

ALTERNATIVE GIVING

ORDER DEADLINE March 17

Easter flowers to be placed on the altar Easter Sunday in memory of or in honor of a person or to make a donation to an Outreach program: i.e. UMCOR (international humanitarian aid organization of the UMC), "Imagine No Malaria", "Habitat for Humanity", "Heifer International", Disaster Relief for Sandy, etc. Please complete this form and return it to the Church Office by March 17. Please write separate checks for flowers and "other giving". Write your check(s) payable to F.U.M.C, and on the memo line write "**Easter Flowers**" or **the outreach program you are donating to**. This will enable our treasurer to credit properly your giving statement. All requests are \$12.00 each.

Please PRINT all information exactly as you wish it to appear in our Easter Sunday Booklet

YOUR NAME (As Donor) _____ Phone # _____

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: (1) _____

(2) _____

(select plant): Lily Hydrangea Azalea Daisy Mums

IN HONOR OF: (1) _____

(2) _____

select plant): Lily Hydrangea Azalea Daisy Mums
 (You may attach a separate piece of paper for additional plants)

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED: _____ x \$12 = _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Indicate your choice for Distribution: Donate To a Shut-In To Be Taken (After Late Service)

Instead of flowers or in addition to flowers, I want my contribution to go to an outreach project (specify)

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Bob Silz, Co-Chair, Church & Society

MINISTRY WITH THE POOR

Listen my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name to whom you belong? (James 2:5-7)

AS METHODISTS...

“We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.” *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2005-2008*

THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

“We claim all economic systems to be under the judgment of God no less than other facets of the created order. Therefore, we recognize the responsibility of governments to develop and implement sound fiscal and monetary policies that provide for the economic life of individuals and corporate entities and that ensure full employment and adequate incomes with a minimum of inflation. We believe private and public economic enterprises are responsible for the social costs of doing business, such as employment and environmental pollution, and that they should be held accountable for these costs. We support measures that would reduce the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few. We further support efforts to revise tax structures and to eliminate governmental support programs that now benefit the wealthy at the expense of other persons. *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2005-2008*

POVERTY

“In spite of general affluence in the industrialized nations, the majority of persons in the world live in

poverty. In order to provide basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, and other necessities, ways must be found to share more equitably the resources of the world. Increasing technology, when accompanied by exploitative economic practices, impoverishes many persons and makes poverty self-perpetuating. Poverty due to natural catastrophes and environmental changes is growing and needs attention and support. Conflicts and war impoverish the population on all sides, and an important way to support the poor will be to work for peaceful solutions.

“As a church, we are called to support the poor and challenge the rich. To begin to alleviate poverty, we support such policies as: adequate income maintenance, quality education, decent housing, job training, meaningful employment opportunities, adequate medical and hospital care, humanization and radical revisions of welfare programs, work for peace in conflict areas and efforts to protect creation’s integrity. Since low wages are often a cause of poverty, employers should pay their employees a wage that does not require them to depend upon government subsidies such as food stamps or welfare for their livelihood.

“Because we recognize that the long-term reduction of poverty must move beyond services to and employment for the poor, which can be taken away, we emphasize measures that build and maintain the wealth of poor people, including asset-building strategies such as individual development savings accounts, micro-enterprise development programs, programs enabling home ownership, and financial management training and counseling. We call upon churches to develop these and other ministries that promote asset-building among the poor. We are especially mindful of the Global South, where investment and micro-enterprise are especially needed. We urge support for policies that will encourage equitable economic growth in the Global South and around the world, providing a just opportunity for all.

“Poverty most often has systemic causes, and therefore we do not hold poor people morally responsible for their economic state.” *Social Principles of the United Methodist Church 2005-2008*

For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 2:13



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Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>Every Sunday 8 & 10 am: Worship 9 am Adult Choir 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Youth Choir 11:30 am MS/HS HB</p>	<p>HB Ens.: First Church Handbell Ensemble Adult HB: Adult Handbell Group MS/HS HB: Middle/High School Handbell</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Note: Check your Sunday insert for Handbell Rehearsals.</p>				<p>1 4:15 pm (IH) Amy's Art Classes 6:15 pm 1st Ens. HB reh 8 pm (IH) PeaceSmiths</p>	<p>2 11:15 1st Ens. HB leave FUMC 7:30 pm Handbell Festival @ Gospel Comm. Church, Sayville</p>	
<p>3 3rd Sunday in Lent 11:30 am Admin Council 2:15-4:45 pm 2nd Stage (IH) 5 pm Lenten Series 6 pm Taizé Prayers Meatloaf Dinner</p>	<p>4 Office Closed 7:00 pm Worship Mtg. 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)</p>	<p>5 10:30 am M-N-E mtg. 6-9 pm 2nd Stage (IH)</p>	<p>6 7—8:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB</p>	<p>7 5 pm Finance Mtg. 6-9 pm 2nd Stage (IH)</p>	<p>8 4:15 pm (IH) Amy's Art Classes</p>	<p>9 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal</p>	
<p>10 4th Sunday in Lent Scout Sunday 1 Great Hr. of Sharing 2:15-4:45 pm 2nd Stage (IH) 5 pm Lenten Series 6 pm Taizé Prayers Light Sunday Dinner</p>	<p>11 Office Closed 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)</p>	<p>12 6-9 pm 2nd Stage (IH)</p>	<p>13 7—8:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB</p>	<p>14 6-9 pm 2nd Stage (IH)</p>	<p>15 4:15 pm (IH) Amy's Art Classes 7:15 pm Scouts (IH)</p>	<p>16 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal</p>	
<p>17 5th Sunday in Lent Deadline for Easter Giving Confirmation Bake Sale 2:15-4:45 pm 2nd Stage (IH) 5 pm Lenten Series 6 pm Taizé Prayers Light Sunday Dinner</p>	<p>18 Office Closed 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)</p>	<p>19 6-9 pm 2nd Stage (IH)</p>	<p>20 7—8:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB</p>	<p>21 6-9 pm 2nd Stage (IH)</p>	<p>22 4:15 pm (IH) Amy's Art Classes</p>	<p>23 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal 10 am Palm Cross making & filling Easter eggs</p>	
<p>24 Palm Sunday Communion 2:15-4:45 pm 2nd Stage (IH) 5 pm Lenten Series 6 pm Taizé Prayers Light Sunday Dinner</p>	<p>25 Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB</p>	<p>28 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Worship Supper, Communion, Stripping of Altar</p>	<p>29 Good Friday 7:30 pm Worship</p>	<p>30 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal</p>	
Holy Week							
<p>31 Easter Sunday Communion 8 am Chapel 10 am Sanctuary No Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt after 10 am Worship</p>	<p>IH Ireland Hall BH Binkley Hall AR Amanda's Room P Parlor C—Chapel YR—Youth Room</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Church Office Hours : Tues.-Fri. 9 am—1 pm</p>			<p>Support Group Meetings—basement AA Wednesday & Saturdays @ 8 pm NA Fridays @ 7:30 pm</p>			

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