

The Lamplighter

OCTOBER 2012

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AMITYVILLE, NY

Where we've been **IN 2012**

*at the
BEACH*



on the STREETS

*in the
CHURCH*





PASTOR LOUISE

There are some aspects to our personalities that others know and we don't. I am a bit intimidated by that reality.

Many tools are helpful in self-awareness. One is called the Johari Window. Two guys, Joseph Luft and Harry Ingham put it together in 1955 as a way to increase the effectiveness of our relationships with others by becoming more self-aware.

Johari Window

	Known to self	Not known to self
Known to others	Arena	Blind Spot
Not Known to Others	Façade	Unknown

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Johari_Window.PNG

Their graph illustrates that there are things about us that are known to others (Arena). There are other parts of our personality that we hide. For good reasons and not so good reasons there are aspects of who we are that we don't make public (Façade). There are depths of knowledge we may never know, nor will others (Unknown). The final quadrant is the Blind Spot to which I referred in the first paragraph: we don't recognize what others recognize.

Another tool is the Enneagram. I talked about that on Sunday, September 23. What I like about this exploration of self is that no matter which type we are, we can operate out of the best, healthiest parts of who we are. Or we can be in a middle state—not doing our best and not our worst. Then there is the unhealthy state. Once we know our type we can be more honest in celebrating our gifts and working on the dangers of the type. No type is better than another. This is a spiritual journey that is unique to each.

One of the most influential leaders of the Enneagram in our time is Don Riso. In a training module, he writes about the spiritual transformation that is the goal.

“...without some sort of ‘spiritual practice,’ one does not get very far with the Enneagram. The

Enneagram is information about personality types. It's merely psychology. It's good psychology—but that's all it is. But if you want the Enneagram to make a transformative difference in your life, then you have to take it one step further. The real message of the Enneagram, the core truth that the Enneagram is conveying to us is that you are not your personality. There is within each of us a Divine Light. Each of us shares in Being and in presence—what in this tradition, is called our Essence. Each person is an individual spark of the Divine light. But for reasons that [can be examined] (and for reasons that simply are mysterious) we have forgotten that. We have fallen asleep to that. We do not see ourselves that way, and we generally do not experience other people as manifestations of the Divine. We see them as ... getting in our way, as someone who has a lot of neuroses, and all the stuff that is personality.” (“The Spiritual Enneagram”, 1996)

The Enneagram is complex and takes time to learn, digest, and be transformed. There are nine different personality types from the Enneagram Institute website. Notice that for each positive characteristic which is given, there is also one characteristic that is part of our unhealthy state. There are other healthy and unhealthy states; these are highlights:

1. Reformer: rational and idealistic. Purposeful, self-controlled, and perfectionist.
2. The Helper: caring and interpersonal. Demonstrative, generous, people-pleasing, and possessive.
3. The Achiever: success-oriented and pragmatic. Adaptive, excelling, driven, and image-conscious.
4. The Individualist: sensitive and introverted. Expressive, dramatic, self-absorbed, and temperamental.
5. The Investigator: intense and cerebral. Perceptive, innovative, secretive, and isolated.
6. The Loyalist: committed and security-oriented. Engaging, responsible, anxious, and suspicious.
7. The Enthusiast: busy and fun-loving. Spontaneous, versatile, distractible, and scattered.
8. The Challenger: powerful and dominating. Self-confident, decisive, willful, and confrontational.
9. The Peacemaker: easygoing and self-effacing. Receptive, reassuring, agreeable, and complacent.

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You can go on the website for the Enneagram Institute (<http://www.enneagraminstitute.com/>) and take a “free short test” that will give you an idea of which type you are. You will find the link in the left hand column. It is called the RHETI Sampler. It takes about ten minutes and you get the results immediately. One suggestion: if you are over 25, try to imagine how you would have answered the questions when you were a teen or young adult. That will be a truer picture. There is also a link on our website (left hand column). You need to download it to your computer and the steps are rather simple. But you may prefer to go to the website for the Enneagram Institute (above), which does not require downloading a file. I would like to have workshop on the Enneagram. If you are interested in learning more, let me know. It may take you on a wonderful journey of spiritual transformation.



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.

Fall is here. Look around and see beautiful fall decorations throughout the area and in stores. It will soon be time to begin preparations for the Advent season and then Christmas.

Our Intergenerational services are beginning to become more popular with the congregation; fewer people are avoiding the services and discussion groups are increasing in size. It was decided to provide some advance information regarding the topic prior to the start of these services next year.

During our recent re-affirmation service on September 9 we were happy to welcome four new members into our family of faith: Gerard & Sharifah

Anglade and Al & Connie Rossman. Sharifah and Gerard are the parents of Niyah (9), Isaiah (4), and Aaliyah (2). Both families live in Amityville.

Our Charge Conference is scheduled for October 6th at Community United Methodist Church in Massapequa @ 9:30 am. All are welcome to attend and join the other churches sharing their activities from the past year and their plans for this coming year.

World Communion Sunday, October 7th, we will have a guest preacher; none other than our own Pastor Dick Johns. We hope once again to have fellowship refreshments shared by the congregation from their country of origin. This has been a huge success in the past.

October is National Clergy Appreciation Month. We will participate and celebrate this event on October 14th; Laity Sunday is October 21st. Unfortunately we will not have Roy Van Nostrand leading Roy's Boys; he will be greatly missed by one and all.

It is exciting to have two other congregations in our County Line Cluster. Seaford UMC joined the cluster and hosted the Ash Wednesday service. Farmingdale UMC is the other congregation and they are hosting the Thanksgiving Service, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

The handbell choir will perform at Broadlawn Manor Nursing home for the residents. We will participate in the ecumenical Lessons and Carols service. The date and location will follow when arrangements are finalized with the other churches.

The new Sanctuary Bibles (New Revised Standard Version) will be ordered once we have requirements from the confirmation class. We are ordering 100 new bibles to replace the existing varied translations currently used in the chapel and the sanctuary.

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

OUTREACH UPDATE

BY JOAN STERN

It hardly seems possible that November 22nd has approached so quickly, but nonetheless, it's going to be Thanksgiving before we know it. This year we will be focusing our efforts to help with the ongoing needs of the Long Island Council of Churches, supplying their pantries with food for that important holiday and beyond.

Therefore, we ask our parishioners to bring in as much food items as is possible within your food budgets (and ours, in Outreach) so that other families can enjoy this typical American celebration.

Can you bring in cans of vegetables (beans, peas, carrots, corn, etc.), bagged potatoes, onions, sweet potatoes, canned gravies (turkey and chicken), stuffing for turkey and cranberries? We will gladly accept coupons for a store turkey (since our committee will be doing shopping for this event as well). Baskets will be placed at the front door of the church to accept your donations.

The deadline for donations is Sunday, November 18.

Of course, monetary gifts for the items we need to purchase are always welcome.

We in Outreach thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Church Attic Yard Sale Update

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped to set-up, sell and clean-up at our yard sale on Sept. 22.

We raised \$798.00. Each month a percentage of our proceeds is given to the church for the general fund.

MEMBERSHIP & Nurture EVANGELISM

MARTHA PETERSON
CHAIR

The committee held their fifth community luncheon on Sept. 20th. A fifteen minute Taize' Worship service is held prior to the luncheon. Our purpose is to reach out to the community & join together in prayer and fellowship.

Come and join us for our next scheduled Community prayer service and luncheon on Thursday, October 18th.

Welcome bags continue to be prepared and distributed to new guests.

Many thanks to Linda Cohen, for assisting us in remaining up-to-date with the membership roles.



**COMMUNITY
LUNCHEON**
sponsored by Membership,
Nurture, and Evangelism

*"To provide a place for noon-time
refreshment of body, mind and spirit."*

Thursday, OCTOBER 18
12:15 -12:30 - Noonday Prayer
12:30 - 1:15 pm - Lunch Served

Come join us, all are Welcomed!!

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5

GOD IS CALLING: YOUTH TRIP INTO NEW YORK

God's Calling. Will You Answer?" is the title of a Youth in Mission day sponsored by the New York Annual Conference United Methodist Women on Saturday, October 20. Teens from around the conference will gather for worship and fellowship, as well as to learn how they can make a difference in such challenging social justice issues as human trafficking.

A group is going from FUMC. All youth from 6th grade and up are invited. Confirmands are expected to attend, unless unable to go. The event is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Grace UMC, 123 W 104th St, New York City.

The registration fee is \$10 which covers materials, snacks, breakfast, and lunch. That will be paid through the youth fund. Youth and adult chaperones will meet at the Amityville LIRR at 7:20 a.m. We will take the train into Penn Station and then subway to the church, which is about a 20 minute ride. Cost to the youth or adult will include the LIRR and subway. Financial assistance is available if needed.

Reservations need to be made to Pastor Louise or Robyn Hyland by October 3.

Songs for the Journey

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 • 4:00 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NORTHPORT
330 MAIN STREET • (631) 261-6434

FREE WILL OFFERING

*Featuring Anton Armstrong and John Ferguson
from Saint Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota*

Several of FUMC Senior Choir members and Robyn Hyland will be performing with the Festival Chorus, accompanied by Brass, Organ and other instruments. There will be audience participation.

Youth Alive '12

Faith Can Take You Anywhere

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2012

6:00 - 9:00 PM

FARMINGDALE UMC
407 MAIN STREET, FARMINGDALE

Music, Testimony and Fellowship
All ages invited.

Contemporary Christian music
Asbury Spirit Dancers
Clown Ministry

Guestspeakers: Jodi, Andy and Kyli Abbinanti

Refreshments and fellowship will follow program.

PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM OR TWO
TO DONATE TO FOOD PANTRY.

Free-will offering will be taken.

From the TREASURER

STEVE BRICE

From month to month, we basically "hold our own". Our income inches up year to year, but so do our expenses. The Church like most of us, does OK as long as there aren't any unexpected large expenses. There is the very real potential that our insurance might be upwards of \$10,000 higher than last year, for one example. The very tall steeple shingles are beginning to blow off; many places of the Church's aluminum siding have or are in the process of blowing away from old age, and the list can go on and on. Being that we can't really enter a lottery won't it be nice if every person were to make an additional \$5/wk plate offering throughout the year. Even if just a third of our membership were to do that, we'd be so much better prepared for these calamities!!!!



Church Membership

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

By Your Prayers

WILLIAM TABELL & FAMILY AT THE DEATH OF HIS WIFE LEONA

NICOLE TIERNO & FAMILY AT THE DEATH OF HER MOM, LAURA SGAMBATI

PAT NEIDHART (SURGERY)

GEORGE WRAGE (SURGERY)

PEGGY & ROY VAN NOSTRAND

WES REINHARDT (GOOD SAMAMARITAN HOSPITAL)

By Your Service

ACOLYTES	Victoria Castellano & Jameela Tracy
REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE	Oct. 7: Administrative Council Oct. 14: Worship Oct. 21: Lay Leadership Oct. 28: Trustees
COMMUNION STEWARDS	Barbara & Gene Le Poma, Dorothy Bausch
LECTORS	8 a.m. Linda Thompson 10 am: Oct. 7 Margaret Wolter Oct. 14 Martha Peterson Oct. 21 Missy Kennedy Oct. 28 Dan Tierno
OFFERING COUNTERS	Oct. 7: Margaret Wolter and Nell Rasmussen Oct. 14: Jeanne Otis & Charlene Jourdan Oct. 21: Dorothy Bausch & Joan Kaplan Oct. 28: Linda Thompson & Joan Stern
USHERS	Oct. 7: Dorothy Bausch, Natalie & Mike Korba Oct. 14: Christobel Maynard, Judy & Bob Silz Oct. 21: Judy Hartten, Tracie Harper, Mike Castellano Oct. 28: Margo Martinez, Nick Roloson, Gene La Poma
JUNIOR USHERS	Oct. 7: Derik Gonzalez, Shayne Warta Oct. 14: Dylan Bedell, Jameer Waterton Oct. 21: Robert Castellano, Ian Pagan Oct. 28: Nyah Anglade, Anthony Erdody
GREETERS	Oct. 7: Dorothy Hyman Oct. 14: Castellano family Oct. 21: Margo Martinez Oct. 28: Cathy & Dylan Bedell



“First Fruits”

Proverbs 3:9

“Honor the Lord with your substance and the first fruits of all your produce.”

By Your Presence

Date	8 am	10 am	Sunday School	Total
Sept. 2	20	74	-	94
Sept. 9	13	54	16	83
Sept.16	13	56	15	84
Sept.23	12	70	13	94



- 5 SARAH DEQUILLFELDT
- 7 HORACE BASSARAGH
- 8 JASMINE ALLEN
BEVERLY BODE
ANTHONY ERDODY
- 10 PATRICK DOUGHERTY
SUSAN FASCIANO
EMIL JOHNSEN
- 13 JAN DEQUILLFELDT
- 16 CAITLIN KAISER
- 17 DEVIN TIERNO
- 18 AIDEN DUBYN
ANA BRICE
- 19 JADA LE BOUR
- 21 LUKE MAZZILLI
- 23 STEPHEN BRICE
- 24 LEROY VAN NOSTRAND
- 25 JANET KING
- 26 CHARITY UKASOANYA
- 28 CRAIG DIXON

STEWARDSHIP

Carmen Bassaragh & Linda Cohen, Co-Chair

“First Fruits”

This year’s theme is based on Proverbs 3:9
“Honor the Lord with your substance and the first fruits of all your produce.”

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 11

Pledge letters were sent out in September. Those who were sent a card and do not return it by November 11 will be contacted by the committee.

We have already received several pledge cards. If you did not receive a pledge card and would like to contribute for 2013, pledge cards are located on the Narthex table. You may also contact the church office and we will gladly send you a card.

Our goal is \$90,000. Please help us to reach this commitment.



On November 4, 2012, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. During the service names of persons who have died in the past year will be read and a candle lit in their memory.

If you have a family member who has died since November 2011 and would like that person’s name to be read and a candle lit by you, please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate.

In order that we will have enough candles it is important that we have an accurate listing of those whom we will remember.

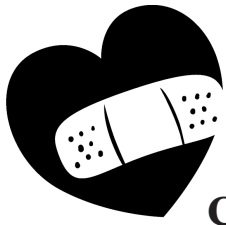
Use this form and return it to the Church Office by Monday, October 29, to be printed in the November 4th Sunday Bulletin. Or you may call the Church Office (631) 264-0152 with the information.

FULL NAME OF DECEASED _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ DATE OF DEATH _____

RELATION _____

FAMILY MEMBER WHO WILL BE PRESENT TO LIGHT CANDLE: _____



HELP *from the*
**SUFFOLK COUNTY
 COALITION AGAINST
 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (SCCADV)**

Free legal services are provided by the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence (SCCADV) to non-abusive parents seeking protection through the Family Court for orders of child custody, visitation and support and orders of protection. A donation (which has been given by Macy's) significantly offsets the costs of providing these vital services which are part of SCCADV's Keeping Kids Safe program.

SCCADV dedicates all of its efforts to providing safety and support to family violence victims by offering a wide range of services. Services include the 24-hour hotline, Safe Harbor shelter, group and individual counseling, vocational advocacy, court and precinct advocacy, legal services and prevention through education.

**IF YOU NEED HELP, CALL THE HOTLINE AT
 631-666-8833**

“Heavenly Recipes”

220TH ANNIVERSARY OF F.U.M.C.
 COOKBOOK

HAS ARRIVED!

Thank you to everyone who submitted a recipe for the 220th Anniversary F.U.M.C. Cookbook.

This beautiful cookbook is in a 3 ring binder and available for the price of \$15.00 each.

*Contact the church office or speak with
 Linda Thompson or Linda Cohen to purchase
 your edition of the cookbook.*

**WORLD
 COMMUNION
 SUNDAY**

OCTOBER 7

*A Special Sunday celebrating
 the unity of Christians
 through Holy Communion.*

Please bring in a dessert from your origins to share at fellowship.



DYLAN MILLER, brother of Cybil, Maxyne and Yvette has graduated from Naval Recruit Training Command. His proud parents, Bruce and Valerie attended the graduation ceremonies. Dylan is now attending Corpsman School in San Antonio, Texas where he will be receiving medical training.



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Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

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

October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 8 & 10 am: Worship 9 am Adult Choir 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Youth Choir 11:30 am Middle/High School Bell Reh.	1 7 pm Worship Mtg. 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	2	3 7-8:15 pm (YR) Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	4	5 7:15 pm Cub Scouts (BH) 8 pm PeaceSmith's (IH)	6 8:30 am 1st Ens. Handbell 9:30 am Annual Charge Conference @ Massapequa UMC 10 am—4 pm Amityville Apple Festival
7 World Communion Rev. Dr. R. Dick Johns, preaching Stewardship Moment	8 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	9 10:30 am Member- ship, Nurture & Evangelism	10 7-8:15 pm (YR) Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	11 5 pm Finance (AR)	12	13
14 20th Sunday After Pentecost Clergy Appreciation Sunday Linda Thompson, preaching Stewardship Moment UMYF 12 Noon Hike @ Massapequa Preserve	15 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	16 9:30 am UMW Board Mtg. (P)	17 7-8:15 pm (YR) Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	18 12:15 pm Taizé Service 12:30-1:15 pm Community Luncheon	19 7:15 pm Cub Scouts (BH)	20 Youth in Mission Grace UMC, NY 9 am—3 pm
21 21st Sunday After Pentecost Laity Sunday Bob Silz, preaching Stewardship Moment	22 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	23	24 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	25	26	27
<i>Pastor Louise on vacation October 21—November 1st</i>						
28 22nd Sunday After Pentecost Charlene Jourdan, preaching Stewardship Moment UMYF Mtg. 12 noon	29 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)	30	31 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	HB Ens.: First Church Handbell Ensemble Adult HB: Adult Handbell Group MS/HS HB: Middle/High School Handbell IH Ireland Hall BH Binkley Hall AR Amanda's Room P Parlor C—Chapel YR—Youth Room		
				Support Group Meetings—basement AA Wednesday & Saturdays @ 8 pm NA Fridays @ 7:30 pm		

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