

 **LECTIONARY READINGS**

January 8th First Sunday after the Epiphany Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

January 15th Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

January 22nd Third Sunday after the Epiphany Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

January 29th Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

CONFIRMATION CLASS, this Sunday 1/8 at 12:45pm following the 11:30 service in the Library. Please bring your Bibles.

CONFIRMATION MENTOR'S MEETING is scheduled this month. More details to follow.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY Sunday, January 15, 2012: offering envelopes are available in the *So. Transept*. Your offering strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

YOUTH IN MISSION – Please support through your giving and prayer, our youth, **Jenn Carle**, a short-term Youth Ambassador in Mission to Ghana. Checks should be payable to our Church (*indicate Youth Missions*). Surplus donations after the target amount will be directed to NY Annual Conference, which leads Mission Projects.

✠ **PLEDGE CARDS:** If you have not had a chance to express your financial support for the church by submitting your 2012 pledge card, you can still do so. Let's partner together to serve God's purpose. You may drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office. *Pledge cards* are available at the Office and the South Transept.

YOUTH SUNDAY: is January 29th, 2012 Our youth will be assisting in worship including special music. There will be a special offering on this day; 50% of which will go to our church youth ministry & 50% will be sent to the District Office to help defray the cost of the Annual Retreat at Camp Quinipet. Checks should be made payable to: *L.I. East District* (indicate Youth Sunday on the memo line). Come and show your support for our youth by joining in worship & participating in this day!

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES: The 2012 envelopes are available in the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like to have your own number set, please call the *Church Office* so that a number set can be assigned.

🎵 **J.C. CAFÉ: Saturday, January 21st at 7:00 pm** (snow date 1/28), featuring "*Jesus sheep*"; original folk songs based on scripture, similar in style to "*Peter, Paul & Mary*".

MINISTRY SUPPORT: Please remember *in prayer* the clergy & lay members of the **Board of Ordained Ministry & ordination candidates for God's grace and discernment as they gather for examination and interview of the candidates in this month.** Pastor Yim serves on the BOOM.

LEADER TO LEADER WORKSHOPS: will take place on **Sat., February 4th at Westbury UMC** and **Sat. February 11th at Hampton Bays UMC 8:30am-12:00pm.** All laity in ministry are invited for training. Please take advantage of the Workshops offered for strengthening ministry: ♦*Men Alive*; ♦*Cheers: A Couple of Things a Bartender Can Tell Ya' That Will Help Your Church*; ♦*Stewardship in Action* ♦*Effective Lay Leadership*; ♦*The Church & Crime Victims* ♦*Background Checks & The Safe Sanctuaries Program*; ♦*Holy Conferencing.* Please call the Church Office to register.

LAY SPEAKERS TRAINING: classes will take place **Feb. 24th, Mar. 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th from 8:30am-12:00pm** at *Westbury UMC & Lake Ronkonkoma UMC.* Applications must be received at the District Office by January 31st (available in the Office). Lay Speaker course for Youth (16-19yrs) will be Mar. 24th & 31st at *Lindenhurst UMC.*

SPECIAL THANKS to Cathy Dinda and Helpers (*Joan Ganz, William Laky, Steve Nowotarski*) for their Flower Ministry, adorning the Altar and Sanctuary with Poinsettias for the Christmas Worship Times.

PRAYER SUPPORT: *Brian Carle* is serving in the United States Marines. He currently does not have a postal address; however, if you wish to show your support for Brian by sending him a card, there is an envelope in the *So. Transept* designated for these cards. Let's remember Brian especially and other young people in the Military in our thoughts & prayers as they serve our country.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cynthia Hansen, who has been chosen as *the 2012 Keeper of the Christmas Secret.* You are a blessing! May the Lord continue to inspire you and make you a blessing to others for His glory!

DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the family of *Frank Boro*, a Church member who entered into eternal rest in GA on December 15, 2011 at 91. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to: *The Boro Family, 4174 Indian Terrace SW, Lilburn, GA 30047-3314.*

IN NEED OF PRAYERS: Elizabeth Jensen, Joseph Varghese, Manny & Peggy Lopez, Dorothy Rietheimer, Carol Baldwin, Emily Brown, Laura Ohler, Muriel Knoell, Kyli Abbinanti, Fred Uythoven, Ruth Mace, those affected by Hurricane Irene, ALL our troops seeking to restore peace. **If you know of someone in the hospital, or someone who wishes a pastoral visit, please call the Church Office.*

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 8th

Sun. 9:15am 🎵 HYMN SING 🎵
9:30am Family Friendly Worship
11:30am Praise Service
 12:45pm Confirmation Class – Library
 1:00pm Soup Group - F. Hall
 5:30pm MYF “New Year’s Party”

Mon. BOOM Ordination Interviews 1/9-10
 3:00pm Prayer Group @Rose Marie’s

Tues. 7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room

Wed. NO AM BIBLE STUDY (resumes 1/25)
 5:00pm Weight Watchers - F. Hall
 7:00pm P&G Choir
7:45pm Prayer & Praise

Thurs. 1st Clergy Incubator Training Begins
 7:00pm Bell Choir/8:00pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall

Sat. 8:30am Tai Chi
 12:30pm L.I. Yoga
 Girls’ Chrysalis Weekend 1/14-16

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 15th

Sun. **9:30am Family Friendly Worship**
11:30am Praise Service
 1:00pm Soup Group - F. Hall

Mon. OFFICE CLOSED - *Martin Luther King Day*
 3:00pm Prayer Group @Rose Marie’s

Tues. *Bishop’s Convocation 1/17-19*
 12:00pm Gold Circle
 7:15pm Martha/Mary
 7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room
 7:30pm Book Discussion @Barbara Gray’s

Wed. NO AM Bible Study (resumes 1/25)
 5:00pm Weight Watchers - F. Hall
 7:00pm P&G Choir
7:45 pm Prayer & Praise

Thurs. 7:00pm Bell Choir/8:00pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall

Sat. 8:30am Tai Chi
7:00pm J.C. Café

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