

Pastor's Corner

Falling Leaves

Pastor Tom Philipp



"The falling leaves drift by my window
 The falling leaves of red and gold
 I see your lips, the summer kisses
 The sunburned hands I used to hold
 Since you went away the days grow long
 And soon I'll hear old winter's song
 But I miss you most of all, my darling
 When autumn leaves start to fall."

Eva Cassidy

I sat down to write this article having just returned from my daily (almost) three mile walk. I had missed two days because of being gone. Three days ago I marveled at the beauty of trees aglow in color: red, yellow, orange. I marveled in God's creation: God the Artist. Today as I



Beaver Dam Creek, Brookhaven

walked I realized I was walking among leaves that had fallen. They would soon be trampled and, in many cases be raked up to be destroyed. Fall in all of its beauty is also the acknowledgment of impending death.

I could not help but think about the plight of fallen leaves. It is nature's way of saying goodbye. I thought of how many things have received my goodbye. I thought not only of persons, who having meant much to me in the past, now number among those from whom I am separated because

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Advent Worship

Linda Majowka

The first Sunday of Advent is November 28. Once again we plan to carry out a theme through the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Eve. Ever since its first performance nearly 250 years ago, George Frederick Handel's masterwork "Messiah" has become a treasured Christmas tradition. Each Sunday the bulletin will carry an insert which explores one of five powerful texts from the Messiah as a devotional. The colorfully designed bulletin covers will be coordinated with these texts, and emphasize the text: Comfort, Exalt, Reveal, Behold, Hallelujah. Pastor Tom plans to do an Advent series of sermons based on the Messiah.



Your Worship chair hopes that these materials, the traditional lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath, the preaching and the music will lead to a Most Blessed

ADVENT is a time of joyful anticipation of the realization of God's promise. It is a grace-filled season of new hope, new life and new love. There is a sense of urgency in Advent that wakes us up from our complacency. Advent should challenge us to prepare ourselves and our world for the full coming of the kingdom of peace and justice.

Kay Murdy, Season of Emmanuel



THANKSGIVING DAY ECUMENICAL DINNER

NOVEMBER 25, 2010

11:30AM – 1:30PM

HAGERMAN FIREHOUSE

510 Ralph T. Perry Drive

East Patchogue, NY 11772

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of death or distance. I thought of how relationships which once had been aglow for me had now fallen, been trampled, to be discarded. I thought of projects started and never finished. I thought about tasks given much thought but never undertaken. These were as fallen leaves in my life. I thought about the inevitability of much of this. It is a given.

Then I looked at the trees themselves. Soon they would be barren but they would continue to stand. The storms of winter would come, and they would withstand the winter cold and the winter winds. Trees can withstand if their roots are deep.

“God, grant me faith solid as a tree with roots that keep me anchored, and roots that reach for that which nourished and sustains even when the winter winds blow, even when the once beautiful dreams, hopes, ambitions have fallen to the earth and trampled; when relationships have come to an end; when projects remain uncompleted, and some tasks never even began.

“God, grant me faith solid as a tree that awaits new birth out of winter's hibernation and when new dreams, new hopes, new projects, new relationships emerge: the promise of spring to all for which we long, anticipate and expect.

“God grant me faith solid as a tree that experiences the seasons, and rejoices in their rhythm.” Amen.



Christian Education

Darcy Stevens

Kids:

Fall is really here, our schedules have settled down, and Sunday school will start on November 7! We will be using the Whole People of God curriculum for small churches, which looks fun and interesting. Using a curriculum makes it easier for subs. If you would be willing to fill in for the occasional Sunday when I can't do it, or if you have talents, ideas and love to share in some other ways: Step forth!

Adults:

Our Summer Read of “Forgiving Ararat” sparked thoughts/insight/questions that were shared before, during and after the discussion night on Aug 28.

So we are going to try a Winter Read!

This time it is a classic: “[The Bridge of San Luis Rey](#)” by Thornton Wilder. It is a quick read and poses interesting spiritual questions. Those of us who read it years ago may have a different take on it this time around! It is available for \$9+ at [Amazon.com](#), and at the libraries. We will get started after Christmas, details are to follow.

Stewardship and Dedication Sundays

Stewardship Sunday was Sunday, November 7 at which time Pastor Tom gave a sermon on Christian stewardship. A letter from our Stewardship chair and Financial Secretary, John Deitz will soon be in the mail. Pledges will be received and dedicated on Sunday, November 21. This will be a time to state our intention to give, as we are able, not only of our financial resources, but our resources of time, talent, and give of our greatest resource...ourselves, in the spirit of Thanksgiving.



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Fundraising Ideas Needed

Nancy Best

The Session of Old South Haven Church has decided to explore the possibility of some new and different fundraising projects. We have been very fortunate with our Antique/Yard/Bake/Raffle fairs due largely to Linda Majowka and Dorry Tooker, and all those who work so hard for these events. However, a few people have shared ideas and made suggestions for other things, as well. We would like to get a small group of people together to discuss ideas and the feasibility of trying something new. Interest in doing so has already been expressed. I encourage you to let me know if you would like to participate.

Through all the advents of our life that we celebrate goes the longing for the final Advent, where it says: “Behold, I make all things new” (Rev. 21:5)

Advent is a time of waiting.

Our whole life, however, is Advent – that is, a time of waiting for the ultimate, for the time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth, when all people are brothers and sisters and one rejoices in

the words of the angels:

“On earth peace to those on whom God's favor rests.”

Dietrich Bonhoefer

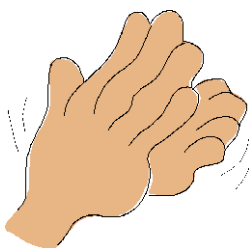


Thanksgiving Community Worship Service

A Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at 7pm on Sunday, November 21. Bellport United Methodist Church, and its Pastor, Dr. John E. Brandon, will host. Pastor Tom will deliver the sermon.

Last year no service was held because of "lack of interest." Pastor Tom and Dr. Brandon decided they would organize one for this year and have invited their clergy colleagues and their congregations to join them.

This has been a nice tradition and we would like to maintain it. Please join in if you are able.



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jennifer and Brian Burgess** on the birth of Marcia Grace Burgess, October 8 at Good Samaritan Hospital. Marcia Grace weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 oz, and is 19 inches tall. Grandma Lorraine

Gallo will have a "meet the baby" open house at her home on Saturday November 13 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. 151 Woodland Drive, East Islip. RSVP: (631)581-0416.

Congratulations to **Phillip Altomare and Ursula O'Neil** who were married on September 25. Phillip is a son of Helen Altomare.

Congratulations to **George Stoney** who was honored on November 4 upon his retirement from the Kanbar Institute of Film and Television, Tisch School of the Arts at New York University and made Professor Emeritus. The celebration took place at The Torch Club in New York. Pastor Tom was happy to attend.

Congratulations to **Kristopher Stuart Webster and Lynnsey Meagan Nichols** who will reaffirm wedding vows in a ceremony at Old South Haven on Saturday, December 11 at 5:00pm. They were married in a civil ceremony in California earlier and they come to New York, wishing to have a religious ceremony in the same church where his parents were married twenty-five years ago.

Congratulations to **Alan Stevens** who chaired the Auction Committee for the Long Island Council of Churches "Share the Harvest: Helping Neighbors in Need," a fund raising event and dinner held at Giorgio's in Baiting Hollow. Proceeds from the auction and dinner will benefit the Riverhead Emergency Food Pantry and Social Service Outreach. The LICC's Riverhead Office is in need of additional funds to meet the needs of individuals seeking assistance which has increased greatly.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mark Quintana
Organist/Music Director

The choir has just begun again and we sang our first anthem on October 24th. "Tallis Canon" is a very familiar church piece which is sung acappella, and is similar to round form. The composer Tallis is generally referred to as the "Father" of Church music"

We are fortunate to have all of our former members returning, having good, solid participation from the singers who rehearse weekly after fellowship. Our group includes 3 sopranos (Janet Barry, Darcy Stevens and Catherine Kellogg), 2 altos (Deborah Mayo and Ann Wiswall), 2 tenors (Kevin Barry and Peggy Angus) and 3 basses (Alan Stevens, Richard Thomas and John Morgan).



The Choir will next sing for November Communion, and is preparing two or three special anthems for advent, which should be a nice addition to the regularly planned activities for the season.



Fellowship

Ann Wiswall

As Fellowship Chair, I thank the Deacons who hosted the October Pot Luck supper. It was a memorable and happy occasion with good food and good conversation. The supper was followed by an evening of music and singing. We extend sincere thanks to Claudia Taylor for her kind invitation to her home to hear Tom Philipp play the piano.

The next Pot Luck supper will be on December 5th, the second Sunday in Advent. The supper will be followed by carol singing and music by piano players and/or other musicians who wish to participate.

Many thanks go to the Coffee Hour hosts for providing delicious refreshments for our time of fellowship after the Sunday morning service.



Board of Deacons

Kappy Tilney

On October 17, 2010, the deacons hosted a Pot Luck in the Carriage House. The meal highlighted some of the recipes submitted to the Cookbook Committee as well as some others. Everything was delicious! It was a wonderful time of fellowship. The fellowship continued and moved to the home of our neighbor, Claudia Taylor, and the evening concluded with music and song.

The Cookbook Committee (Nancy Best, Cathy Kellogg, Kappy Tilney and Ann Wiswall) are in the process of editing the draft to be sent to Morris Press Cookbooks.

On October 16, 2010, flowers were sent to welcome the newest member of our church family, Marcia Grace Burgess. When her parents, Jennifer and Brian, and brother, Brian, Jr., return to worship, we are looking forward to welcoming them all.

As Thanksgiving approaches, the Deacons are planning to donate food baskets to two local families. When making your Thanksgiving purchases, please consider purchasing some extra items (canned vegetable and yams, powdered potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, juice or rolls). Whatever you are able to contribute will be most helpful.

The second Ecumenical Thanksgiving Meal is being planned and volunteers and donations will be needed. Volunteers are needed to meet and greet, serve and clean up. Bakers are needed to prepare seasonal pies and baked goods. Monetary donations should be made out to:

St. Joseph the Worker, RC (with a memo notation: Thanksgiving Dinner) and mailed to the attention of Catherine Andrejack, St. Joseph the Worker, RC Parrish Outreach, Narragansett Ave., East Patchogue, NY 11772. Please call Laura/Bellport Methodist Church (631-286-0525) or Catherine/St. Joseph (631-286-6356) if volunteering, baking or with any questions.

As during Christmas' past, the Deacons will be stuffing and distributing 182 Christmas stockings to the residents of the Brookhaven Town House on Beaver Dam Road. Each year, we try to think of useful items to put in the stockings. If you have any suggestion, please pass them along.

We will also be providing gifts for a local family.

Caithness Project Underway

John Deitz

After many months of working out with the Town of Brookhaven the requirements for starting our Caithness Community Benefit Fund projects, the town has issued purchase orders for the first three—reroofing the church, repair and painting of our beautiful church windows, and repair of the foundation sill under the steeple. This last task needs to be completed before we can complete the installation of the new front doors. The Session established a special committee for this work consisting of John Deitz, chair; Linda Majowka; and Farrell Decker. Farrell is especially thanked for his preparateion of the specifications and work with the various contractors. Once these first three tasks are completed, we will evaluate the remaining funds in our original \$35,000 grant, and seek quotations on additional work, including interior plaster repairs and painting.



Morning Worship Assignments

Date	Greeter	Lay Leader	Coffee Hour
07-Nov	W. Scott	L. Scott	P. Kight
14-Nov	S. Moran	A. Stevens	D. Stevens
21-Nov	K. Tilney	D. Mayo	Bird/Scott
28-Nov	Morgans	L. Majowka	L. Majowka
05-Dec	W. Scott	N. Best	S. MacKay
12-Dec	K. Tilney	S. Welgoss	H. Altomare
19-Dec	H. Altomare	S. Moran	HK. Tilney
24-Dec Xmas Eve	J. Neal	J. Deitz	J. Deitz
26-Dec	Morgans	J. Neal	D. Mayo
01-Jan	W. Scott	L. Scott	N. Best
09-Jan	S. Moran	F. Decker	G. LaFace
16-Jan	J. Barry	K. Barry	Morgan/Wiswall
23-Jan	P. Angus	B. Mullahy	J. Neal
30-Jan	Morgans	D. Mayo	K. Tilney

If you have a conflict with your schedule, please call Kappy Tilney at 286-0024

Seasonal cards, flowers or plants will be sent or delivered.

Due to your generosity, the Deacons are able to extend a helping hand. May peace fill your hearts and homes this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

“Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare.”



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