

Pastor's Corner:

Pastor Tom Philipp

One Great Hour of Sharing: A Look Back



As he sat before his radio on Saturday evening, March 26, 1949, Robert Gordon was interested more than usual in the broadcast that was to begin at 10pm.

The program to follow was a first. It was an hour-long prime-time broadcast to kick off a nationwide appeal for funds to support U.S. churches' world relief efforts. If it worked, it would signal a new day in ecumenical cooperation.

Dr. Gordon on loan to Church World Service from the Episcopal Church, had pulled many elements together for what was being called the "One Great Hour." The churches all had major appeals for relief work in those years following World War II, but they had never cooperated in this way to call attention to them.

Glenn Ford, Gregory Peck, Ida Lupino, Agnes Morehead and many other well-known actors and actresses stood by the microphones to dramatize the need for relief from famine in China; for aid to an orphanage in Italy, and for assistance to people in war-torn Europe.

The broadcast went without a hitch. Thus was born a program that later came to be known as the One Great Hour of Sharing.

There have been adjustments in this program over the years. The appeal today is now a foundation for the support of both domestic and overseas relief as well as development programs carried out by U.S. churches through their denominations and through the cooperative efforts of Church World Service.

In our Presbyterian Church (USA) emergency relief remains an important part of the cooperative effort: 32% of what is received goes to Restoring Hope (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance); 36% to Reducing Hunger (Presbyterian Hunger Program) and 32% to Partnering in Progress (Self Development of People). This program provides resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and benefit from directly. The Presbytery of Long Island has a Self Development Committee. For several

A MEMBER'S REFLECTION

Elder Linda Scott



Forty three years ago I moved to Brookhaven from Nassau County. The area was rustic and full of visions to begin our new life. Bill and I were expecting our first child and felt venturous to camp in our empty home awaiting appliances and furniture.

Shortly after the birth of my son Richard, I felt a calling to return to church. I grew up in the Presbyterian Church in Massapequa. Still having a connection, both my children, Richard and Tammy, were brought back there to be christened. Due to distance, however, I was not attending Sunday service.

A few years later Revered Charles Kellogg visited me and welcomed my family to Old South Haven. Bill started night classes again while working two jobs. With his limited time it was difficult for him to attend service. However, the children and I began visiting on a regular basis and found myself getting more involved in fellowship events. The warmth and atmosphere of a smaller congregation, as well as all the mission work, OSH seemed perfect. I knew I found my new church family and became a member November 12, 1978.

Shortly after Elder Richard Wiswall contacted me and offered me a position on session. I was young and knew nothing about the responsibilities. However, I graciously accepted and was ordained serving several terms during my 39 years of membership. In 1986 I was ordained as Deacon giving me the opportunity to reach out to those in need, in the larger community delivering food baskets as well as visiting with our members unable to attend service.

The third, and most recent chapter of my life, has brought me to a new place. I have relocated to New Hampshire to begin a new journey and have brought with me all the beautiful memories of a very special church family.



years Joann Neal served on it, and today Jason Neal serves on this Committee.

Once again we will provide opportunity to give to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Palm Sunday and Easter.

BOARD OF DEACONS

Judith Bird, Chair

A Deacon's meeting was held in January 2016 to discuss the roles of the Deacons, finances and planning for events.



Pot luck dinners were held on February 28, April 17 and November 13. Church picnics were held on June 12 and September 18. In addition, the Deacons participated in yard sales held on May 28 and September 24 with a food table and yard sale items. The Christmas/Holiday Boutique was held on December 10 and the proceeds, which totaled \$1,060, were distributed to the Deacon's fund and the church's general fund.

A donation of \$250 was given in April 2016 to "HELP", the Bellport High School run for the shelter for the homeless in North Bellport. In June a donation was made to a needy individual in the community and again in November a donation was made to another needy individual.

For Thanksgiving a donation of \$200 was given to L.I. Cares and for Christmas a gift card for Best Market of \$100 was given to the Interfaith Nutrition Network at St. Joseph's Church. In December a check for \$50 was sent to the Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk in memory of Richard Heiligenstadt.

Throughout the year, Joann Neal makes deliveries of food to the local food pantry. These are donations from the congregation. Cards were sent for birthdays, get well and sympathy. Post cards were sent to visitors and the Deacons supplied flowers for the altar when needed.

I met with the Session on December 19 to discuss the role of the Deacons as well a replacement on the Board for Bob Sterling who is finishing his term. Plans are to update the church directory in the next year.

As of January 24, 2017, the balance in the Deacon's fund is \$940.87.



CLERK OF SESSION

The session continues to meet on the third Monday of the month, unless there is a holiday. The session welcomes Ken Asselta and Elizabeth Brown as new members of session and a big THANK YOU to Kappy Tilney and Brain Mullahy for their service.

Sean Moran



The minutes for 2016 will be submitted in mid March for review by the Presbytery of Long Island.

With regards to the statistical report, we stayed the same from 2015 with 48 active members as of the end of the year. We have many frequent guests at our

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Sandy Asselta Organist/Choir Director

This has been one of the longest winters I can remember -- but I haven't given up on the warming days of Spring and the opportunity to garden and listen to the songs of birds as life begins anew.



We are now in the Lenten season and soon will observe Holy Week and celebrate Christ's Resurrection. Our choir looks forward to contributing musical selections throughout and to joining with the choir of Bellport Methodist for the Good Friday service. We are especially happy to welcome trumpeter Joe Porcelli back in our midst this Easter Sunday. Please join us in experiencing the love of God and fellowship with one another through the gift and joy of music. We will all be blessed!



OUTREACH AND MISSION

Elder Linda Scott

There were eight recipients of discretionary mission in 2016.

Presbytery of LI – mission	\$1,500
Patchogue Neighbors INN	360
Thursday's Child	300
Encampment for Citizenship, Jason Neal (no expenses, no reimbursements)	
Long Island Council of Churches	100
More Light Presbyterians	100
Union Theological Seminary (in the City of New York)	100
ProgressiveChristianity.org	75

In addition to the above, the following designated donations were also made:

St. Joseph the Worker Food Shelf	\$120
OGHS	844
Peace Offering	425
Christmas Joy Offering	571
Centsability	170
(change collected by the Sunday School for various donations)	



services.

We celebrated one baptism last year.

Members are encouraged to inform session members of their questions and concerns regarding Old South Haven.

"Piece for Peace"

Given the present political climate in our Nation it is good to reflect on this excerpt from President Dwight D. Eisenhower's farewell address to the American people on January 17, 1961.



"Down the long lane of history yet to be written, America knows that this world of ours, ever growing smaller, must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect.

Such a confederation must be one of equals. The weakest must come to the conference table with the same confidence as do we, protected as we are by our moral, economic and military strength. That table, though scarred by many past frustrations, cannot be abandoned for the certain agony of the battlefield.

We pray that people of all faiths, all races, all nations, may have their great human needs satisfied; that those now denied opportunity shall come to enjoy it to the full; that all who yearn for freedom may experience its spiritual blessings; that those who have freedom will understand, also, its heavy responsibilities; that all who are insensitive to the needs of others will learn charity; that the scourges of poverty, disease and ignorance will be made to disappear from the earth, and that, in the goodness of time, all peoples will come to live together in a PEACE guaranteed by the binding force of mutual respect and LOVE."

(Submitted by Pastor Tom)



POST CARRIAGE HOUSE

Kappy Tilney, Carriage House Arrangements

Over the years, the Post Carriage House has been the meeting place for an assortment of local groups. In fact, some of the AA Groups have called the Carriage House "home" for over thirty years.



During certain times of the day, when one observes the parking lot, one might assume the Carriage House was in use non-stop. However, that is not the case. On weekday mornings, the building is not utilized at all.

If you know of any group or person needing a place to meet on a regular basis, please ask them to contact Kappy Tilney at (631) 286-0024.

The Lenten Pilgrimage, Holy Week and Easter SERMON MESSAGES

First Sunday of Lent:

"The Power to Resist Temptation"

Mar. 5 Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Matt 4: 1-11

Second Sunday of Lent

"A Life of Contrasts"

Mar 12 Gen. 12:1-4 John 3: 1-17

Third Sunday of Lent

"Confidence in God's Love"

Mar.19 Romans 5:1-11 John 4: 5-26

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"Seeing the 'Wow'"

Mar 26 I Sam.16:1-13 John 9:1-25; 39-41

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Ground Zero vs. a Valley of Life"

Apr 2 Ezek. 37:1-14 John 11:1-15



Palm Sunday

"Becoming a Part of the Crowd"

Apr. 9 Psalm 118:1-2;19-29 Matt. 21:1-11

Maundy Thursday

Reflecting on and Observing the Last Supper

Apr. 13

Good Friday

Reflecting on the Seven Last Words

Apr. 14 Joining with Bellport United Methodist Church in Bellport



Sunrise Service at the Bellport Dock

Apr. 16

EASTER WORSHIP

"No Tomb Can Hold Him"

Acts 10:34-43 Matt 28:1-10



Supporting Immigrants on Long Island

The Presbytery of Long Island recently reaffirmed its longstanding and biblical commitment to welcome the stranger and to seek justice for people in need of care or refuge. The Session has given support to holding a discussion at our next Pot luck Supper to look at the issue of undocumented individuals in our area as a result of the proposed "ban" on immigrants. To that end we will invite Pastor Gustavo Sanchez of Iglesia Presbiteriana Emmanuel, Center Moriches to speak and lead a discussion. The date has yet to be decided.

**2017 WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS
MARCH – JUNE**

DATE	GREETER	LAY READER	COFFEE HOUR
Mar 5	K. Tilney	S. Moran	Mayo/Taylor
Mar 12	S. Moran	C. Taylor	Hall/Schuhmann
Mar 19	Joann Neal	B. Mullahy	Gallo/Neal
Mar 26	J. Bird	D. Mayo	Fuka/Tilney
Apr 2	K. Tilney	L. Majowka	Hofmann/Stevens
Apr 9	J. Barry	K. Barry	Best/Bird
Apr 16	L. Gallo	Jason Neal	R. Thomas
Apr 23	Joann Neal	A. Stevens	Barry/Brown
Apr 30	M. Unny	C. Taylor	Moran/Neal
May 7	K. Tilney	S. Moran	Frankie/Majowka
May 14	S. Moran	Joann Neal	Fuka/Tilney
May 21	E. Fuka	L. Majowka	Gallo/Neal
May 28	J. Bird	B. Mullahy	Mayo/Taylor
June 4	K. Tilney	Jason Neal	Hall/Schuhmann
June 11	S. Moran	N. Best	Fuka/Tilney
June 18	L. Gallo	A. Stevens	Best/Bird
June 25	M. Unny	D. Mayo	Barry/Brown

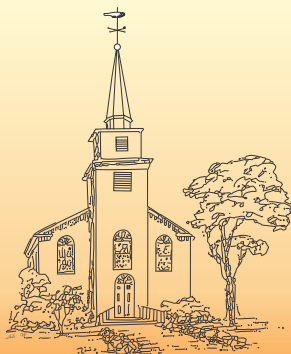
MUSIC PROGRAMS SCHEDULED FOR THIS SPRING

Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day) 7:30pm
"The New Students"

This trio (playing guitar, violin, banjo and bass) , has become very popular locally and beyond. playing and singing some well known numbers as well as their own compositions. This is their second appearance with us and has been scheduled at their request. The program will include numbers they have written for Earth Day.

Saturday, June 3 4:00pm
Concert by Laura Lupinacci, Mezzo-Soprano
and Salvatore Motisi, Tenor, Daniel Ragone,
piano

An afternoon of opera and numbers from the American Song Book featuring two artists we welcome to Old South Haven



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