

Old South Haven Presbyterian Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Anchored in Christ's Love
2013 Summer

NEWS

Pastor's Corner:

Sharing Our Gifts

Pastor Tom Philipp



Our Congregation has been fortunate receiving two gifts to enhance our music program. At the time of my arrival we received a bequest from the late Roger Kickerer which made it possible to do major work on our Hinners Organ and establish the Kickerer Organ Fund.

Last year we received the gift of a Weber parlor grand piano from the Knapp Swezey Foundation, and an additional anonymous gift to maintain the piano.

At the time each of these gifts were received I said to the Session that they need to be used to serve the larger community as well as our church community. We have done so by serving as the venue for the annual Becker/Gambles Music Fund (South Country Education Foundation) program "Opera, Organ and More."

The acoustics in our sanctuary are wonderful and the joy of musicians who have performed here. They welcome the opportunity to be at Old South Haven Presbyterian Church.

We are blessed not only with these two gifts but with a Caitness Grant in 2010 that permitted repairing cracked plasterwork and repainting of the interior of the sanctuary, as well as to improve our outdoor lighting.

This fall we will be offering one or more additional music programs. On Saturday evening, September 7 we will be presenting a program titled "Salute to American Composers" first performed at First United Methodist Church of Port Jefferson earlier this month. The performance was under the direction of Daniel Ragone, the accompanist and arranger for the "Opera, Organ, and More" programs. Later we plan a program featuring an exciting Afro American Pianist, Jerome Malry, who resides in East Patchogue and Chicago.

What a wonderful opportunity to offer these programs to the South Shore Community.

Clerk of Session

Sean Moran

Old South Haven Hosts Long Island Presbytery

Old South Haven played host to the Presbytery on April 16. Thanks to all those who volunteered, and special thank you to Darcy Stevens for her great organizational skills in putting all the pieces together. It was a great day.



Members of the Presbytery of Long Island meet at Old South Haven Church, April 16, 2013

The 2012 minutes were received by the Presbytery of Long Island for review with no exceptions in April.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be on June 25 at Mattituck Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery will be holding their annual Visioning Retreat in September around the 27 or 28. Location to be determined.

If members of the congregation have concerns regarding the church, services or something seems out of place, please do not hesitate to bring the concern to a member of the Session. Our phone numbers are on the back of the bulletin.

Little Shelter Animal Shelter will be holding their 16th Annual Pet-A-Poolza adoption event on

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August 17 and 18 from 9AM to 6PM. Please come and join Little Shelter at this fun family event. There will be hundreds of adoptable pets available (cats and dogs). The day is filled with plenty of activities for the children, huge Chinese Auction, live entertainment, BBQ, rescue groups and more. What better way is there to have a great time and help support Little Shelter at the same time. Little Shelter is located at 33 Warner Road in Huntington, NY.

Setauket Presbyterian Church recently formed a group called: "Long Island Job Seekers Group". As a mission and outreach to all of their neighbors looking for help in their job search, Setauket Presbyterian Church has started a monthly educational, networking, and outreach program.

The group meets on the first Saturday of the month at 9 AM with coffee and fellowship beginning at 8:30AM. Practical topics such as resume writing, networking, interviewing, salary negotiations, personal finance, and the emotional strain of unemployment is discussed.

It is open to the public. For more information contact Ron Loveland: ronloveland@hotmail.com or at the church address of 5 Caroline Ave. Setauket, NY 11733.

Old South Haven is now on Facebook. It is another avenue we are using to keep members informed of what is going on with church and congregation. Facebook URL address is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/203915322967133/>



Good Friday 2013

Members of Old South Haven Presbyterian and St. James Episcopal churches walked and prayed the Stations of the Cross along Beaver Dam Road. They began at the St. James' Edgar Avenue Prayer Garden and ended at Old South Haven on South Country Road.



In the evening, we joined with the Bellport Methodist Church for a Good Friday service.

Music Department

Mark Quintana

The music program at Old South Haven is going well. We have a dedicated core group of talented vocalists in the choir who perform on a regular basis and enhance our worship service. It is a pleasure to lead this group and see the singers advance in musical ability and confidence.

We had the opportunity to perform for Palm and Easter Sunday this year. Joe Porcelli has been providing us with his fine trumpeting skills for a couple of years now, and is always a special compliment to the anthems performed by the choir. He is now studying at Queens College and plans to be a music educator in addition to his professional trumpet playing. We wish him the best of success.

Speaking of education, Kevin Barry has graduated from Suffolk Community College with honors on May 19th. He will continue his studies at Stony Brook University and have a fine career ahead of him in whatever endeavor he chooses to pursue.



On Pentecost Sunday the choir sang the impressive anthem "All Earth Rejoice with Gladsome Voice". This selection is based on a canon by Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi and shows the fine 4 part singing we have been working to achieve in the choir's vocal capability.

The choir will be on hiatus for the summer season. Hopefully, we will have an opportunity to give some "special music" during the summer months from various musicians from the choir and general community.

A very blessed and enjoyable summer is wished for our church family from Mark Quintana and the Old South Haven Church Choir.



AA Groups Provide Air Conditioner for Carriage House and Assisted in Steeple Repairs.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the various AA groups that use the Post Carriage House, a large capacity air conditioner has been provided. AA members also provided the labor and materials needed to install the through-the-wall unit.

AA members also arranged for the repairs to the steeple shingles that blew off during winter storms. Thanks to the Brookhaven Fire Department for providing the aerial bucket.

Board of Deacons

Judith Bird, Chair

A meeting of the Deacons took place on March 19 at the Manse with Lorraine Gallo, Catherine Kellogg, Judi Bird and Pastor Tom Philipp. The group discussed the role of the Deacons and tasks to be assigned to each Deacon.



Judi Bird, Chair of the Board of Deacons

It was decided that ministering to our members by sending cards, gifts when appropriate and visitation to hospitals or homes was imperative. Arranging for transportation to church-related events was also important. Anyone in need of transportation, please notify Pastor Tom at (631)289-2030.

Deacons may serve as "greeters", maintain a flower chart and deliver food to the food pantry, as well as arrange for church dinners. We decided it is important to divide these tasks and involve all of the Deacons.

Cathy Kellogg reported that there is a favorable balance in the Deacon's Treasury. Some of these funds may be utilized to accomplish the above tasks. The Deacons met with the Session on June 17, 2013 to discuss the duties of the Deacons. The Session provided some valuable information and guidance.

The committee would like to thank the members of the congregation and friends of the church for their support through generous donations.



Welcoming Transgender People

On June 2, 2013, Old South Haven Presbyterian Church offered a program titled "[Welcoming Transgender People](#)." The speaker was Juli Grey-Owens.

Juli is a Long Island and New York State Transgender Community Advocate. She is a Board Member of the Empire State Pride Agenda; the New York State LGBT Advocacy Organization; Chair of the GLBT. She speaks regularly at churches and



OSH supports Encampment for Citizenship

Elder Jason Neal attended the Encampment in 1991. He credits the program, which is an experiment in diversity and democratic living, with giving him the tools he needed to become more active in civil discourse, civic engagement, and community leadership. This year the Encampment will be hosted by Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA from July 1 to July 15.

Two local youths, Cameron Trent and Mikeem Henderson, both Bellport High School students, have been selected by the Encampment for this summer's program. In addition, Jason's young cousin, Nzingha Primus, who has visited Old South Haven on several occasions, has also been selected for the program. When participants return to their communities, they are mentored by Encampment alumni, and complete a community service project, which requires them to use their new leadership and community organizing skills.

Jason volunteers as a recruiter and fundraiser for the Encampment for Citizenship, and asked the Session of Old South Haven to support these young citizens and the mission of the Encampment. The Session voted to make a \$150 donation to the Encampment and include a brief introduction to the Encampment for Citizenship during a worship service in a Minute for Mission.



Yard Work

On Saturday, June 22, volunteers removed overgrown brush at the front of the church along South Country road. Six trips to the land fill were required. Workers were Pastor Tom, Alan and Darcy Stevens, Sean Moran, Kappy Tilney, John Deitz and Richard Thomas. More work is planned to be done.



public forums about the need for statewide Transgender Civil Rights. She lives in Huntington with her wife Barbara.

In announcing this program Pastor Tom said, "There has been much progress made in society and in the Church to welcome Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual persons into acceptance and participation in the life of our institutions. The same cannot be said for Transgender individuals. The Session offered this program as an educational event to better understand those whose identity or behavior falls outside stereotypical gender expectations." About twenty members of the congregation and community attended.

Plate auctioned at Pot Luck Supper

On the evening of Sunday, May 19, we held a [Pot Luck Supper](#) in the Carriage House. Over twenty OSH members came out for food and fellowship. At the end of the supper, Elder Nancy Best raffled off a limited-edition commemorative Old South Haven Church plate, designed by the Col. Josiah Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Several church members already possess such plates, but many do not. One hangs in the Narthex of the church. Elder Best, who already had one, saw this as an opportunity to share some of the church's heritage, and also raise funds for the church. The money from the raffle was donated to Old South Haven.



2013 Morning Worship Assignments July - September

DATE	GREETER	LAY READER	COFFEE HOUR
7/07	K. Tilney	Joann Neal	K. Tilney
7/14	J. Barry	K. Barry	Burgess/Gallo
7/21	L. Gallo	D. Mayo	Tilney/Wiswall
7/28	Joann Neal	S. Moran	Best/Bird
8/04	K. Tilney	C. Taylor	Neal/Unny
8/11	S. Moran	B. Mullahy	Tilney/Fuka
8/18	L. Gallo	F. Decker	Laface/Scott
8/25	L. Majowka	L. Scott	Stevens
9/01	K. Tilney	D. Jones	Frankie/Majowka
9/08	M. Unny	Barry	Best/Bird

Property Committee

Kappy Tilney

Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden, due to Claudia Taylor's dedicated efforts, is beginning to emerge from its overgrowth. When loving care and hard work are applied, amazing floral surprises may be re-discovered.

When thinking of pulpit flowers in memory of a loved one, perhaps consider perennials that can be planted in the garden's shady environs.

Tree planted, dedication to be announced

On Thursday, May 30, a tree was planted on the church grounds near the walkway leading to the outdoor play area of the Carriage House. A site was previously selected by the Buildings and Grounds committee. Donated by OSH member Claudia Taylor, the tree was transported from her property to the church by Deacon Joann Neal, and planted by Claudia Taylor and Elder Jason Neal. A date will be set for the

dedication of the tree, which was planted in honor of Rev. George Borthwick, who was the pastor of Old South Haven Church from 1935 to 1940, during which time he authored *The Church at the South: A History of the South Haven Church*.

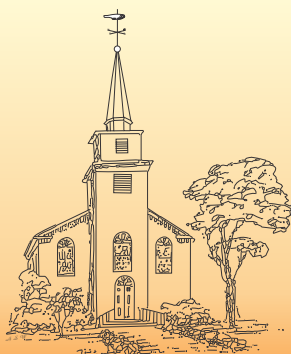
More than a church history, it has been acclaimed as a chronicle of the beginnings of the first English-speaking settlements in all of what is now the state of New York. Rev. Borthwick died on December 5, 2004 at the age of 92. More information about Rev. George Borthwick can be found in his obituary here:

<http://www.brycefunerahome.com/borthwickgeorge.htm> or at <http://brookhavensouthhaven.org/HamletPeople/tng/getperson.php?personID=17642&tree=hamlet>

Thanks to Claudia Taylor, Joann Neal and Jason Neal for all their hard work.



Claudia Taylor stands beside newly planted tulip tree sampling. The sampling is a daughter of a large tree at her home, the former Manse, and said to have been planted at the time of Rev. Borthwick's pastorate.



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