
FISHERS ISLAND UNION CHAPEL

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

SUMMER 2019

Dear Friends,

All over America there is a lament that people aren't going to church like they used to. No doubt attendance is down on Sundays compared with recent decades. But I want to share with you that this is not entirely bad news. Denominational leaders are seeing this as an opportunity in work clothes -- and they are encouraging churches to review their purpose, open their eyes to new opportunities to serve, and revitalize their congregations with new ways to be the church.

The results are innovative and exciting. There are now churches thriving as they meet in cafes, gyms, public parks, etc. There are churches that unite people who are entrepreneurs, for example, and support them as they unite business goals with sustainability and service to people in need. I have a colleague who for a long time had a weekly dinner at her house for her daughter's friends. Afterwards she would read a scripture, lead a discussion, and offer communion. She called it "Dinner Church." The girls loved it and in this non-traditional way, enabled her to share the love of Jesus.

At Union Chapel, such creative ideas might one day find a place in our fellowship -- or perhaps not. We already enjoy vitality in many ways: steady attendance, generous giving, and relevant outreach. But it is still good for us to look in the mirror from time to time to review where we are and where we would like to be as a community centered on the gospel message. To that end, on June 30 our trustees and deacons will meet as a part of a process of carefully, prayerfully considering new ways of being the church on Fishers Island.

Churches may sometimes feel that they are on their own in seeking new direction. But before Jesus ascended to heaven, he promised the disciples they would be "clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). And they were! On Pentecost, the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, giving birth to the church.

There may be some bad news in terms of church trends, but nothing -- absolutely nothing -- can diminish the good news of Jesus' saving love for all humanity! As we proceed in faith, we can trust that Holy Spirit will empower us to share that good news in ways that are relevant and life giving. And perhaps hear it ourselves anew.

A safe and happy summer to all, and may the Spirit rekindle in all of us joy in living out our call!

Blessings,

Candy

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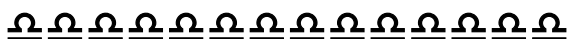
CHURCH BUSINESS HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday

10:00am – 1 pm

Tuesday – 10:00am – noon

Closed all other days



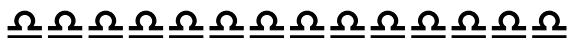
THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER ANGELS FOR FLOWERS AND SOCIAL HOUR APRIL - MAY 2019

SOCIAL HOUR:

Anita Fritze	Michele Klimczak
Sharon Patterson	Laura Edwards
Diane Dexter	Candy Whitman
Fran Roethgen	Ellen Parker

FLOWERS:

Easter donations	Michele Klimczak
Laura Edwards	Susie Renna



For the Lord God is a sun and shield,
and bestows favor and honor. No
good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly. O
Lord of Hosts, blessed are those who
trust in you!

- Psalm 84:11-12

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“Wireless communication is nothing new.
I’ve been praying for 75 years!”



Need some info about church?

In addition to our quarterly
Chapel Happenings, please
check out other ways we share
timely information and news
about events: the church
website (fiunionchapel.org),
“fishnet” (www.fishersisland.net), and our
Facebook page!



We gratefully accept requests to send you *Chapel
Happenings* via email. Please contact Diane at
fichapel1@gmail.com. Thank you!

Organist Glenn Orkney returns this summer!



Enjoy the beautiful organ
music at Union Chapel by
Glenn Orkney on June 23,
July 14, August 4, 2019.
Welcome, Glenn!



LIGHT THE STEEPLE MINISTRY

A soft light has been installed inside our “steeple” to be lit from sunset to midnight. The Trustees invite you to “Light the Steeple” in honor of or in memory of a loved one by donating \$25 to Union Chapel. Just submit the form below, and we will light the steeple on the appropriate week and print this remembrance in our newsletter.

LIGHT THE STEEPLE FORM

In Honor of or In Memory of (circle one)

Name

Given by

For the week of

Make check payable to and mail this form to:
Fishers Island Union Chapel, P.O. Box 192, Fishers
Island, NY 06390.

THE STEEPLE WILL BE LIT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

July 1-7:

**In memory of Mary Bereday,
Anne Burnham and David Burnham
Given by Krysia and Stephen Burnham**

July 14-20:

**In memory of Melanie Petti
Given by Peggy Petti Elliott**

August 18-24:

**For Gardner and Lynch Gordon Carney
Given by Lauri and Tim Carney**

UNION CHAPEL SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Our regular monthly events include...

Communion Sunday, 10 am - First Sunday
Ladies' Potluck Luncheon, Noon - First Monday
Summer Bible Study: Mondays, 4 pm at the church
on July 8, 15, 22.

Deacons' meeting – noon, Second Friday
Trustees' meeting – Noon, Second Monday
Open Book Group – throughout the year
Library Book Club – 7 pm, Second Thursday

Leadership Meeting

A follow up leadership meeting will take place
Sunday, June 30 from 11:30 – 1:30 pm to set
priorities for our direction in the year ahead.

We remember with
thanksgiving our dear member
and friend

CONSTANCE WHITE
(May 5, 2019)

A memorial service for
Constance will take place at
Union Chapel on
Saturday, June 22 at 11 am.

Our Easter Pageant and Monthly Service



On Sunday, May 5 the church school put on play telling the story of the first Easter. Future family services are in the offing and will be announced!



Beach Church is back!

Union Chapel is pleased to once again offer this additional summer service for those who enjoy this alternate form of worship. All are welcome! We meet Sundays, Dock Beach, 8:00 -8:30 am in good weather. Beach church this season will run Sunday, June 30 through August 18.



Don't think that God can't use you
With talents small and few.....

Remember that the mighty oak

Was once a nut like you!

-from Now Open Sundays,

by Rev. Paul Sinclair



We are saddened at the
passing of Carol Ann Peffley
and offer our deepest
sympathy to her sister Barbara
Hoch and all her family and
friends.

CAROL ANN PEFFLEY

November 11, 1935-May 9, 2019

SILVER LAKE SEND-OFF!

**Four Island children look forward
to another session of faith and
fun!**

We are excited to again provide camperships this summer. Four Island children are very excited to be returning this summer for a week of their choice: Dylan Doyen, Maddie Lusker, Anthony Toldo, and Christina Toldo.



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FAIR HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to all who worked hard and made our spring fair fund-raiser a success!

Winners of the Raffle prizes:

Gift basket by Mary Pankiewicz went to Ian
Fishers Island Pillow by Laura Edwards was
won by Patty Faulkner, and the “mystery prize”
(a sandwich grill) went to _____.,



Supporting our pollinators with native flowers



Fabulous Food Team: Molly, Evan and Nicholas



Ever popular gently used golf balls. Thank you, Mary!



Lydia sells David Burnham's catchy creations!



The beautiful bake table! Fran Roethgen and Susie Renna sold lots.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Over the winter it was discovered that some issues with the floor of the Thrift Shop would require the floor to be replaced.



Thanks to the hard work of our sexton Tim Patterson, and the efforts of our Trustees to move everything out of the shop, the shop is now receiving this major upgrade. Extra measures have also been taken to reduce moisture getting underneath the floor.



Thank you to Dirk Harris and his crew Louis Horn, JR Edwards for a quick turnaround for us at a busy time of year!

According to Louisa, the Thrift shop will be open for business as soon as possible!

Union Chapel joins our
community in mourning
the passing of Islander

DON BROWN

January 26, 1961- April 30, 2019

FI THREE CHURCHES GOLF TOURNAMENT

It was a day of fun for all – the 23rd Three Churches Annual Golf Tournament. A special thank you to all UC committee members and others on the committee who spent many volunteer hours to make this such a success.

Committee members this year included: Laurie Finan, chairman; Ace Ahrens, Gail Cypherd, Diane Dexter, Tom Doherty, Matt Edwards, Dirk Harris, John Klimczak, and Joe Rogan.



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:

The Enduring Story of Job

This summer Union Chapel will hold its usual ecumenical Bible study three Mondays at 4 pm in July: July 8, 15, 22. We will be exploring the ancient book of Job as it seeks to answer questions we still have today. Join us! We will meet at Union Chapel as air conditioning might be desirable!



Easter Flower Dedications 2019

In Memory of Lawrence and Bertha
Baldwin
Given by the Geist Family

In Memory of Peter George Bryan
Given by Miggie and Barry Bryan

In Celebration of my grandchildren and
great grandchildren
Lauren, Justin, Anthony, Hailey and
Ryan
Given by Diane Dawson Dexter

In Loving Memory of Meaghan
Patterson Carter
Given by Tim and Sharon Patterson,
Roc and Mindi Pierce and
Martin Patterson

In Celebration of my Union Chapel
Church Family
Given by Rev. Candace Whitman

In Celebration of Otis and Aurelia Horn,
Frank H. Handy, Jr. and Cynthia Riley
Given by Luis and Sue Horn

In Memory of my sister, Marcia,
my brother, Edward and Mom and Dad
Given by Laura Edwards

In Memory of Peter Trowbridge Cook
Given by Steve and Cynn timer Cook

In Memory of Karl E. and Frances M.
Fransson
Given by Karl, Martha and Julia
Fransson

In Memory of H. Catherine Ladd
(sister)
And Donald Pelham (husband)
Given by Mary Jean Pelham

In Loving Memory of Grayson and
Mary Murphy
And Gunther Fritze
Given by Anita Fritze

In Celebration of Family
Given by Harry and Ellen Parker

In Memory, Honor and Celebration of
Our Loved ones Past and Present
Given by Sarah Porter, Maxine Arnold
and Families

In Memory of Lee and Martha Ferguson
And Anne and Brad Burnham
In Honor of Joan Burnham
Given by Heather and David Burnham

In Memory of Nancy Gerry,
Ray Gary. Peter Lord
And Harris Parsons
In Honor of Merritt, Nate, Emily and
Bryan
Given by the Brinckerhoffs