

September 2009

Church Herald

Stony Brook Community Church, United Methodist

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Children and Youth

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON 9/13

We are having a "kick-off" pancake breakfast in the Education Building at 8:45 A.M. EVERYONE is invited -- not just the children and their families. We'll be entertained by some of the children with their music and will have an opportunity to answer any questions regarding the Sunday School format, curriculum, etc. Please plan to attend --

If anyone is interested in being a Sunday School teacher, please speak to Kate Martin or Wally Robinson.

We are excited about the upcoming Sunday School year and look forward to seeing all of you on 9/13!

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN -- the Sunday School children have been collecting "loose change" from the congregation during the Sunday Coffee Hour time. Their goal is to collect and send \$30 month to World Vision. This money is being used to sponsor a child -- a seven-year old boy named Carlos from Mexico. We will be having a Mexican dinner sometime in September to celebrate Carlos and the children's efforts.

MAKE A SCARECROW -- At this year's Apple Festival, we're adding a new "attraction/activity" - "Make Your Own Scarecrow" -- we are looking for donations of "scarecrow-worthy" clothes (old jeans, flannel shirts, hats, etc.) for this project. There will be a bin in the Community Room where you can place these items - call Sue Murphy at 871-2368 if you have any questions.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Stony Brook Community Church Fall Apple Festival and Fair

Saturday October 3rd from 11 am – 5pm

Volunteers are needed!

Look for the sign up sheet in the downstairs room.

Choir

Choir will resume rehearsing on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7:30.

We welcome back former singers and hope to hear some new voices too! All are welcome to come and sing with us.

Celebrating 200 years

THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TO SPEAK AT STONY BROOK COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Robert J. Williams, The General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church will speak at Stony Brook Community Church during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Dr. Williams has served as the General Secretary since 2006.

Stony Brook Community Church is celebrating 200 Years of Methodist ministry in Stony Brook. The church had its origins at a home on Christian Ave. near Hollow Road. It then moved to a small church near its current location at 216 Christian Ave. The present church building was erected in 1860.

Dr. Williams' message will put the wonderful heritage of the Stony Brook Community Church into the context of the Methodist Movement of the mid-nineteenth century and in particular, Methodism on Long Island.

The September 20th event will be a prelude to the major anniversary celebration scheduled for Sunday, November 15th at 3:30 pm in the sanctuary followed by a dinner in Fellowship Hall. At that time, Bishop Jeremiah Park, Resident Bishop of the New York Annual Conference, will be preaching and several former pastors will be participating.

Dr. Williams is a clergy member of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. He has served as the General Secretary of Archives and History since 2006. He also serves as editor of Methodist History. Prior to his present appointment, Williams served local churches in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. He has taught at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and has taught United Methodist studies at Princeton Theological Seminary.

For additional information on all Anniversary Events or other activities of the church, please call the church office at (631) 751-0574

United Methodist Women

Sharpen your pencils and bring your calculators to the first UMW meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30pm in the downstairs Church Community Room. All women of the congregation are welcome. At the business meeting we'll study future allocation of monies on hand and distribution of Pledge to Mission funds.

Please turn in your Pledge monies if you haven't already done so and we thank all who have contributed. The inspiring stories of women at work around the world helping those in need are found in Response, the Women in Mission magazine, which is in the Community Room for circulation.

Have your irons and scissors ready if you'd like to participate in the final assembling phase of our banner to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of our Church! (date and time to follow)
It is evolving with the help of creative and knowledgeable members, under the direction of Nancy Hall, at the Parish Resource Center.

**Third Annual Three Village Auction For a Cure
Basket Raffle to fund research for APS Type1**

Saturday, October 17th, 2009

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Setauket Fire House

Main St. & Old Town Rd. Setauket, NY

Sherri and David Seyfert, on behalf of their son, Matthew

If you have any questions, or would like to help us by contributing a basket or making a monetary donation, please contact

Sherri or David Seyfert at 631-751-3732

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View last year's event and sponsors at www.fielddepth.com/apstype1benefit

The Faith We Sing

In June we purchased 100 copies of the supplemental songbook, *The Faith We Sing*, to enhance our Sunday morning worship experience with songs outside the hymnal.

We are offering you the opportunity to purchase these new songbooks in order to memorialize or honor a loved one or to dedicate them to the glory of God.

Please use this form and send it with your check made out to the **SBCC Memorial Fund** to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Note on check "memorial songbooks".

Name: _____

I wish to donate _____ songbooks at \$12 each.

Total: \$ _____

(Check made out to the **SBCC Memorial Fund** enclosed)

Please inscribe my book(s) in the following way:

Given by _____

In Memory Of _____

In Honor Of _____

(still living)

To The Glory of God (circle)

