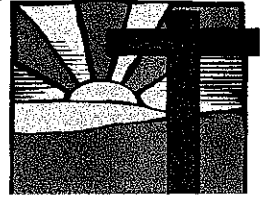


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Spring Fever!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

3rd-Tina Barclay
4th-Ryan Kellam
5th-Jesse Turner
6th- Mark & Peggy

Kite

12th-Grace Fromm
12th-Scott Elzey
13th- Barb Cook
24th-Isabella Swineford
30th-Josie Elzey

February

12th-Steve Andorfer
14th-Jason Horne
16th-Steve & Connie
Andorfer
17th- Clarence
McAfee

March

1st- Kim Chaney
19th- Troy Drayer
22nd- Amanda Drayer
24th- Joyce Leinbach

Two Horses

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.....

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing

If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell...

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives. To help us when we are in need...

Sometimes we are the blind horse, being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way...Good friends are like that. You may not always see them, but you know they are always there.

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours. And remember...

Be kinder than necessary-
Everyone you meet is fighting
Some kind of battle.
Live simply,
Love generously,
Care deeply,
Speak kindly.....
And leave the rest to God!

FOR WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT!

Top 10 Reasons for Joining the Choir!!!

10. You're running out of clean clothes and the choir robes save on laundry.
9. You've just been selected for jury duty and want to get used to sitting with a group of people.
8. Your church is so full you want to ensure that you always have a seat.
7. The collection plate is never passed to the choir.
6. There's a clock at the back of the sanctuary and you want to be the first to know when it's 12:00.

Upcoming Events...

3-7-11 Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

3-14-11 Cluster Meeting @ 7:00 pm (Uniondale UMC)

3-21-11 Fellowship Breakfast @ 8:15 am



5. The preacher is new and you want to be close by in case he says something heretical.
4. For years, you've wanted to know who sits in the back pews, but were always afraid to turn around.
3. You've been known to nod off during the service and don't want the preached to catch you.
2. The chairs in the choir are the most comfortable in the sanctuary.
1. Your favorite movie is *Sister Act*.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

4-17-11 "Palm Sunday"

Children's Special Music

4-21-11 "Maunday Thursday" service
@ 7:00 pm

4-23-11 "Stations of the Cross"
8:00-8:00 pm

4-23-11 Community Easter Egg Hunt at Uniondale Ballpark (More details to come...sponsored by the local Uniondale churches)

4-24-11 EASTER SUNDAY
Fellowship Breakfast @ 8:00
Special Music

Confessions of a Single Girl, living in a small town...

Last Sunday, we had a 5th Sunday celebration. Our theme was the Potter/Clay analogy. I had found what I wanted to share; however, I left it at work. I worked all day Saturday to try and find it. I did not. So I had to go back to the drawing board. I ended up find something from the internet that made this analogy very real to me. I hope you enjoy it!! :)

"When it comes to spiritual matters—God is the Potter, the Creator, and we are the clay. The world says we should never give up our rights because if we do, we will lose everything! God says, 'Give up your rights and you will gain everything!' When we surrender, we gain everything that is important. In order for God to make us into what He wants us to be, we have to become pliable and willing—like clay. We must come to Him, placing ourselves in His hands, the Potter's hands. Total surrender demands that we come with no agenda, no pre-set conditions—giving Him permission to bed us, break us and change us. We sometimes come to God, with a hardened heart and brittle spirit. Life has broken and damaged us and the wrong hands have molded us. Remember, how we come to Him is not nearly as important as the fact that we come. As we give up control to Him, like a Master Craftsman, He begins to work patiently and lovingly, with a specific plan and one-of-a-kind design in mind. He works through circumstances as well as people, through joy and pain, victory and defect. He filters every part of life through His plan for us and uses it to create a life of worth and meaning."

Is it easy to give up control to Him? I struggle with this every day. But God is a patient God and He is constantly with us. I pray that as your relationship with God continues to grow that you allow Him ultimate control of your life. You won't be disappointed...

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Prayer Petitions

Our Country
Foster Children/Foster families
Our Servicemen Abroad
Our Missionaries
Norman Jackson
Helen Trout
Opal Gilbert
Unemployment
Campus Life students/directors
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Homeless people
Crops & Farmers
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Please join us for a new Sunday school series entitled, *"An In-depth look at the Last 5 Days of Jesus' Life"*. This will begin on 3-6-11 and will go through to Easter Sunday. Please contact Pastor Troy if any questions.

