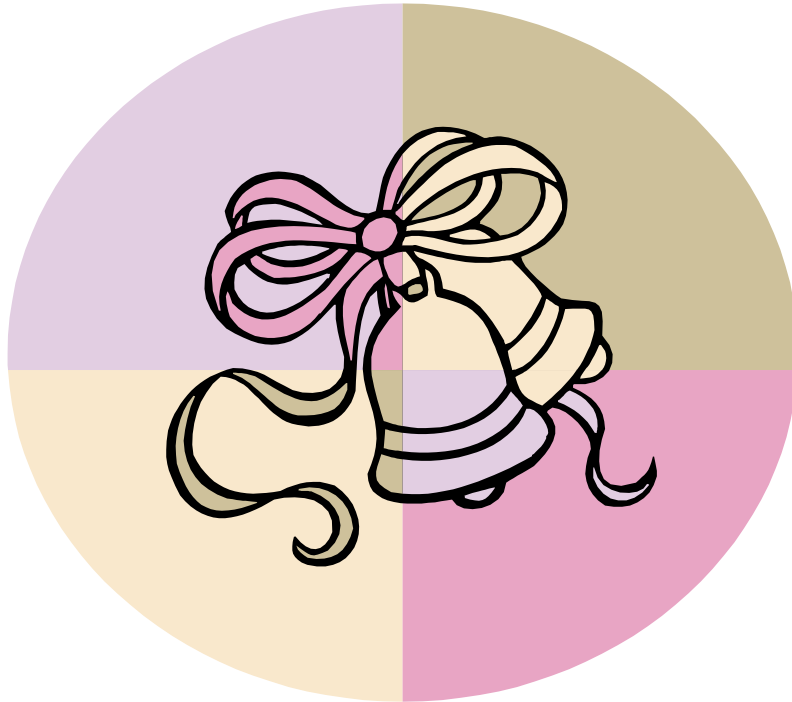


THE BELL
The Newsletter of the
Drew United Methodist Church
May 2011



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The Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor

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9:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
Saturday, 7:00 p.m. Worship

From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are now in the Easter season. That's right, Easter doesn't last for just one day, and we at Drew will be celebrating new life during the month of May! Join us as we bring new life and hope to those with MS through Team Donna Lou and the MS Walk, celebrate mothers and grandmothers on May 8 and learn about our spiritual gifts for service, plant a garden together on May 15, as we make our commitments to serving God (you will hear more about this soon), celebrate baptisms of children, and celebrate ways we can "Change the World" together with a special weekend May 14-15. Join us for fun and fellowship at our Silent Auction and be renewed through spending time with friends over a Taste of the Town that evening, while bidding on unique items and helping your church to fund its mission and ministries. Join us for worship on Saturdays and Sundays, and you never know how God will bring new life to you through Jesus Christ.

The Risen Lord appeared many times to His followers long ago. If we want to see Him at work in the world today, we have to get involved. There is something for everyone to do for God. All you have to do is find your passion and your gifts and dedicate them to His glory. I hope and pray that May will be a time of renewal for you and that by committing yourself to God, you will see God's miracles unfold in surprising and wonderful ways. Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Karen

The Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor



SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY

Sunday, May 1 st	Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31	Second Sunday of Easter; Communion Sunday and Baptism of Tate Alexander Cunningham
Sunday, May 8 th	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35	Third Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
Sunday, May 15 th	Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10	Fourth Sunday of Easter; Commitment Sunday and Garden Sunday
Sunday, May 22 nd	Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14	Fifth Sunday of Easter; Celebration Sunday
Sunday, May 29 th	Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21	Sixth Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY SERVICES IN MAY

Due to Popular Demand

Soup, Sandwich and Service will continue Saturday Evenings starting at 5 PM, with service following at 7 PM. Beginning on May 7, we are starting a six week in depth Spiritual Gifts Class. In order to secure materials for this class notify: Bill Listwan, wlistwan@aol.com or Kathleen Reynolds, klreynolds@comcast.net As the weather continues to warm we will plan to grill and study outside.



Silent Auction



Live Auction BUY-IT-NOW

Saturday, May 21st @ 6:00 pm

Admission Only \$5, Includes:

- *Taste-of-the-Town - a Smorgasbord of Signature Dishes of Local Restaurants*
- *Silent Auction of gifts and gift certificates from area restaurants and businesses and eye-catching items for the collector and bargain-hunter in all of us*
- *Live Auction of fabulous items you won't want to miss*

On Saturday, May 21st Drew will be sponsoring a Silent Auction to raise funds for the General Ministries of Drew Church. It will be a "fun night out" including good food and fellowship and lucky bidders will take home great gifts.

The Silent Auction Committee is actively collecting donations from local merchants, restaurants, service providers and individuals. **We can use your help!!!** Please see Andrea Saddler or Kathy Fleming to get letters that can be shared with local merchants to help solicit donations or let us know if you have items that you would personally like to donate. Address questions to Andrea Saddler (279-1257) or andrea.dibrienza@pepsico.com.

Here is a sampling of some items that will be up for auction:

- Wallace Nutting Framed and matted Photos - "Comfort & the Cat" c.1907 & "Mirrored" c. 1915
- 200 gallons home heating oil from Sclafani Petroleum
- Acoustic Guitar
- 4 Tickets - Brooklyn Cyclones (NY Mets Farm Team)
- Doggie Grooming Basket & Travel case

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS/FOOD SERVICES?

The Silent Auction Committee is planning a "Taste of the Town," serving a smorgasbord of lip-smacking "Signature Dishes" from your favorite restaurants. We need your help to ask for their donations. You will be supplied with helpful "how-to" guidelines.

Please check the lists in the Sara Harrison foyer and sign up. You may also ask any of the committee for further information.

Thank you for your help and come enjoy the food, auctions and fun on Saturday, May 21st at 6:00 p.m. Invite your friends and relatives. They'll be glad you did! It's only \$5 for all that!

(Andrea Saddler, Kathy Fleming, Dagmar Swanson, Dee Seftner, Ellie Arnholm, Ann Reilly, Charles Shaffer and John Parish)

A NOTE FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

I'm sure most of you have noticed the changes in our worship service. The worship committee's new initiative is to organize the service so that there is a more continuous flow of energy centered on reflection, meditation, inspiration, prayer, and worship.

We do apologize for the abrupt change in the parish notices earlier this month. Our committee agreed that on some Sundays the length of the notices affects the continuity of the service, but we realize now that our implementation was a bit quick.

We have heard your comments and as an act of compromise we have decided to try moving the parish notices to the beginning of the service and to return to the practice of allowing members of the congregation to make their own announcements. We do ask, however, that you sit in the choir loft by the organ as you make a brief announcement about a current event in the life of the church. (at the completion of which you may move to your preferred seat) We ask that you embrace this change for a few weeks and then we will gladly entertain your comments. This change will be implemented the first Sunday in May.

-Debbie Murnan, Worship Chair



Progressive Mixer Dinners: May 6th, and June 3rd

This series of three dinners was designed to extend our fellowship beyond Sunday after church and provide a means for new and old members to get to know each other. Couples and singles will be arranged in groups of 6 to 8 people and convene at a different member's house each month. The host home will provide the dinner entree while other visiting participants will provide appetizers, side salad and dessert. While not a true progressive dinner where participants travel from house to house over the

course of one evening, members will progressively get to know more of the membership, as each month participants will be paired with a whole new set of members. If you are interested, but can't commit to all of the dates or cannot host such a group in your home, indicate so on the sign-up sheet and we will make accommodations. We want everyone to participate in any way they can....the only requirement is a good appetite and a yearning for good Christian Fellowship! If you have any questions, call Mary Hedman at 845-225-8414 or e-mail to mwallacehedman@hotmail.com. Sign-up sheets are posted outside the gym.

"Change the World" Weekend

We will be having a "Leave a Can or Take a Can" Dance on Saturday, May 14th as part of "Change the World" Weekend. Admission to the Dance will be canned food items or monetary donations. Those who cannot make a donation due to personal need will be welcome to take a food item that has been donated for themselves. All food and monetary donations collected will be donated to Putnam CAP, one of our local food pantries. As this is a service project, we're asking for volunteers from the congregation to help make this dance a success. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Bill Listwan (wlistwan@aol.com).



On Sunday, May 15th, Re-Think Church will sponsor coffee hour outside on the Thrift Shop front lawn (weather permitting). We will also be holding a Drum Circle at that time to bring attention to hunger globally. Any donations given at this event will be sent to Change the World and will be distributed for this purpose by them.

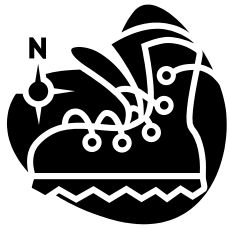
Please join us as we help to "Change the World" and have a lot of fun in the process!

What if Drew went out to serve the community?
What if Drew had a second Day of Service in 2011?
Would you participate?

RETHINKCHURCH

Drew's Second Day of Service
Saturday September 10, 2011

More to come.....



Spirit Walkers (Ecumenical Hiking Group)

*God spoke, "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature
So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,
The birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself,
And every animal that moves on the face of the earth." Genesis 1:26-28*



On Sunday April 10th, six of us headed out for our hike up Shenandoah Mountain in Fahnstock. We started at the Appalachian Trail on Long Hill Road and marveled at the view from the top of the mountain. As we all were sitting and chatting and reading scripture, along came two hikers and their cute little dog, Buster. They were retired school teachers from Ohio who have been hiking the Appalachian Trail from Pennsylvania. Buster, their dog, even had his own little back pack and he received love and pets from all six of us. You never know who or what we will encounter along one of our hikes, or the stories you will hear of other people out enjoying God's creation.

Join us on Saturday, May 21st for our first "bike hike," a journey along the Dutchess rail trail from Wassaic to Millerton. Round-trip, this fairly level ride is 21.4 miles. Bring your own bikes and helmets and meet us at the parking lot at the Wassaic Metro-North Station (along Route 22). Participants are free to spend the day in picturesque Millerton, home to Oblong Books & Music, Gilmor Glass and the Harney & Sons tea house and gift shop.

Please contact Bill Listwan (wlistwan@aol.com) for more information.

Camping News!

Our 2nd annual camping trip will be Friday, August 12th to Sunday, August 14th at Kingswood Campground in Hancock, NY. More info to come. If you are interested in joining us for a weekend of fun and Spirit, please see Bill Listwan.

If you would like to be on our e-list for the year's schedule and any updates, please send a message to drewumc@verizon.net, subject line "Spirit Walkers." All hikers must have a signed waiver on file with the church prior to hiking with us, and, if age 18 or under, a signed permission slip.

We look forward to seeing you as we explore the beauty of God's creation!

April Lay Leader Report

Have you noticed the new bulletin boards in the hallway opposite Gould Lounge? They are laden with current District and Annual Conference information. They are an offering to Drew UMC from my household in an effort to keep you informed of opportunities to learn and participate with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the NY Annual Conference. We are part of a larger connectional ministry and this is an example of our apportionment dollars at work. Now I understand the word "apportionment" is a dirty word to many but it is something that requires acceptance if we plan to continue as a United Methodist Church. Now allow me to be clear, accepting something doesn't necessarily mean we like or agree with something; it means we support it despite our differences. The Apostle Paul speaks of "unity in the midst of diversity" on more than one occasion in the Bible, so there must be some importance to this concept. I pray we can come to terms with all our differences and work together for the Glory of God.

We are soon going to be able to certify a Safe Sanctuary Policy for Drew UMC and this will make our church an outstanding church. In 2000, General Conference determined all churches were to have a Certified Safe Sanctuary Policy and they were to be in place as of 2004. Currently only 1 in 3 churches has a certified policy in place; therefore a certified policy would make us better than 2 other churches. Why you may ask? Because we have taken measures to keep our youth, missions and ministries safe. This is unmistakably worthy of bragging rights. Please visit the bulletin boards to view our current policy and to view the definition of abuse and the statistics that currently apply to our district and annual conference. I attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees regarding the needs they must address in order for the Trustees themselves and the church as a whole to approve the policy. Please note this has been a passion of mine for some time and the hours of preparation that I have put into this endeavor encompass a lot more than April but warrants mentioning the effort in this report.

This past month has indeed been very busy as we prepared for Easter during the Lenten Season. As most of you know I continue to participate in the laity-led Saturday service and I have to thank Bill Listwan for arranging the monologues these past several weeks. We also began a soup, sandwich meal and fellowship Bible study during Lent prior to our weekly service during the Lenten Season. Also I was privileged to teach a full six week course in Spiritual Gifts at Grace UMC in Newburgh's Lenten School that spanned the 6 Sundays in Lent. The folks participating in Drew's light meal and study have requested to continue this activity so I will offer the same six week in depth Spiritual Gifts Study starting in May.

Lastly, I would like to report attending Safe Sanctuary Workshop at the Learning Center in White Plains with Bill Listwan; it was a 4 hour presentation. Also I attended a Healing Conference at Jesse Lee in Ridgefield CT, a daylong event with Fr. Nigel Mumford, an Episcopal priest. I found these experiences to be very informative, inspirational and personally enriching. I pray others will join me in the future to share in the joy and the experience.

Last on my list of activities to report, I have served as coordinator Tuesday afternoons at the Thrift Shop, which has opened for the 2011 season. Also I wish to extend a thank you to all participating in the MS Walk, helping Drew to support Team Donna Lou this year. Not only are we serving a worthy cause, we are also recognizing one of our stoic members and a sister in Christ suffering from the symptoms of this extremely disabling and currently incurable disease. And a special thanks to Brad of Excel Printing for providing us with the free banner I designed and hung for display in front of our church advertising our support for and effort in the Annual Walk MS Putnam.

Finally, as we prepare for Annual Conference this year please inform me of anything you wish for me to bring to as well as take home from this annual event. It is imperative you know that I will make certain your concerns are addressed and I will also vote your conscience as you make me aware of your desires within the guidelines and according to the Book of Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Reynolds, Lay Leader



A two hour GIFTS CLASS being offered on Sunday May 8th after the coffee hour.
This class will require a short inventory to be prepared before you take the class.

You will discover gifts you may not know you have.
 Please see Bill Listwan or send him an email (wlistwan@aol.com) to let him know if you plan on attending this class.

Thrift Shop News



Come take a look at what's new in the Thrift Shop this spring. The shelves are brimming with collectibles and household items of all sorts and the racks are bursting with spring fashions. And, thanks to all the hard work of the Thrift Shop Volunteers, the shop looks great!

As in previous years, the shop hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am until 4 pm and on Saturday from 10 am until 2 pm. There is also a regular crew that works to stock and straighten the shop on Wednesday afternoons beginning at about 4 pm. Please contact any member of the Thrift Shop Board if you are interested in giving us a hand.

Come, stop in, and be a part of what's happening at the shop – as a shopper, as a donator of merchandise, as a helper, or any combination of the three. Participation of all kinds is appreciated. See you in the shop!

Thrift Shop Board for 2011

Gayle Aprile	621-0426	Kathy Fleming	225-5943	Brett Mitton	855-4761
Ellie Arnholm (Ad Council Rep.)	531-1383			Pat Recchia	225-4238
Lori Duke	878-1064	Bill Listwan	225-2122	Dee Seftner	225-9630
Tracie Duncan (Treasurer)	225-1393	Heather Listwan	225-2122	Barbara Thibodeau	225-8218



The Board of Trustees continue to review all church ground projects past and present to determine our next course of action to develop. Calling all lawn mowers: 'tis the season again for lawn care and the Board is looking for volunteers who might be interested in being in the lawn mowing rotation. The more volunteers we have, the fewer burdens on just a few people. There is a brand new lawn mower to utilize and it is quite easy to operate. Please email Corina Waldrup at hallcorina@yahoo.com if interested, as the board would like to schedule the whole summer, as opposed to month by month. Thank you to all those members who assisted with the spring cleanup in April, all help was appreciated. We are looking into sand removal from the parking lot as that is one of the last spring cleanup projects to finish. As always we welcome questions and concerns from all congregation members.

-submitted by Corina Waldrup

Finance Committee Report - YTD 2011

	2011 Actual	2011 Plan	Actual vs. Plan
Income:			
Pledges/Offerings/Gifts	23,317	26,390	(3,073)
Thrift Shop	0	0	0
Use of Facilities	7,393	7,500	(107)
Other	9,988	8,825	1,163
Loan From Holding Acct	15,000	0	15,000
Total Income	\$ 55,698	\$ 42,715	12,983
Expense:			
Administration	28,591	29,633	(1,042)
Christian Education	288	375	(87)
Operating Expenses	15,657	10,906	4,751
Program & Worship	872	287	585
Maintenance & Repair	14,556	14,687	(131)
Evangelism	233	197	36
Apportionments	0	7,689	(7,689)
Total Expense	\$ 60,197	\$ 63,775	(3,578)
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(\$4,499)</u>	<u>(\$21,060)</u>	

In the first 3 months:

- Pledges/Gifts are running about **15%** less than budget
- Fuel oil expense has run almost **\$5,000** over budget
- As expenses have vastly outpaced income, we have borrowed **\$15,000** from the holding account.

Do you bank online? Would you like the convenience of having your weekly or monthly pledge paid automatically from your checking account? You can, simply set up a new payee for Drew United Methodist Church and have your check sent to:

Drew United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 900
Carmel, NY 10512

Most banks will even let you setup an automatic recurring payment!

You get to benefit from not having to order as many checks and no longer need to write out the check every week/month. Drew gets the benefit of a more steady income flow during the months where attendance is light and will not need to order as many envelop sets in the future.

Any questions, please ask Chip Waldrup.

For those that wish to continue to use the check and envelope system, please write your name on the envelope in the space provided to ensure you are credited accordingly.

PLEASE HELP!!!

We will once again be collecting Health Kits to bring to Annual Conference this year. Following the disaster in Japan, we can all see how needed these simple basic needs are for so many people. There will be signup sheets on the Annual Conference Bulletin Board (outside the gym) to choose which items you would like to bring in. We will then have an evening for assembly of these kits.

UMCOR Health Kits

Health Kit Items

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27"). No kitchen towels.
- 1 washcloth.
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized).
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers).
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up. Please no Ivory brand soap. It melts during shipping!)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes).
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages.
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste
(NOTE: UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.)



UMW: Bring your BIRTHING KITS to Annual Conference
Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz. and up)
- 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- 1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting
- 3 pieces of clean string each 12" long
- 1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrap the blade in paper or plastic to protect it and keep it from causing injury)
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard

IMPORTANT PACKING INFORMATION

1. All items included in kits must be **NEW** items.
2. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations.
3. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.
4. Do **NOT** include any personal notes or additional materials in the kits (other than the \$1 for toothpaste). These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Please bring your completed kits to the Arena at Annual Conference from Wednesday, June 8 through Friday, June 10.

Natural Church Development

The Natural Church Development Committee would like to thank all the members of the church who gave their time and effort to fill out the survey forms. The forms have been sent to Germany to be reviewed and the results were returned. The committee met with Ann Pearson, our representative from the conference, to review the results and begin to develop an action plan for our church response. We will be

meeting weekly after Easter to continue this process. Our meetings will include hearing a section of an audio CD supplied by Natural Church Development each week for four weeks and reacting to the CD. As a result of these work sessions we will develop an NCD program to begin in our church in September. Stay tuned to the committee for developments. Jim MacDonald

United Methodist Men

The mission of the General Commission on United Methodist Men, and the local Church Men's Group, is to assist men to know Jesus Christ, to serve Him, to grow spiritually and seek daily to do his will.

The Drew United Methodist Church Men's Group meets every third Sunday of the month at 7:15 am in the gym for devotions, breakfast, study, fellowship, and programs. This month, join us on May 15th.

The first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 am, all men are invited to gather for breakfast, fellowship, and a short devotion at George's Place Restaurant (up the street from the church on Gleneida Avenue). This is a diverse and ecumenical group of men from many churches around the Hudson Valley. This monthly event was started many years ago by Les White, and it continues to draw people in from many of our surrounding communities and churches.

Website News

Wes Mackenzie is re-designing Drew's website. Please submit your photos of events and activities at Drew to Wes directly at wmackenzie@gmail.com!

Check the website regularly for recent newsletters, bulletin announcements, and more. A Drew's Blues Kitchen page is a recent addition.



MTE Production: "Steel Magnolias"

There is still time to get your tickets, but hurry! Shows are Thursday, May 5th at 8:00 p.m., Friday, May 6th, at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, May 7th, at 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 8th, at 2:00 p.m. A percentage of ticket sales benefits Drew UMC, as well as all refreshment sales. Enjoy the show!



MISSIONS COMMITTEE



Here we are into New York's spring season and we ask you to take advantage and let the warm, bright days come in 24/7.

- Join us in the one-day seminar, "Doing More with Less" for non-profits on June 14 at the Mahopac Library. Your fee of \$30 will be paid from Missions seed money.

Inform Mariah in the church office (845)-225-2019 if you plan on attending.

- Every fourth Sunday during Worship we continue to collect food items for the Putnam Community Action Program. This agency, based in Brewster, recently celebrated its 25th year in existence with a luncheon that we attended.

FREE: America's top professors are putting their courses on line.

Free classes are a click away- here are a few:

-academicearth.org

-youtube.com/education

-khanacademy.org

openculture.com - (a smart guide to free audio books, language lessons, academic podcasts, classes, and intelligent video sites).

provided for and with Drew Missions Committee

CELEBRATION SUNDAY!!!

This past month we lifted our celebrants on their significant day in prayer and joyously celebrated the following birthdays and anniversaries during fellowship: Birthdays: Michael Mastrantoni, Keith Bowman III, Edythe Puckhaber, Michael Spruck, Judy Danner, Max Wheeler, Mariah Warren, Rob Quigg, Haley Maglio, Mia Antonucci, Lauren Oakes, Ken Laundhardt, Betty Naber, Rob Arnold, Matthew Fahy, Eddie Swanson, Mary Wheeler, Skyler Lane.

Please remember to lift the following May Celebrants on their extraordinary day in prayer: Birthdays- 2nd- Anaka Christophers ; 5th- Maggie Pouder & Dustin Worster; 6th- Bill Listwan & Kelly Mertens; 7th- Lauren Hazelton & Barbara Thibodeau; 16th- Carly Regan; 17th- Elisabeth Berg & Ron Link; 21st- Ryan Walsh; 22nd- Nicholas Spruck; 26th- Tracie Duncan; 31st- Tom Arnold; Anniversaries- 2nd- Rev. Karen & Ron Burger; 4th- Brian & Melissa Gray; 27th- Keith & Angela Bowman.

Be sure to join us on Celebration Sunday, May _22nd, when these persons will be recognized and we celebrate life!!!

*Contact Mariah in the office if your name was omitted and you wish to be included.

“DON’T FORGET THE WORDS TO OUR CELEBRATION SUNDAY SONG”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, ANNIVERSARY, TOO-

WE CELEBRATE WITH YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU, TOO!

Heartfelt Thanks to...

- Our coffee hour hosts and hostesses for April: Judy Danner, Kerry O’Connor, The Flemings and Kathy Pressler.
- Drew’s Blues Kitchen Planning Team, chaired by Kerry Browne and Founder CJ Harp, the Evangelism Committee, and all who helped or took part in our Grand Opening on April 2nd. It was a beautiful show and drew people from the local community as well as the church. Thank you to Rev. Karen for all her help and for taking part on saxophone and vocals. Thank you to Eddie Reilly for a great DVD and refreshments.

- Don Wiggins and the Drew Chancel Choir and Children’s Choir, and “Music at Drew,” for special seasonal music, including Faure’s “Requiem.”
- Tom Arnold and Alan Lounsbury, for playing their instruments for our Easter Sunrise Service.
- Thank you to Joy Link for her child care during Sunday services and to Elain Abraham-Rigo for providing child care on Easter.
- All who have been sharing their testimonies during Sunday worship in April, including Kerry Browne, Betsy Jones and Tom Sherry.
- All who have submitted written testimonies for the church bulletin... thanks for sharing how God is at work in your life!

Congratulations to...

- Heather Listwan, upon becoming a local church lay speaker following her coursework at our District’s Lenten School... we look forward to hearing Heather speak again in the near future.
- Nancy McAlley on her Celebrant Graduation

Our Condolences to...

- The family of Walter Dean, brother-in-law of Flo Dean, upon his passing on April 14th.
- The MacDonald family, upon the passing of Jim’s mother, Aileen MacDonald, on April 25th.
- The family of Jean O’Hara, confirmed and married at Drew, and an employee of Putnam National Bank for 47 years. Rev. Burger officiated at her funeral and interment on April 27th. Wayne Ryder was one of the speakers.

Tribute Gifts

Donor

Dorothy Sinatra
Jim & Patty Turco
Dee Seftner

In Memory Of

Bernice Britton
Jean O’Hara
Aileen MacDonald

Memorial Gifts

Donor

Rev. John H. Maltby

In Memory Of

Vera Poulsen

Tribute gifts may be given at any time in honor of someone, or of an occasion such as an anniversary or birthday, etc.

Forms are available in the church office and in each edition of The Bell.

“Love never ends...” (1 Corinthians 13:8)

Looking Ahead... Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, May 1st
May 5th-8th
2:00 p.m. Saturday &
Sunday
8:00 p.m. Thurs., Fri.,
Sat.
Friday, May 6th

MS Walk, Team Donna Lou
Mission Theatre Ensemble’s “Steel Magnolias” at DUMC.
Adults- \$18; Seniors/Students- \$16. See
www.missiontheatreensemble.org for more information. Groups
of ten or more can reserve reduced rate tickets (\$13.50); call
David at (845) 207-6994 to reserve yours!
Progressive Dinner

Sunday, May 8th Spiritual Gifts class following Worship
 Saturday, May 14th "Change the World" event- "Take a Can, Leave a Can" dance, 8:30 p.m.
 Sunday, May 15th Drum Circle to fight hunger globally (during our coffee hour)
 Saturday, May 21st Spirit Walkers bike hike- Wassaic to Millerton
 Silent Auction, 6:00 p.m., with "Taste of the Town"

DEADLINE

Articles for the June issue of The Bell are due:
Wednesday, May 18th

Acolyte Corp

CRUCIFER - ACOLYTE - PAGE SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday,</u> <u>May 1st</u>	<u>Sunday,</u> <u>May 8th</u>	<u>Sunday,</u> <u>May 15th</u>	<u>Sunday,</u> <u>May 22nd</u>	<u>Sunday,</u> <u>May 29th</u>
C - Dustin Worster	C – Christian Ross Jones	C - Emily Giordano	C – Ryan Walsh	C – Sean Walsh
A – Christa Pease	A – Amanda Gregis	A - Kyle Roth	A – Lily Escamilla	A - Christa Pease
P – Keith Bowman	P – Sam Duke	P - Drew Schnaudigel	P - Johnathan Schell	P – Keith Bowman

***REMINDER:** If you are unable to make your scheduled date, please find a replacement from the list of crucifers, acolytes, and pages, and notify Sean Walsh (878-4549) by **Wednesday** of that week, who will be taking your place.

Lay Reader Schedule

<u>Sunday,</u> <u>May 1st</u>	<u>Sunday,</u> <u>May 8th</u>	<u>Sunday,</u> <u>May 15th</u>	<u>Sunday,</u> <u>May 22nd</u>	<u>Sunday,</u> <u>May 29th</u>
Charles Shaffer	Stu Summers	Debbie Murnan	Tom Arnold	Mary Hedman

***REMINDER:** If you are unable to make your scheduled date, please find a replacement from the list of Lay Readers, and notify Mariah (225-2019) of your replacement by **Wednesday** of that week, for the bulletin.



"GREENING" THE CHURCH THROUGH RECYCLING

We would like to recycle as many waste products as we can to protect the environment. Please remember the following:

1. Our recycling center will **only** accept **numbers 1 or 2 plastics**. All other plastics should be thrown in the garbage. Numbers 1 or 2 plastics should be placed in the recycling bins in the kitchen or the bin outside the kitchen door.
2. Corrugated cardboard (cardboard with lines in it) is recyclable and should also be placed in one of the above mentioned bins.

3. All office paper printed or not is recyclable and there are boxes in the narthex and the church office where you can deposit paper.

Thank you for your help. -Jim MacDonald

Staff Parish Relations (SPR) Committee

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is the administrative unit at Drew United Methodist where staff and congregational interests are integrated to focus on the mission of the church. The SPR has some of the same functions of a personnel office or Human Resources department in other organizations. The SPR has primary responsibility to work with staff so that the mission of the church is realized. (Adapted from [*Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2009-2012: Pastor-Parish Relations*](#), pp. 6-7. Copyright © 2008 by Cokesbury.)

In Drew, our SPR Committee consists of 9 parishioners that represent a cross section of our congregation. Our role is to ensure that our staff has a vehicle to discuss job related issues. We, in turn, ensure alignment of staff to our church's mission and goals. This committee is one of many "parts of the church" that make Drew the vibrant church that it is!

-Karen MacKenzie



Prayer and Healing Opportunities for You

Healing Conferences at Jesse Lee Memorial UMC, Ridgefield, CT:

- October 21-22, 2011, Julia MacNutt, wife and prayer partner of Francis MacNutt of Christian Healing Ministries, and Linda Strickland: "Healing in Our Families"
- Information available at www.prayandsee.org

Public Healing Services: held every last Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Soaking Prayer Services: held every 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Jesse Lee Chapel

Altar prayer after each Sunday service (8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.)

Prayer Appointments available.

For more information, contact Jesse Lee Memorial UMC at (203) 438-8791

Community Prayer Gatherings

The Putnam Leadership Prayer Committee wishes to invite you to a time of prayer and reflection. On the first Tuesday of every month, all are welcome to gather at Cornerstone Park in Carmel (opposite Carmel Diner) to pray for our national, state, and local leaders, and for the various needs of people in our communities. Prayer runs from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m., and we will be prompt! NOTE: There will be no refreshments served during these gatherings, however, feel free to bring your own coffee if you wish.



Remember in Your Prayers

Our Bishop, the Rev. Jeremiah Park
 The Rev. Jeannette Bassinger-Ishii, our District Superintendent
 Men and women of our Armed Forces and their families
 For the people of Japan
 For expectant and new mothers
 For those seeking to become pregnant
 For peace in the world
 Persons seeking healing in their marriages and families
 For those seeking jobs
 For those in transitions and decision making
 Persons battling addictions
 Persons in recovery
 For all who suffer depression and mental illness
 Our college students
 For all of our church's ministries
 Ellen Abraham (Elain's mother, had kidney transplant)
 Anthony and Elvira Aguiar (Pam Jackson's grandparents)
 Gene Angelo
 Ann Apgar (Elizabeth Triano's mother, for good health)
 Maggie Applegate (for healing from cancer)
 Thelma Arbogast (for good health)
 Susan Arnold (for healing)
 Marguerite Aumann (friend of Bill & Heather Listwan, for God's comfort and peace)
 The Barry family- prayers for Jake
 Heather Bianco (for healing from Lyme disease)
 Isabel Bond (friend of Barbara White)
 Jane Bowman
 Larry Bowman (for good health)
 Robert Bowman
 Maude Boyce (at Salem Hills)
 Ian Brent (for good health)
 Ellen Browne (friend of Robin Lounsbury, with stage IV lung cancer)
 Kerry Browne (for God's help in his job search)
 Del Burger (Ron's father, at Gardner Heights Rehabilitation Center)
 The Carlson family (upon the passing of Jean O'Hara)
 Loretta Chappell (for healing from cancer)
 Peggy Colonna and family (upon the passing of Joe Colonna)
 David Colucci
 Rosemarie Cox (upon the passing of her Pretty Princess)
 Jennifer Crowell (Barbara White's great-niece, permanently paralyzed from the chest down)
 Michelle Dalton (healing of back injury)
 Willie Daleney and family (for God's strength, undergoing chemotherapy)
 Flo Dean (for good heart health)
 Maurine Dean and family (upon the passing of beloved husband and father, Walter Dean)
 Joe DeMaio (for good health)

Joanne DeRescigno
 Dale Donato (praises for good news)
 Erin Duke
 Lucille Duke (for good health)
 Elaina (recovering from spinal surgery)
 Jack & Lois Engleman (Rev. Karen's parents; praises for good health, for safe travels in February)
 The Falcone family (upon the passing of Detective John Falcone)
 Cindy Fletcher
 Mary Frenchman (for healing from breast cancer)
 Carol Fusco (for healing)
 Pat Fusco (emphysema)
 Andrew Gallino (for good health)
 Helen Gilbert (friend of Dean Saddler's daughter, healing from bone marrow cancer)
 Gerry Gmoser (for healing)
 Bobby Gokey (healing from amyloidosis)
 Barbara Gregis
 Dorothy Guidice (Jennifer Bowman's aunt)
 Edward Guidice (Jennifer Bowman's uncle)
 The Guglielmo family (upon the passing of Jerry)
 Dr. Melvin Hall (for God's continued anointing and blessings and good health)
 Thomas Hansen (Cheryl Wild's brother, chemotherapy for lung cancer)
 Janet Haswell (multiple sclerosis)
 Jackie Hebrank (for healing and strength)
 Robert Jackson (cataract surgery, Rob's Dad)
 Janice Jorgenson (Joanne Ocskasy's mother)
 Ernie Kidd (for good health)
 Family of Nancy LaScala (Michael and sons Michael and Matthew)
 Edward Lavelle (for healing)
 Margaret Lavelle (for healing, Amelia's sister-in-law)
 Pat Ledley (for healing from cancer)
 Mildred Lee
 Liam
 Diane Listwan (Bill Listwan's mother)
 Jessica Listwan and Ava Listwan
 Kim Listwan
 Bob Loso, Jr. (for healing of his heart)
 Sue Loveland (for healing)
 John Lynch (Bill Listwan's brother-in-law)
 Alison Macaiak
 Family of Aileen MacDonald (Jim's mother, upon her passing)
 Jonathan Mackenzie (for good health)
 Sgt. William MacKenzie (for God's daily healing and blessings, healing of a blood clot)
 Judy Malin (Kym Malin's mother)
 Kym and Kyle Malin and family
 Frieda Margolus
 Marcelino Marquez, Jr. (Marine in Afghanistan)
 Dawn Mitchell (Heather Listwan's sister-in-law, for healing)

Debbie Murnan (for good health)
 Chris Murphy (for healing of lymphoma)
 Betty Naber (for good health)
 Mary Nichols
 Ray Ohrable (for God's strength and help)
 John Parish (for continued healing of lung)
 The Penndorf family
 Mike Pisito (Joe DeMaio's uncle, heart condition, for God's peace)
 Alison, Rebecca & Theresa Porteus, and George Porteus, Jr. (Jackie Hebrank's relatives)
 The family of Vera Poulsen
 Cullen Powers (for God's strength)
 Edythe Puckhaber (for good health)
 Daniel Reekie
 Eddie Reilly (for good health)
 Cathy Riley (upon the loss of her mother)
 Sarah Russell (for strength, healing and help)
 Valerie Rutledge (for healing from breast cancer)
 Katie Rhodes Scott (for healing)
 Kathy Ruhs (breast cancer)
 Abraham Sam (Rena Christophers' father)
 Lisa Schiavi (recovering from a stroke)
 Charles Shaffer (for strength and heart health)
 Olive Sinclair (for God's comfort)
 Cindy Snow (treatment of breast cancer)
 Richard Spicer (Donna Lou's father)
 Crystal Stacks
 Mae Stromsland
 Justin Studler
 Margaret Swift, mother of David Swift
 Carol Thompson (for healing from cancer)
 Barbara Toolan
 Max Wheeler (for God's daily blessings)
 Barbara White (for good health)
 Cheryl Wild and family (upon the passing of Cheryl's father, John Hansen).
 Julia Wild (recovering from strep throat)
 Gretchen Witt (for healing and peace)
 Carole Wyland (childhood friend of Susan Arnold, major heart problems)
 David Wylie
 Thomas Young (Cindy Gerber's father, for healing and strength)
 Eric Zicella (for healing following surgery; praises for good report)

NOTE: When names and situations on our prayer chain need to be updated or names added, please advise Barbara White (279-2160) or Rev. Karen (225-2019, 225-7992).

Drew United Methodist Church
Carmel, New York 10512
May 2011

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Second Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday Baptism of Tate Alexander Cunningham	2 Mariah out of office Stewardship Committee, 7:00 p.m.	3 7:30 a.m., Community Prayer Gathering, Cornerstone Park	4 Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Gould Lounge Committee on Lay Leadership, 6:30 p.m., WC	5 "Steel Magnolias" presented by MTE, 8:00 p.m.	6 Progressive Dinner "Steel Magnolias" presented by MTE, 8:00 p.m.	7 Meal and Study, 5:00 p.m., & Saturday Service, 7:00 p.m. "Steel Magnolias" presented by MTE, 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
8 Third Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Spiritual Gifts class, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary Saturday Service, 7:00 p.m. "Steel Magnolias" presented by MTE, 2:00 p.m.	9 Mariah out of office Trustees, 7:00 p.m., Gould Lounge NCD Team, 7:30 p.m., Weyand Chapel	10 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m., Gould Lounge	11 Worship Committee meeting, 6:00 p.m., Gould Lounge Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Gould Lounge	12 Natural Church Development meeting , 7:30 p.m., Gould Lounge	13	14 Meal and Study, 5:00 p.m., & Saturday Service, 7:00 p.m. "Leave a Can or Take a Can" Dance, 8:30 p.m., Gym
15 Fourth Sunday of Easter Commitment Sunday Garden Sunday 7:15 a.m., UMM Breakfast and Program Drum Circle during Coffee Hour (held on the Thrift Shop Lawn)	16 Mariah out of office Staff-Parish Relations, 7:00 p.m., Gould Lounge	17 Ad Council, 7:00 p.m., Gould Lounge	18 June "Bell" articles due! Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Gould Lounge	19 Natural Church Development meeting with Ann Pearson, 7:30 p.m., Gould Lounge	20	21 Spirit Walkers Bike Hike Silent Auction and "Taste of the Town", 6:00 p.m. Saturday Service, 7:00 p.m., with 5:00 p.m. Study/Meal
22 Fifth Sunday of Easter Celebration Sunday	23 Mariah out of office	24 Membership Committee, 6:30 p.m., Gould Lounge	25 Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Gould Lounge	26	27	28 Meal and Study, 5:00 p.m. & Saturday Service, 7:00 p.m.
29 Sixth Sunday of Easter	30 Memorial Day - office closed					



A Celebration of Life: Tribute Gifts

Tribute gifts are an excellent way to acknowledge special occasions in the lives of loved ones and friends. Instead of presents, Tribute Gifts can be given to celebrate birthdays, holidays, graduations, anniversaries or any other significant life event, such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Confirmation.

Tribute gifts are a very special way to honor the memory of a deceased friend, relative or colleague while conveying your sympathy to the family on the loss of their loved one.

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Carmel, NY 10512

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Thank you!



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- Thanksgiving Mother's Day Father's Day Speedy
- Other: _____ Recovery

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