

GRACE NOTES

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

One of the worst things about being in pain — whether physical or emotional — is the thought that you may have to face it alone. Holding out that pain-assessment chart with the 10 smiley-face icons on it — the one by the zero actually smiling, and the one by the number 10 twisted up in agony — the nurse is doing more than simply asking a question. “I know you may be in pain,” the nurse is saying, “and I want you to know I haven’t forgotten you.” In such a tender time, the understanding presence of another human being is a great comfort.

We’re in a very different place, these days, when it comes to treating pain. But this doesn’t mean pain has been banished from our world. At times we may pretend that’s true — believing, against all evidence, it’s possible to have a pain-free life — but if we do, we’ll be disappointed sooner or later. There will come a time for all of us when we find ourselves hard up against some sort of pain — mental or physical. Modern medicine may blunt it, but is powerless to eliminate it completely. In such a time, there’s nothing to do but to seek spiritual resources for dealing with it. Such help comes not from within ourselves, but only from the One who, by grace, inhabits our hearts: the Holy Spirit of God.

Pain can be a powerful teacher. No one seeks it out, but when we do experience it, it’s possible, with God’s help, to turn it to the good.

Jesus doesn’t promise us a life that’s pain-free or trouble-free. What he does offer is inner healing, and the strength to persevere. This side of heaven, what more do we need?

Blessings!

Taka

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is a weekly publication of church notices. Comments directed to the pastor or church office are always welcome. The deadline for submission is Wednesday Noon.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sundays

8:30 a.m. – Preaching service, Holy Communion, Chapel

10:30 a.m. – Preaching service, Sanctuary

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. – Taize Service, Chapel

Worship attendance for May 30, 2010: 145

8:30 a.m.:22; 10:30 a.m.:123

Sunday School: Students: 11; Teachers: 5; Adults: 3

Nursery: 4; Helper: 1

NO UMYF

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please turn off or mute all electronic devices.

WELCOME VISITORS! We pray you experience God's presence among us. Please make yourself known to the pastor. After the 10:30 a.m. service, please join us in the Narthex for coffee and conversation. We appreciate your willingness to wear a name tag.

VISITOR'S PARKING: As a sign of hospitality, two spaces in the upper parking lot have been designated for visitors' parking. Please be sure the spaces are available for guests when they arrive. Take this opportunity to greet a visitor as you come or go.

OUR RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP helps us welcome our guests and members. Please write your name and address on the Friendship pads, located on the center aisle, and pass them to your neighbor.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS at both morning services may be obtained from an usher or greeter. These highlight the gospel reading. Colored pencils are provided for your convenience. Please return the pencils to the box in the narthex so they may be used next week.

LARGE TYPE BULLETINS AND HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

OUR 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE is recorded each week. To obtain a copy of any service for a nominal fee, speak to Pat Longway.

FLOWERS:

Chapel: Given in loving memory of her mother, Cora Plue, his sister, Virginia Campolucci, and Charles Wade by Julie & Gordon Lewis.

Sanctuary (Beside the Cross): Given in loving memory of John Harcarik by his wife Lillian and children, Ed, Donna, Bob and grandchildren.

CARE NOTES are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

8:30 a.m. Rev. Taka Ishii, Senior Pastor
Melodye Merola, Director of Outreach Ministries
Daniel Pettit, Director of Music Ministries
Jason Dokla, Usher

10:30 a.m. Rev. Taka Ishii, Senior Pastor
John Blossom, Lay Speaker
Daniel Pettit, Director of Music Ministries
Evian Crosdale, Youth Reader

ACOLTYE: Evian Crosdale

COMMUNION STEWARD: Mary Agostino

COMMUNION SERVERS: Rev. Ishii, John Blossom, Jim Sibley, Roena Littlejohn, Elijah Markes, Olivia Markes.

GREETERS: Barbara Nelson, George Nelson, Evian Crosdale.

USHERS: Kyle Bork, Opal Crosdale, Diane Strever, Don Wakeman.

TELLERS: Lorine Bilisko, Vinnette Fisher, Wyona Kaine, Shernice Mitchell, David Nelson, Rene Reed, Roland Wright.

NURSERY CARE: Donna Green, Carmen Williams – Infant to 5 years old.

WEDNESDAY, 6/9

COMMUNITY SUPPER

5:00 p.m. – Terry Perkowski, Community Supper Captain,
Golden Hill United Methodist Church cook, prep
Fairfield Rotary serve, clean up.

6:30 p.m. Taize Service – Chapel

Military personnel around the world, especially those affiliated with Golden Hill: Jason R. Carroll (Ida Radshaw's grandson), *SSG Kenton Corry* (son of Allen & Karen Corry), *Sgt Jeffrey Dick* (Lil Harcarik's nephew), *Spc. Peter Janoski*, *L Cpl. Stephen L. Kaine* (Wyona Kaine's grandson), *SSG Richard Perry* (son of Allen & Karen Corry), *Eric Petterson* (Ruth Hastings great nephew), *Mario Sanderson* (Icylie Satchwell's grandson), *Pierce Torrence* (Polly Torrence's nephew).

NY CONFERENCE CHURCHES IN OUR PRAYERS:

Holmes [NC]

Hopewell Junction: Wicopee [NC]

Hudson: Glenco Mills [CH]

Hudson: Trinity [CH]

Huntington Station: West Hills [LE]

Huntington:

Huntington & Cold

Spring Harbor [LE]

Hurleyville [CH]

Hyde Park [NC]

TODAY AT GOLDEN HILL:

The Worship Committee Needs Your Help. Each Sunday, when we come to Golden Hill, we are happy to be here and to see our church family again. It's a pleasure to visit with them. Unfortunately for the past few months, the visiting has been overlapping into the 10:30 sanctuary service itself. Conversations can be distracting to people who are praying or meditating in preparation for worship. The prelude begins the worship service and calls us all to focus on the word of God. You can help create the worship focus in two ways: When the prelude begins, bring conversation to a close. If the conversation needs to be finished immediately, please move outside the doors into the Narthex so that you can do that. If you have any questions, thoughts or suggestions, please talk to any Worship Committee member. Thank you for your help.

Mary Agostino

Chair, Worship, Music & Arts

To Reduce the Cost of Paper in the Church Office we will decrease the number of Grace Notes we print each week. We will no longer have the Grace Notes publication inside our order of worship. You can obtain your copy on the back table in the Sanctuary and Chapel or as an attachment in our weekly church wide e-mail "This Sunday at Golden Hill". If you want to be added on to our e-mail distribution list, contact the church office.

Kids' Club today is for children Grades 1 through 3. The children gather in worship, leave about 10:45 a.m. for their lesson until the end of 10:30 a.m. worship. Our leader is Carlene Campbell and our helper is Elizabeth Martin.

Coffee Hour follows the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Narthex. This week's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Barbara Lewis.

Greeting you after worship are Pastor Ishii and Melodye Merola.

When parking in the center of the upper parking lot during the 10:30 a.m. worship, please move your car immediately after service so no one will get blocked in.

Stop & Shop Fundraiser S&S Gift cards are sold every Sunday after chapel and before the 10:30 service. This Trustee sponsored fundraiser supports our Current Program costs. Don't forget to bring your checkbook and do your weekly grocery '*shopping*' every Sunday!

Do you have questions or suggestions about the Task Force presentation about the cost of beginning repairs on the church building? Each Sunday a table with relevant handouts and a suggestion box will be at the back of the Sanctuary staffed by a Task Force member. Feel free to stop by!

Steel Band Drum Rehearses this Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. We will be ministering through music again on June 20th during the 10:30 service. All sessions will be held in Locke Hall. We look forward to seeing you and having a good jam session.

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Stewardship Committee, Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor
Building and Property, Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Oak Room
SPRC, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

NEXT SUNDAY

Scripture: I Kings 21:1-21a, Psalm 5:1-8, Galatians 2:15-21,
Luke 7:36-8:3

The sermon texts are subject to change, but it is always recommended that the Lectionary scriptures be read each week. These texts are universally selected and read.

Blood Pressure Screening –Pauline Mendez will be taking blood pressure next **Sunday, June 13th** following the 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Nurse's Office.

UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, is it an organization or an event? BOTH! Bishop Jeremiah Park has extended an invitation to all United Methodists in the New York Annual Conference (that's us!) to attend a celebration of ministry on Saturday, June 12th. The celebration will be held at Hofstra University. We hope you will be able to attend this exciting event, friendly to folks of all ages. Cost for transportation and lunch - \$20. You can find a flier and sign up sheet on each of our bulletin boards.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES! If you or a family member is graduating this spring we want to know about it. We will recognize graduates at the 10:30 worship service next Sunday. We want to share in celebrating this life event with you.

Please send us your:

Graduate's name

School

Grade or degree completed

Future plans (if known)

Call the church office at 336-0152 as soon as possible or send by e-mail to: office@goldenhill.org.

OTHER NEWS OF NOTE

CAPITAL RENNOVATION COMMITTEE CALL We are truly embarking on the journey to rejuvenate our building. Your Board of Trustees has the responsibility to design and effect the actual work to best accomplish the renovation and we are doing just that. We do not want to overlook any resource within our congregation and therefore we are asking anyone who may be experienced, interested and enthusiastic about being directly involved in planning, organizing and controlling this work to contact Dick Deible or Dick Dmochowski to join us.

EVEN THOUGH GOLDEN HILL HAS ALREADY SENT 140 HEALTH KITS FOR HAITI to UMCOR, there is still a ongoing need among the people suffering from the effects of January's devastating earthquake.

We still have about 70 kits donated by the children of Six to Six Magnet School in Bridgeport which need one or two items to be complete. We need about **30 hand towels** (not kitchen towels), **30 fingernail clippers**, and **50 big, sturdy plastic combs (not the pocket size)**. Most of these items can be purchased easily at a dollar store. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we have a good supply of soap, toothbrushes, washcloths and bandaids. Please consider bringing in some of the needed items or making a donation to GHUMC for "Haiti health kits" to cover the costs of toothpaste and shipping. We would like to send these kits to the UMCOR truck at the NY Annual Conference to save on the expensive mailing costs.

GOLDEN HILL FACEBOOK PAGE – Did you know that Golden Hill has its own facebook page? Keep in touch with Church Events and other members through Facebook! Just search Under Group in Facebook for Golden Hill United Methodist Church. The church only has 9 members so far so let's get this cracking. Content on the site such as pictures or events are only seen by the members of the page for security purposes.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Weekly reflections on our membership vows to "covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, **our gifts**, our service and our witness."

Greetings,

"We have different gifts according to the grace given us. If a man's gifts is prophesying. Let him use it in proportion to his faith" (Roman's 12:6)

God gave each of us gifts (talents) and it is up to us to use it in a positive way.

As for me I'm Blessed with many gifts (talents). Growing up here at Golden Hill reinforced and strengthens my faith. I consider my faith as a blessed gift. It is a gift to share your faith with one another, for you are sharing a part of yourself and in turn it is a gift that keeps on giving. As stated in Matthew 25:14-30 "The Parable of Talents" is a great lesson to live by and follow.

Use your gifts and don't hide behind it, for everyone has a gift to share, that will benefit one another, no matter how small. Gifts don't have to be of a monetary value, but it would be appreciated in our time of need to keep Golden Hill going for many many years to come, for we are a family. So open your hearts, minds and arms to receive God's many gifts. The first step is to believe in him, and sharing what God has blessed you with.

I am so glad to be apart of God's kingdom to serve him here at Golden Hill.

May God continue to bless each of us.

Yvette Richardson

WEEKLY CALENDAR AT GOLDEN HILL

Sun. 6/6

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Chapel
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Classrooms
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir warm-up – Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Sanctuary
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour – Narthex
11:45 a.m. Praise/Gospel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Noon Christian Ed VBS Group - Parlor
12:30 p.m. Steel Drums Practice – Locke Hall
5:00 p.m. Steel Drums Practice – Locke Hall
6:00 p.m. Knitting Group – Church lounge
6:30 p.m. UMYF – Clubrooms

Mon. 6/7

2:00 p.m. Staff meeting – Pastor's office
6:30 p.m. Stewardship – Parlor
7:30 p.m. Building and Property – Oak Room

Tues. 6/8

7:00 p.m. SPRC – Parlor
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous – Clubrooms

Wed. 6/9

5:00 p.m. Community Supper – Locke Hall
6:30 p.m. Taize – Chapel
7:05 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal – Wesley Suite
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel

Thurs. 6/10

Fri. 6/11

Sat. 6/12

8:00 a.m. Bus leaves to Annual Conference – Hofsta University
6:30 p.m. Outside User – Locke Hall

Sun. 6/13

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Chapel
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages – Classrooms
9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir warm-up – Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour – Narthex
11:45 a.m. Praise/Gospel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Steel Drums Practice – Locke Hall
5:00 p.m. Steel Drums Practice – Locke Hall
6:00 p.m. Knitting Group – Church lounge
6:30 p.m. UMYF – Clubrooms
6:30 p.m. Tracing Our Roots - Parlor