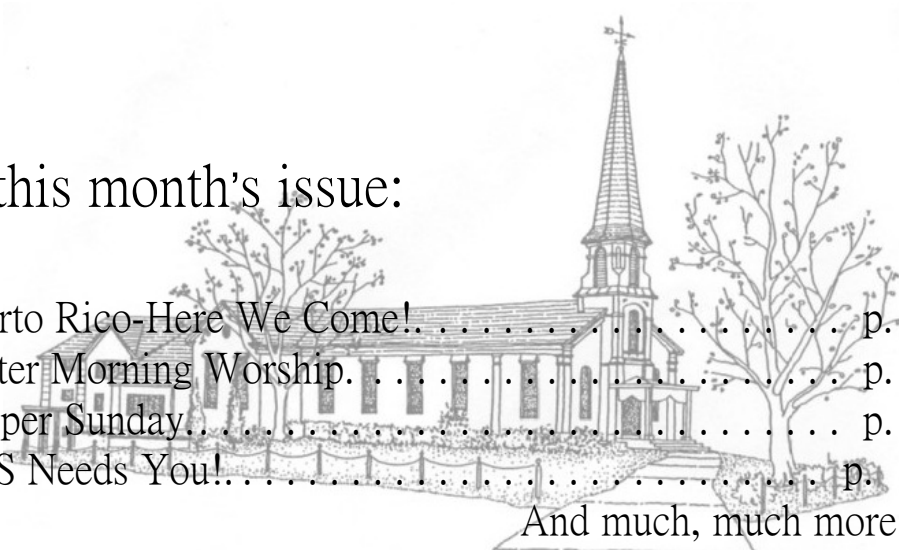


# The Invitation

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# Prayer Concerns



**World Concerns:** world leaders, people of Afghanistan, Iraq, Sudan, Iran, Liberia, Ukraine and Syria, peace for Jerusalem, our friends in Haiti, North Korea, Holy Spirit to transform ISIL/ISIS, Puerto Rico still without power & resources.

**Special Concerns:** Youth Group, Stephen Ministries, Hope For The Future feeds the homeless in NYC, Aaron, Holly, Anna, Daniel, Thomas and Bethany Hicks, Lisa, Steve, Elsa, Zodi, Moise & Thierry Schwind on Mercy Ship, Gene Heacock (Mission trip to Jamaica for 2 ½ months), YG mission trip to Puerto Rico

**Ongoing Concerns:** Jim Gilmore, Elizabeth Alberici, Brian Considine, Fred Mendez, Kim Haeg, Reg Minor, Cinnie Labrozzi, Butch Labrozzi, Jean Konkel, Linda Keenan, Janet Eliassen, Addis Costa, Terry Hoff, Janet Hansen, Mabel & Charley Ley, Daisy Clasing's family, Aldan, Philip Jensen, Kelly, Helga Cognato, Darlene Olsen, Bernie Stepnoski

**Military:** Vernetta Taylor, Shawn Fitzgerald, Corporal Kellie Stepnoski-Berry, Harrison Diehl, Brian de Boer, Private Andrew Czelatka, Private Andrew Jones, Katherine Bertuchi, Dr. Kerry Murphy

*Note: We would like to keep these lists updated. Please call the office with any additions or deletions. Thanks for your help.*



# MPC Youth Headed to Puerto Rico

Several members of our Youth Group will be heading to Puerto Rico this July 8-14<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with an organization called Team Effort; helping some low-income families clean up or restore their homes after last year's devastating hurricanes. Hurricane Maria did immense damage all across the island and the recovery is going to take a long time. Team Effort has already been serving this neighborhood for many years with teams of young people who come and hold VBS programs and do home repair and who share the gospel. Now they will build on the relationships they already have to help people in crisis.

Our team of youth and the chaperones include:

Pastor John  
Alex Nyilas  
Jonathan Nyilas  
Anna Cooper  
Robbie Cooper  
Seraphina Berliner  
Sadie Heston  
Savanna Kelly  
Olivia Minguela  
Jaimee Hanly



Please pray for our team as we prepare and raise funds. There will be some fund raising events during the year and you can sponsor people by taking an envelope from the bulletin board in the Narthex and returning it to the office or dropping it in the offering plate. The envelopes have various levels of support that you can choose from and help send this group in Christ's name.

At the end of the month (Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>), we will have a Puerto Rican meal fund raiser and Chinese auction. Please come and support this great effort and savor the flavors of some great Caribbean food. (See the next page for more information.) You can help make life a little better for people who have suffered a terrible blow. God Bless, John

**More about the July 2018 youth mission trip to Puerto Rico to help rebuild after the devastation from Hurricane Maria, under the direction of TEAMEffort Missions:**



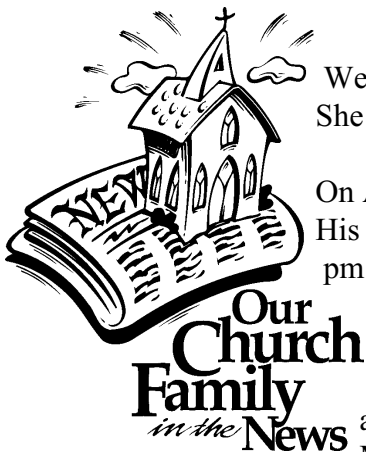
**You are cordially invited to a fund raiser luncheon on  
Sunday, April 29th, after the 11:00 am service.  
A delicious Puerto Rican-themed menu consisting of  
chicken, rice and beans, plantains, salad, and dessert will be served.  
No tickets necessary!**

**A Chinese Auction is planned and a Free Will offering will be taken.  
Here is a sampling of what will be offered:**

- ▶ Photo by Rory Mcnish
- ▶ Painting by Eileen Cooper
- ▶ Painting by Richard Denning
- ▶ Several wonderful surprises from Salt Air Farms
- ▶ A Quilt by Peggy Rose
- ▶ Gift cards to various Love Lane stores
- ▶ Gift card to Elbow East Restaurant
- ▶ Picnic lunch for 6, coffee cake and cole slaw, and a year of seasonal desserts from Jeanne Berliner
- ▶ Bird Watchers basket from Pat Hanly
- ▶ International coffee and tea basket
- ▶ Gift baskets from several local wineries
- ▶ Gift basket, including a gift card from Briemere Farms
- ▶ Gift Basket, including a gift card from Hair Experience
- ▶ Mommy's Time Off gift basket, including a 1 hour massage from Bette at Hair Experience
- ▶ Handmade wood clock and cutting board by John Rose
- ▶ 4 admission passes to Harbes Barnyard Adventure

And More!

See you there.



We wish to send our love to the family of **Faith Tiner**, who passed away on February 17<sup>th</sup>. She was the director of East End Hospice for many years and a good friend to MPC.

On April 7<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the life of **Gary Kron** at a memorial service in the sanctuary. His wife **Bette and family** will be up from Tennessee to join us. All are welcome to the 1 pm service with a repast to follow. Gary passed away on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

We received a note from Jeri Bird. Her husband, **Sam Bird**, passed away on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Sam joined our church in 1949 and was a Deacon at MPC in 1960. They moved away in 1967. There will be memorial service on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bayside United Methodist Church, 38-20 Bell Boulevard, Bayside NY. We send our condolences to Jeri and her family on the loss of Sam.

We also wish to send our condolences to the family of **Jackie Whalers**, the former secretary of MPC, on the death of her daughter, **Kim Egner**, who passed away on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Kim lost her mother, Jackie, a year or two ago. Please keep Amanda, Kim's daughter, in your prayers.

Our love and sympathy to **Shuana and Jay Rose** on the death of Shuana's mom, **Deirdre Graham**, who passed away on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

We celebrated the baptism of **Elijah Mark Johnson** on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. His parents, **Joshua and Lauren Johnson** and big brother **Brandon** were there to join in the celebration with Elijah's godparents, **Brian Downer & Brandi Stein**. Please keep this family in prayer.



One Great Hour of Sharing  
Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Special Offerings for  
Hunger - Disaster - Development  
Please Give Generously.

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Easter Worship - April 1st  
8:30 & 11:00 am

Easter Dawn Service  
Sunday, April 1st, 6:30 AM

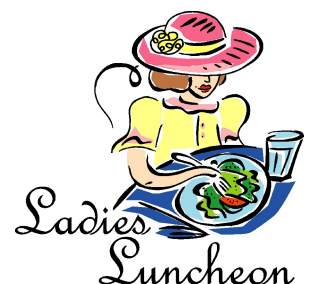
Pequash Club, Cutchogue (at end of Pequash Avenue on right)  
All are welcome to this beautiful service.

If you are willing to bring a baked good, help us set up and/or break down, or if any youth in 6th - 12th grades are willing to participate in worship, please let Caren know  
([caren@mattpres.com](mailto:caren@mattpres.com))

**Save the Date:**

### Women's Association News

All the women of Mattituck Presbyterian Church are invited to our annual Spring Luncheon on **Monday, May 21, 2018**. The guest speaker will be Kathy Taylor. More information to follow next month.



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# Youth Group 30-Hour Famine

## Hope for the Future

We encourage all of our wonderful youth group kids to participate in our **30-Hour Famine** weekend: Friday night, April 27<sup>th</sup>-Saturday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

You will start the fast after lunch on Friday, and we will break our fast with dinner on Saturday. Please meet at the church at 7:00 pm on Friday. We will play some interesting games and learn how most of the world's children have to survive. You will go home at 10:00 to get a good night's sleep. We will leave MPC at 10:30, Saturday morning to participate in our annual one-day mission trip to **Hope for the Future in New York City**.



Anyone is welcome to participate on Saturday, and we appreciate adults willing to drive. We should be back to the church by 8:30 pm. Please email: [caren@mattpres.com](mailto:caren@mattpres.com) if you are willing to participate. This is an amazing and powerful experience, and you will be blessed by serving as the hands and feet of Christ.

Youth Group will also meet on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00. If there are any parents willing to make a simple meal, please let Caren know.

Pastor John and Caren



I want to say a big thank you to the **Good News Thrift Shop Ladies** for having supported the music ministry these past several years. That extra \$900 has helped make possible our Good Friday presentations, guest instrumentalists and extra music we needed to purchase. Your outreach is a blessing in so many ways. The shop itself provides for the needs for many people in the community and then you use your money for church needs, North Fork needs, and beyond. What an amazing service you offer and you're a blessing to many. Sincerely, Ann Welcome

### Thought for the Month

*If you're headed in the wrong direction  
God allows U-TURNS!*

## **“SOUPER SUNDAYS” ARE BACK!!!**



On the following dates you will have the wonderful opportunity to purchase quarts of Jeanne Berliner's delicious homemade soups. Ready for lunch or dinner that day or for the freezer to enjoy later!  
Find us in the Parlor & Narthex between and after services!

Price per quart \$10 (\$12 for the chowders)

**April 8<sup>th</sup>... Spring Vegetable**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>... Chicken Noodle**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>... Manhattan Clam Chowder**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>... Long Island Corn Chowder**

*All proceeds benefit the fund raising efforts for the  
Funeral Repast Fund. Thank you on behalf of the  
Fellowship Committee!*



# Good News Thrift Shop

March came in like a lion and should then leave like a lamb. We will have to wait and see, but how appropriate for our Easter celebration if it does!

The Thrift Shop is looking forward to Spring weather. We have changed out our clothing from winter to spring. It is so nice to see all the bright colors of our spring clothing on all the racks!

A reminder that we will be closed March 29th, 30th, and 31st for the Easter Holiday. We will reopen the next week on our usual days, Thursday, Friday from 10-4, and Saturday from 10 -1.

We were pleased to Donate \$1,098 in January and \$1,195 in February to our Church Missions. We had two sale weeks during that time. Thank you for supporting us during that time with your donations and patronage. We really appreciate your efforts especially during the cold weather.

We have a large selection of jewelry this month, especially in time for Mother's Day. Please think of us when you get ready to shop. We are in need of children's clothing. We have 3 tuxedos available for proms @ \$10 each. We will donate two prom dresses to Southold this year.

Happy Easter to everyone.

Leslie Tuthill



## How You Can Help:

May I Borrow....?

Almost everything Eric & I own has been uhailed to New Mexico. If anyone has a dog crate I may borrow until the end of June, and also a roll-away twin-size bed and a floor lamp that I may borrow until the end of October, I would be grateful. Please email: [caren@mattpres.com](mailto:caren@mattpres.com). Thanks so much, Caren



## Journey To Narnia

### VBS based on C.S. Lewis' "Chronicles of Narnia"

We are looking for volunteers to help at Vacation Bible School. We welcome teen camp leaders, volunteers to help with registration, assisting with games, lessons, set up, clean up, etc. There is a place for everyone. It would also be wonderful to have someone who can video our assembly skits from 9:00-9:30 every morning, from July 23-27. We will also have another set painting morning in May. We will be posting a supply list as well. Thanks for prayerfully considering how you might help, and please email: [caren@mattpres.com](mailto:caren@mattpres.com). "Aslan is on the move," Caren



### There Are over 40,000 Minutes in a Month

How about spending about 60 of those minutes a month bringing smiles to the residents in **ACADIA** nursing home. If you can smile, turn a page, and just be your natural friendly self, you will be used by the Lord for these precious folks. You can either car pool from church or meet us there, the second Thursday of each month. Then there's all those wonderful shops and stores in grand ole' Riverhead to go to after we leave!

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## Haiti 2018



The Youth Team and the adult Dental and Eye Team joined together in January for the dedication ceremony of the new church in Betoti pastored by Agones. The 100 for Haiti project was a great success in raising the funds to make this possible. Congratulations to the MPC youth who followed their vision and made it real, and congratulations to Pastor Agones who is leading the work so faithfully and effectively!

The church will be a blessing to the community and to the school that will eventually move into its facility. Clean drinking water is now being produced and sold, which helps this project to be self-supporting. We can be thankful for the history MPC has had serving Christ in Haiti now for over three decades. The partnership we have with the dedicated Christians living on the island of La Gonave is making an impact in the lives of multiple generations.



Thank you for continuing to pray for Haiti and for the variety of mission work we are involved with in this impoverished part of the world. Keep on investing in God's Kingdom by giving to support our mission on La Gonave, Haiti.



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### **Excited to Share a Toothbrush? You've got to be kidding!**

But that's exactly how a 7-year-old-girl felt when she was about to share with the other girls in the orphanage....that is, until they all opened shoe boxes and learned of Jesus' love. That girl was adopted by an American couple and now visits churches in California sharing the Shoebox ministry!



**Kitchen Towels Needed** - The Kitchen is in need of new terrycloth dish towels. Please drop off donations in the office. We will label them MPC. (If you were kind enough to take some home to launder, did you remember to bring them back?) Thanks!



**Needed:** Car in decent shape for getting around. Call Stephanie 631-871-0226

## Mindy Marie Cooper Scholarship Fund

MPC and Mindy's parents, Jean and Coop, would like to announce a scholarship in Mindy's name to be given out to a graduate of Mattituck High School:

From the family: *Coop and I would like to raise money in memory of our daughter, Mindy Marie Cooper, to be given to a senior from Mattituck High School, graduating this year. The student would have a real need for financial help, must have their feet planted on the ground, so to speak, and be a real hard worker with a desire to do well in life. Hopefully they will have a lot to offer, the same as Mindy did. Thank you so much for your support, Mindy would be thrilled to know this was happening.*

*Sincerely, Don & Jean Cooper*



Please make checks payable to the church, marked "Mindy Scholarship Fund" and mail to: Mattituck Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1411, Mattituck NY 11952

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## Need Information? Want to Help?

How do I . . . ?

- Get the Wednesday email: send us your email and name ([mattpres@optonline.net](mailto:mattpres@optonline.net)) or use the welcome card in the pews.
- Request prayer: Fill out a prayer card found in the pews, call Bonnie Scott (477-2234) or the church office (298-4145).
- Join the Choir: Call Ann Welcome (734-8080).
- Put flowers on the altar: Sign up on the flower chart in the narthex; make arrangements with the florist of your choice. The flower chairperson (Jeanette Cooper 631-734-8166) will call to remind you that you signed up, find out how you want it noted in the bulletin and ask whether you want to take the flowers home or have them sent to the homebound.
- Help out, donate or deliver food for Loaves & Fishes: Ruthanne Woodhull (298-9192) Peggy Rose (298-9694) or Kathy Geiger (487-0256).
- Help with John's Place: Call Caren Heacock at the church office (298-4145).
- Get stuff in the Newsletter: Email articles to [janice@mattpres.com](mailto:janice@mattpres.com) or leave them in the box on the wall by the door to the church office (298-4145).
- Receive the newsletter: Call or email the office with your name and address.
- Get your birthday or anniversary in the newsletter: email [janice@mattpres.com](mailto:janice@mattpres.com).

- Get contribution envelopes (or any questions about your contributions): Call the office and speak to Janice Fliss, our bookkeeper (298-4145).
- Join a Home Group: Call Celie Lutz (298-8566).
- Help with VBS: Call Caren at the church office (298-4145).
- Volunteer at the Thrift Shop: Call Leslie Tuthill (298-9468) or Bev Stepnoski (298-4121). The Thrift Shop is open (Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays).
- Find out more information about MPC and/or joining the church: Speak to Pastor John, Pat Hanly, Caren Heacock or call the church office (298-4145).
- Join the Bell Choir: Call Lin Bogden (323-1246)
- Go to Haiti, Haiti Task Force: Call Tom Christianson (734-5407).
- 100 for Haiti: Call Rory MacNish (298-8022)
- Adult Sunday School: Email Pat Hanly ([pat@mattpres.com](mailto:pat@mattpres.com)).
- Children's Sunday School: Call Jeanette (734-8166) or Prudence (734-4180).
- Wednesday night Bible study: Call Mark DeSantis (298-7235)
- Thursday Pastor Bible study (10 am): Call the office (298-4145)

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### **Thank You From John's Place**

As the winter ends and the sun warms the earth, so another John's Place season ends, too. We hosted 112 different guests and all the churches prepared and served 660 delicious and healthy meals. We were grateful for the warm and safe place we could provide for our guests this winter every Thursday night. That is only made possible through the commitment of your church to this program and the helping hands of many dedicated volunteers. Our hearts are very grateful for all those who came to cook, bring food, assemble or clean up; those who came to share friendship, love, patience and song; those who came from other churches in our community; those who helped behind the scenes and some who just came down looking for a way to help others. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for those who came EVERY THURSDAY no matter what obstacle was placed before them! Special thanks to our weekly crew: Barbara (even from FL), Brian1, Brian2, Caren, Daisy, Dave, Andy, Judith, Jill, and Sally. Also from Community Christian Fellowship, Miles came weekly to share a short word from the Bible and Carl came often to play his guitar and sing Christian songs during dinner. It is all of you who helped so many of our brothers and sisters make it through this harsh winter. We hope to see everyone again in November!

Thank you and God bless you all,  
Melissa Ludlow, Molly and Fred Druck

### **You are invited**

**Who: All John's Place Volunteers**

**To: JP Mattituck Appreciation Dinner**

**When: Thursday - April 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm**



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## April Birthdays

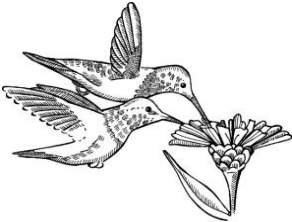



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| 1 Beth Doroski      | 12 Brian Anderson     | 20 Stephanie Cerezo |
| 2 Don "Coop" Cooper | 13 Barbara Klein      | 21 Susan Brewster   |
| Ralph Tuthill       | David Ross            | Gary Lutz           |
| 3 Jean Monsell      | 14 Jaimee Hanly       | 22 Graham Glover    |
| 6 Emmy Bitonti      | 15 Kathy Reeve        | Danny Holmes        |
| Max Tuthill         | Jeff Strong           | Nancy Reeve         |
| 7 Matt Carter       | 16 Christine Piacente | 23 Jocelyn Jacobi   |
| Carla Kroepel       | 17 Stephanie Kujawski | 24 Anna Cooper      |
| 11 Joanna Messina   | Tom Woodhull          | 27 Amy Li Berninger |
| Diane Pendergast    | 18 Linwood Bogden     |                     |
| Emily Williams      | Anne Tuthill          |                     |



## April Anniversaries

Claudia and Jim Hirsch. . . . . April 3, 1977  
 Eileen and Bill Lascelle. . . . . April 5, 1958  
 Penny and Mike Maffetone . . . . . April 22, 1988  
 Danielle and Chris Durkin. . . . . April 24, 1993  
 Sue and Judd Lincoln. . . . . April 25, 2010

60 Years!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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