

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Grace and peace to all of you in the name of our Great Redeemer.

Here we are, sisters and brothers of The United Methodist Church of Port Washington. David and I are pretty much settled in and we believe that the time has come for the real ministry to take place in our congregation. We are very excited to see the enthusiasm with which the children in our church participate in worship and Christian Education, and we are grateful for the hard work and dedication with which you follow Christ's commandment to love God and our neighbor. We see the passion with which you serve this community, and we understand how easily things end up piling up on our to-do lists. There is a lot going on this time of the year and we know how easily can be this real ministry pushed to the back burner.

However, as school is underway and we have pretty much fallen into the routine of another year, let me reassure you that we understand that time is valuable. Yet we are more than just our to-do lists. The holy scriptures remind us that the Lord has given us a remedy for the busyness in our lives. The Book of Genesis specifically reminds us of this. After the first six days of creation, God looked and saw that all was very good. Then on the seventh day, God rested. If we cannot take away anything else from the creation story, I hope that we can remind each other how important it is to pause for a moment, take a break from our overscheduled agendas, and take time for ourselves, for one another and most importantly, for our Lord. As a people of God, this seventh day is to be devoted to the Lord who knows us each by name, and to one another in love.



So my prayer for each of you is this:

May the grace of our Everlasting Lord bless you. May the joy that passes all understanding be placed upon your hearts. May the compassion that Jesus has shown each of us be central in our lives so much so that we cannot turn away, but instead show it to the world through our actions, through our worship and praise, and through every fiber of our being. Amen.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Romi Abelova

**Holy Communion takes place once a month, 1st Sunday of the Month, all are welcome at the Lord's Table**

## TRY SOMETHING NEW!



Transforming Ourselves with Playdough

Everyone is invited to our Contemporary Worship Service every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 5pm. This service began in September 2016 and the feedback has been very positive. The atmosphere is welcoming and informal and the meaningful music, uplifting spirit and inspirational messages will stay with you during the week. We are very excited to have Pastor David lead the service and welcome his guidance and creativity as we focus on making a positive difference in our lives and within the community. There's something for everyone - so whether you have young children and have a difficult time attending a church service on Sunday morning due to sports, activities, and social commitments, or you're just looking for another way to connect with God, TRY SOMETHING NEW by making worship part of your Saturday evening plans. Join us...and bring a friend!

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### September Report from Sunday school

Our nursery and Sunday school class continues to meet on a weekly basis. Our focus remains on the Old Testament and many of the acts of leadership that Moses performed.

We enjoyed the opening of our Sunday school with our Sundaes Sunday complete with bubbles and a lot of laughter.

Our nursery staff now includes Anya Weiss as well. She will be working with Diane in the nursery from 945 every Sunday morning.

We are happy to share that now we have two young women trained as acolytes to contribute to our worship service. Grace and Emma are taking on this work and Miss Charlotte has also expressed an interest.

Our Sunday school is planning on having seasonal fun trips to help build our connection and community. Details will follow about our fall trip to the Queens County Zoo.

Our Sunday school children are being encouraged to contribute their energy to helping provide the games at our pumpkin festival in October.

Miss Dorothy has accepted the challenge of developing a children's choir. She will not be teaching and so we will be seeking two congregants each Sunday to support our Sunday school and the safe sanctuary policy.

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**"Your Church Can Thrive" Book Study is well under way. If you would like to sit in on the remaining sessions, they are Monday evenings at 7:30.**

**Bible Study on the Gospel According to Mark will start on Monday, October 16 at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Pastor Romi will be leading this Bible Study.**

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Sands Point Center for Health and Rehabilitation: Pastors David and Romi are leading worship services at Sands Point Center for Health and Rehabilitation and thus represent The United Methodist Church of Port Washington among our sisters and brothers in the community. All are welcome to attend. A special thanks to all those who accompanied us as we worshipped God together.

<p><b>Upcoming dates:</b> Oct - 10 &amp; 24 Nov - 14 &amp; 21 Dec - 12</p>
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**SUBMISSIONS FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER NEED TO BE IN BY OCTOBER 25**

Beloveds, it has been a fun and busy month! First off I want to thank everyone who has hosted us for afternoon tea since our arrival so we can get to better know you. We have represented the congregation at the Child's World Nursery School Open House (9/5), an Eagle Scout Ceremony (9/9), and celebrated Sundae Sunday (ice cream sundaes, bubbles for the kids, and music by Doug Paulsen) with you. We have collected school supplies through your extravagant generosity and they are being donated to the Long Island Council of Churches in Hempstead. We were present at the 9/11 Service in Manorhaven, as well as marching in the Pride in Port parade with Child's World. We want to thank all of you, especially everyone who has been active in the mission and ministry of our congregation. Peace, Pastor David.

### Important Dates:

October 1, World Communion Sunday  
October 7, Parsonage Open House  
October 14, Pumpkin Festival  
October 10 & 24 - Sands Point Center for Health and Rehabilitation Worship Service – 10 am  
Bible Study (Gospel according to Mark): Starting October 16 – 10 am – Pastor Romana  
October 14 & 28 – Contemporary Worship Service - 5 pm in the Parlor

### Check out our new website!

[www.umcpw.org](http://www.umcpw.org)

Podcasts of Sermon, blogs, and upcoming events.



[www.facebook.com/groups/umcpw/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/umcpw/)

### Upcoming Meetings:

Choir Practice: Every Wednesday

Wednesday, October 18 @ 7 pm - Sunday School/Nursery Staff Meeting with Dinner at the Parsonage

Friday, October 20 @ 2 pm – Finance

Tuesday, October 24 @ 7:30 pm – Church Council

Sunday, November 12 after worship – Charge Conference with DS Julia Yim

**All reports to be submitted electronically to the pastors no later than November 1 so the booklet can be printed and submitted to DS Julia Yim prior to Charge Conference. Thank you for your help and cooperation.**

### All Saints' Sunday (11/5)

If you wish for your loved one/s to be remembered during our All Saints' Sunday Worship Service, we kindly ask you to submit their name/s to the pastors by Sunday, October 29. You may also bring a candle to light on the altar table during this service.

### October Birthdays

4-Jillian Ortenzi  
12-Hannah Blumberg  
13-Ellie Bain  
13-Mike Weiss  
18-Melissa Insinga  
31-Alex Garcia

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hospitality hour volunteers are needed.

It does not have to be difficult or expensive.

Keurigs are in place and members are encouraged to bring pods. A coffee cake, cookies and grapes are the simple route and very manageable for most.

Please see Diane Burton or Susan Oliva for help or questions, or sign up with a friend!

Thank you!

**GREAT FALL FESTIVAL**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**



**Attic Treasures**



**Pumpkins**



**Castle Bounce**



**Bake Sale**



**Face Painting**



**Games**



**BBQ**



**Hay Rides**