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WEEKEND SERVICES

Saturday 5:00 PM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II Sunday 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II Sunday 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist–Rite II

WEEKDAY SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

<u>Tuesday</u> 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

June 11—Reception to Priesthood Ceremony June 12—St. Barnabas Day June 19---Father's Day

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to spread the gospel of Christ in thought, word, and deed to our community and the world.



+CLERGY UPDATE+

ELLIS TOMASSEO TO BE RECEIVED AS A PRIEST IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SATURDAY, JUNE 11



Mother Diane has announced that Ellis Tommaseo has been approved by the Standing Committee for reception into the Episcopal Church as a priest. The Rt. Rev. Geralyn Wolfe will preside at his service of reception, which will be at Saint Ann's on Saturday, June 11th at 4:00 PM.

Following the service, there will be a festive reception in the Parish Hall to celebrate

Ellis' priesthood in the Episcopal Church!

NOTE: Due to this service, there will not be a 5:00 Taizé mass on June 11th.

On Sunday, June 12th Father Ellis will celebrate mass at both the 8:00 and 10:00 AM services. Please plan to attend and celebrate this very special day in Father Ellis' life and in the life of Saint Ann's.

NEW PRIEST ASSOCIATE THE REV. BRIAN BARRY

Mother Diane has also announced that our new Priest Associate, The Reverend Brian Barry will join us on July 1st. Father Brian graduated from Yale in May, and he and his fiancée Holly are getting married on June 4th.

Currently a transitional deacon, Father Brian will be ordained a priest in September at the Cathedral in Garden City. You will be hearing more about that in the coming months.

We will have a reception for them in early July to warmly welcome them to Saint Ann's.

FROM THE EDITOR

Did you ever notice how we beat ourselves up when we feel we're not being productive enough? I do it all the time. It must be that streak of Puritan work ethic that still clings from the early settlers in our country.

I recently had a day—it was cloudy and cool and not fun to be out—when at the end of the day I exclaimed to myself, "Self! You've wasted the whole day doing nothing!" Now I'm a retired person, and it seems to me (thinking objectively) that if anyone has a right to a day of doing "nothing" it's a retired person. But there I was feeling guilty. So I decided to go over the day and see what I actually did do. It turns out that I had showered, made my bed, cooked myself a good breakfast (not Twinkies and ice cream). I looked after the well-being of my four cats. I checked my email, Facebook, and my snail mail. I paid bills online. I created a flyer for a church event. I started taking an online Defensive Driving Course to reduce my insurance cost. I did a load of laundry and emptied the dehumidifier in the basement. I took out the garbage. I made lunch and dinner (not popcorn and cookies). I even had time to watch some TV and read a book at the end of the day.

Was that "nothing"? I don't think so. Why do we persist in devaluing our activities? Life is not always *FUN* or *EXCITING*. We'd be exhausted if it was! Take a look at what you do every day, and realize it is important. Those seemingly small things we do ground our lives and keep us going forward. Just waking up and realizing that we have another day in the world and we are a child of God is important enough. If we have a day that we truly do "nothing" (most unlikely!), then be grateful and enjoy it!

--Rodney Dudley

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The Winds of Change

Dear Parish Family,

There is a saying that the only thing constant in life is change. As Episcopalians, we don't always welcome change because it usually means embracing a new way of doing things. But, change can be good, because we are alive and life is, after all, organic.

At Saint Ann's we are getting ready to embrace change in our community of faith. Father John Jeffrey will conclude his ministry among us with his last Saturday service on June 5th and his last Tuesday service on June 14th. Father John Jeffrey has been an important part of our parish family and we are deeply thankful to God for his time and talents among us.

On June 11th, Ellis Tommaseo will be received as a priest in the Episcopal Church and we will gather for his service of reception at 4:00 p.m. to share with him in the joy of this day. On June 12th, Father Ellis will celebrate mass for the first time at our St. Barnabas service. He will continue to share the altar with me on a regular basis until at least the end of September. He will also continue to preach on a regular basis.

Terrence Buckley, our intern, will continue to work with us and preach on a regular basis. In the fall, his responsibilities will expand and you will be hearing more about that as the fall nears.

Father Brian Barry, our new full time assistant, will begin his work among us on July 1st. He brings many talents and ideas with him and we can look forward to his many contributions to ministry at Saint Ann's.

All three of these gifted people bring new God given gifts with them to the ministry of Saint Ann's. You will be able to hear four voices in preaching, four interpretations of Holy Scripture, as we will each preach as the Holy Spirit guides us. It's good to hear different voices and points of view in sermons! And each will see Saint Ann's and our ministries with fresh eyes and fresh ideas for our future.

Finally, our ramp project is now underway and it will open the doors of our church to people who are not currently able to enter our doors. It will also be much safer for those who currently use our old ramp! The front of the church will indeed look a little different, but it will also look more inviting and more accessible to others.

So, change isn't bad, it's new life. And the changes we are experiencing at Saint Ann's now are life giving, and I pray we will embrace it as we move forward doing the work that God has given us to do!

> Blessings. Mother Diane+

Vestry Visions

We Are the Church, and the Church is Us

At our Vestry Meeting votes are regularly taken to approve spending on the church and its money to pay our expenses. As you realize, there are accounts that can only be used for specific things. Some have restrictions to allow expenditures only on one side of Middle Road or the other. Others are restricted-like the Flower Fund. We are blessed to have these accounts, but they are not bottomless. For the first time I've been on the Vestry, after approving an expenditure the Treasurer noted that we would just about empty the account we were taking the money from.

We needed to do the work; there are so many things that can easily and inexpensively be done while the drainage trenches are open around the church waiting for the new shrubs and plants to be installed. This Is the perfect time to put in outside underground lighting cables for the church, new gas and power lines to the soon to be installed emergency generator. So much of these expensive renovations, the ramp to drastically improve our handicap accessibility, a new generator, the new air-conditioner wiring--all sorts of things, including better drainage to protect our 100+ year old church and make it even more attractive come with a price tag.And the cost falls to "us"!

Let me define "us." That's you...and me too . Sadly "We" (collectively) have not remembered to keep up on our pledges. They also sadly tend to fall off in summer when we are distracted by the beauty of our area. But the cost of repairs and improvements continues to exist and continues to go up. Remember that old saying, "Wake up and smell the roses!" Well, forget just roses! We are talking about replanting the entire outside of the church after the ramp is finished. That's just one of the improvement projects required, along with mandatory drainage improvement, which has to be done to prevent permanent damage to our old stone church.

As the summer finally arrives and you worship in the comfort of our improved air-conditioning system and enter on our new front ramp--what are "we"--that is, you and I--going to do to further improve Saint Ann's? Three simple words may guide you:

Time * Talent * Treasure

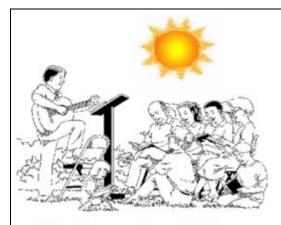
Pick one (or two or three) and act on it. And be sure to remember to keep your pledge current!



As a final note, Ernie DeWitt has decided to take a well-deserved rest from being Warden and serving on the Vestry. At the May meeting, the Vestry voted for Tom Honey as Warden to replace Ernie. Sincere thanks to Ernie for all the work—seen and unseen--that he has done as Warden!

Donald 1. Hester for the Vestry

	Wardens:	2017 Thomas Honey		2018 Nancy Koinoglou		
	Vestry:	2017	Donald Hester	Diane Miller-Magnani		
				John O'Neil		
		2018	Helen Houdek	Carol Ann St. Lawrence		
			Wendy Schmittzeh	John Smith		
OUR VESTRY		2019	Jackie Gandolfo	Jill Hughes		
			Nicole LaFountaine	Constance Currie		



SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH at 10:00 AM

Join us on the Great Lawn as we celebrate Saint Barnabas, the namesake of our original parish chapel and the patron saint of Christian teaching, with a special outdoor family worship service, followed by a BBQ/picnic and a game area for our children.

Look for the signup sheet in the Parish Hall.

St. Barnabas' Day

SAVE THE DATE: SENIOR LUNCHEON -- JUNE 14th

Our second annual Salad Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, June 14th (Flag Day) for all Saint Ann's seniors.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall for this event. You are welcome to bring friends as long as they are included on the sign-up sheet.

We'll begin at 12-Noon, and after lunch we'll make our way next door to Meadowcroft, the John Ellis Roosevelt summer home, for a docent led tour beginning at 1:30 PM. The cost for the tour is \$3.00. You may drive over or walk if you choose. There is a ramp on the east side of the house for handicapped access, which goes to the first floor only. Come and enjoy a pleasant and educational afternoon! --Linda Munkelwitz

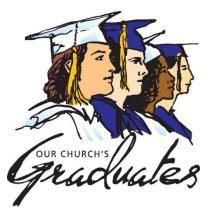
SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS



The attendees of the Senior Luncheons have enjoyed the exercises which have been a part of the activities at some of the luncheons this past year. A weekly exercise class is now being planned for the fall--Thursday Mornings at 11:00 AM on the main floor of the Littlejohn Building across from the church.

Ellen Chiappetta, known to many senior gym goers, will run the class, which is intended for parishioners 55 and up. There will be a deposit of \$25.00 per registered attendee followed by \$5.00/week. This will always keep us paid up front.

The class will start mid-September. Plan to get your friends together, as we will need a group of 15-20 registered attendees to make the class a success. -JoAnn Festa



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

"Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live. Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."

(Proverbs 4)

HIGH SCHOOL



Jack Adam, son of Janet and Kevin Adam is graduating from Connetquot High School. Jack will be attending Queens College in the fall, majoring in Media Studies.

Our choir scholar-intern **Jillian Brudi** is graduating from Sayville High School. Jillian has been an active member of Sayville's theater group, having had a starring role in their recent production of *Curtains*, and in their choral group as well. She has been in the All National US Choir, and has definitely had an enhancing effect on our choir with her beautiful soprano voice. Jillian plans to attend St. John's University at their Queens campus in Hillcrest where she will major in Hospitality Management.





Zach Schulz, son of Lynette & John Schulz, will graduate from Sayville High School on June 25th. He will be attending West Chester University in Pennsylvania in the fall.



<u>COLLEGE</u>



Cody Rodriguez, son of Kimberly Rodriguez-Cerillo and grandson of Virginia Schaum-Sorenson, will be graduating with honors from Farmingdale State College, May 2016. He will receive a BA degree in Professional/ Commercial Pilot and Airport Administration. After graduation, Cody will work at Farmingdale State College as a Certified Flight Instructor.



Judith Jeanne Currie LaNatra graduated from Suffolk County Community College on Sunday, May 15th with an Associate Degree in Dietary Technology. Connie Currie is her proud mother.





Kristina Lamens, granddaughter of Dot Lamens, graduated in December 2015 from the University of South Florida, Tampa, with a BS in Microbiology, having earned her degree in three and a half years. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Honor's College and received the Outstanding CMMB Student Award. She is currently employed by Byrd Alzheimer's Institute, Tampa, Florida, as a research technician. In August Kristina will enter the University of Pittsburgh to pursue her Masters and PhD degrees.

Dana Schulz, daughter of Lynette & John Schulz, graduated from University of Maryland on May 19th with a BS in Nutrition and Food Science.





FAMILY WEB



Genealogy research turns up some intriguing relations; for example, Barack Obama and Sarah Palin are 10th cousins, and Britney Spears and Prince Albert of Monaco are 17th half-cousins. In the Bible, Jesus is linked to Rahab and Ruth, members of nations that were enemies of Israel.

Searches for family connections quickly reveal not only roots but also a web. Only a few generations up in the branches of each family tree are so many people that trees intersect. Scientists speculate that most people living today are related through a recent common ancestor. So there's a "web-like tapestry" rather than a "tree that fans out exponentially," according to writer Carl Zimmer.

Realizing we're all connected should affect how we treat others. After all, we're related to people with diverse backgrounds and opinions. In terms of genealogy, as well as living as Jesus' disciples, we belong to one another.



BRAG BOX



PAT-MED PERSON OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to St. Ann's parishioner **Michael Hynes**, Superintendent of the Patchogue-Medford School District who was selected Person of the Year at Pat-Med's first Hall of Fame Night on May 6.

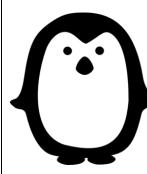
On the website greaterpatchogue.com, Michael White writes that "The Hall of Fame — this year and each year moving forward — will honor distinguished Patchogue-Medford graduates, as well as others who have contributed to the district schools and wider community." To read further details, please go to the website at: http://www.greaterpatchogue.com/2016/05/patchogue-medfords-first-hall-fame-night-true-family-affair/

ROBERT HONEY RECEIVES BOY SCOUTS' GOD AND CHURCH AWARD



Congratulations to **Robert Honey**, who was recognized at the 10:00 AM service on May 22nd for completing the P.R.A.Y. Program (Program of Religious Activities with Youth), which Saint Ann's uses and which is recognized by the Boy Scouts of America. The P.R.A.Y. Program requires young people to study scripture and then design service projects to put into action what they have learned. Robert has completed the requirements of study and service for the God and Church award program and has earned the right and privilege of wearing the God and Church emblem in recognition of this accomplishment.

Aren't We Cool?



We've had air conditioning installed in the Parish Hall this spring and are now set for the warm summer temperatures to come. We thank John Pirro and his men from J.&J. Pirro, Inc. for their fine work and professionalism. We are also fortunate because this project was funded through a bequest.

So we can-thankfully--stay "cool" this summer!

VIEW FROM BEHIND THE POLE

CHOIR WINDS DOWN FOR THE SUMMER



June is upon us, and another season of singing in the Choir is at its end.

The Children's Choir has completed their season already. The adult Choir will continue to sing at the 10:00 AM service through the end of June, but rehearsals will end June 14, and our end-of-year choir party will be held on June 21.

We hope you have enjoyed the music we provided throughout the year, and perhaps some of you might think of joining us in September when we begin again.

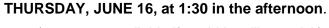
Remember, when you sing you pray twice!

The Gift of Yourself

If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person. **–Fred Rogers**

Yoga Redux

The Thursday afternoon Yoga Group has been on hiatus for a while as travels and medical situations intervened in our quest for serenity and flexibility. We are going to revive the class on





We use yoga mats (extras are available if you'd just like to visit), and do our exercises sitting down, lying down, and standing. However, exercises can be modified if you would prefer to use a chair. Most of the exercises are basic stretching, and we do not get into anything complicated. It is also very relaxing for those who are feeling stressed.

All those who have been feeling stiff and would like to resume yoga exercises with us are welcome.



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RAMP PROJECT

Thank you to Justin Navratil and Accent Estates Plant Health Care Company. This is the company that removed all the shrubs around the church for us in preparation for the handicap ramp project.



Thrift Shop Tea













The ladies who work in the Thrift Shop were treated to a tea on the afternoon of Monday, May 9, hosted by Peggi Flanagan and catered by Debbie Gardner and her *Done to a Tea* staff.

The guests enjoyed a tasty salad, homemade (warm!) scones, savory finger sandwiches, small dessert cakes and cookies, and, of course, quite a lot of tea!

While dressing for high tea was not required, some of the ladies went above and beyond with their fashions, and there was a short fashion show to highlight their outfits.

Raffles of a wine basket and a portable cooler full of snacks were won by Butzy Van Wyen and Jane Van der Borgh. All attendees got to choose a favor from the large selection on the favor table. One person at each table took home the flower centerpiece.

Above all, it was a day of appreciation for all the volunteers who donate their time at the Thrift Shop, one of our most important means of both revenue and outreach at Saint Ann's. A big Thank You to all!

Mother
Diane said a
blessing
before the
meal. Peggi
Flanagan
was the
hostess.
Laura
Sanchez
was dressed
in 1960's
vintage chic.



[Photos: Rodney Dudley]













THRIFT SHOP OPPORTUNITIES!

Here's your chance to volunteer at our fabulous Thrift Shop! A few volunteers are needed to help with sorting and tagging and to help in the office. Thrift Shop hours are 10:00-3:00 from Wednesday to Saturday. If you have a few hours to fill, consider joining this lively group of volunteers. **Call 589-6220** with questions or to sign up!



PLEDGE-A-VEG UPDATE

We had 20 people sign up during our Pledge-A-Veg drive! With their help we will be able to provide fresh produce to our food pantry guests. The pledged plants will supply a variety of vegetables to include:

Grape, cherry & beefsteak tomatoes * peppers * beans * cucumbers * zucchini and summer squash

THANK YOU to all who pledged and also to **Bayport Flower House** for generously donating all the plants. If you could not pledge, store bought produce is always welcome.





Food Pantry Donations Needed

OUR DAILY BREAD

Monday & Thursday, from 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon For May we would especially appreciate the following donations:

Canned Chicken * Tuna * Fresh Milk * Juice *
Canned Fruit * Toilet Paper * Cold Cereal * Butter

Leave donations in the wagon in the Parish Hall or across the street in the Food Pantry kitchen.



GIVING RECOGNITION TREE

GIVING RECOGNITION TREE A reminder: When you want to give a donation to St. Ann's to honor loved ones--living or deceased, your gift of \$500 may be acknowledged on a leaf on our Giving Recognition Tree in the Chapel lobby. Other options for larger donations are available. Contact the Church office for further information.



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JUNE

An Anniversary This Month

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	Craig & Michelle Beale Joseph & Ellen Garofolo
	Joseph & Ellen Garofolo
	Mark & Barbara Leuly Leonard & Melissa Speicher
	Leonard & Melissa Speicher
4	James & Marilyn McLeer
	James & Marilyn McLeer Joseph & Trudy Nasta

- Robert & Joan Belfield 6 Robert & Nancy Britts Edward & Eileen Moran 10 Ernest & Susan DeWitt Stephen & Sharon Van der Borgh Frank & Peg Costanzo
- Robert & Peg Flanagan Frederick & Carolyn Leyboldt 22 Ken Smyrk & Scarlet Marrugo 30 James & Jill Hughes Susan Knoepffler & Christine Mulroy

BIRTHDAYS

1	Ann DeMott	8	Hannah Smith	13	Delaney Felton	24	Sarah Hlavac
	Jacqueline Gandolfo	9	James Romeo		Linda Herbert	25	Henry Knoepffler
	Judith Hester	10	Olivia Grenci		Grace Wempe	28	Morgan Brown
	Addison Schroeder		Michael Maass	14	Irene Bodkin		Craig Fleetham
2	Samuel Stubblebine		Nicholas Sturiale		Marilyn McLeer		Abigail Hynes
4	Kay Lembeck	10	Louise Terry	15	Christina DiTusa		Thomas Jacques
	Jonathan Weybrecht		Jake Walch	16	Christopher Kudlek		Lynette Schulz
5	Robert DiTusa	11	Aidan Fitzpatrick		Jeanne Van der Borgh		Liam Walsh
	Lars Gustafson		James Hughes	17	Arlene James		Jaidyn Wolfe
	Caelyn Speicher		Carolyn Leyboldt		Mikayla Wolfe	29	Mother Diane Britt
6	Wayne Tampellini	12	Anthony Limoli	22	Gloria Moynihan	30	Helen Deegan
8	Francis Bodkin, Jr.	13	Craig Beale	23	Jessica Brett		Betty Graunke

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Our Church History



By Connie Currie

❖ The Garden of the Unforgotten ❖

THE SUYDAMS—DESCENDANTS OF HENDRICK SUYDAM
JOHN SUYDAM SR WALTER SUYDAM SR.

JOHN SUYDAM SR JOHN SUYDAM JR. WALTER SUYDAM SR.

THE SUYDAM FAMILY - A CONTINUING SERIES

Both Suydam families buried in Saint Ann's cemetery have a common ancestor in **Hendrick Suydam** (1735-1818), grandfather of **John R. Suydam**. Hendrick married three times. John R. Suydam was descended from Hendrick's first wife and **Walter L. Suydam** descended from his third.

The Suydam graves are lined up in a single rank in the family plot. They represent two generations of this influential family. The Walter Suydams Sr. and Jr. are on the left, and the John Suydams Sr. and Jr. on the right. In the southwest corner are the graves of a slave couple, who according to family legend, remained with the family after the Civil War.

The plot is interesting in that it is surrounded by a low brick wall topped with a cement ledge. A wrought iron gate permitted entry. The gravestones, consisting of matching pairs for each couple, are of different heights and shapes. Most prominent are the stones of John R. Suydam and his wife, Ann Middleton Lawrence Suydam. John R., who bought his estate in Bayport—Edgewater—in the 1850's, was the first warden of Saint Ann's. He bought the original real estate north of Middle Road and west of the marsh (about 12 acres) for \$500 from James Edwards and his wife Deborah Green Edwards. John donated \$700 for materials for the first chapel on the site.

John Suydam's father was one of the old Knickerbocker merchants of New York City who, in the early 1800's, carried on a large shipping business as the head of the firm Suydam and Wyckoff. John himself was a member for many years of the dry goods firm of Suydam and York, but he retired from the business in the mid-1850's at about the time he married and bought the property in Bayport. His estate, Edgewater, originally extended along the Great South Bay from Seaman Avenue east to what is now Edgewater Avenue. And from the bay north to the rear of "Bayport House," a summer hotel that is now the Pleasant Gardens Convalescent Home. From the Bayport House east to Edgewater Avenue the estate eventually extended from the bay to Middle Road.

The Suydams attended St. John's, Oakdale, until they had St. Barnabas Chapel and later St. Ann's. Mr. Suydam had been a delegate from St. Johns to the convention that met in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, on November 18-19, 1868, to form the new Diocese of Long Island.

John Suydam died of apoplexy at age 74 while driving to Patchogue in a coach with his son John, Jr. Mr. Suydam was written up in the May 16, 1882, *New York Times* obituary as a "gentleman well known in New York Society for his generous and hospitable qualities."

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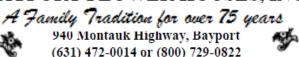
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Apple

Although Genesis 3 doesn't identify the forbidden fruit eaten by Adam and Eve, it has traditionally been thought of and portrayed as an apple. This may be because in Latin, "apple" and "evil" are the same word (malum). An apple, then, often represents humanity's fall into sin. When Christ is shown holding an apple, however, it symbolizes his conquest over sin and death. "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22, NIV).

AROUND SAINT ANN'S

Monthly Schedule

See Correspondent pages and Bulletin for changes/cancellations.

Check out the website at www.saint-anns.org

Sundays

8:00 AM—Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM—Holy Eucharist 7:30 PM—AA Meeting

Mondays

7:00 PM—EfM—June 6 7:00 PM—Vestry Meeting—June 13 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Tuesdays

8:00 AM—Men's Group 9:00 AM—Holy Eucharist 7:00 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal (June 21 last day)

Wednesdays

7:00 PM—Youth Group

Thursdays

10:00 AM—AA Meeting 8:00 PM—AA Meeting

Friday

Saturday

5:00 PM—Holy Eucharist

ST. BARNABAS' BUDDIES

Whether you need help or can give help, call Gerry Hoek at 631-868-7278 for further information.

- (1) Prepare a meal for someone recovering from a recent illness or fall.
- (2) Drive someone to a doctor's appointment and bring them home.
- (3) Bring someone to church (perhaps once a month) if they are unable to drive.
- (4) Make a phone call to someone homebound just to let them know they are not forgotten.







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