



The Circuit Rider

Plattsburgh United Methodist Church
127 Beekman Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

February 2010

8:00 a.m. This less formal service, held in the Chapel adjacent to the main sanctuary, features music, scripture and sermon. Communion is offered weekly except during the Christmas season. A Service of the Word, led by lay speakers, is celebrated on Sundays when the pastor is away. "Fellowship 15 Time" follows in the back of the Chapel and will continue between services in the Chapel.

Christian Education Program—(Oct. through June) Weekly, teachers work with children (ages 3 through grade 6) (10:30 a.m.) to teach God's love for them. Youth/Confirmation classes are provided for Grades 7-12 (9:15 a.m.). Various short term small group studies are provided throughout the year.

10:30 a.m. This blended style worship service with children's time, celebrates God's love and grace for us with Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of each month except during the Christmas season. Our wonderful choir sings Christian songs of inspiration and the congregation sings a variety of hymns. Chimes are enjoyed at various times throughout the year. Nursery Care is provided.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Services. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

Handicapped parking is available.

Need a ride?

Church School: Susan Kelley at 563-7675



- 2 Staff Parish**
 - 7 Choir Fudge & Cookie Sale**
 - 7 Free Will souper Bowl Offering**
 - 7 Boy Scout Sunday (honoring 100th year) with covered dish meal**
 - 9 Leadership Council**
 - 16 Finance**
 - 17 Holy Wednesday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.**
 - 18 Trustees**
 - 19 Noon Lenten Service & Luncheon**
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Future Dates to Keep in Mind

March 7 Girl Scout Sunday
Holy Week March 28th through April 3
March 28 Palm Sunday
April 2 Good Friday
April 4 Easter Sunday

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

We are a community in which people meet Jesus, grow in Jesus, and are free to serve Jesus with our spiritual gifts. We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all persons into full participation in the life of our Christian community, regardless of age, sex, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital status

Staff
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“The revelation of God is whole and pulls our lives together. The signposts of God are clear and point out the right road. The life-maps of God are right, showing the way to joy. The directions of God are plain and easy on the eyes. God’s reputation in twenty-four carat gold, with a lifetime guarantee. The decisions of God are accurate down to the nth degree.” (Psalm 19: 7-9)

God’s love is all around us. We are given many opportunities to appreciate the depth of that love, as we witness to this faith by sharing our abilities and joy with others. The life and ministry of our Lord, Jesus the Christ, is our guiding light, showing us just how to do that. As we hear more about Jesus’ ministry through these next few weeks including the beginning of Lent, we embrace our faith and seek to receive the wholeness of God’s love and grace.

In Christ,
Pastor Marion

 <p>Relief for Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti</p>	<p>As of this printing, the current total for Haiti donations is \$1,466.</p>
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Celebrations and Transitions

February Birthdays

- 3 Matthew McKnight
Ruth Bates*
- 5 Amy Gonya*
- 8 Olivia Sorrell
Anola Mooney*
- 9 Vivian Melin*
- 11 John Russell*
- 12 Shannon Donnell
Bea Parks
Mark Colgan*
- 14 Cathleen Murray*
- 15 Ron Hewson*
- 17 Diane Davison*
- 18 Bryan Kelley*
- 19 Erik Lavigne*
- 20 Stanley Schumacher*
- 21 Ernie Melin*
- 23 Victoria Brown*
- 24 Bill Devoe
Sharon Roraback*
- 26 Peter Cadieux
Ellen Lacey*
- 27 Shannon Archibald-Griffiths
Stephen Pytlak
Royce Brunelle*
- 28 Rod Conant*
- 29 Bonnie Black*

March Birthdays

- 1 Kelli Hewson*
- 2 Robert Ayotte
Jake Kyle Recore*
- 4 Kim Dupras*
- 6 Caroline Landry
Katie Davison*
- 10 Meagan Donelli*
- 11 Greta Cadieux*
- 12 Keenan Ahern*
- 13 Pastor Marion*
- 14 Ryan Lavigne*
- 15 Mark Tinker*
- 16 Juliana Baker*
- 18 Kerri Kennedy*
- 20 Judy Russell*
- 21 Maria Cadieux*
- 22 Philip Dupras
Edrie Iva Archibald*
- 23 Robert Tallman*
- 24 Emily Schiff
Richard Landry
Bryana Simmons
Sylvia Russell*

March Anniversaries

- 1 Russell & Fran Clark*
- 9 Mark Colgan & Pastor Marion*
- 10 Julius III & Monique Archibald*
- 27 Julius & Anola Archibald*

Worship Coordinators

<i>Date</i>	<i>Nursery</i>	<i>Liturgists</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. Communion Stewards</i>
February 7	Lora Recore	Volunteers	Sue O'Dell
February 14	Robin Brunelle	Volunteers	Ruth Bates
February 21	Linda Delong	Volunteers	Liz Eldredge
February 28	Linda Masters	Volunteers	Lorraine Floyd



Join in for refreshments and fellowship following the 8:00 a.m. service of worship during our new “Fellowship 15 Time” which will also continue before the 10:30 service.

The Caring Circle

New Nurturing with Roots in the Old Testament

“The never ending circle of God’s love,” as Advent Children’s Worship Time proclaimed, has no beginning and no end, and includes all of us. Our lives are full of circles that continually enrich and strengthen us: family, church family, community, nation, world community - even work and school. These circles connect us to each other in times of celebration and joy, and in times of crisis and pain.

In the Book of Ruth, the caring circle of Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz shows God at work in each of their lives, transforming them into a circle of love and concern, bound together as a family. The New Oxford Bible comments that “the story underscores the loyalty and fidelity that binds the family together...these individuals serve as models of faithful commitment to the God of Israel,” and as models of caring for modern Christians.

“The Caring Circle” is the name chosen by the Nurturing Committee at it’s first meeting to reflect it’s underlying mission and purpose - to strengthen “the never-ending circle of God’s love” in our immediate and extended church community - those we love and care about and those whose needs are

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February is the month to give some extra attention to the folks you hold near and dear. The choir tries to help that cause and raise some funds for extra music projects.

We are pleased to have our annual Sweetheart Sale on the day that we celebrate Boy Scout Sunday (they are celebrating 100 years of scouting) February 7, with a special luncheon in the social hall after the 10:30 service. The choir will have tables with heart shaped decorated sugar cookies, fudge, and homemade specialty candies for sale. All items are packaged in Valentine's Day packaging, ready for you to give (simply refrigerate the fudge or freeze the cookies until Valentine's Day) or for treating yourself right away!

The Sweetheart Sale is one of two fund raisers that we do in order to provide funds for extra things that are not provided for in the budget. During 2009 we paid for the North Carolina Boys Choir concert and purchased a fourth octave of chimes for the chime choir.

If you do not attend the 10:30 service, we have a plan to still include you. A box of cookies and candies will be available after the 8:00 service. In the event that there are any leftovers after Sunday the 7th, they will be available in the office during the week of February 8-12.

WHAT? Choir Sweetheart Sale - fudge, cookies and homemade candy

WHEN? February 7 after the 10:30 service

WHERE? Social Hall

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presently unknown.

Do you know that you are contributing to the work of The Caring Circle? Do you know that whatever you do to make someone's life a little better makes you not only part of your own circles but a part of ours. Through you, The Caring Circle has already fulfilled its primary mission "to strengthen the never-ending circle of God's love."

The Caring Circle will be an active and growing ministry at the Plattsburgh United Methodist Church. We look forward to growing this ministry with the help of our church family.

(Please watch future issues of the Circuit Rider, and look for "Caring Circle Sentence" in the announcement section of Sunday bulletins, to maintain your connection in The Caring Circle, follow its progress, and learn how you can be actively involved in its mission and ministry.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Satur-
	1	2 9:30 a.m. Food Shelf Mtg. 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39	3 8:00 p.m. AA	4 6:15 Chimes 7:00 p.m. Troop 39 7:00 p.m. Financial Trng.	5	6 10-12 Art Class
7 5th Sunday after Epiphany Boy Scout Sunday w/ covered dish Choir Sweetheart Sale Souper Bowl 8:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:15 a.m. Church School	8	9 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39 7:00 p.m. Leadership	10 8:00 p.m. AA	11 6:15 p.m. Chimes 6:30 p.m. Dist. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Troop 39 7:15 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Al Anon	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 10-12 Art Class
14 Last Sunday after Epiphany 8:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:15 a.m. Church School gr. 7-12 10:30 a.m. Service of	15 Presidents Day Office Closed Food Shelf Closed	16 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39	17 Holy Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Holy Wed. Communion	18 6:15 p.m. Chimes 7:00 p.m. Troop 39 7:15 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Trustees	19 Circuit Rider Deadline Noon Lenten	20 10-12 Art Class
21 1st Sunday in Lent 8:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:15 a.m. Church School gr. 7-12 10:30 a.m. Service of	22 Washington's Birthday	23 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. UMW 6:00 p.m. Cub	24 8:00 p.m. AA	25 6:15 p.m. Chimes 7:00 p.m. Troop 39 7:15 p.m. Choir	26 Noon Lenten Luncheon	27 10-12 Art Class
28 2nd Sunday in Lent 8:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:15 a.m. Church School gr. 7-12 10:30 a.m. Service of Word						

Lenten Services

February 17 @ 7:00 pm a Holy Wednesday Communion Service will be held in the Chapel. Please plan to join us as we begin the Lenten Season.

February 19 @ 12:00 Noon—Our congregation will again host the weekly Lenten service with guest pastors from the Interfaith Council of Plattsburgh & Clinton County. The services begin at Noon, in the Chapel, followed by a Soup & Sandwich luncheon courtesy of our United Methodist Women at a cost of \$6.00. Proceeds go to the Food Shelf. This is a wonderful time for people from many different faiths to journey together, as we remember Christ's love for humanity that led him to the Cross.

On ***February 19th***, we begin with Fr. Roger McGuinness as host.

The rest of the list of hosts will be available in our bulletins as we receive the information.

Brunch Schedule

***February 7th: Covered Dish Meal for Centennial Celebration
for Boy Scouts of America &
choir's sweetheart sale.***

March 21st : Christian Ed./Staff Parish

April 18th: Trustees/Tech

May 16th : UMW

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

You can Google "UMW" to link to all the current UMW news?

Tuesday, February 23

6 pm dinner

7 pm program - from Biloxi to Bangladesh...Sisters on the Planet

(More details will be published in the Bulletin)

Happy Birthday to Boy Scouts of America!

This February 7th we will celebrate 100 years of Boy Scouting in America, and Troop 39 and Pack 39 would like to invite all of you to help us celebrate either during our 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service.

As always, everyone who has ever been connected to Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts is invited to help us celebrate on Boy Scout Sunday (7 Feb.), which will also include a covered dish meal immediately following the 10:30 service. Please plan on bringing a dish of food to share on that day and if possible to stay after the lunch and enjoy observing even more presentations for the Scouts.



Grey plaid umbrella found in Narthex.

Camel color coat with fur collar and "Lord Essex" label - hanging in hall opposite office since last fall.

Blue sweater with American flag - child's or small adult.

2 pair gloves - blue, pink

Items are in hall opposite church office.

A Lenten Study: 24 Hours that Changed the World

No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help the reader experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way you have never done before. Whether readers are long-time Christians or simply curious about the story of Christ's crucifixion, they are invited to join the author in retracing the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Although *24 Hours that Changed the World* will be used as a Lenten read or in a Lenten study, Adam Hamilton's name and the important subject matter will make this book an important read anytime of the year. Adam Hamilton is pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. The book is a hardback and is priced at \$12.50. Hope you join us! Please contact Kathy Koester (562-4088, investkk@together.net). This six week class will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room, February 22—March 29.



2010 PUMC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Every five years PUMC has a new pictorial directory published. Scheduling for pictures will be held on March 12 & 13 and April 19. You will be contacted soon to schedule your appointment.



At the January 2010 meeting of the UMC Trustees, the trustees welcomed new member Michael Spofford. Craig Cashman was welcomed to his second consecutive term as treasurer. Contact information for the Trustees is as follows:

The trustees normally meet the third Thursday of each month. If you have an item of concern, please feel free to call me or any of our members.

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Nursery Help Needed

Our church is in need of more adults to sign up for Nursery Care. Many of you may already be aware our church has been a ‘Safe Sanctuary’ church for some years now. That is why there is at least on clear window in every door and the rooms have been rearranged for easy view of the whole area upon walking in.

Any adult who volunteers to work with our children has a background check, as required by our Denomination’s laws for Safe Sanctuary. What has come to our attention though, is that lately our Nursery has not always been with 2 adults for the 10:30 a.m. service, which is mandatory for Safe Sanctuary. Without 2 adults, we will need to close the Nursery. Thus we are asking you to please consider signing up to help us keep in accordance with the Safe Sanctuary guidelines. If you have not already filled out the necessary application for clearance to work with our children, please contact Bonnie Black, our Christian Education Coordinator. She will guide you through the form should you have questions.

In the meantime, at least one adult who has been cleared will work in the Nursery along with someone awaiting clearance.

Please pray about this matter, and help us when you can to nurture our young families.

