



The Circuit Rider

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

March 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



March

- 2 Staff Parish*
- 5 Lenten Service & Luncheon*
- 7 Cookie Walk*
- 9 Leadership*
- 12 Lenten Service & Luncheon*
- 14 Girl Scout Sunday*
- 16 Finance*
- 18 Trustees*
- 19 Lenten Service & Luncheon*
- 21 Adirondack Liturgical Dancers & Brunch*
- 26 Lenten Service & Luncheon*
- 28 Palm Sunday*
Walk Through Holy Week

April

- 1 Last Supper Tableau*
- 2 Good Friday Service Prayer Vigil*
- 4 Easter Sunrise Service/Wilcox Dock Chapel Service*
Sanctuary Service w/Adirondack Brass/timpani
- 11 Guest Preacher & Special Music*
- 17 Milk & Honey Cooking School Dinner*

“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

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“I have looked upon you God in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.” (Psalm 63:2-4)

The time of Lent is upon us. For many, we are going into this Christian Season with mixed emotions. Each week we are drawn further into the many dynamics of Jesus’ ministry. We become aware how each step is bringing him closer to the cross. We know it is his love for humanity and his unity with God making the journey possible. Sorrow, grace, love, hope are all intertwined in this story.

It is our time to reflect, meditate, pray, read scripture and give thanks for such a Savior. We also seek to help others, as a way of sharing what Christ has done for us. It is a dark, wondrous journey we embark on, knowing we will be different — in many good ways — as we arrive at Easter.

May our lips and minds continue to give praise to our Creator and Savior.

In Christ,
Pastor Marion



**Guest
Preacher**

On Sunday, April 11, we will have a guest preacher at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. The Rev. Susan Montgomery, from the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jamison, PA. She will be here as the first part of a pulpit exchange. We will also be celebrating the “historical moment” of August 20th 2009 when the Church-wide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA) voted to adopt a full communion agreement with the UMC (our General Conference had approved the same agreement in 2008). This means we will also share in the sacrament of communion on that Sunday. A full communion agreement is not a merger of the two denominations, but a recognition of each other’s ministry and mission.

On the more personal note: The Director of Music at the Redeemer Lutheran Church just happens to be Pastor Marion’s and Mark’s son, Daniel. He, of course, will be here on that same Sunday, providing the music for the 8:00 a.m. service and for all but the choir’s music at the 10:30 a.m. service. Mark your calendars and plan to be at church!



The Worship Team needs your help! Many elements are involved in the beautiful Easter service that our church holds each year. There are, also, many ways to honor or memorialize a loved one for the Easter Service on April 4. Please consider the following gifts:

Easter Lilies	Music Ministry	Pew Flowers
<p>The plant that represents resurrection to grace our altars. We typically need 25-30 plants ordered from our congregation.</p> <p>Orders for Easter Lilies may be placed through March 29. Each lily will have 5-7 blooms and comes in a 7" pot. The price this year is \$13.00 per plant. All plants will decorate the Chapel & Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. After the 10:30 service, you may take your plant home.</p>	<p>Music ministry of the Adirondack Brass: approximately \$500.00</p>	<p>Monetary donations to buy flowers to decorate our pews. This averages \$350.00. The flowers are used on the inside aisle of the church.</p>

Name: _____ **Telephone #:** _____

Number of Lilies ordered: _____ Monetary donation for:
(Please circle your choice) Pew Flowers or the Brass

Amount Attached: \$ _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Please return this slip to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

*Check here if you do **not** want your gift acknowledged in the bulletin: __*

Celebrations and Transitions

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*
- 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

April Birthdays

- 1 Janet Elliott*
- 2 Susan Cadieux*
- 4 Beth Brush*
- 11 Emily Dukette*
- 12 Martha Cashman*
Lora Parks
Karen Richetson
- 15 Lisa Jabaut*
Lorraine Floyd
- 16 Nancy Ayotte*
Pam Blanchard
- 17 Brady Dupras*
- 18 Craig Griffiths*
- 25 Paige Steuerman*
- 26 Jean Raymond*

April Anniversaries

- 15 Linda and Nick Masters*

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>
March 7	Edrie Archibald Penny Cowan	Volunteers	Kathy Koester
March 14	Heather Wells Morgan Mooney	Volunteers	Sue O'Dell
March 21	Gina Gratton Carolyn Desrocher	Volunteers	Ruth Bates
March 28	Marilyn Bates Linda Masters	Volunteers	Liz Eldredge



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.



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We shall be continuing our tradition of singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah during our Easter service. It is a glorious culmination of the 10:30 service as the choir, Adirondack Brass, timpani, organ and congregation celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

The text of the Hallelujah Chorus is taken from Revelations in the New Testament. The three texts are: Revelations 19:6 "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth"; Revelations 11:5 "The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever"; Revelations 19:16 ".....King of Kings, Lord of Lords".

The Messiah, an oratorio, is a story of resurrection. George F. Handel received a libretto, created from biblical texts, from his friend and patron, Charles Jennens in 1741. Handel was inspired by the text taken from Isaiah 40, "Comfort Ye, Comfort ye my people", and with a commission from a charitable organization in Dublin, began the work on August 22, 1741. He thought it would take a year to complete, but was so inspired he completed it in less than a month.

It has become a tradition to stand during the Hallelujah Chorus. Why? It is said that when it was performed on May 23, 1743, King George II stood during the Hallelujah Chorus. The King stood, and so did everyone else in attendance. There is speculation about why he stood - his gout was bothering him, he needed to stretch his legs, or that he was moved by God through the music. The tradition endures as congregations and audiences all over the world stand during the Hallelujah Chorus.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Discernment	2 9:30 a.m. Food Shelf Mtg. 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish 7:00 p.m. Tech Com	3 8:00 p.m. AA	4 6:15 p.m. Chimes 7:00 p.m. Troop 39 7:15 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Family	5 Noon Lenten Service & Luncheon 6:30 p.m. Milk & Honey Cook- ing School Mtg.	6 10-12 Art Class
7 3rd 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 Church School ages 3-gr. 6 Cookie Walk following 10:30 service 8:00 p.m. AA	8 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Discernment	9 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39 7:00 p.m. Leadership	10 5 p.m. Headstart 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 Family	12 Noon Lenten Service & Luncheon 2-9:20 p.m. Olan Mills	13 9:30-5:15 p.m. Olan Mills 10-12 Art Class 10:00 a.m. Car- ring Circle
14 4th Sunday in Lent Girl Scout Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:15 a.m. Church School gr. 7-12 10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Commu- nion Church School ages 3-gr. 6 8:00 p.m. AA	15 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Discernment	16 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39 7:00 Finance	17 5 p.m. Headstart 8:00 p.m. AA	18 6:15 p.m. Chimes 7:00 p.m. Troop 39 7:15 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Family	19 Noon Lenten Service & Luncheon	20 10-12 Art Class
21 5th 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 Church School ages 3-gr. 6 Brunch following 10:30 Service Adirondack Liturgical Dancers 8:00 p.m. AA	22 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Discernment	23 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. UMW 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39	24 5 p.m. Headstart 8:00 p.m. AA	25 6:15 p.m. Chimes 7:00 p.m. Troop 39 7:15 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Family	26 Noon Lenten Service & Luncheon	27 10-12 Art Class 6 p.m. Interfaith Seder Meal
28 Palm Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:15 a.m. Church School gr. 7-12 10:30 a.m. Service of Word Church School ages 3-gr. 6 8:00 p.m. AA	28 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Discernment	30 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39	31 8:00 p.m. AA	 April 4, 2010		

Bake cookies – buy cookies – help others!!

March 7, 2010

we have designated as ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** for
UMCOR, and we will be holding
our annual **COOKIE WALK!**



Join us in the Social Hall after the 10:30 worship service and fill the
box of your choice to the brim with lots and lots of cookies while
donating to

One Great Hour of Sharing!!

It's a "sweet" way to come to the aid of others around the
world...fill the box and your heart!!

You bake, UMCOR benefits - and so do the tens of thousands
of people as they recover from disasters...anywhere in the world.
Remember, the gifts given during One Great Hour of Sharing sup-
port the administrative costs of running (UMCOR), allowing 100%
of gifts given to emergency response in places such as Haiti or to
programs that help develop sustainable economies in impoverished
communities goes to the designated advance. Consider baking
cookies and bringing them to the Church kitchen either before the
8am or 10:30am services...and, "take a walk for UMCOR"

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, March 23,
6 p.m. Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
program by Gina Gratton

Tuesday, April 27
6 p.m. Mother Child Dinner
More Information to Be Provided

Tuesday, May 25
6 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner
"Hungry for Change"
program by Marsha Lawrence

Tuesday, June 22
Fellowship Time - Dinner Out!



Notice to Members

The City of Plattsburgh has approved the itinerary for the Half Marathon on Sunday morning, April 18th (8am-11am). The corner of Beekman and Bailey will be where runners turn east and proceed back downtown. Members are encouraged to come in via Boynton Avenue that morning and use the north entrance to the church property as Beekman Street to the corner of Asbury will be regulated for the runners.

Friday Lenten Services and Luncheons Continue

February 26th, Sr. Miriam Nijamy

March 5th World Day of Prayer—Plattsburgh UMW

March 12th Rev. Colin Belton, Trinity Episcopal Church

March 19th TBA

March 26th Rev. Marion Moore-Colgan



March 28—8:00 Palm/Passion Sunday

and 10:30 a.m. Walk Through Holy Week

April 1—7:30 p.m. Living Last Supper Tableau with Narrators

April 2— 7:00 a.m. —6:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Candle Service

Easter Sunday Services—April 4



6:30 a.m. — Wilcox Dock.

Dress warm and be prepared for a short, spirit-filled service, as the sun actually rises. (Call church office (563-2992) if you need directions to Wilcox dock.

8:00 a.m. Easter Morning Service in the Chapel

10:30 a.m. Easter Service with Adirondack Brass
and Darryl Redmond timpani

***MILK AND HONEY
COOKING SCHOOL'S DINNER THEATER PLANNED
FOR APRIL***

After exhaustive tasting (it was difficult, but someone had to do it) we have finalized the menu for our dinner-theater production from the Milk and Honey Cooking School (AKA "Eat Your Way Through the Bible"). We have scheduled a meeting for Friday, March 5, starting at 6:30, to make final assignments for readings, tasks, and recipes. We can use more readers (little acting required, but hamming it up will be permitted), 6 servers, and additional kitchen help. Our dress rehearsal will be lunch on Saturday, April 10, and we are tentatively scheduling our production for dinner on Saturday, April 17.

Volunteers who attend the March meeting will be given their choice of the available parts to play. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in April for additional volunteers. There will be a charge for the dinner (who knew biblical food was so expensive?) and reservations will be required since seating is limited. So check your calendars and join us for the food and the fun.



PUMC will be publishing a 2010 pictorial directory. Olan Mills will hold photo sessions at church. Everyone receives a free 8 x 10 and a directory of church members.

Photo sessions for the 2010 Pictorial Directory will be on

Friday, March 12 from 2 - 9:20 p.m.

Saturday, March 13 from 9:30 - 5:15 p.m. and

Monday, April 19 from 2 - 9:20 p.m.

Time slots will be scheduled by Penny Cowan after the 10:30 a.m. church service or contact her at cowanpj@yahoo.com or by phone at 562-3429. Please check your calendars and be prepared to sign up for a date and time convenient for your schedule.

Lectionary

March 7, 2010

Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788)

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32 (UMH 766)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21, 2010

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126 (UMH 847)

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

March 28, 2010

Palm/Passion Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14 23:56

(or Luke 23:1-49)



The Adirondack Liturgical Dance Troupe, under the direction of Kathy Koester, will be enhancing worship service on March 21. The Troupe is comprised of: Kelcey Briggs, Carlee Carrier, Sierra Caramia, Eunice Choe, Katie Duffy, Lydia Price and Ashley Stitt. Students who still dance with the troupe but currently away at school: Sierra Boyea, Alyssa Crockett, Alexis Hewitt, Danielle Kreig, Megan McCullough and Eve Morocco . The Troupe looks forward to dancing to special Lenten music.

Caring Circle: Just Sign Here or R.S.V.P.?

Just sign here... and you've committed to thirty years of mortgage payments, six years of car payments, repayment of college loans, etc. etc. How often we're asked to sign our names to some form of payment or commitment involving giving up money, time, even privacy (and don't forget to read the fine print).

Just sign here... and you can be the winner of a two week getaway, a new wide-screen TV, the grand prize of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Our reaction: we raise our eyebrows and look for the "catch" because if it seems too good to be true it usually is!

How different we feel when we receive an invitation! Our minds anticipate a warm atmosphere of family and friends, feelings of belonging, comfort and care, often accompanied by good food and beverage. We R.S.V. P. with a smile on our face. Yes, we'd be happy to attend!

Now it's Sunday. You arrive at church, checking the secular world at the door, preparing for your hour of peaceful worship, communion and fellowship. You pick up the bulletin and read "please sign the red books found in the pews ..."

Do you see this as an invitation from your church family? We hope so; because that is the way it is meant to be for each person who is with us. These books are an invitation from Plattsburgh United Methodist Church to be a part of our fellowship and caring community (our Caring Circle). When you sign your name and contact information you are indicating your desire to be connected to the church (to be included in our Caring Circle): as a member; as a regular attendee, as a friend or as a visitor.

So on Sunday mornings, please R.S.V. P. to our open invitation. We're glad you're able to join us, and share in all the parts of our Sunday Service.