



The Circuit Rider

Plattsburgh United Methodist Church
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May 2010

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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.

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. "Fellowship 15 Time" follows in the Family Room.

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.



Join in for refreshments and fellowship following the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services of worship during our "Fellowship 15 Time" .



“Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High is awesome, a great king over all the earth.”

(Psalm 47:1&2)

As we continue in the Sundays of Easter, we realize we have so many opportunities to celebrate God’s grace-filled love for humanity. These Sundays between Easter morning and Pentecost are meant for our minds, our hearts, our souls to be filled with joy and gratefulness for God’s gift of the Resurrected Jesus and all the acceptance of what his sacrifice means to us. We are God’s children! We are Christ’s brothers and sisters! We have Good News to share, which brings with it a promise of newness for each day!

During this time of Easter, may we continue to experience the wonder of God’s eternal love.

In Christ, Pastor Marion



We are so fortunate to have had so many donations and assistance during the Easter season. Thanks to all who contributed and worked to make our sanctuary a special place of worship.

Boy Scout Troop 39—which our church has sponsored continuously since 1933 is planning a belated 75th anniversary celebration on Saturday July 10. The committee is just starting to plan the program. Watch for more information. In the meantime, anyone who has been associated with the Troop over the last 77 years is asked to search their possessions to see if they have any pictures or memorabilia relating to the Troop to lend us for a display on that date. If so please contact Dick Ward at 563-4181 or Rick Mikkelson at 561-7004. Thanks.

Dick Ward



Memorial Day
Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives

A special worship service is planned for Memorial Day (during regular church time) honoring deceased military family members of our church community.

Church members are encouraged to submit relatives names and other information in advance of this service and at the service itself. It is recommended that information be submitted to the church office before May 23 for inclusion in a publication.

Afterthoughts

Community voices, directed by Jeanette Woodruff, join together for a concert at PUMC to benefit the food shelf. The concert begins at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. A cash donation or a non-perishable food item will be appreciated.

Worship Coordinators

May 2nd

Nursery: Gina Gratton, Linda Masters

Liturgist: Mike Spofford

8:00 a.m. Communion Steward: Liz Eldredge

May 9th

Nursery: Marilyn Bates, Nichole Bennet-Bealer

Liturgist: Newton Greimer

8:00 a.m. Communion Steward: Lorraine Floyd

May 16th

Nursery: Penny Cowan, Morgan Mooney

Liturgist: Julius Archibald

8:00 a.m. Communion Steward: Kathy Koester

May 23rd

Nursery: Edrie Archibald, Carolyn Desrocher

Liturgist: Dick Ward

8:00 a.m. Communion Steward: Sue O'Dell

May 30th

Nursery: Marsha Lawrence, Volunteer Needed

Liturgist: Julius Archibald

8:00 a.m. Communion Steward: Ruth Bates



May Birthdays

- 3 Holly Kipp**
Leslie Scholtz
- 5 Casey Dupras**
Kay Washbourne
Scott Steuerman
- 6 Kim Brown Gittens**
- 7 Kathryne Pritchard**
- 9 Julius Archibald, II**
- 11 Marie Bragg**
- 17 Lauren Colver Currie**
- 20 Suzanne Franklin**
Jeff Dukette
- 21 Ann Marie Parks**
- 22 Morgan Mooney**
Linda Masters



- 23 Dave DeVoe**
- 25 Hana Cadieux**
Alice Jolly
- 27 Nellie Harris**
- 28 Ellen Dukette**
- 30 Anola Archibald**
- 31 Adam Colver**

May Anniversaries

- 19 Roger and Bonnie Black**

June Birthdays

- 3 Chris Ortloff, Jr.**
May Pritchard
- 4 Helen Haylett**
- 6 Mike Waite**
- 7 Jennie Schumacher Kocik**
Marsha Lawrence
Dorothy Ryan
- 10 Ryan David Luff**
- 12 Kate Colver**
- 13 David Kenoyer**
- 14 Michael Newman**
Edrie Archibald
- 15 Irv Waite**
- 16 William Peek (in memory)**
- 17 Gina Gratton**
- 18 Marian Mayhew**
- 19 Michele Bogensberger**
Violet Feazelle
- 20 Cindy Pytlak**
- 21 Irma Leavitt**
- 26 Marjorie Bouyera**
- 27 Bill LaCount, Jr.**
Ralph Hunkins
- 29 Pauline Marshall**

June Anniversaries

- 11 John & Judy Russell**
- 17 Brian & Cindy Pytlak**
- 18 Joyce & Bob Todd**
- 30 Linton & Kathy Dow**

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?

HUNGRY FOR CHANGE?

All are invited to MAY 11 United Methodist Women's Meeting.

Potluck dinner at 6pm in Social Hall.

Program at 7pm by Marsha Lawrence

Program: HUNGRY FOR CHANGE - A review of America's industrialized food system and how it impacts our health and the health of the planet. How can we combine our food and our faith to make better eating choices?

Program will be a review of some books, movies, and local food options. Books include: "Omnivore's Dilemma", "Eating Animals", "Food and Faith". Movies include: "Food Inc.". There will be some take home ideas and actions too.

Together we can work for a more sustainable and equitable food system. If you're HUNGRY FOR CHANGE then come learn!

UMW Coming Events

Tuesday, June 22

Fellowship Time - Dinner Out!

Lectionary

May 2, 2010 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148 (UMH 861)

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 9, 2010 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67 (UMH 791)

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

May 13, 2010 Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 (UMH 781)

Ephesians 1:15-23

May 16, 2010 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97 (UMH 816)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

May 23, 2010 Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 30, 2010 Trinity Sunday

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8 (UMH 743)

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15



Thursday May 13 - 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Friday May 14 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Saturday May 15 9:00 a.m.—Noon

UMW SPRING RUMMAGE SALE--NEW PROCEDURES: The UMW Spring Rummage Sale will take place on May 13, 14, and 15. We need your VERY GOOD QUALITY used items for the sale! In an effort to more easily organize the sale, we're trying some new drop-off procedures. Following the guidelines below will help us contain the donated items to the designated area prior to set-up on Thursday. We appreciate your help in raising money for women's and children's mission work locally, nationally, and internationally.

Please drop off all donated items in Classroom A (closest to the church office) during the designated hours: Sunday, 5/9, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Monday, 5/10, 10 a.m.- noon; Tuesday, 5/11, 4 - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 5/12, 6 - 8 p.m. DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS IN THE SCOUT ROOM!

Since we have to pay to dispose of unsold items, we will only accept very large items, computer equipment, large electronics, and furniture items if you are willing to pick them back up if they are not sold. We will ask for contact information when you drop off these items.

We can not accept heavy items that require more than one person to carry. Please carefully consider whether each item is in appropriate condition for resale. Items should be clean, in good repair, and have all parts.

Please call Sharon Roraback (566-7430) or Susan Cadieux (561-1927) if you have any questions.

Your help is also needed to set up, run, and clean up from the sale. This sale is a week-long endeavor, from drop-off of items beginning Sunday to disposal of leftovers on Saturday! Please check the sign-up sheet in the narthex and sign up for a time slot that fits your schedule. We can use your help for as little as an hour or as much as a day. Any contribution of your time and energy will be greatly appreciated.

Food Shelf Garden Begins

Our UMW sponsored Food Shelf Garden has been started. One bed has spinach and the other has peas. Once these have matured and have been harvested, the beds will then be used for green beans and tomatoes.

Want to help??? Here's what is needed.

- 1) Tomato plants to transplant at end of June, so if you start your own, how about a couple extra for this garden.
- 2) Donation of supplies or time to build a simple chicken-wire type fence. Some critter is digging up the soil but not really eating the veggies.
- 3) Donation of soil, compost, or \$\$ so soil can get a boost between these plantings.
- 4) TIME to care for the garden this summer. A calendar will be put up on UMW bulletin board sometime in June. Perhaps you can adopt a week to make the garden your business. It's mostly to monitor the amount of rain in case water is needed.

Marsha Lawrence (563-3571), munger39@charter.net is coordinating the garden. There will be updates this summer and more info. about when/what specific help will be needed (like when all peas are finished and the tomatoes need to be transplanted in).

As always, please contact Marsha with any questions or ideas.



A *Mission trip* to the *United Economic Ministry in Salem Township, Maine*, will be held from July 11 - 17, 2010. It is coming up on us fast - 11 short weeks away.

Won't you consider giving a week of your summer to help make some of the dreams of some people in a very economically depressed area come true. Mission is not about sympathy and pity. It is about personal contact with people with whom there are now faces and names. It is about having fun and enjoying the work you are doing. It is about helping those less fortunate than we are. It is about learning to love and to understand people from a different culture. Mission becomes much more real when there are names and faces connected.

The work we do serves as a bridge between dreams and reality for these people. Many do not have the resources to do necessary repairs on their homes - repair steps, repair/replace leaking roofs, fix windows or to paint. Some people do not have running water. We can make a difference to these people by giving one week of our time for sharing some intentional acts of kindness.

The total cost for the week is \$225. \$175 of this goes directly to Maine to help with supplies for projects and support staff. The other \$50 is used to cover the meals for the week.

The informational brochure and all of the necessary forms have been copied and left in the church office. All - or almost all - you need to know is with the information. These can be picked up mornings when the office is open or after both services on Sunday. If you need more information or have any question, please call Vivian Melin at 563-1242. Or leave a message on my voice mail - 441-2305.

Caring Circle

“With Blessing Comes Responsibility/With Responsibility Comes Blessing”

We are truly blessed! This congregation, by taking on the responsibility of caring through intercessory prayer, has developed a reputation. We are known as a church community that reaches beyond its four walls to embrace the needs of the community at large. The Joys and Concerns letters, the email prayer list, pastoral visits and phone calls, perhaps telephone calls between members of one of the many small groups that keep the church running: all address the needs of personal family, church family, friends, and co-workers. The blessing comes not only with the fact that we have undertaken the responsibility for the outpouring of the prayer (Lord, hear our prayers) but are also the recipients of the inflowing of unexpected gratitude (I had no idea people cared so much).

Caring for “our own” is a big responsibility, but we only understand the full measure of our responsibility and gain the full measure of our blessing, when we accept the risk that we may be asked to pray for a stranger in distress. In a recent telephone call to the church office an obviously troubled voice stated they heard that we are a church who prays for people. The next question was “Do you pray for people who don't go to church there?” (Can you imagine being in a position where your life has been turned upside down, and then being turned away from a source of help and comfort!) “Please pray for Me (a first name only) and for my situation.” Since God knows us all (and the full measure of our need) by first names only, the person was assured that their request would be put out for prayer.

Fr. Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), a Roman Catholic priest and writer, whose life work was with the developmentally disabled, wrote in his book, *With Open Hands*, “There can be no talk of prayer as long as prayer is thought of as an activity which excludes our neighbor ... prayer can never be antisocial or asocial. Whenever we pray and leave out our neighbors, our prayer is not real prayer. True prayer by its nature is socially significant.”

May we always be in a position where the prayers/caring of our community and the community at large will be addressed. Lord, hear our prayers.



The Wesley Foundation—scholarship program recognizes deserving United Methodists who plan to pursue health-related careers. United Methodist Health and Housing, which operates Wesley Health Care Center, Embury Apartments and Woodlawn Commons Senior Living in Saratoga Springs, NY takes great pride in its strong educational emphasis which supports its commitment to provide quality care to its residents.

This scholarship program will be funded by the Meinhardt Partnership and will be awarded to four individuals, one from each of the four districts of the Troy Conference. \$1000 will be awarded in 2010. Criteria for selection includes

- * being a member of a congregation which is part of the Troy Conference
- * be pursuing a career focusing on aging or long-term care services
- * indicate need for financial assistance
- * demonstrate a history of community service

Applications are in the Church office and are due in by MAY 14, 2010.

Ball Memorial Scholarship—In honor of the memory of Reverend Frederick J. Ball and his wife Anna, the United Methodist Church of Plattsburgh has established a scholarship fund in their names. Reverend Ball was pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church from 1932 to 1949, retired in 1955, then remained in the Plattsburgh area to serve this church as pastor emeritus beyond the age of one hundred, ministering to as many as four generations of some families. He appreciated education as a necessary preparation for life's opportunities and challenges, so it is appropriate that a scholarship fund was formed to honor both him and his wife.

Income from the fund is used for one-time scholarships for tuition, books, or room and board. These scholarships are given to graduating high school seniors who are planning to pursue baccalaureate degrees at accredited colleges or universities. The scholarship committee will consider applications only from members of this church (confirmed or transferred) on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, and financial need. Applications are available in the church office after April 1st, and must be completed and submitted with all supporting documentation by May 15 in order to guarantee full consideration.

Autumn Festival Plant Booth—September 18, 2010

Seeds for Thought

It is time for us to start thinking about getting plants started for Autumn Festival. In order for us to begin, we need pots - lots of pots! If you have any pots you are not using or are putting new plants in your garden, please save the plastic pots for us. Donations may be given to: Janet Tinker, Betty Sherman or Linda Gebo. Janet will accept your plant cuttings beginning June. Thank you.

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| 2 5th Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:15 a.m. Church School gr. 7-12 10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Communion Church School ages 3-gr. 6 8:00 p.m. AA | 3 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Discernment | 4 9:30 a.m. Food Shelf 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39 7:00 p.m. SPRC | 5 Primitimers @ Noon 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Disciple I 8:00 p.m. AA | 6 6:15 p.m. Chimes 7:15 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Family | 7 | 8 10-12 Noon Painting Class New Session |
| 9 6th Sunday of Easter 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 | 10 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Discernment | 11 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39 6:00 p.m. UMW | 12 5:00 Setup Spring Rummage Sale 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Disciple I 8:00 p.m. AA | 13 7:15 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Family | 14 Spring Rummage Sale 9-5 p.m. | 15 9-12 Noon |
| 16 7th Sunday of Easter <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> 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 UMW Brunch following 10:30 Service 8:00 p.m. AA | 17 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Discernment | 18 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39 7:00 p.m. Finance | 19 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 8:00 p.m. AA | 20 7:15 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Family | 21 Protestant Conference Meeting | 22 Clean Up |
| 23 Day of Pentecost 8:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 9:15 a.m. Church School gr. 7-12 10:30 a.m. Service of Word & Confirmation Church School ages 3-gr. 6 6:00 p.m. Concert "Afterthoughts" 8:00 p.m. AA | 24 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Discernment | 25 12:00 Al Anon 6:00 p.m. Cub Pack 39 7:00 p.m. Leadership | 26 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 8:00 p.m. AA | 27 7:15 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Family | 28 | 29 |
| 30 1st Sunday of Pentecost Memorial Day Military Honored 8:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 10:30 a.m. Service of Word Church School ages 3-gr. 6 8:00 p.m. AA | 31 Memorial Day Office Closed Food Shelf Closed | | | | | |

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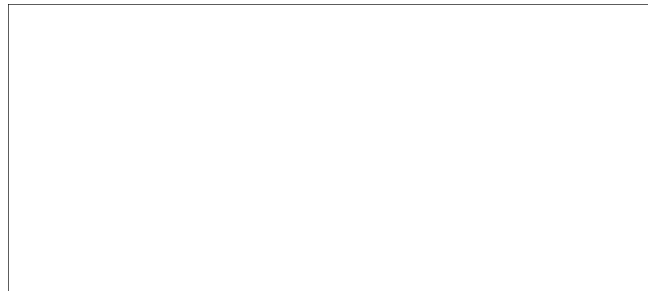


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