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**NEXT PULSE DEADLINE: *FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH***

Happy 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary! That's right, 2009 is our Bicentennial year and it promises to be an exciting year in the Pawling United Methodist Church. On January 28, 1809, several people decided that Pawling needed a Methodist church and they signed the paperwork that created the Pawling Methodist Episcopal Church. There has been a Methodist presence in Pawling ever since. The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has planned a year full of exciting events as we celebrate 200 years of praising and worshipping God here in Pawling!

The events of the year include celebrating baptisms and weddings that have been performed here. We will also celebrate the missions work that we have done and we will have an old-fashioned tent meeting as well. But I'm really looking forward to the Grand Celebration in April with Bishop Park presiding. Bishop Park is a wonderful man; full of energy. We really need to be ready to sing that day because Bishop Park is known as the "Singing Bishop!" His enthusiasm and excitement are contagious so be ready to be moved both emotionally and spiritually.

As United Methodists, no celebration would be complete without food. In addition to having food at our celebrations, the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is asking for recipes for a souvenir cookbook. Once it is complete, each family will receive a copy. If you have a favorite recipe, make sure the committee receives a copy soon.

It's going to be exciting, so plan to be part of the celebration throughout the year. Mark your calendar for February 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and October 18<sup>th</sup>; these are the special days already planned. And look for other dates as they are announced. Be sure to join us as we celebrate the past and look forward to the next 200 years! May you and your families be blessed with good health and happiness throughout the year.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Mark

## **Pawling Epiphany Walk 2009 - Sunday January 4th**

### Order

1. 4:00pm Christ Church on Quaker Hill
2. 4:30pm United Methodist Church
3. 5:00pm St. John's Roman Catholic Church
4. 5:30pm Central Baptist Church
5. 6:00pm Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
6. 6:30pm Christ the King Lutheran Church

Followed by reception

### **January Calendar**

- 4 Epiphany Walk 4pm Starts at Christ Church
- 5 Pantry Pals 9-11 am
- 7 Prayer Group 6:30 pm  
Bell Choir 7 pm  
Adult Choir 8 pm
- 8 Church Council 7 pm
- 9 Youth Group 7 pm
- 12 Pantry Pals 9-11 am
- 13 Bible Study @ Parsonage 7 pm
- 14 Prayer Group 6:30 pm  
Bell Choir 7 pm  
Adult Choir 8 pm
- 15 Worship Committee Meeting 7 pm
- 16 Youth Group 7 pm
- 18 No Sunday School – Holiday
- 19 Pantry Pals 9-11 am
- 20 Bible Study @ Parsonage 7 pm
- 21 Prayer Group 6:30 pm  
Bell Choir 7 pm  
Adult Choir 8 pm
- 23 Youth Group 7 pm
- 25 Pancake Luncheon  
Trustees Meeting 12 noon
- 26 Pantry Pals 9-11 am
- 27 Bible Study @ Parsonage 7 pm
- 28 Prayer Group 6:30 pm  
Bell Choir 7 pm  
Adult Choir 8 pm
- 30 Youth Group 7 pm

## **February Calendar**

- 2 Pantry Pals 9-11 am
- 3 Bible Study @ Parsonage 7 pm
- 4 Prayer Group 6:30 pm  
Bell Choir 7 pm  
Adult Choir 8 pm
- 5 Church Council 7 pm
- 6 Youth Group 7 pm
- 9 Pantry Pals 9-11 am
- 10 Bible Study @ Parsonage 7 pm
- 11 Prayer Group 6:30 pm  
Bell Choir 7 pm  
Adult Choir 8 pm
- 13 Youth Group 7 pm
- 15 No Sunday School – Holiday
- 16 No Pantry Pals – Holiday
- 17 Bible Study @ Parsonage 7 pm
- 18 Prayer Group 6:30 pm  
Bell Choir 7 pm
- 19 Worship Committee Meeting 7 pm
- 20 Midnight Run
- 22 Pancake Luncheon  
Trustees Meeting 12 noon
- 23 Pantry Pals 9-11 am
- 24 Bible Study @ Parsonage 7 pm
- 25 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm
- 27 Youth Group 7 pm

## **January Birthdays**

- 4 Elizabeth Palumbo
- 5 Frank LaBarbera, Sr.  
Diane Ramsey
- 6 Kristen Ramsey
- 7 Nia Cordani
- 14 Flossie Ballard
- 16 Emily Higgins
- 18 Evelyn McDonald
- 19 Hilda Ramsey
- 22 Leona O’Connell
- 23 Guy Hasler
- 29 Jeff Van Tassel
- 31 Patricia Mayhew  
Sara Briggs

## **January Anniversaries**

No one said “I do” in January?

## **February Birthdays**

- 1 Marilyn Hasler
- 2 Lois Quackenbush
- 3 Thomas Reynolds
- 5 Robert Rogers  
Neil Osborn
- 6 Erik Schnackenberg  
Rebecca Place
- 13 Lucy Schifini
- 16 Peggy Meyer
- 18 Jonathan Hubert
- 19 Laura O'Connell  
Jeffrey Bielski  
Arthur D'Agostino
- 21 Leanne Quackenbush  
Sharon Cecil
- 22 Cody Day
- 23 Evelyn Jenkins
- 25 Clark Dalzell

## **February Anniversaries**

- 6 Richard and Kimberly Ramsey
- 14 Thomas and Savannah Schifini
- 18 Daniel and Diane Emerson  
William and Hilda Ramsey

## **January Scriptures**

### **New Year's Day**

January 1, 2009 Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Psalm 8, Revelation 21:1-6a, Matthew 25:31-46

### **Epiphany of the Lord**

January 4, 2009 Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

### **Baptism of the Lord**

January 11, 2009 Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

### **Human Relations Day**

January 18, 2009 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20), Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20,  
John 1:43-51

January 25, 2009 Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

## **February Scriptures**

February 1, 2009 Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

### **Boy Scout Sunday**

February 8, 2009 Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

February 15, 2009 2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalm 30, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Mark 1:40-45

### **Transfiguration Sunday**

February 22, 2009 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

### **Ash Wednesday**

February 25, 2009 Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, Matthew  
6:1-6, 16-21

## **Condolences**

The congregation wishes to express their sympathy to the family of Charlie Clarkson, Sr. Please pray that God's comfort, peace, and strength may surround them.

We would also like to offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Julie Orbell.

"I am the resurrection and the life," says our Lord. "Those that believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die:

(John 11:25-26 NRSV)

## **Pancake "Bruncheons"**

The men of the church are continuing the tradition of serving food to the congregation on the last Sunday of the month during the winter months (Nov. - Mar.) They will be serving a "bruncheon" of hot fluffy pancakes, delicious sausage (regular, turkey and low-fat are available;) sugar-free and regular syrup and coffee immediately following the service. The first brunch will be Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate any donations that you might care to make, all of which goes to provide you with the delicious "bruncheon." Thank you.

## **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt** - Carol McDaniel

Since I will be having surgery November 4<sup>th</sup>, I have decided to have open quilting after I come home from the hospital. That means after November 17<sup>th</sup> any one who wants to work on the quilt any day should call me and we'll make plans. I'm hoping to work on it a little each day so just call me at 855-1889. "As Our Church Eats" is coming along. I still can use recipes, so please keep them coming. Thanks!

## **NEW DIRECTORY FOR 2009**

In preparation for printing a new Directory, we would appreciate it if you would please check the directory to make sure your information is correct. Especially your email information! You can email any changes or new information to the Church office at pawlingumc@aol.com or complete the requested information and send to PUMC, 2 Dutcher Avenue, Pawling, NY 12564. Thanks for your help.

Last Name:

First Name:

Spouse:

Address:

Home Telephone:

Work Telephone:

Email address:

Children:

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

### **Balloon Launch Spreads God's Word To Boston & Connecticut**

At the kickoff on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday School had a balloon launch as one way of spreading the Word of God. Self-addressed stamped postcards were filled out by the children and youth and attached to balloons inviting people to join us for Sunday School and worship. We received three responses. One was as far away as Boston, Massachusetts! We thought we would share these wonderful, inspiring notes with you!

*"We were having a picnic and your balloon landed on us! God bless! You've succeeded in spreading the Word to Boston!" ~Kate & Chad, Boston, MA*

*"God bless" ~ Fairway Drive, Pawling, NY*

*"Hello, I received this balloon from the sky yesterday. We live in the north east side of Connecticut. Our town is Chaplin, the zip code is 06235. We are approximately 30 miles East of Hartford. Although I did receive your invitation to go to your church, I have to say that I probably won't as the distance between us is great. The other reason is that I have my own to attend. I applaud the effort of your church, and am enclosing a card from the group that I also spend time with (Council for Christian Arts at [www.christian-arts.org](http://www.christian-arts.org)). In addition, my wife and I are in a contemporary Christian band (Master Plan at [www.hismasterplan.com](http://www.hismasterplan.com)). I wish you and your church the very best and hope that someday we could meet." ~John Bolduc, Chaplin, CT*

### **WAY TO GO PAWLING UMC IN SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST BY MAKING AND SENDING POSTCARDS!**

#### **Pigs, Rabbits & Chicks As Presents**

The Sunday School and congregation collected \$200.15 for the Heifer Project and purchased a pig, a trio of rabbits, and flock of chicks to help hungry, undernourished families that are in need.

Heifer International works in the areas of livestock and agriculture to develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty. Since 1944, Heifer International has worked to bring help, healing, and hope to millions of impoverished families worldwide. In its first 60 years, Heifer assisted more than 10 million families. In areas where hunger and despair once prevailed, Heifer programs have reinvigorated communities through livestock, training, and "passing on the gift."

#### **Pigs**

Heifer animals are like "living savings accounts" for struggling families, and the pig may well be the most interest-bearing. Each gift can give a valuable source of protein, income from the sale of offspring and manure to nourish crops and soil and increase crop yields. Pigs need little land and can thrive on crop and garden by-product scraps. An average sow can provide a family with up to 16 piglets a year. Pigs usually double their three-pound birth weight in their first week and can grow to more than 200 pounds in six months!

#### **Rabbits**

A trio of rabbits from Heifer International is a low-cost, high-yield gift that helps impoverished families increase their protein intake and income. Rabbits are easy to care for; they eat simple foods, such as carrot tops, sweet potato vines and grasses. Rabbit manure can be applied directly on gardens without composting. And because rabbits have so many offspring, the process of passing on the gift multiplies each gift quickly and helps many other impoverished families better their lives.

#### **Chicks**

A flock of chicks can help families from Cameroon to the Caribbean add nourishing, life-sustaining eggs to their inadequate diets. The protein in just one egg is a nutritious gift for a

hungry child. Protein-packed eggs from even a single chicken can make a life-saving difference. Heifer helps many hungry families with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks. A good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year - plenty to eat, share or sell. Because chickens require little space and can thrive on readily available food scraps, families can make money from the birds without spending much. And chickens help control insects and fertilize gardens.

## **WAY TO GO PAWLING UMC IN SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST BY PURCHASING LIVESTOCK TO HELP END WORLD HUNGER & POVERTY!!!**

**A Little Humor** – submitted by Carol McDaniel

One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the rascally behavior that was going on. So He called one of His angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time. When he returned, he told God, 'Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving and only 5% are not. God thought for a moment and said, 'Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion. So God called another angel and sent him to Earth for a time. When the angel returned he went to God and said, 'Yes, it's true. The Earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving, but 5% are being good. God was not pleased. So He decided to e-mail the 5% that were good, because He wanted to encourage them, and give them a little something to help them keep going. Do you know what the e-mail said? Okay, I was just wondering, because I didn't get one either.

**200th Anniversary** – submitted by Carol McDaniel

Just a reminder about our beginning celebration. In Feb, we will celebrate Christ's baptism as well as our own. Pictures from baptism performed at PUMC will be gathered so that they can be shared. We also would like an oz or 2 of water from your favorite place. I plan to bring water from Spfd, Mo and SL. The plan is to put all the special water in a basin which will be sprinkled at us. If you want to place a cross on your forehead from that water it can also be done. After the service, you will be able to take that "special water" home to help you remember your baptism. The more water the better, the more pictures the better. This year is to celebrate our church and those who were and are members. The actual date for this event is Feb 22. So don't forget your water.

**Banner Challenge** – submitted by Carol McDaniel

April 26, the Bishop is coming. We would like to make banners to represent the different groups that are present in our church. I could start naming them but I won't. If you are involved in any group or service centering from this church you can have a banner. If you don't have ideas, we'll help you come up with some. I hope to supply most of the work supplies from my vast storage of crafting supplies. I'm also hoping that we can have some "work days" to get these ready for that Sunday. I know that the Bishop's visit is soon after Easter and Lent is a busy time but we want to show our pride and our spirit. We may have to figure out some prizes for the best banner so get your creative juices flowing.

**A Message from Holly Eldredge – Lay Leader**

2008 marks 199 years worth of Church worships, ministries, missions and history for our PUMC! We had an active year, thanks to God!

As in our own lives, and as in our homes, change and history are inevitable in the cycle of Church life, as well. Beloved families are gone, and new families join in. Everyone brings their own "special gifts" to the Church table, of time, talent, and finance. No 2 people are alike or do things the same way, and that's okay with God, so it should be for us too. We hope and pray to grow in this faith journey, as we walk it together, doing what the Lord would have us do.

We are a blessed and fortunate Church this year, to have so many spiritual opportunities to worship, grow in our faith, and serve the Lord through missions. You have to come be part of this, to feel it.

If your soul is thirsty, come drink and be spiritually nourished in our Christian Church Education, Adult Sunday School, Bible Study, Prayer Group, Prayer Chain, Worship, Youth Group, and UMW. A truly wonderful "Spiritual Walk Labyrinth" conducted during Lent, was an uplifting Christian experience! The Epiphany Walk in January is rejuvenating, and the Ash Wednesday and Holy Week special services are meaningful and fulfilling to us as Christians! Our wonderful music ministries are such spiritual assets and blessings in our Church life, thanks to talented and professional leaders for our Youth Choir, Adult Choir, and Bell Choir. We have so much to be grateful for!

Many of us feel glorified to serve in mission and outreach programs, like our Thrift Shop, Midnight Runs, ASP, Secret Santa, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas Caroling, Daffodil Sunday for Cancer and even preparing meals to aid families when needed.

Pastor Mark has completed 3 years with us, and he supports, attends, and participates in all of our Church ministries and functions. His sermons are Biblically based, and his Pastoral visitations to Hospitals, Rehabs, and family homes have been numerous this year. He has also been more involved with the Pawling community.

We have many good Christian people in our Church family, who share their gifts and do wonderful things in our Church home, and for the Glory of God! We need to be positive Christians, and supportive, and appreciative, and we need to invite people to come worship with us in our Church house! We all need to help make our Church grow. We offer so many ways to feed our Christian spirit ... and if your soul and spirit didn't get fed and quenched this year, then come participate and get involved now, for the new Church year!

Thank you everyone who helped feed the soul and the spirit this year!

Thanks Be to God!

Holly Eldredge, Lay Leader

### **Edith Davis Update**

My Mom is in the Jewish Home for the Aged in New Haven, Conn. She would appreciate any cards you would be willing to send her. Thank you in advance, Diane Emerson.

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