Worship for February

**February 7th:** Fourth Sunday after Epiphany - HOLY COMMUNION
   FROZEN in Fear: Let it God
   1 John 4:16-19

**February 10th:** ASH WEDNESDAY
   Where We Find Ourselves
   Matthew 14:22-33

**February 14th:** First Sunday of Lent
   The Gift of Uncertainty
   1 Corinthians 13:11-12

**February 21st:** Second Sunday of Lent
   The Gift of Emptiness
   Luke 17

**February 28th:** Third Sunday of Lent
   The Gift of Being Thunderstruck
   Job 37

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**LENT SELF-DENIAL COIN BOXES**

The time period between the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday (2/10/15) and through Good Friday, is a time when Christians have traditionally given up something or denied themselves something they enjoyed, as personal recognition that God gave up his son on the cross for us. As in past years we are again distributing Lenten Self-Denial coin boxes. Each day please consider placing 50 cents or more in the coin box as a symbol of what you have denied yourself. The box holds between $25.00 and $30.00 in quarters. Additional coin boxes will be available at the rear of the church for anyone who needs one. Please return your coin box at any of the PRUMC Holy Week services. If your name is not on the box, please write it on along with your envelope number.

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**Ash Wednesday Simple Soup Meal and Imposition of Ashes**

Join us on Wednesday February 10th for a simple meal of soup and bread followed by a time of worship and reflection. Join us as together we begin the journey of Lent, setting aside all that which keeps from knowing God, loving our neighbor and walking in the path that God has created for each of our lives. We will gather at 6:30pm for a simple meal in the choir room and move into the Sanctuary for a 7:30pm service of scripture, prayer, imposition of ashes and a time of Holy Communion. Let us walk together into this season of Lent.

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**WANTED!!!**

Who: a few good women and men
When: for Sunday mornings after worship
Why?: to continue with our coffee fellowship
We need volunteers to help with Coffee Hour.

Coffee Hour is a great way to make friends, be with your friends and to make new friends.
Feed the Pig
To support:
Souper Bowl of Caring
to support the local food pantry
People to People

Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food around the time of the Big Game. These groups then give 100% of their donations to local charities. More than $110 million has been collected, changing the nation’s largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring.
THE GAME IS BIG. OUR MISSION IS BIGGER. Learn more at souperbowl.org

So look for a Souper Bowl pot in our sanctuary on **Sunday, February 7th**, and drop $1 (or more) or a can (or more) of food in a soup pot to support this worthy cause. Donations will be delivered to the People to People Food Pantry. Thank you for your support.

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Vigil and Service of Prayer and Healing
SAVE THE DATE--Friday March 4th

The Sanctuary will be open all day for prayer and meditation on Friday March 4th from 6am - 7pm. Someone will be available all day to offer prayer and anointing. Whether you are seeking physical healing, emotional healing, spiritual healing, a healing of broken hearts or broken relationships, or other needs of healing, this time of prayer and anointing provides a space to experience God’s healing touch. All are welcome.

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United Methodist Women

**2016 Train Show:**
The Dining Car will be open 4 weekends this year. If you can spare a few hours to help we will find a place for you. Jo Ann Lee has a sign-up sheet for helpers and donations of supplies. Home baked cakes and pies are always welcome. Right now we have a great supply of soda but do need juice boxes, Yoo Hoo, coffee or tea. Sabrett hot dogs or cash donations will be helpful. I will purchase the other supplies. The Train Club are a great group to work with.

Peace And Love,
Helen D’Agostino
Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, “Master, save me!” Jesus didn’t hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. 
Matthew 14: 22-33 The Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I was a young mother of two boys. My youngest son, Mark was not even a year old. I loved my life, but I also felt like God was calling me to something else. My husband Steve and I had only recently joined the Cranford UMC, when another young mother asked me to attend a women’s retreat. Honestly, I wasn’t really sure if I could do it. It was an all-day retreat and Mark was still nursing and I didn’t even really know any of the women. I was filled with excuses as to why I shouldn’t attend, but something inside told me I needed to be there.

And so on that wintery February Saturday, almost exactly 13 years ago, I sat with fellow sisters of faith and heard Matthew 14:22-33 read. In that moment, I realized God was asking me to step out, to trust even when the waters churned beneath my feet and to know that God’s hand would always be reaching out for me. Three months after that retreat, I followed God’s voice and applied for Seminary.

I share this story with you, because too often we let the voices of our excuses, our past failures, our hesitations and our fears drown out God’s voice. And so we never step out of the boat and risk seeing something new.

Throughout Lent we will be focusing on a book by Eric Elnes entitled “Gifts of the Dark Wood.” It is about “seeing life through new eyes, recognizing that experiences of failure, emptiness, and uncertainty are as critical for finding our way through life as they are unavoidable.” How can the struggles of life lead us to a deeper spiritual awakening? Will you be willing to step out and trust that Christ’s hand will already reaching down for you?

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Cyndi

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP
Gather with us Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Pastor Cyndi’s office for a time of prayer and contemplation. We will focus on praying for the many people and situations on our prayer list and prayers lifted up for our nation and world.

When:  First Tuesday of Every Month  
February 2  Time--9:30 AM  
Where:  Hogan’s Diner  
Why:  A Chance to talk and connect.
Thank You Lord/Recognition and Remembrance

- In Memory of Daisy Kempton, by Una Prokop
- In Memory of Elizabeth Pratt, by Marylin Rowe
- In Memory of Gloria Matern, by Jean, John and Siobhan Sullivan and the Elmendorf grandchildren
- In memory of Fred Barbatschi, by Edna Fredrick
- In Memory of Josephine Conklin, by Peggy and Bob Anschick

Please consider a special offering when appropriate to honor, recognize or give thanks for a special occasion or a special someone.

MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Saturdays Feb. 13, 20, 27 & March 5
Sundays Feb. 14, 21, 28 & Mar. 6
Presidents’ Day Feb. 15

What can you do to help?

TAKE A COPY OF THE ENCLOSED FLYER AND HANG IT UP ON A LOCAL COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD!

Station Master Rich Rose will need Ticket Agents. Please sign up for at least one time slot.

The Dining Car Managers need Dining Car Staff, please contact them and sign up. They also will need donations of:
- Soda (all varieties), Juice Boxes, 16 oz. Bottled Water, Small Packs of Cookies & Chips, Brownies, Cakes & Pies (uncut)
- and Sabrett Hot Dogs. Monetary donations are always needed and welcome!

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CALLING ALL ADULTS! Are you interested in investing time and effort into the church’s next generation? Are you one of the few brave souls who’s NOT afraid of teenagers!? Then do I have a service opportunity for you! I am looking for a few more adult volunteers to add to my list of helpers. According to Safe Sanctuary Regulations, I should have a second adult with me during all Youth functions. Please contact me at either chew.rebbecca@gmail.com or 862-266-4636 if you would be willing to assist as an adult leader/helper in any capacity. Thank you!

Sunday, February 14, 6-7:30 PM: We will be celebrating Valentine’s Day in our own way this evening. Please bring a grab-bag Valentine gift under $5.

Sunday, February 28, 6-7:30 PM: During this meeting we will continue our pre-planning and pre-training for the summer mission trip. Please plan to attend this meeting if you are planning on attending the summer mission trip.
2016 MODEL TRAIN SHOW
Pearl River United Methodist Church
130 Franklin Avenue, Pearl River, NY
Corner of John St. & Franklin Ave.
(845) 735-2241

Saturdays      February 13, 20, 27 & March 5   10am–5pm
Sundays       Feb. 14, 21, 28  & Mar. 6   12noon -5pm
Monday      Presidents’ Day Feb. 15  12noon-5pm

Donation:    Children $2.00   Adults $6.00

Cameras Welcome
Bring your memories of toy trains

VISIT THE DINING CAR FOR LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS