

CIRCUIT RIDER

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I therefore beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ~Ephesians 4:1-3

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As our country prepares for the coming presidential election next week, it is easy to see the divisions that separate us as citizens of the USA. It's easy to get so caught up in defining what beliefs separate us that we fail to see the importance of our unity as a nation. This is the same challenge we face in our workplaces, our schools, our homes and yes...even our churches. So how do we move forward together as God's people, when we don't agree?

In St. Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, he reminds them that their unity comes from the Spirit of God and the love they share with one another. It is only here that true peace will be found. Every Sunday evening we begin Confirmation class by lighting the Christ candle. One student lights the candle and then we read the following statement:

Light reminds us that we are in the presence of God. We may not agree on everything, but we must be willing to listen to one another. Our unity is not that we think or act completely the same. We may not even believe the same things, but in Christ's love we have a unity.

On Tues. Nov. 8th, I will place my vote in our election and I encourage you to also let you voice be heard. I will also light a candle for our country...that even in our division we might find unity.

In God's amazing peace and love, Pastor Cyndi

"Rooted in Grace...Growing in Faith...Reaching Out with God's Love"

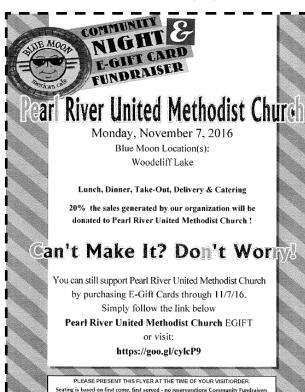


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Worship for November

November 6th 25th Sunday after Pentecost

The Truly Great...
Matthew 20:21-28

November 13th Commitment Sunday

What is Your MVP? I Timothy 6:17-19

November 20th Thanksgiving Sunday

The Road to Thanksgiving Psalm 42, 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

November 27th Ist Sunday in Advent

Bah Humbug! Making Change Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:46-47, 52-55

Nursery volunteers for October

November 6
Amy Andrews and Amogh Matthews

November 13
Susan Doyle and Mark Stouffer

November 20 Leigh Ross and Sydney Gibbs

November 27
Judy DiToma and Caitlyn Roy

News From the Bell Room:

A Special Thank You

The Handbell Choirs send a huge huge thank you to Mel Matern. In memory of Gloria Matern, this donation was divided among the Church Choir and bell choirs. We were able to completely refurbish all the bells and chimes. Thanks to Mel, we'll be ringing for years to come.

COME AND SING!



Choir rehearsals are AUU YOU! WILL Wednesdays at 7:30pm. We meet in the choir room next to the church office.

New voices are always welcome.

Pearl River United Methodist Church Christmas Wreaths Order Form

Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Undecorated \$12	 ~~~
With Bow \$14	
Decorated \$16	
Total	\$ •••

Wreaths Will Be Available After Church On November 27th Please make checks payable to: PRUMC. You may go online to order (www.pearlriverumc.com) OR Cash, Checks or Credit Card Accepted during Coffee Hour. Please Attach Money With Order Form & Give To John Murphy.



Our Church has many outreach missions between now and the end of this year. We appreciate the continued support from our members to touch the lives of so many people locally, nationally and globally. We are listing all of activities under a general heading so you may TREACH understand our mission opportunities and select one or more that you would like to participate.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again the Outreach Committee will be needing your help. Gloria Murphy will be collecting children's items to send overseas.



Many children will not have a Christmas without your help. Samaritan's Purse is looking for small children's items to put in a shoebox.

include: coloring books, Items crayons, washcloths, small cars and trucks, markers, small bibles, hair clips, head bands, small dolls, plastic jewelry, baby socks or bootees, bibs small puzzles, hair care products and bath items. Anything that can fit in a shoebox and is appropriate for a child, young adult or infant.

Collection date will be from October 9 through November 6. Please bring all donations to the library, (Which is located next to the sanctuary).

All monetary donations accepted. If you don't have the time or are confused as to what to donate, let me do the shopping for you.

Thank you ahead of time for all your help at making Christmas better for a child who practically nothing.

Gloria Murphy, Outreach

PROJECT JOY

Each year our church family participates in PROJECT JOY through People to People. We adopt 2 or more families in the hopes of bringing JOY at Christmas to those less fortunate.



Beginning Sunday, November 6th look for the "Charlie Brown Tree" in the Sanctuary. There you will be able to select your gift choice(s). As in the past, your kindness and generosity has allowed these children and their families to experience and see God's love in action. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please see Leslie Rocha, Lynn Kavanagh, Kathy Rose or Rena Gesner.

Holiday Outreach

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart



The weekend before Thanksgiving we will continue our traditional festive collection of fresh fruits and vegetables. (Donated frozen turkeys will also be collected.) Please bring your offerings to our Sunday, November 20th Church service and the children of the congregation will assist in carrying them to baskets set up in front of the altar for a special blessing. All will be delivered to People to People's Food Pantry for distribution to local families in need to help them provide a special Thanksgiving meal for their families.

> Many thanks from the **Outreach Committee**

TREE OF LIGHT

The Outreach Committee will again offer The Tree of Light. The Tree of Light is a special way to honor or remember someone special



during the holidays. You can purchase a bulb for \$5.00 and you can specify if you are honoring someone or remembering someone. You will find forms in the church bulletin on Sunday, November 20th & 27th. The tree will be lit on Sunday, December 4th and will be lit every Sunday in December. This year the money collected will go to victims of Hurricane Matthew.



This year's Children's Christmas Pageant

is entitled

"The Very First Night Before Christmas".

Sunday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.





Sun\day, Nov. 13, 6-7:30 PM: Dinner with the confirmands.

After breaking bread with the confirmands we will continue our series on the Sermon on the Mount. Don't forget to bring your Bible!

Friday, November 18, 6:30-9:30 PM & Saturday, November 19, 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM: Holiday Fair. Both Friday night and Saturday the Youth will be hosting a gift wrapping station at the fair. Proceeds will benefit the Mission Trip. The Youth are in need of donations of gift wrap, ribbons, bows, gift bags, and tissue paper. Youth will be collecting donations during coffee hour November 4 and 13. Youth, confirmands, and adults who can donate their time to run the table contact Becca at Chew.rebbecca@gmail.com or 862-266-4636.

Sunday, November 27, 6-8:30 PM: Movie night!
Come hang out and watch "God's Not Dead."
The confirmands are welcome to join us!



We just finished our Fall Rummage/White Elephant Sale. (Where does everything come from?) Many thanks to all who helped: Bob & Peggy Anschick, Susan Doyle, Heather Conklin, Winnie Ehrlich, Pat Everett, Sean & Pam Gunning, Joline Junghans, Jo Ann Lee, Valerie Lionetti, Alice Lugenbeel, Amy Andrews, Johnny Murphy, Marilyn & Ralph Nelson, Juan Rocha, Marylin Rowe, Susan Simmons, Pete, Gerri, & David Slagan, Steve Stouffer, our youth group, Scout Troupe 37, and "Friends" from the community, Paula, Sandy O'Brian and Nancy Browne. Hope I didn't forget anyone. We made a profit of more than \$ 1,700.00.

Although it can be a lot of work the benefits to our community, world and local Church are many.

Bill Paulino collected children shoes and clothing for Las Pilas School in Ometepe, Nicaragua, Chris collected two van's full of clothing and house ware items to be used at The Martin Luther King Center in Spring Valley, N.Y. People -to-People, Christmas Child project, and Lunch-with-Love at Christ Episcopal Church, Suffern. N.Y. will also benefits.

Now on to our Church Fair.

Peace and Love,

Helen D'Agostino. Pres. UMW

The Holiday Fair committee is looking for four or five people to make homemade soup to sell at the Holiday Fair. We would



need possibly 5 quarts from each as some will be used as samples for our guests. We will supply the containers. You may contact Gloria Murphy for more information.

Thank you in advance for your help.



Monday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.

Beth Am Temple 60 East Madison Avenue Pearl River, NY



COFFEE WITH PASTOR CYNDI

When: First Tuesday of Every Month

November 1st

Time: 9:30am

Where: Hogan's Diner

Why: A chance to talk and connect.



Circle of Sisters has chosen "The Perfume Collector" by Kathleen Tessaro as their November selection.

We will be meeting for dinner on Friday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Gwen Kendall's home.

If you are interested in attending please contact Maria Halzack.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION: LOVING YOUR (RELIGIOUS) NEIGHBORS

Want to better understand how your neighbors worship?
Curious to visit a different house of worship?
Please join us!

THE PEARL RIVER INTERFAITH CLERGY NETWORK cordially invites you to a variety of gatherings starting in April 2016. Each gathering will include a time of sharing about the different faith/denomination followed by questions, with refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Sunday, November 6 at 4pm @St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (84 Ehrhardt Road)



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 13, 10:30 a.m.
FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK LUNCHEON
(Letter to follow in your mailbox)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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DAYLIGHT SA	VING TIME	Coffee with the Pastor 9:30am	2 Chancel Choir	3 UMW Exec Bd Meet 10am	4	5
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Children's Choir 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Chancel Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30am Confirmation Class 6pm	7 Blue Moon Mexican Café Fundraiser (See coupon on cover) Disciple III Bible Study 7pm	ELECTION 8	9	10	teterans	12
Coffee and Conversation: St. Stephen's Church 4pm	Table Tennis 7pm	Trustees meeting 7:30pm	Chancel Choir 7:30pm	Cherub Chimes 6pm Wesley Ringers 6:30pm Memorial Bells 7:30pm		
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We are a Community:

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MINISTRY TEAM

MINISTER	Every Member of Pearl River UMC
PASTOR	The Rev. Cyndi Stouffer
LAY LEADER	Maria Halzack
ANNUAL CONFERENCE REP	John Murphy
ORGANIST	Chieko Delran
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Steve Stouffer
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Pamela Gunning
YOUTH LEADER	Rebbecca Chew Zorn
USHER	Trustees
CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	Camille Cascia

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