



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

By the time you have all read this, I will be nearing the end of my trip to the Holy Land. This journey will be different than the last, since I will be sharing it alongside members of this faith community... members that have shared in study and are now looking to experience and see the land where Jesus walked and served and healed. I want to thank you for your continued prayers for myself, Gutenberg Ahimon, Gwen Kendall and her sister Sue, Sara Pafford and Rich Rose as we made the journey to Israel and the West Bank.

While it is nice to be able to journey to the Holy Land...it is not integral to a journey of faith. What is integral is a willingness to walk with Jesus...to serve others and to offering God's healing in a world so much in need of God's healing touch. Walking in the footsteps of Jesus...following the Way of Jesus has so much more to do with our heart than our location. As we move toward the season of Lent, how is God calling you to a more faithful walk with Jesus? How are you living as a faithful servant of God? And where are the places that you can be a source of healing in your homes, your relationships, your workplace, your community and the world? Following Jesus begins right here...right where we stand.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Cyndi



Greetings from Shepherd's Field in Bethlehem

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### **Worship for February**

#### ***February 5<sup>th</sup>:***

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
**John Murphy will lead worship**

#### ***February 12<sup>th</sup>:***

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany –  
SCOUT SUNDAY

#### **THE GREAT INVITATION:**

**This, Not That**

Matthew 5:21-37

#### ***February 19<sup>th</sup>:***

Six Sunday after Epiphany –  
HOLY COMMUNION

#### **THE GREAT INVITATION:**

**And Now Your Reward**

Matthew 5:38-48

#### ***February 26<sup>th</sup>:***

Transfiguration Sunday

#### **THE GREAT INVITATION: Shine!**

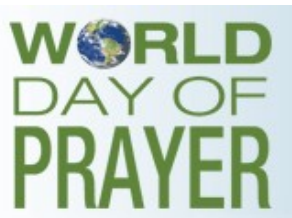
Matthew 17:1-9

### **Prayer Vigil and Time of Healing**

#### **Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Sanctuary will be open all day for prayer and meditation on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### **Nursery volunteers for December**

#### ***February 5***

Amy Medler and Caitlyn Roy

#### ***February 12***

Collene Roy and Brandon King

#### ***February 19***

Gwen Kendall and Michael Stewart

#### ***February 26***

Peggy Anschick and Bridget King



ASH  
WEDNESDAY

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

Join us on **Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>** 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.



The Outreach Committee would like to express its love and gratitude to the congregation for the tremendous support and the many gifts given to our 7 Project Joy & 35 Operation Christmas Child children.

You have put smiles on many faces and filled up the hearts of these children who often believe they are forgotten and unseen. Your love tells them differently and perhaps can change a life path for someone. Their parents as well can feel in their hearts that there are people in the world who place value on their children's happiness. Hopefully this brings them some degree of comfort as they deal with their daily struggles.

On Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> six members of the congregation were pleased to serve dinner to 38 guests at the New City UMC part of the Safe Haven Project of Rockland County. We thank also our other members who supplied food & drink. The meal was much appreciated by all. We thank New City UMC for continuing to let us share in this ministry with them. We will be serving there again on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> our youth will be cooking and serving a meal at Trinity Stony Point UMC for the same group.

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> is "Souper" Bowl of Caring. Look for a youth group member that day. Please drop a \$1 (or more) or a can of soup (or more) in the pot to assist the youth with this project. All donations will go to CUMAC ECHO Food Bank.

Outreach will be trying something new beginning in February. We would like to collect a specific item each month and donate it to a local food cupboard(s) depending on response. For the month of February we would like to collect jars of peanut butter. You will find a basket in the Narthex entry way & in hallway near the coffee hour room. So please take advantage of sales and grab an extra jar or two. We thank you in advance for your kindness.

Next outreach meeting will be on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> immediately following Worship. All are welcome.

In Christ's Love  
The Outreach Committee



## MODEL TRAIN SHOW--FOUR WEEKENDS IN 2017!!

Starting on President's Day weekend, February 18<sup>th</sup>, including Presidents Day, February 20<sup>th</sup> and ending on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

What can you do to help?

Station Master Rich Rose needs an assistant who will be the new Station Master in training for 2018. Anyone interested please contact Rich. We 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!

Due to changing circumstances, we will require a clean-up crew for a short time every night after the Train Show is closed, and are seeking volunteers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to show off our church to the Pearl River community—please be a part of this great event!

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Saturday, February 4, 3-6 PM - We will be meeting in the church kitchen to make chocolate candies which will be sold as a mission trip fundraiser.

Sunday, February 5, 10 AM - Souperbowl Sunday! The Youth will be collecting canned goods and cash donations for XXXX. Please be at church by 10 AM as the collection will be occurring prior to service.

Friday, February 10, 5-9 PM - The Youth will be gathering to cook dinner for homeless individuals in Stony Point, NY. Bring a friend and get ready to cook!

Sunday, February 12, 11:30 AM - The Youth will be hosting a candy sale following service. Proceeds will benefit the mission trip.

Sunday, February 12, 6-7:30 PM - Regular Youth Group Meeting. We will be continuing our series on the sermon on the mount. Bring your Bible and I'll see you there!

Sunday, February 26, 6-7:30 PM - Regular Youth Group Meeting. We will be continuing our series on the sermon on the mount. Bring your Bible and I'll see you there!



Thank you to those members of the congregation who continue to purchase ShopRite cards to do their grocery shopping. This **NO COST TO YOU** fund raiser helps cover our current expenses throughout the year. When you purchase a \$100.00 card, you can buy \$100.00 worth of food or other items and the church gets \$5.00 from Shoprite. The cards can be purchased, for \$50.00 or \$100.00, after Worship Service on Sunday or at the church office.

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Sunday, February 12, 11:30 AM

Valentine's Day Candy Sale

*Proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Team*



### Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

Pearl River United Methodist Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings and Capital Campaign offerings. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donations consistency for our congregation.

**Direct Debit Giving** is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

**Online Giving** lets you go to [www.pearlriverumc.com](http://www.pearlriverumc.com) or scan the QR code below at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.



**In the Community...****Congratulations to:**

Chris and Debra Stewart celebrating 18 years of marriage.

Joan Noonan, celebrating her birthday.

Charlotte Swift, celebrating her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Our deepest condolences to:**

Ed and Diane Cobb and family, on the passing of Ed's mother.

\* New "In the Community" section for announcements within our church community such as weddings, births, milestones, congratulations and condolences, and other news taken from the Sunday worship prayer list. If you have any additional announcement you would like listed, please contact the office at (845) 735-2241 or [pearlriverumc@juno.com](mailto:pearlriverumc@juno.com).

***Thank You, Lord /Recognition and Remembrance Donations***

For Lolly Swift, for her calm and steady legal guidance  
With love, from your Church family

In memory of Sal Guarneri  
by  
Bob and Peggy Anschick  
Debra L. Smith

To Pastor Cyndi, for the perfect memorial service for  
Una Prokop and help and support given to Susan  
by  
Ginger Johnson

In memory of Una Prokop  
by  
Tommie Ahrens  
Bob and Peggy Anschick  
Elizabeth Apicella  
The Benoit Family  
Sheila and Kevin Campbell  
Angus Carmichael  
Helen D'Agostino  
Bill and Rena Gesner  
Sean and Pamela Gunning  
Anita and Herb Johns  
Gwen and Fred Kendall  
Peter and Dorothy Morris  
R. Gregory and Barbara Nelson  
Juan and Leslie Rocha  
Rich and Kathy Rose  
Judith T. Semonick  
Judy DiToma and Ed Westman  
Richard and Charlotte Woodrow  
Mary Anne and Dennis A. Zagroba  
Ivy W. Zlotucha

**A note from the PRUMC...**

Out of the generosity of our neighbors across the street (Franklin), we have been able to use the lot on Sunday mornings to park. If you park there, please make sure your vehicle is in a legal parking and not blocking the ramp. We would like to continue this relationship and be respectful to our neighbor. Thank you for your cooperation.



## 2017 MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Pearl River United Methodist Church  
130 Franklin Avenue, Pearl River, NY  
Corner of John St. & Franklin Ave.  
(845) 735-2241

**Saturdays Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 4 & 11 10am-5pm**  
**Sundays Feb. 19, 26 & Mar. 5 & 12 12noon-5pm**  
**Monday Presidents' Day Feb.20 12noon-5pm**

Donation: Children \$2.00 Adults \$5.00

Cameras Welcome

Bring your memories of toy trains

*VISIT THE DINING CAR  
FOR LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS*



## COFFEE WITH PASTOR CYNDI

**When: First Tuesday of Every Month**  
**(February only is the second Tuesday)**

**February 14th**

**Time: 9:30am**

**Where: Hogan's Diner**

**Why: A chance to talk and  
connect.**



Circle of Sister has chosen  
"Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain.

We will be meeting on Friday,  
February 17th 6:30 for dinner  
(restaurant to be announced).

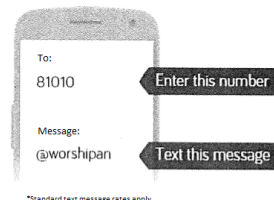
If you are interested in attending,  
please contact Maria Halzack.

## Pearl River UMC would like you to join Worship Announcements!

To receive messages via text,  
text@worshipan to 81010.

You can opt-out of messages  
at anytime by replying,  
unsubscribe@worshipan'.

Trouble using 81010? Try  
texting @worshipan to  
(845) 687-3667 instead.



**WHAT IS REMIND AND WHY IS IT SAFE?** Remind is a free,  
safe and simple messaging tool that helps churches share  
important updates and reminders with parishioners. All  
personal information is kept private. If you have any questions  
or need help with subscribing, please see John Murphy.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1   <b>Chancel Choir</b> 7:30pm	2 <b>UMW Exec Bd</b> <b>Meet 10am</b>  <b>Cherub Chimes</b> 6pm <b>Wesley Ringers</b> 6:30pm <b>Memorial Bells</b> 7:30pm	3	4	
5  <b>Children's Choir</b> 9:15am <b>Sunday School</b> 9:30am <b>Chancel Choir</b> 9:30am <b>Prayer Group</b> 9:30am <b>Worship</b> 10:30am <b>OUTREACH</b> <b>'SOUPER' BOWL</b> <b>OF CARING</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b> 7pm	6  <b>Disciple III</b> <b>Bible Study</b> 7pm  <b>Table Tennis</b> 7pm	7  <b>Church Council</b> <b>meeting 7:30pm</b>	8  <b>Chancel Choir</b> 7:30pm	9  <b>Cherub Chimes</b> 6pm <b>Wesley Ringers</b> 6:30pm <b>Memorial Bells</b> 7:30pm	10	11	
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*We are a Community:*

*Rooted in Grace*

*Growing in Faith*

*Reaching Out with God's Love*

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### MINISTRY TEAM

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PASTOR.....	The Rev. Cyndi Stouffer
LAY LEADER.....	Maria Halzack
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ORGANIST.....	Chieko Delran
CHOIR DIRECTOR.....	Steve Stouffer
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR.....	Pamela Gunning
YOUTH LEADER.....	Rebbeca Chew Zorn
USHER.....	Trustees
CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.....	Camille Cascia

Circuit Rider - February 2017

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