



February 2012



Greetings in the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord,

**Why?**

This one simple short word contains a host of questions and emotions. We ask it when we are struck by personal difficulties, when we hear about natural disasters, when we read about the tragic circumstances of others. After we reach the end of our rope and human logic we find ourselves addressing our “Why” to God pouring out our frustrations, feelings and powerlessness. When we do this we join the host of those who have gone before us in asking God “Why”. As we flip through the pages of scripture we see it riddled with those asking “Why”. As we read the writings of the saints who have gone before us, even the most faithful, we hear them calling out this same question to God. Psalm 10 is a great example of this. The first sentence is: **“Why, LORD, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?”** It is an echo to other verses and to our own hearts.

Believe it or not the question of “Why” when directed to God is a question of faith. It acknowledges that there is a God. It is even so bold as to affirm that God is involved in the world and so he would be able to answer this pleading question.

Sometimes we receive an answer. God helps us to see beyond the issues of “why” to the revelation of circumstances or self that explains the “why” and gives us at least understanding if not comfort. Other times though we are not so blessed. And we are left to wrestle the question of “why”.

Especially at those moments our “why” to God brings more than answers—it brings grace.

Isaiah 41:13 says:  
*For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.*

We are well past the Christmas season yet its message is still clear. Jesus is God’s answer to the question of “why”. For Jesus is God with us, our Immanuel. He is here to take hold of our hand and walk with us.

We will not always understand the questions of our lives but when we ask them of God we are left, like those who have gone on before, with the comfort that God is with us.

In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Bob



## REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our members: Alan Arnfield, Barbara Bates, John Beck, Gladys Bierce, Catherine Carroll, Norma Crawford, Raymond Ebe, Irene Feller, Bryan Foy, Jean Glass, Jim Hoffnagle, Dana Jones, Danny Jones, Jim Joseph, Faith Krzywicki, Martha Morrison, Gary Peters, Barbara Pyne, Cleone Ratcliff, George Sherban, Pat Taylor and Wanda Traver.

Please keep friends of our church in your prayers: Pat Adams, Else Agajanian, Cathy Cimorelli, Jim Hoffman, Patricia Houston, Wayne Kehrli, Shayna Longendyke, Travis Longendyke, Betty McKinney, Helen McManus, Diane Platt-Keil, Danel Pietrowski, Patrick Pisanelli, Judy Pugliese, Morag Richards, John Rockwell, Patricia Schmidt, Richard Secore, Mark Surico, and Clifford Zier. To renew names on the prayer lists, call the Church Office (452-2933).



James (Jim) Hoffnagle passed away on January 20, 2012. Our deepest sympathy to all who know him.

Ash Wednesday Service  
Wednesday, February 22  
7:00 pm

### A Thank You From Burundi/Rwanda

Some of you may remember that our church (and others) were collecting books to send to Pastor Rebecca and The Hope School in Burundi. Well those books were received and have in many ways changed the entire learning experience for the children. On the PUMC website there are two letters from Pastor Rebecca detailing how these seemingly simple items opened up a whole new world for these children.



Please join the Senior High Youth on Shrove Tuesday, 2/21/12 for a pancake dinner from 5-7 p.m. Free Will Offering-proceeds will support the Mexico Mission Trip! Sign up sheets are outside of Fellowship Hall. Thank you!"

## **Second Hand Rose**

As many of you know, disaster struck second hand Rose in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. Not only was Rose flooded, but shortly thereafter an electrical fire occurred in the basement.

After the landlord finally repaired the electrical fire damage, and we took the opportunity to paint the front room, we opened temporarily, selling Halloween items.

However, it came to our attention that the store had a lot of mold in the back room. Initial bids to remediate the mold came in at over \$5000, a price Rose could not afford. Then God answered our prayers and we found a company willing to remediate the problem for us for only the cost of materials, compromising their labor costs and profit, because they wanted to support our mission. ACE Environmental Solutions was the company that came to our rescue. Rose is so lucky for their generosity; if it weren't for them we might still be trying to figure out what to do as Rose does not have a big bank account because we give our money to the needy. A Missions fund held by the trustees was used to pay the bill. We are grateful for all who helped us.

We had a wonderful Christmas season, selling almost every seasonal item we saved during the year and those that were donated. Thanks for the wonderful items you all continue to donate to us.

**The Lenten Devotional** needs writers. This year for Lent why not 'give up' a piece of yourself. Sign up to write one or more devotionals to share with other. Contact Pam Terwilliger [p\\_terwilliger@hotmail.com](mailto:p_terwilliger@hotmail.com) and / or sign up in Fellowship Hall.

## **Midnight Run**

MIDNIGHT RUN is upon us again. The snow may have fooled us but let us still remember our friends on the street. We will be in need of Winter cots, hoody sweatshirts, flannel and long sleeve shirts, jeans, corduroy pants, new socks and underwear, and toiletries. Sturdy used shoes and boots are also welcome. Blankets and sleeping bags are also a hit. Preparation for the run will be Saturday Feb 25 in the morning. If you would like to contribute to the food cost or items visit the youth bulletin board and or contact Pam Terwilliger

## **Boy Scout Sunday is February 12**

We invite all Boy Scouts to come in uniform on Feb 12. We are also looking for Boy Scouts to be liturgists for both services, please contact the Church office if interested" If you work with our Scouts and would like to help secure liturgists & verbally affirm our Scouts in service on February 12'th, please contact the Church office to help make arrangements.



**HEALING PRAYER  
CORNER  
FEBRUARY 2012**

Healing Prayer ministry continues at our church. Sometimes it is good to make an appointment for prayer to get to a deeper level of healing. Just like the doctor says, sometimes there is a connection between our physical well being and our emotional well being. Call the church office to schedule a time to meet with a healing prayer team. You'll be glad you did.

Healing Prayer will be offered the first Sunday of the month during the Holy Communion portion of each worship service.

Soaking prayer, a time to sit quietly before the Lord in our sanctuary, will take place Monday, February 27, 2012 from 6:30 to 7:30 and March 26, same time, same place.

Come, for you are welcome  
Frances Thompson-Gee, Healing  
Prayer Coordinator



**CHERRY PIE BAKE**

Cost-\$10.00

February 28

Pick up between 11:00 am  
and 3:00 pm

No Reservations-First Come First Serve

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Women Of the Word Spring Retreat:  
Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Pough-  
keepsie UMC. Frances Thompson-  
Gee will lead the day long retreat.  
Stay tuned for more details or speak  
with Patricia Owen, WOW Ministries  
Coordinator, for more info.

**FROM THE ORGAN BENCH**

Winter Blessings on Everyone! As the day light grows longer and the sun rises earlier, I look forward to Easter. Easter, you say? First, we must remember that Lent precedes that Holy Day! And so in mid-February we begin the journey towards Easter. The Lenten season will begin with Ash Wednesday on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I pray you will worship with us that evening at 7!

February also marks Black History Month. Once again the Chancel Choir will offer several spirituals. The Choir loves this month of music and is working hard on some new pieces from the spiritual genre. I invite you to peruse the Methodist Hymnal to look at the many spirituals that are there-some you know!

"I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit says  
Sings!!"

Come worship and sing with us!

In Christ Service,  
Polly James-organist and choir director

## February Calendar

Wed, Feb 1  
7:30 am Prayers  
7:15 pm VIP's

Thurs, Feb 2  
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin  
7:00 pm Choir

Fri, Feb 3  
11:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm TGIF

Sat, Feb 4  
8:30 am Men's Breakfast  
1:00 pm CNS Carnival

Sun, Feb 5  
Super Bowl Sub Sale

Mon, Feb 6  
7:00 pm Visitation

Tues, Feb 7  
9:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm Men's Meeting  
7:00 pm Trustees

Wed, Feb 8  
7:30 am Prayers  
7:15 pm VIP's

Thurs, Feb 9  
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin  
5:00 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Choir

Fri, Feb 10  
11:00 am Bible Study

Sat, Feb 11  
8:00 am Cherry Pie Bake  
8:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sun, Feb 12  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship

Mon, Feb 13  
6:30 pm Love Inc

Tues, Feb 14  
9:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm Men's Meeting

Wed, Feb 15  
Journey Deadline  
7:30 am Prayers  
7:15 pm VIP's

Thurs, Feb 16  
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin  
7:00 pm Choir  
7:00 pm WOW Book Club

Fri, Feb 17  
11:00 am Bible Study

Sat, Feb 18  
8:00 am Cherry Pie Bake  
8:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sun, Feb 19  
6:00 pm Youth fellowship

Mon, Feb 20

Tues, Feb 21  
9:00 am Bible Study  
5:00 pm Pancake Dinner  
7:00 pm Men's Meeting  
7:00 pm Finance

Wed, Feb 22  
Ash Wednesday  
7:30 am Prayers  
7:00 Service

Thurs, Feb 23  
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin  
7:00 pm Choir

Fri, Feb 24  
8:00 am Collate Journey  
11:00 am Bible Study

Sat, Feb 25  
8:30 am Men's Breakfast  
10:00 am Homeless Shelter  
10:00 am Midnight Run

Sun, Feb 26  
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship

Mon, Feb 27  
6:30 Soaking Prayer

Tues, Feb 28  
9:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm Men's Meeting

Wed, Feb 29  
7:30 pm Prayers  
1:00 pm Wesley Circle  
7:00 pm VIPs



# United Methodist Women

*Is there a program that interests you?? Do you want to meet our PUMC members who are speaking?? You are not obligated to remain for the business meeting. Each meeting begins with the program, followed by refreshments – then a business meeting. ( 7pm for Friendship Circle, 1 pm for Wesley Circle ) Everyone is welcome!*

Friendship Circle    **Wednesday**    February 15    7:00pm    PUMC Lounge

Program: John Hicks, our own PUMC member, will share with us his experiences in our Catskill/Hudson District after hurricane Irene and the terrible floods in Prattville and surrounding communities. He spent many volunteer hours helping to clean up.

Following our program, we will enjoy refreshments and a business meeting. Come join us for this program. President – Carla Vinson (849-1706)

Carla Vinson was honored at our Friendship Circle's dinner. She was presented with a United Methodist Woman Special Membership. This membership is given to those who demonstrate a "heart for mission". Carla has a faith that shows in all that she does at PUMC and in our Poughkeepsie community. Carla, we thank you for using all your special gifts for God and for all that He directs in your life. Congratulations!!

Wesley Circle    Wednesday    February 29\*\*    1:00pm    PUMC Lounge

Program: "12 Ordinary Men" a wonderful DVD about those 12 who spread the Gospel message. All are invited to attend. Refreshments and a brief business meeting will follow our program. Questions – please call Gladys Bierce (463-6143) Snow date is March 7.

(\*\*One week later than usual due to Ash Wednesday)

Friendship Circle "February Cherry Pie" Sale

\*\* For details - look for the pie article - listed separately



### Notes of Praise

I got an email notice today that an online company that I occasionally deal with had their billing department hacked into. They changed everyone's account password immediately and then asked each customer to reset to a new password. This made me think about my "password" into the presence of Almighty God. Thankfully that password is the same yesterday, today and forever. That password is JESUS! All I need to do is believe on the name of Jesus and I am saved. I'm IN! As long as I have a personal relationship with that password, JESUS, I may stand in the presence of God. Do you have a personal relationship with JESUS today? Wouldn't it be a shame to be denied access into the presence of God because you didn't know the right password?

Invite JESUS into your life today and know the assurance of God's presence forever!

Skilled instrumentalists – we are looking for you! Singers who can stay reasonably on key – we are looking for you, too! VIP always welcomes new members. Many of our members are part time and so we have constant opportunities for your talents to be shared. Please contact me at 845.462.5582 or at [bobeepbeep@hotmail.com](mailto:bobeepbeep@hotmail.com) for more information.

Hallelujah to the Lamb!  
Anne Ciraulo  
Contemporary Worship Director

### GOT PRESCHOOLERS?

Community Nursery School is having a Winter Carnival on Saturday, February 4th, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. There will be outdoor games and winter activities, a bouncy castle and outdoor movie theater, indoor crafts and warming snacks. This event is also the nursery school's Open House, which kicks off Registration for the 2012-2013 school year. Please extend an invitation to anyone you know with preschoolers. For more information, go to our website at [www.cnspumc.com](http://www.cnspumc.com), or call Diana at 471-3343.

### Communion Class for 3rd Graders

Starting on February 12 the 3rd graders in Sunday School will be participating in a Communion Class. This class will last for 3 weeks and take place during their normal Sunday School time (9:45 or 10:45). On March 4 the children will then take communion for the first time with their parents. It is very important that the children attend all the classes (there are only three and the last one involves actually baking the bread that will be used in communion

In our ongoing effort to bring our membership database up to date, we have had mail returned from the following people and do not have current addresses. If you can provide information on how to contact someone on this list, please call the church office at 452-2933.

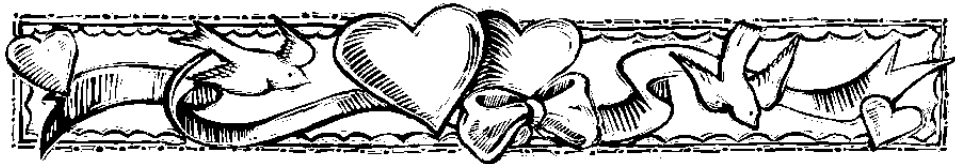
Karla Ackerman	John Harris II	David Robertson
Maya Akeley	Gerald Juckett	Kami Sabune
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Anna Cocoran	Audrey McDonald	Judy Turner
Heather Corey	Julius and Martha Meyer III	Cynthia Turturro
Erica Cromwell	James Ricci	Charles Tyler
Anthony Delvecchio	Brenda Richey	Betty Westover
Donna Delvecchio	James Richardson	Mildred Woodin
Dorothy Eichenburger	Holly Richardson	Jean Worley
Debra Harron	Anne Robertson	

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**REMINDER:** People who wish to borrow church property for meetings or special occasions, e.g. chairs, tables, etc, please call the church office and provide information on what is needed, how many, dates needed, when you will pick up and return items. Around the holidays and graduations we receive several requests and it is important that we know there are enough chairs and tables available for in-house needs. Please do not borrow without letting us know.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SHUT INS**

Since the current system is not working well, I would like to try something new. If you can deliver the altar flowers "occasionally", please call the church office and give me your name and phone number. Some times there are no flowers and other times the donor takes them after service. So, when there are flowers available I will call, if you can help wonderful! If not, I will try next time. This is a worthwhile mission, and easy to do.





## YOUTH NEWS FEBRUARY 2012

As we entered into January, we started to explore options for our May 20th

Youth Service, developing a theme and breaking into the different groups to start our initial preparation. Our goal is to bring a high spirited, celebratory service to praise God for all he has and will continue to do in our lives. We also started a bible study series centered around the Christian movie 'Soul Surfer' with a movie night where youth and their families were invited to share in watching the movie. It was exciting to see 55 people in attendance to watch how a teenage girl faced tragedy and leaned on her faith to pull her through. A four part bible study series has started to explore scenes from the movie and its messages.

Along with the bible study in February, we'll

also be involved in service and fellowship activities. When you think of February you think of the Super Bowl and so we will be selling subs to enjoy with the big game. Also, for Shrove Tuesday, we'll be sponsoring a delicious Pancake Dinner. Looking a little ahead to the March 2nd TGIF, we'll be hosting and selling tickets for Roller Skating in Hyde Park. The proceeds from these three events will go towards our summer mission trips. We'll also be involved in our annual Mid-Night Run where we bring clothing and food down to the homeless in NYC. As a reminder, between Sunday services there is also a Jr. High and Sr. High Sunday school program. Hope to see you at these events!

Please continue to pray for our three summer mission trips: **M-FUGE** (June 25 - 30) in Philadelphia; **Mexico** (July 27 - August 4) in Ensenada; **Bridge Builders** (August 12 - 17) in Poughkeepsie.

Fri	Feb. 3	7pm-9pm	TGIF
Sun	Feb. 5	-----	No Youth Fellowship - Super Bowl (Subs picked up after each service)
Sun	Feb. 12	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Youth Service practice)
Sun	Feb. 19	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Soul Surfer bible study)
Tue	Feb. 21	5pm-7pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
Sat	Feb. 25	10pm-2am	Mid-Night Run
Sun	Feb. 26	6pm-8pm	Youth Fellowship (Soul Surfer bible study)

### **The 2012 Lenten School**

**The 2012 Lenten School** will be again held at Grace United Methodist Church in Newburgh, NY during the six Sundays of Lent (February 26th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th, and April 1st).

School with soup, salad, sandwiches at 4 with classes from 4:30 to 7:30. We will have an opening worship service on February 26th and a closing worship service on April 1st.

*For those interested in becoming a lay speaker, please review ¶ 266 - 268 in the Book of Discipline.*

**Credit courses** – Unless otherwise noted, each of the courses will run for the six weeks of the school. Cost will be \$35.00 with a \$5.00 discount for those who register before February 25th.

**Basic Course in Lay Speaking (15 credits)** – taught by Jim Schoonmaker, certified lay speaker – this course is for those individuals seeking to become a local lay speaker. It will cover the basics of lay speaking and lay leadership. Youth are encouraged to take part in this course.

**Advanced courses** – you must either be a local lay speaker seeking to become an advanced lay speaker, a local lay speaker seeking a refresher course, or a certified lay speaker seeking an advanced course to register for these courses.

**Advanced course in Sermon**

**Advanced course in prayer**

**Advanced course in the History of Christianity (Part 1)**

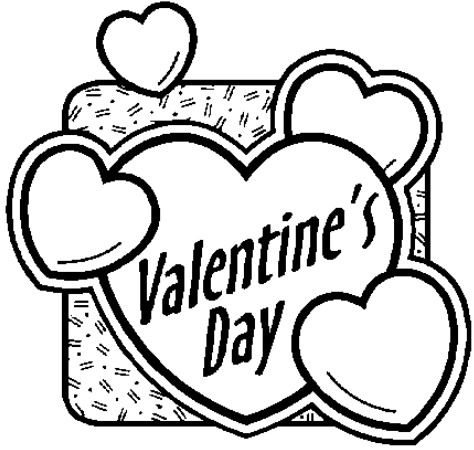
**Advanced course – Safe Sanctuaries Workshop**

If interested please speak to Pastor Bob for more information.

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### **MARRIAGE RETREAT ANYONE?**

There is a great opportunity coming our way. Gary Chapman, author of “*The Five Love Languages*” will be presenting his excellent one day retreat, “The Marriage You’ve Always Wanted” in Watervliet, New York, in the Albany area, on Saturday, March 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 and the cost is only \$75.00 a couple (or less if we get a group rate). The sessions are titled: “Communication 101”, “Understanding and Expressing Love”, “Initiating Positive Change”, “Making Sex a Mutual Joy”, and “How to Share the Things that Bug You”. Treat your spouse to an early Valentine’s gift by signing up. We can all carpool together. Talk to Pastor Bob or Frances Thompson-Gee to sign up or for more info.



Timothy Times  
February 2012

**Just for KIDS**

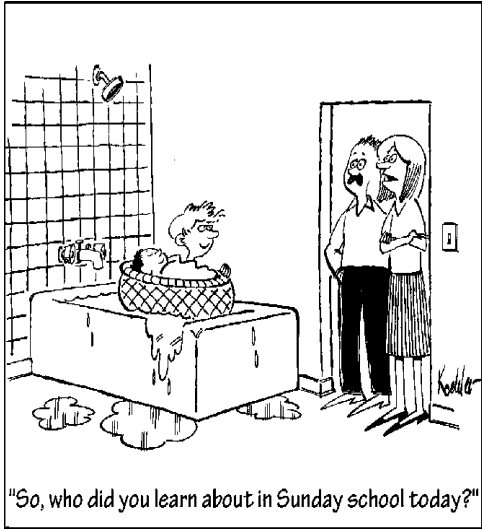
*Love is the greatest commandment!*

What did Jesus say when asked about the greatest commandment of God?

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Write the first letter of each picture on the lines below.

*Mark 12:30-31*



Answer: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and ... Love your neighbor as yourself.

Hi Everybody, It's Timothy,

Well my favorite month of the year is about to start! February! And you know why it's my favorite? Not because it is the shortest, or because it is the snowiest (we need that this year) but because it is the chocolatest (New word made by me, Timothy) because of Valentines Day. I love chocolate! You all know there is nothing I like better.

Now Pastor Bob told me I cannot love chocolate! That it is an inanimate object (that means it is not alive) and therefore we cannot really love it. However I argued that chocolate comes from the cocoa bean that was once alive! So I do love it!

But I must admit that compared to loving other things it comes a close second. I certainly love my family more than chocolate and I would never give up my friends like you for chocolate. I would not give up church either. And especially God and Jesus—they come first. So I guess when I think about it, even though I do love chocolate there are a lot of things I love more (don't tell Pastor Bob though). How about you? What are the things that you like or love? How do you show that?

Do you really put them first? February is a great month to show people we love them. Let's do that. Let's show God and everybody how much we love them. And remember...

God loves you, and so do I,  
Love  
Timothy

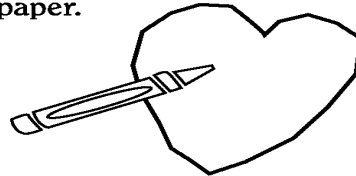
## *Send an Invisible Valentine to Someone You Love!*

*Here's what you'll need:*

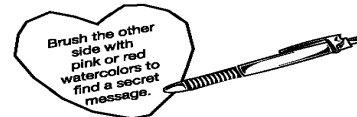
- Scissors
- White construction paper
- White crayon
- Pen
- Pink or red watercolor

*Here's how to make an invisible Valentine:*

1. Cut a heart shape out of the white construction paper.



2. Use the white crayon to decorate the heart with designs and a message. Press hard!
3. On the back, use the pen to write: "*Brush the other side with pink or red watercolor to find a secret message.*"



4. Give the valentine to someone you love. When the person paints the "blank" side, your secret message will be revealed!

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