

The Messenger

for the Earlville-Poolville United Methodist Churches

P.O. Box 67, Earlville, New York 13332

Worship Services:

Poolville UMC – 9:30 am

Earlville UMC – 11:00 am

JANUARY 2004

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From the Pastor's Heart

We seem to be living in a world where everything is changing so fast. It does not seem to be changing for the better. As I heard Bishop Forest Stithe say, "I am going back to my evangelical roots." Referring to evangelism and leading other people to Jesus Christ. The early Methodist leaders had a passion and zeal to win souls for Jesus Christ. We saw this zeal manifest as John Wesley and the Church's founder, went out into the streets, highways and byways. For John Wesley, proclaiming the Good News and making new disciples was an imperative task. In fact, Wesley did it with a sense of urgency. He said, "We cannot, without a good conscience, neglect the present opportunity of saving souls while we live. (This was found in the Works of John Wesley, Volume VIII, 310) For Wesley and his followers, saving souls for Jesus Christ was at the heart of their lives.

My brothers and sisters, are you looking for the perfect gift that keeps on giving? Then, let us go back to our evangelical roots and evangelize the areas where we live. Give someone the gift that keeps on giving; offer them Jesus Christ.

As we begin a new year. Let's begin with a fresh zeal to touch people's hearts for Jesus Christ. Go and make disciples of all people.

Offer Them Christ,
Pastor Mario

Christian & Malachi Abell, Antaya family, Donna Bardsley, E. Jeril Benedict, AnnaBelle Bennett, Bishop's Cabinet, Cyndi Bono, President George Bush & affiliates, Terri Mullenax-Carmon, Karen Carroll, Annalyse Cerio, Norm Chesebro, Ann Daniels, Don Davey, Steve Davidson, Rev. Sam Davis, Clayton Day, Jeffrey Dye, James Gager, Alice Godfrey, John Hopson, Doris Houck, Joshua Houck, Sue Hughes, Norma Hull, Janet Hunsinger, Karen Hutton, Jim Jipson, Lachevet family, Clare Law, Mackechnie Family, Gene McGregor, Diana Kupris-Mettler, Don Misch, Mike Morgan, Robert Murtagh, Pixie Nardi & family, Abigail Ogden, Dale Ogden, Brent Otis, Marcia Owen, Jerry Parker, Kimberlee Payton, Charlie Price, Phil Price, Shirley Price, Robert Radford, A.J. & Debbie Ramao, Angelo Riente, Dot Schreher, Rev. Joyce Jo Serchak, Michael Shiminski, Sr., **Students**, Roy Tanner, Peter Vogelgsang, Roberta Warner, Bobby Warren, Travis Whitmore. **The family of Albert Everly, Louise Garrison, Shirley Hibbard, Labar's Masker's Mary Talarico.**



Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged



This note comes to the Earlville UMC from Beatrice James:

Thank you so much for the use of the dining room for the dinner after Walter James' funeral. Also thanks to everyone who helped that day.

Many thanks again,
Beatrice James
& family

Human Relations Sunday

to be celebrated on January 18, 2004. Special offering envelopes will be available to use and will be provided in your bulletin on that morning. Please give as you feel led.

Purpose: "This Sunday occurs during Epiphany, the season of manifesting God's light to the world. H.R.D. calls the Church to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with each other. The purpose of the day is to further the development of better human relations."

*-The Book of Discipline
2000, Par. 263.1*



January Dates to Remember



Birthdays:

William Slentz	2
Mildred Palmer	3
Michael Sabino	4
Cynthia Slentz	6
Betty McGregor	7
Tyler Tobin	9
Nichole Lachevet	13
Sharon Fox	21
Louis Slentz	23
Earl Polisse	25
Natalie Stewart	25
John Ellison	26
Daniel Helvoigt	27



Congratulations unto **Bob & Janet (Smith) Morse** on the birth of their first child, **Abigail June Smith**. She arrived on December 2, 2003 and weighed 9lbs, 2oz. She is most welcomed by her grandparents, **Walt & Jerrine Smith** of Poolville. They have been anxiously awaiting her arrival! God bless & keep you all.



TEN COMMANDMENT FUNDRAISER:

They can try to keep the Ten Commandments off Public Property, but they cannot stop us from displaying them on our own personal property. **Would you like your own Ten Commandment sign to put on your lawn?** The church is embarking on a fundraiser to sell these signs. We are taking pre-sale orders and will place the order this Winter so that the signs will be here for Spring. The signs are made on long lasting chloroplast plastic. The 18" x 24" signs are two sided and we are selling them for \$7.00 and you can purchase wire stands for \$.50. All lettering for these signs are in Blue and Blue Reverse. The signs are in the King James Version. If you are interested in buying or selling, please contact Joelle Faulks, 691-6500. If we sell over 100 signs we get free wire stands and shipping and the church also gets much needed money to continue to do Gods work. ~Joelle Faulks

Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy
5. Honour thy father and thy mother
6. Thou shalt not kill
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery
8. Thou shalt not steal
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour
10. Thou shalt not covet

Exodus 20

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JANUARY ~Family of the Month~

Earlville UMC: Norman & Joyce Chesebro.

Norm and Joyce have recently relocated to Florida for the winter. Their address is 6906 Orlo Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33542.

Poolville UMC: Donald & Elizabeth Davey.

Don & Beth reside around the corner from the Church on 1227 Earlville Road, Earlville, NY 13332. Phone #: 315-691-6102.



Drop them a line and wish them

Why Did God make Mothers?

Answers by school children

Why did God make mothers?

She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is. Think about it, it was the best way to get more people. Mostly to clean the house. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

He used dirt, just like for the rest of us. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

We're related. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string. I think.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy. They say she used to be nice.

How did your mom meet your dad?

Mom was working in a store and dad was shoplifting.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

His last name. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer? Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores.

Why did your mom marry your dad?

My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot. She got too old to do anything else with him. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

What makes a real woman?

It means you have to be really bossy without looking bossy.

Who's the boss at your house?

Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dads such a goofball. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

Moms work at work and work at home, and dads just got to work at work. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you gotta ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

Mothers don't do spare time. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What's the difference between moms and grandmas?

About 30 years. You can always count on grandmothers for candy. Sometimes moms don't even have bread on them!

Describe the world's greatest mom?

She would make broccoli taste like ice cream! The greatest mom in the world wouldn't make me kiss my fat aunts! She'd always be smiling and keep her opinions to herself.

Is anything about your mom perfect?

Her teeth are perfect, but she bought them from the dentist. Her casserole recipes. But we hate them. Just her children

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd dye-it, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

What Does the Bible Say about the Ten Commandments?

- What are the rewards for keeping the Ten Commandments, for teaching them to children, displaying them in the home?
- What is the covenant, and why were the Ten Commandments put into the Ark of the Covenant?
- What is the greatest commandment?
- What is a summary of the law and the prophets?
- Is Love the fulfilling of the law?
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These questions can be answered by reading the following Scripture verses.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1 Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:

2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Reward for keeping commandments.

Deuteronomy 6:2-3

2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

Requirement to teach children.

Deuteronomy 6:7

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Requirement to display in homes.

Deuteronomy 6:9

9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Continued on following pages...

The commandments put into the Ark of the Covenant.

Deuteronomy 10:1-5, 8

1 At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

3 And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

8 At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.

The words of the covenant are the Ten Commandments

Exodus 34:28

28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

The Ten Commandments were in the Ark of the Covenant, written on stone tablets. They are the only verses that we are commanded to post in our homes (Deuteronomy 6:9). Therefore, the Ten Commandments is the most important passage of Scripture.

Requirements to keep the Ten Commandments

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Deuteronomy 11:18-23, 26-28

18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;

27 A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:

28 And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

What is the greatest commandment?

Deuteronomy 6:5

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Matthew 22:36-38

35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,
36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
38 This is the first and great commandment.
39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Love of God and of neighbor is the summary of the law and prophets.

Mark 12:28-34

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?
29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:
30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:
33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.
34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.
The understanding of love and of the commandments gives one great understanding: "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God."

"Love is the fulfilling of the law."

Romans 13:8-10

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The law is fulfilled by love.

Galatians 5:14

~Compiled by Joelle Faulks

Joint Annual Meeting Scheduled

All are invited to attend the joint annual meeting of the Earlville-Poolville UMC on January 10, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Earlville Church social room. This is the planning meeting for the year's events. Input from all church members is necessary. Please mark your calendar for this date and join us so that your event will be placed on the master calendar.



Earlville United Methodist Women

Submitted by Norma Schuman



Following the weekend snowstorm, five loyal ladies were able to pack all the donated goodies and surprises for shut-ins and needy on Monday, December 8, each taking more than one to deliver. Due to the "holiday fatigue" the December program was deferred. Over hot beverages and extra cookies, some future plans were discussed. Dot Balla will be picking up the pies for Camp Georgetown on December 16; prior to the Adult Fellowship meal, she will be delivering them to St. Thomas' in Hamilton.

The program theme for 2004 asks the question - "Who is My Sister?" Planning for the year will take place in early January, time and place TBA. The first program of the year, on Tuesday, January 20 will be the annual Prayer and Self Denial program "My Healing, My Sister's Healing" led by Lois Evans. Refreshment hostess will be Norma Schuman. All are invited to join us for this special yearly event. Perhaps by then we'll have a January thaw!

Poolville Sunday School Pageant

Shared by Director ~ Joyce Wratten

The Pageant took place on Saturday, December 20, and was entitled "The Birthday Gift." All the kids involved worked very hard on their parts. We are so proud of them.

Special thanks goes to Shelley Wyman, Jen Stewart, Charene Price, Barb Crumb, Sue Sprague. Your help really made this pageant a huge success.

Immediately following we enjoyed a potluck dinner and a special appearance by Santa Claus.

A great time was had by all.



Happy New Year!
May 2004 be full of blessings
for you and yours!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



January 19, 2004

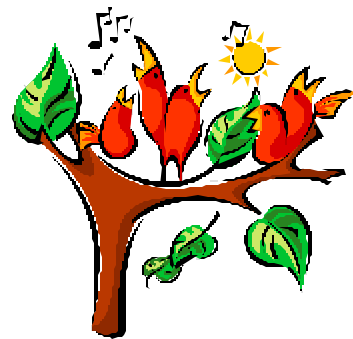
“The Hills Are Alive... With The Sound Of Music!”

Well, at least the hills of Central New York were alive with the sound on carolers on Sunday, December 7! Over a dozen members of our church family

gathered to sing and spread warm Christmas cheer.

We departed from the Poolville United Methodist Church around 2:00 p.m. and headed for Hubbardsville. Upon arriving at the adult care facility (Hamilton Manor), Pastor Mario led us through a hearty round of holiday hymns and seasonal songs. After our impromptu

concert, we handed out candy-filled coffee mugs to the residents, and then we were invited to share in cookies and punch. We departed Hubbardsville and made our way to Hamilton, stopping to sing for an elderly couple in Poolville. In Hamilton, we sauntered through the halls of the extended care at Community Memorial Hospital, continuing our rousing renditions of Christmas tunes and sharing sweet-tooth surprises with the residents. It is difficult to say who enjoyed the afternoon more; those who heard the holiday melodies or those who sang them!



~Jessica Moquin



Something FREE!

Complete this survey & return by 1/31/04 for a free \$1 McDonald's Gift Certificate.

To Youth Ages 10-18:

We are planning a year of AWESOME Fellowship Youth Group – but we need your help! Please complete & return this survey, so that our Fellowship Youth Group is the best it can be. Thanks!

Jessica Moquin & Christian Vischi

534 Borden Road

Earlville, NY 13332

All About YOU!

NAME _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

How likely are you to attend Fellowship Youth Group events?

REALLY likely a little likely probably not likely not likely at all

How often should Fellowship Youth Group events be held?

every week every other week every month every other month

It's better to have Fellowship Youth Group events on:

Friday Saturday Sunday

A fun Fellowship Youth Group event would be (check as many as you like):

movie marathon amusement park trip Bible study roller-skating
 camping make-your-own pizza party mission projects hay ride
 attending sporting events (football, soccer, hockey, baseball) worship program

I think Fellowship Youth Group should be with the following ages:

10-14 15-18 sometimes 10-14; sometimes 15-18; sometimes 10-18

Would you invite your friends to Fellowship Youth Group events?

yes no

Windshield Message (from a child)

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, my daughter, Aspen, spoke up from her relaxed position in her seat. "Dad, I'm thinking of something." This announcement usually meant she had been pondering some fact for a while, and was now ready to expound all that her six-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear. "What are you thinking?" I asked. "The rain;" she began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God wiping our sins away." After the chill bumps raced up my arms I was able to respond. "That's really good, Aspen." Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little girl take this revelation? So I asked... "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?" Aspen didn't hesitate one moment with her answer: "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us."

I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on.

THE ONLY SERMON

if we dug a huge grave miles wide, miles deep
and buried every rifle, pistol, knife, bullet, bomb, bayonet

if we jumped upon fleets of tanks and fighter jets
with tool boxes, torches
unwelded them dismantled them turned them into scrap metal

if every light-skinned man in a silk tie said
to every dark-skinned man in a turban
I vow not to kill your children
and heard the same vow in return

if every elected leader agreed to stop lying

if every child was fed as well as racehorses bred to win derbies

if every person with a second home gave it to a person with no home

if every mother buried her parents not her sons and daughters

if every person who has enough said out loud I have enough

if every person violent in the name of God were to find God

we would grow silent, still for a moment, a lifetime
we would hear infants nursing at the breast
hummingbirds hovering in flight

we would touch a canyon wall and feel the earth vibrate

we would hear two lovers sigh across the ocean

we would watch old wounds grow new flesh and jagged scars disappear

as time was layered upon time we would slowly be ready
to begin

--Andrea Ayvazian
Dean of Religious Life
Mount Holyoke College

**Shared by Norma Schuman*