

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

APRIL 2004



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From the Pastor's Heart...

I believe that we are moving into an age where we need to be strong.

Growth is and should be the goal of every Christian.

Maturity is mandatory. After all that Jesus Christ has done for us; we need to mature and become more like Him.

I remember hearing a story about a little boy who fell out of bed. When his mother asked him what happened, he said, "I don't know. I guess I stayed too close to where I got in."

My brothers and sisters, that is easy to do with our own Christianity also. It's so tempting and comfortable to just stay where we got in and never move. Think about your life two years ago. Now, ask yourself these questions.... Has your prayer life increased? Are you spending more time with God? Has your giving increased? Can you tell that you have really grown spiritually? Can others see your spiritual growth?

It's time for us to move forward. God is beginning to really move in our churches. We all need to mature for Christ and keep moving forward with Him.

Don't make the same mistake that the little boy did. Don't stay too close to where you got in. Besides, it is too risky resting on the edge. God bless and keep smiling.

Offer Them Christ, Pastor Mario

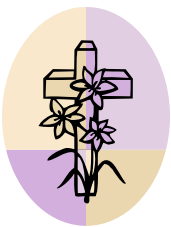
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Mission Statement

We are a people who believe in the word of God and the love of Jesus Christ. We are to evangelize in all of the areas where we live. We are to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through our words and through our actions. We are a church that shares the salvation message with everyone we meet. We want to be a beacon for this area by sharing Jesus Christ with the world. We strive towards

adding numbers to our church but, also adding numbers to the kingdom of God. We are to work together, as the church, the body of believers, and use the gifts and talents God has given to us. We also believe that the church belongs to Christ and therefore Christ will manifest the church through us as the body of believers.



April 2004 Schedule:

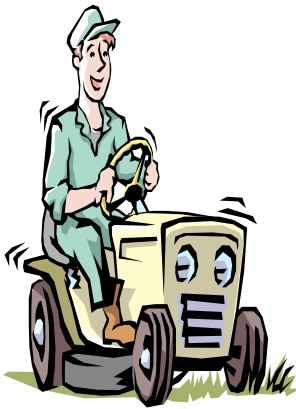
Earlville U.M.C.

Lay readers: 4/04 Lois Evans *Ushers:* Richard & Rhonda Pancoe
4/11 Sue Sprague Bob & Grace Knickerbocker
4/18 Clara Lantz Ray Bigford & Sandy Holbrook
4/25 David Bensley Dale & Nancy Holden

Poolville U.M.C.

Lay readers: 4/04 Linda Seymour *Acolyte:* Orrin Wyman
4/11 Lou Slentz Ben Slentz
4/18 AnnaBelle Bennett Ryan Bagnall
4/25 Gail Shiminski Emma Wyman

Greeter for the month of April: Joan Gazzilli



The EUMC is looking for volunteers to mow the church lawn this spring and summer using the church's new riding lawn mower. If you would be willing to help, please contact Dave Bensley (691-9105). If enough people volunteer, no one will need to do it too many times.

Adult Fellowship Luncheon will be shared at the Blue Lantern Restaurant in Morrisville at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, April 20, 2004. All are invited to join this group for lunch and fellowship.



April Celebrants

Birthdays: Sidney Miedema 6, Bonnie Fialk 8, Chris Cleveland 14
Donald Johnson 14, Melissa Martin 14, Joyce Wratten 14
Lane Wyman 16, Winnie Michels 20, Katelyn Gillette 21
Lois Evans 23, Helen Niles 26, Wayland Mullenax 29
Dawn Sampson 30



Anniversaries: Barb & Fred Wright 6, Sharon & Ken Fox 12

It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. “People held them over Jesus’ head as He walked by.”

“Wouldn’t you know it,” the boy remarked with obvious disappointment, “The one Sunday I don’t go, He showed up!”



*What a peaceful world we would experience if everyone remembered each day to follow the Golden Rule.
Matthew 7:12*

Kingdom Bound 2004!

What is Kingdom Bound? Kingdom Bound is an annual Christian praise and worship festival.

Why would someone go to Kingdom Bound? The festival's purpose is to bring people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to encourage believers in their walk with God.

Where is Kingdom Bound held? Six Flags Darien Lake

When will Kingdom Bound 2004 take place? August 1-4

Who are the featured artists at Kingdom Bound 2004? Audio Adrenaline, Casting Crowns, Kirk Cameron, The Newsboys, Third Day, and MORE!!!

How does someone register for Kingdom Bound 2004? There are a variety of packages available, but early registration is required by May 15.

I am interested in going to Kingdom Bound! What next?

Call Christian and Jessica at (315) 691-4559 and tell us which package you prefer. Hopefully, there will be enough people to fill at least one package.



Package information on following page.



Summer Camp/Walk-A-Thon

Sunday, April 25, 2004 @ 1:00 pm

Poolville UMC

Hopefully you are well into getting sponsors for Summer Camp! We will host a walk-a-thon in Poolville on Sunday, April 25. Youth who regularly attend the Earlville or Poolville Church and wish to go to camp must participate in the walk in order to receive financial support from the church. We will travel the town of Poolville picking up trash as well as collecting bottles & cans for redemption. **If anyone is interested in leaving bottles & cans for the youth for camp, please leave them at church on the date of the Walk-A-Thon.** Camp registration **MUST** be made by May 1; deposit fee of \$75. Every camper receives a free camp photo and t-shirt. Questions????? Contact Shelley

Wyman @ 315-691-5505 or Jennie Stewart @ 315-691-6034.

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

1-888-601-2345

TenCommandments.faithweb.com

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~Family of the Month~



Earlville UMC: **William & Phyllis Bigford.**
The Bigford's reside in Earlville, their mailing address is P.O. Box 416, Earlville, NY 13332.



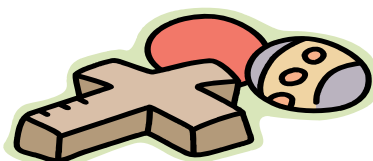
Poolville UMC: **Helen Everly.**
Helen's Florida address is 525 Barefoot Williams Road, Lot #102, Naples, Florida 34113.
Phone #: 239-775-6004.

Offer a prayer for our families.

You are invited! Don't miss it!

What: The joint Earlville-Poolville choir will present "At the Cross," a mini-musical that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When: Sunday, April 4 (Palm Sunday) during the morning worship services.

This inspirational cantata is directed by Nancy Holden; Tricia Calhoun shares her talent on piano. Much practice and many laughs have been shared for several weeks. Please don't miss this morning of praise & worship!



To the Poolville UMC:



I wish to thank my church family for the gift of money at Christmas. It was really appreciated.

Music is my way of serving the Lord and I love to do it. I love you all.

Love in Christ,

Tricia Calhoun

Spring Cleaning in Poolville!

Saturday, May 1 @ 9:00 a.m.

Concentration will be on the Church's exterior i.e. raking leaves, pruning plants...

hopefully there won't be a need to shovel snow!!!! Wear work clothes and bring tools.



Laity Banquet 2004

Our latest nominees will be honored at the upcoming laity banquet to be held at Hart's Hill Inn on Sunday, May 2 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Please make plans to join in the festivities. Information to follow; watch your bulletin.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service,
April 8, 7:00 p. m. ,
Poolville UMC

Good Friday Service,
April 9, 7:00 p. m. ,
Earlville UMC

Annual Easter Egg Hunt
April 10, 10:00 a. m. ,
Poolville UMC

Easter Sunday Services
April 11, 9:30 a. m. ,
Poolville UMC
April 11, 11:00 a. m. ,
Earlville UMC

To the Earlville-Poolville Choir:

Thank you so much for the gift of money at Christmas. It was really appreciated. Thank you so much for putting up with me; I love you all.

Love in Christ,
Tricia Calhoun

Native American Ministries Sunday

The Native American International Caucus proposed Native American Awareness Sunday in a petition to the 1988 General Conference. Delegates subsequently approved the new church-wide Special Sunday with offering. The 2000 General Conference changed the name of the observance to Native American Ministries Sunday

“This Sunday serves to remind the Church of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society.” *Discp., Par. 263.6*

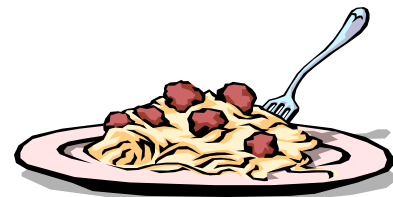
We celebrate N.A.M.S. on April 25, envelopes will be placed in the bulletin.



Spaghetti Dinner...Mmmmmm!
All-You-Can-Eat!
Saturday, April 17, 2004, 5:30 p.m.
Earlville U.M.C.

Join us for an evening of good food and fellowship. Dinner will include delicious spaghetti with meatballs, Italian bread, tossed salad, beverage, and homemade dessert.

Free-will offering; take-outs available starting at 5:00 p.m.



"Nothing is by chance."

--Eileen Caddy

Believing that we are exactly where we need to be at this moment gives us a peaceful heart. The difficult situations and people in our lives are here to be our teachers. This may be easy to say when we're not mired in those difficulties, but the only way we make troubles into teachers is by remembering this principle when it really counts--when we're wrestling with the problem. It has been said that there are no accidents in life, only divine coincidence.

A great burden is lifted when we become willing to flow with the tides of life instead of fighting them. When we acknowledge that we are on a guided and blessed path, we can let go of fear and worry and use our energies to live life to the fullest.

Today, let me live with joy in the sure and certain knowledge that I am exactly where I need to be.

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