



Spiritual Harvest

Trumansburg United Methodist Church



JANUARY 2012

Pastor's Message Promotion and Plagiarism

I share with you a story from the book "Front Porch Tales" by Philip Gulley. This excerpt may exceed "fair use", but I feel OK about it because I am encouraging you to go out and buy this book! The stories are great and lead us into our own hearts. The advice below is a good way to start the new year.

Rev Jeff

Family Values

First, let me say that I am a big believer in the family. Our country is only as good as its families. I am for the family. In fact, I think everyone ought to belong to a family. Naturally, by "family" I mean one husband, one wife and two children. If the wife can stay home with the kids that would be nice. And if they can live in the suburbs, that's even better. Just like on *Leave It to Beaver*. Now that was a family!

A lot of people think families are in trouble because women work outside the home. There's something to that, and I think Congress ought to hold a hearing on why we let it happen. If I remember right, this trend started with the advent of the outboard motor. Men, who had been content to stay home on the weekends and build birdhouses in the garage, wanted to spend weekends at the lake. But boats cost money. Lots of money. More money than most men make. So we encouraged our wives to enter the work force. They wouldn't have to earn a lot, just enough to buy a nice boat. Let's say sixty-seven cents to our dollar. So women started working, and everything fell apart.

My fellow Americans, our task is clear. If we want to restore family values, we are going to have to do something about the rising cost of boats. What I propose is electing politicians with the courage and conviction to enact boat subsidies for the average American family. Instead of throwing all our money away on welfare, let's get to the root of America's real problem—skyrocketing boat prices! I think churches ought to get behind this. After all, Jesus spent a lot of time on boats.

Eventually, we're going to want to pass a law about garage sizes so that everyone will have enough room to store their boats. Nothing trashes a neighborhood quicker than a bunch of boats sitting around in driveways. So I'm looking for a politician who will promise to put a boat in every garage. And if you're serious about family values, you'll join my crusade.

Obviously, I'm kidding, except for what I said about boats costing lots of money. But some of the solutions I hear seem just as silly. We require schools to teach family values. We demand that politicians legislate family values. We even expect Hollywood to promote family values. Everyone is supposed to instill family values, except for families.

Let's take it from the top. Schools are here to educate. Politicians are here to govern. Hollywood is here to make money. But families are here to nurture, to love, to support, and (dare I say it?) instill values.

So how do we pass on values? We practice them as parents. Simple. But hard. Consistency is the key.

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10:15 Sunday Worship Services

Adult Sunday School resumes Jan. 8 at 9 am

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Happy New Year to All

UMW Monthly Luncheon

Wonderful program for January:

Friday, January 13th at noon at church

Bring your own Sandwich; tea and coffee available

Dessert or soup will be provided

OUR SPEAKER: Libby Gage: "My two years with the Peace Corps in Guatemala"

We encourage all women to attend

COFFEE HOUR THANKS

Ron and I would like to say "thank you" to all of those who prepared and served at the coffee hour during 2011.

It's clear the congregation enjoys not only the food and coffee, but also the fellowship.

Please consider signing up for 2012. Your efforts will be very much appreciated.

Ron and Mary Jo Myers

KNITTERS

We will be collecting sweaters for Knit For Kids by the end of January. Give to Hester Welch

SPECIAL DATES

New Year's Day, January 1, 2012

Epiphany, January 6, 2012

Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2012

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance

January 16, 2012

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,

January 18-25, 2012

Pastor's Message continued

If you want to teach peace, model forgiveness.

If you want to teach abstinence from drugs, empty your liquor cabinet.

If you want to teach integrity, keep your word.

If you want to teach thrift, practice simplicity.

If you want to teach sexual purity, don't cheat on your spouse.

If you want to teach compassion, rein in your judgment.

If you want to teach mercy, be merciful.

And take your children to church—a good, healthy church where love and compassion are not only preached, but practiced.

Family values. They're free, but they cost. Even more than boats.

Rev. Jeff

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who helped me with the sanctuary decorations this year – December 2011. Kristin, James and Haley Parry have been such a mainstay for several years and again this year, several times, first with setting up the trees & then decorating with the others—fun! Roxanne Smith, who has a talent with floral decorating, etc., offered to help put together the lovely wreaths flanking each side of the sanctuary – what wonderful, beautiful creations they are – as well as other arrangements around the church. Carl Benham helped with setting up the trees, and provided the “hangers” for the wreaths and hanging them with Kristin's help. Doris Robinson and Jan Fergus helped with decorating, and helped to make it look so lovely. Chris Kimball-Peterson and Roxanne made the run (not easy) to pick up the poinsettias and delivered them to the Sanctuary. The next day, Marie Rich helped me set up the poinsettias and with almost 60 poinsettias we had an abundance of color and warmth to work with. My heart is full with the thanks and love I feel for these folks!! You came and gave of your time unselfishly, and made it fun for all and beautiful, in tribute to our Lord and Saviour's birthday celebration. I don't know what I'd do without you all -- THANK YOU – THANK YOU!!

**Mary Jamison,
Altar Guild Rep. for December**



*Poinsettia Memorials &
Altar Guild Donations*
December 2011



<u>Name</u>	<u>In Honor or in Memory of</u>
June Bell	In memory of Ed & Elaine Harris
Carl & Peg Benham	For Robert & Louise Gilfus; Glenn & Lena; Walter & Exilda Benham
Jim & Bev Close	In memory of our parents
Eileen Collins	In memory of family members who have gone before us
Peter & Kay Cooke	In memory of our parents—Don & June Cooke; Clarence & Marion Dixon
Dick & Linda Coyle	In memory of John Cook, nephew; Our parents
Dawes & Kotun Family	In memory of William R. Dawes, Sr.
Bonnie DeSombre	For Jim DeSombre & Kurt DeSombre
Lester & Judi Eastburn	In memory of our loved ones
Doris Eaton	In honor of my sons and their families.
Janyce Fergus	In memory of Grace Murphy, grandmother; John Marquart, father
Max & Mary Alice Freeman	In memory of Stanley & Pearl Stonham; Gilbert & Marie Freeman
The Gaige Family	In memory of Don & Edith Gaige
Gordie & Liz Gallup	In memory of my mom and our dads
Tom & Ethel Gell	In memory of Nelson Seeley
Bill & Carol Grove	In memory of family and friends
Blair & Cathy Hoover	For our Loved Ones
Lois Humphrey	In memory of Gordon Humphrey
Al & Mary Jamison	For Madison & Elsie Borden; Charles & Dorothy Jamison; Dorothy Cole; Page Greenwood; Jim, Larry & Ron Jamison; Del Borden & Jean Gunn
Annie Joyce	In honor of Papa & JoJo
John & Martha Kotun	In memory of our beloved parents
Gene & Mary Jo Lovelace	In memory of Gary & Mary Lehmann
Tom & Gini Moore	In memory of Sally Jayne Moore, our daughter
Ron & Mary Jo Myers	In honor of the Myers Family & the McKinney Family
The Organ Family	For Walter & Lula Organ; Myron & Anna Pomerantz; Ellen Klinkhardt & Robert Organ
Dick & Chris Peterson	In memory of Gerard & Jeannine Morency; Ralph & Ida Peterson
Harrison & David Raymond	In memory of Elizabeth Raymond, wife & mother
Jerry & Sandi Reynolds	For our Family & Friends
Mark, Marie & Kevin Rich	In memory of our parents & grandparents
Don Schneider	In honor of my mother, Marion Schneider
Tim & Sara Seifert	In memory of Donald Seifert
Margaret Slocum	In memory of my loved ones in heaven
Lynn & Anne Snedaker	In memory of Rev. L. Elmo & Marietta H. Snedaker
Jim & Rosemary Terry	In memory of our loved ones
Ken & Hester Welch	In memory of Mabel Welch
Jim Zifchock & Pat Love	In memory of Stephen & Larry Zifchock

JANUARY FOOD PANTRY

METHODIST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR T-BURG FOOD PANTRY JANUARY 2012

2 persons at 8:30 am for heavy lifting, set up of tables, carry boxes of food from the kitchen or basement

1 person at 8:30 am with a van or pickup truck to pick up food at ShurSave and/or Aldi's (contact Dot Manheim for instructions)

2 persons at 9:30 am to help repack food and put food on tables

1-2 persons at 12:00—12:30 pm—last Distribution of the month with a van or truck to deliver boxes of food to Juniper 1 and II

7 persons from 12:45—2:30 pm to help with distribution of food and clean up afterward (handing out foods, putting food away, taking down tables, sweeping floors, etc.)

1 person at 2:00 pm with a van or truck to take cardboard to ShurSave

2 persons from 5:15—6:15 pm to help with Evening distributions

EMERGENCY KITCHEN CUPBOARD HOT LINE

One or two persons to man (or woman) the Hot Line for calls for emergency food. If you could do this for 2 weeks, it would be great. Consists of checking for voice mail messages for emergency food requests, setting up appointments with clients to meet at church, coming to the church and bringing boxes or bags of food upstairs. May happen once or twice a month but phone must be checked daily for messages.

If you can help with any of the above, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board next to the coffee hour sheet, or call Peg Benham (387-6980) or Dot Manheim (387-6028). This is a much needed and worthy ministry for our church to be involved with and YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

DATES ARE: JANUARY 9th & 23rd

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!!!

Nearer, my God, to Thee.....

Excerpted from "The Heart of Christianity" by Marcus J. Borg

Several years ago I was told a story about a three-year-old girl. She was the firstborn and only child in her family, but now her mother was pregnant again and the little girl was very excited about having a new brother or sister. Within a few hours of the parents bringing a new baby boy home from the hospital, the girl made a request: She wanted to be alone with her new brother in his room with the door shut. Her insistence about being alone with the baby with the door shut made her parents a bit uneasy, but then they remembered that they had installed an intercom system in anticipation of the baby's arrival, so they realized they could let their daughter do this and, if they heard the slightest indication that anything strange was happening, they could be in the baby's room in an instant.

So, they let the little girl go into the baby's room, shut the door, and raced to the intercom listening station. They heard their daughter's footsteps moving across the baby's room, imagined her standing over the baby's crib, and then they heard her saying to her three-day-old brother, "Tell me about God—I've almost forgotten."

HAPPY NEW YEAR, TO ONE AND ALL!

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1 Worship 10:15 New Year Day Dinner 1 pm	2	3 C. Council 7pm Bells 7 pm	4 Disc II	5 GS Daisies 6-8 Cub Scouts 6:30 Choir 7 pm	6 Epiphany	7
8 S. School 9 am Choir 9:15 Worship 10:15 GS Troop 740	9 Food Pantry	10 L.R. Planning 6:30 Bells 7pm	11 Disc II	12 GS Daisies 6-8 Choir 7 pm	13 UMW Lunch	14
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