

# Church



# Chimes

A Monthly Publication for Members and Friends of the Penn Yan United Methodist Church

## January 2012

### From the Pastor's Heart

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#### QUICK JANUARY CALENDAR

- ◆ January 1, Combined Worship Service
- ◆ January 2, Office Closed
- ◆ January 7, Dinner Club Holiday Celebra.
- ◆ January 8, Peek Chapel Service
- ◆ January 28, Sunday Break Planning Retreat
- ◆ January 29, Combined Worship Service
- ◆ January 29, Dish-to-Pass Supper
- ◆ January 29, Annual Meeting

January was named for Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and transitions. He had two faces - one for looking backward and the other for looking forward. Perhaps, as we enter into a new month and a new year, we should look backward and forward to note the transitions and the hopes for the new year.

As we write the history of 2011 for the Penn Yan UMC, what might go into the record? There have been a few major transitions, with a long-time tenured pastor leaving and a new pastor arriving. We transitioned from having two pastors to having only one. After a period of discernment, we transitioned from three worship services to two. Other staff changes have occurred in the past year, and transitions for individuals

and families have included births and deaths, people relocating here and people relocating from here. Some have been confirmed and some have graduated. Some were married and some separated. Some found jobs, some lost them, and some retired. 2011 has been quite a year, for the records. Take time to look back over your year and reflect on the transitions, then be in prayer and give thanks to God (*not Janus*) for the gift of this past year and for God's presence and guidance through all of the days, and all of the ups and the downs. On Sunday, January 29, we will be setting up a timeline of 2011's highlights as we gather for an annual meeting and potluck supper.

Also on January 29, we will use the other

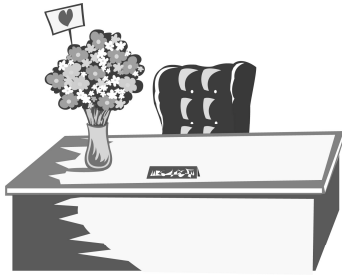
face of Janus to look forward and envision the hopes and dreams for this new year. Are there new small groups or ministries that we might begin? Are there milestones and markers we might reach as we set goals for 2012? Spend some time with God and ask what goals God may have for your life and for our life together as a congregation. I hope you will share them when we gather in this month of Janus'.

Have a Joyous New Year,

*Pastor Jeff*



## From the Staff at PYUMC



### Thanks from the Staff

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who so graciously contributed to the staff Christmas gift. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is appreciated more than you know, and we are so very grateful that we are able to share *our* gifts of service with you, here at Penn Yan United Methodist Church.

We would also like to thank the Staff Parish Committee who makes this happen each Christmas, and who is so helpful to us throughout the year.

Many thanks and blessings to all,

## Communication Team

### WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF THE COMMUNICATION TEAM

Our goals for 2012 include:

- ◆ Completing a new Church Directory
- ◆ Informing members and non-members when DVDs of Sunday services will be available
- ◆ Reaching new members of the community
- ◆ Placing church directional signs at the edge of town

The team meets quarterly on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the library. Our next meeting is January 16, 2012. Come and hear more.

#### Our Mission Statement:

*Making disciples – making a difference: gathering, growing, going into the world.*

We openly and officially seek and welcome all persons, including people of any race, color, national origin, marital status, age, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability as full participants in our community of faith.

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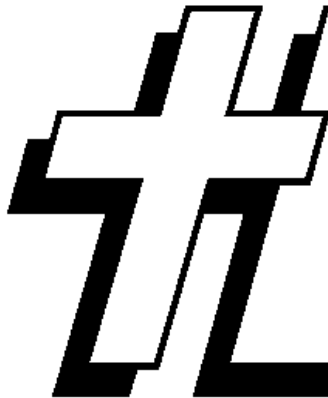
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### Worship Services

**8:45 AM Sunday Break**

Sanctuary

**9:00 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Traditional Service**

Sanctuary

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The Finance Team attempts to provide you with a report each week in the bulletin in the “giving-to-date” section. Many of you look at this information every week and follow it diligently. Many of you may not even notice. It is always a challenge for the Finance Team to determine what is the best or easiest way to provide this information, as well as making it the most understandable. Because our offerings do not come in equally throughout the year (we usually notice a higher rate of giving on the first Sunday of the month, and we also notice a lower rate of giving throughout the sum-

## Let Us Explain!

mer), it is difficult to portray to you how our church is actually doing fiscally throughout the year. We have initiated a new program for 2012, wherein we have entered the receipts for each week for the past three years. This program calculates for the current year what we should be receiving each week to reflect more accurately how our giving compares at various times of the year to the ebb and flow of past years.

Our plan for passing this information on to you is as follows: for the bulletin, each week we will report what the average is for the past three years from the

beginning of the year through the most current week of reporting. We will also tell you what has actually been received this year through that same week, therefore it will look something like this:

### Example:

#### **Week 5**

Average receipts over past 3 years: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2012 receipts: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Remember, if you ever have questions concerning our budget, methods of reporting, or anything else related to our finances, you can address your questions or concerns to the Finance Team anytime.

### WHO'S WHO

Do you have trouble remembering peoples' names at church. We all do. So, new name tags on lanyards are being developed, along with holders to have them hanging by the three doorways in the Sanctuary. If all goes well, we will have them ready for New Year's Day at the latest. Be watching and wearing!

## Welcome New Staff Member



We are pleased to welcome Ben Hartson as our new Sunday Break Music Coordinator. Ben has lived in our community most of his life, graduating from Penn Yan Academy in 2000. A passion for the stage developed in school, where he enjoyed performing in plays and talent shows. Ben now operates an advertising business with his father,

Shaun. He is an avid golfer and racquetball player, as well as a Yates County Community Center volunteer. Through services and small groups, Ben has been active at Crosswinds Church in Canandaigua. He is excited for the opportunity to infuse energy, musical gifts, and creative ideas into the Sunday Break service. He is new to Penn

Yan UMC, so please introduce yourself to Ben when you get a chance. Pray that his contributions will bring abundant progress to our ministry, all for the glory of our blessed Savior. On **January 1, 2012**, at the combined worship service at **10:30 AM**, we will formally welcome Ben Hartson as our new Praise Band leader.



## Christian Education

### Half-Day Happenings and Christmas Program

We would like to extend a huge "Thank You!" to all the volunteers who shared their time and talents to make our Half-Day Happenings and Christmas program successful. Learning a little more about sharing God's Christmas Love through the legend of the Candy Cane was a rewarding experience, especially during this season. Be sure to check our PYUMC website for pictures.

### January 29, 2012 - Fifth Sunday Service

We received many positive comments regarding the October 2011 youth-led worship service, so you're in luck! Our youth have been honing their worship leadership skills every Saturday evening at *Saturday Night Alive*, and we will be doing it again on the fifth Sunday in January, 2012. There will be one service at 10:30 am, with a special winter activity for Sunday school students at 9:30 am. Please be sure to attend this inspiring worship service.

### Something New

With the dual purpose of spreading God's word and fulfilling childcare needs for parents, PYUMC, in conjunction with other area churches, will be offering a full day Vacation Bible School right here at our church during the school winter break. It will run for four days - **Tuesday, February 21 through Friday, February 24**. Please watch for further information to come!



## Help Needed

As we begin the new year, we are in need of people to help set up and clean up from the Sunday Break coffee fellowship time downstairs each Sunday. Prayerfully consider if this type of hospitality ministry might be something God is leading you towards for the benefit of the worshipping community, either occasionally or on a regular basis. For more information, please see Jenn Bower.

## Confirmation

Plans are underway for this year's confirmation class. A proposal has been offered to the neighboring United Methodist churches to hold combined classes this year. The expected timeline consists of classes on Sunday afternoons, begin-

ning in mid-February and concluding by the end of May. In the past, Confirmation Sunday has been on Pentecost Sunday, however this year it falls on Memorial Day weekend. Therefore, the following Sunday, June 3, is being reserved for

Confirmation Sunday. Confirmation is offered to students in 7th grade or older. More information and details about an informational meeting will be mailed to students and families this month.

## Upcoming Events

### ◆ DINNER CLUB HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, January 7, 5:00 PM  
Memorial Building Dining Room

Please bring an appetizer or dessert. All are welcome!  
For more information, please call Marilyn Smith at (315) 536-2173.

### ◆ PEEK CHAPEL SERVICE

Sunday, January 8, 3:00 PM

For those longing for a small, intimate worship service, we are planning another afternoon Chapel Service for Sunday, January 8. The Morning Glories will share the special music and Pastor Jeff will share a reflection. In the upcoming months, we are hoping to hear messages shared by some of the other pastors in the area.

### ◆ SUNDAY BREAK RETREAT

Saturday, January 28, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall

The Sunday Break Planning Team, band members and everyone who wishes to revitalize the Sunday Break Worship Service, are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall for a time of prayer, Bible study and revisioning. We will be using a video session by Bishop Robert Schnase on "Passionate Worship," developed from his book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. We will look at:

- What the Bible says about worship
- What is passionate worship
- What can we do to help ourselves and seekers to get there

### ◆ ANNUAL MEETING & DISH-TO-PASS SUPPER

Sunday, January 29, 5:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall

Would you like to join us for a great evening of sharing? We will start out with a dish-to-pass supper, mingling, and adding events and milestones to a 2011 timeline. At 6:00 pm, we will listen to a few church ministry reports from the past year and then name and proclaim goals and plans for the new year ahead. Everyone is invited to come and share memories, hopes and dreams as we leap into the leap year!

### ◆ NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

February 12, 8:45 AM & 10:30 AM

On **Sunday, February 12**, during both Worship services, we will be receiving new members into the church. For those people wishing to join the church, we have set up a couple of **orientation sessions**. One will be held on **Sunday, January 29**, at **9:00 am** (before the Combined Worship Service). The other will take place on **Monday, January 30** at **7:00 pm**. Both sessions will be held in the Memorial Building dining room.

### ◆ MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

April 20-22  
Camp Asbury, Silver Lake, NY

Marriage Encounter is the largest marriage strengthening ministry in the world and is a recognized resource of the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. For more information and to sign up for the weekend, please visit [www.encounter.org](http://www.encounter.org) or contact: **Keith & Diane Sherwood** at [ksher1021@aol.com](mailto:ksher1021@aol.com) or call (315) 492-2372.

### "DISH TOWEL" SHOWER

The Ell-D-Van group is collecting dish towels for the Fellowship Hall kitchen/dining area. A dish towel collection box is located outside of Peek Chapel. Dish towels will be accepted through January 31, 2012. Thank you!

### JANUARY SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS

#### JANUARY 1

**New Year's Day**  
(Combined Worship)  
Luke 2:22-40  
"What's New?"

#### JANUARY 8

**Epiphany**  
Matthew 2:1-12  
"Coming and Going"

#### JANUARY 15

**Human Relations Day**  
Mark 1:14-20  
"Fishing for Christ"

#### JANUARY 22

**Invite a Friend Sunday**  
John 1:43-51  
"Calling all Disciples"

#### JANUARY 29

**Fifth Sunday**  
Youth-Led Worship

### 2012 BUDGET WITH PERCENTAGES

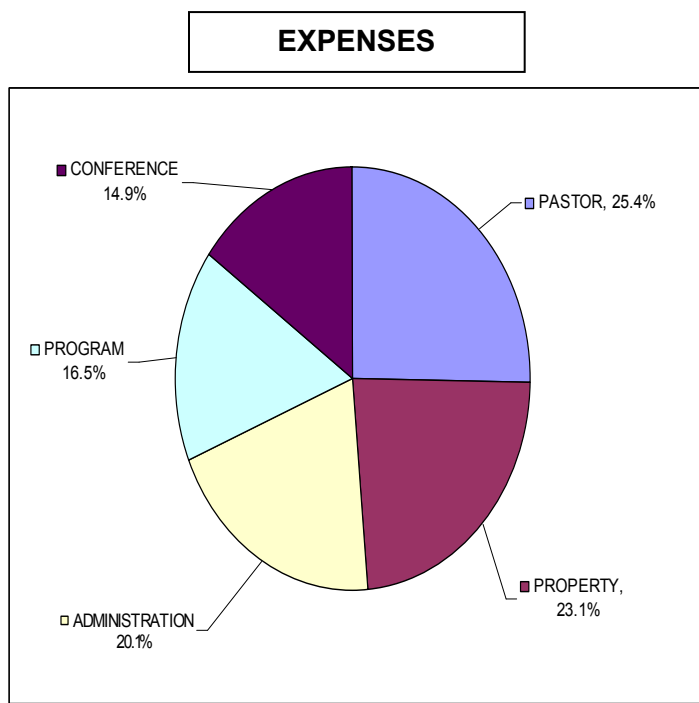
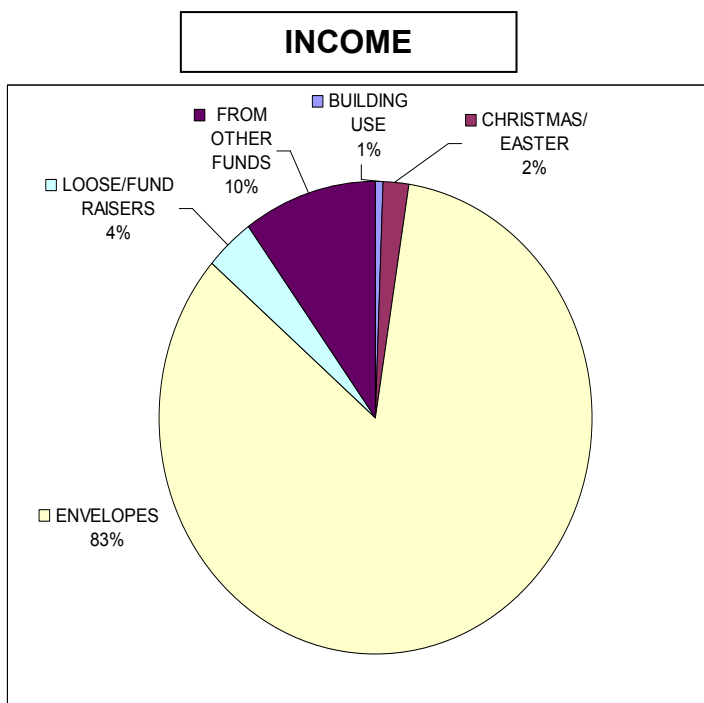
The budget for 2012 has been prepared by the Finance Team and approved by the Church Council and the Charge Conference. Below is a breakdown of income and expenses for the new year; it is defined in three ways: *dollar amounts, percentages, and a pie chart*. If anyone is interested in a more detailed budget, you may pick one up in the Church office.

**INCOME**

|                     |               |                  |
|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| BUILDING USE        | .5%           | \$1,800          |
| CHRISTMAS/EASTER    | 1.9%          | \$6,800          |
| ENVELOPES           | 84.1%         | \$296,000        |
| LOOSE/FUND RAISERS  | 3.5%          | \$12,350         |
| FROM OTHER FUNDS    | 10.0%         | \$35,118         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>\$352,068</b> |

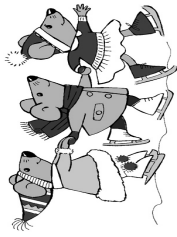
**EXPENSE**

|  |               |                  |
|--|---------------|------------------|
| PASTOR   | 25.4%         | \$89,473         |
| PROPERTY ( <i>Trustees/Custodian</i> )   | 23.1%         | \$81,490         |
| ADMINISTRATION<br><i>(includes admin, sectry, treas., fin. sctry, office supp.)</i>                                  | 20.1%         | \$70,830         |
| PROGRAM<br><i>(includes program staff salaries, ministry areas; communications; employee taxes/cont'g ed; misc.)</i> | 16.5%         | \$57,650         |
| CONFERENCE ( <i>includes retiree health care</i> )   | 14.9%         | \$52,625         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>   | <b>100.0%</b> | <b>\$352,068</b> |




**FYI:**

|  |             |                 |                                       |
|--|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Missions: (budgeted in operating account; is included with programs – 0.4%)</b> |             |                 | <b>\$1,550</b>                        |
| <b>Mission money received through Designated Funds</b>                             | <b>2010</b> | <b>\$16,895</b> | <b>4.7% (of \$367,350 '10 budget)</b> |
|  | <b>2011</b> | <b>\$16,043</b> | <b>4.5% (of \$355,986 '11 budget)</b> |



# JANUARY 2012



| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                                   | Sat  |
|--|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1</b><br><br>10:30 Combined Worship<br>(No Sunday School)  | <b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED<br>12:00 Bible Study<br>7:00 "Living Beyond Yourself"   | <b>3</b><br>6:30 Finance Meeting<br>7:30 Church Council  | <b>4</b><br>10:00 Friendship Circle<br>6:00 Conversations w/ God<br>7:00 Sun Brk Rehearsal<br>7:00 Memorial Ringers                    | <b>5</b><br>6:00 Long Pt Gath Mtg<br>6:30 Gabriel's Bunch<br>6:30 Sun Brk Planning<br>7:00 Evening UMW<br>7:30 Sanctuary Choir | <b>6</b><br>11:00 Tai Ji Chuen Class  | <b>7</b><br>5:00 Saturday Night Alive<br>5:00 Dinner Club Holiday<br>Celebration                       |
| <b>8</b><br>8:45 Sunday Break Worship<br>9:00 Sunday School<br>9:00 Middle School Sun Sch<br>10:00 Joyful Noize Reh<br>10:30 Traditional Worship<br>3:00 Peek Chapel Service             | <b>9</b><br>12:00 Bible Study<br>4:45 Social Issues<br>7:00 "Living Beyond Yourself"   | <b>10</b><br>3:00 Memorial Gifts<br>7:00 Immersion Series<br>Bible Study<br>7:00 Missions Meeting<br>7:00 Staff Parish Mtg | <b>11</b><br>10:00 Friendship Circle<br>6:00 Conversations w/ God<br>6:00 Ell-D-Van<br>7:00 Sun Brk Rehearsal<br>7:00 Memorial Ringers | <b>12</b><br>7:00 Oatmeal Club<br>6:30 Gabriel's Bunch<br>7:30 Sanctuary Choir   | <b>13</b><br>11:00 Tai Ji Chuen Class | <b>14</b><br>5:00 Saturday Night Alive   |
| <b>15</b><br>8:45 Sunday Break Worship<br>9:00 Sunday School<br>9:00 Middle School Sun Sch<br>10:00 Joyful Noize Reh<br>10:30 Traditional Worship  | <b>16</b><br>12:00 Bible Study<br>7:00 Communications Team<br>7:00 Grieving Parents Sup Grp<br>7:00 "Living Beyond Yourself" | <b>17</b><br>10:30 UMW   | <b>18</b><br>10:00 Friendship Circle<br>6:00 Conversations w/ God<br>7:00 Sun Brk Rehearsal<br>7:00 Memorial Ringers                   | <b>19</b><br>6:30 Gabriel's Bunch<br>7:30 Sanctuary Choir  | <b>20</b><br>11:00 Tai Ji Chuen Class | <b>21</b><br>10:00 Bazaar Workshop<br>5:00 Saturday Night Alive  |
| <b>22</b><br>8:45 Sunday Break Worship<br>9:00 Sunday School<br>9:00 Middle School Sun Sch<br>10:00 Joyful Noize Reh<br>10:30 Traditional Worship  | <b>23</b><br>12:00 Bible Study<br>6:30 Trustees Meeting<br>7:00 "Living Beyond Yourself"                                     | <b>24</b><br>7:00 Immersion Series<br>Bible Study  | <b>25</b><br>10:00 Friendship Circle<br>6:00 Conversations w/ God<br>7:00 Sun Brk Rehearsal<br>7:00 Memorial Ringers                   | <b>26</b><br>6:30 Gabriel's Bunch<br>6:30 Sun Brk Planning<br>7:30 Sanctuary Choir   | <b>27</b><br>11:00 Tai Ji Chuen Class | <b>28</b><br>8:00 Men's Prayer Brkfst<br>9:00 Sun Brk Planning<br>Retreat<br>5:00 Saturday Night Alive |
| <b>29</b><br>9:00 New Memb. Orientation<br>9:30 Sunday School/ Family<br>Activity<br>10:00 Joyful Noize Reh<br>10:30 Combined Worship<br>5:00 Dish-to-Pass Supper<br>6:00 Annual Meeting | <b>30</b><br>12:00 Bible Study<br>7:00 New Memb. Orientation<br>7:00 "Living Beyond Yourself"                                | <b>31</b><br>5:30 Community Café<br>7:30 Christian Ed Mtg.   |  |  |                                       |  |

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