

POUGHKEEPSIE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Bringing in the Sheaves, Bringing in the Sheaves,
We Shall Come Rejoicing, Bringing in the Sheaves.*

Dear Fellow Sowers,

A big thank you to everyone who has financially supported Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church in the past 12 months! We know that for many it has been a difficult year. In spite of this you have not only given but given sacrificially. Through your generosity the ministry of Christ has continued and even grown here at PUMC. We have sought to use your gifts very prudently and wisely.

The last few months we have heard a lot about sowing seeds of strength. Now it is time to bring in the harvest! The chorus of this old time hymn reminds us that even in the most difficult of times we bring our harvest to the Lord. Perhaps when people were tied closer to the land and the actual harvesting of the earth, that concept was clearer. As people of faith, we know that all we have comes from the Lord. God has asked us to return a portion of what we have been blessed with for the work of God's ministry. We need to continue to "Bring in the Sheaves" of our support for ministry and mission here at PUMC.

During the month of November "stewardship writers" will share their stories of faith and blessing with us. **Commitment Sunday will be November 22**, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. In preparation, we ask that each of us prayerfully consider what God is asking us to commit financially to God through Poughkeepsie United Methodist. We then invite you to bring your enclosed commitment (pledge) card to church with you on Commitment Sunday as we "Bring in the Sheaves" together. If you are unable to attend that day please send your commitment card to the church office ahead of time and it will be dedicated with the others.

In keeping with our goal to use our resources wisely, the Finance Committee will await the results of Commitment Sunday to put together its final budget. It is imperative that they receive our commitments in as timely a manner as possible. The Finance Committee would remind all of us that Electronic Giving is now an option. This is an easy and convenient way of making sure your contributions are received in a timely manner. There is a box to check off on your pledge card to indicate if you'd like to take advantage of this option. Information is enclosed for your convenience.

Let us join the saints of old who joyfully brought their bounty to the house of the Lord!

In Their Spirit of Rejoicing,

The Stewardship Committee for 2010
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