

The Parish Friend

A Newsletter of the Plainville United Methodist Church

March - April 2022

"The church at the heart of the community with the community at heart."

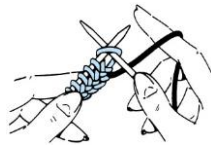
FROM THE PASTOR

Lately I have been listening to Disney songs on the radio. I find as I am driving I prefer hearing Ariel and Moana rather than Adele and Madonna. One that struck me was "God Help the Outcasts" from Disney's animated feature "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." In it, the gypsy Esmeralda, is praying on behalf of her people who are being persecuted. She says, "I ask for nothing. I will get by. But there are so many less lucky than I." She appeals to God saying, "I hear that you were an outcast too," and "I thought that we were all the children of God." Her unselfish prayer is different from the prayers of others around her, who pray for wealth and fame.

Intercessory prayer, that is praying for others, is one of the most important parts of faith and is essential for spiritual growth. When we pray for others, we acknowledge the power of God. This is important especially in situations when we feel helpless ourselves. And most important, when we pray for others we are instruments of God's love in the world.

Pastor Stuart

CRAFT MEETINGS will begin on Monday, March 7th and April 6th at 7:00pm in the Cate Room and will continue to meet the 1st Monday night of each month. All are welcome. Craft ideas for items to make and sell at the Annual Country Fair are needed. Contact Jill Benker-Seaberg at 508 699 0591 for more information.



The Deadline to submit news and information for the May/June issue of *The Parish Friend* is 12noon on Friday, 04/22/22.

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Community Worship, Sundays at 9 am.

Rev. Stuart Tucker, Pastor

Steve Haunschild, Pianist Kathy Trowbridge – Secretary

CHURCH SUPPERS TO-GO

March 12, 2022 Lasagna

April 9, 2022 Swedish Meatballs

May 14, 2022 Oven Roasted
Chicken



All Suppers include dessert. \$12.00 ea.

No dine in – Take out only. Pick up curbside in the church parking lot between 4:30-5:30pm.

MUST pre-order by 12Noon the Thursday prior to the supper date by calling 508 695 9587 or by email to plainvilleumc@verizon.net

CHURCH MEETINGS

TRUSTEES meet at 7:00pm in the Cate Room on Tuesdays, March 8th and April 12th.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets in the Cate Room at 7:15pm on Mondays, March 21st and April 18th.



PRAYER LETTER MINISTRY

We are seeking a few more folks to be Prayer Letter Stewards. If interested, please see Grace Simmons or Susan Haines and shadow them for a Sunday or two.

Please contact the Church Office if you volunteer to serve in this ministry so we can add you to the rotating, monthly schedule.

GREETERS We are seeking a few more volunteers to greet folks as they enter worship on Sunday mornings. This would include saying "good morning!", handing out bulletins and collecting the morning's offerings. Training is available – simply shadow anyone serving in this position any Sunday morning. Please contact the Church Office if you volunteer to serve in this ministry so we can add you to the rotating schedule. The goal is to have more volunteers so that everyone serves about once every 4-6 weeks. *We need you!*



CHURCH "SIDEWALK SWINGER" SIGN

Help is needed to set up the Sidewalk Swinger sign which advertises our suppers out on the front lawn at the church. Once a month (only about 7x per year) you will need to set up the letters on the sign and put it outside in front of the church. Not usually needed June – September. More than one person can volunteer. Please let Becca Simon know if you are interested in helping with the sign. Please call Becca at 508-643-1238.



Spring Yard Sale
Saturday, April 30, 2022
8:00am – 2:00pm



At the Plainville United Methodist Church
16 East Bacon Street Plainville, MA 02762

Tired of being stuck inside due to winter weather and the pandemic? *"Think Spring!"* Why not clean out a room or closet and begin putting items aside for the Yard Sale. Please remember to set aside only new or *"gently used"* items for the sale. If you can help with the Sale, or have something to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS – NEW & IMPORTANT UPDATE:

Due to the expanded use of the Bowmar Hall by the Food Pantry through Wednesday of the sale week, we are asking that you **hold on to your yard sale donations and don't drop them off at the church until Thursday April 28th or Friday April 29th.** ***We'll have someone there from 2 to 7 PM on those days to help with your donations. Please don't drop off items early.***

Please Remember... No large furniture, clothing, computers, TV's, or other electronics.

HOW YOU CAN HELP... Help is needed Wednesday April 27th from 7-9 pm (to set up tables and sort initial donations), as well as Thursday and Friday (April 28 & 29) from 2-7 to accept and sort new donations. We also need help to put up signs a week or so before the sale and to take them down immediately after the sale. Of course, ***Many hands*** are needed to cleanup following the sale.

Please contact Tom Simon at 508-643-1238 to sign up to work during the week, on Sale day, or to help out in any way.

MANY hands are needed to make this sale successful! Even if you only have just a little time to give –***We need Y-O-U!***



PARISH NEWS

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.
Doug & the Reinbold Family

Dear PUMC,

Our Family can not thank you enough for your prayers, notes and support during Mom's battle w/ Alzheimer's. She would always love visits from friends while at Madonna Manor and we are thankful for our local "small town" church family. The Church was very important to her and always a big part of her life.

Thank you all so much,
The Family of Natalie Rammel
Trisha Birkbeck, Linda Kelleher and Laurie Austin

Dear Rev Tucker,

I would like to thank you and your church for the prayer letters you have sent for my family. God can do all things! He has healed and done miracles for my family. Thank you.

Love,
James B. Wilson

Dear Uncle Stu and the Church Family at PUMC,
Thank you for my prayer letter. It means so much to me that you are united in prayer on my behalf as I start my cancer treatment journey.

Love,
Janelle Karr

FROM THE LIVING BREAD FOOD PANTRY



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Living Bread Food Pantry has continued to be very busy. The number of clients remains high over the last two months serving

approximately 50 families every week. The pantry volunteers make up 65 bags of nonperishable items, 50 bags of perishable foods and 50 bags of frozen and refrigerated items every week. Currently, we could use a few volunteers to help on Sundays after our service beginning at 10 a.m. We will be making up bags of non-perishable foods, dating foods, restocking shelves, and cleaning up when needed. When summer begins, we will need a couple of volunteers to pick up fresh vegetables from White Barn Farm in Wrentham and deliver to the Pantry on Wednesdays. If you interested in helping, please let me know or call the church office.

We are preparing for our annual inspection from the Greater Boston Food Bank on Thursday, March 24th. To prepare, we have done extra cleaning of the floors, shelves, and refrigerators. We have checked our freezer temperatures, updated food labels, and organized food.

PLANNING AHEAD...

The Pantry is planning to hand out gift bags for upcoming holidays. For Memorial Day, we plan to hand out items for grilling. For Mother's Day, we plan to hand out perfumes and moisturizers. For Father's Day, we plan to hand out soaps, moisturizers and shaving items. Feel free to donate any of these items so we will be prepared. Recently the Pantry put in two dedicated electrical outlets and then purchased a large chest freezer. Recently we ordered another new, large upright freezer/refrigerator for the kitchen which is to be delivered in March. It can be used as a freezer for meats that are donated or purchased for the pantry and can also be used as a refrigerator for pantry storage, church suppers and our annual fair. We will also be ready for storing our turkeys this year for Thanksgiving.

UPCOMING ANNUAL PANTRY MEETING

Our annual Pantry meeting will be held in the Falk Room on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. There is much to be discussed since we have been unable to have a meeting for the last two years due to Covid. Since the pantry has grown, the duties of the Coordinator have grown significantly and it is time to ask more volunteers to jump in to help with various duties. It may be time to add on more offices such as Coordinator, Co-Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, GBFB Liaison, Food Safety Coordinator, Food Ordering, Cleaning Crew, Grants & Donations, and Social Media. These are just a few ideas

of how to spread the love. If you are interested in joining us or taking on a few more volunteer opportunities, let me know by calling 508 643 1238.

FOR MONETARY OR GIFT CARD DONATIONS

Kathy, our Church Secretary is in the office on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. Please use the Spring Street door which is closest to the office when making a monetary or Gift Card donation. If you would like to mail a check, please write it out to "Living Bread Food Pantry" and send it to the Plainville United Methodist Church, 16 East Bacon Street, Plainville, MA 02762. The Pantry has a PayPal Account on the church website at www.PlainvilleUMC.net. You may also donate to the Pantry using PayPal. If you have any questions regarding the Pantry, feel free to call the church office at 508-695-9587.

CURRENT ITEMS IN GREAT NEED...

ALL TOILETRIES ARE NEEDED - such as bars of bath soap, shampoo & hair conditioner, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant for men & women, disposable razors, shaving cream, Q-tips, lip balm, hand & body lotions, Gold Bond powders.

ALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ARE WELCOME such as liquid dish soap (for washing dishes), dishwasher detergents, paper towels, 2-ply toilet paper, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, kitchen sponges, tissues.

GBFB FOOD DELIVERY Help is Needed the 2nd Wednesday of each month, year 'round, to help us unload the truck from the Greater Boston Food Bank – right here in our parking lot. The truck arrives around 12:30pm. We have dolly carts to help unload and get the foods into the pantry. This takes an hour or less most times to do. Feel free to bring a friend, teenager or neighbor with you to lend a hand. Please call Becca Simon at 508-643-1238 if you can lend a hand.
Next Dates – March 9th and April 13th.

THANK YOU!

Thanks so much for all your donations and support. We couldn't feed people without your continued and generous support. Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers who are faithful to their work at the pantry. It takes many hands to keep our pantry running. Together, donors and volunteers, we are making sure that no one in Plainville ever goes hungry.

Faithfully,
Becca Simon, Pantry Coordinator

Spring Food Collection –2022
The Living Bread Food Pantry
16 East Bacon Street Plainville, MA

*Items we are in greater need of right now are highlighted in **BOLD**.*

BREAKFAST ITEMS Breakfast Bars/Cookies, Cereal Bars, Granola Bars, **Carnation Instant Breakfast (packets)**, Ensure or Glucerna Shakes. **GLUTEN FREE COLD CEREALS** are always welcome.

LUNCH ITEMS Peanut Butter, Jellies and Jams, Marshmallow Fluff, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Spaghetti O's - esp w/ Meatballs, Canned Ravioli and Beef-a-Roni, Canned Chili, Hearty Soups especially with Beans.

BEVERAGES Canned Coffee, Lemonade Mix (powdered), Iced Tea Mix : non- sweetened, sweetened and sugar-free. **Non-refrigerated Juices – family sz bottles and individual juice boxes. Non-refrigerated Parmalat Milk (in the canned milk aisle) family sz cartons and individual “juice box” sizes – White or Chocolate.**

FRUIT - all packed in 100% Juice Individual Fruit cups, Canned fruit, Applesauce (including No-Sugar added) – jars and individual cups. **Dried Fruits and Real Fruit Leathers.**

CONDIMENTS Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup, Relish, Olives, Pickles, BBQ Sauce, Teryaki Sauce. Salad Dressings – especially Ranch and Italian.

SNACKS Little Debbie's Snacks, Graham Crackers, Cookies, Microwave popcorn, Cheeze-It Crackers, Ritz Crackers, Wheat Thins, Triscuits, Goldfish Crackers, etc., **Healthy Fruit Snacks & Trail mixes, dried fruits. GLUTEN FREE SNACKS, CRACKERS & COOKIES** are greatly appreciated. Individually bagged, and Family Sized = Chips, Pretzels, Popcorn, etc., Pudding Mixes and individual cups (*non-refrigerated*), Jello Mixes and individual cups (*non-refrigerated*).

SUPPER ITEMS **Boxed Mac-n-Cheese, Hamburger Helper** (for Ground Beef, Chicken or Tuna), Pasta and **Sauces including alfredo sauce**, Pasta Salad Kits, **Baked Beans**, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Taco Kits, **Boxed Instant Potatoes & Mixes (Cheesy, Scalloped, etc)**, **Rice – white/brown, Rice mixes such as: Rice Pilaf, Zatterain's mixes, Uncle Ben's mixes, etc.**

*****Especially need Canned Veggies – all types*****

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Household items such as liquid dish soap (for washing dishes), dishwasher detergents, paper towels, 2-ply toilet paper, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, kitchen sponges, tissues.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated to help us buy food from the Greater Boston Food bank at pennies on the dollar, stretching your donations.

Mail checks to the church at 16 E. Bacon St., Plainville, MA 02762, ATTENTION: Pantry.

Or drop off to the Spring Street door on M & W 9am – 12noon and FRI 9am – 1pm.

The Living Bread Food Pantry helps to feed over 50 families every week, year 'round.

Your support is strongly needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for feeding the hungry in our community.