

The Parish Friend

A Newsletter of the Plainville United Methodist Church

January – February 2022

“The church at the heart of the community with the community at heart.”

FROM THE PASTOR



Swiftly now the old year passes. As we look ahead to a new year it is fitting to remember that it was God's grace that has led us safe thus far. As 2022 began, none of us could take for granted that we would be around to celebrate the next new year. This was surely on Charles Wesley's mind when he

wrote "And Are We Yet Alive." Since the founding of the Methodist Movement, this great hymn was sung at the beginning of each annual conference and the practice continues to this day all over the world. Wesley's hymn gives glory to God for sustaining each member and bringing them back together in spite of all the troubles and conflicts of the previous year.

Churches everywhere also sing this hymn on New Year's Eve, or the first Sunday in January. In doing so, we thank God, who throughout all our days, sustains us by his love, and makes it possible for us to come together once again to sing his praises.

A Note of Thanks...

I wish to thank everyone in the congregation for their expressions of love and support this Christmas season. God is good, and he was very good to me when he allowed me to be part of this congregation.

Pastor Stuart

The Deadline to submit news and information for the March/April issue of *The Parish Friend* is 12noon on Friday, 02/17/23.

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Community Worship, Sundays at 9 am.

Rev. Stuart Tucker, Pastor

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CHURCH SUPPERS TO-GO

January 14, 2023 Lasagna

February 11, 2023 Baked Ham w/
Homemade Mac-n-Cheese

March 11, 2023 Chicken Pot Pie

April 18, 2023 Swedish Meatballs

May 13, 2023 Oven Roasted Chicken

All Suppers include dessert. \$14.00 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

CHURCH COUNCIL with TRUSTEES will meet in the Cate Room at 7:15pm on Mondays, January 16th and February 20th.

COUNTRY FAIR SUCCESS!

The 2022 Annual Church Country Fair was held Friday, November 4th from 11am - 7pm.



We had lots of help, delicious baked goods, wonderful Silent Auction items, lots of pretty Jewelry and beautiful handmade afghans, hats and many other handmades. We had beautifully displayed antiques and an awesome Snack Bar.

We made a grand total of just over \$5600.00! This was truly a Church wide supported event. We had lots of members and friends join us to help in our success.

Nancy and I wish to thank all of you who helped in so many ways. A special thanks to all the folks who donated to the Fair. We will again start planning for next year's Fair on April 3rd, 2023 at 7Pm. All are welcome.

Thank You!

Jill Seaberg & Nancy Richardson, Co-Chairs

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 speak with someone on the church supper committee if you are interested in helping with the sign.



PARISH NEWS



Dear Parishioners of PUMC, I would like to thank each and every member that contributes and continues to give to the food pantry each week. In my life, I have never received such an outwardly supportive and Gospel filled stewardship such as what I've experienced while in need this past year from this Parish. I am stunned – there's no such conceivable entity such as what God has shown through the community of this church's Parishioners, Staff and Families. Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!

Sincerely,
Evan, Plainville resident.

FROM THE LIVING BREAD FOOD PANTRY



THANKSGIVING TURKEY BASKETS

I am happy to announce that we gave out 80 turkey baskets this year! We had a great set of volunteers to set up the bags and to give them out, and we had a lot of support from the community in donations of food and monetary funds. A special thank you to Kathy Parker for overseeing the whole effort.

PANTRY DONATION UPDATES

The Living Bread Food Pantry has been thoroughly blessed by the incredible generosity of members of the church and larger Plainville community. The main things that we continue to be in need of are **Cereal** (hot or cold), **potato sides** (instant, au gratin, scalloped potatoes in boxes or pouches), and **rice sides** (Minute Rice, Flavored Rice, rice pilaf, rice-a-roni).

We would also appreciate donations of **toilet paper, boxes of tissues, and paper towels.**

Donations of household items and non-perishable foods can be left in the shed in the church parking lot 24/7. You can also leave donations in the bin at the front of the store (near the registers) in the Plainville Stop-n-Shop.

PANTRY VOLUNTEER UPDATE

A super big Thank You to all of our tireless volunteers! We would still really appreciate it if one person with a pick-up truck would be willing to join our Wednesday morning team to collect donations from area stores. We are getting so much from some stores that it fills two or three pick-up trucks, so having another pick-up truck every Wednesday morning would really help out. We also would still really appreciate anyone who could join our team to unload the Greater Boston Food Bank truck on the second Wednesday of each month; the truck comes sometime between 11:30am – 12:30pm and I can text a ten-minute warning. Depending on how many people we have, it can take between 15 and 30 minutes of moving 15-20lb cases of food to empty the truck. Please email livingbreadfoodpantry@gmail.com if you can help. Thanks for considering!

Wishing you a wonderful start to the New Year!

Sherri Minch,
Co-Coordinator



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 between 11:30am - 12:30pm. We have dolly carts to help unload and get the foods into the pantry. This usually takes less than 30 minutes most times to do. Feel free to bring a friend, teenager or neighbor with you to lend a hand. Please contact Sherri at livingbreadfoodpantry@gmail.com if you can lend a hand.

Next Dates – January 11th and February 8th .

Together, with your help, we **DO** make a difference! We are "the church at the heart of the community with the community at heart." **THANK YOU!**

Winter Food Collection –2023
to benefit *The Living Bread Food Pantry*
A Mission of the Plainville United Methodist Church
16 East Bacon Street Plainville, MA

BREAKFAST ITEMS Hot and cold cereal.

LUNCH ITEMS Peanut Butter, Jellies and Jams, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Chili, Hearty Soups especially with Beans.

BEVERAGES Canned Coffee. Non-refrigerated Juices and Non-refrigerated, shelf-stable Milk.

FRUIT Canned fruit and Individual Fruit cups (prefer packed in 100% fruit juice instead of syrup), Applesauce (jars and individual cups).

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

SNACKS Crackers, Trail mixes, dried fruits. Individually bagged and Family Sized Chips, Pretzels, Popcorn. 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, Boxed Instant Potatoes & Mixes (Cheesy, Scalloped, etc), Rice – white/brown in small boxes or pouches, Rice mixes such as: Rice Pilaf, Zatterain's mixes, Uncle Ben's mixes, etc.

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.

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.

Make Checks Payable to: Living Bread Food Pantry

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

Or drop off (especially for gift cards and Cash):

to the Spring Street door on M, W & F; 9am – 12noon.

*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.*