

The Parish Friend

A Newsletter of the Plainville United Methodist Church

March – April 2025

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



From the Pastor...

What does it mean to be a Christian? People have asked this question from the beginning. People were asking it back in the eighteenth century when the Methodist movement was forming. It's founder John Wesley wrote much about what he called "true

religion." Part of his answer was this:

"It is in consequence of our knowing God loves us that we love God and our neighbor as ourselves. Gratitude toward our Creator cannot but produce benevolence to our fellow creatures. The love of Christ constrains us, not only to be harmless - to do no ill to our neighbor - but to be useful and patterns of true genuine morality, of justice, mercy, and truth. This is religion and this is happiness, the happiness for which we were made."

Do you agree with Wesley's definition of true religion? If so, what difference is it making in your daily life?

See you in church,
Pastor Stuart

EASTER FLOWERS 2025

We have checked with the Greenhouse regarding the availability and pricing of flowers for Easter this year. They are not yet ready but will get back to us soon. Once we have the information, we will email the order form to those whose email addresses we have, and the forms will be in the bulletins for at least 3 weeks prior to the order deadline. If you do not use email, and you are unable to attend Worship on Sunday mornings, you may call fill out a form with Kathy, our Secretary, over the phone.

The Deadline to submit news and information for the May/June issue of *The Parish Friend* Newsletter is 12noon on Friday, 04/25/2025.

CHURCH SUPPERS TO-GO

March 8, 2025 Meatloaf
April 12, 2025 Swedish Meatballs
May 10, 2025 American Chop Suey
June 14, 2025 Oven Roasted Chicken

All Suppers include dessert
\$15.00each



No Dine-in – Pick up curbside in the parking lot between 4:30-5:30pm.

MUST pre-order by 12noon on the Thursday prior to the supper date by calling 508 695 9587 or send an email to: plainvilleumc@verizon.net.



CHURCH MEETINGS CHURCH COUNCIL & TRUSTEES

Meet at 7:00pm in the Cate Room on Mondays, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) and April 21st.

Plainville United Methodist Church
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Community Worship, Sundays at 9 am.
Rev. Stuart Tucker, Pastor
Steve Haunschild, Pianist Kathy Trowbridge – Secretary

2025 Country Fair Preparations

Hi Folks! It is time to plan for our annual Church

COUNTRY FAIR. But we need **YOU!**

Our first meeting will be held on **Monday, March 3rd at 7pm in the Cate room.**

We will discuss if we are able to have a Fair, and label some bags. The next meeting will be **Monday, April 7th at 7pm.** We hope to make a few small crafts to sell at these meetings. Anyone willing to lead us in a craft?

Fair meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 7pm. All are welcome!

Other fund-raising items will also be discussed. The next fund-raising events will be our monthly Church suppers and our annual Church Yard Sale on Saturday May 3rd from 8 to 2pm.

Please contact Jill (508-212-1421) or Nancy (508-479-8403) or leave a message on the answering machine at Church (508-695-9587) with any questions, comments, or to volunteer.

Thank You!!

Jill Seaberg & Nancy Richardson

2025 YARD SALE

Our Annual **YARD SALE** will be held on Saturday, May 3rd from 8 to 2pm. But we need **YOU! It will not happen unless we have volunteers. PLEASE!**

Set-up will begin on Wednesday after Food pantry and drop off of items will begin on Thursday and Friday May 1st and 2nd. Drop-off times on Thursday and Friday to be determined.

We will discuss the yard sale at the Fair meeting on March 3rd at 7pm. If you can volunteer for even an hour please let me know or call the Church and leave a message.

Please contact Jill (508-212-1421) or leave a message on the answering machine at Church (508-695-9587) with any questions, comments, or to volunteer.

Thank-you!!

Jill Seaberg

FROM THE LIVING BREAD FOOD PANTRY

JANUARY 2025 In January we held our 1st Volunteer Appreciation Supper in Bowmar Hall. The spaghetti supper was catered by Don's Diner in Plainville. This first of what we plan-to-be Annual Volunteer Appreciation Supper was well attended and enjoyed by all in attendance. We are grateful to ALL of our hard working and dedicated Volunteers. Without each of them, we could not help our neighbors in

need the way that we do – every week, year 'round. Volunteers are what makes the Living Bread Food Pantry the wonderful success it is today – doing God's work by feeding the hungry in our community and working to eliminate food insecurity.

FOOD DRIVES There are no Food Drives in the foreseeable future that we are aware of. We ask that you consider holding a Food Drive or encouraging friends and family to give monetary donations to help support the Pantry. If you'd like to run a Food drive, please contact the Church office for more information and a list of suggested items to donate. We can email to you a half page handout of the preferred foods list. Monetary donations may be sent to: The Living Bread Food Pantry, 16 E. Bacon St., Plainville, MA 02762. Please make checks payable to: Living Bread Food Pantry. You may also visit our website at plainvilleumc.net and look for the PayPal tab to donate there.

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

When gathering with family or friends for parties or holidays, consider asking your guests to bring a non-perishable food to donate to the Pantry. You may drop off non-perishable foods to the shed in our parking lot, anytime, 24/7/365. The shed is checked regularly and items brought inside daily.

SPECIAL PROJECTS We're looking for Adult volunteers to help wash and clean the pantry – floors, doors, windows, curtains, and wash the refrigerators and freezers inside and out, periodically throughout the year. If interested in lending a hand with any of these projects, contact Bethany at 508 446 5414.

CURRENT ITEMS IN NEED...

We are in need of canned Meats – especially Tuna, Chicken, Corned Beef, and Spam.

Non-perishable items can be dropped off in the shed in the parking lot anytime, 24/7/365. The shed is checked and items are brought inside regularly. Many Thanks!

Because of your year 'round generous donations, willingness to do God's work here, and because of all the care and love we provide together to our neighbors, we are and will continue to be the Church at the Heart of the Community with the Community at Heart. We are grateful for you!

With Many thanks,

Bethany Cloutier, Pantry Co-Coordinator