

The Parish Friend

A Newsletter of the Plainville United Methodist Church

July - August 2023

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

FROM THE PASTOR



It was the longest day of the year. By 4:30 pm I had been working in my garden for several hours. The bright sun was still high. I knew I had four more hours of daylight left. For some reason the thought came to me that if this were December it would already be getting dark by now.

Like the seasons of the year, we experience periods of darkness and light as we

journey through life. But even when we journey through the valley of the shadow we have the assurance of God's loving presence, and to God, even the darkness is not dark, but the night shines like the day. This same God will never leave us alone in the dark, and he calls us to proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his glorious light. *2 Peter 2:9*

Pastor Stuart

PASTOR'S VACATION NOTICE – Pastor Stuart will be on vacation from June 27th through July 6th. If you have a Pastoral emergency during this time, please call the church office at 508 695 9587 and leave a message. The messages will be checked frequently and you will receive a return call as soon as possible.

The Deadline to submit news and information for the September/October issue of *The Parish Friend* is 12noon on Friday, 08/25/23.

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Worship held Sundays at 9am. All are welcome!

Rev. Stuart Tucker, Pastor

Steve Haunschild, Pianist Kathy Trowbridge – Secretary

CHURCH SUPPERS TO-GO

To-Go Suppers will resume in October. If you'd like to lend a hand with any of the monthly suppers, please contact Donna Brown at rosesbrown2@comcast.net.



JULY CHURCH SERVICE UPDATES

July 2nd – 9:00am Craig Brown preaching

July 9th – 9:00am Holy Communion will be served with Pastor Stuart.

July 16th – 9:00am Join us for a Hymn Fest Service! Come prepared with a few of your favorite Hymn #'s!

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL & TRUSTEES meet at 7:15pm in the Cate Room on Mondays, July 17th and August 21st.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office will be closed July 31st through August 13th for Summer vacation. If you have a Pastoral emergency or are in need of other urgent assistance during this time, please call the church office at 508 695 9587 and leave a message. The messages will be checked frequently and you will receive a return call as soon as possible. *Happy Summer!*

2023 ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR NEWS!

Hi Folks!

The annual Church Fair will be held on Friday, November 3rd from 11 to 7pm.

Clean up will be on Saturday, November 4th starting at 9am.

The Fair needs **YOU**. Please volunteer to help at the Annual Country Fair. Your time and donations are definitely needed. The Country Fair will have a Silent Auction, a Jewelry table, Handmades, Books, Antiques, Baked Goods and of course our Famous Snack Bar. Please start those handmade creations, collect some books to donate, think of items to bake, rummage through that jewelry box, donate an antique, create a basket for the silent auction and think about how **YOU** can help with the Fair's success.

In the month of October we will have a freezer available at the Church for baked goods for the Church Fair. If you can bake for the Fair, that would be wonderful!

Please contact Jill or Nancy with any questions, comments, or to volunteer.

The next Fair committee meeting will be Monday, August 7th at 7pm at the Church. No meeting is scheduled for July.

The Fair is the largest fund raiser for our Church and we need everyone to help. **All are welcome!**

Thank You!

Jill Seaberg & Nancy Richardson
Fair Committee Co-Chairs

FROM THE LIVING BREAD FOOD PANTRY



THE LIVING BREAD FOOD PANTRY

has continued to be very busy - possibly due to grocery costs rising due to inflation. Unfortunately, we are not receiving the amount of

donations that we received during the height of the Pandemic. Currently, we are in need of just about everything. **Summer months are the leanest for receiving food, Gift Cards and monetary donations.**

Your help is needed and appreciated by all the Plainville families and seniors we help to feed each week. A list of food donation ideas is enclosed with this newsletter. You can also check out the church website at Plainvilleumc@verizon.net under "Food Pantry Donation Suggestions". There you'll find a list created by the YMCA of healthy foods that are needed by pantries.

HELP NEEDED We're looking for Volunteers for the **third Wednesday of the month** to help distribute food to our clients. The volunteers come in at 4:30pm and leave

around 7:00pm They set up our bags of frozen and refrigerated foods, hand out bags to clients, and clean up afterwards. This may involve lifting bags and working in the cold during the winter (*there is an outdoor heater and volunteers may also go inside whenever possible if it is too cold outside*).

HOW YOU CAN HELP In July and August, bring in extra vegetables from your garden. ****PLEASE NOTE** - We can only accept perishable foods on Wednesdays – between 8:30 am – 10:30am is preferred, however, our Church Secretary is in the office until 12 Noon and pantry volunteers are back in the pantry around 4:30pm.

Please don't leave fresh produce, anything requiring refrigeration or freezing in the Pantry shed out in the parking lot.

FOR MONETARY OR GIFT CARD DONATIONS

Kathy, our Church Secretary is in the office on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00am 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 Bethany Cloutier at 508-446-5414 or Jerry Haines at 508-954-3274.

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 Bethany Cloutier at 508-446-5414 or Jerry Haines at 508-954-3274 if you can lend a hand.

Next Dates – July 12th and August 9th.

THANK YOU! Thanks so much for all your donations and support throughout the year. 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, many types of donations and lots of time to keep our pantry running smoothly. Together, donors and volunteers, we are making sure that no one in Plainville ever goes hungry.

Faithfully,
Bethany Cloutier, Pantry Co-Coordinator

Spring/Summer Food Collection –2023
The Living Bread Food Pantry
A Mission of the Plainville United Methodist Church
16 East Bacon Street Plainville, MA

BREAKFAST ITEMS Cold Cereals – esp low or no sugar added. Breakfast Bars, Cereal Bars, Granola Bars.

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

BEVERAGES Canned Coffee, Non-refrigerated Juices – family sz bottles. Non-refrigerated Parmalat Milk (in the canned milk aisle) family sz cartons and individual “juice box” sizes – White or Chocolate. Lemonade drink mixes.

FRUIT - Canned fruits all packed in 100% Juice and Applesauce (including No-Sugar added).

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

SNACKS Graham Crackers, All varieties of Crackers. Healthy Fruit Snacks & Trail mixes, dried fruits and nuts. Pudding Mixes, Jello Mixes. Chips, Pretzels, Popcorn, etc.

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 (Mashed, Cheesy, Scalloped, etc), Rice – sm bx or pouches of white/brown. Rice mixes such as: Pilaf, Spanish, etc., Canned Veggies – all types.

ALL TOILETRIES - 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.

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 to: PUMC, 16 E. Bacon St., Plainville, MA 02762, ATTENTION: *LB Food 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.*