

The Parish Friend

A Newsletter of the Plainville United Methodist Church

May-June 2023

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

FROM THE PASTOR



In her book We Need to Talk, Celeste Headlee tells the story of Xernona Clayton. In 1965 Xernona moved to Atlanta to work for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, led at the time by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She worked with community leaders of the city, which included a grand dragon of the Klu Klux Klan, Calvin Craig.

Although they never agreed on anything an unlikely friendship developed over time.

Xernona did not try to change Calvin's mind. As Dr. King told her, "You've got to change a man's heart before you can change his behavior." Ultimately Calvin announced that he was leaving the Klan and pledged to work for unity between the races.

When people are willing to listen to and learn from each other incredible things can happen.

The divisions that existed in 1965 still endures today.

During the Easter season we are reminded that Jesus died and rose again for everyone, regardless of race or creed or politics. As Christians it is our duty to treat people of all kinds with reverence, knowing Christ died for them.

Pastor Stuart

The Deadline to submit news and information for the July/August issue of *The Parish Friend* is 12noon on Friday, 06/23/23.

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Community Worship, Sundays at 9 am.

Rev. Stuart Tucker, Pastor

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CHURCH SUPPERS TO-GO



Last one for the season!

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 & TRUSTEES meet at 7:15pm in the Cate Room on Mondays, May 15th and June 19th.

CHURCH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR 2023

Hi Folks! As we move forward planning the 2023 Annual Country Fair, we have a few meetings scheduled in the upcoming months. Please set a reminder in your cell phones or mark your calendars to remember to come over and join us! Typically, meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month (*except July*).

- Monday, May 1st at 7pm.
- Monday, June 5th at 7pm. This meeting will also include planning the Church suppers for the 2023-2024 season. Please join us.
- No July Meeting.
- Monday, August 7th at 7pm to start the Silent Auction planning.

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



PANTRY NEEDS

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 Pandemic. Currently, we are in need of just about everything. A list of food donation ideas is at the bottom of the newsletter. You can also check out the church website at Plainvilleumc@verizon.net under "Food Pantry Donation Suggestions".

During the summer, we can also use extra fruits and vegetables from your garden. **We can only take perishable food on Wednesdays** since that is the only evening we hand out food to our clients. ***You can bring fresh vegetables in from 8:30 a.m. until 12 Noon or drop off just before Pantry starts at 4:30 p.m. Please do not leave perishable donations in the donation shed since it might not be picked up on the same day.***

During Easter, the Pantry was able to hand out hams and gift cards which made everyone very happy. We have been receiving day old foods from stores around the area which has been a great help to supply meats, breads, desserts, and vegetables.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Every Wednesday, we have volunteers go out in trucks to pick up from Walmart, Target, Entenmann's Bakery, Panera Bread, Cumberland Farms and Trader Joes. **We could use more volunteers on Wednesday mornings who are able to lift items to help us move around boxes of food from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.**

PLANNING AHEAD...

The Pantry is planning to hand out gift bags for upcoming holidays. For Mother's Day, we plan to hand out **Pancake mix and syrup**. On Memorial Day, we plan to hand out gift bags of items you would use to barbeque such as **barbeque sauce, ketchup, mustard, mayo, relish, pickles and pasta salad kits**. Feel free to donate any of these items so we will be prepared to make up our gift bags. Just drop off in the donation shed in the parking lot near the door to Bowmar Hall.

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.

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 at 508 954 3274 if you can lend a hand. **Next Dates – May 10 and June 14.**

FOOD DRIVES - WE NEED YOUR HELP

There are no Food Drives in the foreseeable future that we are aware of because the US Post Office partnered with the Plainville Scouts (now since disbanded) to collect food for the Pantry in May under their "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign. If your neighborhood, organization or workplace is interested in running a Food drive, please contact the Church office for more information.

CURRENT ITEMS IN NEED...

In great need at this time –

Cold Cereals, 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 Beef or Chicken Stew, Pasta and Sauces including Alfredo sauce, Mac-n-Cheese, Rice (sm bx or pouches) and Rice Mixes (pilaf, Spanish, etc), Instant Potatoes (Pouch or bx) and mixes such as scalloped, cheeseey, etc.

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 to keep our pantry running as efficiently and smoothly as it does. We have a great **TEAM** here at the Living Bread Food Pantry – a mission of the Plainville United Methodist Church and **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

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

BREAKFAST ITEMS Cold Cereals – esp low or no sugar added. Breakfast Bars, Cereal Bars, Granola Bars, Carnation Instant Breakfast (packets), protein shakes.

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 and individual juice boxes. **Non-refrigerated Parmalat Milk** (in the canned milk aisle) family sz cartons and individual “juice box” sizes – White or Chocolate. Lemonade/Crystal Lite drink mixes.

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. McCormack Spice Blends, Mrs. Dash Spice blends.

SNACKS Graham Crackers, All varieties of Crackers in boxes or individually packaged. Healthy Fruit Snacks & Trail mixes, dried fruits and nuts. Pudding Mixes and individual cups (*non-refrigerated*), Jello Mixes and individual cups (*non-refrigerated*). Individually bagged, and Family Sized = 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.