



Parish Friend

Newsletter of Plainville United Methodist Church

Pastor: Rev. Peter A. Parent

May / June 2011

From The Pastor's Desk

Easter is passed and the floods are gone. I hope that you remained dry, or at the very least, little damage was done. March was amazing with all the rainfall. Now these last few days seem to be trying to make up for all that wet with bright sunshine, warm weather, and spring exploding all around. I hope your Easter was blessed. We had a great crowd for church that day. It was good to see so many of our old friends and community people there. Please don't be strangers, but come and worship again with us.

Now we are in the season of Easter. The scripture readings deal with the resurrection and appearances of Jesus after his death. We serve a living Savior, one who did not stay in the tomb. We rejoice with the disciples who saw the Lord and were glad. The Easter season ends with Pentecost, on May 23. Beginning Sunday, April 18, Confirmation classes will be held for all children of the church, sixth grade and up. The classes will be held at the First United Methodist Church in North Attleboro, on Sundays, after church, beginning about noon. Through Confirmation children learn what their baptism (which happened for most in infancy) means, and what it is to be a member of a local congregation. Be in prayer for these students – they are the next generation of the church!

Also, as noted elsewhere in this newsletter, we are having our "Spring Fling" yard sale on May 1m from 8 AM to 2 PM. Donations can be received the week prior, from 6 to 8 PM. You will also notice a fund raiser at our local UNO's restaurant. If you go, and present a ticket, a percentage of your tab will be applied to a donation for our church. As many of you eat out at least once a week, maybe you could go to UNO's and help support this effort.

Pentecost! One of the great celebrations in the Jewish faith as well as in the church. Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter. It was a harvest festival. In an agricultural society the harvest time was a time of celebration, a time of bringing in the wealth of the land, and a time of preparing for winter and another year's effort. For the church, Pentecost is a celebration because on that day the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the infant church. Jesus had predicted that the Holy Spirit would come, and he had told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for that event. The Holy Spirit gave power to that group of disciples. From there they went to their world with the good news of the gospel – that Jesus Christ had come, had died, and had risen again. Salvation was available, and God was present with his people.

We celebrate Pentecost today by graduating our Confirmation candidates. These sixth graders will have worked for several weeks on what it means to be a Christian and a member of a church. They will learn a bit about who we are as United Methodists, our history, our beliefs, and the peculiar way we organize ourselves for work and ministry in the church, the community, and the world. Be in prayer for these students.

As we come into mid-Spring, I hope the weather continues to be sunny and bright. May your gardens grow and bloom, and may your spiritual lives also flourish through the community of the church and the work of ministry.

Saturday Supper Schedule
May 14 – Oven Roasted Chicken and Salads

\$9.00 Adults / \$4.00 Children
Suppers begin at 5:30 p.m.
For Tickets call 508-699-8646 or
508-695-5141

ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR

Save these dates: Friday, November 4th and
Saturday, November 5th

Plans for our Annual Church Fair are underway. The Fair is a very important fund raiser for our Church. We invite all of you to participate in some way. The Fair requires a lot of hard work but the fellowship with the community is rewarding and essential. Please consider volunteering your time, no matter how small on the days of the Fair. Your help is needed.

We are scheduling Craft workshops. If you would like to share with us a particular craft, please call Jill or Becky and offer to teach us. Crafts could be anything. We will bring the supplies and then create your craft to sell at the Fair. Please contact Jill Seaberg at 508-699-0591 or Becky Simon at 508-643-1238.

Until then, please continue making those beautiful items for the Fair. Start collecting Jewelry, Books, and Collectables. Try making some jars of jams and relishes from the summer's produce. Create a Silent Auction item, Christmas craft or Hand – made item. Clean out that closet and donate those items to the Fair. Most importantly, save these dates and offer your help at the Annual Church Fair.

Jill Seaberg

The Pastor/Parish Committee was delighted to send the attractive post cards to each home in Plainville. The cards list regular activities and special events and times thereof so that you may keep them for ready reference. Our congregation is waiting to

greet all who come to join us at our Sunday worship services. We anticipate sharing with you the music ministry, the opportunity to pray for the many needs of individuals, communities, countries and the World. To paraphrase a TV ad: come to us; you'll be glad you did!

May God bless you and yours,
Pastor/Parish Committee and its chairman,
Barbara Flück

Living Bread Food Pantry

The Living Bread Food Pantry will be receiving food from the Post Office for the 'Stamp Out Hunger Drive' May 14. Please watch your mailbox for their postcard and put out a bag of food by your mailbox early Saturday morning on May 14. Some of the items that we need are: cereals, canned fruit, boxed or small bags of rice, canned or boxed potatoes, and gravy.

If you unable to donate on this day feel free to call the church at 508-695-9587. You can also drop off food in the bin in the back of the church or at the Plainville Super Stop & Shop.

While you are planting your garden, please plant a few extra vegetables to donate to the pantry. We can only accept fresh vegetables on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. because we do not have room for storage.

If you are interested in donating time to the pantry or know of any students who need service hours for their school or church, please let us know. We have times set up where anyone can help divide the food, check dates and set up bags of food. We do this every Sunday after church at 10:15 a.m. for approximately 1-2 hours. Everyone is welcome and feel free just to show up and join in. This is a great way to teach young people about helping others.

Thanks so much for your support.

Becky Simon
Pantry Coordinator



Plainville United Methodist Church
16 East Bacon Street, Plainville

Spring Fling

Yard and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 7, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

YARD SALE

DONATIONS WANTED!

Donation drop-off times – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., May 2-6
(PLEASE, NO clothing, computers, TVs, large furniture or appliances)

If you need assistance delivering your donated goods,
contact the church office at (508) 695-9587 or send an e-mail to
PlainvilleUMC@verizon.net.



YARD SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help needed in the following areas:

- ⇒ *Working the day of the sale*
- ⇒ *Accepting, sorting and cleaning donations
(6-8 p.m. May 2-6)*
- ⇒ *Posting and taking down advertising signs*
- ⇒ *Cleaning up after the sale*
- ⇒ *Providing baked goods for the bake sale table*

If you can help out in any of these areas, please contact:

Tom Simon (508-643-1238) rymnsimon@comcast.net
or

Jean Hayward (508-269-7103) dolfyn12@aol.com

If we don't get enough volunteers, we will not be able to have the yard sale!

Please help us out if you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

A lovely bouquet of fresh flowers is placed on our altar every Sunday to the Glory of God.

The altar flowers may be dedicated, either as a memorial to a loved one, OR to celebrate a special event, such as a birthday, anniversary, etc. To dedicate the flowers on a certain date, please sign up for the date on the Flower Chart in the Cate Room, or call the church office, 508-695-9587. The cost of each bouquet is \$15. Please include a check with your offering, or mail a check to the church with your request. Please mark the check as Altar or Memorial Flowers.

Patty Brown is Flower Steward and takes care of distributing the floral bouquets each week. You may take the flowers at the close of the service, or you could tell Patty the bouquet may be taken to a shut in or given to a special person.

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