



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 23rd. Beginning Sunday, April 18th, 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 N. 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 1st, 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.

Rev. Peter

**Plainville United Methodist Church
16 East Bacon Street, Plainville**

Saturday

May 1

Spring Fling

**Yard and Bake Sale
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Saturday Supper Schedule

May 8 – Oven Roasted

Chicken and salads

\$9.00 Adults / \$3.50 Children

Supper begins at 5:30 p.m.

**For Tickets call 508-699-8646 or
508-695-5141**

We appreciate your thoughtfulness for the Prayer Letters you sent for Claire and her family. Thank you. The Johanson Family

Dear Friends: thank you for all the prayer cards you have sent over the years. We also thank you for the outpouring of love shown us by being at Calling Hours, cards, and phone calls. God Bless You All. The family of Melissa Becket.

Thank you, all for your prayers. George passed away on Saturday, February 27, 2010. We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expression of sympathy. Muriel and Crystal

Dear Church Family Members: Ron and I (Judy) want to thank you all for your many prayers. Your thoughtfulness has given us hope for renewed health. Thank you for your kindness. God Bless You All. Ron and July Harlow

Dear Church Family in Plainville: Your love and support through the years has been such a source of joy and comfort to us all. We are humbled by the ways you show us that are still our church family after all these years. This is the resurrected life God calls us to be to each other. Peace. The Grenfells

To All My Friends at Plainville UMC: Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers. Little by little I'm getting stronger; and I know the prayers of folks like you have helped. Cancer is very scary but I'm going to have faith that He will lead me through this just as He has stayed by all through life. God Bless. Karen Conrad

To the Plainville UMC members: Thank you for holding the family of Pearl Harris in your prayers. It is appreciated. The love and support is very comforting in our time of sorrow.

Please know that the prayer letter from all of you warmed my heart! Thanks to Becky and Tom Simon for initiating such a beautiful blessing. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Tammy Finch

Bill and Joan and all the Members of Plainville UMC: The final words in my eulogy to Mom were, "She Lived a long life that is now complete." In our sorrow she continues her beautiful journey; she will live in the kindness, the comfort and the love she brought to me.

Thanks so much for friends like you for your prayers and support. It means so much to my family and me for your prayer letters and cards. Mom was present with her support for my family and me as long as she could and now we go our separate ways again, but I feel that support from all of you now. On occasion I catch a glimpse of her in one of the faces or in the actions of our 20 grandchildren, so of course the circle of life continues and you have been a part of my family's and my life and I thank you for that. As St. Paul wrote, "I'll never stop thanking God for all of you – my dear friends." Donald McHoul

To All of My Friends at Church: Thanks for the beautiful flowers that Patty and Craig Brown brought to me at the hospital. Also, for the Prayer Letter that you sent to me. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thanks to Kenny, I was able to stay at home to recuperate. Much nicer than having to go to re-hab. I miss all of you and hope to be able to get back to church soon. In the meantime, I will be thinking of all of you. Lots of love from both of us. Hope and Kenny, too

To Our Church Friends: How unexpected the Prayer Letter was to us. We know in our heads, animals are nowhere near the level humans, but our hearts still mourn deeply for them. The very precious Prayer Letter warms our sad hearts and is helping us to heal. Thank you very much for your respect and for your prayers!! We will never forget this. It was so nice of you, and appreciated more than words can say! In Love and Faith, Yours truly, Crystal and Rick Martineu

Dear Friends: My special thanks for your prayers. You all made me so happy. Prayers "my salvation." Many blessings. Lucille Skinner

Dear Plainville UMC Prayer Group: Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers these past months. I so appreciate your thoughtfulness and care. I'm happy to report the operation (last Thursday) was a success. Thank you. Barbara Spalding

Dear Fellow Christians: While writing Brenda Watkinson a birthday card, I am reminded of the caring spirit abounding in your congregation and feel this note to express my appreciation is long past due. United in prayer by your good people, I was and will be

strengthened in the loss of my husband "Mike" for as we remember from the Bible as He said, "Where one or more gathered ... I am there also." Thank you for sharing your concern in a tangible way. Thelma B. Priest (Brenda's aunt)

Dear Rev. Peter and Friends: Thanks so very much for the prayer letter. It always makes me feel happy to know my friends up North are still praying for me and thinking about me. I had to go to Park Meadows for rehab and therapy for another week to 10 days. Now I have an appointment with a G.I. specialist in March. Oh well, I'm going to be 89 in July so guess I shouldn't complain. There are many people younger than I am worse off in their health. I can use many prayers from all my friends, and I keep bushy. I try to have a positive attitude and keep my faith and trust in God. Hope you all are well and things are going well for everyone. May God Bless each and all of you and may the two churches in Plainville and North Attleboro keep improving. Loads of love. Ethel Cooper.

To the Wonderful Church Family of Ron Winder and Bella Lasley: Thank you all for your prayers and support during this difficult time. Our mother Violet is home with her Lord and Savior. She read your prayer letter in her last days and was very touched by thoughts and kindness from so very far away. You have my deepest gratitude. Sincerely, Cindy Cormier

Thank you so much for the prayer letter. I really appreciate so many people praying for me. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. Donald Soule

CHURCH FUND RAISER – UNO CHICAGO GRILL

As a Church Fund Raiser, we are inviting you to have dinner at Uno Chicago Grill, 1048 South Street, Wrentham (in front of the Outlets), on Monday, May 3, to Friday, May 7. Uno will donate up to 20% of your check to Plainville UMC. Please use the enclosed ticket, and pass on the extra tickets to your friends. Thank you for your support. *Jean Hayward*

YARD SALE AND BAKE SALE

Our annual Yard and Bake Sale is going on Saturday, May 1, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Yard Sale Donations Wanted!

Drop off times: 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Monday, April 26, to Friday, April 30.

(Please, NO clothing, computers, TVs, large furniture or appliances.)

If you need help with different times or delivery, call the church office at (508) 695-9587 or email us at pumconline@verizon.net

Church Fair News

We've set the date:

Friday, November 5, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We've got some dedicated volunteers.

Now, all we need is you!

We need you to start making those beautiful handmades; to find that favorite cookie recipe; to make jams and jellies; go through your old jewelry; to think of workshop projects and to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, May, at 7:00 pm at the Church.

We will be updating our posters and discussing further ideas (like 100 years of Fair Success).

If you have any questions or ideas, please join us at the meeting. Please feel free to contact Jill Seaberg at 508-699-0591 or Becky Simon at 508-643-1238.

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