

# The Parish Friend

*A Newsletter of the Plainville United Methodist Church*

**November/December, 2011**

## From the Pastor

On Sunday, October 23 at 4 p.m. at the Westborough, MA UMC, the Central Massachusetts District formally welcomed The Rev. Rene Perez as its Superintendent. Bishop Weaver introduced the new DS and Rev. Perez preached with conviction and passion about the need to answer the "outrageous call of God." Let us answer the call with Rev. Perez, and really work to follow Christ more nearly and dearly

--Pastor Jim

## Consecration Sunday is Nov. 13

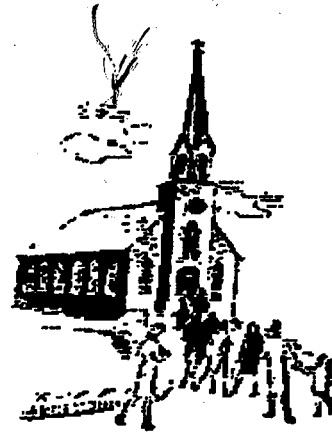
Bring your best estimate of your financial commitment to the church for 2012. We'll sing plenty of good hymns and praise God for all our blessings. Let's continue in worship and praise, in making and growing disciples for Jesus Christ, in reaching out to those in need, and in living out of a spirit of generosity.

## The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem begins Sunday, Nov. 27

Watch for it as we prepare for Christmas!



*"Plainville United Methodist Church is the church at the heart of the community with the community at heart."*



## Come to the Country Fair

(100 years & counting)

**Fri., Nov. 4<sup>h</sup> 12 pm – 7 pm**

**Sat., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 3 pm**

Something for everyone! Yard sale room; Antiques & Collectibles; Hand-knits; Jewelry; Books; Baked goods; home-made fudge; pickles, jams & jellies at the Country Store Table. Snack bar open during all fair hours with a Friday night special of Clam Cakes & Chowder. Silent Auction (watch website for item listing) bids will be taken during fair hours on Friday and until 2:00 Saturday. The highest bid on each item at that time will get a call to come claim their goods.

## Youth News

There is a supply of really nice "Creation" 2012 calendars ready to be sold to bolster the youth fund. Look for them at the Country Fair!



**YES! Ping Pong continues.** Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. Other games played, and trips to Cumbie Farms!

Pastor Jim is looking to form a confirmation class. If you are a young person wanting to be confirmed in the Spring, let him know! And guess what? Confirmation is FUN!

## **Worship for November and December**

**Sunday, November 6**  
*What the saints all say:*  
**"Start Living Right Now"**  
*This concludes our series,*  
**"Outside Our Own Little World"**

**Sunday, November 13**  
**"That One Bag of Gold"**  
*1 Thess. 5:1-11; Psalm 90*  
*Matthew 25:14-30*

**Sunday, November 20**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**"Before the Journey Begins"**  
*Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 95; Mt 25:31-46*

**Beginning Sunday, November 27**  
*Join in the Journey to Bethlehem on each of*  
*the four Sundays of Advent*  
*as we find our way to the manger on*  
**Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. and on Christmas**  
**Morning, 9 a.m.**

**Sunday Morning Worship and Church**  
**School: 9:00 a.m.**



## **Kudos Korner**

Thank you to **Edith Walnut** for her generous donation to help with the tree problem at the parsonage, to **Joan Clarke** and **Brenda Watkinson** for donating their time in the church office, to **Les Negus** and the **Trustees** for lighting up the cross, and to the many who have worked so hard to get ready for the Fair!

## **God does answer . . .**

As anyone who has attended our worship services knows, Plainville UMC is centered around prayer. The prayer letters continue to go out and give support and solace to many. **Join in the new Wednesday evening prayer service (7 p.m.) to lend support to this vital ministry of prayer.**



## **Anchor your prayer-life in Bible Study**

A Bible Study class, led by the Rev. David Hill, has formed. We meet in the Cate Room every Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. We have begun with the Gospel according to Mark. You are welcome to join!

## **And we were walkin'**

On October 16, Pastor Jim walked in the Annual Attleboro Area CROP walk, representing both Plainville and North Attleboro United Methodist Churches. Thanks to all those who sponsored him. We raised over \$150.00!

## **Come to the Church Suppers!**

Suppers 2nd Sat Sept-May \$9-Adults/\$3.50  
kids Includes entree, drink & dessert

Nov. 12 – Stuffed Chicken Breast

Jan. 14 – Calendar Supper - Chicken Pie

Feb. 11- Casserole Supper - buffet/4 choices

Suppers begin at 5:30 p.m.

For tickets call (508) 699-8646 or (508) 695-5141

## **"Warm-up the Church" campaign begins soon**

The old boiler ain't gettin' any younger and we will have to replace it within the next year. Gonna take—you gue\$\$ed it! Look for campaign details in the weeks to come. If you have any questions, just ask any member of the Board of Trustees.