

The Parish Friend

A Newsletter of the Plainville United Methodist Church
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From the Pastor

I want to first express my sincere appreciation for the way my family and I have been received into this community. Let us thank God for what he is doing in our lives! One of the obvious features of this ministry is that it involves two churches sharing a pastor. We share a common mission (to make the love of Christ visible in the world) but each church has different ways of working that mission. I hope that you will acknowledge these differences with love, remembering what Paul said about the church, that while it is comprised of many members it is still the body of Christ. I've enjoyed my various visits and have begun to "learn the ropes." For now my office hours are by appointment in both churches. I may be reached by calling 508-558-8040 or by email to pastor.jim@verizon.net. I'm really excited about our new ministry together! Let us remember that we live by faith in the solid promises of Christ our Lord, and let all that we do be done for the glory of God!

--Pastor Jim

Sermon Series beginning 9/11

Inspired by the song, "My Own Little World," by Matthew West, this series, entitled "Outside My Own Little World," will examine our life together as it is lived out in the context of our families, our church, our communities, and the world. On 9/11, the sermon is called "Population: Two." 9/18: "I Try to Stay Awake." 9/25: "I Don't Want to Miss What Matters."

Sunday School Rally Day



Sunday, September 11 will mark the beginning of our One Room Sunday School. Come early to register!

According to the publisher's description, the "One Room Sunday School helps teachers present a lesson to a

broadly-graded group that is challenging enough to hold the interest of their older children without going over the head of their younger children."

This is well suited for us and is led by a very capable teacher, Mrs. Jan McFarland, who can answer any questions you may have. Let's all lend our support for this vital ministry!

*What if there's a bigger picture?
What if I'm missing out?
What if there's a greater purpose
That I could be living right now
Well I don't wanna miss what matters
I wanna be reaching out
showing the greater purpose
so I could be living right now
Outside my own little world*

*—Refrain from "My Own Little World,"
by Matthew West*

Come to the Church Suppers!

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



For September's
Supper:

Slow baked Pit ham,
Home-made Boston
baked beans, Cole
Slaw, Potato Salad,
coffee or cold drink
& dessert.

Entrees – 2011-2012:

Sept. 10 – Ham and Bean

Oct. 8 – Meatloaf

Nov. 12 – Stuffed Chicken Breast

Jan. 14 – Calendar Supper - Chicken Pie

Feb. 11- Casserole Supper - buffet/4 choices

Mar. 10 – Lasagna

April 14 – Shepherd's Pie

May 12 – Chicken with Salads

Suppers begin at 5:30 p.m.

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

Bored? Want to play ping pong?

We have this really nice ping pong table in the church and it has been used! Brenda Watkinson from Plainville; Wayne Dion and his daughter Victoria from North Attleboro; and the Pastor and his son Eric had a little tournament last month on a Sunday afternoon. Game? Any Sunday

afternoon is open! Listen for announcements of new tournaments!



Tree Damage at the Parsonage

Tropical storm Irene did not leave us unscathed: In addition to the power being out for a few days in Plainville, the storm knocked over a tree at the parsonage and threatened to knock down more. As a result the Trustees have arranged to have two more trees (including the downed one) removed. *If you are interested in helping out financially with this must-do project, please make yourself known to the treasurer or a trustee as soon as possible!*

What would you do with the wood?

What would you suggest doing with all the firewood which could come from these trees? If you have any ideas, please let Pastor Jim, Bill and/or Joan Clarke, or Becky Simon know. Let's start a new MINISTREE!



Youth Fundraiser

Thanks to a member of the North Attleboro Church, there is a supply of really nice "Creation" 2012 calendars ready to be sold. The idea is that the youth of both churches sell them to bolster their respective youth funds. **Interested?** Let Pastor Jim know!

Worship Committee Forming

At a recent Pastor Parish Relations Committee meeting it was determined that a worthy goal for 2012 would be to re-establish a Worship Committee. If you are interested in chairing or serving on such a committee, again— *Let Pastor Jim know!*