

The Parish Friend

A Newsletter of the Plainville United Methodist Church

January/February, 2019

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

From the Pastor

If you missed this year's Church Conference you missed something inspiring. It was an occasion for remembering and giving thanks for the great things God has done among us in the past year. On December 17 our District Superintendent René Perez led us for the last time before he takes a new appointment. From beginning to end there were prayers, hymns and other acts of worship including communion. We also gave prayerful remembrance of our church members who had died in the past year.

As the various officers gave their reports, it was clear we are a vital, growing congregation. We added seven new members, all of whom attend faithfully and are active in the mission and fellowship of our church. The average worship attendance grew by sixteen percent. We now have a choir and have organized a Sunday School.

We thanked God for blessing this church with an excellent paid staff, Kathy, Peter and Tim. I gave thanks for Plainville's outstanding lay leadership. We celebrated the success of this year's Harvest Sale, and our outreach ministries of the prayer letters and the Living Bread Food Pantry. Our small congregation has much for which to be thankful, and much reason to be confident as God leads us into the coming year.

Pastor Stuart

SUNDAY FLOWERS To place altar flowers, either memorial or celebratory, please sign the Flower Chart in the Cate Room, or contact Kathy in the church office. The cost of each display is \$15. Please mark your donation "flowers".

MARCH/APRIL PARISH FRIEND DEADLINE TO SUBMIT INFO IS: Monday, February 18th



THE CALENDAR SUPPER - January 12th, 2019

This is the world famous supper where all months of the year are represented at twelve tables with distinct décor and desserts. Chicken Pot Pie is the entrée. This supper sells out fast - get your tickets now!

BREAKFAST FOR DINNER - February 9th

featuring French Toast Casserole, Assorted Egg Frittatas, Crockpot Oatmeal & Fixin's, Bacon and Sausage, Assorted Mini Muffins and Mixed Fruit.

All suppers are on Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.

\$10.00 adults - Children welcome.

Call for tickets - Joan 508-695-5141

PLAINVILLE UM CHURCH SATURDAY SUPPER SCHEDULE 2019



January 12th Calendar Supper featuring Chicken Pot Pie.

February 9th Breakfast for Dinner – See above.

March 9th Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Peas, Salad, Brownie and Vanilla Ice Cream

April 13th Clam Cakes & Chowder

May 11th Appetizers and Desserts

\$10 Adults – Children Welcome

Suppers begin at 5:30pm

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**WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
January 18 – 25, 2019**



**THE SEASON OF
EPIPHANY**

The season of Epiphany, which commemorates the spreading of Christ's light, begins after the 12th day of Christmas, on January 6.

How will you spread the light of Christ this year?

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

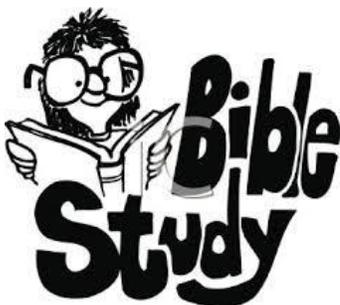
Mondays, January 21st and February 18th
at 7:15 p.m. in the Pastor's Office.

TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Mondays, January 14th and February 11th
at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Office.

CRAFT MEETINGS

Looking for something *FUN* to do this Winter? Come on over and join us in making crafts for the Country Fair! We'll begin on **Tuesday, February 5th**, at 7pm in the Cate Room. Meetings after that will be held at 7pm, on the first Tuesday of each month. No set skill level needed – we'll show you how – come join the fun!



Our mid-week Bible study will resume on **Wednesday, January 2nd** at **2:00 pm** in the pastor's office. Join us for a time of learning, reflection and fun. Bring a friend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY CARE

Our new Sunday School & Nursery Care is ready to go! We have transformed the Nursery Room into a nice classroom with child sized tables & chairs, lots of books, toys, coloring and craft items. We have lessons that will fit any child at any age. We plan to have classes for approximately 20 minutes each Sunday. We have several teachers who will be rotating weekly. However, we are looking for two more teachers who are willing to help out just once a month for 20 minutes. We will have two teachers working together each Sunday.

We are also looking for more children so please help us by encouraging children to come in and learn about Jesus and valuable lessons that will help them make good decisions throughout their life. It is important to teach our children, please help us to make our new program a success. Consider encouraging your children, their friends and your neighbors to check out our new Sunday School!!!

OUTDOOR SIGN

We are seeking someone (or two, to rotate) who can set up the letters on the swinging sign we use outside to advertise our events and special worship services throughout the year. Not usually needed June – August. If interested in lending a hand, please see Becca Simon.



FROM THE LIVING BREAD FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU! Many Thanks to all those who contributed to the work of the Living Bread Food Pantry over the past year. We were blessed to receive an abundance of food for the Christmas holiday which brought joy to all who are in need in our community. With your continued help, we look forward to a New Year of Christian Service to our community!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pantry is always in need of Rice – Brown or White, Rice Mixes such as Pilaf, etc. Instant Potatoes – Mashed, Scalloped, etc. Canned Tuna and Chicken, Canned Fruit in 100% juice, Hearty, low sodium soups such as minestrone, soups with beans or lentils, and chili (red or white). Peanut Butter and Jelly/Jam, Canned Ravioli, Beef-a-Roni, Spaghetti with Meatballs. Mac –n-cheese, Pasta/noodle mixes (Pasta-Roni, etc), Hot and Cold Cereals and Coffee.

Personal Hygiene: disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, combs, brushes, feminine care products.

Household Products: 2ply toilet tissue, napkins, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap.

Monetary Donations: We are grateful for Monetary donations and they are always welcome any time of year. We purchase foods and other necessities when our supplies run low, especially throughout the Winter months after Christmas. Please make checks payable to “*The Living Bread Food Pantry*” and send to us at the church. Your monetary donations to the Food Pantry are tax deductible.

Please check out our updated link to the Living Bread Food Pantry on the church website, www.PlainvilleUMC.net. We have a new link to “Food Pantry Guidelines” which helps guide you through items that can be donated to pantries. Unfortunately, not all donations can be accepted by food pantries and these guidelines can help when you are choosing what to donate.

PARISH NEWS



Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers.

Lee & Lynne Parmenter

Dear Plainville UM Church Members,

A special thanks for your prayer letter. It was very moving and nice that you remembered me.

Carole Bennet and the Parmenter Family

Dear Church Family of Plainville UM Church,

Thank you so much for the prayer letter I received. It was much appreciated. I will include everyone in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Jerry Perreault

Dear Pastor Tucker & Congregation,

I received your prayer letter the other day. There are days when I despair that I may never see Plainville again. The prayer letter brought a genuine ray of sunshine to brighten my day. There are many people who signed the letter who have been my friends for almost all of my soon to be 80 years on this earth.

Thank you so much. Have the merriest Christmas and happiest of new years.

Allen Breen



**Boy Scouts of
America Cub Scout
Pack 46
January/February
2019**

Plainville United Methodist Church continues to be the Chartered Organization for BSA Cub Scout Pack 46 and BSA Scout Troop 132. Troop 132 has 22 Scouts with George Kleczka as Scoutmaster. Cub Scout Pack continues to be active.

Several Scouts will be working on their Eagle Projects this year; one project which may benefit the Living Bread Food Pantry, under the direction of Becca Simon. The Scouts enjoy collecting food for the pantry each November, which involves both the Pack and the Troop.

A message from National BSA. There have been news reports speculating about the Boy Scouts of America's financial position. BSA has hired a Chicago law firm to advise and work with the BSA on matters related to litigation amid Sex-Abuse Lawsuits and a lawsuit by the Girl Scouts. BSA is working with experts to explore all options to ensure that the local and national programming of the Boy Scouts of

America continues uninterrupted. BSA also realizes their social and moral responsibility to fairly compensate victims who suffered abuse during their time in Scouting. "BSA has an important duty to focus as an organization on keeping children safe, supported and protected, and preparing youth for their futures through our nation's foremost program of character development and values-based leadership training". No imminent actions or immediate decisions are expected and BSA has NOT filed for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy.

Mayflower Council, of which Pack 46 and Troop 132 are members, has informed its members that each local Council is incorporated in the specific state where it operates and Mayflower Council is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Mass. The Mayflower Council operates as a financially independent not-for-profit organization, and contributions and funds donated to the Mayflower Council, Inc. stay in this area and are used to support program delivery to the 62 cities and towns served by it.

Scout BSA will launch a new program in February 2019, welcoming girls into the organization. There will be separate boy and girl troops, as well as separate boy and girl dens. Our church has a boy Pack 46 and a boy Troop 132.

The BSA Calendar of Religious dates for 2019 lists Feb. 17, 2019, as "Scout Sunday, United Methodist."

Scouting is thriving in this area, with many thanks to the volunteers who contribute their time and talents.

Grace Simmons, Chartered Organization Rep.



CHURCH HISTORIAN NEWS

I continue to find artifacts throughout the church that are part of PUMC's strong history. The two golden urns that hold the altar flowers were given and inscribed: "In Loving Memory of our father, Charles Franklin Breen" and

"In Loving Memory of our mother, Louise Eger Breen". Their grandson, Allen Breen, is a member of PUMC. He moved to Florida a few years ago. The silver bowl in the baptismal font was given and

inscribed; "In Memory of Stella G. Maintien, Organist, Plainville Methodist Church". It is a Paul Revere Reproduction silver bowl and is inscribed around the inside rim: "Suffer little children come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of God. Mark 10-14". Stella was the organist at PUMC before Beatrice Cate, and Stella was one of the teachers who taught Beatrice to play the organ. It was the large pipe organ at the time. As mentioned once before, several stops from that organ were arranged in a shadow box by Clayton Cate, and it is mounted on the wall in the Cate room. The Cate room is dedicated in Loving Memory of Louise Cate and Russell Cate, relatives of Clayton Cate, whose donations enabled the first remodel of that room. A plaque to their memory is on the wall. The lovely creche on the piano in the Sanctuary was kindly donated by Brenda Watkinson. The entry doors at the rear of the Sanctuary were given in memory of Effie M. Keyes. The cushioned pews and air conditioners were donated by Brenda Watkinson and the Sabean family in memory of her Dad and Mom, Wally and Amie Sabean. There are family dedications in many of the hymnals we use each Sunday. Look around the church and find other memorials.

Grace Simmons, Church Historian

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that 7 new members have joined PUMC this year. We warmly greet and welcome Gil Bagley, Diane Hurd-Bagley, Rick Caron, Chris Caron, Esme Smith, Greg McCombs, and Debbie McCombs into our church family and fellowship. Pastor Stuart has baptized 2 young children, Benjamin Morse and Ronan O'Connell. Sadly, 9 members passed away this past year: Louis Harmon, Gary Berkley, Barbara Flück, Tammy Crawley, Barbara Parmenter, Ethel Cooper, Paul Nevins, Sr., Mildred Peck Dickinson and Ralph LeBlanc. One of Ralph's daughters is PUMC member JoAnna Cherry. We send prayers and condolences to all their families.



Grace Simmons, Church Membership