

The Parish Friend

A Newsletter of the Plainville United Methodist Church

July – August 2018

“The church at the heart of the community with the community at heart.”

FROM THE PASTOR

I have said in the past that I hated Annual Conference. I can say this no longer after my first New England Annual Conference. I was used to seemingly endless business sessions and debates that produced more heat than light. Last week’s conference had the standard business and there were resolutions passed. But I found this was the most humane conference I have attended. Our work was broken up with brief Tai Chi lessons from a Korean member that refreshed and revived us. There was a Circle Group where I sat with eight clergy and lay members in which we got to know one another and shared on a very deep level. I met with old friends and got acquainted with interesting people (including one of my wife’s students). Our District Superintendent Rene Perez gave an inspiring cabinet report which shared the great things God has done across our conference. The worship was uplifting. I literally heard a thousand tongues sing our great Redeemer’s praise. The guest preacher, Rev. Robert Hill was truly inspired. Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar preached on Ephesians 4:11-13. He addressed what he called the “elephant in the room,” namely the divisions in our denomination over the issue of homosexuality. He said the real issue is much deeper. It is the health of our communal heart as a people. “We do ministry together until we are unified,” Bishop Devadhar said. “We do not become unified in order to get ministry done.”

At the end of annual conference the closing benediction was as follows: *When someone needs a blessing, let us be a blessing. When someone needs a shoulder, let us be a shoulder. When someone feels distant and alone, help us show that we are woven, connected. When we need a tie that binds, let us be the tie that binds! As we go forth into this day, let us weave sunshine in all that we do. When we consider the earth and all its inhabitants, let us be the hope of tomorrow.* Pastor Stuart



Summaries of each day’s activities can be found here:
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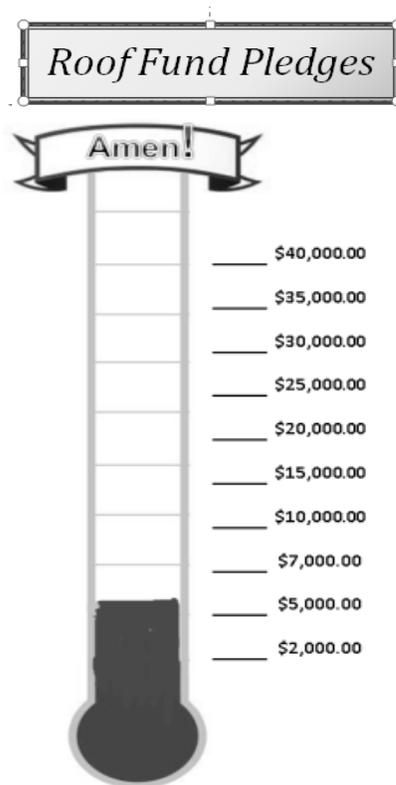
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“RAISE THE ROOF” FUND -

The church Trustees appreciate the pledges and donations received so far for the funding of a new roof for our church. Securing our roof will ensure our church is here for many more years to come which will allow us to continue doing God’s work being *“The Church at the Heart of the Community, with the Community at Heart.”* There are special Roof Fund envelopes in the pews for donations and pledges which are gratefully accepted any time.



An update from the trustees regarding the roof fund campaign: Between pledges and donations, so far we have raised slightly over \$5,000! Thank you all for your contributions!

SUNDAY FLOWERS

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



CHURCH MEETINGS

CRAFT MEETINGS will be held on **Tuesdays, August 7th and 21st** at 7pm in the Cate Room. (NOTE: No July Meeting). No set skill level needed – we'll show you how – come join the fun! Have a new craft idea? Bring one and show us how!

TRUSTEES meet in the Pastor's Study at 7:00pm on Mondays, July 9th and August 13th.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets in the Pastor's Study at 7:15pm on Mondays, July 16th and August 20th.

FALL VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

We will once again be holding our Vendor and Craft Fair on Saturday, September 8th from 1pm-4pm. As of this printing we are still accepting applications for vendors or crafters who would like to have a space; the cost ranges from \$40 to \$45 (we can supply the table).

Applications must be in by August 10th. Come shop and see all the goods available! Terrific way to get a head start on your Christmas shopping, too! We will have some new vendors as well as some returning from previous years (in case you found something you loved last year and are in need of replacements).

For an application or further information email: events.pumc@gmail.com **or call** [1-978-406-3301](tel:1-978-406-3301).



The Deadline to submit news and information for the September/October issue of *The Parish Friend* is 12noon on Wednesday, 08/22/17.

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Community Worship, Sundays at 9 am.

Rev. Stuart Tucker, Pastor

Peter J. Williams – Pianist

Kathy Trowbridge – Church Secretary



THE LIVING BREAD FOOD

PANTRY The Summer months – June, July and August – are when food donations drop *significantly*.

The kids are out of school and families now need to feed their children breakfast and lunch at home. Often, school age children were provided these meals for free from their schools. If your workplace, volunteer organization, Pool club, neighborhood or social group can run a food drive for a few weeks during the summer months, that would be a **B – I – G** help.

Do you have a summer Veggie garden? If you would like to donate fresh produce, please call Becca Simon at 508-643-1238 to make arrangements to drop off your Summer bounty. (Drop off of fresh produce would most likely need to be done Wednesdays btwn 8:30-10am). You could coordinate with your friends and neighbors to gather up extra fresh veggies from your gardens and take turns dropping it off. Fresh produce is always needed and hardest to get.

Please see the suggested foods list enclosed in this issue of The Parish Friend. Feel free to make copies of the list to share. Together we are the Church - "The church at the heart of the community with the community at heart." We need you and thank you for your help feeding the people in our community this summer.

There's an opening for a volunteer to pick up breads every Wednesday morning around 8:00 to 9:00 am. Then bring the donation back to the pantry and help set up the bread on our tables. We have volunteers at the pantry at this time to help set up the breads and other donations. We could have one volunteer do this weekly or two volunteers share picking up. If you take a vacation, we can work around that, too.

On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, we receive a food delivery from the Greater Boston Food Bank, right here in our parking lot. Help is needed at around 12:30pm for about an hour to unload the truck and put the food away. We have a dolly cart, so no heavy lifting necessary. We can unpack any heavy boxes and use the cart to wheel the food into the pantry.

If anyone is interested in helping out in any way, please let Becca Simon know.



PARISH NEWS

*Dear Members of the Prayer Team,
Thank you so much for thinking of me and including me in your prayers for strength and guidance as I do battle with Multiple Myeloma. Your thoughtfulness and caring are very much appreciated.
Sincerely, Joyce Simnett*

CHURCH SUPPERS 2018-2019

October 13, 2018 Ham,
Baked Beans, Potato Salad,
Cole Slaw, Apple Cake

January 12, 2019 Calendar
Supper – Chicken Pot Pie,
Potato, Green Beans, Stuffing

February 9, 2019 Breakfast
for Dinner

March 9, 2019 Lasagna, Peas, Salad, Garlic Bread,
Brownie and Ice Cream

April 13, 2019 Clam Cakes and Chowder

May 11, 2019 Appetizers and Desserts



baptized. He is grandson of members Dan and Elaine Topping. It is wonderful to welcome a new little one into our fold.

Prayers are kindly requested for Tami Beane who had knee surgery on June 19. Continued prayers for Eric Christensen who is in ICU at St. Elizabeth's Hospital after heart surgery.

CELEBRATION YEAR

As the celebration of our 125th anniversary comes to a close, we remember the saints who held their first service in their new church building 125 years ago on June 29, 1893. Our little church has done, and continues to do, great things in our community and beyond. We are very thankful Pastor Stuart has been re-appointed to PUMC for another year, by the recently convened Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Many thanks to our lay member to Annual Conference, Brenda Watkinson, for her faithful attendance and for her report.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY GLASS MUGS

We have a few special anniversary mugs left that are for sale @ \$10 each. Proceeds will buy Methodist grave marker medallions for the three Methodist ministers who served PUMC, and are buried in the Plainville Cemetery. You may purchase a cup after Worship any Sunday – See Eileen Newell.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP - June 2018



We are happy to report we have 3 new members, who joined Plainville United Methodist in May. We extend a warm and friendly welcome to Diane Hurd-Bagley, Gil Bagley and Esme Smith.

We are saddened to report the death of 3 long-time members this Spring: Lou Harmon who passed away in April and Gary Berkley and Barbara Flück who passed away in May. Funeral services for Lou and for Barbara were held here at PUMC, with Pastor Stuart officiating. Rev. David Hill kindly assisted at Barbara's service. We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to all their families.

On June 24th, Benjamin Daniel Morse, baby son of member Rebecca (Topping) and Andrew Morse was

EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

Do you have an Email address you would share with the Church? It would save the Church a considerable amount of money on paper, ink, postage and time if we could send your newsletter by Email.



We will protect your privacy and **never** share your Email address with any outside organization.

If you have an Email address that you're willing to share with us, please send us an email at plainvilleumc@verizon.net to let us know you have an Email address and are willing to use it for Church news. *Many thanks!*

Summer Food Collection –2018

To benefit The Living Bread Food Pantry in Plainville, MA

Suggested Items to donate include:

BREAKFAST ITEMS

Breakfast Bars	Cereal Bars	Granola Bars
Carnation Instant Breakfast (packets)		Cold cereals

LUNCH ITEMS

Peanut Butter	Jellies and Jams	Marshmallow Fluff
Canned tuna	Canned chicken	Spaghetti O's
Canned Ravioli and Beef-a-Roni		

BEVERAGES

Canned coffee Lemonade Mix (powdered)
Iced Tea Mix : non- sweetened, sweetened and sugar-free
Kool Aid drink mix: non- sweetened and sweetened
Non-refrigerated Juices – family sz bottles and individual juice boxes
Non-refrigerated Parmalat Milk (in the canned milk aisle) family sz cartons
and individual “juice box” sizes – White or Chocolate

FRUIT - all packed in 100% Juice

Individual Fruit cups Canned fruit Applesauce – jars and individual cups

CONDIMENTS

Mayo	Mustard	Ketchup	Relish	Olives
Pickles	BBQ Sauce	Teryaki Sauce		
Salad Dressings – especially Ranch and Italian				

SNACKS

Little Debbie's Snacks	Graham Crackers	Cookies
Microwave popcorn	Cheeze-It Crackers	Ritz Crackers
Wheat Thins	Triscuits	Goldfish Crackers
pudding Mixes and individual cups (non-refrigerated)		
Jello Mixes and individual cups (non-refrigerated)		
Individually bagged, and Family Sized... Chips, pretzels, popcorn		

SUPPER ITEMS

Boxed Mac-n-Cheese	Hamburger Helper	Pasta and Sauces
Pasta salad kits	Baked Beans	Taco Kits
Instant Potato Mixes (Cheesy, Scalloped, etc)		Rice – white/brown
Rice mixes such as: Rice Pilaf, Zatterain's mixes, Uncle Ben's mixes, etc.		

The Living Bread Food Pantry helps to feed over 50 families every week.

Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Thank you for feeding the hungry in our community!



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Help is needed on the 3rd Wednesday of each month to help unload food from the Greater Boston Food Bank – right here in our parking lot. If you have an hour or so to give, we sure could use the help. Speak with Becca Simon for more information.

We are seeking a Volunteer or two to pick up donations on Wednesday mornings from a local grocery store. We could set up a rotation or you can do this every week, as you wish.

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If you can lend a hand, please speak with Becca Simon or call her at 508-208-6013.

“... ‘Do you love me?’ ...Jesus said to him, ‘feed my sheep’ ”.

John 21:17, excerpts