

The Parish Friend

A Newsletter of the Plainville United Methodist Church

March - April 2024

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

FROM THE PASTOR

Toward the end of a race one of the competitors had a bad fall. She struggled to get up. The other racers continued on; all but one. She helped the fallen one to her feet and supported her so the two of them completed the race together. The crowd roared its approval.

We see yard signs that say "Kindness Matters." We know this is true because when we think of someone we have loved who has died the things we remember are not the races they won, or the money they made. We remember how kind they were.

As we continue our journey through this current season of Lent, let us be mindful of God's amazing kindness to us, remembering that Jesus died for us so that all who believe in him would have everlasting life.

See you in Church,
Pastor Stuart



CHURCH SUPPERS TO-GO

March 9, 2024 Meatloaf

April 13, 2023 Swedish Meatballs

May 11, 2023 Chicken Parm



All Suppers include dessert. \$14 ea.

No dine in – Take out only. Pick up curbside in the church parking lot between 4:30-5:30pm.

MUST pre-order by 12Noon the Thursday prior to the supper date by calling 508 695 9587 or by email to plainvilleumc@verizon.net

CHURCH MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL & TRUSTEES meet at 7:15pm in the Cate Room on Mondays, March 18th and April 15th.



ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR KICK-OFF

Hi Folks! It's time to start planning for our 2024 Annual Country Fair. The Fair is the largest fund raiser for our Church and we need everyone to help. We will have a kick-off meeting on **Monday, April 1st at 7pm** in the Cate Room. Please join us for an "ideas and planning" session.

All are welcome!

Thank You!

Jill Seaberg & Nancy Richardson, Fair Committee Co-Chairs



PARISH NEWS

Dear PUMC,

Thank you for the many prayer letters I received while I recovered from surgery in October and again in December. It was uplifting to read the many prayers sent my way.

My family and I are grateful for the prayer letters, prayers and visits following my Mom's passing in February. Your kindness means so much to me.

With Love, Kathy Trowbridge

The Deadline to submit news and information for the May/June issue of *The Parish Friend* is 12noon on Friday, 04/19/24.

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Community Worship, Sundays at 9 am.

Rev. Stuart Tucker, Pastor

Steve Haunschild, Pianist Kathy Trowbridge – Secretary

Spring Food Collection –2024
The Living Bread Food Pantry
A Mission of the Plainville United Methodist Church
16 East Bacon Street Plainville, MA

*Items we are in greater need of right now are highlighted in **BOLD**.*

BREAKFAST ITEMS **Hot & Cold Cereals – esp low or no sugar added.** Breakfast Bars, Cereal Bars, Granola Bars.

LUNCH ITEMS **Peanut Butter, Jellies and Jams, Marshmallow Fluff, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Spaghetti O's - esp w/ Meatballs or Franks, Canned Ravioli and Beef-a-Roni, Canned Chili, Beef/Chicken Stew, Hearty Soups especially with Beans.**

BEVERAGES Canned Coffee, **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 (including No-Sugar added) – jars and individual cups. Dried Fruits and Real Fruit Leathers.**

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

SNACKS Graham Crackers, All varieties of Crackers in boxes or individually packaged. Healthy Fruit Snacks & Trail mixes, dried fruits and nuts. Pudding Mixes and individual cups (*non-refrigerated*), Jello Mixes and individual cups (*non-refrigerated*). Individually bagged, and Family Sized = Chips, Pretzels, Popcorn, etc.

SUPPER ITEMS **Boxed Mac-n-Cheese, Hamburger Helper** (for Ground Beef, Chicken or Tuna), **Pasta and Sauces including alfredo sauce**, Pasta Salad Kits, **Baked Beans**, Sloppy Joe Sauce, Taco Kits, **Boxed Instant Potatoes & Mixes (Mashed, Cheesy, Scalloped, etc)**, **Rice – sm bx or pouches of white/brown. Rice mixes such as: Pilaf, Spanish, etc., Canned Veggies – all types.**

ALL TOILETRIES - such as bars of bath soap, shampoo & hair conditioner, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant for men & women, disposable razors, shaving cream, Q-tips, lip balm, hand & body lotions, Gold Bond powders.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS such as liquid dish soap (for washing dishes), dishwasher detergents, paper towels, 2-ply toilet paper, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, kitchen sponges, tissues.

MONETARY DONATIONS are greatly appreciated to help us buy food from the Greater Boston Food Bank at pennies on the dollar, stretching your donations.

Make Checks payable to: LB Food Pantry

Mail to: PUMC, 16 E. Bacon St., Plainville, MA 02762, ATTENTION: *LB Food Pantry.*

Or drop off: to the Spring Street door on M & W 9am – 12noon and FRI 9am – 1pm.

The Living Bread Food Pantry helps to feed over 60 families every week, year 'round. Your support is strongly needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for feeding the hungry in our community.