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Dear Members and Friends of Plainville United Methodist Church,

It is with sadness that I must share with you that my ministry at Plainville UMC will be ending this coming June 30<sup>th</sup>. It is fitting that you know the reason for this sudden and unexpected change.

When I began my ministry eight years ago there was a shortage of clergy in this annual conference. Although my clergy membership is with another annual conference, I was offered the opportunity to serve here. I assumed at the time it would only be for a year. I never dreamed I would be so blessed as to be part of this congregation's ministry for eight wonderful years.

But now the situation has changed. There are more clergy needing appointments in this conference than there are places for them. So, in order for the conference to faithfully keep its commitment to its own members, I must step aside.

Neither Megan Stowe our D.S., nor you or I wanted or asked for this situation, but this is where we find ourselves. Nonetheless, I believe with all my heart the words of the Apostle Paul, who wrote, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

My prayer going forward is that Plainville United Methodist Church continue to be the mission-oriented, prayer-centered church it has always been. God bless you all in this time of change.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Stuart Tucker*