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Plainville United Methodist Church

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from the Pastor...

“The U-turn in the middle of the road” ~

***“Sinners, turn; why will you die?
God, your Savior, asks you why.
God, who did your souls retrieve,
Died Himself, that you might live.
Will you let Him die in vain?
Crucify your Lord again?
Why, you ransomed sinners, why
Will you slight His grace, and die?”***

I am not an advocate of making U-turns in the middle of a road...when one is driving a vehicle! I've seen it done, and it never brings peace. I've seen people make U-turns across grassy medians. I've seen them make U-turns at the precise location where it says that no U-turns are allowed. And, of course, what action movie or TV show does not feature untold numbers of U-turns done by the 'bad guys' trying to get away or the 'good guys' trying to catch the 'bad guys?!' In all of these instances, risk and peril and uncertainty are the product.

Yet Charles Wesley wonders why we sinners will not turn? John Wesley's younger brother, the writer of more than 6,000 hymns, wonders especially in the light of all that God has offered and done to reclaim and redeem our selves and our souls, why we still are slow to turn? And turn we must.

Repentance is a turning from the directions that we choose to go in life to instead go facing God, and forevermore go in God's direction. Lent is the season of the year when this need

to turn is most keenly accentuated. No one but Jesus goes only with God, toward God. All of us are sinners. Yet during Lent, God re-issues the call for us to turn, for us to return to the paths of God in the living of our lives. Charles Wesley knew this, and he also knew that many do not turn. And thus he wondered, *“Sinners, turn; why will you die?”*

When we face God and go with God, LIFE is our heritage. When we go as we want and as we desire and do so choosing the absence of some or all of God, we are left with the option of DEATH, of the death of our souls.

Mr. Wesley could not understand why anyone would choose that! Do you understand it?

During Lent, let us all turn in the direction of God. Let us make this U-turn in our lives, and not just do it during Lent, but turn once and for all, and commit the rest of our days, few or many, to always facing in the direction of our Lord and Savior.

Turn and WORSHIP the Lord always. Turn and BLESS God with an over-abundance of generosity. Turn and SERVE God as the Lord equips everyone to build God's Kingdom. Turn and LIVE KINDNESS, BE INVITING DISCIPLES, EXTEND GOD'S LOVE to many that we meet.

“Sinners, turn; why will you die?”

This is one U-turn that we all should make! This turn will bring peace and the very fullness of living. God bless you all in the turns that we make.

Pastor Waldmann.

BIRTHDAY DIMES **FOR MISSION**

Thank you for bringing your Birthday Dimes on the last Sunday of the month in which you were born. Bring one dime for every year you are celebrating. Birthday dimes will support "**Project Linus**," a mission project of our Sunday School.

In Case the Weather Turns Stormy!!

As of this time, should there be the need for emergency closure of the Church or of a program happening at the Church, there are two media stations to which to turn for this information:

1. Tune in to AM Radio WTIC News Talk 1080.
2. Go to TV station WFSB Hartford/New Haven, channel 3.

Any word about closures/cancellations will be broadcast on these two media networks.

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WE PRAY GOD'S COMFORT AND PEACE BLESS THE FAMILIES

OF:

ETHEL M. GEORGE, 42-year member of PUMC, on Jan. 16;
ENID V. FRECKLETON, Richard's Mom, on Jan. 26; and
MAGDA KVAM, sister-in-law of John & Kitty Delin, on February 27.

May God's peace bless and keep you.

Vacation Bible School ***Shake It Up Café*** **June 27 → July 1** **6:00 → 8:00 P.M.** **Grades 1 → 6**

This year our church will be sponsoring an exciting VBS program
~ ***Shake It Up Café*** ~
which will teach about being a follower for God through drama, crafts, games, mission stories, music and hours of fun.

Children will become chefs-in-training at ***Shake It Up Café*** – as we discover God's recipe for living.

Registration forms will be sent home with our Sunday School students in April.
Anyone can attend, and we hope that students and families extend an invitation to friends and neighbors to be part of *Shake It Up Café*.

For more information, please contact Karen Waldmann at 860-747-2592 today.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Sunday, May 15, 2011
Prospect U.M.C., Bristol
2 ~ 4 p.m.

A special inspirational speaker will be the highlight of the Conference.
Please plan on attending.

New College Student Outreach Program Launched

We have started a new initiative to reach out and support our college students while they are working diligently on their studies.

Whether living at college or studying from home, the college years are a time of transformation and hard work.

One of the ways that we can support our students as a congregation, to let them know that we are praying for them and thinking of them, is the new **“College Student Outreach Program.”**

The program has two components. Part (1) is the **“Adopt a PUMC College Student Program.”** During the month of February, all 12 registered students were adopted by 12 families from our congregation. These students will receive notes, e-mails and perhaps a care package from their adopted family from time to time.

Part (2) of the program is headed up by **Lisa Helvie – our College Student Outreach Program coordinator.** From and on behalf of the church, Lisa is sending prayer/devotional cards, Dunkin’ Donut gift cards, and holiday cards to our students. There will also be a small gift from the church upon graduation. Thanks, Lisa, for setting up this new program. We know that our college students will appreciate the support.

Sunday School News & Notes

As always, our Church School has an active calendar with lots of activities coming up:

On Palm Sunday – April 17th – our Church School children will sing during morning worship.

On Easter Sunday – April 24th – we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 9 AM. Please bring your own basket to the hunt.

On Mother’s Day – May 8th – our MYF will sponsor our annual Mother’s Day Bake Auction after church.

On Sunday, May 15th – our Church School children will sing during morning worship.

On Sunday, May 29th – we will have our last day of Sunday School and our children will lead the morning worship. Worship will be followed by an All-Church-Member Picnic on the lawn. Details to follow.

Monday, June 27th → Friday, July 1st
Vacation Bible School 6-8 PM
Grades 1 → 6

Be sure to save these dates on your calendar today!

ANNUAL HAM DINNER
SAT., MAY 7th 4:30 – 7:00

Tickets: \$12.00 Adults
\$6.00 Children
Under 4 free

There will be a Bake Sale Table!

Please spread the word and plan to attend - **Tickets on sale in April.**
Call Karen Waldmann, 860-747-2592
or Deanna Becker, 860-747-2425

ATTENTION: AMAZON.COM PURCHASERS

Did you know that you can help out our church whenever you order something from Amazon.com?

All you have to do is access Amazon.com through our church web-site.

It is simple:

- 1) Go to the church website: www.plainvilleumc.org
- 2) Click on the e Book store link from the menu options on the bottom or left side of the page.
- 3) This takes you to a page where you can go right to Amazon.com by clicking on the first link.
- 4) After that – just shop. We will receive 4% - 15% of purchases as a donation to the church.

BUT REMEMBER – you have to access Amazon.com through our website.

Thanks to Mitch Underwood for setting us up as an Amazon.com associate!

Golden Anniversaries to be Celebrated on May 15th

A few years ago, our church celebrated couples within its membership and constituency who were blessed with 50 or more years of marriage. We are going to have another such celebration on May 15.

There are 19 couples of whom we are aware whose love has extended this long, and we so very much want to honor them. Come to worship on Sunday, May 15, and celebrate these wonderful couples.

Congratulations and God’s Blessings to ~

the family of **REESE GROOVER**, born on February 11. Edna and Bob Groover are the very proud Great-Grandparents. Reese had some serious health issues immediately following his birth, but he is home now and is doing very well ... Stormie and Bill Morrison, on the birth of their first child, **BEAUDEN**, on February 24. Doris Hoha is the delighted Great-Grandma, and Karen and Bill Morrison the happy Grandparents.

God Bless and Keep You in God’s Love.



Up-dates to the Printed Church Directory of February, 2011

1. **GAIL ADAMS**, new telephone number: 860.276.3996
2. **DAVID LARKIN**, new address:
272 Glendale Drive
Bristol, CT 06010
c/o *The Mosaic* (860.584.9476)

Copies of the Directory were emailed as well as copies made available in print on the table outside the Church office.



“Pardon, O gracious Jesus, what we have been; with Your holy discipline, correct what we are. Order by Your providence what we shall be, and in the end, crown Your won gifts. Amen.”
~ John Wesley

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SCHOOL9:00AM
 SUNDAY WORSHIP.....10:00AM

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 - WORSHIP W- HOLY COMMUNION, 10AM, One Great Hour of Sharing, MYF 5:30 PM
- 15 ~ 17 - Fill the Truck @ Gnazzo's
- 17 - Palm Sunday Worship, 10 AM
- 20 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:45 PM, Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE for appointment.
- 21 - Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion, 7 PM
- 22 - Good Friday Worship, 7 PM, Church Office Closed for Good Friday
- 24 - EASTER WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10 AM
- 3, 10 & 17 - Sunday Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10AM, MYF Meet, 5:30 PM
 - 7 - Annual Ham Dinner with Bake Auction, 4:30 to 7 PM
 - 8 - MYF Annual Mother's Bake Auction for Relay for Life
 - 8 - June/July "MESSENGER" Articles DUE DATE
 - 15 - District Conference, Prospect UMC, Bristol, 2 to 4 PM - MYF Meet, 5:30 PM
 - 29 - Last Day of Sunday School, Church Picnic
 - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Sunday Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship
- (For more dates and times, also see full calendar on the last page.)



April Birthdays

- 2 - Parker Thompson
- 2 - Sarah Steele
- 5 - Jan Billings
- 7 - **Brayton Tompkins-90th**
- 8 - Lois Hodlin
- 13 - Kenneth Rogers
- 15 - **Grace Nelson-83rd**
- 18 - Aimee Michaud
- 19 - Laurel Underwood
- 20 - James Lathrop
- 21 - Donald A. Angels
- 21 - Donald W. Angels
- 21 - **Marion Appleyard-95th**
- 21 - Claudette Lathrop
- 24 - Emily Blake
- 25 - Nicole Anglis
- 25 - Richard Dilg
- 27 - John Krom
- 28 - Andrew Warren



May Birthdays

- 1 - Clarence Jay Bangloy
- 3 - Carol Sparks
- 7 - Marie Larson
- 11 - Gary Willard
- 14 - Sue LaCombe
- 19 - Christopher Pierce
- 21 - Kitty Delin
- 22 - Sarah Thompson
- 23 - Joellen Wexler
- 24 - Celine Jade Bangloy
- 25 - Kaitlyn Grenier
- 25 - Doris Misenti
- 25 - Mitch Underwood
- 26 - David McWilliams
- 26 - Greg Michaud
- 26 - Chris Sparks
- 28 - Mary-Alice Silvestri
- 31 - Manuel Recinos



Happy Anniversary!!!

April

- 15 - Don & Deanna Becker
- 17 - **Edward & Dorothy Larkin-68th**
- 23 - Greg & Tracey Michaud
- 28 - David & Lisa Levesque
- 29 - Donald & Ronnie Angels

May

- 1 - **Nik & Lena Kurtz-57th**
- 7 - Perry & Sherry Cole
- 7 - **Robert & Grace Nelson-62nd**
- 22 - Ed & Carol Sparks
- 22 - Russell & Karen Waldmann
- 23 - Jeffrey & Ellen Cedarfield
- 23 - Timothy & Nancy Keddy
- 30 - Justin & Heather Tampellini

Any corrections, deletions or additions? Email the church, call the office or drop a note into the church office box in the narthex.

Have you ever received blank cards through the mail and the designs were something you liked. Well here is an idea on how to use them. Decide which ones would be good for birthdays, get well, sympathy, anniversary, wedding, thank you and congratulations. Then keep the following verse ideas handy to personalize the card.

BIRTHDAYS

Wishing you a wonderful day and incredible year
Happy Birthday

Hoping your birthday is everything you imagined

May this birthday bring you many happy memories

Happy Birthday to a special sister (or brother)

Happy Birthday to a wonderful son (or daughter)

Happy Birthday to a special friend (or person)

Happy Birthday with all my (or our) love

GET WELL

Here's hoping you're up and around soon

Being in the hospital is a downer but look on the bright side; you get breakfast in bed!

It won't be long before you're better and back to being your same old self again; enjoy this rest while it lasts!

We're (or I'm) thinking of you and hope you feel better soon.

May the God of all comfort bring you peace and healing

SYMPATHY

When words become meaningless, please know, you are in my prayers and ever so close to my heart

May you find comfort with family and friends

We share in your loss and are thinking of you

THANK YOU

Just a little thanks for your giant blessing

May someone be as kind to you as you were to me (us) Thank you so much.

How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world.

--William Shakespeare--

WEDDING

Congratulations and best wishes to a great couple

Wishing you every happiness together.
Congratulations.

CONGRATULATIONS

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can so well and doing well whatever you do

--Longfellow

May God bless you as you use the gifts He has given you.

The fireworks begin today. Each diploma is a lighted match and you are its fuse.

--Ed Koch

Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out.

--Art Linkletter

These are only a few suggestions and I am sure that you can come up with many more. So do not throw that BLANK CARDS away use them after all it is only costing the postage.





“Autism is a developmental disability that causes problems with social skills and communication. Autism can be mild or severe. It is different for every person.” (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.)

Facts About Autism

Did you know ...

- * Autism now affects 1 in 110 children and 1 in 70 boys
- * Autism prevalence figures are growing
- * More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes & cancer combined
- * Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.
- * Autism costs the nation over \$35 billion per year, a figure expected to significantly increase in the next decade
- * Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases
- * Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism
- * There is no medical detection or cure for autism

Lisa Helvie and Karen Waldmann are participating in **Walk Now for Autism** to help find a cure for autism. Walk Now for Autism is our chance to make a difference in the fight against autism by raising money for autism research and heightening public awareness. Our team, the **Spectrum Speeders of Wethersfield**, will be walking on June 5th and would like you to support those affected by autism.

Donations can be made by giving cash or a check made out to “Autism Speaks”.

For more information about autism, please visit www.autismspeaks.org.

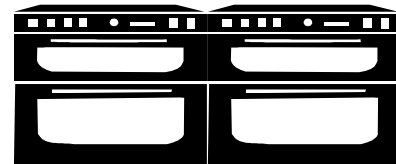
We'll be collecting donations and selling puzzle-shaped cookies after church on May 15th and May 29th. Thank you for considering making a donation and joining us in the fight to find a cure for autism.



KITCHEN STOVE NEEDS REPLACEMENT!

John Delin and Bob Burns recently needed to use our church's oven to cook roast beef for Food for Friends and found that one of the two ovens was not heating properly. Noting that some of the stovetop elements' wiring is also frayed and realizing that the stove has served us since 1964, they went to some area restaurant-supply outlets and found a stove that would fit in the space available without alterations, it uses gas instead of electricity and has a very good price compared to others they saw. Realizing that we have a ham dinner coming up in May, John and Bob have started a fund for the express purpose of replacing our 47- year-old stove. The stove they would like to purchase has a base price of \$2,650, and already \$1,230 has been raised.

Would you consider contributing to the purchase of this much-needed stove in a timely matter, so that we can have it in place before May? Please see John, Bob or Pastor Russ to make a donation.





American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

An **American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held at the Church on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, from 1:45 to 6:45 PM. You must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Bring a photo ID or your Red Cross donor card. Call 1-800 GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givefife.org to make an appointment.

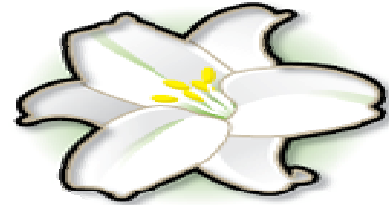


2011 has arrived and we again will start collecting for our Tag Sale in September but we must remember we **CAN NOT** bring anything into the room **WITHOUT** calling the chairman Donna Burns at 860-747-1262 and **NOTHING** will be pre-bought without notifying her first. She would also like to impress that anything that **CAN NOT** be carried by one person will not be accepted without a **CALL** to her first. Tag Sales are a everyday work in progress and your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



Tuesday Ladies' Scholarships

Applications for the Tuesday Ladies' Scholarships are available in the narthex on the table nearest to the church office. Please submit any applications by May 1st to the church office, Jan Billings or Nancy Burns.



Easter Flower Order Form

6" Lilies _____ x \$8.00 = _____

6" Tulips _____ x \$8.00 = _____

6" Daffodils _____ x \$8.00 = _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Requested By: _____

Telephone No. _____

We are accepting orders for Easter Flowers now until April 10th. Please complete this form and return it with your payment to Sue LaCombe.

Please make checks payable to PUMC.

If you have any questions, please call Sue at 860-747-4916.

Note: The flowers will adorn the Sanctuary altar during the Easter service. Anyone wishing to take the flowers ordered may do so immediately after the service.

Gifts for the Book of Remembrance should be given to Donna Burns (860-747-1262).

Donation Amount: _____

In Honor Of: _____






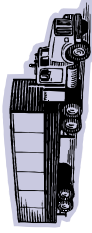




In Memory Of: _____

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Thank you.

APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 AM 					1 10 am to noon District Clergy Meeting @ Waterbury UMC	2
3 One Great Hour of Sharing 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship with Communion MYF 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal follows Worship	4 7 pm - Trustees	5 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	6	7 7 pm, Mid Week Lenten Service @ Church of Our Saviour	8	9
10 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship Brownie Girl Scouts - 6 pm Choir Rehearsal follows Worship	11 No Stewardship / Finance Committee Meeting	12 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	13	14 7 pm, Mid Week Lenten Service @ Redeemer's A.M.E. Zion Church	15	16  Fill the Truck @ Gnazzo's April 15 to 17, 2011
17 Palm Sunday  10 am - Worship Choir Rehearsal follows Worship	18	19 8:30 am - T.P. Strong Fund Meeting 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies	18 American Red Cross Blood Drive 1:45~6:45 PM 	21 Holy Thursday Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion - 7 pm	22 Good Friday  Worship - 7 pm Office Closed	23
24 Easter Sunday  10 am - Worship with Holy Communion Brownie Girl Scouts - 6 pm	25	26 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	27 Girl Scouts - 6 pm	28	29	30

AA meets Sun, Mon & Wed at 7 pm; Al-Anon meets Mon at 7 pm

MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship With Holy Communion MYF - 5:30 pm	2 7 pm-Trustees Meet	3 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	4	5	6	7 Annual Ham Dinner/Bake Auction 4:30~7pm 
8 Happy Mother's Day  10 am - Worship MYF Bake Auction Brownie Girl Scouts 6 pm	9 7 pm - Stewardship / Finance Committee June/July "Messenger" Articles due 5/8/11	10 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	11	12	13	14
15 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship 2 ~4 pm District Conference @ Prospect UMC, Bristol Choir Rehearsal follows Worship Last Spring MYF -5:30 pm	16 7 pm - Church Council Meet	17 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies Brownie Troop Leaders meet 6 pm 7 pm - BSA	18	19 7 pm - SPRC	20	21
22 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship Brownie Girl Scouts 6 pm	23	24 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	25 Girl Scouts 6 pm	26	27	28
29 9 am - Last Sunday School 10 am - Worship  Church Picnic	30 Memorial Day  Church Office Closed	31 7 pm - BSA	 SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM			 

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THE PLAINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"MESSENGER"

OUR PURPOSE

As members together in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the Plainville United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

GOD IS CALLING US TO BE AN OPEN, LOVING COMMUNITY OF FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES.

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56 Red Stone Hill
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**FORWARDING AND ADDRESS
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Mr. David McWilliams

Inside Custodian

Mrs. Pamela Kendall

Outside Custodian

Mr. Robert Burns

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