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Plainville United Methodist Church

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from the Pastor...

It's a great **NEW** story!! ~

The opening words of a seasonal song say... ***"I heard the bells on Christmas Day, their old familiar carols play; then wild and sweet, the words repeat of Peace on Earth, Good Will to men."*** All of a sudden,

unexpectedly through familiar melodies almost missed amid the usual and the routine, something is heard **AGAIN**, but at the same time is **HEARD ANEW!!** Jesus' Birth is God's blessing of peace. Jesus' Coming is God's goodness newly born upon our hearts. In the Holy Infant Jesus, God's eternal love and pardon, grace and renewal, are as tender for us as is the Baby, sing jauntily to us as did the angels, thrill wildly in us as did the shepherds exult. We have heard the words before. Yet again, we hear them **NEW**, they touch us **NEW**, and their spirit can make us **NEW!**

Expect to hear ***"old familiar carols play"*** this Christmas...but be open to hearing their message **NEWLY** and **DIFFERENTLY**.

Look forward to the lights and the shining, the activity and the enthusiasm, and may all of these

REACH OUR HEARTS AND SOULS

with refreshment in all that God seeks to do for all the world, seeks to do for me.

Rejoice as you spend some quiet time, especially with Luke, chapters 1 and 2.

Listen to Mary's 'Magnificat' as she exclaims her joy. Hear Elizabeth's ecstasy as she awaits the birth of her son, the one who will prepare the way for Jesus. Read slowly about the angels and the shepherds, truly placing our selves there in Bethlehem amid the census crowds and stable animals, there to see Jesus for even the first time in our lives!

WE KNOW THE STORY...but this year, hear it **NEWLY**. Let the story **KNOW US**. Let it know that we are ready to receive its glory **AGAIN** and **ANEW**. Let us hear a **NEW** cadence and melody, one that is ***"wild and sweet."*** And let us each one **LIVE** the ***"peace on earth"*** and ***"goodwill to all,"*** the spirit of the **NEWBORN** Jesus wonderfully alive in us.

God bless all the world **ANEW** in the beauty and in the bounty of Christmas!!

Pastor Waldmann.

Church School Sponsors
“Project Linus” Blanket
Workshop

A big THANK YOU to the 25 adults and 16 young people who attended the “Project Linus” blanket workshop, and helped to create 11 beautiful blankets which were dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 24th.

These blankets will be given to children and young people who are experiencing trauma in their lives through local social service agencies.

Our “Birthday Dimes” support this Sunday School project. Thanks to all who gave. Birthday Dime Sunday is the last Sunday of every month. Please remember to bring a dime for every year you are celebrating if your birthday is in that month.

If you missed this fun event, don't worry. The Sunday School has voted to sponsor “Project Linus” in 2011, and we hope to have two workshops next year.

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SHARE A HANDS-ON MISSION RIGHT HERE IN OUR CHURCH!

BIRTHDAY DIMES FOR
MISSION

Don't forget to bring 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.

SLEIGH BELLS
CRAFT/VENDOR FAIR

– DEC. 4th
9:00 – 3:00



Something for
everyone
on your Christmas list.
Luncheon, Coffee &
Donuts will be served.

WE PRAY GOD'S COMFORT AND PEACE BLESS THE FAMILIES OF: DONNA ROPER COUILLARD-SANTIAGO, Niece of Janet Billings, on Oct. 2; **RODERICK E. 'ROD' McILWAIN**, Husband of Betty, on Oct. 13; **FREDERICK MOUSCH**, Brother of Kenneth, on Oct. 21; **MICHAEL AUGER**, Son-in-law of Dot and Steve Ostroski, on Oct. 26; and **GRACE E. PARMELEE**, a close friend of our church and many in it, on November 2.

May God's peace be with you all.

**God's Call to Faithful
 Living and Giving
 Shared by our Laity**

During Stewardship Month

“More Than Enough”

“God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others.”

2 Corinthians 9:8 (CEV)

During three very special Stewardship Sundays in October, our worship services were led by laity in our congregation who were eager to share how God has blessed them and us with *“more than enough”* in our lives

We were more than inspired as Danny Francheschini, Mitch Underwood, and Tim Richardson preached on the many ways God blesses us, and then calls upon us to return our gifts of time, treasure and talent to Him with joyful and generous hearts.

We **thank** those who have already made a Stewardship commitment to God through the Plainville United Methodist Church for 2011.

Each member is called to prayerfully respond with a commitment card so that we can grow and better support our many ministries and missions. God calls us to tithe, to give 10% of all we have, to do His work in our world. If you need a commitment card, please call the church office at 860-747-2328.

Now is the time to discover the JOY of giving in response to God’s unending love for us.

Holiday Happenings at Sunday School



During the month of December, members of our Church School will be involved in several special ways during our morning worship.

On **Sunday, November 28th**, during the Greening of our Sanctuary, several members of our Senior High Sunday Class will perform on their musical instruments, under the leadership of David McWilliams. This will be the first time these young people are playing together, & we hope to see them many times in the future.

“The Legend of the Poinsettia” Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 12th at 10:00 a.m.
(snow date – Dec. 19th)

You won’t want to miss this special worship as every member of our Sunday School brings you the touching story of Lucinda and the Christmas Poinsettia. Plan to bring your family and friends!

Don’t forget that children in Grades 1 → Senior High will be rehearsing on **Friday, December 10th promptly at 6 p.m.** A light supper will be provided.

Reminder: Church school will not be meeting on Sunday, 12/26/10, nor on Sunday, 1/2/2011.

Call to Charge Conference

The annual CHARGE CONFERENCE of the Plainville United Methodist Church will take place on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8. We will meet in the Sanctuary, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer, District Superintendent of the CT District, will preside. A DVD of the 2010 Annual Conference held at Hofstra University will be shown. Officers will be elected, among them the following nominated for the Board of Trustees: Debra Post-Munson, Karen Morrison, and Donald Angels.

The CHARGE CONFERENCE is an important ministry event in the life of a local church. We invite you all to attend, to participate, to reflect on that which takes place at PUMC in the name of God, and to plan for the future.

In Case the Weather Turns Ugly!!

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.

We are currently working on getting the word out on two other TV stations...but for now, those listed above will post this information.

Pray for NO Saturday evening snow!!!

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Please Mark Your Calendars

1. SLEIGH BELLS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR, Saturday, Dec. 4, 9 ~ 3.
2. CHRISTMAS TEA, Sunday, December 5, at 4:00 p.m.
3. CHARGE CONFERENCE, Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.
4. CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, Sunday, December 12, at the worship.
5. HARTT SCHOOL OF MUSIC CONCERT, Sunday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
6. RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE hosted at PUMC, Thursday, Dec. 16, from 1:45 p.m.
7. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP, Friday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.

January, 2011 DISTRICT RESOURCE DAYS

There will be TWO District Resource Days in January of 2011...

1. Sunday, Jan. 23, 3 ~ 5 p.m., at the Mary Taylor UMC, Milford, CT.
2. Saturday, Jan. 29, 10 ~ Noon, at the New Milford UMC, New Milford.

RESOURCE DAYS have long been an opportunity to expand a person's knowledge on a range of ministries. Thank you for planning to attend either of these. More specific details will be posted at church when they are available.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SCHOOL9:00AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP.....10:00AM

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 - PUMC SLEIGH BELLS-VENDOR/CRAFT FAIR, 9 AM-3 PM
- 5 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10AM, Women’s Christmas Tea, 4 PM
- 7 - Women’s Club of Plainville meets @ Historical Society, 7 PM
- 12 - CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, 10 AM (Snow Date November 19th.)
- 12 - Hartt School of Music Concert, 7 PM
- 16 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:45 to 6:45PM-Call 1-800 GIVE LIFE for Appointment
- 24 - Christmas Eve Candle Light Worship, 7 PM
- 24 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for the Christmas Holiday
- 5, 12, 19 - Sunday Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10AM
- 4 - Women’s Club of Plainville, 7 PM
- 9 - February/March “MESSENGER” Articles DUE DATE
- 9, 16, 23 & 30 - Sunday Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship

(For more dates and times, also see full calendar on the last page.)



December Birthdays

- 2 - Paul Keddy
- 5 - Amber Kirk
- 5 - Barbara Willard
- 10 - Pam Muszynski
- 12 - Spencer D. Cole
- 13 - Lucas Hodlin
- 14 - Jeff Hodlin
- 18 - Wolfgang Maier
- 21 - Natalie Michaud
- 21 - Tim Richardson
- 22 - Matthew J. Stankoski III
- 23 - Marguerite Henne
- 24 - Heather Maier
- 27 - Beverly Rackliffe
- 29 - Nancy Burns



January Birthdays

- 3 - Lee Burns
- 4 - Susan Steele
- 6 - Tim Rolland
- 8 - Aleita Chapman
- 8 - Dan Franceschini
- 10 - Salvatore Mazzaccaro
- 11 - Brian Sparks
- 12 - Caesar Bangloy
- 12 - Corinne Trepanier
- 14 - Helen Sheppard
- 15 - Ben Sparks
- 16 - Kelly Quinlan
- 17 - Sherry L. Cole
- 17 - Kaitlyn Keddy
- 19 - Matthew J. Stankoski
- 20 - Bob Rackliffe
- 26 - Sarah F. Barry
- 29 - Christopher Waldmann



Happy Anniversary!!!

December

- 31 - Adam & Anke Cooke
- 28 - Robert & Edna Groover-58th**

January

- 4 - David & Judy Thompson
- 6 - Richard & Virginia Shaw
- 25 - Caesar & Jocelyn Bangloy
- 29 - John & Denise Krom

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

A NEW & GOOD LAW

On January 1st of 2010, the “Move Over” law became effective in California. Other states, such as New York, Maryland, and Hawaii have similar laws. And in June of 2009, Connecticut also enacted this law.

When one sees a police car off on the shoulder of a multi-lane road, drivers are to MOVE OVER one lane if possible. If moving to the next lane cannot be accomplished, drivers must instead reduce their speed to 20 mph below the posted limit while passing the cars on the shoulder.

This is to help keep law enforcement officers safe as well as those to whom they are attending.

There are significant fines and points on one’s license for infractions of this law.

Passing this along with thanks to the police, and for our knowledge to MOVE OVER when possible, to SLOW DOWN when not.

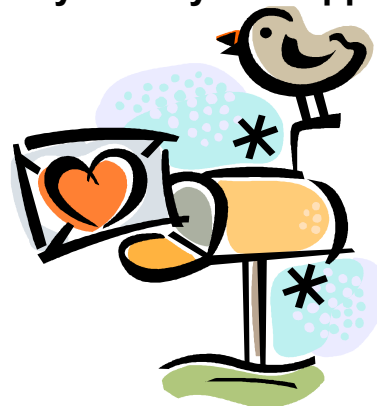


CONGRATULATIONS to CHRISTINA SACK, member of our Sunday School, for successfully completing 55 hours of volunteer service to a wide variety of community organizations, and thus qualifying for the President’s Volunteer Service Award, which was presented to her at the Oct. 17 worship. PUMC is her sponsor. Anyone can do this.

If interested, please contact Pastor Waldmann. Congratulations, Christina!!



Please consider purchasing a greeting card or cards that are on the card rack located in the narthex next to the door. Cards are only 25¢ each. Proceeds go to the Tuesday Ladies next ministry. Thank you for your support.



“The Lord, your God, is in your midst...”

Zephaniah 3:17



Bristol Men's Shelter

Our yearly outreach for Christmas will be to the Bristol Men's Shelter.

Laurie, the supervisor of the shelter, asked if our church would please be willing to help with gifts for the men's children.

The shelter is having a Christmas party with the children in early December.

Please take a gift suggestion from the Christmas tree that is in the narthex to help make a merry Christmas for these needy men and their children.

For many years your generous giving has made the men know they are not forgotten.

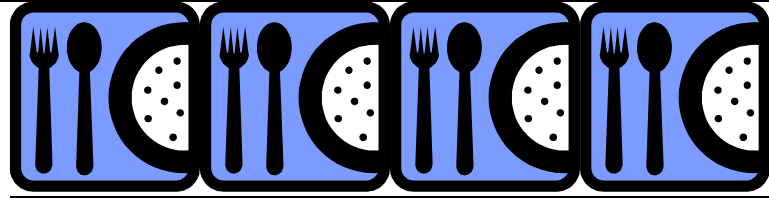
May you all have a blessed Christmas.

Thank you,
Lois Nilson

Please do not wrap the gifts.

Please bring the gifts in no later than November 28th. There will be a box labeled 'Men's Shelter' next to the Christmas tree.

Please call me at 860-582-4490 with any questions.



FOOD FOR FRIENDS-MEALS

SERVED 5:00 TO 6:30 p.m.

Hello everyone and God bless.

We are reaching out to you in hopes we can get more volunteers from Plainville United Methodist Church or maybe someone you know who would like to volunteer a few hours every 5th Wednesday at United Congregation Church, West Main Street, Plainville. Dates will be forthcoming. We are really short handed and would like to continue to do Gods work helping serve free meals to people in who do not have a home cooked meal. You can donate whatever time you can, you do not have to stay the whole time. For instance, you can help prepare salad or cut up cakes and pies before supper is served. Help set up dining room tables with plates, napkins, etc. Help serving meals starting at 5:00 P.M. Below I have listed times that we start preparing for supper, but anytime you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

3:00 - 4:45 Prep and prepare meal for 5:00 P.M.

- 3:30 **TWO or THREE** people to prepare salad for the evening meal, setup baskets with bread, cut up deserts, make Ice tea, coffee.
- 4:30 Fill salad bowls, place salad and deserts on carts.
- 5:00 **FOUR OR FIVE** people to serve for dining room. **ONE OR TWO** people to plate food.
- 5:30 **TWO** volunteers trained to clean dishes and run dishwasher till finished for the evening. UCC has been helping out with running the dishwasher.
ONE or TWO volunteers to put dishes, silverware, etc. away.
- 6:30 **ON --** All who can: Clear tables in dining room, put things away. Clean and wash down kitchen before leaving.

Young Adults are more than welcome to volunteer to help out in the dining room.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:

Karen Morrison 860-747-2348 or Bob Burns 860-747-2813.



Heartfelt thanks to Pastor Waldmann and my church family for your prayers, cards, visits and phone calls which encouraged, comforted and brightened my days.

I am grateful to finally be home from Apple Rehab. My whole family has very much appreciated your loving support after my husband and their father's recent unexpected death.

Thank you and God bless you now and every day.

Love,
Betty McIlwain



We would like to thank our church family for your heartfelt cards, caring words and above all your prayers in this most difficult time for the loss of our son-in-law, Michael. Just knowing that you're holding Debi, Luke and Kaylie in your prayers means so much to both of us. God bless you,

Steve and Dot Ostroski

Christmas Poinsettia

Please be sure to order your Christmas Poinsettia by December 8th. The plants will be used to adorn our sanctuary for the Christmas pageant which will be held on December 12th. (Snow Date December 19th) They will be beautiful red poinsettia plants in the 6.5" pot. If you have any questions, please call Sue LaCombe 860-747-4916.



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

6.5" Pot Red Poinsettia _____ @\$12.00=_____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Requested By: _____

Telephone No. _____

Orders for Poinsettias will be accepted until December 8th.

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 Christmas Eve 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: _____




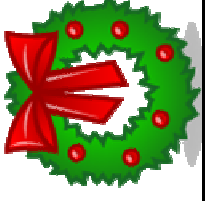
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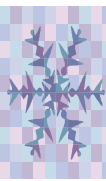




DECEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SCHOOL:.....9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP:.....10:00 AM</p>						
<p>5 10:00 am - Worship with Holy Communion Christmas Tea - 4 PM</p> 	<p>6 7 pm - Trustees</p>	<p>7 8:30 am- Pastor @ TP Strong Fund Meeting 9:30 am-Tues. Ladies Women's Club of Plainville meets @ Historical Society 7 pm 7 pm - BSA</p>	<p>8 7 pm -Annual Charge Conference</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 6 pm - Pageant Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 10:00 am -Worship Christmas Pageant MYF (Tentative Laser Quest) Venture Crew Scouts 7 PM Hartt School Concert 7 PM Choir Rehearsal After Worship</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 American Red Cross Blood Drive  1:45 to 6:45 PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
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<p>26 10:00 am - Worship Choir Rehearsal After Worship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA</p>	<p>29 6 pm - Girls Scouts</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Office Closed</p>	

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



JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10 am - Worship with Holy Communion	3 7 pm - Trustees	4	5	6	7	8 1 New Year's Day 
9 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship MYF Meet	10 7 pm - Finance Committee Meet	11 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	12	13	14	15
16 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7 pm - Church Council Meet Church Office Closed	18 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	19	20	21	22 MYF attending 'IGNITE' 01/21 to 23/2011
23 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship District Resource Day 3 to 5 PM Mary Taylor UMC, Milford	24 7 pm - Worship Committee Meet	25 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	26	27	28	29 District Resource Day 10 to noon New Milford UMC
30 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship Birthday Dimes for Missions	31	SUNDAY SCHEDULE SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10 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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**FORWARDING AND ADDRESS
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