



MESSENGER

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from the Pastor...

A NEW YEAR seems to bring with it many resolutions. People resolve to change certain things about themselves: their behavior; their attitudes; something to accomplish and achieve. And surveys tell us that the vast majority of these resolutions never materialize, and actually end almost before they have had time to get started.

Why is that? Why do so many intentions never come to pass, or fade quickly? I have no scientific or analytical evidence to answer these questions...only an idea that the resolutions might not be based on much that is solid, on much of what the word NEW actually means.

NEW speaks of REBUILDING. Something is RENEWED, is given new life. NEW points to a REPAIR of a situation being made. FRESHNESS comes upon our lives; a REGENERATION takes place to transform something that is old, that is not working, that is unsatisfactory, into something truly NEW.

There isn't a single person upon the face of the earth who does not need this sense and reality of newness to touch his or her life. That might seem like a bold statement...but think about it...no one has reached perfection...no one 'has it all together'...no one is completely the way in which God would have us be. And so, entering a New Year with a resolution or two just might be a good idea...if and only if we do so within the genuine meanings of the word NEW...if and only if we really want God's newness to come upon us and live within us.

How many of us need to REBUILD our relationship with God? A relationship is not something that is distant, but rather is a thing of closeness and depth. Worship, prayer, and praise can only help in this rebuilding, with God and with our sisters & brothers. REBUILDING takes place every Sunday morning...why not resolve to do this in the New Year?!

Who among us does not need to RENEW and give new life to our faith? Many say from time to time that they 'have lost their faith' or act as though their faith has grown stale. The challenges and obstacles of life, I suppose, can shake one's faith. God's Church offers countless opportunities to receive the RENEWING grace of God and to live that RENEWAL for the blessing of others. Why not resolve to afford ourselves new life and personal RENEWAL in the New Year? It takes place every Sunday morning.

The REPAIR of our selves and souls is vital. Everyone that I have ever met and known has wounds. Everyone that I have ever met and known has been broken...& not all of the pieces have been put back together...and many of the pieces don't fit very well anymore. Why go through life broken and hurting when one can more triumph in life healed and REPAIRED? This is not a matter of being 'fixed,' but far more able to live despite our wounds, able to think of others more than self, able to deal with and overcome the things that might bring us down. Our Lord is the only One who can most completely offer this to us. Let God REPAIR our souls in the New Year as we walk hand in hand

with this Lord of salvation and peace. This can happen every Sunday morning.

And who is the person whose life dream it is to be old and withered, dried up and unfulfilled, empty and wanting? There are plenty of people who allow this to happen to them, even at a relatively early age...I seriously doubt that they truly know what they are doing! In the New Year, let God make of us things of **FRESHNESS**. Allow God to **REGENERATE** our spirits, to grow back an understanding within us of the things of God. Sing a new song. Let God make of us all new creations. There's a place and a time where this can happen every Sunday...in the morning!

It's all a matter of personal choice. It's all a matter of making the most of this YEAR that is NEW. It's all a matter of doing it from the beginning...and staying with it all year long...of wanting this NEWNESS to fill our hearts and our souls...of wanting this NEWNESS to mark our lives...of desiring this NEWNESS to be a blessing to God and to those about us.

The alternative to what can be NEW is obvious.

The potential of becoming MADE NEW is clear.

It takes place every Sunday morning...in a sacred and holy place...with and beside people just like every one of us...by the grace and love of God...that our relationships might brighten our days...that we would more know of the purpose and possibilities for our lives...and that glory will be given to God in how we live, why we live, for whom we live.

May the NEW YEAR really be something NEW for each one of us. Resolve to **REBUILD** and **RENEW**, to **REPAIR** and **REGENERATE** and become **FRESH**, all to the glory of God.

God bless you all, now and always,

Pastor Waldmann.

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THE JOLLY BEGGARS

Traditional Celtic folk music from
West Hartford, CT

CONCERT at Plainville UMC,
Sunday, February 27, 4:00 p.m.

\$10.00 Donation
All Ages Welcome

50% of the proceeds go to the
church, its mission & ministries

Call 860.747.2328, or
860.747.2592 for ticket
reservations.

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.

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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Wanted:

"Chefs" with a specialty of serving up the Word of God to children!

We are planning an exciting and fun **Vacation Bible School** for children (grades 1 - 6) in our church & community during the week of

June 27 – July 1 ~ 6:00-8:00 PM.

The VBS program ~ *Shake It Up Café* ~ will teach about being a follower for God through dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music and hours of fun.

To launch our V.B.S. we need **20** adults and Senior High School students from our church. There will be a sign-up board with all the details in our narthex starting on Jan. 23rd. **Volunteers to fill each spot are needed by March 20th in order to plan our Vacation Bible School.**

To join the excitement – check out the VBS display and sign-up, or contact Karen Waldmann at 860-747-2592 today.

WE PRAY GOD'S COMFORT AND PEACE BLESS THE FAMILY OF:

URSULA BANGLOY, Caesar

Bangloy's grandmother, who died on December 16, 2010, in the Philippines.

May God's peace bless and keep you.

IMPORTANT EVENTS in FEBRUARY and MARCH

1. ***"Souper Bowl of Caring"*** will be celebrated on FEBRUARY 6. This is an international effort to combat hunger. It is suggested that at least \$1.00 per person at worship be given as folks depart the Sanctuary...*but PUMC has a history of giving much more...*

in 2006 ~ \$ 133.00
 in 2007 ~ \$ 276.41
 in 2008 ~ \$ 331.00
 in 2009 ~ \$ 343.07
 in 2010 ~ \$ 356.00

Thank you for your generosity on February 6, 2011...and thanks to the MYF for leading us in this mission.

2. ***BOY SCOUT SUNDAY***, Feb. 13.
 3. Red Cross ***BLOOD DRIVE***, Friday, February 18.
 4. ***JOLLY BEGGARS Celtic Music Concert***, February 27, 4:00 p.m.
 5. ***SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper***, Tuesday, March 8.
 6. ***Agapé Meal and Worship on ASH WEDNESDAY***, March 9. The meal will take place in the Upper Fellowship Hall promptly at 6:30. The Worship/Holy Communion/ and Imposition of Ashes will take place in the Sanctuary beginning at 7:00 p.m.
 7. ***GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY***, March 13.



Pastor Waldmann is down-sizing part of his baseball collection. Card sets, Matchbox-related cars, magazines, individual cards, some autographs, and the like will be available. If you, a child or grandchild, or friend has a particular interest, please see Pastor W. or give him a call at 860.747.2592. Let me know what you are looking for; I just might have it! A few basketball items are also available. Part of any proceeds will be donated to the church. Thank you.

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The Disciples of Jesus Christ will meet on Thursday, January 27, 2011, at 6:30 PM in the Tuesday Ladies' Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and adopt a statement of faith, by-laws, and organizational documents for the formation of a non-profit organization that will provide mid-week worship for the community at large and to promote and carry out needed missions within the community. Anyone who is interested in learning about, participating in, and/or assisting with this endeavor is asked to please attend this meeting. Further information will be provided prior to worship on Sunday, January 16, 2011.

Please also feel free to contact Daniel Franceschini or Jeffrey Cedarfield if you are unable to attend worship this Sunday.

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

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10AM, MYF Souper Bowl of Caring
- 13 - Boy Scout Sunday, 10 AM
- 18 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:45 to 6:45PM-Call 1-800 GIVE LIFE for Appointment
- 20 - MYF Meet, 5:30 PM
- 21 - Church Office Closed for the President Day Holiday
- 27 - Jolly Beggars Celtic Music Concert, 4 PM
- 6, 13, 20, 27 - Sunday Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10AM, MYF Meet, 5:30 PM
 - 8 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 5 PM
 - 9 - Ash Wednesday Service, Agapé Meal 6:30 PM, Worship with Holy Communion, 7 PM
 - 13 - Girl Scout Sunday, 10 AM- **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
 - 13 - April/May "MESSENGER" Articles DUE DATE
 - 19 & 20 - MYF Rock-a-thon,
 - 6, 13, 20, 27 - Sunday Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship
- (For more dates and times, also see full calendar on the last page.)**

February Birthdays

- 3 - Boe Becker
- 4 - Ethan Cedarfield
- 6 - Michael Warren
- 7 - Riley Cedarfield
- 7 - Bjorg Davis
- 8 - Mike Mallia
- 8 - Nicholas Piscitelli
- 8 - Valerie Rolland
- 9 - Nik Kurtz
- 9 - Victoria Munson
- 9 - Abigail Richardson
- 10 - Joseph Sack
- 13 - Ronnie Angels
- 13 - Betty McIlwain
- 14 - Evelyn Dowd
- 14 - Katie DeRosa
- 15 - Lori Franceschini
- 15 - Dois Hoha
- 15 - Bob Nelson - 85th**
- 15 - Dennis Schilling
- 16 - Bill Needham
- 18 - Carol Kaine
- 18 - Christopher Warren
- 20 - Norma Powell
- 21 - Debbie Brown
- 22 - Gavin Cooke
- 24 - Richard Freckleton
- 24 - David Levesque
- 25 - Forrest Helvie
- 26 - Christian Taylor
- 29 - Edna Groover
- 29 - Alicia Prigodich



March Birthdays

- 1 - Russell Waldmann
- 1 - Katherine Willard
- 2 - Timothy Schilling
- 3 - David Tompkins
- 4 - Patrick Keddy
- 6 - Wyatt LaCombe
- 7 - Morgen LaCombe
- 7 - Jalena Webster
- 11 - Timothy Keddy
- 11 - Melinda Rogers
- 14 - Robert Burns
- 15 - Jessica Grenier
- 15 - Robert T. Silvestri
- 15 - Stephen M. Silvestri
- 22 - Woody Underwood
- 23 - Marjorie Wazorko- 86th**
- 25 - Matthew E. Corriveau
- 25 - Lisa Levesque
- 30 - Cohen Blake
- 31 - Dorothy Larkin



Happy Anniversary!!!

February

- 7 - Pliny & Linda Hodlin
- 10 - David & Debi Quinlan
- 14- Martin & Diane Evtushek
- 14- Tim & Lisa Rolland
- 20 - George & Pam Muszynski

March

- 7 - Gilbert & Janice Demarest-62nd**
- 11 - Joseph & Robin Sack
- 16 - Paul & Cheryl Keddy
- 29 - Brayton & Mary Tompkins-65th**

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



Giving and Receiving

We had heard of the man who wrote one thank you note everyday for one year. It had changed his life. When he stopped, his life didn't work very well. So he went back to writing at least one note a day.

Now it was time for us to say thank you to all of our wonderful staff who do so much for our church. We started by giving each of them a platter of pastries with a sincere note for a long and healthy life.

The next day, much to our surprise, the church was asked to pray for one of our staff who was going for serious medical tests. So much for the power of our good intentions. Boy, did we pray! The church just wouldn't be the same if anything happened to him. He's kind of a quiet Christian dedicated to doing good works. We silently waited, worried, and continued to pray... and then we asked... how his tests turned out. He passed! Hallelujah!!

We can't scientifically prove that our thank you helped our beloved church member in any way. But this much we know when we prayed from the bottom of our soul, we felt the Lord's presence. It was us who had received the special gift.

SPRC

What have the Trustees done in 2010 And plan for 2011

Due to the economic downturn, (the Endowment Fund was effected), so the Trustees decided in 2010 to continue to just do items/repairs that needed to be done. The Endowment Fund has recovered a lot in 2010, almost back to before the downturn.

Current Expense Budget Support	\$42,875.00
Parsonage repairs/improvements	738.00
Church Repairs/improvements	3,478.00
Exterminator	583.00
Additional Retainer for research on Castle Apts.	250.00

Repairs have been the following:

“Fill the Cracks” in the parking lot – hopefully re-paving in a few years

Tree trimming/removal church and Parsonage property

New Outside mats

Electrical work in church and parsonage (new ceiling fan)

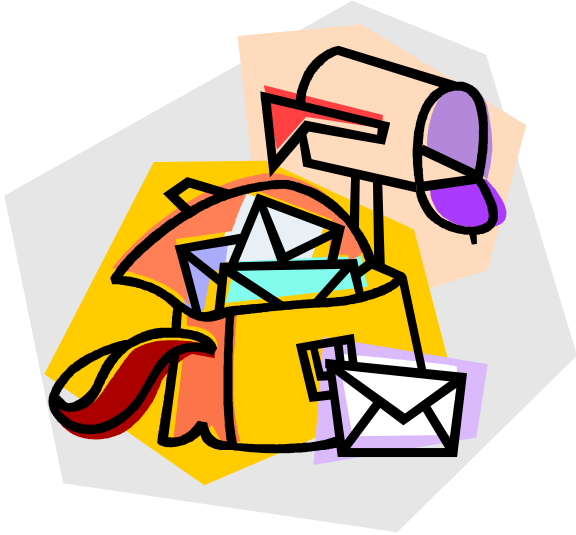
Pest removal (bats, bedbugs, mice)

Ceiling tiles replaces in Church upstairs bathrooms

For 2011 the Trustees are looking at the following projects for the next few years:

New floor tiles in Narthex and a couple of downstairs floors

New Church sign (wood is rotting)



PRAYER CARDS

Once again I would like to thank all that agreed to do our Church's Prayer cards for a month or two this year.

Like any commitment, it can become a job-but with help it becomes a pleasure. How like our Congregation to do just that---help!

A simple card and words of comfort etc. can do so much to make ones day, just knowing others care.

So again, I thank all who are continuing this New Year – as well as those newly volunteering. It's a great feeling knowing we can put a tiny ray of light in one's life.....

Jan Billings



The **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** will take place in the Upper Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, from 5:00 PM. Please see Sue Underwood for more details. Or call the church office at 860-747-2328.



On **ASH WEDNESDAY**, March 9th, the Agapé Meal will be observed in the Upper Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm, and the Worship with Holy Communion will begin in the Sanctuary at 7 pm.



SPRC wishes to thank all who contributed to the staff donations.

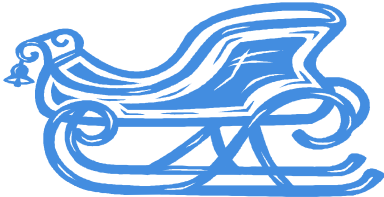


Thank you so much for all the Christmas gifts that were given to the men at the Bristol Shelter. And thank you for the many gifts to the men's children. You provided them with a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Your generous giving overwhelms me every year!

God bless you all and a big thank you once again.

Lois Nilson



The Second Annual Sleigh Bells Craft Fair that was held on December 4th of 2010 was a great success. Thanks go out to all that helped make it a success. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next Craft Fair in December and hope that you will again put us on your list for shopping this year. Donna Burns, Chairman

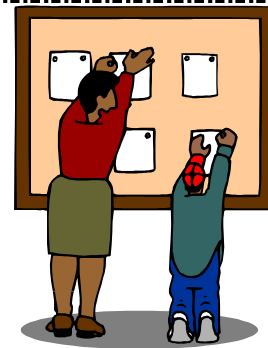


American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Church on Friday, February 18, 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.





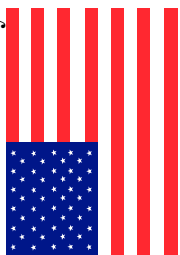

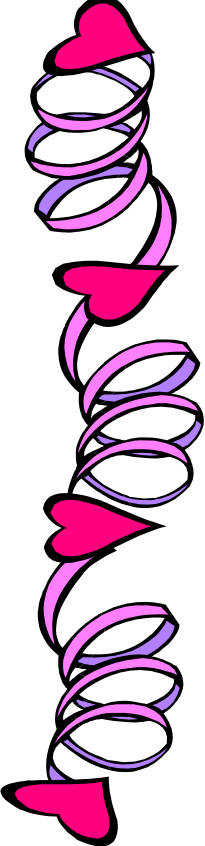


I would like to let you know that the articles and pictures that go up in the narthex are given to me when they come down and I collect them to be distributed to the people involved. So if you see Donna Burns coming toward you do not get nervous she is just giving you an article that was on the board in the Narthex.



I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and well wishes for the last 6 months and especially to Dot Ostroski's Sunday School class for the lovely teddy bear get well card. I feel so fortunate to be a part of such a caring and loving church family.
God Bless you, Effie Burgess

FEBRUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY SCHEDULE SUNDAY SCHOOL: SUNDAY WORSHIP:	9 AM 10 AM	1 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	2 Groundhog Day 	3	4	5
6 Souper Bowl of Caring 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship with Communion Choir Rehearsal follows Worship 6 pm - Venture Scout Crew	7 7 pm -Trustee	8 8:30 am - Strong Fund Meeting 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	9	10 7 pm - SPRC	11	12  <i>Lincoln</i>
13 Boy Scout Sunday 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship Choir Rehearsal follows Worship Brownie Girl Scouts-6 pm	14  7 pm - Stewardship/ Finance Committee	15 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies Brownie Troop Leaders Meet-6 PM 7 pm - BSA	16	17	18 American Red Cross Blood Drive 1:45~6:45 PM 	19
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20 First Day of Spring 9 am - Sunday School 10 am - Worship Sunday School Sings @ Worship Spring Begins Choir Rehearsal follows Worship Venture Crew 6-PM	21 7 pm - Church Council	22 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	23	24	25	26
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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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