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from the Pastor...

A Happy and a Blessed New Year to you all ~

HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO YOU ALL. The freshness and potential of another New Year is before us. What a joy it is and what a hope it is for this blessing to be in our midst. Let us take full advantage of this gift from God, and celebrate the living God shining through our selves and our souls always in this New Year.

GRACE ANN BUMBRY was one of five honored artists receiving the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Honoree recognition this past December the 6th. Miss Bumbry was born in St. Louis, MO, and made her operatic debut at the age of twenty-three. She has sung many great roles in many famous opera houses, including the Metropolitan Opera in NYC. She currently lives in Salsburg, Austria, teaching students the techniques, joys, and love of singing.

Miss Bumbry's home church is the Union Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Louis, whose history dates to 1840. On its website, Union includes statements about *Church Etiquette* and *Do's and Don'ts for the Sanctuary*. Some include:

Prepare yourself for worship by praying and praising the Lord before coming to church. Come to church every Sunday.

BRING YOUR BIBLE WITH YOU (cap. letters are Union's). Be prepared to collectively read the Word of God.

When you reach the door of the church, begin to know that you are in the presence of the Lord and that you have come to worship.

When you find your seat, bow your head in reverence to the Almighty God and thank God for allowing you to come into God's house and into His presence one more time.

If you arrive early and the service has not begun, meditate on God's house and God's goodness. During your meditation, thank God for how God brought you through an-other week and how God has protected you.

Aren't these aspects of *Church Etiquette* grand as they would help lead us to more of the depths of worship and praise of God?

Just a couple of the *Do's for the Sanctuary* are:

Do introduce yourself to at least one new person each Sunday before leaving the service. By the end of the year, you will know 52 persons.



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Do remember that you have worshipped
and now it is time to leave the Sanctuary
and serve humankind.

Now, since you are attending church,
invite someone else to worship with you.

This is a golden opportunity which will
help you lead someone to Christ.

In this New Year, this new gift from God, may our
worship, our prayers, our reaching out, our serving,
our love for God be expanded by such *Etiquette* and
Do's. Our relationship with God will deepen and
grow; the New Year will be one like none other to
the glory of God. God bless you all,

Pastor Waldmann.

Call to Charge Conference:

Wednesday evening, January 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Laura Galbraith, Pastor of the Asbury UMC, Forestville, will preside. Pastor Waldmann will preside at the Asbury UMC Charge Conference on Sunday, February 21, at Noon. The Charge Conference is an important event in the life of the people of a United Methodist Church. Thank you for planning to attend.

**THE CT DISTRICT
RESOURCING DAY**

is set for Sunday afternoon, Jan. 24, 2010, at the Golden Hill UMC, Bridgeport. The Resourcing Day activities will take place from 3 ~ 5 p.m. Many interesting workshops and opportunities to learn are offered. More details will be posted on our church bulletin boards. Plan to come!

Grand Congratulations

to **CAROL and DEAN CORRIVEAU**, who announced on Sunday, Dec. 13, that they are expecting the birth of their second child in late June, 2010. CONGRATULATIONS to you!!

Our Sympathies and wishes for God's peace go to the family of **DUSTIN DIVER**, nephew of Donna & Dwight, who died on 12/27; and of **TOM CONLEY**, Uncle of Ellen Cedarfield, who did on Jan. 7.

Directory Changes

Changes to the printed Church Directory of Members & Constituents (copies are on table outside the church office) since November of 2009 are:

1. Lisa Underwood is now Lisa Landry, who with her new husband, Jeff, and stepson, Angelo, live at:
34 Forestville Ave., Plainville, CT 06062,
860-302-9107.
2. Please remove 'Chrissy's' name from the listing for David Underwood, in Bristol, CT.
3. Alexandra Munson's address is now:
(Cornell University)
812 E. State St., Ithaca, NY 14850
4. Jason & Lucky Powell's new address:
30 Clark Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117
5. Delete Kiley Michaud's address;
new address is currently unknown.
6. Change Robert Silvestri's telephone # to:
860-584-5446.
7. Cheryl, Paul, & Anthony Keddy have a new address:
22 Vega St., New Britain, CT 06051
8. Please add: Mrs. Shari Pettignano,
13 Pequot Rd., Plainville, CT 06062
9. Warren & Beverly Nichisti now live at:
26 Beckwith Dr., Plainville, CT 06062

- 10.** Ed Demarest's correct email is:
edemarest@protonenergy.com

Blessed to Be a Blessing A Stewardship Update

I often start my day by trying to center my thoughts and prayers on the blessings I have received from God.

Although there may seem to be difficulties on my path, remembering that God has given me so much reminds me that with God I will be able to handle anything that might be before me.

God has given us everything that we have. Our Stewardship response recognizes these great gifts.

Thank you to those who have already made a response to our Stewardship Campaign. Each response enables us to plan for the ministries and outreach of our church.

Our goal is to have \$130,000.00 pledged. This is approximately 80% of our budget. To date, we have received approximately \$73,626.00 in pledges.

This means that we may need to use even more than the \$33,000.00 we needed from our endowment last year.

We encourage all members to prayerfully consider how they can support God's work through our church. It will be exciting to see how close we can come to our goal!

Please contact Karen Waldmann
@ 860-747-2592 or
@ clergymantlefan@comcast.net
if you need a pledge card.

May God Bless your day
and your New Year.

L.I.V.E. BIG in 2010

"Live your Belief in God" is the theme for our Sunday School classes this year. We have classes each Sunday morning starting at 9 AM for children ages 3 through High School.

In addition, an excellent Adult Class meets under the leadership of Tim Richardson every Sunday morning!

You are welcome to join our Church School at any time!!! You won't want to miss the excitement, learning, and enthusiasm in every class.

BUTTER BRAIDS SALE TO BEGIN MID-FEBRUARY

Our church will again sponsor a Butter Braid Sale in February with delivery in mid-March.

These breads are so delightful served warm from the oven, and make a great Easter morning breakfast.

Contact Deanna Becker
@ 860-747-2425 for information

**SAVE THE DATE!
ANNUAL HAM
DINNER
MAY 1ST, 2010**

Wanted! Needed!
Volunteers to join in planning
and working on a
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Our church would like to start a new "fun" raiser by hosting a **Strawberry Festival** on **Friday, June 11th, 2010**
10 AM – 4 PM

To run the festival we will need volunteers to come forward **NOW**, and express an interest in helping out in the following ways:

- Drivers to deliver the shortcakes to local business: 5-8 drivers needed
- Folks to Whip Cream: 3-4 people
- Folks to assemble shortcakes: 3- 4 people
- Ticket and funds collector: 1 volunteer
- Kitchen Supervisors: 1 -2 people
- Publicity: 2-3 people

The plan would be to make and sell approximately 300 shortcakes.

Shortcakes are ordered by local businesses, etc., and delivered during lunch hours. The shortcakes would also be available to enjoy here at the church as well.

In order to move forward with this idea, we need to secure your support NOW! Please contact Greg Michaud @ 860-793-9590 or email tg.Michaud@sbcglobal.net by Feb. 8th, if you are able to volunteer. A planning committee will be formed after this date.

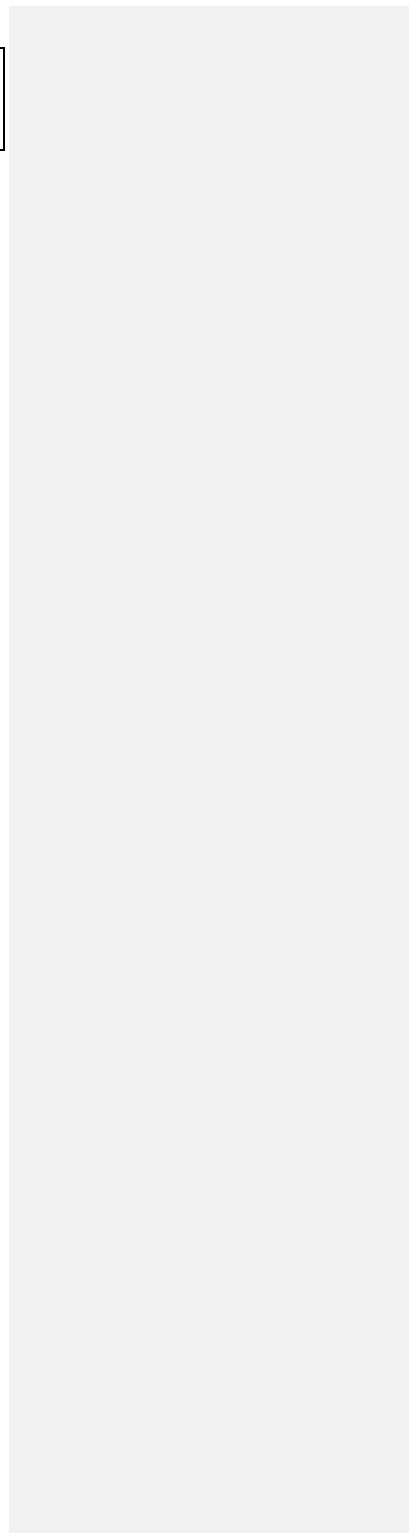
Funds from the Festival will help further our mission & ministry.

Thank you all deeply for the many beautiful and thoughtful Christmas cards and greetings that we received, and for the most generous gift of restaurant gift certificates that were given to us in early January. Your generosity and kindness are greatly felt and appreciated. As we complete our fifth year under appointment at Plainville, we look forward with all of you to extending God's reach into the world in many ways. Thank you so very much again; may God's every blessing be with us all in this New Year.
 ~ Pastor and Karen Waldmann.

Weekly Email Outreach

And it came to pass one day, early in this New Year, as I sat at my computer, that an idea bounced around somewhere in the space between my ears. Why not use our email contacts for members and friends of PUMC who live in the general local area to better stay in touch? We could let people know what's going to happen at the next Sunday worship. We could lift up a prayer need or a church activity and event more readily. I could even 'wax philosophical' from time to time, beyond my already 'stirring' *From the Pastor* articles (as if one is not more than enough)! It was a moment (you had to be there) not too dissimilar to that of creation...I "saw that it was good...and it was so." ~ (plagiarized straight out of Genesis – unbelievable)!! Well...the first such email was sent to 88 contacts on January 8, and I will try to weekly thrill your hearts and warm your souls in some way. Please look for these. Please even expect them. May they help us to become more

involved with one another in the name of
God.





The **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** will take place in the Upper Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, from 5:00 PM. Please see Sue Underwood for more details. Or call her at 860-747-9829.



On **ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17th**, the Agape Meal will be observed in the Upper Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm, and the Worship will begin in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

WHAT HAVE THE TRUSTEES DONE IN 2009 AND PLAN FOR 2010

Due to the economic downturn, (the Endowment Fund was affected), so the Trustees decided in 2009 to just do items/repairs that needed to be done. The Endowment Fund has recovered a lot in 2009.

Current Expense Budget Support	almost \$33,000.00
Finished paying the Sound System in Jan	3,815.00
Finished paying the new thermostats	1,767.00
Outside repairs	1,333.00
Other general repair	819.00
Exterminator	310.00
Retainer for research on Castle Apts.	1,000.00
Restoring Memorial Fund monies	5,726.55

(Current Expense Treasurer per Church Council vote)

Repairs have been the Following:

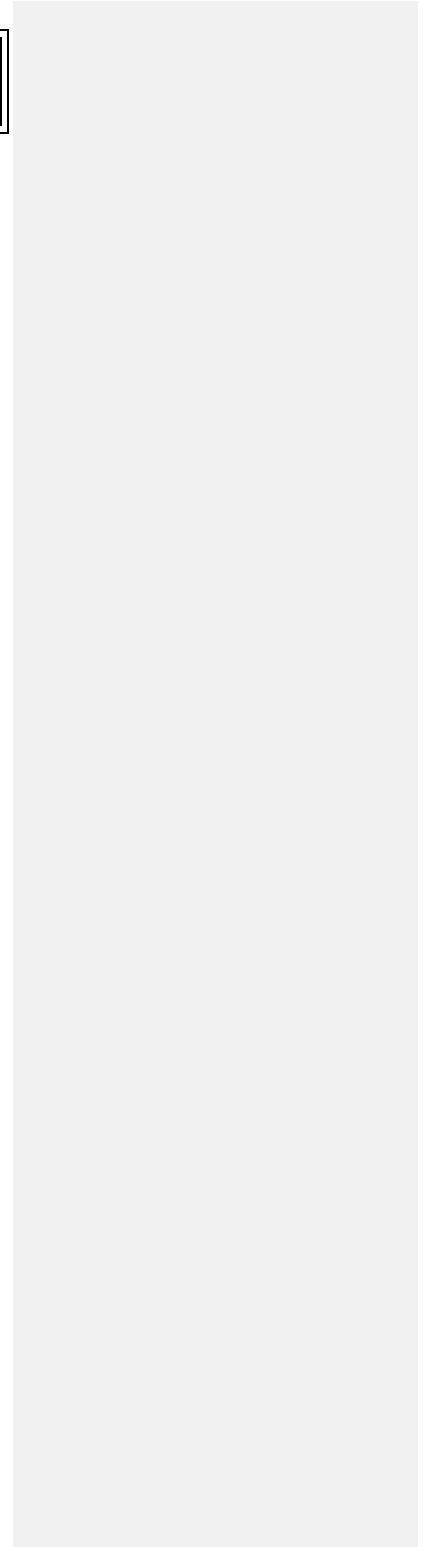
- “Fill the Cracks” in the parking lot-hopefully re-paving in a few years.
- Outside lights – in back and down driveway.
- Church Sign lights out front –rewiring to sign.
- Plumbing repairs to Air Conditioner at parsonage.
- Some plumbing repairs

For 2010 the Trustees are looking at the following projects for the next few years:

New floor tiles in the Narthex and a couple of downstairs floors.

Replace badly stained ceiling tiles in the number of rooms.

New Church sign (wood is rotting).



located in the sanctuary.



The Bristol Men's Shelter expressed to me their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many gifts received at Christmas. Thank you for making their Christmas a happy one. God bless,

Lois Nilson



A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Church on February 15th, 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 Red Cross donor card. For your appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org.



Non-perishable food items for the Plainville Food Pantry are being collected EVERY Sunday. Please place the items to be donated on the table



PRAYER CARDS FOR THE SOUL:

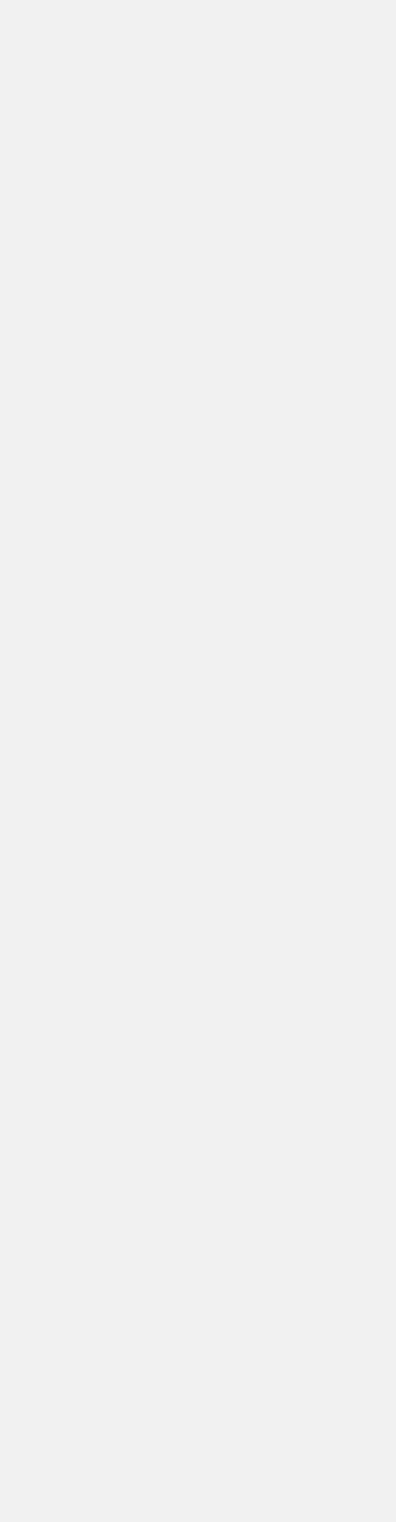
Isn't it nice to receive a card in the mail, knowing some one is thinking of you? Some one who is sharing your joys, sorrows, accomplishments, etc. Imagine the (surprised?) people receiving a card from a church they may never have had the pleasure to know--but may have heard mentioned by family or friend!

THANKS to RONNIE ANGELS, DEANNA BECKER, EVERETT JOHNSON, MARK RATLIFF, BOB SILVESTRI, MARY TOMPKINS AND ANGIE VENTRELLA we help do that.

It puts a smile on our faces, knowing we can share our church's hearts and prayers.

GIVING IS GOOD FOR OUR SOULS TOO!!!

Jan Billings



SUNDAY SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SCHOOL ...9:00 AM SUNDAY

~~FE~~BRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 - Women's Club of Plainville, Meets, 7 PM
- 7 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10:00 AM, MYF-Souper Bowl of Caring
- 14 - Boy Scout Sunday, 10:00 AM
- 15 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for the President Day Holiday
- 15 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:45 to 6:45 PM Call 1-800 GIVE LIFE for Appointment
- 16 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5 PM
- 17 - Ash Wednesday Service, Agape Meal 6:30 PM, Worship with Holy Communion, 7 PM
- 20 & 21 - "INHABIT 2010" - MYF Overnight Retreat
- 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Sunday Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 - Women's Club of Plainville, Pot Luck Dinner for the Arts, 6:30 PM
 - 7 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10:00 AM
 - 14 - One Great Hour of Sharing-Girl Scout Sunday, 10 AM, **Daylight Savings Begins**
 - 14 - April/May "MESSENGER" Articles DUE DATE , MYF Meets, 5:30~7:30 PM
 - 28 - Palm Sunday Worship, 10:00 AM, "Journey to the Cross"- MYF
 - 7, 14, 21 & 28 - 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
- 15 - Dennis Schilling
- 16 - Bill Needham
- 18 - Carol Kaine
- 18 - Christopher Warren
- 20 - Norma Powell
- 21 - Debbie Brown
- 22 - Gavin Cooke
- 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
- 25 - Matthew Corriveau
- 25 - Lisa Levesque
- 27 - Dot Zurawel
- 30 - Cohen Blake
- 31 - Dorothy Larkin



Happy Anniversary!!!

February

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

March

- 7 - **Gilbert & Janice Demarest-61st**
- 11 - Joseph & Robin Sack
- 16 - Paul & Cheryl Keddy
- 29 - **Brayton & Mary Tompkins-64th**

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



MYF HAPPENINGS

On February 7th, the MYF will again be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring by filling soup pots with donations from our congregation. This is our 4th year participating in this event. Last year we collected \$343.07. Let's see if we can top that!

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to the Plainville Food Pantry, our Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice!

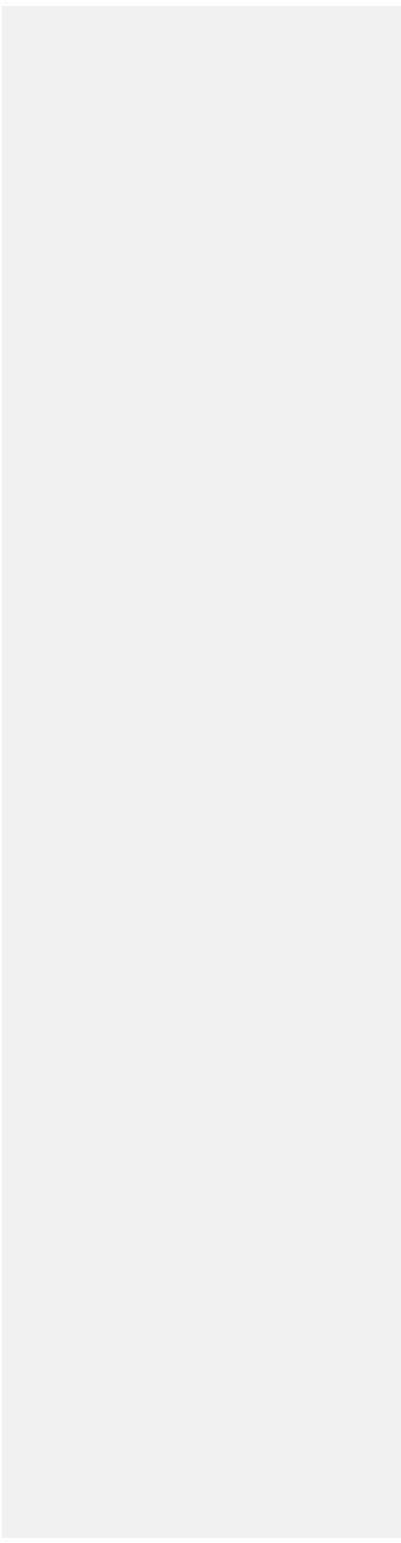
“INHABIT 2010” an overnight retreat will be taking place here at the church on February 20th-21st for MYF members. We are looking for volunteers to provide lunch on Saturday, dinner on Saturday or breakfast on Sunday. If you can help us out, please see Ellen Cedarfield. I've heard through the grapevine that pizza or grinders goes over really well!

To all church members-SAVE THE DATE! On Palm Sunday, March 28th (time to be determined) – the MYF will be hosting a spiritual event open to everyone called Journey to the Cross. Begin your Holy Week interactively meditating on the events of Jesus' final days. Free childcare will be provided so parents may have a quiet, unrushed experience. There is no cost to take this Journey. There will be a free will offering basket with donations to benefit Relay for Life. More details will be forthcoming!!!






Just a reminder that Relay for Life is taking place the weekend of June 5th and 6th 10:00 a.m to 10:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars and begin thinking of ways we can raise money. Remember, this years theme is Fairy Tales. What ideas can you come up with???

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

February 7th – Souper Bowl of Caring
February 20-21st – “INHABIT 2010” retreat
March 14th – MYF meeting 5:30-7:30
March 28th – “Journey to the Cross” (times to be announced)




FEBRUARY 2010


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 AM						
 GROUNDHOG DAY 2/2/10	1 7 pm - Trustees	2 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 6 pm-Confirmation 7 pm Women's Club of Plainville 7 PM - BSA	3 6 PM - Jr. Girl Scouts 7 pm - Education Committee	4	5	6
7 MYF-Souper Bowl of Caring 9: am Sunday School 10:00 am -Worship with Holy Communion Choir Rehearsal follows Worship	8 7 pm - Finance Committee	9 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 6 pm-Confirmation 7 PM - BSA	10 6 PM - Jr. Girl Scouts	11 7 pm - SPRC	12  <i>Lincoln</i>	13
14 Boy Scout Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 am -Worship Choir Rehearsal follows Worship 	15 President's Day American Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30-6:30 PM  Church Office Closed	16 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 5 pm-Shrove Pancake Dinner 7 PM - BSA	17 ASH WEDNESDAY 6 PM - Jr. Girl Scouts Agape Meal 6:30 & Worship with Holy Communion -7 pm	18	19	20 "INHABIT 2010" Overnight Retreat 2/20&21
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 am -Worship Noon-Pastor Presides @ Asbury UMC Charge Conf. Choir Rehearsal follows Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 am -Worship Choir Rehearsal follows Worship	22  <i>Washington</i>	23 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 6 pm-Confirmation 7 PM - BSA	24	15	26	27
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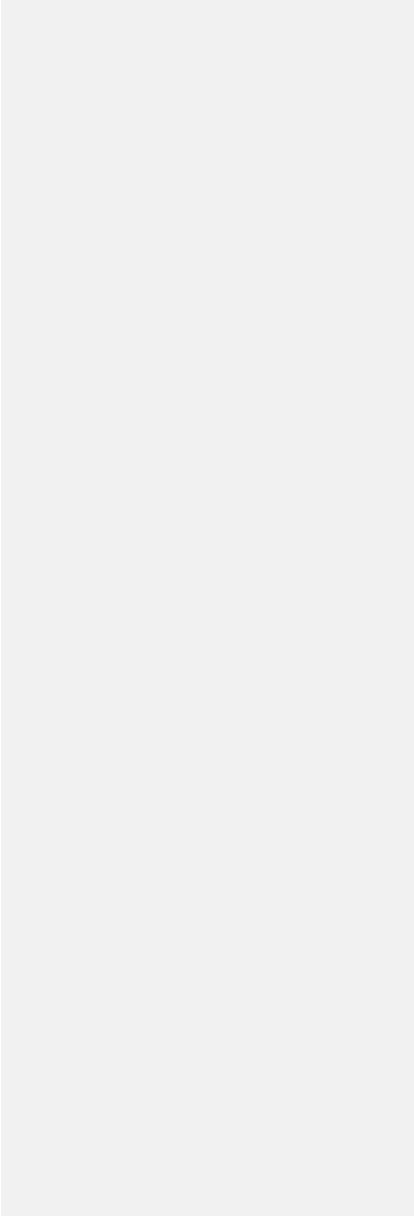
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28 Palm Sunday  10 am -Worship MYF "Journey to the Cross" Choir Rehearsal follows Worship	29 Holy Week ←—————→	30 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA March 28 to	31 6 pm - Girl Scouts April 3rd	SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10 AM
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THE 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
CORRECTION REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL - PLEASE DO NOT HOLD

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FEBRUARY



MARCH

