



MESSENGER

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from the Pastor......written in July, 2011...God bless you each and every one...

I stood there in silence, the funeral ended;
Most mourners departed, the family remained.
I gazed through the window at three police escorts
Who beneath azure skies would lead glory attained.

At least that's what's stated with words caref'ly chosen;
We seek to assure all that God's poured out God's grace
Upon him remembered, who loved and who cared for,
Though never decided his soul God to embrace.

The morning was cloudless, the sun brilliant shining,
The small panes were spotless, all clear through which to see;
The manicured lawn with its colorful flowers
Serenely were peaceful to all creatures but thee.

For were they a torment for you on that window,
A siren attraction but without melody?
You clearly were trapped on that glass contradiction,
Imprisoned inside there, no escaping to be.

I watched as you traveled your indistinct pathways;
I watched as your journeys meandered crazily.
A caged pacing leopard or snow-blind explorer
So mirror this insect's vain struggles to be free.

Across the pane window, now back where you started;
In circles you lose your way yet valiantly go.
Invisible patterns you make on that window,
A lacey configure weaving aimlessness show.

And what of us humans, how movements to nowhere
Mark us futile as this tiny bug's work display?
Where is it we're headed but life's misdirection
If God's not completely fulfilling us each day?

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. **Birthday Dimes for July, August, and September will be received on Sunday, September 25th.** Thank you.

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

Ronald J. Politis, Jr., on July 19, Uncle of Sarah Blake; and **Kitty Margaret Delin**, on July 20, wife of John and mother of Gert & Spencer, an 18-year member of our church.

May God's peace bless and keep you.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES at PUMC

October 13; December 15.

Thank you for donating blood. Thank you for making some cookies and/or finger sandwiches. Thank you for helping Nancy and Bob Burns rearrange the Sanctuary and restore it to accommodate these Drives.

Blood Drive hours: 1:45 ~ 6:45 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS & NOTES

Our Sunday School year got off to a great start on September 11th with a Rally Day Breakfast for all Sunday School members and their families.

Classes for children Ages 3 → Adult take place on each Sunday morning at 9 AM. Our fantastic staff runs an exciting program for every age group.

We also have a United Methodist Youth Fellowship, grades 6 and up, that meets on selected Sunday evenings. Our Confirmation Class meets on Wednesday evenings with Pastor Waldmann.

Please mark your calendars and plan to be present for some of our special events:

- Oct. 16th** – Children will sing at worship
- Oct. 23rd** – Blanket workshop (*see article*)
- Nov. 13th** – Cradle Roll Dedication
- Nov. 20th** – Children Sing at Worship
- Dec. 11th** – Christmas Pageant at Worship
- (Dec. 18th** – Snow Date for Pageant)

"Project Linus Workshop" **Sunday, Oct. 23rd, 11:30 a.m.**

Last year, our Education Committee chose "**Project Linus**" as the Church School Mission Outreach for 2010. This year we plan to again support this program that distributes hand- made blankets to local children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need of comfort and warmth.

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Those who worked at last year's workshop creating **NO-SEW FLEECE TIED** blankets had a ball! It is so easy to do!

We invite you to participate in this year's workshop on October 23 after worship. **All you need are a good pair of fabric scissors and a yardstick.** Our "Birthday Dimes" program covers the rest of the materials needed.

Teams of two or more create each blanket. You do not need to be a Sunday School member to participate. **All ages are welcomed.**

A Sign-Up chart will be in the Narthex in October. Please indicate that you are coming so we can plan on materials and to include you in our delicious Pizza Pie Lunch!

You won't want to miss being a part of this special day and project!

If you have any questions, please see Karen Waldmann (860.747.2592), or email her at: kaw726@comcast.net.

CRADLE ROLL SUNDAY **November 13th, 2011**

Every year we dedicate a Sunday Morning Worship to celebrate and recognize the youngest members of our Church Family.

This year our ***Cradle Roll for 2011*** will be celebrated on **November 13th**. We currently have 8 members ages birth → 3 years old on the Cradle Roll. This includes 2 new members for 2011. All Cradle Roll Members are part of our Cradle Roll display in the rear of our sanctuary.

Please join us for worship on Nov. 13th as we rejoice with our Cradle Roll families.

Pork Roast Dinner **Saturday, Oct. 1st** **4:30 – 7:00**

Tickets are now on sale for our Annual Pork Roast Dinner.

Adults - \$12.00 **Child - \$6.00**
4 & under – Free

You can purchase tickets for yourself, or donate tickets for those who are in need of a good meal, doing so by calling the church office @ 860-747-2328.

The menu includes:

Glazed Roast Pork
Fresh Potatoes & Vegetables
Assorted Breads
Homemade Apple Crisp

A Silent Auction for Beautiful Gift Baskets will be part of the evening.

We are also looking for donations of gift baskets.

Choose a theme – i.e. cooking, Fall, babies, sports, movie night, etc. and then fill a basket with goodies.

These can be brought to the church on 9/25 or Oct. 1 at 9 AM.

“What is The Word?”
Stewardship 2012
Has the Answer

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2012 will start on Sunday, September 18th. Church members will receive a letter from the Stewardship and Finance committee asking, “***What is The Word?***” Included in each envelope is a pamphlet, “***Being An Active Church Member.***” The letter and pamphlet provide some good reading for us as we think about our Stewardship Commitments for 2012.

In early October, a second letter and pamphlet, “***Tithing, The Gift of Giving,***” will be distributed. As we discover more about what “***The Word***” might be, we will also be learning how we can actively help accomplish our church’s mission.

Our campaign will conclude on **Sunday, October 16th, Consecration Sunday.** During this worship celebration we will hear “***The Word***” proclaimed. Then we will offer our 2012 Commitment Cards along with ourselves in service and devotion to God.

Embrace this opportunity to know more about the joy of serving God with all that we have and all that we are.

CONGRATULATIONS to Edna Irving on the birth of her first great-grandchild, AYL A CATHRIN LANZA, born on 9-2-11. Ayla is the 22nd great-grandchild in her generation in this family. God’s rich blessings be yours.

Opportunities to “*Serve the Lord with Gladness*”

The Lay Leadership Committee is charged with discerning the gifts and graces that people have that would benefit the building of God’s Kingdom through specific areas of service.

We are asking all of you to look at the following list of positions through which to serve God through our church, letting us know that...***I WOULD LIKE THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING LEADERSHIP ROLE(S) IN OUR CHURCH...***

- (1) Secretary of the Church Council;
- (2) Chairperson, Worship Committee;
- (3) Chairperson, Membership Committee;
- (4) At-large member, Church Council...
five are needed;
- (5) One three-year term on the Board of Trustees;
- (6) **One** co-coordinator of Christmas and Easter flowers;
- (7) At-large member, Stewardship & Finance Committee...**three are needed.**

Please contact Pastor Waldmann at 860-747-2592, or at clergymantlefan@comcast.net to express your desire to serve God in one or more of these ways. Serving God is a joy and a privilege. It is also vital for the full workings of God’s church. God calls us to “*serve the Lord with gladness.*” Thank you for prayerfully thinking about your stewardship of time and talent to God.

God’s blessings be to you all.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SCHOOL9:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP.....10:00AM

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 - Roast Pork Dinner with Gift Basket Sale, 4:30 to 7 PM
- 2 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10AM
- 10 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED to Observe Columbus Day Holiday
- 13 - **American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30 to 6:30 PM-Call 1-800-GIVELIFE for Appointment**
- 15 - Church's Inside Cleaning Day, 9 AM to NOON.

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 - **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS, WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10 AM**
- 9 - Church's Outside Cleaning Day, 9 AM to NOON (Rain Date November 12th)
- 11, 24 & 25 - Church Office Closed to Observe the Veterans Day & Thanksgiving day Holidays
- 13 - December/January "MESSENGER" Articles DUE DATE
- 27 - Hanging of the Greens during Worship, 10 AM
- 4, 11, 18, 25 - Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship

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



October Birthdays

- 4 - George Muszynski
- 5 - Christian Franceschini
- 5 - Rebecka Mousch
- 6 - Diane Webster
- 7 - Justin Tampellini
- 11 - Ryan Greenier
- 12 - Danielle Greenier
- 13 - David Quinlan
- 14 - Ann Lyons
- 17 - Donna Mousch
- 19 - Brianna Franceschini
- 22 - Kenneth Prigodich
- 24 - Anke Behrends-Cooke
- 27 - Nancy Keddy
- 29 - Norma Mazzaccaro
- 29 - Noah McGettigan
- 30 - Daniel Michaud
- 31 - Dwight Nilson



November Birthdays

- 1 - Effie Burgess
- 3 - David Thompson
- 7 - Keith LaCombe
- 7 - Dorothy Stephenson
- 9 - Yvonne Freckleton
- 10 - Alexandra Munson
- 12 - Joyce Dirrigl
- 12 - Alexis Jean Wojcik
- 14 - Adam Cooke
- 17 - Jocelyn Bangloy
- 17 - Christine Piscitelli
- 18 - Mary Tompkins
- 20 - Larry Kendall
- 20 - Debi Quinlan
- 23 - Esther Lyons
- 23 - Linda Lyons
- 28 - Kim Greenier
- 28 - Madelyn Rolland
- 28 - Melissa Wojcik
- 30 - Jason Powell



Happy Anniversary!!!

October

- 9 - Shawn & Sarah-Margaret Blake
- 9 - Shawn & Christine Piscitelli
- 15 - Ronald & Cathy Dangona
- 17 - Tim & Dawn Richardson
- 18 - Ken & Nancy Hedman-59th**

November

- 18 - Steve & Dot Ostroski
- 29 - Dennis & Lori Schilling

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



PUMC Semi-Annual “Fill the Truck” will be held at Gnazzo’s starting Friday, November 18th through Monday, November 21st. All proceeds will be donated to the Plainville Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for all who participate.



It’s time to “Fall Back!” Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6th at 2am.

COPIES OF THE NEW UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY ARE AVAILABLE AND LOCATED ON THE TABLE NEAR THE CHURCH OFFICE IN THE NARTHEX FOR ANYONE WHO MAY NEED ONE.

Our yearly outreach for Christmas will be to the Bristol Men’s Shelter, again this year.

Gift suggestion will be on the Christmas tree located in the Narthex, on Sunday, November 20th through Sunday, December 4th. All gifts may be placed on the table in the Narthex no later than Sunday, December 11th.

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

Any questions, please call Lois at 860-582-4490 call.



**MARK YOUR CALENDER !!!!
INSIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
OCTOBER 15th, 2011 9:00 AM TO Noon**

**This is our Semi-Annual
“Cleaning out the Cob Webs” Day.
To make our church SHINE.**

**Please Sign-up for a Room or Area.
Come as a Family, Group or Alone.**

**We will have all the cleaning supplies you
will need.**

**If you see an area that needs cleaning and is
not on listed, please let the Trustees know.**



**MARK YOUR CALENDER !!!!
OUTSIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
NOVEMBER 5TH, 2011
9:00 AM TO Noon
(Rain Day Nov 12th)**

**Bring your rakes, leaf blowers, sheers
to spruce up the outside..**

**Many hands are needed, young and old.
Come as a Family, Group or Alone.**

We will have some tools to use.

**If you see a section you want to work on, let
a Trustee know.**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX PROJECT SAMAITAN'S PURSE

This year, our church is once again providing you with the unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child using a simple shoe box.

Your shoe box will reach a child in a troubled country like Uganda or El Salvador with the Gospel message.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD reaches out to needy children in desperate situations around the world. The recipients of these boxes are often in hospitals or orphanages, the result of war or famine. Operation Christmas Child is not just about what's in the shoe boxes, but about sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through Christian literature and the prayers that accompany these deliveries.

Please help a needy child ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 by filling a shoe regular size box with NEW items. Please label your box for a BOY or a GIRL, with their age group and enclose \$7.00 for shipping and other associated costs. Make any checks out to Samaritan's Purse. Do not wrap the box!

NOTE: There will be some empty shoe boxes and some labels in the narthex.

Suggested Gifts

Toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, Yo-yo's, slinky's, jump ropes, toys that light up, etc.

School Supplies: Pens, pencils, crayons, writing pads, coloring books, solar calculators.

Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), washcloth, comb, etc.

Other Items: Wrapped hard candy, sunglasses, baseball caps, flashlights with extra batteries, hair clips, socks, small books, etc.

Please do not include the following items:

War-related items, such as toy guns or knives.

Perishable food, such as chocolate.

Liquids, such as shampoo or bubbles.

Medicine and breakable items.

We ask that you deliver your filled but unwrapped boxes to the church by Sunday, November 13th.



Passion For Ministry

by Greg Michaud and Mitch Underwood

Hello everyone! Summer is quickly drawing to a close and fall will be upon us before we know it. Summer vacations are over and the kids are back in school. This is the time when our involvement with church seems to intensify and our involvement in the various ministries of the church becomes more of a central focus for us. Some have an admirable dedication to a particular ministry. Others are searching for a ministry in which to become involved.

The Church Council on Ministries encourages you to attend a meeting of the Council and find out more about all of the ministries that the Church is undertaking. You are encouraged to talk with the Chair people of the various committees to find out more about these ministries and how you might get involved. Perhaps you already have an idea about a ministry that you would like to pursue. If so, bring your idea up to the Council on Ministries. If you are not sure where your interests lie, but are open to new ideas try the website www.unitedmethodistlaity.com. There are loads of examples of ministries that other churches are involved with that you might want to bring to our Church.

We are all very passionate about our particular ministries. Our staff is always willing to go out of their way to assist in any way that they can. However, it is important to remember that they each have a list of responsibilities for which they are responsible and only a limited amount of time to complete their duties. Please be sensitive to this and avoid loading them up with projects that make it difficult for them to complete the tasks assigned to them in their job descriptions. In addition, if your ministry requires the delivery of parcels, remember that the Church office is only open in the morning and no one is here to receive parcels in the afternoon. Often if no one is in the office,

the parcel will be delivered to the parsonage. If no one is home or if the pastor is on vacation, the package might not be taken in. Further, packages accumulating by the parsonage door create a security concern.

We encourage you to be sensitive to these concerns, but to fully participate in the ministries of the Church and to allow the Church to assist you with your own ministries.

Greg is chairman of the Council on Ministries and Mitch is chairman of the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee.



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



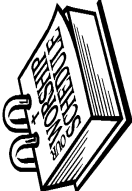
CRAFT FAIR

After the Roast Pork Dinner the last fund raiser for the year will be our craft fair, so mark on your calendar December 3rd for our annual **Sleigh Bell Craft Fair and Bake Sale**.

Any questions, please contact me at 860-747-1262.



Donna C. Burns, Chairman

OCTOBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
2 World Communion Sunday 10 am - Worship With Holy Communion 9 am – Sunday School	3 7 pm - Trustees	4 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies	5 7 pm - Confirmation Classes	6 6 pm - Pot Luck Fellowship meets in Church Hall 7 pm – Committee on the Superintendency	7  MYF Camp Out 10/7 to 10/8	1 Roast Pork Dinner 4:30 to 7 PM	
9 9 am – Sunday School 10 am – Worship 5:30 pm - MYF 6 pm - Brownie Girl Scouts	10 Columbus Day  Church Office Closed	11 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies	12 7 pm - Confirmation Classes	13 American Red Cross Blood Drive  6 pm - Pot Luck Fellowship meets in Church Hall	14	15  Inside Work Day 9AM to Noon	
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23 Laity Sunday 9 am – Sunday School 10 am – Worship No-Sew Fleece Blanket Workshop after Worship 5:30 pm - MYF 6 pm - Brownie Girl Scouts	24	25 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies	26 7 pm - Confirmation Classes	27 6 pm - Pot Luck Fellowship meets in Church Hall	28	29	
30 All Saints Remembrances 9 am – Sunday School 10 am – Worship Birthday Dimes for Missions	31 	 SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM					

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

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THE PLAINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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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