



# MESSENGER

## Plainville United Methodist Church

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### *from the Pastor...* RITES of SPRING

There is a very familiar sentiment that declares that in Spring, a young person's dreams and fancies turn to love. In the military, it is similarly said that in Spring, a soldier's dreams turn toward promotions (it seems as though Spring is when promotion boards meet). In either instance, there is looking forward. Expectation fills the heart and soul. Something new is possible, something that can tremendously change us so deeply that the spirit inside us soars.

The Season of EASTER is such a time in our lives. God through Christ has offered to raise us up to new life. Our Lord is alive, and is so forevermore. Our dreams and fancies turn to humbly accepting the love that God holds for us and to loving God in return as never before. The blessings of Easter see us looking not for self-promotion, but to discover the heart of life as we promote God in as many ways and at as many times as we can.

We pass from pre-Easter repentance to living the ways of a resurrection God.

We pass from pre-Easter needing the grace of God to cleanse us to being

those who, grace-filled, reveal God to others.

At Easter, we are recreated in God's image if we believe in this Lord. At Easter, we are remade according to God's intentions for us if we in faith find life in this risen Savior.

May Easter be our Springtime of looking ahead to wonderful and hopeful things to God's glory. May it transform every season of our lives.

God bless you all, *Pastor Waldmann*

## HOLY WEEK 2013

1. **PALM SUNDAY** worship is March 24.
2. **HOLY THURSDAY** worship is at 7:00 pm, March 28, Holy Communion observed.
3. **GOOD FRIDAY** worship is also at 7:00 pm, March 29, with the showing of *PARABLE*, the internationally acclaimed 22-minute film shown first at the last NY World's Fair. Child care provided for those not yet in Middle School.
4. **EASTER** is celebrated, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Holy Communion received.

## **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 presently support "Project Linus," a Sunday School mission project. "Project Linus" had a loving presence in Newtown. Let us all celebrate our birthdays by celebrating life & love in this way. *In March, Birthday Dimes will be received on Palm Sunday, rather than on Easter, the last Sunday.* In April, we will receive these gifts on April 28.

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

**Sally Warren**, Cousin of Dot Ostroski, on Jan. 13; **Olga Kuszik**, Aunt of Don Becker, on Jan. 20; **James Kuszik**, Cousin of Don Becker, on Feb. 7; **Charles Rockey**, Step-Father of George Colvin, on Feb. 18; **Kathy Murtagh**, Cousin of Lois Hodlin, on Feb. 21; **Attorney Robert Statchen**, Husband of Jane Statchen, on Feb. 21; and **John Gould**, Brother of Gert LaCombe, on March 11.

May God's peace and love be with you all.

**HOLY THURSDAY and GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIPS will take place, March 28 and 29, 7:00 p.m.**

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:**

**April 19.**

**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: 1:00 ~ 6:00 p.m.***

## **Sunday School News & Notes**

Our Sunday School has been busy studying during the season of Lent and looking forward to Easter Sunday on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

On Easter, our younger students will enjoy the ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT during the Sunday School hour, while the older students will enjoy a basket of treats made up just for their classroom.

During Easter morning worship, our youngest class will share two special songs during worship, and Grades 2-4 will sing, "He Has Risen." Be prepared to feel and experience true JOY!

In May, our United Methodist Youth Fellowship will again hold a "Mother's Day Bake Auction" after worship on May 12<sup>th</sup>. They will be looking for contributions from all the bakers in our congregation, and for eager bidders to attend. If you have not experienced the "AUCTION," don't miss it this year! This is one of the most fun-filled events of the Spring season.

Just to give everyone a heads-up, Children's Day will be Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking forward to enjoying another drama from the PUMC players as well as highlights from every class. This Children's

Day promises to be a memorable occasion as we celebrate our children and Father's Day together. Please mark the date on your calendar today and come, celebrate and worship the Lord.

**HOLY THURSDAY worship**, including the observance of Holy Communion, will take place on March 28, 7:00 p.m. **GOOD FRIDAY worship** on March 29 will feature the 22-movie "Parable." Child care is provided; "Parable" is most suited for those in Middle School and older.

**Mother's Day ~ May 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Morning Worship will be led**  
**by "Women of Faith"**  
**Participants**

Last November, four women of our church were able to attend the Hartford Gathering of "Women of Faith" at the Hartford Convention Center. Ellen Cedarfield, Lori Franceschini, Denise Krom, and Karen Waldmann experienced two days of dynamic speakers, inspirational music, ballet, and comedy all celebrating women and the God who loves each one of us.

We want to share some of the messages, songs, and moments that inspired us with everyone in our congregation.

We look forward to celebrating with you on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE will**  
**take place on Sunday, April**  
**the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2 ~ 4 p.m., at the**  
**Middletown U.M.C.**

## Of Particular Interest

The Substance Abuse Action Council (SAAC) is leading a two-session Congregational Assistance Program on Tuesday evenings, May 14 and 21, hosted at PUMC, in our church Fellowship Hall. The program runs from 5 → 9 pm.

The purpose of these informative and educational times is to help people identify the signs that point toward addictive behaviors, either in ourselves or in others, and to provide assistance in receiving help to deal with these problems. Helping people to start on the path to recovery is at the heart and essence of this portion of the work of SAAP.

Registration will be at 4:45 on Tuesday, May 14, followed by a meal furnished by the Department of Mental Health and Addictive Services of the State of CT, with the program to then take place. A similar meal and continuing program take place on May 21.

If you know of anyone who you feel might benefit from these two times, please let them know. If you might do well to avail yourself of this program, please come. Registration forms will soon be available through Pastor Waldmann, 860.747.2592.

PUMC is glad to host these two learning opportunities.

## Annual Ham Dinner & Bake Sale Saturday, May 4th 4:30 - 7:00 PM

You won't want to miss our Ham Dinner with all the trimmings, and an opportunity to purchase a goodie to take home at the Bake Sale.

Tickets are just \$12. for adults; \$6. for children and children under 4 are free. You can make reservations by calling the church office @ 860-747-2328. Tickets will be on sale in April.

HELP is needed for the day of the dinner. You can sign up in April on the Ham Dinner chart in the Narthex. We especially need **Set-Up and Clean-Up crews**. Young men and women would make a great team. Please consider volunteering just an hour or two for your church. Volunteers have lots of fun.

Bakers can also sign-up on the chart or just bring a contribution the day of the dinner.

SEE YOU ALL THERE! Deanna Becker, chair

### United Methodist Women News

Our UMW continues to meet monthly, with each meeting having a different focus and engaging message. Denise Krom led us in a program entitled a "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" and we were challenged to be more faithful to God in the giving of ourselves. Please mark your calendars for our other upcoming meetings: **April 28<sup>th</sup>** from **2:00-4:00**, and **May 18<sup>th</sup>**, which will be a **Day Retreat**. More specific details about the retreat will be advertised as the date grows closer. We know that it promises to be a meaningful and rejuvenating day of fellowship! *All women of our church (and your friends!) are welcome to attend and join.* If

you have specific questions, please see Ellen Cedarfield, our president.

As we keep each other in prayer from week to week and month to month, let us "praise God's name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving" (Psalm 69:30), always remembering all the many blessings He gives us each day.

### Operation Christmas Child – Collecting All Year Long

One of the missions for our UMW is Operation Christmas Child. We are encouraging the congregation to bring in donations throughout the year, and then the UWM will be assembling boxes as Christmas gets closer. To help organize donations, we are asking for specific items each month. Donations can be brought to a collection box in the narthex. ***PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE MONTHLY ITEMS AND ADD THEM TO YOUR WEEKLY SHOPPING LISTS!*** Adding one item to your grocery list, or picking up something at Target, Wal-Mart, or the Dollar Store, once a month will help make a world of difference for children around the world!

**March Items** – Toys – Small cards, balls, dolls

**April Items** – Toys – Stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, etc.

**May Items** - Toys - Yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-a-sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with batteries), Slinky, etc.



**SUNDAY SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SCHOOL .....9:00AM SUNDAY****WORSHIP.....10:00AM****APRIL HIGHLIGHTS**

7 - SCOUT SUNDAY, 10 AM

19 - American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1 to 6 PM-Call 1-800-733-2767, [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

19 to 22 - Fill the Truck Weekend at Gnazzo's, 73 East St., Plainville.

28 - District Conference, Middletown, UMC, 2 to 4 PM- UMW meet at PUMC, 2 to 4 PM

3, 10, 24 - Bible Study, 7 to 8:15 PM

4, 11, 18, 25 - Thursday Evenings Potluck Supper and Fellowship, 6 PM

7, 14, 21, 28 - Sunday Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship

**MAY HIGHLIGHTS**

4 - Annual Ham Dinner with Bake Sale, 4:30 to 7 PM

5- WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10 AM

12 - "Women in Faith" Lead Worship, MYF Mother's Day Bake Auction, Follows Worship

12 - June/July "MESSENGER" Articles DUE DATE

18 - UMW Retreat @ PUMC, 9:30 AM to 2 PM

26 - Jolly Beggars Concert, 4 PM

1, 8, 15, 29 - Bible Study, 7 to 8:15 PM

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Thursday Evenings Potluck Supper and Fellowship, 6 PM

5, 12, 19, 26 - Sunday Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship

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

- 2 - George Colvin
- 2 - Parker Thompson
- 2 - Sarah Steele
- 5 - Jan Billings
- 7 - Brayton Tompkins
- 8 - Lois Hodlin
- 13 - Kenneth Rogers
- 15 - Grace Nelson
- 18 - Aimee Michaud
- 19 - Laurel Underwood
- 20 - James Lathrop
- 21 - Donald A. Angels
- 21 - Donald W. Angels
- 21 - Marion Appleyard
- 21 - Claudette Lathrop
- 24 - Emily Blake
- 25 - Nicole Anglis
- 26 - Donna Colvin
- 27 - Colby Blake
- 27 - John Krom
- 28 - Andrew Warren

**May Birthdays**

- 1 - Clarence (CJ) Bangloy
- 3 - Carol Sparks
- 7 - Marie Larson
- 11 - Gary Willard
- 14 - Sue LaCombe
- 19 - Christopher Pierce
- 22 - Sarah Thompson
- 23 - Joellen Wexler
- 24 - Celine 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-70<sup>th</sup>
- 23 - Greg & Tracey Michaud
- 28 - David & Lisa Levesque
- 29 - Donald & Ronnie Angels
- 29 - Rev. Alden & Helen Barnes-52<sup>nd</sup>

**May**

- 1 - Nik & Lena Kurtz-59<sup>th</sup>
- 7 - Perry & Sherry Cole
- 7 - Robert & Grace Nelson-64<sup>th</sup>
- 20 - Richard & Yvonne Freckleton
- 22 - Ed & Carol Sparks
- 22 - Russell & Karen Waldmann
- 23 - Jeffrey & Ellen Cedarfield

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



**BETTER 'LATE' THAN NEVER...**

While Karen and I posted a Thank You, and while I expressed our gratitude from the pulpit one Sunday early in January, I absent-mindedly neglected to place a Thank You in the last Messenger for the many Christmas Cards and Greetings that were sent to us, along with the church gift to us as well as with others received individually.

We have responded to each one's generosity and kindness, and want to add our deep thanks and gratitude here for everyone's thoughts for us. Thank you all so very much. These all mean more to us than we can adequately say.

~ Pastor and Karen Waldmann

**Tuesday Ladies' Scholarships**

Applications for the Tuesday Ladies' Scholarships are available in the narthex on the table nearest to the church office. Please return any applications to the church office, Jan Billings or Nancy Burns by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Call the church office with any questions at 860-747-2328.



**PRAISE GOD...and a BIG  
thank you to everyone who  
supported our Butter  
Braid/Cookie Pastry Fundraiser.**

**YOU DID MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!!!**

**A special thanks to Jan Billings, Laurie  
Davies and Edna Irving for being the top  
winners for selling the most pastries!!!!**

**The church received \$ 363.60 net  
profit! ! ! !**

**God Bless you,  
Deanna Becker**

Hello Our Church Family,

We wanted to express our thanks to our church and specifically to The Tuesday Ladies. Last year, Rebecka was so honored to be the recipient of The Tuesday Ladies Scholarship. This allowed her to attend the University of Hartford. She has taken various classes, including one of her passions, which is acting. Next year, Rebecka will decide on her major. Her career path will lead to new opportunities and new memories.

May you all seriously consider donating to The Tuesday Ladies Scholarship. Our church is so privileged to have so many high school seniors graduating this June. Not only are they all talented, but they are respectful and caring people. Rebecka is so blessed to have them as friends. So please give to this scholarship to allow these young people future opportunities, just like Rebecka.

Love,

Donna, Ken and Rebecka Mousch



**Happy Mother's Day May 12, 2013**



**Plainville United  
Methodist Church  
Strawberry Shortcake  
Festival**



Volunteers needed - drivers, shortcakes assemblers and orders called in for delivery

**WHERE?** Plainville United Methodist Church

**56 Redstone Hill**

**Plainville, Connecticut**

**WHEN?** Friday, June 6, 2013  
10 AM to 4 PM

**DONATION:** \$ 4.00

**CONTACT:** Greg Michaud  
(860)793-9590 or  
Church office  
(860)747-2328

**TAG SALE - JUNE 22, 2013**



Spring is coming and the time has come to clean those unwanted items from the basement, closets and under the bed.

Our Tag Sale this year is June 22<sup>nd</sup> and those items can be brought to the Church and put in front of the door of our tag sale room. We however, do not accept large items without a call first to Donna Burns at 860-747-1262.

Electronics will not be accepted as they are a problem to dispose of. Goodwill and Savers are a place for them.




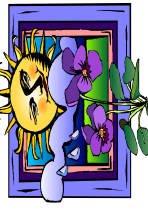


Thank you for your cooperation.  
Donna C. Burns, Chairman



The MYF is having their annual Mother's Day Bake Auction on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, following the worship



# APRIL 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 7 pm - Trustee	<b>2</b> 9:30 am -Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	<b>3</b> 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	<b>4</b> 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Scout Sunday</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10 am - Worship Choir Rehearsal After Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30 am-Pastor @ T.P. Strong Fund Meeting 9:30 am -Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	<b>10</b> 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	<b>11</b> 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship 7 pm-UMW Executive Comm. Meets	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10 am - Worship Choir Rehearsal After Worship	<b>15</b> 7 pm - Church Council	<b>16</b> 9:30 am -Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	<b>19</b> Blood Drive  1 to 6 PM	<b>20</b> Fill the Truck at Gnazzo's April 19 to 22 
<b>21</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10 am - Worship Choir Rehearsal After Worship	<b>22</b> 7 pm-Church Council	<b>23</b> 9:30 am -Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	<b>24</b> 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	<b>25</b> 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10 am - Worship District Conference, Middletown UMC 2~4 PM UMW - 2 to 4 PM Choir Rehearsal After Worship Birthday Dimes for Missions	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 am -Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	 <b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</b> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM</b> <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 AM</b>	 		

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



# MAY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP:</b> 10:00 AM <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL:</b> 9:00 AM 			<b>1</b> 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	<b>2</b> 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Ham Dinner            with Bake            Sale</b> <b>4:30 to 7 PM</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 am - Sunday School <b>10:00 am - Worship            with Holy Communion</b>	<b>6</b> 7 pm - Trustees	<b>7</b> 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	<b>8</b> 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	<b>9</b> 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - "Women in Faith" Lead Worship <b>Mother's Day Bake Auction            follows worship.</b>	<b>13</b> <b>June/July            "Messenger"            Articles            Due Date 5/12/13</b> 7 pm- Stewardship/Finance	<b>14</b> 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA SAAC. 5-9 (See Article)	<b>15</b> 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	<b>16</b> 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Armed Forces Day</b>
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<b>26</b> 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship 4 pm - Jolly Beggars Concert Birthday Dimes for Missions	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	<b>30</b> 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	<b>31</b>	

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**THE PLAINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**APRIL 2013 / MAY 2013**

**"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.***