



MESSENGER

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“from Guideposts magazine”

In 1985, GUIDEPOSTS reprinted words that had been written by Isabel Camp...

“Isn’t it strange how different things can look to us when we view them from hindsight? Sometimes I’m a bit embarrassed when I recall some of the thoughts I had as a ten-year-old.

Back then, I wanted to be older. Now I’d like to be younger.

Back then, I wanted to be bigger. Now I’d like to lose weight.

Back then, when my mother combed my hair and it pulled, I wished I didn’t have any. Now my hair is so thin I can really believe that ‘the very hairs of your head are all numbered’ (Luke 12:7), for I can almost count them myself.

Back then, I wished I had a bigger house. Now I fret that my house is too big and takes too much to heat and clean it.

Isn’t it nice that God accepts us just as we are? Aren’t you glad God doesn’t expect us to be other than ourselves ~ that is, older or younger, bigger or smaller, hirsute or bald, and that God doesn’t measure us by the size of the house we live in?

No, when God is truly in our hearts we know that God loves us in whatever condition we are.”

The season of LENT, which begins on February 13 with ASH WEDNESDAY, helps us to understand our condition of being sinners in the light of God’s forgiving grace. We are provided with a special time to consider our relationship with God and with those about us, and to seek to move closer to God with the Lord ruling our hearts and minds to blossom & grow through us. Mrs. Camp is so correct...all of the external ‘trappings’ mean so little and are so changeable. God loving us and we wanting more and more of God to fill our hearts and motivate our living, is an eternal hope in the midst of eternal truth.

Begin this LENTEN season giving the fullness of our selves to God on ASH WEDNESDAY: Agapé Meal at 6:30;

Worship at 7:00.

Holy Communion will be observed. The Imposition of Ashes will be offered.

Be ‘accepted by God’ just as we are, as we embrace so much of God that we might become just who God wants and needs us to be. God bless you each one.

Pastor Waldmann

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.

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

Helen Sheppard, 79-year member of PUMC, on 11/20/12; Jack Wiley, cousin of Elizabeth Morneault, on 11/24; Julia Centurelli, Mother of Julia Underwood, on 11/29; Dorothy May Kreidel, Great-Grandmother of David McWilliams, on 12/7; Orlene McClure, Sister of Ed Larkin, Sr., on 12/12; Azilda Mary Oullettee McLure, Grandmother of David Levesque, on 12/24; Duncan R. Studley, 26-year member of PUMC, on 12/31; Effie M. Burgess, 70-year member of PUMC, on 1/2/13; Nancy Travers, Sister of Ellen Cedarfield, on 1/4; Shirley Ford, Mother of Todd Ford, on 1/10; David White, Jan Demarest's Nephew, on 1/11.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES

will be updated and produced before the end of January, 2013. We will email these, have hard copies available outside the church office on the document table, and will mail one to any who request this. Look for this new Directory in just a week or so!

WHAT TO DO IF THE WEATHER TURNS 'IFFY'

While it certainly seems as though we have experienced a lot of strange and significant weather recently, we never know when snow or ice or other things that go 'bump in the night' might interfere with the church schedule.

If this happens, or if you are not sure if meetings or classes or worships will be held as planned should the weather turn 'iffy,' please do the following:

Tune into **WTIC News Talk 1080** (am radio), **WFSB TV channel 3** (or HD equivalent), or **WVIT NBC CT channel 4** (or HD equivalent), for the posted listings of closings and cancellations. We will keep the storm centers current should the weather do weird things!!

Thank you.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:

February 18.

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.

"Between the humble and contrite heart and the majesty of heaven, there are no barriers; the only password is prayer." ~ Hosea Ballou

Sunday School News & Notes

For the first four weeks of January, our students are divided into two groups.

Our youngest students, through Grade One, are continuing their journey in faith through "*Grow, Proclaim, Serve*" with Mrs. Becker and Mrs. Ostroski.

Older students are participating in a Drama Academy led by Mrs. Franceschini and Mrs. Levesque. They are working on the drama/comedy "*The PUMC BUNCH*" which is a parody of the Brady Bunch of TV fame. They are also learning a new song, "*Imagine Christ In You.*" At some point during the New Year, we hope to share their work with members of the congregation.

On **Sunday, February 3rd**, we will have a **SPRING RALLY DAY** to kick-off the 2nd half of our Sunday School Year. Breakfast will be served to all members and staff of our Sunday School at 9 AM. Parents are welcomed to join us.

We encourage Sunday School families to participate in the **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Worship Service starting at 6:30 PM on Feb. 13.** These special times of worship are very meaningful and help our young people understand grow in faith.

Don't miss the **MYF Talent Show on 3/23/13.** Publicity will be on its way to you soon.

Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Easter Sunday, 3/31** at 9 AM. Watch for details to follow.

Every week at Sunday School is full of excitement and learning. We look forward to seeing our students every Sunday. God Bless you all.

We are Blessed with an Active Church and Denomination

Things are hardly ever just 'the same old.' So much is taking place, and we want to be sure that you know about it all...

1. **DISTRICT RESOURCING DAYS** are set for Feb. 2, 10-Noon, West Harford UMC, and Feb. 10, 2-4, Stratford UMC. The specific workshops that are offered are posted on narthex bulletin boards at our church.
2. **The Sixth Annual HARTT SCHOOL of MUSIC CONCERT** will take place at 7:00 pm, Sunday, Feb. 10. Half of the proceeds go to Hartt; the other half benefit the Plainville Food Pantry.
3. **ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 13. The Agapé Meal takes place in the Upper Fellowship Hall at 6:30, followed by worship, Holy Communion, and the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00.
4. **The MYF TALENT SHOW and SUPPER** takes place on Saturday, March 23. More information about this is in this issue of the Messenger.
5. **March BIRTHDAY DIMES for MISSION** will be received on Palm Sunday, March 24, and not on Easter.
6. **HOLY THURSDAY** worship will take place on March 28, 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be observed at this worship.
7. **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** continues on most Wednesday evenings at the church, 7:00~8:15 p.m. This Study will run for most of 2013. Anyone can enter at any time; each lesson stands on its own. Just ask Pastor Waldmann for an outline of the Study. Child care is provided.

United Methodist Women News

Happy New Year! Even though this issue of *The Messenger* focuses on February and March, we would like to remind you and *INVITE* you to our **January 27th UMW meeting**, which will be from **2:00-4:00** in the Fellowship Hall. Our District President will be sharing a message, our officers will be presented and installed, and all women will receive a program booklet for 2013 year that describes the variety of opportunities for our group to grow in 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.

Please mark your calendars for our other upcoming meetings: **February 24th** and **March 24th**, both from **2:00-4:00**. During our February meeting, Denise Krom will lead us in a program entitled a "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial". In March, Karen Waldmann will introduce a Reading Program as another way to grow in our relationship with God and with each other!

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!

January Items – School supplies – Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps, ink

February Items – School supplies – Writing pads/paper, solar calculators, coloring/ picture books

March Items – Toys – Small cards, balls, dolls



An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Church on Monday, February 18, 2013, from 1 to 6 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 1-800-733-2767 or go to www.redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.

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

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 - District Resourcing Day. West Hartford UMC, 10 AM to NOON
- 3 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10 AM
- 10 - District Resourcing Day, Stratford UMC, 2 to 4 PM, Hartt School Benefit Concert, 7 PM
- 13 - Ash Wednesday, Agapé Meal, 6:30 PM, Worship with Holy Communion, 7 PM
- 3, 10, 17, 24 - MYF, 5:30 PM
- 20, 27 - Bible Study, 7 to 8:15 PM
- 7, 14, 21, 28 - Thursday Evenings Potluck Supper and Fellowship, 6 PM
- 3, 10, 17, 24 - Sunday Choir Rehearsal, Follows Worship

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION, 10AM
- 10 - Girl Scout Sunday, **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**
- 17 - April/May "MESSENGER" Articles DUE DATE
- 23 - MYF Talent Show and Supper
- 28 - Holy Thursday worship with Holy Communion, 7 PM
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - MYF, 5:30 PM
- 6, 13, 20, 27 - Bible Study, 7 to 8:15 PM
- 7, 14, 21, 28 - Thursday Evenings Potluck Supper and Fellowship, 6 PM
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(For more dates and times, also see full calendar on the last page.)

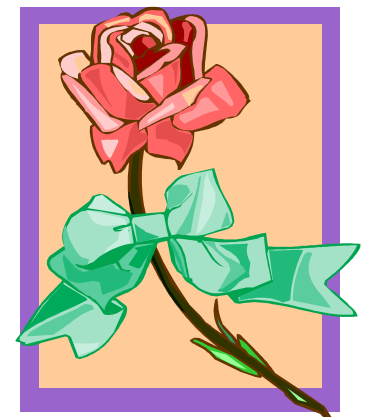
February Birthdays

- 3 - Boe Becker
- 4 - Ethan Cedarfield
- 6 - Michael Warren
- 7 - Riley Cedarfield
- 7 - Bjorg Davis
- 8 - 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
- 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 - Brian Burns
- 29 - Alicia Prigodich



March Birthdays

- 1 - Sarah Ford
- 1 - Russell Waldmann
- 1 - Katherine Willard
- 2 - Timothy Schilling
- 6 - Wyatt LaCombe
- 7 - Morgen LaCombe
- 7 - Jalena Webster
- 11 - Melinda Rogers
- 14 - Robert Burns
- 15 - Jessica Grenier
- 15 - Robert T. Silvestri
- 15 - Stephen Silvestri
- 22 - Woody Underwood
- 23 - Marjorie Wazorko
- 25 - Matthew Corriveau
- 25 - Lisa Levesque
- 30 - Cohen Blake
- 31 - Dorothy Larkin



Happy Anniversary!!!

February

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

March

- 7 Gilbert & Janice Demarest-64th
- 11 Joseph & Robin Sack
- 29 Brayton & Mary Tompkins-67th

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



MYF Talent Show & Pasta Dinner
 Saturday March 23
Family style pasta dinner
 5pm at PUMC

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Ticket \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12
 and under.

Tickets available at the door will be available
 Funds support youth mission trips
 Come celebrate our youth's
 talents!!

Interested performers call 860-
 490-6362.

TAG SALE - JUNE 22, 2013



Well it is back and hopefully everyone still
 has items that they no longer want. So bring
 them in and place them in front of the Tag
 Sale room. However, we will not accept
 electronics including TV's of any kind,
 computers, radios, and telephones, as these
 are very hard to get rid of.

If you have any questions, please call Donna
 Burns, chairman and she would be glad to
 answer any questions. Her telephone
 number is 860-747-1262.



The University of Hartford has recognized
 the outstanding scholastic achievement that
 Rebecka Mousch has accomplished and have
 placed her on the Dean's List for the Fall
 2012 semester.



February 14, 2013



Prayer Cards for the Soul

Sending a simple card from our Church to share joys, concerns, sorrows, accomplishments, etc. can only enhance a persons day, knowing some-one cares, in rare occasions – the only card.

Caring people; like those that offered to do another year of commitment to sending them, those informing us of the needs, and Rev. Waldmann for keeping all up-to-date!!!

Good for our souls and theirs: a win - win!!
Thank you all for being so special.

Jan Billings



Dear Church Family:

Thank you so much for all of your prayers for my family during my sister's passing. I appreciated every card, email and phone call that I received and it helped me immensely. My family is truly blessed to have each and every one of you in our lives. May God Bless you during this New Year!

Peace,
Ellen Cedarfield



Your opportunity to order delicious “Butter Braids” or “Frozen Cookie Dough” to be delivered in time for the Easter Holiday will begin during the month of February. (Orders will be taken from February 1 - March 11 with delivery on March 23).

Butter Braid pastry is a hand-braided frozen pastry made with the finest natural ingredients and filled with six delicious flavors. All you do is thaw, let the dough rise, and bake for some of the best pastry you have ever tasted!

Please plan to order several to have on hand for the holiday season.

See or contact Deanna Becker for more details – @ 747-2425.



March 10, 2013



NafME Winter Benefit Concert

The Hartt school of Music will be performing a concert hosted at the Plainville United Methodist Church located at 56 Red Stone Hill, Plainville, CT, on February 10th, 2013, at 7 PM. Suggested donation \$3.00.

Half of the proceeds will go to the local food pantry, while the other half will go towards supporting Hartt's chapter of NAFME.

For any questions please call the church at 860-747-2328 or email nafme@hartford.edu.



March 31, 2013



Easter Flower Order Form

6" Lilies _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____

6" Tulips _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____

6" Daffodils _____ x \$8.00 = _____

In Honor Of: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

In Memory Of: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Requested By: _____

Telephone No.: _____

We are accepting orders for Easter Flowers until March 17th. Please complete this form and return it with your payment payable to PUMC to Sherry Cole or Donna Burns.

If you have any questions, please call Sherry at 860-793-9820 or Donna at 860-747-1262.

Note: The flowers will adorn the Sanctuary altar during the Easter service. Anyone wishing to take the flowers they ordered may do so immediately after the service. PLEASE NOTE: Any flowers not picked up by April 7, will be distributed to whoever wants them.

FEBRUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY SCHEDULE: SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 AM						
3 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship Worship with Holy Communion Choir Rehearsal After Worship MYF 5:30 PM	4 7 pm - Trustee	5 9:30 am -Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	6	7 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	8	9
10 9:00 am Sunday School 10 am - Worship Choir Rehearsal After Worship District Resourcing 2 to 4 pm, Stratford UMC Hartt School Winter Concert 7 PM	11	12 9:30 am -Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	13  Agapé Meal 6:30 PM Worship 7:00 PM	14  Happy Valentines Day	15	16
17 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Sunday School 10 am - Worship	18  PRESIDENT'S DAY Church Office Closed Red Cross Blood Drive-1 to 6 pm 7 pm-Church Council	19	20 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	21 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	22	23
24 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Sunday School 10 am - Worship UMW - 2 to 4 PM Birthday Dimes for Missions	25 7 pm - District Committee on the Superintendency	26 7 pm - Education Committee	27 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	28 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship		

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

MARCH 2013

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10 4th Sunday in Lent 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am -Worship 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study MYF - 5:30 pm	11 Daylight Savings Time Begins 3/10/13	12 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	13 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	14 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	15	16
17 5th Sunday in Lent St. Patrick's Day 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am -Worship Choir Rehearsal After Worship April/May "Messenger" Article Due Date -MYF - 5:30 pm	18	19 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	20 First Day of Spring 7 to 8:15 p.m.- Bible Study	21 6 pm -Thursday Evenings Pot Luck Supper & Fellowship	22	23 MYF Talent Show and Supper- 5 pm
24 Palm Sunday  10:00 am -Worship UMW - 2 to 4 PM	25	26 9:30 am - Tues. Ladies 7 pm - BSA	27	28 Holy Thursday 7 pm - Worship with Holy Communion	29 Good Friday 	30
31 Easter Sunday 10 AM  Birthday Dimes for Missions	SUNDAY SCHEDULE SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM 					

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DATED MATERIAL - PLEASE DO NOT HOLD

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THE PLAINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2013 / MARCH 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.