The Clock ~ December 29, 2021

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**Important Message from Rev. Don**

With the Covid variant Omicron surging and leading to the largest increase of cases in the Pandemic, we've decided **through January** at least to enact some changes to Sunday services, which at this point we are NOT canceling. In February we will reassess.

- No Choir
- No Coffee Hour (fellowship available in courtyard where there is now a patio heater, to-go coffee available in reception room near the office.)
- Shorter services with less singing and vocalized readings
- Spiritual Communion (Communion without the passing of elements so no taking off masks to partake)
- Continuing with no offertory (but donation box)

These items are in addition to masking, preferably with high-grade masks which are available at church if needed.

Please note, all of this is subject to change quickly. Many experts are forecasting for us to get a sudden surge of new cases and an increase in hospitalizations that will quickly dissipate by mid to late winter. So we'll play it by ear.

I realize this will be disappointing to some. But of all places and times, worship should be the safest place/time possible. My goal has been to get through this Pandemic without anyone contracting Covid as a result of what we do. It would be hard to forgive myself if someone got sick or, God forbid, died because we were not extra-cautious. Hopefully, you can understand this sentiment. I ask for your understanding if not.

All of this said, I truly believe that this winter is the Pandemic's last stand. Omicron is a less severe variant, though extremely contagious and still a threat because of this. So, let's get through the winter together, and safely so.

Peace,
Rev Don
Weekly Schedule

**Sunday**

**9:45 a.m. Hymn-Listen**
~ Join us as we listen to pre-recorded hymns from the Pilgrim Hymnal and prepare ourselves for Worship ~

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**
~ In-person worship will be Live-Streamed via Facebook ~

**HYMN-LISTEN & FOLLOW-ALONG**

At 9:45, in the sanctuary, there will be a playing of pre-recorded hymns using the Pilgrim Hymnal as our guide.

January 2nd, we will start with hymns 1, 2, and 3 from the Pilgrim Hymnal. The music will play from our speaker system.

**Please Note:**

Due to the current Covid surge, Classes and Events scheduled for January such as Bagel Church, Theology Book Club and The American Religious History class have been cancelled. Bagel Church and Theology Book Club will resume in February at this time.

Please contact the Church Office if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Notices & Information

In November we kicked off our Stewardship campaign for 2022 ~ Rooted in LOVE.

One of three cornerstones of Stewardship is the gift of TIME.

With that in mind, we are looking for volunteers to help out at C.C.P.!

**Church Leadership & Committee Volunteers...**

The Nominating Committee is completing the list of Church Leadership and Committee Volunteers for 2022. We have MANY positions open and need your help to make our church run smoothly. Please prayerfully consider joining one of our wonderful committees and let the Church Office or any one from the nominating committee know. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**Currently Serving on a Committee...**

If you are currently serving on a committee and wish to come off please contact the Church office by January 2nd. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office. Thank you.

Message from the Stewardship Team
Stewardship Envelopes

If you requested offering envelopes for your 2022 pledges they are located on the shelf in the entry hall. Please pick them up at your convenience.

Thank you!

In Our Community

Plainville Community Food Pantry

The Plainville Community Food Pantry has served the town of Plainville for decades, providing not only food assistance, but also clothing, heating assistance through the Fuel Bank, and referrals to crisis intervention services. It has been a lifeline for many. The pandemic has strained its resources, and strained its staff as well, as the work of volunteers had to be curtailed.

We can all help. Consider writing a check. Add the Food Pantry to your weekly shopping list...it will quickly become a habit.

The Food Pantry basket is in the Narthex ready to accept donations of food and other non-perishable items.

If you would prefer to make a financial contribution please send a check to The Plainville Community Food Pantry at 54 South Canal Street, Plainville, CT 06062.

If you have any questions for the food pantry or are in need of help please contact them at (860) 747-1919.

Thank you.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Church Office via phone at 860-747-1901 or via email at churchoffice@uccplainville.org.

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