

# August Link

## Eat at Joes

This may be something that only I remember, or perhaps it's even something that I remember that wasn't actually a thing, just a mike-mind fabrication, but nonetheless, it's something that's very real to me.

When I was a kid, watching Saturday morning cartoons, you know, bugs-bunny and pals I recall seeing over and over a sign that says "EAT AT JOES" with a sign pointing to a diner entrance. Of course when I watch them now a days mind you I never see that episode, but I do realize that most of the jokes, political humor and "sign of the times" satire were completely lost on us kids, just there to watch a anthropomorphized bunny rabbit get the best of good ole Elmer Fudd. And at that point. . . not a very nice promotion of politically correct, stereotyping hunters as dumb, poorly spoken fumbling fools, which in my experience in life, is very much not the case (I'm not a hunter, I just know some).

Fast forward 15 years from my childhood and now I'm working at the Danbury mall, and what do you know, a blinking sign for a restaurant there, named nothing else than "Eat at joes" . . . well I wasn't crazy after all, it is a thing! Well I'll be.

It seems these days we need to put more signs like this out in the world to get people to open their front door and (safely) venture out to help support those that are struggling. We need to carry a sign that lets the world know that the world is "open for business" just albeit with a bit more caution and safety in mind, we can function.

One of those places that might need an "eat at joes" sign is out on the front lawn of Pleasant Valley UMC. Because **we are open!** Our services are live streaming, and in person on Sundays at 10AM. We are moving forward cautiously and carefully to keep everyone safe if they do choose to join us in worship service. If you're still not comfortable with our in-person worship, or if you're in a high-risk group (pre-existing condition, over 65, etc.), or heck, if you just don't like the idea that we can't sing, then by all means please stay home and worship with us online.

But remember, before, during and after this pandemic, Jesus was there. His doors were never closed, His love was never more than a prayer away, and in Him, and only in Him can we find comfort, safety and eternal love that will transcend this life and into the next.

Stay Safe, stay Healthy and keep praying!

Blessings Always  
Pastor Mike and Karen Antici



## Rainbows

Rainbows would never be rainbows  
If sunshine had never met rain  
No one would ever need comfort  
If there was no sadness and pain

But life holds both sunshine and showers  
The days are not all bright and fair  
So look through the showers  
for the rainbows  
You will always find hope  
shining there.

## Scriptures for August

August 2: "Don't Say Anything": Ephesians 4:17-32

August 9: "Change is Hard!": Exodus 14:1-12, 26-28

August 16: "It's in there! - Naked and Afraid": Isaiah 56:6-8, Matthew 15:21-28

August 23: "It's in there! -Locks keep out honest people": Isaiah 51:1-6, Matthew 16:13-20

August 30: "It's in there! -Eat your vegetables": Jeremiah 15:15-21, Matthew 16:21-28

## August Schedule

August 2 August 9 August 16 August 23 August 30	<u>Nursery Care</u>  Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	<u>Cleaners</u>  Sherwin Volunteer Needed Millahn Millahn Perry	<u>Ushers</u>  Barbara Sherwin & Shirley Green Barb & Steve Bailey Dawn & Wayne Renfrew Nick & Jennie Peck Sandy Slemmer& Dennis Delaney
August 2 August 9 August 16 August 23 August 30	<u>Greeters</u>  Bertha Weih Hurley Family Green Family Volunteer Needed Margo Fenn	<u>Lectors</u>  John Baum Karen Dietz Suzanne Hurley-Gerber Shelley Bailey Karen Antici	<u>Coffee Hour</u>  **may resume in September**
August 2 August 9 August 16 August 23 August 30	<u>Children's Message</u>  Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed		
August 2 August 9 August 16 August 23 August 30	<u>Lector Readings</u>  Ephesians 4:17-32 Exodus 14:1-12, 26-28 Isaiah 56:6-8, Matthew 15:21-28 Isaiah 51:1-6, Matthew 16:13-20 Jeremiah 15:15-21, Matthew 16:21-28		

Goodbye July...   
 ALOHA August!

**\*\*Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

## August

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
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2 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	3  6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	4 10:00AM Bible Study  7:00PM Trustees Meeting  8:00PM AA	5	6  2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank  6:45PM AA	7	8
9 10:00AM Worship Service	10	11 10:00AM Bible Study  7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting  8:00PM AA	12	13  6:45PM AA	14	15
16 10:00AM Worship Service	17  6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	18 10:00AM Bible Study  8:00PM AA	19	20  2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank  6:45PM AA	21	22
23 10:00AM Worship Service	24	25 10:00AM Bible Study  8:00PM AA	26	27	28	29
30 10:00AM Worship Service	31  6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank					

## Church Humor:



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I was checking out at the local Walmart with just a few items and the lady behind me put her things on the belt close to mine. I picked up one of those 'dividers' that they keep by the cash register and placed it between our things so they wouldn't get mixed.

After the girl had scanned all of my items, she picked up the 'divider', looking it all over for the bar code so she could scan it.

Not finding the bar code, she said to me, 'Do you know how much this is?'

I said to her 'I've changed my mind; I don't think I'll buy that today.'

She said 'OK,' and I paid her for the things and left.

She had no clue to what had just happened.

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It was little Johnny's first day at school and he'd been told by his mum to listen to the teacher and do exactly as he was told.

The teacher told the class that at the beginning of each day they would start with the pledge of allegiance. She instructed her new charges to put their right hand over their hearts and repeat after her, "I pledge allegiance to the flag..."



Looking around she noticed little Johnny with his hand over the right cheek of his bottom. She got rather cross with him and told him she would not continue until he put his hand over his HEART!

Little Johnny started crying and wailed. "But it is over my heart. I know it is because when Grandma comes to visit us, she pats me here," indicating his bottom, "and then she always says 'Bless your little heart, Johnny' and my grandma goes to church every Sunday and she sure wouldn't lie!"

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Mrs. Monaghan came into the newsroom to pay for her husband's obituary. She was told by the kindly newsman that it was a dollar per word, and that he remembered Pete, and it was certainly too bad he had passed away.

She thanked him for his kind words and bemoaned the fact that she only had two dollars, but she wrote out the obituary, "Pete died."

The newsman said he thought old Pete deserved more and said he would give her three more words at no charge.

Mrs. Monaghan sincerely thanked him and rewrote the obituary:

"Pete died. Boat for sale".

## **August Announcements**

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Mike has office hours on Sunday from 12:30PM to 3:30PM or by appointment.

### **Church contact info:**

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Social distancing only works  
if we all participate.  
And slowing down or preventing  
the spread of the virus  
will save lives.



**We all are responsible for protecting  
those at higher risk.**