***WUMCO Has Concern for Food Supply***

At the annual WUMCO Help, Inc. meeting on April 19, it was announced that a drop off in food supply has taken place with the closing of Selby’s Market. There are new collection points at the Poolesville Town Hall and Finders Keepers in Poolesville. Dee Turner, director of the JPMS drama club, announced that her group would be undertaking various activities throughout the year to assist collecting non-perishables. On May 12, the twentieth annual Post Office Stop the Hunger Campaign will take place. Residents will be encouraged to leave canned and non-perishable food at their mailbox.

WUMCO also honored two volunteers for their contribution in 2011 to the organization. Angie Drum, who stepped in to handle the financial management of the group upon the death of founder Fred Stearns, was the first to be recognized. She also served as treasurer for many years. The other volunteer was Katie McFall. Katie, a senior at PHS, interned this past year and was of valuable service to WUMCO by performing many administrative and organizational tasks.

Volunteer Catherine Beliveau was newly voted to the board of directors. Catherine has been a volunteer driver for WUMCO for years and, through her active membership at Poolesville Presbyterian Church, initiated and worked with Poolesville’s Community Economic and Development Committee in creating the Fall Festival - Walk for WUMCO.

Nancy Allnutt was re-elected as president and Tracey Forfa was elected as vice president. Local accountant and WUMCO volunteer, Jim Ridgeway, was elected as the new treasurer and member of the board of directors. Ray Hoewing and Mike Plummer were both re-elected to the board of directors.

***Welcome Lily***

Richard Weyrauch and Lori Carroll Weyrauch of Poolesville welcomed the birth of their second daughter, Lily Nicole Weyrauch, on March 10, 2012. Paternal grandparents are Theodore and Frances Weyrauch of Vienna, Virginia. Maternal grandparents are Patrick Carroll of Massena, New York, and Martin and Brigitte Smoral of Frederick, Maryland.

***Ridgon Celebrates Thirty-Five Years as a Priest***

Father Vincent Rigdon of Our Lady of the Presentation Roman Catholic Church in Poolesville commemorated the anniversary of his priesthood on April 29 by celebrating Mass just as he did his very first Mass thirty-five years ago through a beautiful and serenely-sung Latin Mass. The Gregorian chanting was provided by a group of seminarians from Mt. Saint Mary’s in Emmitsburg, Maryland, the alma mater of Father Rigdon.

In the congregation, sharing the milestone, were family, friends, and colleagues representing each chapter of his spiritual journey. One friend traveled from Texas. She knew Father Rigdon from his chaplain days in the U.S. Air Force from which he retired as a lieutenant colonel. The one who traveled the furthest was co-celebrant Monsignor Ramon Masculino from the Philippines. The other co-celebrant was Monsignor Joseph Mulqueen, retired navy chaplain.

Father Rigdon expressed gratitude to all who had supported him through the years, crediting his deceased mother whenever God gave him a good assignment but joking that he took sole responsibility whenever the assignments were not so good.

The celebration was on the Sunday of the church calendar that relates the story of the Good Shepherd, and Father noted that it correlated directly to his calling as a priest. In thanking Father Rigdon for being a Good Shepherd to the congregation of Our Lady of the Presentation, Tookie Genitlcore presented him with a special parish gift, a check that will cover the cost of a trip to Rome so that he can be present when Native American Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the Mohawks, officially becomes a saint within the Roman Catholic Church.Father Rigdon closed the service by noting that he was happy to be with everyone that day, happy to be a priest, and especially happy to be a priest at Our Lady of the Presentation.