



**CROP Walk ~
PUMC is enthusiastically
participating in the
Joliet CROP Walk.**

Date: Sunday, October 23, 2011

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Faith Lutheran Church,
353 N. Midland Ave., Joliet

Church World Service, the organizer of CROP Walks, assists communities in overcoming systemic local hunger and provides disaster relief, along with promoting fair national and international policies. Through CROP Walks, CWS raises millions from generous donors and participants like you. These gifts transform whole communities, for example, through building sand dams to harvest rain water for long-term storage for communities that otherwise do not have adequate water resources.

We have set a goal of raising \$5000 this year, 25% of which will support the Blessing Bench Food Pantry in Joliet, a ministry that feeds nearly 400 people every week. The other 75% of our goal could cover half the cost for CWS to build a sand dam to provide long-term water resources for a rural community in Africa that can last as long as 50 years!

• COUPONING GROUP STARTING IN OCTOBER ~

If you would like to save a significant amount of money on your grocery bills or the amount you spend at restaurants, you will want to meet Stephanie Thompson. She is leading our newest small group called Couponing. The first meeting will be held in room 206-207 on Monday, October 10 at 7 PM. The group will meet weekly so that Stephanie can teach you how to clip, organize, store, and use money saving coupons. Each week the group will swap coupons and help each other with tips about shopping. For more information contact Stephanie at 815-436-1668 or at thompsonsteph@att.net

• HELP THE COUPONERS ~ Instead of recycling the inserts from your newspapers, bring them to Church with you and place them in the crate provided in the stairway across from the office. The Couponing Group can use them at the weekly meetings. Thanks in advance for helping this group save money.



- Alise Anderson's mother, Missy Whitlock
- Fern Angelos' sister Nancy Palmer
- Jill Clem's daughter-in-law, Nicole Clem
- Louise Corey
- Jim Ferguson & Alice Otto's mother, Margaret Ferguson
- Carole Holloway's friends, Patrick & Ray Sullivan
- Carol May's friend, Wendy Lange
- Rich Ponulak
- Jean Seneca
- Rena Snyder's cousin, Susan Sandusky

We continue to pray for all of our Military families and friends as they continue to serve our country.

• THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE ~ enables us to journey in prayer through every region of the world & affirm our solidarity with Christians around the globe. Please pray for *Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.*

• PLAYFUL PRAISE TEACHERS & HELPERS NEEDED

We are currently looking for leaders for our Playful Praise Children's program 2 times a month during the 11 am worship service. Playful Praise is a worship opportunity for preschoolers through kindergarteners during the regular worship service (following the children's sermon). Lesson materials are provided. Please contact Pastor Sherry if you are interested at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com

• THE STRESS SUPPORT GROUP ~ will meet next Monday evening, October 3rd, at the Church. The Stress Support Group offers a chance to share stressful times and to get feedback and support from Christian peers in a confidential group setting. People experiencing stress due to a variety of circumstances are invited to participate.



• THE FAMILY MINISTRY COMMITTEE ~ would like to invite all families to join together for a day of fun at the Morton Arboretum on Saturday, October 22nd. What better way to connect with your family than to spend a day strolling in God's amazing creation! The Arboretum's annual Scarecrow Walk will be in full swing and the colors should be stunning. Ticket prices will be \$9 for adults and \$6 for kids 2-17 (kids under 2 are free) with the group rate and a donation from the Family Ministry Committee! We will meet at the Visitor Center at Noon, so feel free to bring a picnic and enjoy the day with us. Please RSVP to Wendy Proulx at wjproulx@comcast.net with the number of each type of ticket needed no later than October 11th. We must purchase the tickets in advance and this will give us time to distribute them during Church on October 17th. We hope to see lots of families there. P.S. We know the weather will be perfectly gorgeous, but if you're worried - the tickets have no expiration, so we can plan an outing for another day if needed!!

• CALLING ALL YOUNG MEN!! ~ On Saturday, October 15th at 10:00am the Young Men's Group will be settling some unfinished business... making a return trip to Norway, IL to drive racing karts at Concept Haulers Motor Speedway. The karts run over 45 mph and are a blast. Racing jacket, neck brace, helmet and gloves are provided. **Ankle length pants and closed toe shoes are required.** All young men are invited - this is a great time to get to know the group. For more information or if you are interested in attending and haven't already done so please e-mail Tim Scates at tim_sher@sbcglobal.net. Check out the race track at <http://www.jetkarting.com>.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE FAMILIES AT DEL VALLE

- Do you have gently-used clothing that your children (or you) have outgrown or no longer use? If so, would you please check the list below for items the family needs? If you can help, put the clothing in a bag marked "Del Valle Family" and put it in the storage area (across from the office near the stairs to the balcony). Thank you for your help. This family will greatly appreciate the clothing, shoes, and diapers you provide!

Girls:	Age 2 clothing size 5	shoes 5 1/2
	Age 3 clothing size 4	shoes 9
	Age 5 clothing size 5	shoes 9
	Age 9 clothing size 12 regular	shoes 5
Boys:	Age 7 clothing size 8	shoes 1
	Age 6 clothing size 8	shoes 1

Mom: Age 27 clothing size XL, shoes 8 1/2

Dad: Age 28 shirt size large, pants 34x30

They also need diapers, size 6 (they like Pampers)

- There is a woman whose family is served by the Del Valle School who is expecting a baby soon. She needs everything. If you have some gently used baby things, please consider donating them to this woman. Bring them to the storage area for Del Valle at the foot of the balcony stairs (across from the church office). Put them in a bag marked "baby items." (Baby diapers and bottles are also welcomed.)
- One of the families served by the Del Valle School badly needs a full-size bed (mattress, etc.). If you have replaced your bed and are willing to donate it to the family, please call Maria Acosta, School Director, at 815-436-1092. They can make arrangements for pick-up.
- 1st WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER** ~ The youth are hosting the first Wednesday night dinner on October 5th. The dinners are an excellent opportunity for our church family to come together in Christian fellowship. Come and eat before participating in our small groups and choir. Or just come, eat, and enjoy an evening out with no cooking, no cleaning up - just good food and great fellowship!

MISSION UPDATE

• THE GARDEN CART IN "BUSINESS" UNTIL OCT 9

Our harvests seem to be good this summer as we continue to receive donations of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, onions, corn, etc. each Sunday morning. Please take a look, and if you see something you'd like, take it and leave a donation that you consider to be fair. Most of what is available was picked just an hour or so previously, so it is nice and fresh!

• HELP NEEDED FOR HOMECOMING SNACK SALE

Because of town regulations, we may no longer offer snacks made in our own kitchens at our Homecoming Snack Sale on October 8. We would appreciate it so much if you could provide us with sealed snacks purchased at the grocery stores. Please put them in a bag labeled "Mission Sale" and leave them in the church kitchen by Oct. 6. We can always use help at the sale - come early, before they block off the streets. You may help us set up, sell hot dogs, beverages, snacks, or be a "runner" to bring things up from the kitchen. And.....you'll have a great parade-viewing spot!

• **FOOD PANTRY NEWS** ~ PUMC supports three food pantries. (1) The Plainfield Interfaith Food Pantry, (2) our own pantry as well as (3) Trinity UMC, Joliet which we serve each month on the 4th Wednesday from 11am-3pm. Please contact Pastor Sherry for more information.

• **ADOPT-A-BILL** ~ This program helps us meet our ongoing expenses to keep our church building running. Please consider "adopting a bill". See the display on the bulletin board in Janet Brown Fellowship Hall. To date we have received \$3,264.

• **THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE** ~ is looking for people interested in history and have creative ideas for displays. Our PUMC and Plainfield have a lot of history and we like to preserve it in our files and display it in the Park Friendship Room. We gather present information and articles to keep our files updated. It takes a couple of hours once a month. Come join us. Call Janet or Rena for information. Janet Gullicksen 1-815-463-0846 or Rena Snyder 1-815-436-3414

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 2 - October 8

Sunday October 2

8:30a Worship Service
 9:30a Coffee Hour Fellowship
 9:45a Sunday School for all ages and Confirmation
 10:00a Eucharist Service
 11:00a Worship Service
 12:00p Sunday Brunch Bunch (Offsite)
 12:30p Young Men's Group (Offsite)
 4:00p New Member Meet 'n Greet (C/L)
 6:30p Jr. High UMYF (206-207)

Monday October 3

8:30a Prayer Shawl Knitting (PFH)
 12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
 5:00p Girl Scout Troop #148 (JBFH)
 7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)
 7:00p Stress Support Group (205)

Tuesday October 4

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

4:30p Girl Scout Troop #987 (JBFH)

Wednesday October 5

9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
 5:30p Junior Chimes (204)
 5:45p 1st Wednesday Dinner (JBFH)
 6:00p Conversational Spanish (C/L)
 6:30p WHAM! (202 & 205)
 7:00p UMYF (206/207)
 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00p Boy Scouts (106)
 7:00p Website Training (PFH)

Thursday October 6

7:00p Cub Scouts Den 4 (JBFH)
 7:00p Plainfield Area Community Chorus (Choir Rm)

Friday October 7 - Office Closed

7:00p Cub Scout Pack 82 Den 7 (JBFH)

Saturday October 8

8:30a Boy Scout Troop 82 Pancake Breakfast (JBFH)
 9:00a Plainfield Area Infertility Group (205)
 6:00p Restaurant Samplers (Offsite)