



Advent Workshop

This Wednesday, November 30th, 5:45 pm

No cooking allowed!

We will be having a work-free potluck. Just pick up a sack of your favorite food at a fast food restaurant (chicken, burgers, tacos, egg roles, etc.) and bring it to share.

Punch and water will be provided.

We will eat together at 5:45.

At 6:30, families grab their passport & embark on an Advent adventure at interactive craft, music, and storytelling stations. Childcare will be available for infants and toddlers in room 101

Make this Christmas season special from the start!

- **A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** ~ at the historic Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. The Aurora District of The United Methodist Church presents this celebration on **December 4, 2011 at 3pm.** Sing with voices from around the district and enjoy listening to choirs proclaiming our Savior's birth! Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in the church office.
- **WANTED** ~ Your Photo for the Membership Directory. It's not too late to have your picture taken for the upcoming photo membership directory. Please phone Sharon Frink at (815) 436-2207 to schedule your free sitting time. If you are unable to sit for a new portrait, you may submit a photo to the church office. We hope you won't miss this opportunity to be part of the new directory!

- Marie Brown's friends the Rundblade family
- Jill Clem's daughter-in-law, Nicole Clem
- Patty Habersberger's friend, Bob Geiss
- Molly Jarot
- Skip Glasgow
- Sue Krnac
- Harriett Nelson's mother Harriett Crismon
- James McIntosh
- Bill Niedoborski's granddaughter Jessica Niedoborski
- Helen Niemeyer
- Alice Otto's friend, Greg Derner
- Dave Patkowa
- Nancy Richie's friend, Leonard Tores
- Diane Roberts' friends, Beth Larson & Family
- Diane Roberts' mother, Esther Medelberg
- Chrissy Santerelli's father-in-law, Dale Santerelli
- Lois Schwiesow
- Bob Seaborg
- Ron & Mary Sears niece, Amy Mitchell
- Jean Seneca
- Nancy Wing



• **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 *Liberia and Sierra Leone*.

• **FOOD PANTRY NEWS** ~ Your continued support of the local food pantries is a wonderful outreach for our neighbors who are in need. In December we are collecting 1 pound bags of rice for the Trinity UMC pantry. We will serve this pantry on December 28th & hope you will be able to join in.

• **ADOPT-A-BILL** ~ Please check out the bulletin board in the fellowship hall and "adopt-a-bill" to help with the ongoing expenses of our church. Year to date we have received \$3,964.

• **IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO RETURN YOUR 2012 COMMITMENT CARD** ~ Through your commitment to PUMC we are able to continue in ministry to our neighbors, our nation and the world. We know this is a busy time of year for all of you but hope you will take time to let your church know of your support by returning your commitment card as soon as possible. This will enable the church leaders and pastoral staff to plan for 2012.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ Nov. 27-Dec. 3

Sunday November 27

- 8:30a Worship Service
- 9:30a Coffee Hour Fellowship
- 9:45a Sunday School for all ages and Confirmation
- 10:00a Euchrist Service
- 11:00a Worship Service
- 6:30p Jr. High UMYF (206/207)

Monday November 28

- 12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
- 7:00p Administrative Council (JBFH)
- 7:00p Stress Support Group (205)
- 7:15p Coupon Group (206/207)

Tuesday November 29

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE BY NOON
No Church Events

Wednesday November 30

- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
- 12:00p Widow's Small Group (Offsite)
- 5:45p Junior Chimes (206)
- 5:45p Advent Festival Pot-Luck
- 6:30p Advent Festival
- 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #362 (106)
- 7:00p Sr. High UMYF (Pioneer Lanes Bowling Alley)
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)

Thursday December 1

No Church Events

Friday December 2 - Office Closed

- 7:00p Sound Meditation (206/207)
- 7:00p Cub Scout Den 7 (JBFH)

Saturday December 3

- 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal



THANKS TO YOU
THE PIE AUCTION WAS
A GREAT SUCCESS!

An evening of fun auctioning 46 pies, a cake, 2 quarts of ice cream, some fudge and other items **resulted in \$4,800 for missions** at our annual Pie Auction last Sunday evening. All funds raised will be used for mission projects, including such things as our Church Scholarship for Sarah Casey, Morning Star Mission, Marcy Newberry, Red Bird Mission, Lee Memorial Mission, the Inoculation Project, Heifer Live Gifts, and our Missionary, Sandy Raasch. We sincerely thank all who participated.

We have a wonderful, mission-minded church family! The event was hosted by our Missions Committee, a hard-working group. See the December Circuit Rider for additional details. P.S. There were a few Silent Auction items left from our Pie Auction last week. They will be available in the front hall today.

• **THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY FOR THE MISSION MITTEN TREE** ~ This Sunday, following worship, we will remove all the warm items and take them to places that will distribute them to people who need some help keeping warm during our cold winter. We thank all of you who have donated items to the Mitten Tree!

• **THE LOVE TREE** ~ Next Sunday, December 4, the Mission Tree will become The Love Tree and will be covered with tags containing information about the needs and wishes of some of the family members served by the Del Valle Migrant Head Start School. (More information next week)

• **WE EXTEND SYMPATHY TO TIM & SHERRY SCATES AND FAMILY** ~ in the loss of Tim's great grandmother, Janice Scates. Cards may be sent to them at 5112 Wildflower Court, Plainfield, IL 60586.



• **UNITED METHODIST STUDENT SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY** ~ Josh Union, **United Methodist Student Day** scholarship recipient and student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, plans to use his degree in business management and computer science to make the world a better place.

"No matter what I do, I want to die having done something to better the planet," said Josh, who envisions ways that he can use his business acumen to invest in development projects overseas. His goal is "to serve God as faithfully, as obediently as I can."

Every year hundreds of students like Josh receive scholarships and loans funded by **United Methodist Student Day**. "You can actually help provide students with the very materials and encouragement they need," he said about the importance of this offering.

When you give to **United Methodist Student Day**, you support students who are finding new ways to serve God in the world. Your contributions are needed more than ever.

• **2012 CALENDARS AND GREETING CARDS** ~ Calendars for 2012 are now being collected for residents at Sunny Hill Nursing Home. Wall-sized calendars are preferred, but all types will be donated. Greeting cards are also appreciated. Please place calendars & cards in the designated box in the stairwell now through January 2012. See Janet Gullicksen for more information.

• **SHOP WITH SCRIP.com** ~ For all your holiday supplies and gifts. Help PUMC Youth streamline Scrip orders and increase our fundraising efforts by ordering your cards online and re-charge selected cards for quicker access. Go to shopwithscrip.com, "Create Account" under "Family Sign Up!" in the green box, and enter our code after registration: 198CA37417L96

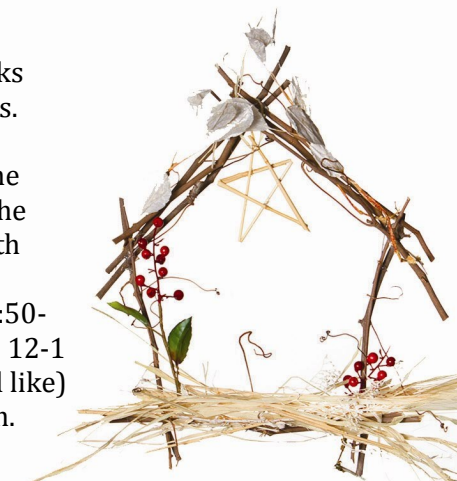
• This Wednesday night, **November 30**, senior high youth will **meet at Pioneer Lanes at 15610 S. Joliet Rd. at 7:00PM until 8:30PM**. Please bring **\$10 per person**, \$7 of which pays for the bowling (including shoes) and the other \$3 helps cover the cost of food.

What will you take out of the box this Christmas?

Find something new in an old story...
 the one at the heart of the season.

Join us for dynamic, interactive worship experiences in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

To move deeper into the season, plan to attend the Adult Advent Study with Pastor Sherry on Sunday mornings from 9:50-10:45 or on Mondays from 12-1 (bring a lunch if you would like) in the conference room.



Take Christmas out of the box this year.
 You may even find yourself in the story.



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ADVENT SCHEDULE

November 30 - Advent Festival
 5:45p Fast food pot-luck dinner
 6:30p Festival adventure begins

December 11 - Children's Christmas Program at 11:00a

December 18 - Christmas Cantata at 8:30 & 11:00a

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services:

5:00p Family Worship

7:00p Traditional Worship

10:30p Worship with Chancel Choir

December 25 and January 1, 2012 there will be only one worship service at 10:00am and no Sunday School.