

- **A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** ~ at the historic Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. The Aurora District of The United Methodist Church presents this celebration **Today at 3pm.** Sing with voices from around the district and enjoy listening to choirs proclaiming our Savior's birth! Tickets are available in the church office for \$10 and may be purchased at the door for \$15.

- **WANTED** ~ Your Photo for the Membership Directory. It's not too late to have your picture taken for the upcoming 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!

- **IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO RETURN YOUR 2012 COMMITMENT CARD** ~ Through your commitment to PUMC we are able to continue our ministries. 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.

- **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** ~ Come join us for our December book! We will be reading and discussing Island of Saints by Andy Andrews. Then we will gather by the fireplace on Thursday, Dec. 15th at 7 pm for a Christmas celebration and our discussion. All women are welcome! Contact Pastor Sherry with questions at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com.



- *Marie Brown's friends the Rundblade family
- *Eun-Hye Choi's neice, Elizabeth Ro
- *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
- *Nancy Mattison-Trevino's friend, Steve Seales Family and cousin Don Spies.
- *James McIntosh
- *Helen Niemeyer
- *Alice Otto's friend, Greg Derner
- *Dave Patkowa
- *Nancy Richie's friend, Leonard Tores
- *Diane Roberts' friends, Beth Larson and Family
- *Diane Roberts' mother, Esther Medelberg
- *Chrissy Santerelli's father-in-law, Dale Santerelli
- *Lois Schwiesow
- *Bob Seaborg
- *Jean Seneca
- *Chris Walter's father, Pete Walters
- *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 *Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Senegal.*

- **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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ Dec. 4-Dec. 10

Sunday December 4

- 8:30a Worship Service
- 9:30a Coffee Hour Fellowship
- 9:45a New Member Class (Church Office)
- 9:45a Parenting Teens Class (Finance Office)
- 9:45a Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation
- 10:00a Euchrist Service
- 11:00a Worship Service
- 12:30p Baptism Orientation (PFH)
- 12:30p Young Men's Group (Offsite)
- 3:00p Make A Joyful Noise (Rialto Theater)

Monday December 5

- 8:30a Prayer Shawl Knitting (PFH)
- 12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
- 5:00p Girl Scout Troop #148 (JBFH)
- 7:00p Boy Scout Committee Mtg (JBFH)
- 7:15p Coupon Group (206/207)

Tuesday December 6

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE BY 12pm

- 9:30a Letter Writing Small Group (PFH)
- 6:30p Cub Scout Den 8 (JBFH)
- 7:00p S.I.S. Small Group (Offsite)

Wednesday December 7

- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
- 5:45p Junior Chimes (206)
- 6:00p Conversational Spanish (C/L)
- 6:30p Family Ministry Team (204)
- 6:30p WHAM! (202 and 205)
- 7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Boy Scouts (106)



Thursday December 8

- 7:00p Cub Scouts Den 4 (JBFH)
- 7:00p Plainfield Area Community Chorus
- 7:00p Trustee Meeting (C/L)

Friday December 9 - Office Closed

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

Saturday December 10

- 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal
- 9:00a Plainfield Area Infertility Group (205)
- 6:00p Restaurant Samplers (Offsite)



- **THE LOVE TREE IS READY!** ~ Our Mission Tree in the front hall is now covered with tags for people in our area who are in need of a little help at Christmas. There are several families from Del Valle represented who have remained in our area this winter. Their tags have suggestions for items they would like to have and things they need. There are also tags for some of the residents at Sunny Hill Nursing Home, listing their needs.

If you can help, take a tag, purchase a gift, wrap the gift, firmly attach the tag to the front, and bring the gift to the church, placing it under the tree, no later than December 18th. The gifts will be delivered on Monday, December 19th.

If you don't wish to shop, you can help us provide Aldi gift certificates to the Del Valle families by writing a check to PUMC with "Love Tree" in the memo space. You can put the check in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. Thanks for your help!

- **WHAM!** -- All kids in kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to join us this Wednesday night as we prepare to go caroling at the nursing home. We will be working on creating cards for the residents, learning more about life in the nursing home and practicing the music. We meet Dec 7th from 6:30-7:30pm. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Sherry sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com.

- **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

- **CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR GUARDINA ANGEL COMMUNITY SERVICES** ~The WHAM! kids are still collecting items to be donated to families in crisis that are served through the Guardian Angel Community Services. Any non-perishable food items, particularly things popular during the holidays for meals, can be donated and placed in the box in the entryway. Thank you for your help!

- **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 \$3,989.



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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.

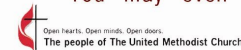
To move deeper into the season, plan to attend the Adult Advent Study with Pastor Sherry.

The class will meet in the conference room on Sunday mornings from 9:50-10:45 or on Mondays from 12-1

(bring a lunch if you would like)



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



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ADVENT SCHEDULE

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.