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• **GOD RICHLY BLESSES US IN MANY WAYS** ~ and one of the primary ways in which we say “thanks” for all our blessings is to return a portion of those blessings to God’s work in the world. We ask that you support the important work we do at Plainfield United Methodist Church. Your financial contribution helps:

- Youth programs that teach our children Jesus’ love for us
- Pastors & staff salaries, (those who help us fulfill our churches mission).
- Vacation Bible School
- Church music programs
- PUMC Small Groups

If you have not already, please take the time to consider your giving, discuss your financial contribution with your family and carefully consider taking this important step with us again. We appreciate the generous contribution of your **Time, Talent and Treasure** to PUMC. Thank you! The Stewardship Committee

• **HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS?** ~

A few suggestions: Join our Hands Together Ministry; write notes to our homebound/shut-ins (contact the church office for names & addresses); visit the area nursing home residents; work at the Trinity food pantry; call PUMC members & friends to wish them a “Happy Birthday”; run errands for the homebound; etc. You will touch others lives and enrich your own!

\*Eun-Hye Choi’s niece,  
 Elizabeth Ro  
 \*Jill Clem’s daughter-in-law,  
 Nicole Clem



\*Skip Glasgow  
 \*Carole Holloway’s friend, Kathleen Conrad  
 \*Harriett Nelson’s mother & stepfather  
 Harriett & Harold Crismon  
 \*Helen Niemeyer  
 \*Dave Patkowa  
 \*Nancy Richie’s friend, Leonard Tores  
 \*Jean Seneca  
 \*Chris Walter’s father, Pete Walters  
 \*Beckie Winkels

\***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 Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

\***During this holiday season please pray for all of our Military personnel, their families, and friends, as they continue to serve our great country.**

• **FOOD PANTRY NEWS** ~ Your continued support of all the food pantries is greatly appreciated. In January we are asked to donate juice boxes or bottles that do not need refrigeration before opening for the Trinity UMC pantry. Our church’s next day to serve is on January 25th. Interested in joining us? Contact Pastor Sherry.

• **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT** ~ Following is a quote from The Rev. Tracey Smith-Malone’s mother, Alice Smith. Rev. Smith-Malone is a District Superintendent within the Northern Illinois Conference. “Good, better, best. Never let it rest until your good becomes better and your better becomes best!”

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~**  
**January 1-7**



**Sunday January 1**  
 10:00a Worship

**Monday January 2**  
 Office Closed  
 No Church Events

**Tuesday January 3**  
**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE**  
 6:30p Cub Scout Den 8 (JBFH)

**Wednesday January 4**  
 9:00a MOM’s (Offsite)  
 5:45p 1st Wednesday Dinner (JBFH)  
 6:00p Conversational Spanish (C/L)  
 6:30p Family Ministry Team (204)  
 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday January 5**  
 7:00p Cub Scouts Den 4 (JBFH)

**Friday January 6**  
 Office Closed  
 No Church Events

**Saturday January 7**  
 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal



**SPECIAL NOTE**

**Only one worship service today,  
 January 1st  
 and NO SUNDAY SCHOOL .  
 Also, no Youth Gatherings until  
 January 8th**

**DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS COMMUNION  
 WILL BE CELEBRATED NEXT SUNDAY,  
 JANUARY 8TH AND NOT TODAY,  
 JANUARY 1ST.**



- **HOSPITALITY** ~ simply means making other people feel comfortable and at home. We could use your help in making visitors and new members feel "comfortable and at home". Please consider signing up to be a coffee host/hostess. The 2012 signup sheets for coffee and flowers are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



It's not too late to have your picture taken for the new church directory. Please phone Sharon Frink at (815) 436-2207 to schedule your free sitting time.

- **NO WHAM! THIS WEEK JAN. 4TH** ~ Hey kids, we hope you are enjoying your holiday break from school. We are also taking a break from WHAM! this week. See you January 18th.
- **FAMILY MINISTRY GAME NIGHT** ~ Plan to join your church family on January 21st for Game Night. Lots of fun - possibly a bit of competition?? - food and fellowship. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!
- **STRESS SUPPORT GROUP** will meet on January 9, 2012 at the Whitley home. It will be a "New Years Gathering". Call Georgia Whitley at 815-436-3052 for further information.



- **MOM'S ANNUAL PAJAMA PARTY JANUARY 4TH** ~ Come on over to Wendy Proulx's home between 9-11:30 for this annual party. If you can, bring a snack/treat to share with the group.  
**PJ's required for kids and moms!**

- **HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BY SHOPPING WITH SCRIP CARDS** ~ all year long -- not just during the holidays. There are three ways to buy cards:  
1-buy cards that we have on hand on Sunday mornings  
2-Place an order on Sunday morning or  
3-shop online by going to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com), "Create Account" under "Family Sign Up!" in the green box, and enter our code after registration: 198CA37417L96. Either pay online with PrestoPay or bring your payment to church to complete your order. All Cards are delivered to the church. Check out our website for more details:  
<http://plainfieldumc.com/scrip/>

- **VISIT TO THE MOSQUE FOUNDATION IN BRIDGEVIEW** ~ In 1954 a handful of Palestinian émigrés on Chicago's Southside formed the Mosque Foundation of Chicago with the dream of one day building a structure to house the religious and cultural activities of their growing young families. Today that dream has become one of the busiest mosques in America, serving a community of more than 50,000 Muslims. The Mosque Foundation is a leader in Chicagoland for inter-religious dialog, community service, and the promotion of social justice.

Everyone is invited to join the confirmation class as we leave promptly at **12:00pm on Saturday, January 14** to go to the Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview at 7360 West 93rd Street. We will first observe a prayer service and then receive a presentation about Islam by Sh. Kifah Mustafa. Sh. Mustafa will answer our questions after his presentation.

Contact Pastor Chris to let him know you are coming so he can report to Sh. Mustafa how many people to expect.



**Senior High Retreat to Kalahari Resort!**  
**Just 4 weeks until the retreat!**  
**We have a deluxe villa reserved and are looking forward to a great time.**  
**Contact Pastor Chris ASAP to reserve your place as the villa accommodates a max of 22 youth. Transportation, accommodations, food during the retreat & access to the water park are all included in the cost of \$139.**

- **1ST WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER IS THIS WEEK, JANUARY 4TH** ~ What would be a great way to begin the new year? Having dinner with your PUMC family. No cooking and no clean-up involved! Dinner will be hosted by our Chancel Choir who will be serving between 5:45p and 6:30p.

- **INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS WILL BE SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH AT THE 8:30a WORSHIP SERVICE** ~ We are blessed to have so many dedicated people who have agreed to serve in leadership positions. Please join us on the 15th as we recognize the 140+ people who will serve the church in 2012.

- **REV. EUN-HYE AND REV. CHRIS WILL BE ON VACATION** ~ December 31st - January 7th. Please contact the church office if you have any pastoral needs and Rev. Sherry will get back to you.