WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We're glad you're here! Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship book located in the pew. If you have a prayer concern, or would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the Prayer Card found in the pews.

CHILD CARE

During the 8:30am worship service child care is provided in the Nursery (Room 208) for Infants thru Preschoolers, and at 11:00am for Infants through Toddlers. During the 11:00am worship service Pre-Schoolers -Kindergartners are invited to Playful Praise in Room 102 following the Children's Time

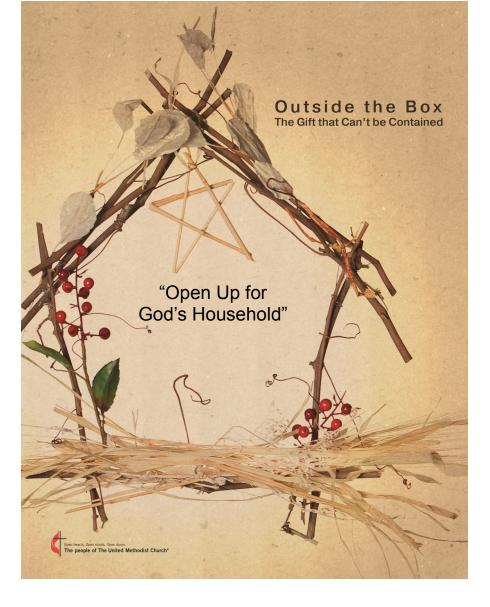
COFFEE HOUR IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us in the fellowship hall following the 8:30am worship service for coffee and snacks. The Trevino Family will be our hosts to honor the baptism of Elijah at the 11am worship service and they look forward to seeing you. This is a great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

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PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DECEMBER 11, 2011 8:30AM

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

ORGAN PRELUDE Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising ~

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GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

O Little Town of Bethlem ~ Phelps

Men's Quartet:

John DeGroot, Jason Hawkins, Kelly Markwell & Larry Stephens

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 126)

The Lord has great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the water courses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy!

*HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #203 Hail to the Lord Anointed

*OPENING PRAYER

God, Christmas is just around the corner. In our celebration and merriment we pause to remember those living in loneliness, those with fresh wounds of grief and those with no sense of family. As we worship today, we open ourselves to be challenged to "bind up the brokenhearted." Amen.

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE AND OTHER GREETINGS

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you,

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Advent Candle Lighting: Don and Sharon Kinley

ALL: Unifying God, ignite within us the desire to travel the journeys of life together, seeking you and leaving behind things less important. Amen

ADVENT SONG TFWS #2090 "Advent Song" (verse 3)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 61: 1-4 & 8-11

CHORAL ANTHEM Away In a Manger ~ Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir

UMH #94

*G**OSPEL LESSON** John 1:6-8 & 19-28

SERMON "Open Up For God's Household" Rev. Eun-Hye Choi

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

arr. Raney, Bellissimo Ringers

Tom Macari, synthesizer; Eric Wellman, percussion

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #240 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION May the Lord Bless You ~

Winnagene Hatch

ORGAN POSTLUDE Noel for the Flute Stops ~ D'Aquin