

- **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. 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.

- **BETH SHALOM EXPERIENCE, NAPERVILLE** ~ The confirmation class of PUMC each year visits Congregation Beth Shalom in Naperville to experience Shabbat Worship. **ALL** of you are welcome to join us at PUMC as we leave promptly at **7:00PM on Friday, Dec. 16**. We will receive a brief presentation about the congregation at **7:30PM**. The worship starts at **8:00PM**, followed by a coffee hour. We will return to PUMC at **10:00PM**. Contact Pastor Chris to let him know if you are coming so he can report to Beth Shalom how many people to expect.

- *Eun-Hye Choi's neice, Elizabeth Ro
- *Jill Clem's daughter-in-law, Nicole Clem
- *Darryl Dupre
- *Skip Glasgow
- *Sue Krnac
- *Don Markwell
- *Nancy Mattison-Trevino's friend, Steve Seales Family & her cousin Don Spies Family.
- *James McIntosh
- *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



SPECIAL NOTE

Please mark your calendars with the following changes to our Sunday Worship schedule:

December 18th - Worship at 8:30 & 11.
 Sunday School at 9:45
 NO WORSHIP AT 10AM

December 25th and January 1st
 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10am and
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
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Holiday Hiatus for Youth Gatherings
 There will be no junior and senior high youth gatherings during winter break the last week of December and the first week of January.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ Dec. 11 - Dec. 17

Sunday December 11

- 8:30a Worship Service
- 9:30a Coffee Hour Fellowship
- 9:45a Parenting Teens Class (Finance Office)
 Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation UMW (PFH)
- 10:00a Euchrist Service
- 11:00a Worship Service
- 3:00p Plainfield Area Community Chorus
 Christmas Program (Sanctuary)
- 6:00p Adult Dinner Group (Offsite)
- 6:30p Jr. High UMYF (206/207)

Monday December 12

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

Tuesday December 13

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE BY 12pm

- 4:30p Girl Scout Troop #987 (JBFH)
- 6:30p Cub Scout Den 8 (JBFH)
- 7:00p Cub Scout Pack 82 Leaders (PFH)
- 7:00p Membership & Outreach (C/L)
- 7:00p Prayer Shawl Knitting (PFH)

Wednesday December 14

- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
- 5:45p Junior Chimes (206)
- 6:00p Conversational Spanish (C/L)
- 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #362 (205)
- 6:30p Immersion Bible Study (C/L)
- 7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Boy Scouts (106)

Thursday December 15

Circuit Rider due date

- 9:30a Small Group Ministry Team (PFH)
- 7:00p Women's Book Group (205)

Friday December 16 Office Closed

Saturday December 17

- 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal



- **THE LOVE TREE IS READY!**

Our Mission Tree in the front hall now has tags for people in our area who are in need of a little help at Christmas. The tags have suggestions for items they would like to have and things they need.

If you can help, take a tag, purchase a gift, wrap the gift, firmly attach the tag to the front, and place 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!

- **NEED TO SHOP WITHOUT LITTLE ONES? PRAYING FOR A CURE RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM WILL PROVIDE BABYSITTING FOR YOU! Saturday, December 17th between 10a-2p at the church.** You can finish (or start!?) your shopping and let us watch your little ones. If they will stay with us the whole time, please pack a sack lunch for them and we will provide a juice box. Enjoy some quiet time and just leave a donation for our Relay for life fundraiser. Please RSVP to Lauri Malnati @ heweymal@sbcglobal.net or 630-673-5452 to let us know how many children and their ages, so we can have plenty of hands to help! Thank you in advance!!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS ~ Your continued support of all the food pantries is greatly appreciated? In December we are collecting 1 pound bags of rice for the Trinity UMC pantry & will serve on December 28th. We hope you will be able to join in.

- **2012 CALENDARS AND GREETING CARDS** ~ Calendars for 2012 are now being collected for residents at Sunny Hill Nursing Home. Greeting cards are also appreciated. Please place calendars & cards in the designated box in the stairwell now through January 2012.

- **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

FUNDRAISING DAY AT RoSAL'S OF PLAINFIELD ~ When: **Thursday, December 15, 11:00AM – 9:00PM** Where: RoSal's Restaurant at 13717 S. Route 30. The Christmas season is a busy time of year. Give yourself a break at least one day this month and allow the kind people at RoSal's of Plainfield to cook for you! On Thursday, December 15, RoSal's will donate 10% of your purchases to youth ministries at PUMC. Eat in, order out or cater a huge Christmas party. Simply tell RoSal's that you're with PUMC.

- **CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR GUARDIAN 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!

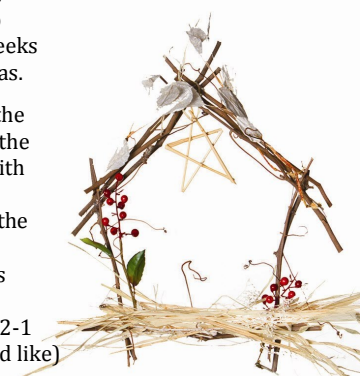
What will you take out of the box this Christmas?

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

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

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

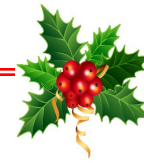
The class will meet in the conference room on Sunday mornings from 9:50-10:45 or on Mondays from 12-1 (bring a lunch if you would like)



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



RETHINKCHURCH



ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 11
Worship at 8:30a, 10a and 11a
Children's Christmas Program at 11:00a

December 18
Christmas Cantata at 8:30 & 11:00a
No worship service at 10a

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services:
5:00p Family Candlelight Worship
7:00p Traditional Candlelight Worship
10:30p Carols, Scripture & Holy Communion
Candlelight Worship