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WANTED! Your photo for the upcoming Membership Directory. 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. We hope you won't miss this opportunity to be included.

- **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



- *Eun-Hye Choi's niece, Elizabeth Ro
- *Jill Clem's daughter-in-law, Nicole Clem
- *Darryl Dupre
- *Skip Glasgow
- *Carole Holloway's friend, Kathleen Conrad
- *Sue Krnac
- *Don Markwell
- *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
- *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 Ghana and Nigeria.

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

• **THANKS FROM THE MATTISON-TREVINO FAMILY** ~ for your prayers for the Seale's family and our Uncle Don Spies, and for your many generous donations to help our family. Your thoughtfulness is so appreciated! Blessings to you all - Nancy & Al Trevino

• **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. Our church's next day to serve is on December 28th. Interested in joining us? Contact Pastor Sherry.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ Dec. 18 - Dec. 25

Sunday December 18
 8:30a Worship & Chancel Choir Cantata
 9:00a UMW Cookie Sale (JBFH)
 9:30a Coffee Hour Fellowship
 9:45a Sunday School & Confirmation
 11:00a Worship & Chancel Choir Cantata

Monday December 19
 12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
 5:00p Girl Scout Troop #148 (JBFH)
 7:15p Coupon Group (206/207)

Tuesday December 20
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE
 7:00p Stewardship (C/L)

Wednesday December 21
 8:15Aa Men's Group Breakfast (Offsite)
 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
 5:45p Junior Chimes (206)
 6:00p Conversational Spanish (C/L)
 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #362 (106)
 6:30p WHAM! (202 and 205)
 7:00p UMYF Party & Gift Exchange (206/207)
 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)

Thursday December 22
 7:00p Plainfield Area Community Chorus

Friday December 23
Office Closed
 No Church Events

Saturday December 24
 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal
 5:00p Christmas Eve Family Worship
 7:00p Christmas Eve Traditional Worship
 10:30p Christmas Eve Worship with Choir

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PACKAGE ARRIVES FOR THE WALTON FAMILY!
 Zachary Michael Walton was born 12/13 at 6:41pm & weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces & was 19 inches long.
Congratulations to Mom & Dad, Courtney & Scott Walton & big brother Charles.



• **LOVE GIFTS DUE TODAY -**

All the gifts for the Love Tree should be returned to the tree today. If you wish to help us provide gift certificates from Aldi to the Del Valle families, write a check payable to PUMC with "Love Tree" in the memo blank & drop it in the offering plate. All gifts will be gathered tomorrow morning and taken to the recipients. Thank you so much for your help!

• **SHARE SOME CHRISTMAS JOY - WE NEED YOUR HELP** ~

The fleece throws made by members of our congregation are ready to be delivered to some of our homebound members. The throws are in gift bags with a card for the recipient. Attached to the bag is the address and telephone number along with a map. Stop down in JBFH today, pick up one or two bags and deliver them. You will brighten the day of one of our homebound members! Thanks in advance for your help!

• **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.

• **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 moms and kids!**

• **SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO** ~ Pat and Ken Decker and family in the loss of Pat's father, Cletus McFadden. Cards may be sent to them at 2217 Hess Drive, Crest Hill, IL 60435.

• **SHOP WITH SCRIP.com** ~ for all your holiday gifts & supplies as well as your ordinary shopping all year. 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. Either pay online with PrestoPay or bring your payment to church to complete your order. Cards are delivered to the church. Check out our website for more details: <http://plainfieldumc.com/ministries/youth-ministries/scrip/>

• **2012 CALENDARS AND GREETING CARDS** ~ are being collected for residents at Sunny Hill Nursing home. Please place them in the designated box in the stairwell now through January 2012.

• **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.

• **STILL PLANNING YOUR MENUS FOR THE HOLIDAYS?** We have some butter braids in the freezer which you can purchase for only \$12. Your purchase helps to fund our youth ministries and you would enjoy a *delicious pastry!*

A Win-Win for everyone!

• **UMW COOKIE SALE TODAY!** ~ Make your holidays complete with home-baked cookies made and donated by some of our PUMC bakers. Your support contributes to the funds needed to buy the bibles for our 3rd grade students.

ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services:

- 5:00p Family Candlelight Worship
- 7:00p Traditional Candlelight Worship
- 10:30p Carols, Scripture & Holy Communion Candlelight Worship

SPECIAL NOTE



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

December 25th and January 1st
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10am and
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

• **JR. & SR. HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY** ~

This Wednesday night Dec. 21 at 7:00PM, the youth are having a Christmas party at church. Please bring a gift for our "white elephant" gift exchange. What will you "lovingly steal" from your neighbor? What will you wind up with? Youth, please bring home-baked goodies or other desserts to share. Adults will provide beverages.

• **NO JR. HIGH UMYF TONIGHT, DECEMBER 18TH** ~ but be sure to attend the youth Christmas Party on the 21st!

• **WHAM!** ~ This Wednesday, Dec. 21st, we will be delivering our cards and caroling at Lakewood Nursing Home. **Families should meet there** at 6:30pm. Kids are encouraged to wear holiday clothes (fancy or fun). Questions? See Pastor Sherry.