

Youth Group News

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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,

servicing 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 of PUMC 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! ~We have booked a deluxe Entertainment Villa at Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells for **Friday and Saturday nights, January 27 & 28** for the senior high retreat. The full cost is **\$139 per person**. **Contact Pastor Chris ASAP** to tell him that you're going. He will make sure the church has updated permission and medical release forms for you. Please make your check payable to "PUMC Youth."

Transportation to and from the resort, accommodations, food during the retreat, and access to the water park are included in the cost. Please bring cash to eat on the way there and back and for any personal purchases you may like to make.

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**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



Church Programming Winter Weather Policy

If school is cancelled, or early dismissal, in District 202 all children & youth programming will be cancelled. Your safety is valuable to us! If we need to cancel evening programming for any reason, we will send out info on Facebook and through email, so keep an eye to your computer.

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Mission News

LOOKING AHEAD WITH EXCITEMENT

Because of your encouragement, enthusiasm and fine response, we are excited about our mission work in 2012.

Our first fundraiser will be on **February 12: the annual Valentine Carnation Sale for Missions.** We will have the beautiful flowers available for you to purchase and give to a loved one or keep yourself. Watch the bulletins for more information.

OUR 12 PROJECTS

Thanks to your generosity, all of our goals were reached for our projects in 2011. Our church will be able to pay our Conference apportionments in full, as well. We will again be recognized as a Rainbow Covenant Church. Hooray!

LOVE TREE YIELDS JOY

All the tags were taken for the residents of the Sunny Hill Nursing Home and the five families from the Del Valle Migrant Worker Head Start School who needed some help with Christmas. Many of the Del Valle people requested boots or warm clothing. Besides their gifts, they received items from the Mitten Tree and gift certificates for Aldi. Thank you all so much for your fantastic response to the Love Tree and for your donations for the gift certificates!



DEL VALLE SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS

You have all been so generous in responding to the needs of the people served by the Del Valle Migrant Worker Head Start School. Would you be interested in serving on their Administrative Board for 2012? You would have an opportunity to meet the staff as well as some of the parents and children and learn first-hand how much this school helps the families. Contact Estalee DeCou at Estalee@Juno.com for more information.

ACTING AS THE ARMS OF CHRIST

We realize we can't solve all the problems of our world, but we know, with your help, our church can help many people. We pray for God's blessing and direction during the year ahead.

Small Group News

Family Game Night

Join us Saturday, January 21 from 6:00 to 8:00pm for fun family games! We'll start the evening with a large group game and then families will select a variety of games/activities to try. We'll have Wii games, card games, board games, family Pictionary battles, a large puzzle, an obstacle course, and even "Minute to Win It" inspired activities! Different versions of Candy Land will be available for families with young children. For more information, contact Wendy Proulx at ([wjproux@comcast.net](mailto:wjproulx@comcast.net)). Sponsored by the Family Ministry Team.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

will be meeting on Thursday, January 19th at 7pm to discuss "Left Neglected" by Lisa Genova. You are invited to join us! Contact Pastor Sherry with questions

Worship Schedule

Sermon Series:

God is In-between Your Life

January 8

8:30 & 11:00

Worship & Communion

10:00 Eucharist Service

Reading: John 1:6-18

Preacher: Eun-Hye Choi

“God is in-between”

January 15

8:30 & 11:00 Worship

10:00 Eucharist Service

Reading: John 1:35-42

Preacher: Chris Walters

“Calling the First Disciples”

January 22

8:30 & 11:00 Worship

10:00 Eucharist Service

Reading: John 1: 43-51

Preacher: Chris Walters

“Calling Philip & Nathaniel”

January 29

8:30 & 11:00 Worship

10:00 Eucharist Service

Reading: John 2:1-11

Preacher: Eun-Hye Choi

“Threshold to Adulthood”

Baptisms

Natalie Mariah Lopez, daughter of Stephanie & Alfonso Lopez. Melanie Jianakoplos and Carlos Lopez are her sponsors. Her grandparents are Lisa & Stephen Jianakoplos and Maria & Carlos Lopez. Natalie also has great-grandparents Shirley West, Gavina Lopez, and Alicia & Jesus Macias.

Maxtyn James Clark, son of Shannon & Jeff Clark. Maxtyn has a “big” brother Jack, 3 years old. His grandparents are Stan & Becky Carr and Don & Sue Clark.

Elijah Miguel Trevino is the son of Darianna Mattison-Trevino. Her sponsor is Tamara Mattison-Trevino and her grandparents are Al Trevino and Nancy Mattison-Trevino.

Alivia Marguerite Fariss, the daughter of David & Rebecca and sister Madeline. Tamie & Jim Thompson are her sponsors and her grandparents are Suzanne & Gary McGowan, Jerry & Edy Fariss and Gerrity & Mary Witovet. Her great grandmother is Frances Fariss.

Hannah Josephine Sester, the daughter of Ryan & Rebecca and sister Madelyn. Her sponsors are Alan & Jen Molenstra. Her grandparents are Alan & Deborah Molenstra and Katie Sanders. Her great grandparents are Richard & Josephine Schindler and Eugene & Deloras Molenstra.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of Christ's church.



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.*

PUMC WISH BOOK

As an individual or as a family we all have wishes that would not fit in the regular family budget. Our church family is no different. The Trustees have been able to take care of the normal expenses of the church building and grounds, but there are always projects or improvements that are too big to fit into the regular church budget. Therefore, the Trustees have developed a "Wish Book" in an attempt to capture and document those projects that may not be completed immediately, but would be "necessary" to do in the future.

With the development of this "Wish Book," it is envisioned that the Sr. Pastor will have a tool to help guide individuals and families when they consider a gift to our congregation. It does not modify or replace the established Memorial Committee. It does document those large and expensive projects that, on occasion, are within the reach of a church benefactor.

The projects that have been identified by the Trustees include:

- Completion of stained glass windows in the front of the church.
- Repair of the protective coverings over the existing stained glass windows
- Replacement of old and deteriorating windows at the back and side of the church
- Completion of the carillon adding the final few bells
- Adding the ability for automatic play and chiming of the carillon
- Repair and modification of the sign located in front of the church

The Trustees have also decided that rather than running any campaign in immediate support of these projects, we would at this time only inform the congregation that a "Wish Book" does exist and that any gift can be directed to these projects if a member or their family would be so inclined. If you would like more information or are interested in supporting any of these projects please contact Pastor Eun-Hye Choi.

GIVING THANKS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

To Plainfield United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for remembering Mom. Her active church days seem to still be fresh in her mind. Her church was her life and I know she wishes she was still able to run the kitchen. She has great memories of her church friends dating back to 1945.
Thanks again, **Alice Otto (mother is Margaret Ferguson)**



To My Friends at PUMC,
Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas present. It is much appreciated. Thank you again.
With prayers and love,
Beryl Hagerman

Thanks for remembering us. We'll cherish the blanket.
Marilyn & Dorothy Brown

Prayer Requests

MILITARY ADDRESSES NEEDED

The addresses we have for our military family members are not current. If you have a family member who is serving in the military and would like for them to receive mail from PUMC please provide their mailing address to the church office. If you wish, you may add this information to our registration pad.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Marie Brown's friends,
the Rundblade Family
Eun-Hye Choi's niece, Elizabeth Ro
Jill Clem's daughter-in-law,
Nicole Clem
Darryl Dupre
Skip Glasgow
Patty Habersberger's friend,
Bob Geiss
Molly Jarot
Sue Krnac
Don Markwell

Nancy Mattison-Trevino's friend,
Steve Seales Family and cousin
Don Spies
James McIntosh
Harriett Nelson's mother &
stepfather, Harriett &
Harold Crismon
Bill Niedoborski's granddaughter,
Jessica Niedoborski
Helen Niemeyer
Alice Otto's friend, Greg Derner
Dave Patkowa
Nancy Richie's friend,
Leonard Tores
Diane Roberts' friends,
Beth Larson & Family
Diane Roberts' mother,
Esther Medelberg
Chrissy Santerelli' father-in-law,
Dale Santerelli
Lois Schwiesow
Bob Seaborg
Ron & Mary Sears niece,
Amy Mitchell

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 *Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, Benin, Cote D'Ivoire, Togo, Ghana, Nigeria, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories*



Our Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Phyllis Anderson, a long time member of PUMC. Phyllis passed away Friday, November 11th. A service celebrating her life was held here on Friday, November 18th. Cards may be sent to her husband Don at 24029 W. Commercial Street, Plainfield, IL 60544.

Tim & Sherry Scates, and family, in the loss of Tim's grandmother, Janice Scates. Cards may be sent to them at 5112 Wildflower Court, Plainfield, IL 60586.



Youth Group News cont.

Mission Trip to Joplin - June 17-23

This year PUMC youth are traveling to Joplin, MO, to work through the Missouri Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to serve Joplin's long-term recovery efforts after the utterly devastating tornado that struck Sunday afternoon, May 22, 2011.

The costs for this trip are low thanks to the collective efforts of the United Methodist Church. For details see MO Conference's Office of Creative Ministries website (<http://www.umocm.com/joplin/>)

We are on our way to paying for the ancillary costs of the trip (van rentals, food, gas, etc.) Last year 33 youth and 12 adults served in Biloxi, MS. Through the hard work of multiple fundraisers and direct giving from our generous congregation, the goal of our mission-oriented financial stewardship is to pay as the church for the trip to Joplin 100%, including a \$50 commitment contribution from each youth mission trip participant.

Many of you remember how the community and several agencies rallied together in the wake of the Plainfield tornado to rescue people and to rebuild. If you are a survivor of the Plainfield tornado

and/or desire to show solidarity with the folks of Joplin, please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to "PUMC Youth" to support this year's mission trip to serve others who have had their lives turned upside down by the tornado. They will recover!

Pizza Fundraiser and Mission Trip Meeting

At **10:00am on Saturday, February 4** the youth will come to church to make pizzas to sell the following Sunday, which just so happens to be Super Bowl Sunday. Stay tuned for details about how to get your pizza.

Following the making of the pizzas we will convene a meeting, about 1pm, regarding the mission trip in June for all interested parties.

Chicago Wolves Faith & Fellowship Night

Let's gather together **Saturday, February 4 at 7:00pm** to cheer on the Chicago Wolves against the Peoria Rivermen!

Tickets are \$14. Add \$6 with advance ticket purchase for a hot dog and a soda. So far we have 30 tickets on hold in the lower part of the balcony, section 209. If we need to we can add more tickets with adequate advance notice.

Everyone is invited, especially friends and family! Please RSVP by

Sunday, January 15 to Pastor Chris or on PUMC's Facebook event.

- Complimentary Fun Fest featuring games for all ages, from 5 – 6:30pm in the Skyline Room (adjacent to the Allstate Arena Box Office)
- Pregame fireworks and laser show
- Receive a Chicago Wolves hat with each ticket purchased!
- Post-game fellowship assembly

WHAM!

Will not meet January 4th ~ The next gathering will be on Wednesday, January 18th. All Kindergarteners through 4th graders who want to learn how they can love and serve others are welcome to join us. Please contact Pastor Sherry with questions. Hope to see you on the 18th!





January Church Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
1/1	10:00am	Family Worship - Sanctuary
1/3	6:30pm	Cub Scot Den 8 - JBFH
1/4	9:00am	MOM's - Offsite
	5:45pm	1st Wednesday Dinner - JBFH
	6:00pm	Conversational Spanish - C/L
	6:30pm	Family Ministry Team - 204
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
1/5	7:00pm	Cub Scouts Den 4 - JBFH
1/7	9:00am	Bellissimo Rehearsal
1/8	12:30pm	Baptism Orientation - PFH
	6:00pm	Adult Dinner Group - Offsite
1/9	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch (C/L) - C/L
	7:00pm	Stress Support Group - Offsite
	7:00pm	Admin/Endowment Sub Committee - C/L
	7:15pm	Coupon Group
1/10	4:00pm	Tutoring Center - 203
	4:30pm	Girl Scout Troop #987 - JBFH
	6:30pm	Cub Scout Den 8 - JBFH
	7:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitting
	7:00pm	Membership & Outreach - C/L
1/11	9:00am	MOM's - Offsite
	4:00pm	Tutoring Center - 203
	5:45pm	Jr. Chimes Rehearsal - Balcony
	6:30pm	Girl Scout Troop #362 - 205
	6:30pm	Immersion Bible Study - C/L
	7:00pm	Boy Scouts - JBFH
1/12	10:30am	Timbers Worship Service - Timbers
	4:00pm	Tutoring Center - 203
	7:00pm	Cub Scouts Den 4 - JBFH
	7:00pm	Trustee Meeting - C/L
	7:00pm	Plainfield Area Community Chorus
1/14	9:00am	Plainfield Area Infertility Group - 205
	6:00pm	Restaurant Samplers - Offsite
1/15	8:00am	Due date for Circuit Rider submissions to melissa_vidito@yahoo.com
	12:15pm	Church & Society Committee (C/L)
	12:00pm	Eagle Scout Award Ceremony - JBFH
1/16	9:00am	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group - PFH
	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch (C/L) - C/L
	5:00pm	Girl Scout Troop #148 - JBFH
	6:30pm	Education Committee - C/L
	7:15pm	Coupon Group - 206/207
1/17	4:00pm	Tutoring Center - 203
	6:30pm	Stewardship Meeting - C/L
	7:00pm	Cub Scout Pack 82 Leaders - PFH

Recurring Events for January

Sunday Worship @ 8:30, 10 and 11a Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29

Sunday School @ 9:45p Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29

Jr. Chimes Rehearsal 5:45pm Jan 11, 18 & 25

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm Jan 4, 11, 18 & 25

Jr. High Youth Jan 8, 15, 22 & 29

Sr. High Youth Jan 11, 18 & 25

DATE	TIME	EVENT
1/18	8:15am	Men's Group Breakfast - Offsite
	9:00am	MOM's - Offsite
	9:30am	Pastoral Planning Session
	4:00pm	Tutoring Center - 203
	6:00pm	Conversational Spanish - C/L
	6:30pm	WHAM! - 202 and 205
	6:30pm	Girl Scout Troop 362 - 106
	7:00pm	Boy Scouts - JBFH
1/19	9:30am	Small Group Ministry Team - PFH
	10:30am	Timber's Worship Service
	4:00pm	Tutoring Center - 203
	7:00pm	Women's Book Group - 205
	7:00pm	Plainfield Area Community Chorus
1/21	6:00pm	Family Ministry Game Night
1/22	8:30am	Teacher Training I - C/L
1/23	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch (C/L) - C/L
	7:00pm	Administrative Council Meeting - JBFH
	7:00pm	Stress Support Group - Room 205
	7:15pm	Coupon Group - 206/207
1/24	4:00pm	Tutoring Center - 203
	4:30pm	Girl Scouts Troop #987 - JBFH
1/25	9:00am	MOM's - Offsite
	11:00am	Trinity Food Pantry - Offsite
	4:00pm	Tutoring Center - 203
	6:30pm	Girl Scout Troop #362 - 205
	6:30pm	Immersion Bible Study - C/L
	7:00pm	Boy Scouts - JBFH
1/26	2:00pm	Nursing Home Worship - Offsite
	4:00pm	Tutoring Center - 203
	7:00pm	Plainfield Area Community Chorus
1/27	8:00am	Sr. High Retreat at Kalahari - Offsite
1/28	8:00am	Sr. High Retreat at Kalahari - Offsite
	9:00am	Chuck Wagon - Offsite
1/29	8:00am	Sr. High Retreat at Kalahari - Offsite
	11:00am	Teacher Training I (C/L)
1/30	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch (C/L) - C/L
	7:15pm	Coupon Group - 206/207
1/31	4:00pm	Tutoring Center - 203

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Sunday Worship Schedule
8:30am Worship with Chancel Choir
9:45am Sunday School & Confirmation
10:00am Eucharist Service
11:00am Worship Service

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