

• **SENIOR HIGH RETREAT TO KALAHARI RESORT** ~ is just 4 weeks away. We have a deluxe villa reserved and are looking forward to a great time. **Contact Pastor Chris ASAP** to reserve your place. The villa accommodates a max of 22 youth. Food during the retreat, transportation, accommodations, & access to the water park are all included in the cost of \$139.

• **CHICAGO WOLVES FAITH & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT** ~ Let's cheer on the Chicago Wolves against the Peoria Rivermen on **Saturday, February 4 at 7:00pm**. Tickets are \$14. Add \$6 with advance ticket purchase for a hot dog and a soda.

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 with 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

• **MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION ~ you'll have a great time keeping!** Resolve to join the fight against cancer and team up with Relay for Life and Team Praying for a Cure. We will be meeting on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30 pm in Room 204. We had an amazing first outing last year, and we're determined to make this year even better! We're looking for men and women, boys and girls who want to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Hope to see LOTS of you there!! Questions, contact Wendy Proulx at wjproulx@comcast.net or 815-254-4133.

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



*John Fischer & Family
*Patty Habersberger's friends, Bob Geiss and Carol Gumbs
*Carole Holloway's friend, Kathleen Conrad
*Harriett Nelson's mother & stepfather
Harriett & Harold Crismon
*Helen Niemeyer
*Dave Patkowa
*Jean Seneca
*Chris Walter's father, Pete Walters
*Beckie Winkels
*Those serving in the military

***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 *Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran and Iraq.*

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.



• **THANK YOU FROM**
Helen Sauvageau~ Helen phoned the church this week to express her gratitude for the many expressions of Christina love shown to her by the PUMC family. She will be 95 in March and her vision is impaired making writing thank you notes difficult. She asked

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ January 8-13

Sunday January 8

8:30a Worship/with Communion
9:45a Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation
10:00a Eucharistic Service
11:00a Worship/with Communion
12:15p Young Men's Group (Offsite)
12:30p Baptism Orientation (PFH)
6:00p Adult Dinner Group (Offsite)
6:30p Jr. High UMYF (206/207)

Monday January 9

12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
7:00p Admin/Endowment Sub Comm (C/L)
7:00p Stress Support Group (Offsite)
7:15p Coupon Group (206/207)

Tuesday January 10

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

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

Wednesday January 11

9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
5:45p Jr. Chimes (Balcony)
6:30p Girl Scout Troop #362 (205)
6:30p Immersion Bible Study (C/L)
6:30p Family Ministry Meeting (204)
7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)
7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)

Thursday January 12

7:00p Cub Scouts Den 4 (JBFH)
7:00p Trustees (C/L)

Friday January 13

Office Closed
No Church Events

Saturday January 14

9:00a Plainfield Area Infertility Group (205)
6:00p Restaurant Samplers (Offsite)

- **COFFEE HOUR CANCELLED FOR 2012!** Will you miss a cup of "joe" and a cookie after the 8:30 worship service? Help keep this ministry going by being a coffee host. **SIGN UP TODAY OR CONTACT BARBARA TSCHOPP AT 815-714-2468**



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.

- **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 (wjproulx@comcast.net). Sponsored by the Family Ministry Team.
- **STRESS SUPPORT GROUP** will meet on this week, Monday January 9, 2012 at the Whitley home. It will be a "New Years Gathering". Call Georgia Whitley at 815-436-3052 for further information.
- **WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** ~ in January will be meeting at the church on Thursday, January 19th at 7pm to discuss the book "Left Neglected" by Lisa Genova. You are invited to join us! Contact Pastor Sherry with questions

- **VISIT TO THE MOSQUE FOUNDATION IN BRIDGEVIEW** ~ 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. This Mosque is a leader in the Chiagoland area for inter-religious dialog, community service and the promotion of social justice. 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.

- **HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH BY SHOPPING WITH SCRIP CARDS** ~ 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, "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. Details may be found on the web at <http://plainfieldumc.com/scrip/>
- **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 and those outgoing leaders from 2011 who dedicated their time to serving PUMC.

- **NEW ADULT CLASS BEGINS TODAY! ~ Ever wondered about Heaven and Hell??** Millions of Christians have struggled with how to reconcile God's love and God's judgment: Has God created billions of people over thousands of years only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to suffer forever in hell? Is this acceptable to God? How is this "good news?" Troubling questions--so troubling that many have lost their faith because of them. Others only whisper the questions to themselves, fearing or being taught that they might lose their faith and their church if they ask them out loud. But what if these questions trouble us for good reason? What if the story of heaven and hell we have been taught is not, in fact, what the Bible teaches? What if what Jesus meant by "heaven," "hell," and salvation" are very different from how we have come to understand them? Join Pastor Sherry as we read together Pastor Rob Bell's explosive book Love Wins and discuss what it means for our lives. Meets in the Conference Room on Sundays at 9:50am and Monday's for 12pm Lunch Bunch. See Pastor Sherry with questions.

- **ATTENTION KIDS & PARENTS!** PUMC is collecting books to send to the Philippines to help them rebuild a Christian school library following a natural disaster 6 months ago. Can you help? Please bring in your new or gently used books for kindergarteners through 6th graders and drop them off in the stairwell, give them to your Sunday School Teacher or Pastor Sherry. Books can either be typical school books or can have a Christian theme. Thank you!



- **CONVERSTATIONAL SPANISH CLASS TO RESUME FEBRUARY 1ST** ~ instead of January 18th as previously announced. Feliz Año Nuevo!