

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~
January 22-28**

Sunday January 22

- 8:30a Worship
- 8:30a Teacher Training I (C/L)
- 9:45a Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation
- 10:00a Eucharistic Service
- 11:00a Worship
- 6:30p Jr. High UMYF (206/207)

Monday January 23

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

Tuesday January 24

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

- 4:30p Girl Scout Troop #987 (JBFH)

Wednesday January 25

- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
- 11:00a Trinity Food Pantry (Offsite)
- 5:45p Jr. Chimes (Balcony)
- 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #362 (106)
- 6:30p Immersion Bible Study (C/L)
- 7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)

Thursday January 26

No Church Events

Friday January 27

Office Closed
Sr. High Retreat to Kalahari

Saturday January 28

- Sr. High Retreat at Kalahari continues
- 8:00a Aurora/Elgin Dist. Training (Offsite)
- 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)
- 9:00a Chuck Wagon (Offsite)

- *Tom Baker
- *Michelle Bott
- *Eun-Hye Choi's niece, Elizabeth Ro
- *Jill Clem's daughter-in-law, Nicole Clem
- *Patty Habersberger's friends, Bob Geiss and Carol Gumbs
- *Helen Niemeyer
- *Dave Patkowa
- *Jean Seneca
- *MickeySue Traver's Nephew, Madie Grover and family
- *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 *Algeria, Libya, Morocco & Tunisia*

• 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!



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

• COFFEE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY ~ needs your help. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to let us know YES YOU CAN HELP!

TWO LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY UMC

EVENT: 2012 LAITY CONVOCATION 2/4/12

The Northern Illinois Conference is pleased to have Rev. Dr. Larry Hollon lead this convocation. He is the chief executive of United Methodist Communications and led the launch of the successful Rethink Church initiative. He will help us understand how to communicate our messages more effectively through multi-sensory worship & the use of technology in worship as well as increasing visibility through social media. Join Pastors Sherry & Chris Saturday February 4th - 9a-3p at 1st UMC/Elgin. Contact the church office regarding registration.

EVENT: ELGIN & AURORA DISTRICTS LEADERSHIP TRAINING "Celebrating Ministries of Our Faith Communities"

You have the opportunity to attend two workshops of your choice:

- 1 - **Disaster Relief** - how can our church be prepared for a disaster and how can we be ready to respond to other's needs.
- 2 - **Heart Hurting** - Issues related to conflict in the church & other relationships will be explored. How do we work with conflicted situations?
- 3 - **Vision & Leadership in the Local Church** - will help us understand and articulate the core values that guide the ministry & missions of PUMC
- 4 - **Welcoming & Keeping Children K-6 - Led by Pastor Sherry** - examine new ways to nurture our children in the faith & equip them for ministry.
- 5 - **Youth Ministry 7-12** - How do we remain relevant to a new generation of technology-savvy youth?

This is a free training offered at Barrington UMC this coming Saturday, January 28th from 8-12:30pm. **Call the church to let us know you will be able attend.**

- **SENIOR HIGH RETREAT TO KALAHARI RESORT ~ begins this Friday, January 27th! ~**



Remember to send in or bring your payment of \$139 (less your deposit) which covers transportation, lodging & the water park. Please note this amount does NOT include food while travelling to and from the resort.



- **YOUTH PIZZA FUNDRAISER RETURNS! ~**

Please order pizzas for Super Bowl Sunday (February 5th) by using the insert order form in today's bulletin. Return it, with your payment, to either the Scrip table in Friendship Hall or to the church office. **On Saturday, February 4th at 10:00am** the youth will make the pizzas at church. Orders will be available at the 1pm youth mission trip meeting that Saturday or Sunday, February 5, between 8:00am and 12:30pm.

- **SCRIP CARDS INVENTORY ~**

Thanks for your participation in buying Scrip cards. PUMC youth have raised more than \$1,000 since July 2011. However those proceeds currently exist in Scrip cards inventory. PLEASE visit the Scrip table in the Fellowship Hall and BUY CARDS - Starbucks, Target, Jiffy Lube, and CVS, to name a few we have on hand. Help fund PUMC Youth Ministry!

- **NEW SOUND TECHS NEEDED ~** for the 8:30a worship service. The expectation is that you would work one Sunday a month (or less depending on the number of new recruits). High School students/young adults are WELCOME. Training will be provided. Contact Tim Scates if interested and for more details. Phone Tim at 815-267-3813 or email to tim_sher@sbcglobal.net.



- **PLEASE PHONE ~** Sharon Frink at (815) 436-2207 to schedule your free sitting time for the church pictorial directory.

These directories are so helpful for all of us -- connecting names with faces.



- **VALENTINE'S DINNER PARTY ~** Want to get out for Valentine's Day but a night out on the town and a babysitter ends up costing too much? Don't worry! There is a special committee of "not-so-young" members of our church who recall just how difficult it is for parents to get out for a "date night." They are going to transform Fellowship Hall to host a beautiful dinner on Sunday, February 12 at 5:00pm for young couples (with or without children) and single parents with children in 5th grade and younger. Children of those attending will be served a meal in the Sunday School rooms, and we will make sure they have a good time. Babies and the very young will be taken care of in the nursery. Please contact Wendy Proulx at 815-254-4133 or wjproulx@comcast.net or the church office to sign up.

- **"LAUNCHING PAD" FOR SMALL GROUPS -** We invite new members and people seeking to launch into a small group at PUMC to come to the "Launch Pad" small group at the parsonage with Pastors Eun-Hye and Chris. This group will meet eight times starting on February 2 every other Thursday at 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. There will be sharing of joys and concerns for prayers, discussion time with a topic, and fellowship. Children are welcome, too! Please contact Pastors Eun-Hye or Chris at 815-733-6256 with questions.

- **NEW ADULT CLASS CONTINUES 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.

- **CHECK OUT THE HISTORICAL DISPLAY CASE IN PARKS FRIENDSHIP HALL ~** to see if you can find your picture. Pictures were taken at many past activities of PUMC.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEWS ~** Thank you for your continued donations of food, money and time in our ongoing support of the Plainfield Interfaith Pantry, our own small food pantry and Trinity UMC. Join us this Wednesday as we serve at Trinity. Contact Pastor Sherry.

- **PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2012 ENVELOPES ~** They are in Parks Friendship Hall.