

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~
January 29- February 4**

Sunday January 29

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

Monday January 30

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

Tuesday January 31

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

4:30p Girl Scout Troop #987 (JBFH)
7:00p Endowment Fund Trustees (C/L)

Wednesday February 1

9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
5:45p 1st Wednesday Dinner (JBFH)
5:45p Jr. Chimes (Balcony)
6:00p Spanish Class (C/L)
6:30p Family Ministry Team (204)
6:30p WHAM! (202 & 205)
7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)
7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)

Thursday February 2

7:00p Cub Scouts Den 4 (JBFH)
7:00p Launch Pad Small Group (parsonage)

Friday February 3

Office Closed

9:30a Widows Group (Offsite)
7:00p Sound Meditation (206/207)

Saturday February 4

8:00a Laity Convocation (Elgin 1st UMC)
9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)
10:00a Youth Pizza Making (Kitchen)
1:00p Youth Mission Trip Meeting (JBFH)
5:00p Youth Chicago Wolves Event



- *Tom Baker
- *Michelle Bott
- *Eun-Hye Choi's niece,
Elizabeth Ro
- *Jill Clem's daughter-in-law,
Nicole Clem
- *Jim McIntosh's cousin, Patricia Mulay
- *Helen Niemeyer
- *Dave Patkowa
- *Jean Seneca
- *The Tegtmeyer Family's friend,
Tamara Watkins
- *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 *Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.*

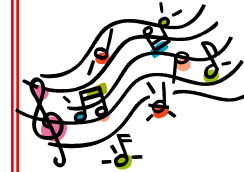


• ATTENTION KIDS & PARENTS!

PUMC is collecting books to send to the Philippines to help them rebuild a Christian school library following a natural disaster 6 months ago. 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!

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

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a growing faith community



**A Musical Note from the
Staff-Parish Relations
Committee**

We are very pleased and excited to announce a key new addition to the talented music staff at Plainfield UMC. Starting February 5th, our very own Jason Hawkins, talented tenor and PNHS choral program director, will be joining our church staff to begin leading a new Worship Band at the 11:00 service!

As we well know, one of the most enjoyable aspects of the 8:30 service is our Chancel Choir, which provides superb weekly anthems and adds strength, spirit, and vitality to hymns sung by the congregation. Following this model, the new Worship Band will provide an anthem and additional music at the 11:00 service, while the congregation will continue to sing hymns accompanied by our wonderful organist. Both services also will enjoy regular performances from our other excellent ensembles, including the Bellissimo Ringers, the Junior Chimes, and the United 4 Him quartet.

Over the coming weeks and months, Jason will be looking for additional musicians (vocals, guitar, bass, keyboards, strings, and brass on occasion) for this new ensemble. Please see Jason if you are interested. He especially welcomes junior and senior high youth to participate!

With the addition of Jason to our staff, we are excited to be building on a proud musical tradition at PUMC. Whether it be at 8:30 with Chancel Choir or 11:00 with the new Worship Band, we hope you will consider joining us! Welcome, Jason!!



• **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.

• **FIRST WEDNESDAY DINNER IS THIS WEEK** ~ Can you believe February begins Wednesday! Don't miss dinner with your church family this week beginning at 5:45 hosted by the Missions Committee. Enjoy dinner out without preparing it or cleaning up after. Dinner will feature Lasagna, macaroni, side dishes and of course dessert!

• **NEW SOUND TECHS NEEDED** ~ for the 8:30a worship service. 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.

• **SOUND MEDITATION** ~ will be offered on the first Friday of each month beginning February 3rd through June 1st in Room 206/207. Experience mediation to the sounds of a gong and singing bowls. Space is limited so be sure to contact Mary Curnane to reserve your space and for more information. The cost is \$20. Mary's contact info: mtcurna@gmail.com Or 815-439-4642.

• **THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2011 CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUMC** ~ Your annual statement will be mailed next week. Please, if you have not already done so, complete your pledge card for 2012 and return it to the church office.

REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES



• **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.

• **UMW TO MEET FEBRUARY 12TH** ~ in Parks Friendship Hall

• **WIDOWS GROUP** - The Widows small group will meet Friday, February 3, at 9:30am at Barbara Smith's home. We will start planning our activities for the 2012 year and then go out for lunch. Please contact Janet Gullicksen (jgullicksen0104@att.net) for more information.

• **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. In February we are asked to collect Cereal for Trinity. Contact Pastor Sherry.

• **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.



• **CHANGE THE WORLD 2012** ~ Are you ready to Change the World? -- This year's Change the World event will be on Sunday, May 6th. On that morning we will gather into teams and head into the community to serve! It is time to begin brainstorming projects designing the event. All those interested in being part of the planning process and giving feedback are invited to attend a brainstorming session on February 12th at 12:15pm in the Conference Room at PUMC. Come and be a part of the excitement! Questions? See Pastor Sherry.

• **ONLY ONE MORE WEEK** ~ to provide the church with your photo for the pictorial directory. If you have not had one taken by Sharon Frink you may either send us a digital one to pumc@plainfieldumc.com or provide us with a photo which we can scan and return to you. Don't miss out . . . The directory is so helpful to all of us.

• **VALENTINE CARNATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON** ~ On February 12th after the worship services the Missions Committee will have beautiful Valentine Carnations available for you to give to your loved ones. The suggested donation is at least \$2.00 a flower. Everything raised will go to our mission projects, such as the Kathy Wellman Scholarship. Please help support PUMC missions.