

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 26-March 3

### Sunday February 26

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

### Monday February 27

- 12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
- 6:30p Administrative Council (JBFH)
- 7:15p Coupon Group (206/207)

### Tuesday February 28

#### Announcements due

- 4:30p Girl Scouts Troop #987 (JBFH)
- 7:00p Finance Committee (JBFH)

### Wednesday February 29

- 8:15a Men's Lenten Breakfast (Offsite)
- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
- 6:30p Immersion Bible Study (C/L)
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)
- 7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)

### Thursday March 1

- 6:00p God & Family (106)
- 7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (206/207)
- 7:00p Cub Scouts Den 4 (JBFH)
- 7:00p Launch Pad Small Group (Parsonage)

### Friday March 2 Office Closed

- 7:00p Sound Meditation (206/207)

### Saturday March 3

- 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)

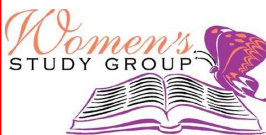
• **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES IN PARKS**

- \*Michelle Bott
- \*Karen Cowan's friend, Susie Coad Brown
- \*Eun-Hye Choi's niece, Elizabeth Ro
- \*Jill Clem and Ruth Snyder's family
- \*Jeff & Carolyn Dement's uncle, John Wirth
- \*Mike Crayton's sister, Judy Barrick
- \*Bob & Lee Faillo
- \*Helen Niemeyer
- \*Patty Habersberger's friend, Gary Martin
- \*Ron Henbest
- \*Nancy Richie's sister, Marilyn Walsh
- \*Nancy and Wayne Jr. Richie
- \*Kim Stephen's friend, Leslie Baumann
- \*The Tegtmeier Family's friend, Tamara Watkins
- \*John & Barb Tschopp's friend, Gene May
- \*Jessica Wachal
- \*Guy & Danae Welch's granddaughter, Chloe Troxel
- \*Danae Welch
- \*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 *Germany and France*.



#### • **WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP**

~ Our book for March is Sing You Home by Jodi Piccoul. All women are invited to read and join us for discussion on Thursday, March 15th at 7pm in room 205.

- **SOUND MEDIATION** ~ Experience mediation to the sounds of a gong and singing bowls the first Friday of each month at 7pm in rooms 206/207. Contact Mary Curnane to reserve your space and for more information. 815-439-4642 or mtcurna@gmail.com.

**simplify**  
connect. serve. love.

#### A Sermon Series and Lenten Study

Lent doesn't have to be complicated to be compelling. Sometimes it is through paring things down and reflecting on the essence of life that the soul is restored. Attention will be given to simplifying money, caring for your body, the mind, your schedule, and prayer. The Sermon Series will continue through Lent at both 8:30 and 11:00am worship. services

#### Adult Lenten Study

will meet on Sundays at 9:50am or Mondays at 12:00pm in the Conference Room through April 2nd.  
**Simplify and make space to welcome the risen Christ this Lent.**

The study book may be purchased from the church office for \$10

#### Men's Lenten Breakfast Wednesday Mornings at Southern Bell's Restaurant

Men of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend these Lenten breakfasts at Southern Belle's restaurant during the six weeks of Lent. Meet for breakfast, fellowship, and a brief Lenten reflection. Gather at 8:15am each Wednesday through April 4th. Be on your way by 9:15am. Drop in when you can!

#### Open Hour for Prayer During Lent

Looking for some quiet time away from hectic schedules? Come to the sanctuary **Mondays** during Lent for meditation, reflection, and personal pastoral prayer from **1:00-2:00pm**. Stay for only a few minutes and join with a pastor in personal prayer. Stay the whole hour and devote yourself to meditation with soft, soothing music in the background. Light a candle to symbolize the burning away of your worries. Whatever your soul needs.

- **IMMERSION BIBLE STUDY** ~ *The end times. How should I approach such a topic? With hopefulness? Intimidation? Do I even understand it? What does it mean to me?* If you have these questions come and study the **book of Revelation** with peer Christians. Immersion Bible study group will start the book of Revelation on **February 29 (Wed.) at 6:30pm** in the Conference Room. The Immersion Bible study series is inspired by a fresh translation, the Common English Bible (CEB). It stands firmly on Scripture and helps people explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of their personal faith. The group will meet twice a month in the Conference Room. With questions please contact pastor Eun-Hye Choi at [eunhye.choi@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:eunhye.choi@plainfieldumc.com) or 815-733-6256.

- **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](mailto:tim_sher@sbcglobal.net).



- **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT MARCH 3 @ 6pm** ~ Jump in your jammies, grab your pillows, drinks, and snacks, and come watch "Gnomeo and Juliet" with other church

families on We'll provide popcorn; you provide drinks & other snacks for your family. You're also encouraged to bring your beanbag chairs or other comfy movie-viewing seats. Sponsored by the Family Ministry Team. For more information contact Wendy Proulx at [wjproulx@comcast.net](mailto:wjproulx@comcast.net) .

- **A NEW SUPPORT GROUP** ~ A new chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous is being formed and will meet in our church, in Rooms 206/207, on **Thursday evenings at 7pm**. If you or someone you know needs help, please come. For more information contact Ray Barnes at either his home # 815-254-0551 or Cell # 815-505-3672.

**GOD AND COUNTRY**



- **NEW!! GOD AND FAMILY CLASS FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADERS** ~ We will be offering a God and Family class for 4th & 5th graders on Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15 and 22 from 6-7:15pm. The God and Family program offers children a chance to explore God's role in a healthy family. The class is open to all children. Those who complete the program will be recognized during a worship service and can receive a God and Family medallion. This award is recognized by Girl and Boy scout associations, and we encourage those involved in scouting to participate in the program. We need a minimum of 5 participants to offer the class. Please contact Sherry Scates at 815-436-9651 or [sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com) to sign-up.

- **WIDOWS SMALL GROUP** ~ will meet Friday, March 2 at 11am at the church. We will have lunch at the Public Landing in Lockport and later visit the Lockport stores. If interested, contact Janet Gullicksen for reservations by Feb. 29th. 815-463-0846.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEWS** ~ Thank you for your continued donations various food pantries. In March we are asked to collect 1 pound bags of rice for Trinity. We serve at this pantry the 4th Wednesday of the month from 11a-3p and could use your help. Please contact Pastor Sherry for more information.

- **PUMC CONFIRMATION GROUP WILL VISIT THE HINDU TEMPLE OF GREATER CHICAGO** today following the 11am worship service. Hinduism is one of the oldest religions in the world. Predating recorded history, it originated among the sages of ancient India around 6000 BCE. Hinduism cherishes one of the largest and oldest storehouses of scripture and philosophy, offering guidance to more than 800 million Hindus for pursuing spiritual growth. Two of the core missions of HTGC are to promote inter-religious, social, and cultural understanding and to support humanitarian causes.

- **CYCLING GROUP NEWS** ~ Winter is wrapping up, spring is on the way, and the PUMC Cycling Group wishes to announce we will ride again in 2012! We'll let the weather get a bit warmer first, but if you are one of those people who start longing for the bike paths about this time of year, this is the group for you! We're always looking for new riders. Visit <http://pumc-cycling.blogspot.com> to read our blog and view our ride summaries from the past two years. Contact Eric Lenning @ ([EricLenning@sbcglobal.net](mailto:EricLenning@sbcglobal.net)) or phone (815-254-3964). As always, our goals are fun, fellowship and fitness!

- **PUMC "WISH BOOK"** ~ Today's insert provides you with information regarding projects or improvements that are too big to fit into the regular church budget. Your ongoing contributions to PUMC make it possible for the Trustees to maintain the normal expenses of the building and grounds but the insert identifies those projects that are above and beyond those normal expenses. If you would like to sponsor one of these projects, or would like more information, please contact Pastor Eun-Hye or Larry Stephens, chair of the Board of Trustees.