

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - March 11 - 17

Sunday March 11

- 8:30a Worship
- 9:45a Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation
- 9:45a United Methodist Women (PFH)
- 10:00a Eucharistic Service
- 11:00a Worship
- 12:15p Baptism Orientation (PFH)
- 5:45p Confirmation Class to visit St. Mary's Church
- 6:00p Adult Dinner Group

Monday March 12

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

Tuesday March 13

Announcements due

- 6:30p Cub Scout Den 8 (JBFH)
- 7:00p Membership & Outreach (C/L)
- 7:00p Prayer Shawl Knitting (PFH)

Wednesday March 14

- 8:15a Men's Lenten Breakfast (Offsite)
- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
- 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #362
- 6:30p Immersion Bible Study (C/L)
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)
- 7:00p Boy Scouts (106)

Thursday March 15

Circuit Rider due date for submissions

- 9:30a Small Group Ministry Team
- 6:00p God & Family (106)
- 7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (206/207)
- 7:00p Launch Pad Group (Parsonage)
- 7:00p Women's Book Group (205)
- 7:00p Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday March 16

Office Closed

Saturday March 17

- 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)

- *Fern Angelo's friend, Lois
- *Karen Cowan's friend, Susie Coad Brown
- *Eun-Hye Choi's niece, Elizabeth Ro



- *Mike Crayton's sister, Judy Barrick
- *Bob & Lee Faillo
- *Paul & Jessica Konczak Family
- *Patty Habersberger's friend, Gary Martin
- *Nancy Richie's sister, Marilyn Walsh
- *Judy Ruerup
- *Kim Stephen's friend, Leslie Baumann
- *John & Barb Tschopp's friend, Gene May
- *Jessica Wachal
- *Guy & Danae Welch's granddaughter, Chloe Troxel
- *Danae Welch
- *Beckie Winkels
- *Laura Zarbock's friend, Rick Webster
- *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 Myanmar and Thailand.

• EVENT PLANNING OPPORTUNITY ~

Are you interested in coordinating a great event for our Senior members? Would you like to make 75+ people very happy? Then we need you! The chef (has been hired) and the decorating committee is in place but **we need you** to pull it all together. Please contact Cheryl Henbest in the church office if you are interested., 815-436-9651 This is a great ministry for our Seniors.

COUNTDOWN TO CHANGE THE WORLD

ONLY 7 WEEKS UNTIL MAY 6TH!

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 Belle

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

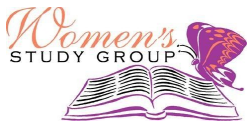
Looking for some quiet time away from hectic schedules? Come to the sanctuary **Mondays** during Lent for meditation, reflection, and personal pastoral prayer from

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. The Immersion Bible study group will meet on Wednesdays - this week, March 14th at 6:30p, in the Conference Room. This 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 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.

- **WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** ~ Our book for March is Sing You Home by Jodi Piccoult. All women are invited to read and join us for discussion on this week, Thursday, March 15th at 7pm in room 205.



- **SAVE THE DATE** ~ If you are 70 years old (or older) please save April 29th, the 2012 date for the Senior Dinner. Details will follow as the date draws nearer but wanted to provide you with the date so you won't miss it!

- **FOOD PANTRY NEWS** ~ Thank you for your continued donations to the 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.

- **VIDEO TECHS NEEDED** ~ for the 11am worship service. Training will be provided; high school students are encouraged to participate. Contact Don Markwell for more information don.markwell@comcast.net or 815-436-9677.

- **DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY** ~ Do you want to learn more about the bible? Are you intimidated by a 34-week intensive Disciple Bible Study? Would 8-weeks be more appealing?

Beginning April 15th you will have the opportunity to start your journey through the Old Testament on Sunday evenings in weekly chunks and finish before Father's Day! On that day, Larry Newton will begin an **Invitation to the Old Testament**. The study will begin at 6:00p and allow you to "test the waters" in a bible study format. No previous knowledge required!

Explore the Old Testament's story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the biblical text. Hear the magnificence of a Creation hymn, discover the law and wisdom teachings, listen to the warning of the prophets and explore the poetry of the Song of Solomon.

Participants gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Old Testament as an integral part of the Christian Bible and a renewed discovery of our identity in God and God's vision for all things.

Please RSVP with Larry Newton at 815-274-3121 or tubbfan@gmail.com.

- **JOIN THE CONFIRMATION CLASS AS THEY VISIT TWO AREA CHURCHES** ~ **First visit will be today, Sunday, March 11** when the confirmation class will meet directly at St. Mary's church at 5:45pm. (15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield) They will discuss Roman Catholicism after the mass. Pick up at St. Mary's at 8pm.

Then next **Sunday, March 18** the class will leave at 8:45a to attend Divine Liturgy and subsequent presentation at **All Saints Greek Orthodox Church** in Joliet at 9:30a; return by noon. **All are invited!**

Come with your questions about Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy, two of the three main branches of Christianity.

NO JR. HIGH UMYF TONIGHT, MARCH 11. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CONFIRMATION CLASS AT ST. MARY'S.

- **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** ~ Do you want to live and give like no one else? Do you ever wonder what it would be like to not have a car payment or to be able to save for your child's college? Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will once again be offered here at PUMC! This 13 week program utilizes a video curriculum as well as small-group discussion for encouragement and accountability. The program teaches participants how to eliminate debt and save for the future in order to achieve their financial goals from a Christian perspective. The cost of \$93 covers the program and materials. To learn more about the class, attend the Free Preview class on Sunday, March 25th from 4-5p. Classes will begin Sunday, April 15, from 4 to 6pm. Childcare will be provided.

For more information or to sign up, contact leaders Matt and/or Colleen at runtymt@gmail.com or 630-405-3450).