

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - March 18-24

Sunday March 18

- 8:30a Worship
- 8:45a Confirmation Class to visit Greek Orthodox Church in Joliet
- 9:45a Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation
- 10:00a Eucharistic Service
- 11:00a Worship
- 12:15p Church & Society Meeting (C/L)
- 6:30p Jr. High UMYF (206/207)

Monday March 19

- 9:00p Prayer Shawl Knitting (PFH)
- 12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
- 5:00p Girl Scout Troop #148 (JBFH)
- 6:30p Education Committee (C/L)

Tuesday March 20

Announcements due

- 6:30p Stewardship Meeting (C/L)
- 7:00p Cub Scout Pack 82 Leaders (PFH)

Wednesday March 21

- 8:15a Men's Lenten Breakfast (Offsite)
- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
- 5:45p Jr. Chimes Rehearsal (Balcony)
- 6:00p Conversational Spanish Class (C/L)
- 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #362
- 6:30p WHAM! (202 and 205)
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)
- 7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)

Thursday March 22

- 6:00p God & Family (106)
- 6:30p Staff Parish Meeting (C/L)
- 7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (206/207)
- 7:00p Cub Scouts Den 5 (105)
- 7:00p Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday March 23 **Office Closed**

Saturday March 24

- 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)

- *Fern Angelo's friend, Lois
- *Jennifer Armstrong's friends, Julie, Gracie and Carlin Quinn
- *Karen Cowan's friend, Susie Coad Brown
- *Eun-Hye Choi's niece, Elizabeth Ro
- *Mike Crayton's sister, Judy Barrick



- *Ike & Wanda Eichelberger
- *Bob & Lee Faillo
- *Patty Habersberger's friend, Gary Martin
- *Dari-Mattison-Trevino's family, Angel Miquel and Anthony Hernandez
- *Alice Otto's friend Greg Werner
- *Judy Ruerup
- *Kim Stephen's friends, Leslie Baumann and Larry Lauderdale
- *Rose Waldron
- *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 Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

- **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.

COUNTDOWN TO CHANGE THE WORLD
ONLY 6 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.

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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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!

- **GARDNERS SPRING INTO ACTION!** Come join others as the Gardeners meet at Char Baker's home on Saturday, March 31 at 11 o'clock. Bring your sandwich and the rest of the lunch will be provided. You don't have to have a garden or even a yard to enjoy being in this group. Last year the group attended workshops, went on a Garden Walk, enjoyed a Mum Show, traveled to farmer markets and other interesting places of interest. All are welcome so bring a friend. You may not be able to do everything that the group does but don't miss this kick off for the 2012 growing season. For more information and to sign up contact Char Baker at 630-753-9968 or cbaker151@ameritech.net.

- **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.



- **CYCLING GROUP** ~ offers fun, fitness and fellowship. Spring is definitely on the way and this group is ready to ride. They are always looking for new riders. To read their Blog and view their ride summaries Visit <http://pumc-cycling.blogspot.com>

Need more info? Contact Eric Lenning @ EricLenning@sbcglobal.net or phone (815-254-3964).

- **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).



Ride on, King Jesus

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA

April 1st the Chancel Choir will present their Spring Cantata, "Ride on, King Jesus" at both the 8:30a and 11:00a worship services.

Invite your neighbors, friends and family to join you Palm Sunday for this beautiful presentation.

A WONDERFUL BEGINNING TO HOLY WEEK.