

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - March 25-31

Sunday March 25

- 8:30a Worship
- 9:45a Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation
- 10:00a Eucharistic Service
- 11:00a Worship
- 3:00p Youth Bowling Mixer @ Channahon Lanes
- 4:00p Financial Peace University (C/L)

Monday March 26

- 10:15a Computer Class (C/L)
- 12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
- 7:00p Administrative Council (JBFH)

Tuesday March 27

Announcements due

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

Wednesday March 28

- 8:15a Men's Lenten Breakfast (Offsite)
- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
- 11:00a Trinity Food Pantry (Offsite)
- 5:45p Jr. Chimes Rehearsal (Balcony)
- 6:00p Immersion Bible Study (C/L)
- 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #362
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)
- 7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)

Thursday March 29

- 7:00p Launch Pad Small Group (Parsonage)
- 7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (206/207)
- 7:00p Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday March 30 **Office Closed**

Saturday March 31

- 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)
- 9:00a Chuck Wagon (Offsite)
- 10:15a Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00a Gardners Group (Offsite)

COUNTDOWN TO CHANGE THE WORLD

ONLY 5 WEEKS UNTIL MAY 6TH!

- *Fern Angelos' 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



- *Jeane Dupre's daughter, Bev, her grandson, Jake and friend, Pat
- *Ike Eichelberger Family
- *Bob & Lee Faillo
- *Patty Habersberger's friend, Gary Martin
- *Dari-Mattison-Trevino's family, Angel Miquel and Anthony Hernandez
- *Nancy Mattison-Trevino's friend, Stephanie Johnson
- *Alice Otto's friend Greg Werner
- *Kim Stephen's friends, Leslie Baumann and Larry Lauderdale
- *John & Barb Tschopp's friend, Gene May
- *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** ~ During 2011 you helped on average 53 families each week by distributing over 1,712 pounds of food providing approximately 197 meals each week. Your financial gifts and monthly service help to make this a reality. *You are awesome!*

simplify

connect. serve. love.

ADULT LENTEN STUDY

will continue to meet the next two weeks. Join the class today at 9:50am or tomorrow at 12:00pm in the Conference Room.

Simplify and make space to welcome the risen Christ this Lent.

MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFAST **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT** **SOUTHERN BELLE RESTAURANT**

through April 4th. 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.

HOSPITALITY TIP FOR TODAY

There are no strangers,
only friends we have yet to meet.

- **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. For more information and to sign up contact Char Baker at 630-753-9968 or cbaker151@ameritech.net.

- **WE EXTEND SYMPATHY TO** ~
 Ike Eichelberger and his family in the loss of his wife Wanda on March 15th. Cards may be sent to Ike at 14403 S. Silver Lane, Plainfield, IL 60544; Judith (Gary) Geistler, 23514 W. DuPage Court, Plainfield, IL 60544 or John (Ruth) Eichelberger, 14102 S. Naperville Road, Plainfield, IL 60544. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers at this time of loss.

- **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! 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 runtvmt@gmail.com or

**PUMC'S
 Easter Saturday
 Celebration**

Saturday, April 7, 10am-12pm

**Not just another egg hunt!
 Help your kids understand the
 real meaning of Easter.**

Your family will participate in a dynamic devotion, create keepsake projects, and share in fun and fellowship with other families.

The morning will culminate with the hunt for the hidden prize eggs*! Donuts and punch will be served.

***There will be designated egg hunting areas based on age.**

Families may want to bring a basket for collecting eggs and a \$3/child donation (limit \$6/family) for supplies.

Have a neighbor who may be looking for a church home? Invite them to join us!