

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - April 1-7

### Sunday April 1

- 8:30a Worship - Cantata
- 9:45a Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation
- 10:00a Eucharistic Service
- 11:00a Worship - Cantata
- 12:00p Baptism Orientation (PFH)
- 12:00p Sunday Brunch Bunch (Offsite)
- 12:30p Young Men's Group (Offsite)

### Monday April 2

- 8:30a Prayer Shawl Knitting (PFH)
- 12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
- 7:00p Stress Support (205)

### Tuesday April 3

#### Announcements due

### Wednesday April 4

- 8:15a Men's Lenten Breakfast (Offsite)
- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
- 5:45p Wednesday Night Dinner (JBFH)  
Hosted by Relay for Life Team
- 6:30p Family Ministry Team (204)
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday April 5

- 7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship
- 7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting  
(206/207)

### Friday April 6

#### Office Closed

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

### Saturday April 7

- 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)
- 10:00a Easter Saturday Celebration

**STRESS SUPPORT GROUP** ~ will meet tomorrow, April 2nd at 7pm in room 205. This is a confidential group of adults which offers the opportunity to share issues and coping strategies with a group of friends in a confidential setting. For more information contact Georgia Whitley at 815-436-3052.

- \*Fern Angelos' friend, Lois
- \*Jennifer Armstrong's friends, Julie, Gracie and Carlin Quinn
- \*Debra Bockrath's father, Roland Carlsen
- \*Eun-Hye Choi's niece, Elizabeth Ro
- \*Jeane Dupre's daughter, Bev, her grandson, Jake and friend, Pat
- \*Ike Eichelberger Family
- \*Bob & Lee Faillo
- \*Skip & Sue Glasgow's future son-in-law, Patrick Murray
- \*Patty Habersberger's friend, Gary Martin
- \*Gregory Hill
- \*Dari-Mattison-Trevino's family, Angel Miquel and Anthony Hernandez
- \*Nancy Mattison-Trevino's friend, Stephanie Johnson
- \*Alice Otto's friend Greg Werner
- \*Helen Sauvageau
- \*Kim Stephen's friends, Leslie Baumann and Larry Lauderdale
- \*MickeySue Traver's great niece, Kaci Kay Creed
- \*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 *Brunei, Malaysia, & Singapore.*

### **COUNTDOWN TO CHANGE THE WORLD**

**simplify**  
connect. serve. love.

### **ADULT LENTEN STUDY**

continues to meet this week. 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 AT SOUTHERN BELLE RESTAURANT**

Meet for breakfast, fellowship, and a brief Lenten reflection this Wednesday, April 4th for our last Men's Lenten Breakfast this Lenten season. Gather at 8:15am. 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.

### **COFFEE HOUR (IN FELLOWSHIP HALL)**

Please join us in the fellowship hall following the 8:30am worship service for coffee and snacks. *Chip & Veray Mackley and Laura Zarbock* will be our hosts and look forward to seeing you. Come and greet our visitors and connect with your church family.

• **THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS:**

Post Easter Worship  
 and Adults' Sunday School

Using the material from the outstanding Public Television program, "The Power of Forgiveness," directed by Martin Doblmeier and funded by Fetzer Institute, we will explore the role, meaning, and power of love and forgiveness in our lives and the world. In class, we will view segments of the program and seek to learn from these challenging and life-changing stories of forgiveness. Class will meet on Sunday mornings in room 206 and on Mondays at 12:00 during Lunch Bunch in the Conference room. Questions? See Pastor Sherry or e-mail her at [sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com).

April 15: "What is the nature of forgiveness?"

April 22: "Why Forgive?"

April 29: "Learning to Forgive"

May 13: "Forgiving the Unforgivable"

- **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](mailto:EricLenning@sbcglobal.net)) or phone**  
**(815-254-3964).**

**SAVE THE DATE** ~ If you are 70 years old (or older), please save April 29th, for the 2012 Senior Dinner! Details will follow.

- **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tubbfan@gmail.com).**

- **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 \$69 covers the program and materials. 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](mailto:runtymt@gmail.com) or 630-405-3450.**

- **EASTER BREAKFAST** ~ Junior and Senior high youth and their families will serve **breakfast Easter morning at 9:45am**. Come, bring your appetite to the feast and celebrate the Risen Christ!

Monetary donations upfront to support the purchase of the staples for the breakfast, such as bacon, sausage, eggs, etc. would be appreciated. Cash and checks payable to "PUMC Youth" are welcome. Please memo "Easter Breakfast."

Youth families are asked to prepare and bring a breakfast casserole or "side dish" type breakfast foods, such as fruit plates, donuts, bagels, bread for toast, cereal, etc. Please tell the breakfast coordinator, MickeySue Traver, or Pastor Chris what you will bring.

Come one, come all! Join us in celebrating our Risen Savior!

**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!*