



- **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).

- **SENIOR DINNER** ~ If you are 70 years old (or older), and received an invitation to the Senior Dinner to be held on April 29th, please RSVP to the church office. If you didn't receive an invite and are at least 70 years old, you are also invited to attend (just means we don't have your birthday in our database). Call the church office and we will add you to the list. This is PUMC's way of honoring our "senior members", so please come and enjoy an evening of good food, fun and fellowship!

- **3rd ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CLOTHING/ TOY RESALE** ~ The Moms Encouraging Moms small group is currently registering sellers for their Children's Clothing/Toy Resale which will be held Saturday, June 2nd, in the church fellowship hall. If you or someone you know is interested in selling gently used children's items, please complete a Seller Registration Form (available in the church office) and return it to the office or Laura Hawkins. Sellers will price their own items and receive 65-75% of the sale price, with the remainder going to PUMC. We will also accept donated items to sell. For more information, please e-mail laurarosehawkins@aol.com or call her at 815-985-7071.

- **A YOUNG MOM NEEDS OUR HELP** ~ A young mother in our area is expecting a baby girl and is in need of clothing for her new baby. Any donations you provide will be helpful and appreciated. Just drop them off in the church office and we will get them to her.

- **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 **today**, 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.

- **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** ~ **Classes begin today from 4 to 6 pm.** 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. 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.

- **MISSION TRIP PREP, PRAYER & PIZZA PARTY** ~ All youth going on the mission trip are **required** to come **TODAY at 5:00pm** to finalize your mission trip letters. Please bring your own uniquely-written letter on paper or electronically, along with addresses for close family and friends (aim for ten) to whom you will send your letter. The church will stamp and mail all letters.

For information about the mission trip, go to plainfieldumc.com/ymt12. Download the sample letter and information about fundraising. Bring your skills assessment (see the web site), or fill out the Excel version from the web site and email it to Pastor Chris.

Following our letter preparations and prayers over the letters, we will celebrate with pizza and a game night, which will conclude at 8:00pm.

The mission trip **deadline registration deadline is April 30**. Download registration materials at plainfieldumc.com/ymt12.

- **GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) & The UMC (United Methodist Church): ACCEPTANCE, ORDINATION, MARRIAGE, AND CIVIL UNIONS** ~ Please join the Church and Society Committee for an open discussion as we explore the needs and issues facing a significant portion of our Christian population. Bring your coffee to Parks Friendship Hall Sunday morning, April 22, @ 9:45a. For more information, please contact Mary Snydersmith at MSAnydersmith@sbcglobal.net.

- **"MEET 'N GREET" NEW MEMBER CLASS** ~ today at 4:00p, Rm 205. If you are interested in joining PUMC or if you just want to learn more about the Methodist Church, you are invited to join us. Today you will have an opportunity to meet the pastors and other perspective members in an informal setting. Childcare will be provided. The second session is schedule on Wednesday, April 18 @ 6:30p and the third session is on Sunday, April 22 @ 9:45a.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - April 15-21

Sunday April 15

- 8:30a Worship
- 9:45a Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation
- 10:00a Eucharistic Service
- 11:00a Worship with Baptism
- 12:15p Church & Society Meeting (C/L)
- 4:00p Financial Peace University (PFH)
- 4:00p New Member "Meet 'n Greet" (205)
- 5:00p Mission Trip Prep Pizza Party (JBFH)
- 6:00p Invitation to the Old Testament (C/L)
- 6:30p Jr. High UMYF (206/207)

Monday April 16

- 9:00a Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (PFH)
- 10:15a Computer Class (C/L)
- 12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
- 5:00p Girl Scout Troop #148 (JBFH)
- 6:30p Education Committee (C/L)
- 7:00p Endowment Fund Trustees (106)

Tuesday April 17

Announcements due

- 6:30p Stewardship Meeting (C/L)
- 6:30p Cub Scout Pack 82 Den 1 (104)
- 7:00p Cub Scout Pack 82 Leaders (PFH)
- 7:00p Memorial Committee (106)

Wednesday April 18

- 8:15a Men's Group Breakfast (Offsite)
- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
- 5:45p Jr. Chimes Rehearsal (Balcony)
- 6:00p Conversational Spanish (C/L)
- 6:30p Girl Scout Troop #362 (106)
- 6:30p New Member Class (Church Office)
- 6:30p Relay for Life Meeting (PFH)
- 7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)
- 7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)

COUNTDOWN TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Only 3 Weeks Until May 6th!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - April 15-21

(continued)

Thursday April 19

- 9:30a Small Group Ministry Team (PFH)
- 7:00p Cub Scout Den 5 (105)
- 7:00p Cub Scout Den 6 (106)
- 7:00p Plfd Area Comm Chorus (Choir Rm)
- 7:00p Women's Book Group (205)
- 7:00p Worship Band Rehearsal
- 7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (206/207)

Friday April 20

Office Closed

No Church events this Friday

Saturday April 21

- 10:00a Youth Flower Planting & Lunch (Cgo St Parsonage)

- *Debra Bockrath's father, Roland Carlsen
- *Eun-Hye Choi's niece, Elizabeth Ro
- *Jeane Dupre's daughter, Bev, her grandson, Jake and friend, Pat
- *Skip & Sue Glasgow's future son-in-law, Patrick Murray
- *Gregory Hill
- *Danielle Ivin's friend, Manny Bueno
- *Nancy Mattison-Trevino's friend, Stephanie Johnson
- *Karen Mizwicki's uncle, James Dee Watson
- *Heidi Mulford's friend, Adison Locke
- *Mulford Family's friends, Stickney Fire Dept (loss of their friend Jason)
- *Alice Otto's friend Greg Werner
- *Helen Sauvageau
- *Colette Schmidt (Nate's Mom)
- *Kim Stephen's friends, Leslie Baumann and Larry Lauderdale
- *MickeySue Traver's great niece, Kaci Kay Creed
- *John & Barb Tschopp's friend, Gene May
- *Beckie Winkels
- *Those serving in the military



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**BE PART OF
"CHANGE THE WORLD"
MAY 6, 2012**

**REGISTER TODAY FOR A
PROJECT!!**

There is something for everyone, of all ages and abilities! Childcare will be available throughout the morning for babies & toddlers in our nursery.

We need monetary donations to help with a few of the projects. Can you help? Place your donation in an envelope and mark it "Change the World". Thank You!

If you don't have one of our bright yellow "Change the World" t-shirts — it isn't too late to get one — fill out the order form in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate today.

**TOGETHER —
WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!!**

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

Today's topic:

What is the nature of forgiveness?

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 review segments of the program and seek to learn from these challenging and life-changing stories of forgiveness. Class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45a in Rm 206 and on Mondays at 12:00p during Lunch Bunch in the conference room. Questions? See Pastor Sherry or e-mail her at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com.