



- **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 continues to register sellers for their Children's Clothing/Toy Resale which will be held June 2nd at the church. If you or someone you know is interested in selling your 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. *New this year, you can also complete a Seller Registration Form on-line!* Go to www.plainfieldumc.com for details. For more information, call Laura at 815-985-7061 or e-mail her at laurarosehawkins@aol.com.

- **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.

CALLING ALL CANCER SURVIVORS!

The kids of WHAM! would like to celebrate your fight as they participate in their own "Mini-Relay for Life" on Wednesday, April 25th at 6:30pm. If you are a cancer survivor, please let Wendy Proulx know at 815-254-4133 or wjproulx@comcast.net. And if you can make it, the kids would love to have you join them for their opening ceremonies on Wednesday (4/25 @ 6:30p). We will be meeting under the pavilion at the Village Green park. It will mean so much to the kids to see you!! Please come if you can!



To the entire congregation: We would LOVE to have a big crowd to support the kids as they walk to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays!

Come on out and feel your heart sing to see these kids taking time to make a difference in the world!!

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

Today's topic: Why Forgive?

Using the material from the outstanding Public Television program, "The Power of Forgiveness", directed by Martin Doblmeier and funded by Fetzer Institute, we are exploring 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 meets 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.

CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME to Alan & Jennifer Rzeszewski on the birth of their son, Drake Alan. He was born March 31 and is doing just wonderful!

- **GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender) & The UMC (United Methodist Church): ACCEPTANCE, ORDINATION, MARRIAGE, AND CIVIL UNIONS** ~ Please join the Church and Society Committee today @ 9:45a in Parks Friendship Hall for an open discussion as we explore the needs and issues facing a significant portion of our Christian population. Bring your coffee and join in the discussion.

- **BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON TODAY** ~ The Youth of our church are hosting a Baked Potato (with all the toppings) Luncheon today in the JBFH at 12:00noon. There is no charge - just a free will donation - with proceeds going to support their summer mission trip to Cedar Rapids, IA. Don't miss this awesome lunch and you don't even have to cook or clean-up!!

- **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS/HOSTESSES** are needed for April 29 and May 13. Sign up today. Coffee hour is a wonderful time to "catch up" with your friends and to meet new people.

- **STRESS SUPPORT GROUP** ~ will meet tomorrow, April 23 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. Georgia Whitley is a mental health professional who leads this group. For more information contact Georgia at 815-436-3052.

- **ADOPT-A-BILL "SPRING FLOWER GARDEN"** ~ Make a donation to our "Adopt-a-Bill Garden" and watch the flowers grow!

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 27TH

8:30a Eucharist Service
9:30a Worship Service
9:30a Sunday School for children through 5th grade

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - April 22-28

Sunday April 22

- 8:30a Worship
9:45a Sunday School (all ages) & Confirmation
9:45a Church & Society GLBT & UMC Open Discussion (PFH)
9:45a New Member Class (Church Ofc)
10:00a Eucharistic Service
11:00a Worship
12:00p Youth Baked Potato Lunch (JBFH)
12:15p Change the World Team Leader Training (C/L)
4:00p Financial Peace University (PFH)
6:00p Invitation to the Old Testament (C/L)
6:30p Jr. High UMYF (206/207)

Monday April 23

- 12:00p Lunch Bunch (C/L)
7:00p Administrative Council (JBFH)
7:00p Stress Support Group (205)

Tuesday April 24 (Announcements Due)

- 4:30p Girl Scouts Troop #987 (JBFH)
7:00p Walker's Grove HOA (C/L)

Wednesday April 25

- 9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
11:00a Trinity Food Pantry (Offsite)
5:45p Jr. Chimes Rehearsal (Balcony)
6:30p Girl Scout Troop #362 (106)
6:30p Immersion Bible Study (C/L)
6:30p WHAM! (202 and 205)
7:00p Boy Scouts (JBFH)
7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00p Sr. High UMYF (206/207)

Thursday April 26

- 6:30p Staff-Parish Relations (C/L)
7:00p Plfd Area Comm Chorus (Choir Rm)
7:00p Worship Band Rehearsal
7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (206/207)

Friday April 27

Office Closed ~ No Church Events

Saturday April 28

- 9:00a Bellissimo Rehearsal (Balcony)
9:00a Chuck Wagon (Offsite)

- *Debra Bockrath's father, Roland Carlsen
*Lee Faillio
*Skip & Sue Glasgow's future son-in-law, Patrick Murray
*Gregory Hill
*Danielle Ivin's friend, Manny Bueno
*Karen Mizwicki's uncle, James Dee Watson
*Heidi Mulford's friend, Adison Locke
*Bev Parks
*Rich Ponulak
*Wendy Proulx's step-sister, Kelly Howard
*Alice Otto's friend Greg Werner
*Helen Sauvageau
*Steven 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
*Beckie Winkels
*Those serving in the military



***THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** enables us to journey in prayer through every region of the world and affirm our solidarity with Christians around the globe. Please pray for *Djibouti and Somalia*.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEWS** ~ Thanks for your continued donations to the Plainfield Interfaith Pantry, our own small food pantry, and Trinity UMC. Join us this Wednesday as we serve at Trinity. Contact Pastor Sherry if you can help or if you have any questions.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~ CIRCLE OF FRIENDS**, a gospel quartet (men and women) is coming to PUMC on Saturday, May 5th @ 7pm to perform a special concert in support of the Trinity Food Pantry. The concert is sponsored by the Joliet Cluster of United Methodist Churches. There will be a "free will offering" taken and following the concert there will be a reception. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors and come out to support this important ministry.

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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 — order one today. **This is the last day to order.** Fill out the order form in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

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

**FOUR X3
AN AFTERNOON OF GOSPEL
QUARTETS**

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 3:00-4:30PM

Right here at PUMC

Featuring:

Our own **UNITED 4 HIM** with John DeGroot, Jason Hawkins, Kelly Markwell, and Larry Stephens. Accompanied by Kathleen Hermansen,

FUMC FOUR from Downer's Grove UMC
CALVARY QUARTET from Calvary Church, Orland Park

While there are no tickets necessary, there will be a free-will offering to benefit the American Cancer Society.

**DON'T MISS IT!
IT'S A "NO MISS" OPPORTUNITY!!**