

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 19-25

Sunday August 19

8:30a Communion Worship
 9:30a Worship and Sunday School
 10:30a Youth Council (206/207)

Monday August 20

6:30p Education Committee (C/L)
 7:00p Stress Support Group (205)

Tuesday August 21 (Announcements Due)

5:00p Cruise Night
 6:30p Stewardship Meeting (C/L)
 7:00p Boy Scout Leaders (PFH)

Wednesday August 22

9:00a MOM's (Offsite)
 11:00a Trinity Food Pantry (Offsite)
 6:30p B.A.S.E. Support Group (C/L)

Thursday August 23

6:30p Staff Parish Meeting (C/L)
 7:00p Alcoholic's Anonymous (206/207)

Friday August 24

Office Closed/No Church Events

Saturday August 25

9:00p Bellissimo Rehearsal

• THE AV TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP ~

This team could use help on Sunday mornings videotaping the worship services. Currently they have enough help to tape one service but beginning September 9th, when our worship times return to the fall schedule (8:30am, 10:00am and 11:00am), they would like to be able to tape the 11:00am service but need additional team members to do so.

PLEASE consider this opportunity to serve PUMC and contact the church office to say "COUNT ON ME"

*Judy & Elmer Eddy's grand-daughter, Gabby Smego and their son-in-law Jeff Limerick
 *Sarah Joanis' father James Leach
 *Helen Niemeyer
 *Mike Obrecht
 *Helen Sauvegeau
 *Stevan Sauvegeau
 *Rena & Bob Snyder's friend, Paul Smith
 **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 the *Pacific Islands*.

AUGUST 26TH . . . PET BLESSING FOLLOWING THE 9:30a WORSHIP.

Do you believe your pets will go to heaven? What do scholars and theologians think about that? There are many



different opinions but we agree on one thing: We love our pets and want them to be cared for and blessed. Bring them to the church lawn at noon on August 26th to be blessed by the PUMC Pastoral Staff. Bring a lawn chair and all of your animals for this service of love for your pets.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ~ will meet next Sunday, August 26th at 10:45am in PFH. UMW is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. We welcome all the women of the church to meet with us. We will be making plans for our cookie sale in December and would welcome your suggestions.



PROJECT 12 - We are a Rainbow Covenant Church. As such, we support projects starting in our own church and then radiating out to our district, conference, nation and world. Each Sunday during the 12 weeks of summer we

will feature one of our projects and invite you to donate a dollar (or more) to our Project 12 campaign. You may use the Project 12 envelopes found in the pew racks, or just write a check to PUMC with the notation "Project 12" in the memo blank and drop it in the collection plate.

TODAY'S PROJECT- OUR MISSIONARY, SANDRA RAASCH - For the past several years, we have helped support Sandy Raasch, who is stationed in Honduras. Sandy coordinates the work teams that visit Honduras to set up medical and dental clinics, physical therapy programs, or that help with construction work. Sometimes the teams also install new stoves and chimneys, or water bucket filtration systems. (Our church has sent four teams to Honduras in past years.) Sandy fulfills the "Missionary Personnel," or Indigo Band on our Rainbow Covenant list. She is very good about sending us updates through a newsletter she writes.

• MISSIONS' GARDEN CART "OPEN FOR BUSINESS" TODAY- Please shop from the Garden Cart today and leave a donation you deem appropriate. Remember to bring items from your garden to donate to this project. All funds raised will be used for our Rainbow Covenant projects.

• ITEMS FOR GIRLS' ORPHANAGE - Please remember to pick up a package of new socks and underwear for the girls in the Guatemala orphanage. The donation box is located at the bottom of the steps, in the area where the missions committee puts up the mitten tree.

Youth News

- **YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY ~**
Sunday, August 19, Youth Council will meet **after 9:30 worship in the youth room.** Grab some food and drink from fellowship hall and head upstairs to prepare for the upcoming year of youth ministries.
- **CRUSIE NIGHTS ~** Every Tuesday night Plainfield hosts Cruise Night downtown and our youth serve refreshments. These nights are a great time to hang with friends, reach out to the community, and represent the best of PUMC as well as support our youth ministry. Youth, if you can help please sign up with MickeySue Traver.
- **INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT ~**
Do you want to learn more about the Bible? Beginning September 9th you will have the opportunity to start your journey through the New Testament on Sunday evenings in weekly chunks and finish before Halloween! On that day, @ 6pm, Larry Newton will begin an ***Invitation to the New Testament*** that will allow you to “test the waters” in a Bible study format. Using Matthew’s Gospel as a starting point, this study explores how the New Testament writers and the early Christian community wrestled with the coming of Jesus--his life, actions, mission, death, and resurrection--and the implications of his arrival for their lives and their communities of faith. Moving through the Gospel of Matthew sequentially, the overarching themes from this story of Jesus provide the conversation topics for each of the eight sessions. Each theme is then traced through other related passages in the New Testament. *Who is Jesus and what is his significance for our lives?* Participants are invited to join this conversation, to study afresh this story of Jesus, and to learn more about their calling to discipleship and to community.

- **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** - Have you wanted to take Financial Peace University (FPU) but didn't feel like you had the time to commit to a 13 week class? Dave Ramsey and his team have updated FPU from 13 weekly sessions of 120 minute classes to 9 weekly sessions of 90 minute classes. There is more focus on the BUDGET: the one area we can always improve. The shorter sessions allow families to fit learning to live and give like no one else into their busier and busier lives. Financial Peace University is a video curriculum taught by Dave Ramsey 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 for participants \$89, which include a book, a workbook, CDs of each lesson, a money envelope to implement the system, and access to all of the online resources.

Are you an old FPU graduate? Your lifetime membership still applies. You can participate in the class by simply purchasing the new workbook for only \$15. To learn more about the class, come attend the Free Preview class held on Sunday, August 26th from 4-5pm. Class will be coordinated by Matt and Colleen Runty and will begin Sunday, September 9th from 4-5:30pm. Childcare will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Matt and/or Colleen @ runtymt@gmail.com.

- **NEW MEMBER CLASS TO BEGIN SEPT. 30TH ~** If you are interested in uniting with PUMC please check the box “Wish to join the church” on the registration pad. A class will begin September 30th that will provide information about the United Methodist Church as well as this local congregation in preparation for joining the church on October 14th.

- **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS CONTINUE ~**
Thank you for your continued support of the food pantries. Being able to help our neighbors in need is a true joy for us and a blessing for them. You may bring in non-perishable items to the church and place them in the stairwell across from the office or make a monetary donation noting which food pantry you are supporting on the envelope or on your check.
- **FALL IS APPROACHING . . .** And recruiting has begun for Sunday School Teachers and Helpers. Please see Pastor Sherry to become a part of this awesome ministry or send her an email to sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com

- **BUSY AND COSTLY TIME OF THE YEAR!**
School began August 16th and this means additional expenses for families with school-age children; expenses that often are difficult to meet.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1 - You can donate school supplies, in the box located in the lobby, which will be given to District 202 to assist families throughout the District.
 - 2 - You can make a donation to our PUMC Samaritan fund to assist PUMC families.
- Thank you for helping our local and PUMC families!**

B.A.S.E. (Believing in. And. Supporting. Each other) – This new support group for children of any age who have a parent, family member, or loved one with cancer will begin soon and be open to the community. An informational meeting will be held on August 22 at 6:30-7:30pm at PUMC. The first B.A.S.E. meeting will be September 5th at 6:30-7:30pm, and subsequent meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month at the same time. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Danielle Ivins, RN, OCN, PN, at parishnurse@plainfieldumc.com or leave a message on her confidential church voicemail at 815-436-9651, ext 11.