



**PROJECT 12** - We are a Rainbow Covenant Church which means 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 - HEIFER LIVE GIFTS**

This is truly the gift that goes on giving! Families are selected to receive a live gift from Heifer. It could be anything from a cow, a goat, a water buffalo, a pig, a hive of bees, a flock of chickens, etc. The family receives training in the care of the animal they will receive, and they prepare a place for it. They also agree to give the first-born female animal to another family in need. (We try to raise money to cover the cost of two water buffalo.) Heifer Live Gifts is one of our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) projects on our Rainbow Covenant List. It occupies the Orange Band.

• **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 each year. Lolly will take them to the girls on her next visit to Guatemala.

• **MISSIONS' GARDEN CART** - 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.

\*Judy & Elmer Eddy's grand-daughter, Gabby Smego and their son-in-law Jeff Limerick  
\*Sarah Joanis' father  
James Leach



\*Addie Locke, Heidi Mulford's friend  
\*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 *Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania*.

**PET BLESSING AT NOON**

**TODAY.** 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 TODAY 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.



*a growing faith community*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS Aug. 26-Sept. 1**

**Sunday August 26**

8:30a Communion Worship  
9:30a Worship and Sunday School  
10:45a United Methodist Women (PFH)  
12:00p Pet Blessing (Church Lawn)  
4:00p Financial Peace Preview (C/L)  
5:30p Sunday School Staff Potluck (JBFH)

**Monday August 27**  
**No Church Events**

**Tuesday August 28 (Announcements Due)**

8:45a Plainfield Park District Senior Program (JBFH)  
4:30p Tutoring Center  
4:30p Girl Scout Troop 987  
5:00p Cruise Night

**Wednesday August 29**

9:00a MOM's (Offsite)  
4:30p Tutoring Center  
6:30p Immersion Bible Study (Parsonage)

**Thursday August 30**

8:45a Plainfield Park District Senior Program (JBFH)  
4:30p Tutoring Center  
7:00p Alcoholic's Anonymous (206/207)

**Friday August 31**

**Office Closed**  
7pm Sewing Small Group (JBFH)

**Saturday September 1**

No Church Events

• **THE AV TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP** ~ This team could use help on Sunday mornings videotaping the worship services. **PLEASE consider this opportunity to serve PUMC and contact the church office or Don Markwell to say "YES, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!"**  
**Church Office - 815-436-9651**  
**Don Markwell - 815-436-9677**

# You Are Invited!

- **TO A NEW CLASS THAT WILL JOURNEY THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT ~**

Do you want to learn more about the Bible? Beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6p you will have the opportunity to start your journey through the New Testament on Sunday evenings in weekly chunks and finish before Halloween! 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—and the implications of his arrival for their lives and their communities of faith. The overarching themes from this story of Jesus provide the conversation topics for each of the eight sessions. *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. Contact Larry Newton for more information and/or RSVP at 815-274-3121 or [tubbfan@gmail.com](mailto:tubbfan@gmail.com).

- **TO JOIN A NEW SMALL GROUP ~ B.A.S.E. (Believing in. And. Supporting. Each other) –** This new support group is for children of any age who have a parent, family member, or loved one with cancer will begin soon and is open to the community. The first B.A.S.E. meeting will be September 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:parishnurse@plainfieldumc.com) or leave a message on her confidential church voicemail at 815-436-9651, ext 11.

# You Are Invited!

- **TO FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY PREVIEW TODAY AT 4PM ~** Join Colleen and Matt Runty today to learn more about FPU. The program teaches participants how to eliminate debt and save for the future in order to achieve their financial goals from a Christian perspective FPU is a video curriculum taught by Dave Ramsey as well as small-group discussion for encouragement and accountability. The cost for participants is \$89, which includes 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](mailto:runtymt@gmail.com).

- **TO A 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 with a welcoming lunch on September 30th, after the 11:00am worship, that will provide information about the United Methodist Church as well as this local congregation. The next class will be October 3rd at 6:30pm and the final class October 7th at 9:45am.

- **TO CHECK OUT THE PLAINFIELD PARK DISTRICT SENIOR PROGRAM ~** who will be using our building on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:45a for the next several months.

**WELCOME!**

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- **TO HELP WITH OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM ~ WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS AND TEACHERS ~** Have you ever considered serving in our education programs? We are currently looking for helpers and a couple of teachers for our children’s Sunday School program. Class lessons are provided. Staff members work in teams, typically serving two Sundays per month. It is a fantastic way to have fun, meet people, and grow in your faith! If interested, contact Pastor Sherry at [sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com) with questions or to volunteer!

- **TO JOIN WHAM! WE HAVE A MISSION ~** which is our awesome, high-energy kid’s program where kindergarteners through fifth graders learn to serve! Each month we focus on a project (local, national, or global). We learn the ins and outs of the needs and how we can help, then we put our faith into action! A whole new batch of service opportunities await the kids this year. All are welcome. We typically meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:30-7:30pm in rooms 202 and 204. Our first gathering will be Wednesday, September 5th. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Pastor Sherry at 815-436-9651 or [sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com](mailto:sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com).

- **TO HELP WITH OUR FOOD PANTRIES** 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.