

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SIMPLIFY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING? ~ Give gift cards, they "fit" everyone perfectly! to places like Chili's, Children's Place, or Cabela's, all places that give 10+% to the youth mission trip through Scrip. Stop by the Scrip table Sunday mornings and place your orders by Dec. 9; the cards will be ready for pick up Dec. 16. See plainfieldumc.com/scrip for more information.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTMAS FOR YOUTH - This Christmas, cut through the hype of endless advertising, sales, and social expectations of always being your cheery Christmas self. Instead, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with you, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything for you.

Starting tonight through 12/16 from 6:00-8:30pm, Jr. Hi youth will gather at PUMC in the youth room with Wendy Proulx and Laura Mackley; Sr. Hi youth and college age young adults will gather with Pastor Chris and Sarah Joanis at Panera at 127th & Route 59.

ZHU-ZHU PET SETS AVAILABLE ~ from the Missions Cart in the front hall. Help yourself and leave a donation. The donations will be added to our Pie Auction funds. Thank you! The Missions Committee

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ~ Please contact Pastor Eun-Hye, Chris or Sherry if you would be willing to provide special music for one of the Christmas Eve worship services.

"Music is the universal language of mankind"
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

CRAFT SALE TO BENEFIT MARTHA & MARIA ORPHANAGE IN GUATEMALA ~ Just in time for Christmas gifts the sale will be held on December 9th following the worship services. Shop for original, handmade items created by the girls at the orphanage. For more information contact Lolly Adolfson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Susie Bettenhausen's mother, Bonnie Propper
- *Jim Cowan's friend, Jimbo Byers
- *LaVerne Corzan
- *Elmer & Judy Eddy's grandson, Isiah Moseley
- *Jim Ferguson
- *Helen Hill
- *Tammy Jimenez
- *Nelson Jiminez's friend, Conte Henderson
- *Carolyn Kutsy
- *Ron Mizwicki's father, Ron Sr.
- *Heidi Mulford's friend, Addie Locke
- *Mike Obrecht
- *Diane Roberts' nephew Brian Roberts and her mother Esther Medelberg
- *Tim Traver
- *Guy & Danae Welch's granddaughter, Chloe Troxel
- *Wilbert Mather
- **Those serving in the military



MISSIONS' LOVE TREE ~ Today the Missions' Tree turns into the Love Tree. It is decorated with tags for the people we are helping with Christmas this year. We invite you to take a tag, purchase the gift, wrap in Christmas wrap, and secure the tag firmly to the front of the gift. Please return it to the tree by **SUNDAY, DEC. 16th**. On Monday morning, Dec. 17th, we will gather the gifts, sort them into their family groups, and deliver them.

We would also like to give each of the families a gift certificate to Aldi's. If you would like to help with this, please write a check payable to PUMC with "Aldi Gift Certificates" in the memo blank and drop it in the collection plate or get it to the church office. Thank you.

December 2, 2012

WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY

CHILD CARE ~ At the 8:30am and 10:00am worship services child care is provided in the Nursery (Rm 208) for Infants thru Preschool. At the 11:00am worship service Pre-Schoolers through Kindergartners are invited to Playful Praise in Room 102 following the Children's Time.

COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP ~ Please join with your church family following the 8:30am worship service for the coffee fellowship. We need your help with this vital ministry so please sign up to be hosts. You may be reimbursed for the expense of the treats you provide by submitting the receipt to the church office. Treats do not have to be homemade!

IN CASE YOU FORGOT - it is never too late to turn in your pledge card for 2013. For your convenience pledge cards may be found in the pews or in the church office. Remember, YOU make possible all of the ministries at PUMC? Your financial gifts, your time and your talents make ministries happen!

AURORA DISTRICT CHRISTMAS CONCERT IS TODAY ~ This concert is a great way to kick-off the Advent Season with beautiful music. It will be held at the Rialto Theater, Joliet and will begin at 3pm. **Tickets are available TODAY at the Scrip table in Parks Friendship Hall and at the door.** This fundraising event benefits the Trinity Food Pantry. Contact Pastor Sherry for details.

WANT TO REMEMBER SOMEONE SPECIAL? ~ Acknowledge those special people in your life by either buying a poinsettia or donating to the Samaritan Fund. The names of those honored will be recognized December 23rd. Fill out the insert in today's bulletin.

Calendar December 2-8

Sun Dec 2	9:45a	Parenting Teens - Finance Office
	9:45a	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00p	Sunday Brunch Bunch - Offsite
	12:30p	Young Men's Group - Offsite
	3:00p	Aurora District Concert - Rialto Square Theater, Joliet, IL
	6:30p	Senior High Youth Core - Panera, 12632 South Route 59,
	6:30p	Jr. High Youth Core - 206/207
Mon Dec 3	9:00a	Prayer Shawl Knitting - PFH
	12:00p	Lunch Bunch - C/L
	8:00p	Young Adult Gathering - Culvers @ Rt. 59 & 135th
	9:00a	MOM's - Offsite
Wed Dec 5	9:30a	Letter Writing Small Group - C/L
	5:30p	Advent Festival & Dinner Hosted by the Education Committee
	6:00p	Jr. Choir - Sanctuary
	6:30p	B.A.S.E. - 205
	6:30p	WHAM! - 202 and 204
	6:30p	Youth Gathering - JBFH
	7:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p	Worship Band Rehearsal
Thu Dec 6	7:00p	Worship Band Rehearsal
Sat Dec 8	8:00a	Bellissimo Rehearsal - Balcony
	9:00a	Plainfield Area Infertility Group - Room 205
	9:30a	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
	6:00p	Restaurant Samplers - Offsite

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."
Calvin Coolidge



SPREAD CHRISTMAS JOY! ~ What better way to get in the holiday spirit than by spreading some Christmas joy! In past years, our church has provided baskets with holiday goodies, fleece blankets, or flowers to our homebound congregation members. This year, we will be giving these friends a beautiful ornament which can be displayed all year. **But we need your help!** Please consider helping us by making the time in your schedule to deliver one or two of these gifts. Your delivery and visit, however brief, will spread Christmas cheer to those who are unable to experience it here in the church. This is a great opportunity for families: demonstrate first-hand for your children how simple actions can bring great joy (to the giver AND the receiver!). **Pick up one of these wrapped gifts with the recipients' name and address attached after church on Sunday, December 2, and relish in the opportunity to play Santa's helper...no elf ears or jingle bells required!** Questions? Contact Char Baker.

UMW ANNUAL COOKIE SALE ~ will be Sunday Dec. 16. We appreciate all those wonderful, goodies that you so graciously donate for the sale. The cookie plates will be assembled on Sat. Dec. 15 at 10 AM. Please bring your cookies either Thur. Dec. 13 or the morning of Dec. 15. Donations can be brought before the 1st service on Dec. 16th also.
Thank you,
Ginny 815-436-4389 and
Martha 815-436-4001

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MISSION

Equipping people for a growing **relationship** with Jesus Christ to **serve** all.

UPCOMING PUMC EVENTS

ADVENT ADULT STUDY ~ Give yourself a gift this season and change the way you approach Christmas! All adults are invited to consider celebrating a "Different Kind of Christmas." Come meet with Pastor Sherry in room 206 for a special DVD based class that will help you remember the importance of the season in the midst of the cultural insanity. No reading or preparation required. Interested participants can pick up a copy of the daily devotional book "A Different Kind of Christmas" in the church office. Suggested donation for the book is \$9.



ADVENT WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th AT 5:30p ~

Best dinner of the year! No cooking allowed! We will be having a work-free potluck. Just pick up a sack of your favorite food at a fast food restaurant and bring it to share. Beverages will be provided.

We will eat together at 5:30p. At 6:15p, families will journey to several interactive stations where they can create, play, and celebrate the season! It's fun for all people! Childcare will be available for infants and toddlers in room 101.

Make this Christmas season special from the start!