



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

IMMERSION BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 9TH AT 6:30PM on the Gospel of Luke. *Who is Jesus of Nazareth for you? What do you believe about him? Why do you think people need Jesus?* Do you have these or similar questions? Come and join in the study of the Gospel of Luke. The Immersion Bible study series is inspired by a fresh translation, the Common English Bible (CEB), and it stands on Scripture and helps people explore the emotional, spiritual, and intellectual needs of their personal faith. The group will meet in the Conference Room and will finish around 8:00 p.m. Child care is provided. Questions? contact Pastor Eun-Hye Choi.

NURTURING YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUALITY ~ Parents of children (infant through 12 yrs old) are encouraged to join Pastor Sherry for a class on how you can nurture your child's spirituality. We all want what is "best" for our kids so they can grow up healthy and happy and successful -- the best schools, the best extracurricular activities, the best social environment. How can we offer the "best" spiritual environment? What role should religion and the church play in your family's life? How can you help to connect your child with God? We will begin meeting on **Sunday, Jan 13th-February 10th at 9:50 in room 203**. Questions? contact Pastor Sherry at sherry.scates@plainfieldumc.com.

LIFE CHANGING GRATITUDE ~ This class will be following the sermon series, beginning **January 20th** and running through February 10th. Join Larry Newton in **room 206 on Sunday mornings at 9:50** or Pastor Sherry for Lunch Bunch on **Mondays starting on January 21st at 12:00pm** in the Conference room. Start the new year off with an attitude of gratitude and watch how your life can change! Books are available in the church office for \$9.00.

WINTER IS A GREAT MONTH TO READ A WONDERFUL BOOK! ~ Join us, beginning January 28th from 6-8pm, when you will have the opportunity to start your journey through the New Testament and finish before Palm Sunday! Larry Newton will lead this class, ***Invitation to the New Testament***, that will allow you to "test the waters" in a bible study format. You will spend time exploring how the New Testament writers wrestled with the coming of Jesus. . . his life, actions, mission, death & resurrection. Do you think "this isn't for me, I have never studied the Bible" – **WRONG! This class is for those with absolutely no familiarity with the Bible, but wish to learn more.** Please RSVP to Larry at 815-274-3121 or tubbfan@gmail.com

BE SURE TO PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES FOR 2013

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PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to all: happy or sad, rejoicing or grieving, seeking or believing.

Welcome to all, here is good news:

To you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

His name is Jesus, which means, "Liberator", "Rescuer", "Deliverer."

His life changed the world.

His presence changes us today.

Lift up your hearts!

Rejoice! Give thanks to God!

*HYMN

UMH #204

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

*OPENING PRAYER

God of peace, you hold the nations in your hand, yet know and love us all. By your Spirit, you gather us; in Christ, you make us one. As we come together, show us who we are, what we can be, and where we should go, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(Brian Wren)

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Sherry

SPECIAL MUSIC

Tim Scates

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

*Sunday
December 30, 2012
10:00 am*

"God Showed Up"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION UMH #245 "The First Noel" v. 1&2

*GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-14

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I John 1:1-4

SERMON "God Showed Up" Pastor Sherry Scates

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN UMH #224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We're glad you're here!

Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship book located in the pew.

If you have a prayer concern, or would like to request a pastoral visit, please complete the Prayer Card found in the pews.

PASTORAL STAFF

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 Rev. Chris Walters, Associate Pastor
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CHILD CARE ~ At this worship service child care is provided in the Nursery (Rm 208) for Infants thru Preschoolers.

COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE ~ will be hosted by the John & Barbara Tschopp and they look forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTMAS BREAK ~ The Youth gatherings take a break during the holidays. No youth gatherings through January 6.

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT ~ All high school youth (and friends!) are invited to a two-night retreat **February 1-3** at Dickson Valley Camp in Newark, IL. We will leave promptly at 4:30 pm on Friday and will return by noon Sunday. Dickson Valley offers tons of stuff to do. See PUMYF.org/retreats for more info. **Cost is \$100**. Rally your friends together. Get the snowball rolling! RSVP to Pastor Chris that you (and # of your friends!) are going. Thank you.

"LET THE WHOLE WORLD SING" CHRISTMAS CANTATA DVD'S AVAILABLE ~ Are you interested in having a copy of the Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata? You may order a DVD, for a suggested donation of \$10, by contacting the church office at 815.436.9651. **Order your copy TODAY!**

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYRS: Russ Corey; Casey Crews' friends, the Sullivan & Davis Families; Caryn Feris' friend, Arlene Branz; Helen Hill; Heidi Mulford's friend, Addie Locke; Matt Nelson; Mike Obrecht; Betty & George Quast; Bill Schaubert's mother, Lorna Schaubert; Delores Smith's mother, Laura Alexander; Debbie Thompson's friend, Roger Danner; MickeySue Traver's Mother-in-law, Faith Green; Tim Traver; Guy & Danae Welch's granddaughter, Chloe Troxel; Those serving in the military.

Calendar December 30, 2012 - January 5, 2013

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon Dec. 31, 2012		Church Office Closes at noon
Tue Jan. 1, 2013		Happy New Year!
Wed Jan. 2, 2013	9am	MEM's - Offsite
	6:30p	B.A.S.E. - 205
Thu Jan. 3, 2013	7p	Worship Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7p	Alcoholics Anonymous - 206/207
Sat Jan. 5, 2013	9a	Bellissimo Rehearsal - Balcony