

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 THIS morning and place your orders TODAY; 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.

TONIGHT and 12/16 from 6:30-8:00pm, 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 **TODAY** 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
- *Fran Bonafacchi
- *Jim Cowan's friend, Jimbo Byers
- *Elmer & Judy Eddy's grandson, Isiah Moseley
- *Jim Ferguson
- *Helen Hill
- *Tammy Jimenez
- *Nelson Jimenez's friend, Conte Henderson
- *Carolyn Kutsy
- *Ron Mizwicki's father, Ron Sr.
- *Heidi Mulford's friend, Addie Locke
- *Mike Obrecht
- *George Quast
- *Diane Roberts' nephew Brian Roberts and her mother Esther Medelberg
- *Delores Smith's mother, Laura Alexander
- *Tim Traver
- *Guy & Danae Welch's granddaughter, Chloe Troxel
- *Wilbert Mather
- **Those serving in the military



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. Your financial gifts, your time and your talents make ministries happen at PUMC!

A HUGE THANK YOU ~ to all for the prayers, cards, and calls following my surgery. A special thanks to the prayer shawl ministry and to Pastor Eun-Hye for her visits to two hospitals and the nursing home. I will be back in church as soon as I am able to drive, hopefully before Christmas. God Bless you all and have a Happy, Blessed Christmas.

Helen Hill

December 9, 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 will be with their classes in the sanctuary for the Christmas Program.

COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP ~ Please join with your church family following the 8:30am worship service for the coffee fellowship. Phil & Jody Glotfelty will be your host today and look forward to seeing you.

PLEASE NOTE: We **need your help** with this vital ministry and ask that you sign up in JBFH to host **one Sunday**. 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!

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.

BUTTER BRAIDS

Tasty treat for Christmas breakfast! We have a few "extra" braids for sale for \$12. Stop by the Scrip table to buy one (or all) remaining braids. The braids are in the bottom of the freezer in the kitchen. Thank you.

MISSION

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

Calendar Dec. 9-15

Sun Dec 9	8:30a	Worship
	9:45a	Sunday School
	10:00a	Communion Service
	11:00a	Children's Christmas Program
	12:15p	YMAP - Southern Belles Restaurant
	12:20p	Baptism Orientation - PFH
	6:30p	Youth Core - Sr. High - Panera, 12632 S. Route 59
	6:30p	Youth Core - Jr. High - 206/207
Mon Dec 10	12:00p	Lunch Bunch - C/L
	7:00p	Stress Support - C/L
Tue Dec 11	7:00p	Prayer Shawl Knitting
	7:00p	Membership & Outreach
Wed Dec 12	9:00a	MOM's - Offsite
	6:00p	Jr. Choir - Sanctuary
	6:30p	Immersion Bible Study - C/L
	6:30p	Youth Gathering - 205-207
	7:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thu Dec 13	7:00p	Worship Band Rehearsal
	7:00p	Trustee Meeting - C/L
Fri Dec 14		Office Closed
	6:15p	Confirmation class to Congregation Beth Shalom in Naperville
Sat Dec 15	8:00a	Bellissimo Rehearsal
	9:00a	Infertility Program - C/L
	10:00a	Chancel Choir Rehearsal -
	10:00a	Plainfield Area Infertility Group - Room 205



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS AT CHRISTMAS ~ There are a few tags left on the **Love Tree in the narthex.**

Please take one, purchase one of the suggestions on the tag, wrap it in Christmas Wrap, secure the tag to the front, and return it to the tree by **NEXT Sunday, Dec. 16.**

We would also like to give each family represented on the tree a **gift certificate to Aldi.** If you wish to help us accomplish this, please write a check payable to PUMC with "Gift Certificates" in the memo blank. Thanks! The Missions Committee



UMW ANNUAL COOKIE SALE ~ will be next Sunday, Dec. 16. 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 may be brought before the 1st service on Dec. 16th also. Thank you for your donations! Ginny 815-436-4389 and Martha 815-436-4001

THANK YOU FROM THE JIMENEZ FAMILY ~ to all the people that made meals for our family as my wife, Tammy was recuperating from two surgeries in the last month. We know Ellen, Sherry Markwell, Danielle, Heidi Mulford, Patty Habersberger and Pastor Eun-Hye made some of the meals, coordinated and or delivered them. We wanted to express our thanks and appreciation to them and anyone else who made a meal on behalf of our family!!! It was greatly appreciated during this challenging period!!!



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UPCOMING PUMC EVENTS

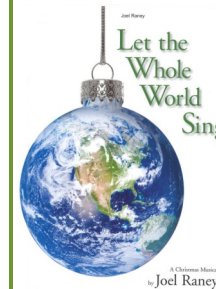
VISIT TO CHANUKAH WORSHIP ~

ALL people are invited with the confirmands to leave PUMC promptly at 6:15 pm on Friday, Dec. 14 to visit Congregation Beth Shalom in Naperville at 772 West 5th Avenue for their special seventh night of Chanukah worship. We will receive a presentation about Judaism, worship with them, and then gather for social time. We will return to PUMC by 10:00 pm.

CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA

The Christmas Cantata will be presented next Sunday at both the 8:30a & 11:00a services.

You won't want to miss this beautiful gift from our Chancel Choir and several guest musicians.



BLUE CHRISTMAS ~

Some are proclaiming it the "most wonderful time of the year," but for many of us the holiday season is bitter-sweet, difficult, even painful. Whether it be because of the loss of a loved one, the ending of a relationship, financial or job concerns, illness, or overwhelming stress, some years being joyful can be hard work. You are invited to a safe place where you do not have to pretend; where you can come as you are, carrying your worry, pain, fear, & sadness.



A time of quiet, prayer, music, comfort.

NOTE: NO 10am SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY. WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE CANTATA!