

## MISSION

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

### CALENDAR DECEMBER 16-22

<b>Sun Dec 16</b>	All day	UMW Cookie Sale
	8:30a	Worship-Christmas Cantata
	9:45a	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00a	Worship-Christmas Cantata
	4:00p	Blue Christmas - Sanctuary
	6:30pm	Youth Core - Sr. High - Panera, 12632 S. Route
	6:30pm	Youth Core - Jr. High - 206
<b>Mon Dec 17</b>	12:00p	Lunch Bunch - C/L
	6:30p	Education Committee - C/L
	8:00p	Young Adult Gathering - Culver's Rt. 59 & 135th
<b>Tue Dec 18</b>	6:30p	Stewardship Meeting - C/L
<b>Wed Dec 19</b>	8:15p	Men's Group Breakfast - Offsite
	9:00a	MOM's - Offsite
	12:00p	Widow's Christmas Outing - Al's Steak House
	6:00p	Jr. Choir
	6:30p	B.A.S.E. - 105
	6:30p	WHAM! - Christmas Caroling at Lakewood Nursing Home - Offsite
	7:00p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
<b>Thu Dec 20</b>	9:30p	Small Group Team - PFH
	7:00p	Worship Band Rehearsal
	7:00p	Women's Book Group - 205
<b>Fri Dec 21</b>	All day	Office Closed
	6:30p	Youth Christmas Party
<b>Sat Dec 22</b>	9:00a	Bellissimo Rehearsal

"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



**THANK YOU** - for your overwhelming response to our Love Tree! All gifts are to be returned to the tree today. If you forgot, please bring them to the Conference Room tomorrow by 10:00 a.m.. We will be sorting the gifts into family groups and then delivering them.

### HELP US PROVIDE GIFT CERTIFICATES -

We would like to provide gift certificates to Aldi for each of the seven families represented on the Love Tree. If you wish to help us do this, please make a donation TODAY - note on your check or envelope "Aldi Gift Certificates". Thank you for your

### BOOK GROUP CHRISTMAS GATHERING

and book discussion this Thursday, Dec. 20th at 7pm in Friendship Hall. Come join us for a discussion of *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* by Rachel Held Evans. Bring a snack or drink if you want. All women are welcome.

### WE HOPE YOU WILL PLAN TO ATTEND WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS EVE



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a growing faith community

### UPCOMING PUMC EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING & PARTY** - Junior & senior high youth and college-age young adults are invited to the PUMC Christmas Party hosted very kindly by the [Jarot family!](#)

**Friday night, December 21, 6:30-9:00 pm.**

- Count the number of letters in your last name.  
Odd number = bring an appetizer or snack.  
Even number = bring a dessert.  
Adults = bring a beverage.
- **Please bring enough for about three people.**
- Come prepared for the weather.  
We're caroling!
- Bring a gift for the [white elephant gift exchange](#). Grab something from your home; if you buy something, please keep it under \$10.
- Ugly Christmas sweater contest!  
**RSVP to Pastor Chris or on Facebook**

**WHAM! KIDS!** ~ Join us for Christmas Caroling at Lakewood Nursing home at 6:30p-7:30p on Wednesday, Dec. 19th. Dress in your festive clothes & bring your smiles to spread Christmas cheer. Song sheets will be provided. See Pastor Sherry w/questions. **SEE YOU THERE!**

**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING** ~ Join us this Monday, Dec. 17th for our Young Adult Gathering (ages 18-35). We meet at Culvers at Rt. 59 and 135th Street. If it's your first time Sherry will buy your ice cream. All are welcome!

**CHILD CARE** ~ At the 8:30am and 10:00am worship services child care is provided in the Nursery (Rm 208) for Infants thru Preschoolers. 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. Ellen Sterrett will be your host today and she looks forward to seeing you there. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to let us know you would be willing to host coffee hour.

**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.

**SCRIP CARDS** ~ Pick up the ones you ordered TODAY. We have some extra cards you may purchase which would be a triple bonus!  
1-You don't have to go to the store  
2-Gift cards fit everyone, and  
3-You will help support our youth ministry!

**REMINDER FOR YOUTH GROUP** ~ we won't meet this Wednesday, December 19th. Join us on the 21st for Christmas Caroling. (see announcement on the other side of this sheet or Pastor Chris' email message).

**WHAT A JOY WE HAD LAST SUNDAY** ~ The Children's Christmas Program was wonderful! So many people to thank . . . the children for their participation, Janine Valkema for her leadership, the Sunday School Teachers for their support, and Kathleen Hermansen for being the accompanist. A great Sunday at PUMC!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

\*Fran Bonafacchi  
\*Russ Corey  
\*Caryn Feris' friend,  
Arlene Branz  
\*Jim Ferguson  
\*Helen Hill  
\*Nelson Jimenez's Uncle's  
family, The Cristobal Mendez Family  
\*Heidi Mulford's friend,  
Addie Locke  
\*Mike Obrecht  
\*Betty Quast  
\*George Quast  
\*Diane Roberts' nephew Brian Roberts and her  
mother Esther Medelberg  
\*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  
\*Wilbert Mather  
\*\*Those serving in the military - We are so  
thankful for all those who serve our country.  
We remember them throughout the Christmas  
Season and pray for their safe return that they  
may be reunited with their families for the  
holidays in 2013.

**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!

**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.



**December 16, 2012**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY**



**UMW ANNUAL COOKIE SALE ~ TODAY**

Be sure to buy some cookies today to help make your holiday's easier -- no baking -- and support United Methodist Women.

**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.**



**A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTMAS** - This Sunday night (12/16) is the third and final meeting from **6:30-8:00 pm** for Youth Core's "**A Different Kind of Christmas**" Junior high youth will meet at PUMC in the youth room; senior high youth and college age young adults will meet with Pastor Chris at [Panera at 127th & Route 59](#)

