

YOUTH NEWS

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

All high school youth (and friends!) are invited to a two-night retreat Feb. 1-3 at Dickson Valley Camp in Newark, IL. We will leave promptly at 4:30pm 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.

CONFIRMATION VISIT TO BRIDGEVIEW MOSQUE

- Everyone is invited to join the confirmation class as we leave promptly at **10:15 am on Saturday, January 19** to go to the [Mosque Foundation](#) in Bridgeview. We will eat an amazing Mediterranean lunch at [Al Bawadi Restaurant](#) (youth, bring \$10 for lunch) and then go to the mosque to observe a prayer service and receive a presentation about Islam by Sh. Kifah Mustafa who will answer our questions after his presentation. Contact Pastor Chris to let him know you are coming. **All are welcome to come!**

FROM THE DUST: CONVERSATIONS IN CREATION

- Starting **TONIGHT at 6:30 pm**, Youth Core will meet in the youth room and will dig deep into discussions about how we read the scriptures, how we regard scientific discovery, and how humanity's search for our place in the universe grows our faith without leading down the road of narrow absolutes. Join Pastor Chris as we openly explore your questions about faith and science using the film [From the Dust: Conversations in Creation](#) as our guide, which we will watch in four parts.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

NEW MEMBER CLASS TO BEGIN

FEBRUARY 3RD ~ Are you interested in uniting with Plainfield United Methodist Church? Would you like to learn more about this local congregation and the United Methodist denomination? If so, please join with the pastoral staff at 12:15p on February 3rd following the 11am worship service for a meet 'n greet time with lunch. This informal gathering provides an opportunity to get to know our pastors and other prospective new members. Children are welcome. What is Bellissimo, lunch bunch, WHAM!, B.A.S.E.?? Join us to learn all about the PUMC ministries. Two more sessions will be held - one February 6th at 6:30pm (following Wednesday night dinner) and again on Sunday, February 10th at 9:45am. Child care will be provided on the 6th and 10th. If you have not already done so, please indicate on the registration pad that you would like to join the church and we will send you a reminder of the classes.

MUSIC

"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

BELLISSIMO RINGERS HANDBELL CHOIR

has a few openings for ringers. Rehearsals are Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM, Music reading ability is definitely a plus, but not a requirement. If you are interested contact Kelly Markwell at 815-439-3538 or Kelly.Markwell@gmail.com.

SEWING GROUP

PUMC SEWING GROUP NEWS ~ Do you know a child struggling through a difficult experience; loss of a loved one, serious illness, divorce, etc.? The PUMC Sewing Group would love to provide a beautiful blanket to any child who may need a little comfort and reminder that they are not alone. Please contact Heidi Mulford or the church office to be matched with one of these beautiful, handmade-with-love blankets to pass along. Want to help? Fabric donations (in 2-yard increments) & people who like to sew are always welcome!

BOOK GROUP

BOOK GROUP GATHERING and book discussion this Thursday, January 17th 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.

FARMERS MARKET

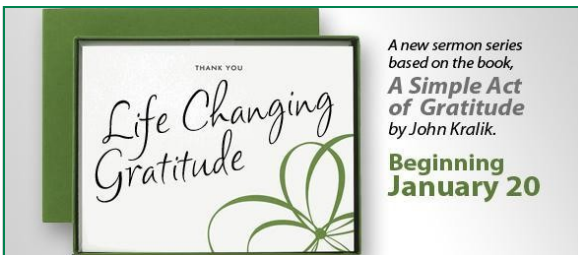
SAVE THIS DATE--SATURDAY, FEB. 9th!

Plainfield United Methodist Church has been selected by the organization, **FAITH IN PLACE**, to host a winter farmers market in our Fellowship Hall on Feb. 9th from 9am-1pm. Many different vendors will be on hand to sell a variety of products such as meat, cheese, honey, bakery items, chili and many other goodies. This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to help these vendors make a living during the winter months. It also serves as an outreach to our community as they come in to make purchases and experience our hospitality. More information will be forthcoming regarding other things going on at PUMC that morning. Plan to come and bring your family and friends!

NEW CLASSES

NURTURING YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUALITY

Parents of children 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 of everything. 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 **TODAY, Jan 13th through 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 14th 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.

AURORA DISTRICT LAY ACADEMY ~ BE A LIVING EXAMPLE OF THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST ~ This academy will take place on the five Sundays of Lent at Wheatland Salem UMC in Naperville. Courses prepare you to be a Lay Servant within the UMC and include Leading Christian Small Groups, Faith Sharing and Worship. Registration forms are in the church office.

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYRS:

- *Russ Corey
- *Casey Crews' friends, the Sullivan & Davis Families
- *Caryn Feris' friend, Arlene Branz
- *Janet Gullicksen
- *Maya Elizabeth Fernandez Klintworth
- *Heidi Mulford's friend, Addie Locke
- *Mike Obrecht
- *Betty & George Quast
- *Bill Schaubert's mother, Lorna Schaubert
- *Delores Smith's mother, Laura Alexander
- *Debbie Thompson's friend, Roger Danner
- *Tim Traver
- *Chris Walters' Uncle Bill Peter's family. Bill died January 6th.
- *Guy & Danae Welch's granddaughter, Chloe Troxel
- *Those serving in the military.

THANK YOU

- Mark Sr, Hope & Dan Wooldridge for their hard work in the sanctuary to put paneling on the front side of the lift. Their donation of time and talent was greatly appreciated!
- To all of you from Sunnyhill Nursing home for all of the 2013 calendars. *Janet Gullicksen*

YOU ARE INVITED

To 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. 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

CALENDAR JANUARY 13-19

Date	Time	Event/Location
Sun 1/13	8:30a	Worship
	9:45a	Sunday School for all ages & Confirmation
	10a	Communion Worship
	11a	Worship
	6:30p	Youth Core - 206/207
Mon 1/14	9a	Prayer Shawl Knitting - PFH
	12p	Lunch Bunch - C/L
	7p	Memorial Committee - C/L
Tue 1/15	8a	Due date for Circuit Rider
	6:30p	Stewardship Meeting - C/L
Wed 1/16	8:15a	Men's Group Breakfast - Offsite
	9a	MEM's - Offsite
	5:30p	Jr. Chimes - Balcony
	6p	Jr. Choir - Sanctuary
	6:30p	B.A.S.E. - 105
	6:30p	Youth Gathering - 205-207
	7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thu 1/17	9:30a	Small Group Ministry Team - PFH
	7p	Worship Band Rehearsal
	7p	Women's Book Group - PFH
Fri 1/18		Office Closed
Sat 1/19	9a	Bellissimo Rehearsal - Balcony
	10:15a	Carpool to Bridgeview Mosque, Bridgeview, IL

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to two of our PUMC families:

Tim & MickeySue Traver in the loss of Tim's mother, Faith Green. Cards may be sent to them at 2300 University Street, Crest Hill, IL 60603

Diane & Tim Roberts in the loss of Diane's mother, Esther Medelberg. Cards may be sent to them at 24235 Cropland Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544