

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.

WED. NIGHT YOUTH GATHERING ~ This Wed. (1/23) is "giving thanks" night through the sharing of a common meal. All youth are invited to **Beggars Pizza, 16122 S Route 59 at 6:15 pm** to eat dinner together and share five things/people for which they have gratitude. **Bring \$5** to contribute toward the bill and share five "thanks," one each for family, friends, self, teachers/coaches, and others/strangers. RSVP to Pastor Chris.

PIZZA ORDERS & PARTY ~Order pizzas for Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 3) using the insert order form and return with your payment to the Scrip table in Friendship Hall or in the church office. At **6:30 pm on Wed., January 30** youth will come to church to make the pizzas. You may pick-up your pizza that night, during office hours on Thursday Jan. 31st, or Sunday morning, Feb. 3. All proceeds support the mission trip to Russellville, KY in June. You may also see the ordering options at PUMYF.org/pizza & email your order to Pastor Chris at chris.walters@plainfieldumc.com.

SCRIP CARDS ~ Stop at the Scrip table in Friendship Hall to turn in your order forms and to buy cards. Scrip cards are an important source of funding for the June youth mission trip. Cards will be ready Sunday, Jan. 27. See the church web site for more info: plainfieldumc.com/scrip.

NEW MEMBER CLASS TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 3RD ~ following the 11am worship service; a light lunch will be served. This is an informal time and children are welcome. 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.

"LET THE WHOLE WORLD SING"
CHRISTMAS CANTATA DVD'S AVAILABLE
You may order a DVD of the Chancel Choir's Cantata, 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.

"SEARCHING SOULS" - MEN'S SMALL GROUP ~ Do you wonder *if* and *how* it is possible to reconcile faith with technological progress? What can the Bible—a 2000-year-old collection of writings—teach us about life in the wake of scientific enlightenment? Doesn't scientific and technological advancement render faith and sacred texts obsolete? Why do we need "faith" in the brave new future? If you have ever wondered about any of these issues and are interested in gathering with other men to ask the tough questions of life and faith (or simply to get out of the house for a night!), contact Pastor Chris to join our small group that will meet **six Thursday nights, starting Jan. 31 from 7:00-8:30.**



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!

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!

THE GREEN TEAM IS MEETING ~ next Tuesday, January 22nd at 7pm in Room 206. Come and learn about what you can do to become a better & greener steward of God's creation.

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? Join us **TODAY, Jan 20th 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 **TODAY, Jan. 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 at 12:00pm** (no Lunch Bunch Jan. 21st) 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 beginning **Feb. 17th** 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 & Worship. Registration forms are in the church office.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYRS:

- *Vicky D'Arcy's father-in-law, John D'Arcy
- *Caryn Feris' friend, Arlene Branz
- *Janet Gullicksen
- *Maya Elizabeth Fernandez Klintworth
- *Jessica Konczak's sister, Tammi and her children Katie & Tom
- *Jake Long
- *Heidi Mulford's friend, Addie Locke
- *Mike Obrecht
- *Betty & George Quast
- *Nancy Richie
- *John & Bonnie Stockton's grandson, Travis
- *Tim Traver
- *Nancy Trevino's daughter Dari & baby
- *Chris Walters' Uncle Bill Peter's family. Bill died January 6th.
- *Chris Walters' mother, Frankie Walters
- *Guy & Danae Welch's granddaughter, Chloe Troxel
- *Savannah & Marley Zarbock's great grandfather, Mike Collopy
- *Those serving in the military.

WE EXTEND SYMPATHY TO RUTH SNYDER & JILL CLEM

on the death of Ruth's son and Jill's brother, Walter Bonnet who died on 1/10 in Florence Alabama . Cards may be sent to Ruth at 14800 S. Van Dyke Road #1201, Plainfield, IL 60544 and to Jill at 23502 W. Fern Street, Plainfield, IL 60586.

INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

~ class will begin Jan. 28th from 6-8pm. You will have the opportunity to start your journey through the New Testament and finish before Palm Sunday! Larry Newton will lead this class 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 1/20-1/26

Sun 1/20	8:30a	Sunday School Staff Training - C/L
	8:30a	Worship
	9:45a	Sunday School for all ages & Confirmation
	9:45a	Gratitude Class - 204
	10a	Communion Worship
	11a	Worship
	12:15p	Church & Society Meeting - C/L
	6:30p	Youth Core - 206/207
Mon 1/21		Office Closed for MLK Birthday
	9a	Music Together - 105
	4:30p	Girl Scout Troop #148 - JBFH
	6:30p	Education Committee - C/L
	7p	Cub Scouts Leaders Meeting - PFH
	8p	Young Adult Gathering - Culver's Rt. 59 & 135th
Tue 1/22	8:45a	Plainfield Park District Senior Program - JBFH
	4:30p	Girl Scout Troop 987 - JBFH
	4:30p	Tutoring Center - Room 203
	6:30p	Cub Scouts Den 1 - 106
Wed 1/23	9a	MEM's - Offsite
	11a	Trinity Food Pantry - Offsite
	4:30p	Tutoring Center - Room 203
	5:30p	Jr. Chimes - Balcony
	6p	Jr. Choir - Sanctuary
	6:30p	Relay for Life - 106
	6:30p	Immersion Bible Study - C/L
	6:30p	WHAM! - 202 and 204
	6:15p	Youth Gathering - Beggars Pizza
	7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7p	Boy Scouts - JBFH
Thu 1/24	8:45a	Plainfield Park District Seniors-
	9a	Music Together - 105
	4:30p	Tutoring Center - 203
	6:30p	Staff Parish Committee - C/L
	7p	Worship Band Rehearsal - Sanctu-
	7p	Plainfield Area Community Chorus Rehearsal - Choir Room
	7p	Alcoholics Anonymous - 206/207
Fri 1/25		Office Closed
	6:30p	Cub Scouts - JBFH
Sat 1/26	9a	Bellissimo Rehearsal - Balcony